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## Dread of Incorporation.

The capitalists who contend with the Union now urge on their incorporation, so that they may deal with responsible parties when the leaders act for them, in their demands. But the Unions do not forget the course of the law. Such an item as this is fitted to keep up in them a dread of incorporation:

London, Feb. 23.—Court to-day awarded the Taff Vale Railway Company \$115,000 damages against the Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants for injuries sustained during the strike of 1900. The company complained of malicious molestation, picketing and intimidation while the strike was on.

## Speeding to Death.

The wild automobile races in France have been stopped by the Government. The Sabbath was taken for the race, which was marked with casualties. As usual, the names of American "sports" were found among the Sabbath desecrators, of May 24. The bicycle riders had their era of wild riding, and Sabbath desecration. Now something speedier is found, and the race begins again. We may hope that the French lesson may do some good here; but there is unhappily less care for life than there should be. England presents an enviable record in safety of regular railroad travel, and in restraint of recklessness on the roads. The Evening Post last year said:

"It is noteworthy that train accidents did not

cause the death of a single passenger in the course of 1901." (Extract from the "Returns of Accidents and Casualties," made to the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom, i. e., England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland.)

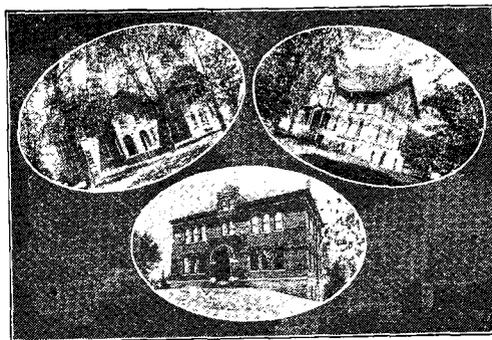
With what glow of justified pride the above words must have been written by their author! And, conversely, we are driven to ask, what is likely to be their effect on the mind of a railway manager of the United States, when he compares them with the reports of our own Interstate Commerce Commission?

Here are the figures, as uncompromising and fatal in their significance as a death warrant:

	United Kingdom.	United States.
Passengers killed .....	None	158
Passengers injured .....	476	2,436
Number of train miles (millions)*.	220	370
Number of miles of track.....	22,000	208,000
Comparative density of traffic.....	7	1

\*Approximate.

## Lenox College.



Last week we printed the announcement of Lenox College, Hopkinton, Iowa. This splendid institution is full of vigor, and is continually growing stronger and more serviceable to students. Covenanters in Hopkinton and neighborhood generously co-operate in aiding Lenox college, because of its anti-secret principles, and other vital principles in line with our own. We give herewith pictures of the College buildings, of special interest just now, because of the meeting of Synod at Hopkinton.

## Two Givers.

Mr. Carnegie has made provision for a Technological Institute in Pittsburg, even this possibly to be opened on the Sabbath, on the plea that those busy on other days may have some of its privileges. The site now about fixed on is to cost the city \$350,000, being thirty-two acres near Schenly Park.

Henry W. Oliver proposes to provide free pub-

lic baths for the South Side, Pittsburg. He gives a lot 100 x 60 feet and will provide the building and \$80,000 as a fund to provide salaries, the city to provide the light, the heat and the water, while Mr. Carnegie's gifts will increase the taxation of Pittsburg.

Later gifts of Mr. Carnegie show a growing sense of what it is to give so as not to burden the recipient. His gifts to Cornell University to meet expenses of the fever outbreak, and to Tuskegee for the education of the colored people are unhampered from the conditions heretofore made. Well will it be if as he nears the bourne, his eyes shall be opened to see the great gift of God, and his hand be extended to take it.

## Fake Investments.

This is a day of tight money, and people need not throw it away on profitless investments. There are not quite so many glaring advertisements as formerly, but still there are some. The Post Office authorities are after some of the concerns.

We noticed a large St. Louis advertisement of a Securities Company offering 6 per cent a month. Some persons will be deceived. There are some legitimate enterprises that are financial in such a way as to yield but little revenue, by the process of watering their stock. Pennsylvania, for example, needs some legislation to control the street railway corporations. The Secretary of Internal Affairs says in his annual report:

It is hardly possible that there is much in the financial development of street railway enterprises that can contribute very much to the financial credit of the State. The wildest schemes of capitalization have characterized the proceedings of many street railway corporations in their organization, management, consolidations, mergers and reorganization, until we have a condition which shows that the capitalization of street railways in Pennsylvania is more than double the reported average cost of road and equipment of the steam railways in the United States. This statement alone, based upon official returns of both steam and street railways, is sufficient to exhibit the most marked financial condition of street railway corporations.

In some of the New England States the issuance of bonds and stocks is made under public supervision. The result of such supervision in the affairs of these States is that when one is offered a bond of a street railway company, or of other corporations subject to such public supervision, he can rely upon

the bond as a thing of value, and generally as a good investment. Should there not be such supervision established in the State of Pennsylvania by our Legislature? There can be but one answer to this question. The general good of the commonwealth demands it.

It is fair, it is honorable and reasonable that public corporations that perform public functions by virtue of their charters given by the State should deal fairly with the public, both in their operations and in their financial transactions, to the end that stocks and bonds should not be given away or placed upon the market, or given to corporation officers or to individuals except for value received.

### The Late Rev. Lewis Johnston.

We take from The Presbyterian of May 6 the following resolutions on the death of the late Rev. Lewis Johnston:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove the Rev. Lewis Johnston from the ranks of the White River Presbytery, and

Whereas, We recognize that Jehovah ruleth in the affairs of men wisely, to his own glory and to the eternal good of each soul; and

Whereas, The Rev. Lewis Johnston was a man of distinguished abilities, which were conserved to the Master's service; and

Whereas, We recognize that his wife has lost a loving and faithful husband, and the children a devoted father; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of our brother we have lost a fellow-laborer of sterling worth; the Presbytery a man of inestimable value; the Church pioneer in our Arkansas work.

Resolved, That, while we bow willingly to the will of our Heavenly Father, we lament the death of Brother Lewis Johnston, but recognize that our loss is his everlasting gain.

Resolved. That we, the members of the White River Presbytery, extend our warmest sympathies to the bereaved widow, the family, and friends of the departed dead.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the wife and family; and,

Resolved Further, That a copy of these resolutions be preserved with the Minutes of this meeting of the White River Presbytery, and also that they be published in the Freedmen's Bulletin, and The Presbyterian, at the earliest possible date.

B. W. KNOX,

H. A. ONQUE, Chairman.

R. J. CHRISTMAS, Secretary.  
Committee.

Lewis Johnston was the son of Lewis and Jane Brunson Johnston, and was born in Allegheny, December 11, 1847. His parents were members of the Covenanter church, under the care of Dr. Thomas Sproull. In 1858 they removed to Blairsville, and he worked in the mines. In 1864 he entered the army and at the close of the war, returned to Blairsville, resuming mining. Dr. A. M. Mulligan, of New Alexandria, gave him instruction. He entered Geneva College in 1867 and graduated in 1870. Then he entered the Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa., and was licensed April 8, 1873, and was ordained October 14, 1874, for mission work among the Freedmen at Selma, Ala. He built up this work, and became pastor May 21, 1875. In 1876 he came under church censure. He removed to Arkansas and was restored to the work of the ministry in 1883, becoming an efficient laborer

in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Johnston, when heard by the General Assembly in the interests of the Freedmen, was warmly welcomed and made a most effective appeal. He was the first colored man ordained to the ministry of the Covenanter church.

### Chicago's Mayor.

Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, outlines the following programme in the proposed reissue of franchises to the street car companies of that city. It is a policy that might be commended to many another city in this country. This is found in his message to the city councils published Tuesday, May 26:

"An improvement of accommodations which will do away with the present uncomfortable, unwholesome and indecent overcrowding of cars. Adequate compensation for the privileges granted, either in the form of a percentage of the gross receipts paid into the city treasury as a trust fund to be expended solely upon the public streets, a reduction of fares or a combination of both forms. Provision for public ownership of the lines at the earliest feasible date. The simultaneous expiration of all franchises on or before twenty years after the date of grant, and the express prohibition of the transfer of a franchise to a foreign corporation. The use of the underground trolley within a certain district, bounded by North avenue, Twenty-second street and Western avenue. The realignment of terminals that transportation may be rapid and street congestion as far as possible avoided. The use of modern grooved rails in all paved streets and the paving of the rights of way by the traction companies with asphalt or dressed granite blocks. A universal system of transfer and full publicity of accounts. The establishment of a system of arbitration for the settlement of disputes arising between the traction companies and their employes. A single car service instead of the present train service."

These demands are supported by a movement that has secured from the Illinois Legislature a law authorizing municipal ownership, passed in the face of bitter opposition, and Mr. Harrison was chosen Mayor on a platform endorsing this policy. He may not be a very good man in some respects, but if he wins in this struggle in Chicago, he may be the candidate for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket.

### Digest of the Week's News.

LADY HENRY SOMERSET has resigned the presidency of the British Women's Temperance Association, on account of poor health.

TWO thousand persons are said to have been destroyed along with the village of Vam, Asiatic Turkey, eighteen miles southeast of Erzeroun on the Euphrates.

THE Presbyterian General Assembly denounced Senator Smoot passing resolutions for his expulsion and also for an amendment to the United States against polygamy.

THE authorities in Ottawa, Canada, have given

orders that the sky be bombarded at Napean Point, for rain, owing to the great drought and numerous fires occurring in Ottawa.

MANY buildings at Motherwell, twenty miles from Glasgow, Scotland, have been badly damaged by the earth sinking; mines beneath the town are believed to be the cause of the accident.

TRUSTWORTHY advices showed that the Panama Canal treaty was doomed to defeat in the Colombian Congress; the Colombians hope by deferring action for two years to obtain the sum allotted to the Panama Canal Company.

AS an offset to Fairhaven, which has captured Mark Twain for its old home week speaker, Methuen, Mass., has voted to send an invitation to Lord Methuen, in England, to be a guest of the town during its old home week celebration.

GREAT damage has been done in the western states by floods. Several of the cities have suffered great loss of life and property; among them Lincoln, Neb., Kansas City, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa. Three hundred lives have been lost and \$10,000,000 worth of property.

THE funeral of General Mayia Rodriguez took place at Havana: President Palma and members of the Cabinet were in the long procession which followed the funeral car to the grave.

A PROJECT is on foot to bring several million Russian Jews to America, and have them form settlements on the agricultural lands, and eventually have them purchase those lands as their own. The intention is to bring them via New Orleans to the farm lands of the West.

THE Democrats seem to be determined to nominate Grover Cleveland for a third time as President of the United States. No other man could command as large a number of votes from the Democratic party, and yet Mr. Cleveland was above his party and acted conscientiously whether it pleased his party or not. With Roosevelt on the Republican ticket and Cleveland on the Democratic, the struggle between the two old parties will be an exciting one. Both men have their faults yet they certainly possess sterling qualities.

CHAPLAIN Vattman, of the U. S. 29th Infantry, at Rome, spoke in an energetic manner of the situation on the Friar question in the Philippines. He demonstrated the necessity of having an American clergy take the place of the Spanish Friars, and of raising at the same time the standing and prestige of the native priests in order to convince the Filipinos that Rome also was determined to begin a new regime in the archipelago. The frank and earnest statement of the chaplain produced a deep and favorable impression at the Vatican.

MISS ELLEN STONE, the missionary, is to return to the scene of her labors in Turkey. Dr. A. J. Barton, foreign secretary of the American Board, confirms this, and also refutes many recently published statements. He says the American Board countenances Miss Stone's claim for indemnity, and denies that she has written to Washington a demand for damages, that missionary work in Turkey has been hampered by the Stone episode, and that there is any division over her indemnity. He adds that if the ransom had not been paid she might have still been in captivity.

THE Pennsylvania Republican Convention indorsed President Roosevelt for renomination, and declared against any change in the present tariff schedules: Senator Quay declined re-election as chairman of the State Committee, and Senator Penrose was chosen as his successor.

It's fun to make new and delicious desserts by the recipe book found in each package of Grape-Nuts.