

BRAKEMEN DOOMED.

THEIR PLACE BEING TAKEN BY AUTOMATIC DEVICES.

By Means of the Present Invention Engineers Can Stop Trains in Half the Time as Dozen Brakemen Would Require With the Old Hand Apparatus.

Slowly but surely science is putting the brakeman out of existence, and supplying his place with mechanical contrivances. A few years ago there were considerably over a million brakemen employed on our railway lines, but to-day the number has been reduced to less than one-half, and it is only a question of time before the last of these old time employees will entirely disappear from all our railroad systems. The automatic brake has been responsible for this condition of affairs in a greater degree than any other invention of recent date. It performs the service much quicker and better than the brakeman could ever hope to do. At first a steam brake was invented and tried by several of the railroads, but it was not successful enough to proclaim the doom of the hand brake; gradually, however, inventors improved upon the contrivance until the modern automatic brakes were perfected. By means of the present invention the engineer can stop a heavy train in half the time that a dozen brakemen using the old hand brake would require for the purpose. In an interesting article on the passing of the brakeman, published in the Philadelphia Times, appears the following:

The passing of the brakeman is not entirely due to the orders of the railroad officials, but as much to the laws of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which makes it mandatory for every railroad line to equip cars with automatic and continuous brakes and couplers, and their locomotives with automatic brakes and couplers. While the rate among passengers and employees was much higher than to-day, and it is largely due to this improvement that the mortality has been steadily reduced. With but few exceptions all of the 28,000 passenger cars and the 8,000 mail and baggage cars are equipped with the automatic brakes and couplers, and about one-half the 1,300,000 freight cars. The latter have been slower to comply with the law than the former, as there is less human life involved in accidents with them, but all the new freight cars have to be constructed with the new brakes and couplers. The old-time couplers, where the brakemen had to stand between the two cars that were to be joined together, were a constant menace to the life of the employees, and the death rate among them was high from this cause alone. In 1895 the number of employees of the American railroads killed amounted to 2,700, and the injured to 32,000, a fair percentage of which met their death while coupling cars. In 1896 the death rate was brought down to 1,823, and the number injured to 22,422, while the present year will probably show even a larger decrease.

While this decrease is partly the result of greater efficiency among the railroad employees and to the improvements in the roadbeds and to the use of perfect signaling systems, the automatic brake is most directly responsible for the gratifying results. A train of cars equipped with the automatic brakes rarely comes into collision with other trains or obstacles on the track. The watchful engineer can see far enough ahead to bring his train to a standstill before colliding with anything that may be accidentally placed on the track. In rounding sharp curves the modern systems of signals reduce danger of collision to a minimum, and on a straight track everything depends upon the alertness and promptness of the engineer.

This is practically the greatest safeguard ever invented for railroad use, and it is we are indebted for many blessings. It is driving the brakeman out of existence, but, at the same time, it is saving the lives of thousands of passengers and railroad employees every year. It is one of those inventions which give such adequate compensation for superseding hand labor that no one regrets its general adoption—not even the railroad employees whose work it is rapidly taking from them.

An Automobile Postal Train. An automatic postal train, consisting of a postal car, containing a Serpentine engine, a passenger and a baggage car, has been run experimentally over the railroad from Paris to Beauvais. The speed, according to the gradient, was thirty-seven, fifty-five, and sixty kilometers, or from twenty-two to thirty-six miles an hour. The engine consumed about five pounds of fuel and ten quarts of water a kilometre and the cost was far less than that of the usual postal trains.

A Policeman With Discretion. A St. Louis policeman, who had a warrant of arrest against a woman for alleged assault and battery refused to impound her when he found it was directed against a lady in the eighty-sixth year of her age. He took her to a friend's house and secured bail for her, and the Prosecuting Attorney, when told that she was too old and feeble to assault anybody, said he would revoke the warrant.

Electricity and Singing. M. Granier reports to the Paris Academie de Medicine that a singing voice may be made more full and clear, less rapidly tired and the quality much more agreeable by the singer sitting upon an isolated stool coupled to the negative pole of a static electric machine and breathing the atmosphere electrified by means of a brush electrode for a short time.

A Just-as-Good Horse. A lady writes to me, apropos of the mistakes made by booksellers, that she went into a shop in this city recently and asked for a copy of Swinburn's poems. "We have not Swinburn's poems," replied the obliging clerk, "but we have Robert Burns," being stress on the poet's given name.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

From Our Special Correspondents.

(Continued from 7th page.)

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents will please bear in mind that all communications should be received at this office not later than Wednesday morning.

Corning.

Fifty Catholic gentlemen banded together by principles of fraternity, charity and brotherly love, ought to be capable of great things, grand things and beautiful things. Thanksgiving day, 1897, will, it seems probable, be looked back upon in the years to come by the Catholics of Corning as a great day, a blessed day, the day which saw the organization of the Corning council of the Knights of Columbus. Three hundred visiting knights from all parts of the state came and crowded the hotels and, by their presence, made the organization of the council a most successful and satisfactory one. During the evening session Patrick Carey of Buffalo, council made an eloquent speech, in which he told of the aims of the society and the benefits to be derived from the teachings of its principles. Rev. J. Bloumer of Elmira also made an address. The committee of arrangements was composed of the following gentlemen, to whom much credit is due: K. E. Maleady, T. F. Moran and Thomas Heffernan. The temporary officers of the new council are as follows: Grand Knight, F. S. Swan; deputy grand knight, D. C. Kerr, chancellor, John W. Lyabahn; recording secretary, J. T. Sullivan; financial secretary, F. Pfeiffer; treasurer, J. E. Doyle; lecturer, Albert Cowley; advocate, Joseph Boyle; warden, James Murphy; outside guard, W. J. O'Neil; inside guard, John M. Tracey; organist, Rev. W. J. Lee; chaplain, Rev. J. M. Bustin, physician, Dr. T. McNamara, trustees—Thomas Heffernan, Thomas McGovern, Richard C. Maleady, John L. Clark and William T. Moran.

David Foley of Wilkesbarre, Pa., is visiting his cousins, John and Thomas Foley. The Corning Free Library was opened last Wednesday. A large and splendid collection of books has been put thoroughly in order, and this much needed addition to the town's equipments will doubtless be appreciated and made use of.

The Misses Mame Donovan and Minnie Murphy of Elmira visited on Sunday at the residence of Thomas McGowan of East Erie avenue.

Auburn.

Forty hours' devotion was held in St. Mary's church this week, the opening exercises being conducted Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, when a high mass was celebrated by Rev. J. J. Gibbons, and the exercises at its conclusion were conducted by the same reverend gentleman, assisted by Rev. William Mulhern. The altars were beautifully decorated during the services, plants and flowers of nearly all varieties lending graceful contrast to the always agreeable illuminations from the candles and richly-colored sacred oil lamps. Sunday evening solemn Vespers and Benediction were given, and on Wednesday morning the devotions closed with a solemn high mass. The services were attended by an unusually large number, and hundreds availed themselves of the gifts attending the devotions.

Seven new candidates were initiated by Auburn council, No. 207, Knights of Columbus, on Monday evening, the first and second degrees being conferred by Grand Knight M. D. Conway and Deputy Grand Knight T. J. Gallagher, assisted by James Devine of Syracuse council, had charge of the degree work. It is expected that the third degree will be conferred some time in January.

Dr. Laughlin council No. 311, C. B. L., has adopted resolutions of sympathy on the death of their late comrade, Patrick Higginbotham, and Branch 59, C. M. B. A., has taken similar action on the death of Michael Kelly, late a member of that branch.

John J. Murphy has been elected collector of Dr. Laughlin council, No. 311, C. B. L., for the unexpired term of Patrick Higginbotham, deceased, and James C. Byrne has been elected to fill Mr. Murphy's former office of Secretary.

The children of the Holy Family school gave an interesting and highly gratifying entertainment at the Curtis Opera-house, Tuesday evening. The house was crowded and the efforts of the little ones were heartily applauded throughout.

The election of officers in mostly all of our Catholic societies will take place within a few days. Friendly strife is being carried on in some of the organizations, while in others matters are merging themselves into simply a re-election of faithful and painstaking officials.

Ithaca.

Misses Minnie and Emma McCormick and Miss Helen Lyons spent Thanksgiving in Auburn.

John Ward and Philip Murray are in New York for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Burns of West Seneca street are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien of Eddy street are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

Misses Sarah Kelley and Minnie Gallagher of the Cortland Normal school spent Thanksgiving at their homes in this city.

Mrs. Thomas Carrigan and daughter, Miss Kathryn, and J. A. McNamara attended the funeral of Miss Helen Harmon at Auburn last week.

On Tuesday evening last a council of the Knights of Columbus was instituted here with quite a large membership. Guests were present from the Auburn, Seneca Falls, Cortland, Binghamton and Elmira councils. After the initiation lunch was served for the new knights and their friends.

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 6 a. m., at the church of the Immaculate Conception, occurred the funeral of James Kelly, who died from a stroke of apoplexy. For many years he had charge of the old Catholic cemetery, but lately, on account of falling health, was obliged to give up his duties. It is only three months since Mr. Kelly's wife died. He is survived by one brother and several nieces and nephews.

Le Roy.

Miss Sue McMannis returned Monday after spending two months with her sister, Mrs. John F. Bauer, of Mt. Morris. Frank Moran spent Sunday with Thos. McKenna, of Watkins, formerly of LeRoy. Daniel W. Ryan, of New York, and

formerly of LeRoy, left on September 15, for a three month's special business trip to South and Central America points. Mr. Ryan is now in Honduras.

Mr. Patrick Quinn, of Caledonia, spent Sunday in LeRoy, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McKee.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. James Harris of this place, and Miss Kittie Sullivan of Buffalo.

Dansville.

Miss Anna Steinhart is in Corning, visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Town.

Misses Katherine Quigley of Olean, Mary Rowan of Tonawanda and Mame O'Hara of Rochester were home for Thanksgiving.

Miss Lizzie Maloney of Rochester spent Thanksgiving with relatives in town.

Mr. Edward Reagan and Miss Gertrude Finnick were married in the Church of the Holy Name, Groveland, Monday a. m., by Rev. James T. Dougherty.

Miss Kate Coutry spent last week in Corning.

Miss Margaret Myhan of Hornellsville visited Miss Maile Finn last week.

John C. Klink died at his home on Main street Saturday last, of heart disease, aged 66 years. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church Wednesday morning. The deceased was a member of the Holy Name Society. Mr. Klink was survived by a wife and six children, three sons and three daughters.

St. Patrick's church was not large enough to accommodate the large crowds that came every evening to listen to the eloquent missionaries of the Paulist order, Fathers O'Callahan and Grant. Services were held each day at 5 o'clock a. m. and at 8 for the children and again at 7:30 in the evening. Father O'Callahan is a graduate of Harvard college, and a few years ago enjoyed the honor of being chosen to speak to the graduating class of that college. Father Grant was educated in Ireland and France. Both gentlemen are zealous workers; their sermons were eloquent and intensely interesting. A tie close of the mission a society of the Holy Name was formed beginning with 65 members.

Pittsford.

Mrs. Max Hoffman and little daughter, of Rochester spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Finsone are rejoicing over the birth of a son. Congratulations.

Miss Ella Farrell was at home Sunday.

Miss Mame Mullane spent Sunday with relatives.

Mr. Tomney was the guest of Mrs. Laney on Sunday.

Geneeseo.

William J. Kane of Rochester called on friends here on Monday last.

Mrs. William O'Connor and Miss Eleanor O'Connor spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. H. Ganley of Farmington, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis of LeRoy visited relatives here this week.

Miss Mary Dwyer, who is teaching school at Irondequoit, visited her parents here last week.

Miss Elizabeth O'Grady of Pittsford, N. Y., and Miss Katherine O'Grady of North Tonawanda, N. Y., were the guests of their uncle John Halligan, during their Thanksgiving vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Dolan of Avon spent Thanksgiving with relatives.

Miss Katherine Moore of Rochester visited her sister Miss Elizabeth Moore, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Edward C. Cullinan, who came here to attend the funeral of his grandmother last week, leaves for San Francisco, Cal., to-day (Saturday) where he is part owner in a ranch, and is engaged in the breeding of running and trotting horses.

Mrs. Costello left on Saturday last for East Buffalo to see her brother Thomas Maloney, who was dangerously ill.

About 200 went to Rochester on the Theater train on Thanksgiving evening.

The Ladies' Symphony Orchestra of Boston gave a grand musical entertainment at Normal hall on Thursday evening, December 2d.

The Teachers' Institute for the first and second commissioner districts will be held at the Normal School building, commencing Monday, December 6th, and closing Friday afternoon, December 10th.

The Alfred University eleven played a brilliant game of football here on Thanksgiving day, with the Normal team. Neither team could score. It was the finest game of football ever witnessed in this village.

The entertainments to be given next Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, December 7th, 9th and 10th, for the benefit of the church of this village, should be well attended. Each evening there will be an entertainment of some kind, with the patronage of the people. On Friday evening, after the entertainment, a first class orchestra will be in attendance to furnish music for those who wish to dance. Supper will also be served in the hall on the last evening.

Shortsville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tobin and daughter of Churchville, are visiting Mrs. Tobin's mother, Mrs. Kinsella.

Sarah Hennessey of this place spent Thanksgiving at Phelps, the guest of relatives.

Miss Mary Dunn visited friends in Rochester, the last of the week.

Maggie Barry of Canandaigua, spent Thanksgiving with her grandmother, Mrs. Brophy.

Mrs. Grace, formerly of Macedon, died at her brother-in-law's, Mr. P. Farrell, Monday.

Caledonia.

Mr. Francis Jopp, and bride arrived here on Saturday evening, when a small reception was held at their home on North street.

Mr. Edward Setz and Edward McLachlin have purchased the meat market of Thomas Clark and took possession last week.

The ladies who will be received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin on the evening of December 8th, held a meeting at the church on Sunday afternoon, and elected the following officers: President, Miss Agnes McSweeney; Assistant President, Lizzie Malvey; Counselor, Nellie Smith.

Mr. Walter Farrell left this week for Rochester where he has secured a position in a barber shop.

The lecture which was announced in last week's JOURNAL to be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Breen on Thanksgiving night, was indefinitely postponed.

Canandaigua.

Misses Maud and Julia Smith of Bristol street, entertained several young ladies of Rochester, last week.

Mrs. Farrell and her daughters, Catherine and Gertrude, are visiting relatives in Macedon and Palmyra.

Mr. George Eighmy is filling the post of flagman at Pleasant street crossing.

Mr. and Mrs. Peregé have returned from their wedding tour.

East Bloomfield.

The Forty Hours devotion that began last Sunday, ended Wednesday morning. The church was full every night and the sermons were very interesting and well delivered. Father O'Brien of Canandaigua, delivered the sermon Sunday night, Father Fitzsimmons of Lima, Monday night and Father Hickey of Genesee, on Tuesday night.

On Tuesday last occurred the marriage of Miss Anna Toomey, daughter of John Toomey, and William Pool of South Bloomfield, which took place at the residence of Father Garvey. The bridal party left on Wednesday morning for a short wedding trip.

Several people from Rochester attended the marriage of Miss Toomey here last week.

A number of young people from the neighboring parishes of Victor and West Bloomfield attended the sermon Sunday evening.

Dr. McCarthy, son of Chas. McCarthy of this place, who resides in the city of Geneva has been seriously ill with appendicitis, recovered very soon, but was very recently taken worse and is very ill at this writing.

Father Garvey made an other great improvement in St. Bridget's church when he had the large lamp-stand moved from the ceiling put in. The condition of the church this last Forty Hours in regard to cleanliness, was a great credit and was appreciated by all.

Mrs. Geo. Reeves who has been ill for some time is improving.

Sodus Point.

Miss L. Doherty has been visiting friends in New York for the past week.

Miss H. Featherly has been visiting friends in Ontario for the past week.

Several new arrivals into town: William Bay, Jr., Hiram Clark Jr.

The barge Isaac Stephenson was here Monday after the last load of soft coal from this port.

A social party was held in Guild hall Thursday evening Nov. 25. Thirty-five couples were present, many being from out of town.

Seneca Falls.

Miss Kittie Finnegan has returned to her home in Auburn after a pleasant visit with Seneca Falls friends.

Miss Josephine Cruise is ill at her home on Green street.

Miss Teresa Farrow spent the Thanksgiving holidays at her home on Bridge st.

Miss Kittie Murphy spent Sunday with her mother in Auburn.

Mrs. Catherine Rafferty and Miss Margaret McKee attended the funeral of Owen Carragher on Ovid on Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Costello of King's Ferry spent a few days in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carragher attended the funeral of Mr. Carragher's brother in Ovid.

Miss Mame McLean visited Auburn friends last week.

Miss Florence Cully visited in Auburn on Thursday.

King's Ferry.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place at Our Lady of the Lake church Thanksgiving morning, when Miss Ella Rafferty of this place and George Clayton of Ithaca received the sacrament of matrimony. The bride was tastefully attired in cream Henrietta with white veil. She was attended by her sister, Miss Anna Rafferty, who also wore white. James Clark of Union Springs acted as best man. Rev. H. F. Kuffert, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony. After the services the guests partook of an elaborate wedding dinner at the home of the bride. After the bridal trip Mr. and Mrs. Clayton will be at home in Seneca street, Ithaca, N. Y.

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