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The Town and the Railroad Company
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The St. L., V. & T. H. Sale to
Come Up To-morrow.

The Vandallia will join the town of St. Joseph, Mich., in the erection of a viaduct over Wayne street and the canal which is the short cut from the St. Joe river to Lake Michigan. The viaduct will be 500 feet long and will extend from the top of a high hill overlooking Wayne street clear across Wayne street and the canal to a point on the road beyond. The plans for the structure are complete and work will be begun as soon as possible. The object in building it is to preclude the possibility of an accident by reason of any oversight, carelessness or otherwise, which might occur at the crossing of the railroad and the street. By the use of the viaduct teams can cross directly over the railroad and canal without danger. The draw bridge which now spans the canal will be allowed to stand in order that teams coming from the opposite direction can cross the canal under the viaduct in order to pass up the street leading to the factories along the railroad track. The town will assume one-half of the expense and the railroad company the balance.

Railway Romblings.
W. W. Finley has assumed the chair-
manship of the Western Passenger Asso-
ciation.

Net earnings of the Illinois Central
road for the two months ending Aug.
31 show a decrease of \$279,881.

The statement of the Northwestern
road for the first eight months of the
year shows cash net earnings of \$182,437
over the same time last year.

William Smith has been appointed su-
perintendent of motive power and ma-
chinery of the Chicago & Northwestern
in place of the late George W. Tilton.

The directors of the New York Central
have declared the regular quarterly di-
vidend of 1 per cent, payable October 15th.
The books closed yesterday and reopen
October 16th.

J. F. Goddard retired from the chair-
manship of the Western Passenger Asso-
ciation yesterday. He will rest until No-
vember 15th when he will enter upon his
new position.

The annual meeting of the stockhold-
ers of the Evansville & Richmond Rail-
road company will be held in Washing-
ton, Ind., at 2 p. m. on October 13, 1890,
for the election of directors.

C. A. Bannister has been appointed city
passenger agent of the Alton at Den-
ver, vice S. R. Drury, resigned to accept
service with the Burlington. Mr. Ban-
nister has been with the Milwaukee road
for the past three years.

At the annual meeting of the Colorado
Midland & Denver, October 6th, a board
of directors dictated by the Atchison is
to be elected. It is the intention to re-
tain General Manager H. Colburn and
the present operating and traffic officials
of the line.

The Shenandoah Valley has been sold
in compliance with a court decree to
Louis Fitzgerald, chairman of the pur-
chasing committee of the first mortgage
bondholders for \$7,100,000. The Nor-
folk & Western railroad people hold a
majority of the bonds.

President Baker and other Baltimore
stockholders of the Duluth & Winnipeg
attended a meeting of the Duluth cham-
ber of commerce and made an appeal for
subscriptions of \$300,000 with which to
secure an entrance into the city. A com-
mittee of five prominent Duluth citizens
has been appointed to solicit subscrip-
tions.

Vice President E. P. Ripley, Freight
Traffic Manager H. C. Bird and General
Freight Agent J. H. Hiland, of the Mil-
waukee & St. Paul, will start on a tour
of inspection of the Milwaukee & North-
western on Monday. The party expects to
visit all stations on the line and make a
thorough inspection of the line and its
resources.

The Indiana & Lake Michigan road
was opened for traffic on August 4th, just
two months ago. At that time the train
service consisted of a passenger and
freight train each way over the road
every day. These trains were at first
very light, but the traffic has more than
doubled and another crew will doubtless
soon be put on.

The Wabash stockholders will have a
special meeting in St. Louis November 2
at which time the proposition to issue
\$3,500,000 in securities for the purpose of
building a line from Montpelier, Ind., to
Hammond, Ind., in order to give the
company a line on its own tracks from
Chicago to Detroit in place of running
part way over the Chicago & Erie, as the
Wabash is now doing.

In the Seventh Judicial District court
of Texas the case of the Farmers' Loan
and Trust Company of New York, against
the International & Great Northern, the
plaintiff seeks to foreclose, its
mortgage on the International property.
The attorney general intervenes with a
general allegation that the first and second
mortgage bonds, amounting in value to
\$100,000,000, issued by the company
are illegal; in other words, that they
represented so much water.

A special meeting of the stockholders
of the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute
will be held at St. Louis to-morrow morn-
ing for the purpose of considering the
proposition to sell the entire property,
consisting of real estate, tracks and
equipment, all rolling stock and all other
property belonging to the company to the
Cairo, Vincennes & Chicago. The
property is now held by that line, which
is controlled by the Big Four under a
lease. The purchase to be legal, must
be made by the C. & V. C., under a pro-
viso of the Illinois law. There will
doubtless be a lively time at this meet-
ing, as some of the stockholders are bit-
terly opposed to the transfer.

A Howl on Hersey.

J. D. Hoss, of Indianapolis, sued Mrs.
Lydia Hersey, of Montgomery county, on
note, and she set a counter-claim for
fuel and light used by Mr. Hoss while he
was coarcing a girl living with Mrs.
Hersey. Mr. Hoss thereupon filed a
demurrer, asserting that inasmuch as
Mrs. Hersey had a bean while he was
there, she would have used the fuel and
light anyhow. The court found for Mr.
Hoss.

Come to It, Go Aisy.

Evansville, October 2.—Sharps yester-
day felled M. C. Justus, a boot and shoe
merchant of Oakland City, out of
\$6,000 in a dice game. Justus recently

AQUATIC SPORTS.

The rowing season will be wound up
by the Missouri Amateur Rowing Asso-
ciation with a regatta on October 12.
The Worcester Boat Club will not
take any notice of the challenge of the
Bradford crew to row a race this
year.

The postponed pair-oared gig race of
the Nonpareil Rowing Club, of New
York, was decided September 13. George
Simpson and E. Nicola won by a length
in 6:45.

Dan Carroll, of Newburg, has accepted
Jim Donoghue's challenge and will row
him a two-mile single scull race in
working boats at Newburg bay on the
27th inst. for a prize valued at \$30.

A match has been arranged between
St. John and Halifax fours, the race to
take place probably next month, for
\$500 a side. The St. John crew will be
made up of Hugh McCormack, George
Campbell, William Craig and Foley.

The Pontchartrain Rowing Associa-
tion, of New Orleans, has elected these
new officers: Ben Jones, St. John, Com-
modore; J. B. Cefau, Crescent, Vice-
Commodore; Stonewall Jackson, Secre-
tary; A. J. Mioton, Louisiana, Treasurer.
Columbia College used to have a fairly
enterprising canoe club, but of late years
it has been rather defunct. Among the
students are a few canoeists, and an at-
tempt may be made in the near future
to revive canoe sport among the colla-
gians.

Harry MacKendrick, the canoeist, who
won the paddling trophy at the A. C. A.
meet, and who recently challenged any
amateur in the world to contest for the
paddling championship, did not have to
wait long for an acceptor, for M. F.
Johnson, of Toronto, has decided to try
conclusions with him.

Joseph F. Donoghue, the skater, has
received the gold medal from the New-
burg Athletic Club as champion skater
of Newburg, N. Y., for two years in
succession, having won the singles of
1889 and 1890. He will take his medals,
some forty or fifty in number, to Europe
with him when he sails on October 4.

A sculling race between Chris Neil-
son, of Sydney, and James Stephenson,
of New Zealand, for \$500 a side, was
rowed on the Mersey river on Saturday,
July 5. At two miles Neilson crept up
and spurred and passed Stephenson, who
appeared fatigued. Neilson then took
the lead and won with the greatest pos-
sible ease by four lengths. Time alleged,
17m. 45s.

STATE NEWS.

Ewald McDonald, aged 23, of Cass
township, Greene county, is mysteriously
missing.

A branch of the State Lincoln League
has been formed at Crawfordville, with
T. H. B. McCain president.

Mary Purcell, of Jeffersonville, smitten
on a fellow named Veeley, for whom an-
other girl suicided, has disappeared from
home.

Frank Magee, of Logansport, some days
ago had his arm crushed while coupling
cars. Lookjaw resulted, and his death
occurred last night.

At Jolietville yesterday during a quar-
rel, Alexander Lane, of Whitesport, shot
Al. Hoyer, five times, two of the bullets
lodging in his groin. He will scarcely
recover.

R. H. Williams, retail shoe dealer of
Anderson, agreed to make a reduction in
prices to members of the Farmers' Al-
liance, and the town people are threaten-
ing to boycott him.

Heavy deposits of clay, suitable for
fire brick, crockery and other purposes
have been found on Winfield Scott's
farm near Anderson, but it can't beat
Vigo's clay deposits.

Frank Darling, who was assaulted by
striking miners in November last, while
he was a passenger on the Evansville &
Indianapolis railway, has brought suit at
Brazil against the railway company for
\$5,000 damages.

Paris.
Miss Maymo Sutherland is attending
the state fair at Peoria, where she has an
exhibit of paintings. Miss Cannon, an
Augustus went to Taylorville Monday to
attend the wedding of a friend.

Joseph W. Payne, of the grand recorder's
office, Springfield, is visiting his family
in the city.—Miss Flora Massey, of
Princeton, Ind., was the guest of
Misses Blackburn over Sunday.

Burnett departed for Philadelphia Sun-
day night, where he is to take a course in
dentistry in the University of Pennsylvania.
—Mrs. George W. Kimble has returned
from a visit with relatives in
Chicago.—Miss Juliette Massey, an
instructress in Coates college, Terre
Haute, was the guest of friends
in the city Sunday.—Mrs. Bruce
Powell returned to her home at Coffeyville, Kas., Monday after
a visit with Z. E. Powell and family.

Charles Eastman and Miss Martha J.
Ruelman were united in marriage at the
residence of Mrs. Rebecca Mann, in the
west end of the city, Sunday evening.
They went to Terre Haute on a wedding
trip Monday.—Hon. J. G. Cannon will
open the campaign here Friday, October
10th.—Mit Blackburn and E. L. Cut-
ler are attending the state fair at Peoria.

J. G. Clifford, formerly master me-
chanic of the T. H. & P. shops here, now
holds a similar position in the L. & N.
shops at Mobile, Ala. He was among his
old friends in the city Tuesday.—
The Circuit court yesterday Wm. Wells,
saloon-keeper, was found guilty of the
charge of assault with a deadly weapon
and was sentenced to thirty days in jail
and to pay a fine of \$250. He also plead
guilty to two charges of selling to minors
and was fined \$25 each time. Thos. J.
A. Foreman, vice president of the Second
National Bank, of Cincinnati, was in the
city Tuesday.—Rev. W. J. Frazier and
family have returned from a pleasant va-
cation trip of two weeks.—Lewis Goets-
man, mayor of Shawneetown, Ill., was in
the city on business Tuesday.—
City Marshal Ed Step and Miss
Lizzie Smoot were united in marriage at
the residence of Rev. D. E. Baer, Tues-
day evening.—The little son of Mrs.
and Mrs. J. Milton Wilson died Tuesday,
aged 3 years and 5 months.—A bran
new boy made his appearance at the
house of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McFall
Tuesday morning.—Frank Cook has
accepted a position as traveling salesman
for the Globe Cigar Company, of St.
Louis.—The regular monthly meeting
of the Edgar County Building and Loan
Association was held Monday evening,
and loans to the amount of \$1,700 were
made on three applications. A called
loan was also held yesterday, and a
total of \$500 was effected.

Northwest Indiana Conference.
EVANSVILLE, Ind., September 2.—
Northern Indiana Conference opened
in city yesterday and was presided
over by Bishop C. H. Fowler. Steps

AN AMERICAN GIRL

By MARY E. BLAIR.



N THE spring of 1889 I
was induced, for the sake
of rest and recreation, to
take charge of a young
American girl during a
tour in Europe. This

young girl was Miss Helen St. Clair,
of Detroit, Mich. We two were by no means
strangers. She had been my pupil since
the time when she was the prettiest little
creature that ever wore a scarlet hood and
I have a little picture, scarlet hood and
all, that I would not exchange for the
most beautiful one that Greuze ever
painted. Not that her face bore any re-
semblance to the pictures of Greuze. It
had neither the sweet simplicity of the
girl in "The Broken Pitcher," nor the
sentimental graces which he bestows on
his court beauties. It was an exceeding-
ly piquant, animated face, never at rest,
always kindling, flashing, gleaming,
whether with sunlight or lightning. Her
movements were quick and darting, like
those of a hummingbird. Her enuncia-
tion, though perfectly distinct, was mar-
velously rapid. The same quickness
characterized her mental operations. Her
conclusions, right or wrong, were always
instantaneous. Her prompt decision, her
talent for mimicry and her witchery of
grace and beauty won her a devoted
following of school girls, to whom her
tastes and opinions were as authoritative
as ever were those of Eugenie to the
ladies of her court. School girls, like
college boys, are very apt in nicknames,
and Helen's was the "Little Princess,"
which her pretty, imperious ways made
peculiarly appropriate.

I do not know how her parents dared
trust her to me for a year beyond the sea,
but they did. We set off in high enthu-
siasm, and Helen was full of mirth and
laughter till we were fairly on board the
steamer in New York harbor, when she
threw herself on her father's breast with a
gesture of utter abandonment that would
have made the fortune of a debutante on
any stage in the world. It was so un-
looked for that we all broke down, and
Mr. St. Clair was strongly inclined to
take her home with him. But so sudden
was she in all her moods that his foot
had scarcely touched the shore before she
was again radiant with anticipation.

I will not linger on the pleasant sum-
mer travel, the Rhine majesty, the Al-
pine glory, September saw us established
in the city of cities—Paris. Every-
where we had met throngs of Ameri-
cans. Neighbors from over the way in
our own city greeted us warmly in most
unexpected places. But we had not
crossed the ocean merely to see our own
countrymen. In Paris we were deter-
mined to eschew hotels and pensions
and to become the inmates of a French
home. Everybody told us this would be
impossible, but I find nothing so stimu-
lating as the assertion that a thing can't
be done. Two weeks of eager inquiry
and we were received into a family which
could not have been more to our wish
if it had been created expressly for us.
It was that of M. Le Fort, a professor
in the medical college, a hand-
some elderly man with the bit of red
ribbon coveted by Frenchmen in his but-
tonhole. Mme. Le Fort, a charming,
graceful woman, midway between 30
and 35, and a pretty daughter of 17,
completed the family. With great sat-
isfaction we took possession of the pretty
rooms, all white and gold, that over-
looked the Rond Point des Champs Ely-
sees.

My little princess had found a prince
in her own country, and, considering the
laws of attraction, his sudden appearance
in Paris ought not to have been a sur-
prise to her. But, to his discomfiture,
and even anger, Helen refused to see
him. She had bidden him good-by at
home, she said; they would not be mar-
ried for three years, if they ever were;
she was going to devote herself to her
music; and she did not wish to see him
again. When he had completed his stud-
ies and their engagement was announced
(it was only a mutual understanding
now) there would be time enough to see
each other at home. Excellent reason-
ing! but a fortnight later a tiny hand
slipped between my eyes and The Fig-
ure a little note on which I read:

"DEAR FRIEND—I think I should like
to say good-by again.

"Yours,
HELEN."

The dark eyes looked half shyly, half
coaxingly into mine.

"Well," said I, "Kathrine will mail it
for you."

The next day I saw for the first time
Mr. Frederic Denham. He was tall and
slender, with a sallow complexion, rather
dull gray eyes and black hair, by no
means handsome, but sufficiently well
looking to please a friendly eye. In his
manners there was a coldness and re-
serve which passed for haughtiness. He
was said to possess great talents and am-
bition, and Helen had the fullest belief
in his genius and success. Not Goethe
himself was a greater man in her eyes.

I had frequent opportunities of seeing
them together, for, according to French
ideas, nothing is more improper than to
leave a young man and woman a mo-
ment by themselves. Was it my fancy
that he seemed too much absorbed in
himself, too little sensible of the rare
good fortune which made him the fa-
vored lover of the beautiful Miss St.
Clair? It might be so, but others shared it.

"What says the American?" asked
Mme. Le Fort. "Is it possible that he
is not in love with that fascinating young
creature? Or are all your countrymen
so cold and inanimate? Elle est ravis-
sante, adorable! I cannot comprehend it."

"Probably," I replied, "he has too
much reserve and delicacy to make a
display of his feelings in the presence of

lack of deference to her opinions and re-
spect for her judgment—an irritating
assumption of superior wisdom, as if he
had worn the visible inscription, "I will
accept homage, but not suggestions.
Offer incense and be content." Would
the little princess be content? I saw
symptoms of rebellion.

"Do you think I am a little fool, Mme.
Fleming?" she asked with heightened
color and impetuous tone, turning sud-
denly to me while they were conversing
apart one evening.

November came, and we were launch-
ed on the full tide of Parisian society.
Mr. Denham had gone to Germany to
complete certain scientific studies, and
he left his fair betrothed with a parting
injunction not to dance with any for-
eigner. As well shut her up in a cell!
Nowhere is there such a furor for dancing
as in Paris. Every family has its
weekly reception, and every card of in-
vitation bears in the corner, "On dan-
sers." These receptions are the freest
and gayest imaginable. Any person who
has the entrée of the house comes when
he feels inclined. Introductions are not
indispensable as with us; any gentleman
may ask a lady to dance with him,
whether he has been formally presented or
not, and it would be an affront to de-
cline except for a previous engagement.

The company assemble about 10, and
often dance till 3 or 4 in the morning.
In any one house we saw nearly the same
people once a week for the whole win-
ter, and such frequent companionship
gives a feeling of intimacy. It is sur-
prising how many French men and
French women have some special artistic
talent, dramatic or musical, and with
what ready good humor each contributes
to the entertainment of the rest. In
every assembly, with all its sparkle of
youth and gaiety, there is a background
of mature age; but though a card room
is generally open, it never seems to draw
many from the salons de danse.

In these salons the little princess en-
tered at once upon her royalty. Her
dancing was the poetry of motion. She
saw, and the most brilliant men hung
over her enraptured. "She was like
Adeline Patti," they said, "but of a more
perfect and delicate type of beauty.
What wonderful eyes, with the long
thick lashes, veiling Oriental depths of
liquid light! How the music trickled
from her fingers and poured from her
small throat like the delicious warble of
a nightingale! What a loss to art that
her position precluded her from singing
in the opera! Not Malibran or Grisi
ever had triumphs that would equal
hers." Eminent painters wished to make
a study of her face. Authors who had
received the prizes of the Academy for
grave historical works sent her adulatory
verses. "May I flirtation—widely
lovely me!" asked one of "the im-
mortal forty," displaying his English.

It grew rather annoying. I was im-
portuned with questions, such as: "Will
you receive proposals of marriage for
Miss St. Clair?" "What is her dowry?"
"Are you trusted to find a husband
for her abroad?" I was tired of answer-
ing, "Miss St. Clair will probably marry
in her own country." "Her parents
would be very reluctant to consent to
any foreign marriage." "I cannot tell
what Mr. St. Clair will give his daughter.
It is not the custom to give dowries with
us, as with you."

One evening we saw at Mme. Le Fort's
reception a young man so distinguished
in appearance that he was known as "le
beau Vergniaud." He was six feet in
height and well made, with abundant
chestnut hair, dark hazel eyes, clearly
cut, regular features and a complexion
needlessly fine for a man. From that
time he was invariably present, not only
at Mme. Le Fort's, but wherever we went.

One day Helen said to me, "I made a
silly speech last evening. I was dancing
with M. Vergniaud and we were talking
of that charming Mme. de Launay. I
said, 'I should think she might be happy,
having an elegant house in Paris, a cha-
teau in the country, and such a hand-
some husband so devoted to her.' And
he rejoined instantly, very low, 'My dear
Miss St. Clair, can I not give you all
this? It was not fair to take advantage
of me in that way.'"

"Oh, I laughed it off. I did not think
he was in earnest, but he spoke to me
again before he went away."

That afternoon Mme. Le Fort came
into my room with the look of one who
has something important to communi-
cate. "I have been wishing to see you,"
she said. "M. Vergniaud has taken me
into his confidence. He has formed a
serious attachment to Miss St. Clair, and
wishes to make her his wife. It is a
splendid alliance," she continued, warn-
ing with her theme; "if he had asked
for my daughter I would give her to him
blindfold. He belongs to one of our old
families. You should see his house on