

MILLION FOR SERVICE

Transportation Companies Plan to Improve Roads.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Chimney" Building Latest Freak of Architecture—Millionaires Build Lakes—Ex-Barkeeper Will Consume a Million Drinks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Is New York turned mad? Has some new microbe lurking in the subway infected the whole city with a desire for underground travel? Certain it is that never before has such a stream of gold been poured forth for underground burrowings. On three sides of the city human moles are madly digging on new tunnels at a cost which is almost staggering, totaling not millions but hundreds of millions. The Pennsylvania tunnels will cost \$125,000,000. Then there is the Cortlandt Street tunnel on which \$10,000,000 will be expended, the Morton Street tunnel costing \$16,000,000, the Battery tunnel at a mere \$8,000,000, and the Steinway tunnel at \$5,500,000. In fact there should be tunnels enough for all at prices to meet any pocket book. When they are completed New York will lay claim to the title of the greatest tunnel city in the world. But it is not only in underground work that this city is spending millions. Altogether a billion dollars is being invested in improvements, a fact which naturally causes Father Knickerbocker to be much interested in things financial. The General Electric Company is spending \$20,000,000 on an extension, the New Haven Railroad \$10,000,000 for electrification, the New York Central \$30,000,000 on various improvements including the rebuilding of the Grand Central Station, and the Western Union \$10,000,000. More millions invested in improvements in nearby territory swell the total to the billion mark, at which point even New York will have to stop for breath.

In addition to the "Flatiron" New York is to have another characteristically named building for the new structure at the corner of Wall Street and Broadway has already been christened the "chimney." As in the case of the "Flatiron," the owners selected a conventional name but the new one has already superseded it. The "chimney" very evidently deserves its name. For its height it is the slenderest building in New York, the piece of ground on which it stands being almost minute, and as it is built of brick it preserves the simile to a striking degree as it towers into the air like a gigantic chimney. Through it, say those who have suffered, will ascend the smoke of the money which is burned in the street every day. Wall Street indeed is undergoing a metamorphosis. Once the fashionable street of little old New York, when the City was little but not old, it promises soon to become lined with skyscrapers, which it so far fairly well escaped. In addition to the chimney only a block or two away, the new twenty-five story building of the Trust Company of America is nearing completion. Besides being the tallest building in the district it will contain the handsomest and most up-to-date banking rooms in New York—which of course means in the whole United States. Curiously enough the Trust Company's new home stands on the site of the original stock exchange obliterated as it were one more reminder of days gone by.

Building lakes seems to be the latest diversion of our multi-millionaires, and in some respects no doubt it is a very satisfactory avocation for a man of plethoric bank account possessing as it does limitless possibilities in the way of expenditure. Following upon the heels of Andrew Carnegie's gift of a lake to Princeton, comes the announcement that John D. Rockefeller has constructed a private sheet of water at Lakewood whereupon he will disport himself during the winter at his favorite outdoor pastime, of skating. Cynical persons along Broadway have suggested that the great architect of Standard Oil is planning to get in training to outstrip the numerous process-servers who are continually being set upon his trail by unkind public prosecutors, but this seems to be belied by the fact that Marshal Henkle was welcomed by Mr. Rockefeller almost with enthusiasm when he visited the latter bearing an official paper during the past week.

In fact so captivated was Marshal "Bill" by his kindly reception that he has been singing the praises of John D. ever since, declaring that he is a "perfect gent" in every sense of the word.

The Tenderloin is awaiting with considerable interest the attempt of a former barkeeper named Reed to consume 1,333,333 drinks or \$200,000 worth. Of course he isn't going to do it all at one sitting, but he has promised to attempt the task, even though it does appear to be something of an undertaking. As soon as he has finished it he will go back to his trade of mixing drinks he ought to have a chance to consume some himself.—about as many as he had sadly watched disappearing down the throats of others on the opposite side of the bar. Long and careful calculations revealed the fact that the legacy would purchase a million and a third of drinks, which Reed thinks about the right number. Accordingly he has laid aside his white apron and his shaker to see the drink problem from the other side, announcing, however, that when his money is gone he will return to his old trade with a chastened thirst. Naturally the Tenderloin is wondering where he will spend his money. Tom Sharkey, it is rumored, with an eye for the main chance, has offered Reed in return for his \$200,000 all the drinks which he can consume during his lifetime,—but none at all for his friends. The same rumor has it, however, that the sailor pugilist's offer was turned down as too generous. Besides that Reed does not want to spend all his money in the same place.

A movement which will embrace the whole state is now forming among a number of historic and patriotic societies with the support of those persons who have already contributed to the building of the Palisades Park to create a reservation embracing all of the points of scenic beauty and historic interest along the shores of the lower Hudson. So much public interest has been elicited by the endeavors of the Palisades Park Commission and its friends to oust the quarrymen from Hook Mountain and to hasten the completion of the plans for the greater Interstate Palisades Park, that other persons having interest in historic sites and scenic points not embraced by the Palisades Park territory have been encouraged to present their interests to the public with the result that a very considerable support is growing. There has been some talk of appealing to the Federal government, but this plan is not generally accepted, the feeling being that New Yorkers should do for themselves what needs doing.

The public is beginning to realize now that while much has been done in the way of preserving sites of Civil War battles, almost nothing has been done except by a few patriotic societies toward Revolutionary landmarks and battlefields, which are so numerous both in New York State and New Jersey adjacent to the valley of the Hudson.

The cosmopolitan character of New York's population may be gathered from the headlines in any issue of the daily papers. Just at present readers are regaled with the war of the East side housewives on the "Kosher" meat trust, religious strife among the Bohemian contingent, a dramatic controversy in the French colony, a suit brought against a wealthy Irish family for the expenses of a wake, a sensational Italian murder and charges of police prosecution brought by a Greek pushcart peddler. Tomorrow the Chinese, the Syrians, the Germans, and the Turks may be to the fore. New York may easily dispute with Cairo the right to be known as the modern Babel.

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There is no other medicine manufactured that has received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude, as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effective, and prompt relief follows its use. Grateful parents everywhere do not hesitate to testify to its merits for the benefits of others. It is a certain cure for croup and will prevent the attack if given at the first appearance of the disease. It is especially adapted to children, as it is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. Mr. E. A. Humphries, a well known resident and clerk in the store of Mr. E. Lock, of Alice, Cape Colony, Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off coughs and croup in my family. I found it to be very satisfactory, and it gives me pleasure to recommend it." Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

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RAILROADS CLASH

Restraining Order Will be Issued Against A. & C. R. Today.

PAPERS FILED AT TILLAMOOK

Hammond Interests Claim Right of Way by Virtue of Prior Possession But Rival Company Secures a Writ of Injunction.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—War has broken out in earnest on the coast between the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad and the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company, and the first move on the part of the former corporation to occupy the right of way, claimed by virtue of prior possession by the latter, has been met with an injunction suit.

Papers in the case were filed by attorneys of the P. R. & N. at Tillamook yesterday, and it is expected that a restraining order will be issued against the A. & C. tomorrow. In the complaint it is cited that the A. & C. or Hammond interests, ordered its field party to make a survey for a distance of 10 miles between Garabaldi and Tillamook over a line already located and the maps adopted by the P. R. & N., while the latter also caused the route to be "brushed" so grade stakes could be set and the land cleared in advance of the grading parties. The P. R. & N. has its men employed in driving a tunnel at Hobsonville, while it is contended the Hammond forces have done nothing but run lines.

It is alleged by the P. R. & N. officials that the A. & C. crew not only occupied the right of way, but used the same grade stakes, and it was necessary for them to send a man to accompany the surveyors to make certain none of the stakes were disturbed. The P. R. & N. owns most of the right of way between Tillamook and Garabaldi and but four or five parcels of land remain to be secured. Because the latter company was first on the ground, it has acquired considerable property at Tillamook and Bay City in addition to right of way and the citizens of Tillamook County have provided more land for the road gratis.

An effort will be made to oust the A. & C. on the rulings of the United States Supreme Court in a Denver & Rio Grande case, one in which the Pennsylvania road figured, and others, whereby it was held that a railroad making a location for a line and having its maps adopted by the board of directors, is entitled to a reasonable time in which to complete operations, and it has been held that five years is not an unreasonable period. Through the activity of the P. R. & N., the A. & C. has been blocked to a certain extent on the coast line, so it will have difficulty entering Tillamook, unless an arrangement is made through which it can cross the right of way of the former, and it is understood a partial agreement to that effect was entered into. The P. R. & N. has a large force of graders also employed on its line and when weather permits work is being hurried.

CALIFORNIA CASE DISMISSED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The cases of the United States against the Southern Pacific Company and against Mark W. Quirk for illegal possession of government lands in Mariposa and Placer Counties were dismissed yesterday in the United States Circuit Court on motion of Assistant United States Attorney George Clark. The suits were filed many years ago and the defendants had settled with the government by paying the value of the lands.

CLOCKS COST MORE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Those who intend to buy clocks of art material, will find the prices of these things are going up, advances being effective January 1, in new catalogues and price lists now being sent out by manufacturers.

At the offices of the Clock companies in Maiden Lane, it was said yesterday that advances are general and average about ten per cent. Increased cost of materials and labor is said to be the cause of the rise in prices.

THE SUNDOWNER.

Shrewd Traders Pick Up Bargains in the Cow Market.

To the average visitor at the well known stockyards in Brighton, Mass., the chief object of interest is the large stock barn. The large rows of stalls provide accommodations for hundreds of cattle, and the room is about all needed during the busy seasons of the year. On Tuesday and Wednesday of each week this barn is the scene of great activity, says American Cultivator. The cattle arrive by train from all parts of New England and New York state. They are brought in mostly by traders who make a business of buying from farmers or at auctions and sell in Brighton. Any one, however, is allowed to use the barn and sell his own cattle if he wishes to do so. Some who live near by drive in their own cows and sell them direct, thus saving the middleman's profit, although their own lack of trading experience may often offset the apparent gain.

No dealer likes to carry over cows from week to week. The rent of the stalls is for the market days only and includes feed for that period, and also the cow, if kept over, is a week further along in milking. This consideration is the cause and encouragement of the "sundowner." The term is applied to the shrewd traders who stay away while buying is active and appear at the last moment and pick up bargains just as dealers are beginning to fear they must keep over some of their cows. The "sundowner" drops in late Wednesday afternoon and often buys cows at low prices. He is usually a country resident and trader and takes his purchases out home to sell them at a profit. The cows left over to the last are not the most desirable as a rule. Once in awhile at a dull market a few good cows will be left over to the last, and then real bargains are to be found.

For Quick Pasture.

To an inquirer who asks concerning sowing rye and oat grasses for quickly making pasture Professor Ten Eyck says in Kansas Farmer: I believe you would do better to sow some annual grass or grain. A combination of barley and oats will make spring and summer pasture and produce much more grazing than you will be able to secure from rye grass or tall oat grass. Both of the last named grasses are perennials, and, although they start more rapidly than Bromus inermis and English blue grass, yet we cannot consider these grasses equal to the last named grasses, either for pasture or meadow.

Dairy Specials.

"Dairy specials" are but the natural sequel to "corn specials." The Maryland experiment station is starting a series of dairy trains which will cover most of the railroad systems of the state. These trains will be in charge of Director Patterson of the experiment station at College Park. It is hoped that people will take as deep an interest in them as they did in the successful "corn specials" of the state last year.

Live Dairy Practice

"Records of Dairy Cows in the United States" is a recent publication of the bureau of animal industry, claimed to be unique in that no complete compilation of this nature is at present extant in the United States. Its object is to act as an incentive to progressive effort among our dairymen and to the raising of the standard of herds. Part 1 deals with grade and native cows and part 2 with pure bred cows.

Up to Dairymen and Consumer.

Growing interest in the production and sale of clean, wholesome milk indicates that it behooves the dairymen to comply with the requirements of sanitary milk production and the consumer to insist upon the observance of these requirements.

The Hog a Dairy Adjunct.

In European countries where dairy farming is followed as the chief occupation pigs are reared and fed in considerable numbers as an auxiliary industry, and to all appearances neither industry can be so successfully conducted alone as the two combined, especially in those countries which rank high in the production of high class bacon. The real secret of success in European feeding for prime bacon is due to the large amounts of skim milk and buttermilk fed with grain and meal.

Remarkable Development.

Alfalfa growers generally will be interested in the remarkable development of the alfalfa meal industry. New plants are being erected at many places throughout the west and others already established are crowded with orders, remarks Denver Field and Farm. Eastern dairymen are becoming interested, and the product is in active demand.

First Cow Testing Association.

Michigan has the unique distinction of sustaining the first and only cow testing association of this country, organized last fall. It is claimed that the idea originated with ex-Governor Hoard of Wisconsin some ten or twelve years ago. "The American dairymen seems to have overlooked the great value of this suggestion. At any rate it was the dairymen of Denmark who first put the work into practice," says Helmer Rabld in an exchange.

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NOTICE.
There is money in the general fund to pay warrants indorsed prior to December 1, 1905. Interest will cease after this date. THOMAS DEALEY, City Treasurer. Astoria, Ore., Dec. 20, 1906. 12-20-106

MANAGER SUICIDES.
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Benjamin Brown, financial manager of the American and United States Express Company, shot and probably fatally injured himself here today. The cause of the deed is unknown.

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Astoria Iron Works will be held at their office on January 10, 1907, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. By order of the board of directors. JOHN FOX, Secretary. Attest: F. L. BISHOP, President. Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 20, 1906.