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On and after February 1st the corporate name, Chester River Steamboat Company, will be wiped out, as will also the coporate names Queen Anne's Railroad and the Weems Line Steamboat Company. The plans of the syndicate are to form a new corporation known as the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, and merge all three of the above corporations under that corporate name. The Queen Anne's Railroad Company will be sold Jan. 27th, and the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Company, which will be incorporated before that time, will, in all probability, be the purchaser. The Queen Anne's road will be sold at public sale, but the syndicate now owns all of the bonds and practically all of the stock of the company, and will be in a position to overbid any other would-be purchaser. The bonds to be issued by the new Md., Del. and Va. Co. will be guaranteed by the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic, and in consideration of this guarantee all the stock of the Md., Del. and Virginia will be turned over to the B. C. & A. A meeting of the stockholders of the latter company will be held at its home office in Salisbury, Thursday, January 26th, the day before the sale of the Queen Anne's road, for the purpose of authorizing the guarantee and ratifying the action of the directors in taking over the stock. The plan to make the B. C. & A. the holding company will consolidate all the steamboat lines on the Eastern Shore under the control of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Capt. Willard Thompson will probably be general manager of all the merger lines, and it is understood that Mr. A. J. Benjamin, who is now superintendent of the B. C. & A., will also have charge of the steamboat division of the Queen Anne's road. What changes will be made with reference to the management of the Chester River Company is not known. It is hardly likely that any change in the personnel of the city and wharf offices will be made. There may be some slight changes with reference to schedule, etc., but the present schedule seems to be very popular with the traveling public.

The Fire Record for the Year.

From statistics just issued more than $230,000,000 worth of property in the United States was destroyed by fire in 1904, making the largest annual ash heap in the history of the country. While the Baltimore fire of last February was to be compared in magnitude only with the great Chicago fire in 1871, the record of 1904 without that conflagration would have been the most disastrous of all recent years, save 1900, and would have nearly equaled that year. As fire underwriters usually include Canada in their estimates of fire waste, the total which the insurance companies will reach in estimating the fires' waste will be considerably larger. Toronto alone having been visited by a conflagration entailing a property damage of $12,000,000; in 1902, it was $161,000,000; in 1901, it was $169,500,000, and in 1900, the worst of recent years, it was $176,000,000.

The losses in January aggregated $22,000,000, including a $1,500,000 fire at Shelby, O. In February the great Baltimore fire figured $69,000,000, insurance amounting to $33,000,000. The fire at Rochester, N. Y., involved a loss of $2,200,000, insurance $1,600,000. The March losses were normal. In April occured the Toronto fire.

The total fire waste for the first six months was $171,500,000, or less than $7,000,000 below the full year's record of 1900, when the fire losses had reached a high mark for recent years.

While the record of the second six months of the year was nearly $1,000,000,000 less, it was larger than the last half of a year generally yields.

Election of Bank Officers.

The stockholders of the Centreville National and the Queen Anne's National banks met last week at their respective banking houses and elected the following officers for the ensuing year. The officers for the Centreville National qualified Wednesday.

Centreville National Bank—James Bordley, President; James Brown, Stephen E. Ford, Ezekiel M. Forman, Joseph E. George, Wm. H. Newman, William McKenney, James E. Kirwan, J. F. Rolph, William R. Wilson, directors.

Queen Anne's National Bank—E. H. Brown President; W. J. Price, Vice-President; J. H. Byans, S. R. Hurlock, J. B. Bright, J. R. Cook, J. L. Rhodes, C. A. Busteed, W. D. Smith, James Merrick, J. Frank Harper, directors.

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THE COLOR OF SNOW.

Although It Appears White, It Is Really a Delicate Blue.

Science, while it gets at the marrow and essence of things, upsets many pretty delusions and fancies. We have been taught from childhood that snow is white, and the impression conveyed to our brains through the medium of sight appears to settle the question beyond the possibility of a doubt, yet, though the judgment of our senses is to the contrary, it can be scientifically demonstrated that its true color is blue. It is a faint and delicate cerulean tint, to be sure, but decided enough to make the scientific declaration that snow is blue one that is positive and irrefutable.

It is a well known fact that pure water in small quantities is perfectly transparent. In large masses it is distinctly blue. Snow is simply the crystals of pure water. The reflection from these is that of all the colors of the rainbow or prism, but by uniting before they reach the eye cause snow to appear to be white. "But," you will say, "the single crystal also appears to be white." This is true beyond question, the reason being that that which appears to be a single crystal is in reality a multitude of microscopic threads, prisms, lines and dots.

In spite of their apparent great diversity in form and shape, which may vary from hairlike crystals to perfect stars of beautiful, delicate and intricate designs, they may be said to be absolutely uniform in original delineation, that of the hexagonal prism. The primitive form is that of a straight needle of ice, radiating from a central nucleus, always at symmetrical distances and at angles of either 60 or 120 degrees. What may on casual examination be taken for exceptions to this rule are the little disks which occasionally fall. These on close examination proved to be six sided planes, the angle still being 120 degrees.

POLITE TO THE LAST.

A Maid In Whom Courtesy Was a Ruling Passion.

The Ellen in Samuel Laman Blanchard's excellent but now forgotten book, "Sketches From Life," had probably never heard of Emerson's saying, "There is always time enough for courtesy," but she embodied the great sage's principle in her daily intercourse with her fellow beings. Politeness was a ruling passion with her. To the fisherman's boy she would answer, "Yes, sir; soles, sir, if it is quite convenient." Mr. Blanchard lodged with Ellen's mistress, and one day the manservant of a friend brought a parcel of books.

The man delivered the books into Ellen's hands; then, remembering he was intrusted with a letter also, he searched his pockets in vain for the missive. Ellen, waiting in the hall, was greatly distressed.

"Oh, pray, sir, do not trouble yourself!"

"Trouble myself!" exclaimed the servant. "If I have a letter to deliver I've got to deliver it." And he continued his search.

"I'm sorry to keep you waiting," broke out the apologetic Ellen.

"Why, it is I who am keeping you waiting," returned the puzzled servant. "What are you talking about? Well, I can't find the letter."

"Oh, sir," entreated the maid, "never mind! I dare say it doesn't signify. Another time will do quite as well."

Mr. Blanchard's landlady was taken sick, and every day the lodger's inquiries were answered by the faithful Ellen in somewhat this wise:

"My missis' compliments, sir, and she had a very indifferent night," or, "My missis' compliments, sir, and she feels very weak today."

One sad day when Ellen appeared with the breakfast her eyes were red and her lips quivered. In response to the usual question she sobbed out:

"My missis' compliments, sir, and she died this morning about 8 o'clock."—Youth's Companion.

The Russian Samovar.

Every Russian peasant who is prosperous enough to enjoy the luxury of tea has his samovar. At all inns each visitor is supplied with one. It invariably accompanies the traveler and the picnicker, and even the officers starting out upon a campaign find room for a small one in their baggage. Samovar signifies "self boiler." It is made of brass, lined with tin and with a tube in the center, in which the hot cinders of charcoal are placed after having been ignited. Often a pipe connects it with the chimney, and two friends will sit for hours drinking the boiling hot weak tea.—Harper's Bazar.

Think Straight.

It would be impossible for a lawyer to make a reputation in his profession while continually thinking about medicine or engineering. He must think about law and must study and become thoroughly imbued with its principles. It is unscientific to expect to attain excellence or ability enough to gain distinction in any particular line while holding the mind upon and continually contemplating something radically different.—Success Magazine.

Work and Play.

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The Immutability of Temperament.

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Who bravely dares must sometimes risk a fall.—Smollett.



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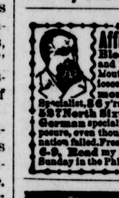
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