

Tiny Mountain Railway Issues Dry Time Table

Toy Train Which Puffs Up Mountain Side Makes No Trips East on Dry Days.

By International News Service.
Kane, Pa., June 18.—One of the most unique time-tables issued by any railroad in the United States has just come from the printers. The table was issued by the "Kushequa Route," the little mountain railroad belonging to Elisha K. Kane, prohibitionist and philosopher.

The "Kushequa Route" railroad is the only connection the town of Smethport, county seat of McKean county, has with the outside world. Smethport is a town of probably close to 5,000 inhabitants way back "nowhere" about 35 miles from Bradford.

The "Kushequa Route" isn't much of a railroad as railroads go, but it's better than nothing, the people of Smethport will tell you. It zig-zags down the mountainside from Smethport to Mt. Jewett, Pa. It crosses the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad at Backus, Pa. Backus is a place where the Baltimore, Reading and Philadelphia flyers give one wild whoop and stop on the signals for passengers off the "Kushequa Route," if there are any.

No Trains Dry Days.
But to go back to that time-table. It has all the dignity and looks like those issued by full-grown railroads. It has the usual announcements. It has one unusual one. Across the top is the wording: "Time table No. 41. Fire season 1921."

Then in bolder type:
"No trains east of Kushequa on dry days."

Although the owner of the railroad is what might be characterized as a strong dry advocate, the reference to "dry days" in the time-table of his railroad has nothing to do with the Volstead act.

The "Kushequa Route" passes through a large stretch of woods from one end of the line to the other. Every year up in the mountainsides there are many forest fires, some dangerous and costly.

Sparks Fly High.
The equipment of the "Kushequa Route" local is not modern and it has not been equipped with any of those "dog-goned" new fangled spark preventers. On the contrary, the little train toiling up the mountainside gives quite a correct imitation of a Mississippi river steamboat in a hot race, a Pittsburgh blast furnace in full eruption, or the Denver and Rio Grande trying to haul a hefty Pullman train up Soldiers' Summit.

Naturally the sparks fly high, wide and wild. Therefore no person along the "Kushequa Route" criticizes the railroad company's endeavor to prevent forest fires, but the suspension of train service out of fear of starting these forest fires is a brand new

Omaha's High School of Ye Olden Days; It Stood On Present Site of Central High



one, even to the natives of that locality, and the action of the railroad has attracted much attention.

Wild Flower Stopovers.
Sometimes a flue blows out while the little train is crawling up the mountain. In such cases the passengers sit in the coaches or wander through the woods in quest of wild flowers until the damage is repaired. At other times the fuel supply gives out and passengers and crew get out and gather firewood.

On the sides of the engine is painted in glaring letters "ROOSEVELT." When asked why he named the engine "Roosevelt," Mr. Kane replied: "Because it's a rough rider." But the "Route" is a mighty convenient one to the many who have business "up t' the court house."

One Wife Here—Another In China—Sue for Estate

Yakima, Wash., June 18.—Ah Bong, Chinese merchant of this city, knew the ways of a woman, and although he had two wives neither knew that the other existed. For he kept them far apart—one in America, the other in China.

Bong died here recently, leaving an estate of approximately \$6,000. A white wife in Yakima, Mary Bong, immediately applied for letters of administration, producing a marriage license dated September 10, 1914, secured in Colfax county, N. M. Before her claims could be verified three Chinese from Seattle appeared with a will which they claim was made by Bong, leaving all his property to

a Celestial wife and son residing in China.

The white wife and the woman from the Orient are now engaged in a legal contest for the right to administer Bong's estate.

Biggest Walnut Tree On California Farm

Chico, Cal., June 18.—What is believed to be the largest English walnut tree in the state of California has been found on property owned by Mrs. W. G. Hottman. The tree was planted by Mrs. G. W. Reagan, mother of Mrs. Hottman, 27 years ago. The tree has a circumference of 12 feet, 10 inches at 18 inches from the ground and a spread of 88 feet.

Banks Now Seek Small Savings

Indifference Formerly Paid Little Accounts Disappear From City Institutions.

One branch of banking to which but little attention has been paid until recently is the savings department. Practically from the beginning of the present banking system up until a few years ago the man of very limited means felt that the average bank had little to offer him. A change has recently taken place,

and at the present time a great deal of attention is paid to small savings, and practically every large city bank has a well-equipped savings department where they not only receive accounts of \$1 or more, but spend a great deal of time and money in soliciting this business.

Employees are trained to know and meet the problems of the small depositor, to advise him regarding his accumulated savings, and to assist him in establishing a financial foundation. The wage earner with a moderate income is shown the advantage of life insurance and arrangements are made that by small weekly or monthly savings he can take care of a life insurance policy sufficient for his needs.

Many home owners are encouraged to begin saving for a home by

depositing \$1 or more and gradually adding to it. Vacations are provided for in the same manner as are automobiles, funds for college education, a nest egg for the proverbial rainy day, and a competence for old age.

The savings department of a modern city bank is the most interesting place and one of the busiest spots in the institution. Depositors come to look upon this as their bank, take a great deal of pride in it, visit the officers and tellers in charge and consult with them on many matters having to do with their financial affairs, bring in their friends and the work continues in an ever widening circle. While there is little, if any, actual profit in the conducting of a savings department, it is, nevertheless a factor for the good of the

community and serves as a valuable feeder for the bank proper.

Love Drowns After

Romance of Seaside

Chicago, June 18.—Learning to love each other in bathing suits is not conducive to a happy married life, according to a divorce decree handed down in circuit court here.

Mrs. Louise Bennett Tolbert won the decree from B. E. Tolbert, wealthy business man, when she testified her husband's love "cooled" after they were married. Mrs. Tolbert, daughter of a prominent clubman and manufacturer, said she had "fallen in love" with her husband when they met on a bathing beach. Both wore bathing suits at the time, she said.

Will YOU --be One of the BIG FELLOWS --of Tomorrow?

PERHAPS nothing more forcibly points out the opportunities of today than to just look at the beginning of one of Omaha's BIG NEWS-PAPERS. It had but little capital—it started in a little frame building that to build cost but three or four hundred dollars, and for the most part it was a hard living that it made. Transportations were infrequent—populations widely scattered and thin—money was scarce.

Make up your mind TODAY that whatever has been done in the past can be done still better TODAY. Start now to prepare yourself—Master your job and the one ahead of you—Learn how BIG MEN do things—DETERMINE to grow and to save a little of your income each day, so that when the time comes for you to make YOUR START you will be fully prepared.

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