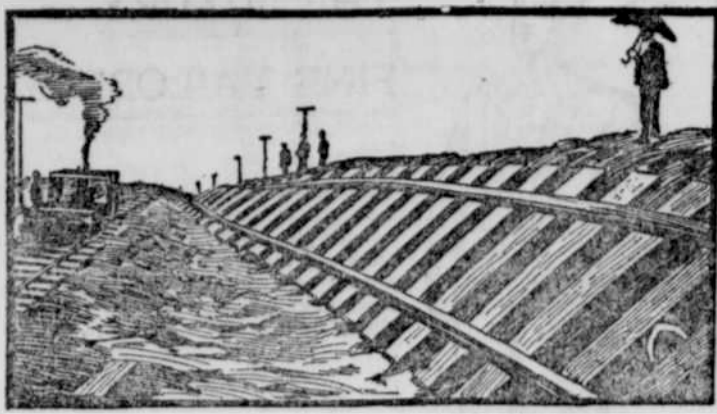


PULLING DOWN A RAILROAD.



TRACK AFTER BEING PULLED.

Pulling down miles of railroad track from a high to a lower grade is now almost as simple as child's play as a result of a new device that has recently been put in service in the roadbed improvements on the Grand Trunk road. The device is known as the Lidgerwood unloader. Its principal equipment is an engine, an anchored flat car and a cable. The cable is stretched above the flat car to the track to be moved and fastened about the rails. The engine is started and the track, pulled by the cable, crawls down from the high grade and is stretched out in a leaning posture along the side of the embankment. The engine then reverses its course and pulls the track from its slanting position along the side of the embankment to the level ground of the lower grade, leaving it sufficiently well aligned and graded for work trains to run on.

This new process does away with the old system of throwing track with a gang of men and crowbars. That was a tedious, costly and antiquated method in comparison. In forcing the track over the edge of the bank, the rail could stand so high above the ground, after the ties began to project, that the men could not obtain a hold with their bars.

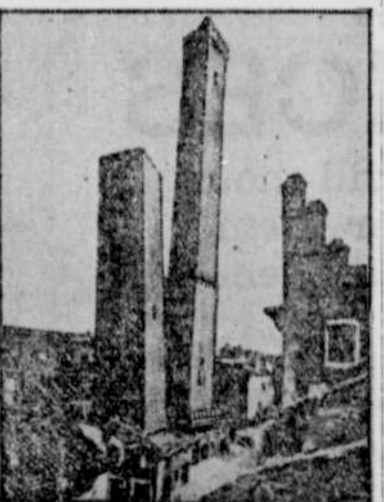
FAMOUS TOWERS.

Noted Structures that Have Been the Wonder of Many Centuries.

The recent collapse of the ancient bell tower of St. Mark's Church in Venice, Italy, an architectural landmark almost coeval with Venetian history, has awakened renewed interest in the venerable high towers of Europe, some being quite as beautiful, if not as hoary with age, as the ruined Campanile of Venice.

Italy has many of these towers, the most famous of which is the leaning tower of Pisa. At Cremona there is a campanile, 396 feet high, and a grand architectural work. It is the tallest of the Italian towers. But the tower of Pisa, on account of its peculiar and startling appearance, leaning nearly fourteen feet out of the perpendicular, is more widely known. It used to be classed as one of the seven wonders of the world, and pictures of it have been published in school books the world over for a century or more.

The tower is 179 feet high and 50 feet in diameter. It is cylindrical in form. The summit is reached by 330 steps. Some people have an idea that the tower was built out of the perpendicular, but this is not the fact. The fault was manifest before the tower was completed, and extra braces were put in place to guard against disaster. The upper part of the tower was built of imitation stone to lighten the weight, and finally the seven bells were placed in the top of the tower in such a way as to counteract by their gravity the leaning of the tower. The largest of these bells weighs 12,000 pounds. The tower is divided into



TWO LEANING TOWERS OF ITALY.

eight stories, each of which has an outside gallery projecting seven feet. Time and again scientists and others have predicted the imminent fall of the tower of Pisa, yet it still stands, while the perfectly straight and supposedly safe and sound campanile at Venice has tumbled to its destruction. The leaning tower of Pisa is built of white marble, like the cathedral and baptistry with which it is connected.

The tower was begun in 1174 and completed in 1350. It was in the cathedral adjoining that Galileo saw a chandelier swinging and was thus led to invent the pendulum. This tower overhangs its base 14 feet.

Two other famous leaning towers of Italy are the Asinelli and Garesenda at Bologna the former 290 feet in height, to the base of the lantern which surmounts it, or 321 feet including the lantern, and the latter 150 feet in height. The Asinelli leans three

feet and six inches from the perpendicular and the Garesenda eight feet and six inches. These towers were erected in the twelfth century.

There are several high towers and campaniles in Spain, the most noted being those at Seville, Grenada and Saragossa.

PRESIDENT DIAZ'S SUCCESSOR.

Mexico's New President Will Probably Be Gen. Bernardo Reyes.

In two years more the term of office of President Diaz of Mexico will expire and already there is much speculation as to his successor. Diaz has



GEN. BERNARDO REYES.

been President since 1876 and now that he has passed the 70th milestone of his life he is willing to retire from the cares of office.

His most probable successor is Gen. Bernardo Reyes, Secretary of War. In almost every respect Reyes is a second Diaz. He is a self-made man. He has shown himself to be dauntless in battle. He never forgives an enemy and never goes back on a friend. Reyes is strongly opposed to gambling in any form, or drinking. So is Diaz. Between them they have succeeded in checking, to a large extent, the gambling and drinking in the Mexican army.

Gen. Reyes was born in the State of Jalisco in 1850. At the early age of 16 he ran away from home to join the patriot army. The French army had invaded Mexico for the purpose of overthrowing the Republic. Reyes, learning that the foreign soldiers were marching toward the City of Mexico and slaughtering all who opposed them, started off to join his country's army. He was captured in the mountains by a band of imperial sympathizers and turned over to the commanding officer of the imperialists, who, owing to his youth, sent him back to his native city.

But he again ran away, made his way to Jalisco, and joined the army that was stationed there. Before he was 20 years old he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Shortly afterward he took part in the battle of Queretaro, and, while leading his men, received a saber wound in the forehead. He also fought in the battle of San Lorenzo and was present when the City of Mexico was captured.

In all of these engagements with the French and Austrians he displayed great military talent.

During his subsequent career Gen. Reyes has frequently been called upon to put down revolts and these tasks he discharged with success. He steadily grew in the favor of the President, winning promotion after promotion. Since becoming Secretary of War he has introduced a number of reforms in the army, the most recent of which was to put a stop to drinking and gambling among the officers.

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His Experience was in Mines.

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"No," replied the new hired hand, "but I've had considerable experience in salting mines."—Ohio State Journal.

An Absent-Minded Confession.

"I suppose," said the patron to the milkman, "that you view the coming of winter with feelings of regret."

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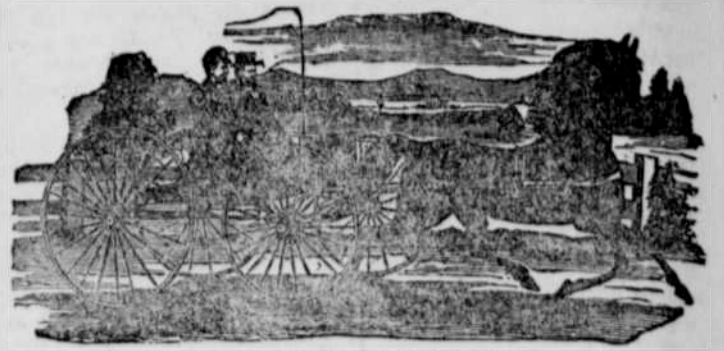
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