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READING NOTICES.

New Dulce at William Hilditch's.

Boats to let, by the hour or day, by Hugh Hilditch.

Ayer's Pills are a general favorite, because of their powerful yet gentle operation.

There will be a public sale of the celebrated Emerson & Fisher Co.'s Carriages.

Photographer Palmer reports a very pleasant trip through the West.

Miss Sarah Alcorn, clerk at Thos. Mansley's, is away on a vacation at Waterbury.

The boiler-house at the old Stockinet works has been undergoing alterations this week.

Rev. C. L. McCracken and wife are now at Stamford, N. Y., near the head of the Delaware river.

Mrs. Ella Goddard, with her daughter and niece, returned to her home in Minnesota yesterday.

P. D. Willis and wife have closed their cottage at Lake Pleasant for the season and returned home.

Geo. Meacham is building a new bill post, to be located at the corner of Main and Prospect streets.

The hour for evening service at the First Presbyterian church has been changed from 6 to 7 o'clock.

A few of William Orr's best friends have been dining on black bass since his return from the Adirondacks.

The Tabor place in Brainardville, owned by Mr. Theodore Pease, is now occupied by Henry Blackman, recently from Sutherland.

The brick work to the new South School house, which has been contracted for by Chas. H. Fowler, was begun yesterday morning.

Mr. John Bodley, the painter, with his family, who have been spending several weeks near the Hudson, are expected home soon.

Dr. L. H. Pease, who has been at Newport, is expected home to-night. He witnessed the reception there of President Arthur.

The case of State vs. Desire Billings will probably be tried before the Superior court, at Hartford, the latter part of this week or early next.

Miss Belle Alcorn, a composer on THE PRESS since its first debut, is rusticating with "her cousins, and her uncle, and her aunt," in Suffield.

At the school meeting in district No. 10, (Brainard district,) held last evening, Christopher Wiseman was elected committee for the coming year.

Our citizens who have been accustomed to buy meat on Sunday morning are informed that Mr. Bright's market will not be opened on Sunday hereafter.

The excursion to Savin Rock, by the Brussels carpet weavers, was a grand success. About 250 tickets were sold and a grand time was the verdict of all.

William Garside and Douglass King left this morning for a trip through the Sound to New York, intending to take excursions around and down the harbor.

The Agassiz association will hold a meeting Friday evening, September 8th, in the usual place. Subjects, "Iron, Seals and Copper." A full attendance is desired.

John Sloan, who had his left arm dislocated and who was otherwise hurt about the head by getting entangled in a belt at the Carpet works last Monday, is able to be about.

During the erection of the new school houses, a primary class from Miss Wilson's school, to be taught by Miss Alice Ely, will occupy the room recently used by Brown's band, at the South school house.

The good work at the Methodist church still continues to increase. At the meeting last Sunday evening 15 rose for prayers. The number during the past few weeks is about 40, half of whom are on probation.

An exchange of location has been made this week between James Murphy, the clothier, and O. A. Blaisdell & Co., marketmen. Blaisdell & Co. will occupy the Alden market and Murphy the entire floor at his present location.

A bag of choice Hartford Prolific grapes, grown by H. L. Smith, adorned our sanctum desk yesterday. Thanks to the donor. We are glad that Mr. Smith has the knack of raising the grapes and have them ripen earlier than anyone else.

A lot of butcher's implements, including meat carts, sleighs, wagons, harness, pulleys, ladders, etc., belonging to Chas. G. Harrison, will be sold at public auction on premises of R. J. Steele next Saturday at 1 o'clock, p. m., by Auctioneer Burbank.

Rev. H. D. Robinson, presiding elder of the Norwich district, will preach in the Methodist Episcopal church to-morrow, (Friday) evening, at 7.30 o'clock. The second quarterly conference of the year will be held at the close of the service.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

This State.

The Tolland county agricultural society will hold their annual fair September 29 and 30.

In South Coventry ledges of six sided quartz crystals are found, not clear, but perfect in shape.

Andrew Buell of Plymouth has been fined \$18 for abusing a servant girl thirteen years of age.

Ida E. Briggs, aged eighteen, and Ann Griffin, aged twenty, have run away from Norwich together.

The republicans of Connecticut will meet in convention on Sept. 20th and nominate state officers.

Benedict Arnold's old hand fire engine has been discovered in Norwich town and sent to a Cincinnati Exposition.

A. C. Sternberg of West Hartford, has formed a colony of Russian Jews near Vineland, N. J., and has placed 600 families there.

The circulars for the annual re-union of the Sixteenth Connecticut Volunteers at Fenwick Grove, September 18, have been mailed by the secretary.

The new observatory on Prospect street, New Haven, connected with the Yale Geological Bureau, is nearly finished.

The heliometer is now being placed in position, and will be used in observing the transit of Venus in December.

Elbert Miller of Middlefield, caught a broken backed mud turtle a couple of days ago that had the year 1812 plainly stamped upon its back.

Capt. George Brewster, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Stonington, addressed a large congregation Sunday at the funeral services of Mrs. Lydia Chesbro, 92, and sank into his seat dead at the close of his address.

Wm. H. Sizer, a New Haven young man, has been running a petty swindle by advertising all over the country, the "Magic Revealer" the "Magic Dagger" and the "Lovers' Telephone," nearly worthless articles, paying 90 per cent. profit.

The post-office department has stepped in and stopped his mails.

On the farm of Judge Bronson of Seymour is a natural curiosity. A maple tree one foot in diameter grows out of a solid rock three feet from the ground, and out of this tree about a foot from its base is a cedar limb about two inches in diameter, which is as flourishing as any of the branches of the parent tree.

George A. White of Spring Hill, Norwalk, had an exciting encounter with an adder one day last week. His snakeship jumped at him from the woodpile without warning, and struck a stick which he had just taken up. Mr. White succeeded in killing the snake, which was of the flat-headed species and over two feet long.

The other day, while Julius Glover of New Preston, was mowing he came upon a black snake trying to swallow a green one. The green snake was the larger of the two, yet the black snake, commencing at the green snake's head, had swallowed at least four inches of him. The black snake was made to disgorge and both were killed.

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CLOCKS

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For Sale!

THE WOODHOUSE AND OUTBUILDINGS connected with the South School house are offered for sale. Apply to F. P. PARSONS, Chairman of Committee.

Wanted!

A PROTESTANT GIRL, TO DO GENERAL HOUSEWORK. Apply at THE PRESS office.

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NEWS AND GOSSIP

ENFIELD STREET. Both schools in district No. 1 commence on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney are so as to be about again. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney are so as to be about again.

J. N. Allen is busy this week with the examination of teachers.

Mr. Henry M. Knight and wife, of New York, are stopping a few days with his mother.

The only accident that occurred at the fire, was that of a boy who got a nail in his foot.

There is talk of an adjournment of the fair over for another year, on account of the drouth.

P. B. Parsons has commenced making cider, at least he has begun to draw apples to the mill.

Aholiab Johnson, Esq., 83 years old, has commenced the manufacture of paper, cutters from willow wood. A sample can be seen at the post-office.

Dea. Albert Parsons and daughter drove to Amherst on Saturday last to visit his son Howard, returning Monday. Miss Parsons remained a few days.

There is a bare possibility of a barber shop being located at the post-office, open an afternoon and evening one day in the week, which is thought would be a success.

After "waiting for rain" for a long time Mr. Henry Woodward has become disgusted and sold his entire crop of tobacco, four and one-half acres, for \$550.

Notwithstanding the terrible drouth Mr. Amner Woodward has hills of corn in his garden over eleven feet high. Our scribe stands ready to vouch for this statement.

Mr. J. S. Cooley has been tendered the position as principal of the Graded school at Windsor Locks, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Hitchcock, who goes to New Orleans.

Last Monday evening the remains of Mr. John Ingraham, who died at his sisters Aug. 29th, were placed in a beautiful glass-metallic casket and taken, per steamboat train, to Brooklyn, N. Y. The remains were to be interred in Greenwood.

It is acknowledged that the drum corps is improving under their instructor. Mr. Baker is doing his part well, and the company become better acquainted with their work every day. (It is reported that they will visit the principal cities in Europe next season.)

A serious fire occurred early Monday morning on the premises of Mr. Dan T. Chapin, destroying his barn, adjoining sheds, etc. The barn contained about forty tons of hay, a large quantity of grain, etc., all of which was lost, including six weeks' old calf—the latter, we are told, was to have been taken away that day by Mr. Holcomb, a village butcher. The fire was first discovered about 8 1/2 o'clock by Mr. Chapin himself, who was near by at the time, as also simultaneously by several parties working in the adjacent sheds. The cause of the fire apparently is the drouth. Owing to the great drouth it was necessary for immediate action to save the dwelling, and a general alarm was rung out, and men and women made their way to the scene, which at one time threatened destruction not only to the house but to all the buildings in the immediate vicinity. Mrs. Kellogg Pease went to the church and rang the bell, and notice was sent to the Thompsonville fire department, which answered the call promptly, with axes and hooks, tearing down one building on fire to check the flames from reaching another. It was by the greatest efforts that the house was saved, on account of its close proximity to the barn, and during the excitement it was emptied of most of its furniture. One building contained about twenty cords of birch wood, which was however nearly all saved. The Carpet Co. offered the services of their engine, but on account of the low water in the wells it could not be made available. The water supply was just sufficient, with the help of the town pump—the handle of the latter, however, was somewhat out of gear and difficulty was experienced in working it. The loss is estimated at about \$4,000; insured for \$1,800. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was one of those mysterious happenings, of which there is plenty of theory but nothing tangible. It will be readily remembered by those long resident here that on this very site, in days of yore, stood the once famous Col. Bob Abbe's tavern, also destroyed by fire some thirty years ago, where many a weary traveler has been known to have been put at his ease and made comfortable—where the sallies at wit and keen joke were passed around and washed down with the wassail of good cheer. Mr. Chapin wishes us to convey, through THE PRESS, his thanks, as also those of his family, to all those men and women, and particularly the latter, who voluntarily came forward and rendered timely assistance to save his property from being entirely lapped up by the devouring element.

WALLOP. Mrs. Peter Chapin is sick with malaria. Mr. F. Stevens and family, of Copper Hill, have been visiting friends here.

The fish fry in Norton Abbe's Scenic meadow, last Thursday, was a grand success. Immediately upon their arrival preparations were made for getting dinner. Busy hands soon filled the table with good things, while the fish were frying. The old saying that "many cooks spoil the broth" was certainly not verified in this case, for the fish were done beautifully. The tea and coffee were perfect, and when those hungry people surrounded the table, they did full justice to it's contents. After dinner came base-ball and other games, and bathing, and although their impromptu bathing suits were much ridiculed, those who went into the water enjoyed it very much. Then came singing, and the woods and hillsides echoed with such soul-entrancing melodies as "There's a frog lived in a spring," etc. The party broke up about 5 o'clock well pleased with their day's sport, and unanimously agreeing to have it repeated if possible next year.

HAZARDVILLE.

Look out for fires this dry weather. J. C. Law has so far recovered as to be able to ride out.

Principal Adams has returned home from his vacation.

The school-house cleaning and repairs are nearly finished.

Dr. Adams has nearly completed the improvements on his house.

Mrs. Lowrie is about to rent her house and move to Burnside to live with her daughter.

The Catholic society have broken ground for the foundation to the sheds at their church. A. D. Bridge has the contract.

Our neighbors from the hills have about done crying "Three quarts for a quarter," and have commenced on "Alderwood and charcoal."

David L. Peeler and Siegel Winnewisser went to Pine Point grove, (Shaker pond,) fishing, the other day, and in a short time caught a water-pail full of nice fish.

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LONGMEADOW.

Correspondent wanted from this place. Waiters Bros. are building a new house for John Carney. The frame was raised yesterday. They have also contracted to build a barn 40x40 for Mr. Oliver Field.

COPPER HILL. The farmers are topping their tobacco. Mrs. Homer and Bertha Griffin are recovering.

Mrs. Wood, of New York, sister of Mrs. Viets, is visiting at her sister's.

Mrs. F. Homan, of New Haven, is making a visit for a few days at the parsonage.

The children's quarterly sermon will be preached next Sunday afternoon. Subject, "The Child's Fortunes Told."

Judah Phelps, whose services have been very acceptable, will conduct a meeting at the West school-house next Sunday.

The campaigners have returned full of heavenly fire and the result was seen last Sunday evening. Several seekers were at the altar.

Rev. Gervase Viets has returned from Maine, where he spent a portion of his vacation, and is now at his mother's, Mrs. Harriet Viets.

Mrs. Willet Clark's mother, who has been feeble for some time, has left her home at Southwick in hopes of regaining her strength at her daughter's.

POQUONOCK. Maurice Westcott and wife are visiting friends in Northampton, Mass.

Mrs. Flavia Thrall has returned from Lake Pleasant and is ready to receive patients.

The recent light rains have perceptibly improved the tobacco crop, and farmers are beginning to hope for the best.

A large crowd gathered at the picnic at Case's grove on Saturday last and enjoyed the athletic games, dancing, etc. The picnic proved a success financially and otherwise.

Mr. J. J. Merwin, newsdealer and undertaker, is about to establish a branch of his business at Windsor, opposite the depot, where he hopes to merit a share of the public patronage. Mr. Merwin is a courteous and genial gentleman and anyone in want of anything in his line will do well to give him a call.

TARIFFVILLE. We are all hoping for rain; nearly all the crops are ruined.

Tobacco looks very poor, except occasionally a piece set on damp soil.

Joseph Forsyth was tried before Justice Alonzo Case, on the charge of burglary, last Saturday, and bound over to the next term of the Superior court; not furnishing bonds he was taken to jail.

The Hartford Silk Co. closed their mill on Saturday, Aug. 26, to allow the employees to attend a picnic at Congamond lakes. They left here at 8.30 on an excursion train accompanied by Weed's band of Hartford. A good time is reported.

COMMUNICATIONS. To the Editor of The Press:

In your last issue I notice a bombastic effusion from the Secretary of the Eclipse R. B. club in which he says "The writer of the article of Aug. 5th, either was misinformed or deliberately lied to please his own vanity." The article in question was given to the Poquonock B. B. club, and I think I am misinformed, if the testimony of disinterested witnesses is to be relied upon. Further, I did not imply, much less say, that "the readers of THE PRESS in this vicinity would stop their subscriptions if the game was not given to the Poquonocks," but did say, that if there was not a correct statement given of the game it "might" seriously interfere with the circulation of the paper. Now the Poquonock B. B. club do not want any game given to them, they only want what they win accredited to them. The Secretary says that in the ninth inning the score stood 6 to 6, as the score-book shows. Now the score-book of this club shows 7 to 6, in favor of the Poquonocks. It shows that every man of the Poquonocks made a run, except Riley and Phalon. He says that "the Poquonocks did nothing but dispute every trifling point in the game." Now I would like to know if there are any trifling points in a game of base-ball? Are they not all nice points? He further says "the intention of the Eclipse is to play for pleasure." Now it looks very much as if they played to win, perhaps fairly if they could, but unfairly if they must. Two members of the Eclipse B. B. club have acknowledged since the game that the decision of the umpire was unfair and in favor of the Eclipse. Another, a resident of Thompsonville, and a disinterested eye-witness, says that the game was fairly won by the Poquonocks and should have been given to them. The Secretary further says that "if we think we could have won the game and want to play." Notice, want to play. Did not the Poquonocks telephone nearly every day for a week to find out if possible if they were not coming over to play, and could get no decisive answer? Common courtesy demands that they should have come and played the return game. Why did they not come and play, as men should, and not act like a parcel of boys?

Now I am authorized to say that we will play the same nine one game for \$50 a side and \$25 forfeit, the game to be played either in Suffield or Hartford, the umpire to be selected from one of the League clubs, and the losing club to pay the expenses of the umpire. Representatives from this club will meet representatives of the Eclipse at Windsor Locks on Monday, Sept. 4th, at 7 o'clock p. m., at the Central House, to make arrangements.

H. S. CLARK. Poquonock, Conn., Aug. 29, 1882.

New York, August 29, 1882. To the Editor of The Press:

We were much interested in reading a communication in your issue of August 17th, "The Two Thompsons."

Many years have gone by since the writer left the "Old Thompsonville" and begun life's work; and yet, how vividly the forms of "stalwart" men, in the true sense of the word, long since "passed over," with scenes and associations halloved by thronging memories pass in review before me. Belonging in boyhood to that hardworked and somewhat unappreciated class called "trading boys," the terror of every countryman who entered the precincts of the village with a load of apples or watermelons, not excepting Mr. Knight with his load of clams.

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The Story of Canonchet.

A New York Sun scribe has been writing out a story about Canonchet, the magnificent villa of ex-Gov. Sprague, near Newport, R. I., which has been for some time in litigation.

Canonchet is a woman's fancy, pictured by gables, turrets, angles, verandas, finials, blue, brown and gilt. Canonchet was the name of a chief of the Narragansett tribe of Indians. It was adopted by Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague for the famous villa that overlooks the sea opposite Newport. Until the fancy title became widely known, the owner did not know that his costly summer home had been christened. The house is scarcely visible from the summer settlement along the beach, which stretches above the dense foliage of the clats about it are all that can be seen. The house stands upon the crest of the first elevation back of the marshes, where the ground swells into a gentle ridge of fine farming land, dappled with lakes. A dusty, sandy road leaps up to it from the village. It crosses a bridge, which, when the auctioneer and his party approached the house on Tuesday, ex-Gov. William Sprague and his son Willie tried to tear up. The road goes by a hedge of evergreens, designed once as the boundary of the front lawn, and follows an easy grade up the hill, improving as it nears the house, and disappears from view beyond the porte cochere. An air of decay is about the place, but much remains to indicate its former magnificence. It recalls some of the splendid plantation mansions of the lower Mississippi that went to ruin after the war. One could almost fancy, on the warm summer's night on which it was visited not long ago, that the lawn was swept by the breezes of the gulf of Mexico. The moon, that was sprinkling its light through the greenery, brought into relief the bulbous plate-glass bay-window on the second story, which shone in the reflected light like a great eye peering out at the blinking light of the village and the steady glare of Beaver Tail lighthouse on Canonchet island in the bay.

A dusty man of middle life, with a faded straw hat upon his head, shading his dark eyes and black beard, kicked the sand off his shoes, and stepping upon the piazza hammered upon the oak frame of the plate glass door. The echo ran through the house. Then all was still except the noise made by a katydid in an elm tree. He hammered again. There was no answer, and he turned for a moment away. There were myriads of glowing beetles, but there were no eyes looking behind them to welcome him home. "This is the way I am received," said ex-Gov. Sprague, as he took off his old straw hat and began to hammer once more. A faint ray of light shot out of the distant end of a long hall, and a portly woman, in a hastily adjusted red calico wrapper, came down the long corridor, bearing in her red hands a dingy kerosene lamp. The bolts rattled, and the door was opened in silence. The interior seemed a labyrinth. The first hall encountered, with its many side doors, seemed like the hall of a bedroom floor of an up-town hotel. The light faintly showed the polished wood, the rich carpets, and the gilt-spangled fresco work. The ex-governor and ex-United States senator led the way up some polished stairs, and suddenly came into a library, so rich and dark and warm in color and furnishing that it seemed a sacrifice to step upon the sinking velvet carpets in travel-stained foot-wear. A fresh light was obtained, and the first impression of splendor flashed again on the mind. The apartment glistened with the polish of French walnut, of which, with plate-glass, the book-cases lining the room were constructed. A carved oak table that seemed to have come from some old Flemish castle stood in the center of the room. Another as elaborate in design was in the deep bay window overlooking the sea. The floor of this end of the apartment was elevated a foot, and the hard wood of which it was made was as bright as glass. Plush-covered seats in carved frames filled the recesses. The books behind the cases were disarranged. Some of them were rare; most of them were costly.

It was bed time, and the host showed his guests to apartments selected at random from a number, and left them alone in magnificent surroundings, while, with a lamp in his hand and with weary step, he passed down a long corridor, turned an angle, and disappeared. The vast house was silent and mysterious as well as magnificent. Its luxury was oriental. From the window could be seen an expanse of broken roof. Lace curtains shaded the windows, and costly furniture was scattered about. The walls were rich with fresco. Each room had its bath-room and lavatory separate. One had cuttings from picture-papers pasted over the wall about the height of a five-years-old child's head.

When Kate Chase became Mrs. Sprague she made the old house her summer home one year, and then conceived the plan of making it into a villa. Her husband stipulated that the old building should be kept as to its roof and walls for historic associations, but gave his wife permission to go ahead with her other plans. She built one tower, and then, to better the proportions, she built another. She put on piazzas and extensions. Two more towers were found necessary to improve the outline. Work that did not please her was torn down, and repeated somewhere else. The roof became a curiosity of angles, resembling a mathematician's ideal of a mountainous country. Various entrances were made, but no grand entrance was among them, so that a visitor does not know which is the front door. The interior was re-arranged. Halls were made to cross-cut each other like galleries in a mine. Sixty rooms were provided for, and after the work was done an architect was hired to make a plan of each floor. These plans were framed and hung in conspicuous places as indices to the labyrinth. When the carpenters and plasterers moved off the grounds, a colony of Italian fresco painters moved on. A Boston artist, at a large salary, was engaged to superintend the designs. A blue-room, in imitation of one in the White House, was made at great expense. There was one room for Chief Justice Chase, most elaborately decorated. The library on the second floor cost \$10,000. A library on the third floor was constructed for Mrs. Sprague's own use. The frescoers were paid for the wood-carvers. Money was spent without stint. The mistress of the mansion came back from Europe full of ideas about wood-carving. She brought back an old carved wood mantel that once flled the room in the Tuileries occupied by Marie Antoinette. Black oak carved pictures formed its facade. Smaller carved mantels were taken from European castles for the Rhode Island villa.

A grand staircase was projected. It leads from within the porte cochere to the top of the tower—its ending being as odd as its beginning. It cost \$30,000, but it does not afford the most convenient means of reaching the upper stories. A running unbroken line of carving extends from the top to the bottom. The newel is a marvel of carving and polishing. Two polishers were kept at work two years to give the stair-case the polish that it still retains. Carved mermaids of polished oak hold up the shelf of a mantel in the dining-room with graceful, plump arms. The dining-table is also elaborately carved with reminiscences of grand feasts, rich in the products of the field and the vintage. At each end of the dining-hall is an elevated annex, lined and pillared with oak. One was almost made of finely engraved plate glass, through which the stretch of the ocean could be seen. Surprises await the visitor in the house. Up in one tower where nothing is expected is a beautiful little room in Pompeian red, spangled with gold, where meals for two were served. Everywhere, however, there is a scarcity of closets, which, had a typical New England housewife been the architect, would have preponderated. A sudden turn brings into view a gorgeous apartment, floored with polished marble, with a dismantled fountain. The design was Moorish. Amid these scenes of decay ex-Gov. Sprague and his boy Willie have lived for several years in solitude broken by great excitement as the officers of the law have come about the place. Fifty guests, with 30 servants, at one time spent merry days here at the expense of the host. One room was not opened until recently by ex-Gov. Sprague. It was the one occupied by his wife, and when she quit her husband she carried the key. When she obtained a divorce he packed up her goods and sent them to her. The room was known among visitors as the "mysterious chamber." When the ex-governor showed the mansion to visitors he passed this closed door in silence. Mrs. Sprague's plans were never completed. She hoped to make it the grandest villa in America, and it is said that her early ambition was to establish a political salon far from all rivals, where her entertainments would attract the men of power and influence in the land, who could help her in her design to make her father president of the United States.

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THE GRAND opening of the second annual exhibition fair of the New England Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Institute is announced to take place in their mammoth Exhibition Building, Huntington avenue, Boston, on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The exhibition promises to far surpass the brilliant display of last fall. Exhibits from twenty-seven States of the Union, and from three foreign countries, will completely fill the immense building. The genius of the inventor and the skill of the mechanic will be displayed in a thousand forms. Illuminated water displays, cascades and fountains will add a charm to the busy exterior. The great Southern Railroad exhibit, a