

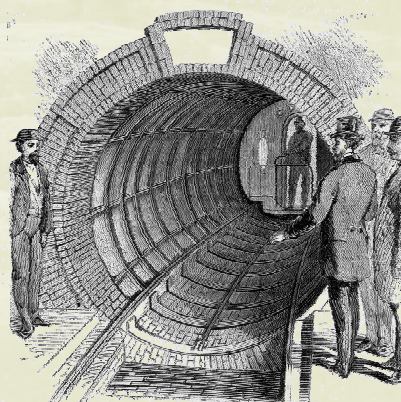
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WAR & PEACE

The Kaybeau Armament and Technology Exposition dominates the main festival grounds of Flint this month, but the city is already preparing for a summit between Risur and Danor. Scheduled for early next Spring, the summit will see the rulers of the two nations meet and discuss a long-lasting peace. The famed minotaur arbiter from Ber, Brakken of Heffanita, will moderate negotiations. Security is expected to be high with rumors of involvement of the Royal Homeland Constabulary

WICKET GATES COMING

Enthusiasm in the city is mixed concerning the burgeoning subrail tunnel system. While the well-to-do are willing to put up with the hassles of large construction projects, poorer Flinters worry that they won't be able to afford this new travel system.



Proposed fees at the toll booths—called wicket gates—will just be 3 pennies per juncture.

WEIRD ILLNESS

Goodson's Estuarial Reformatory has become home to a growing population of demented people, now nearly thirty. All of them suffer from a condition doctors are calling Distant Madness. Suspected to be a magical affliction,

perhaps fallout from the events on Cauldron Hill in the summer, the condition causes victims to feel physically displaced and unable to tell how far away things are. The mad men and women hail mostly

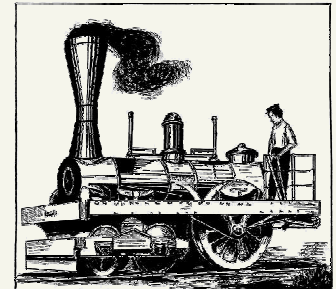
from Parity Lake. A few cases were reported in North Shore, but the wealthier victims have the resources to afford magical alleviation.

W U N D E R B A H N

A bill in Parliament is being considered to levy a salary tax on the entire nation to fund construction of a wider railroad network. The city governor of Shale, Catherine Romana, has proposed a counter

bill to fund what she calls the Dream Road, "a roadway more in keeping with Risur's traditions." The Dream Road would involve hundreds of magical portals connecting every village, town, and city, but the

magical reagents required to activate the portal cost over 100 gold shields to transport just a handful of people. Romana's opponents in Parliament call the idea preposterous.

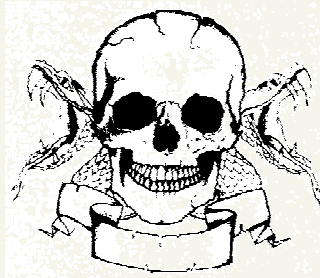


Artist rendering of an early locomotive.

W H A T H O R R O R

Police are investigating a new bizarre serial killer in Central District, who first struck in the middle of summer. The authorities are unsure of a connection between the five victims, save that all of them

had their brains removed through the palates of their mouths.



T H E V I S I O N A R Y

A mysterious new seer has been making brief but random appearances around

Flint. While his visions have proven more or less accurate,

they are often nothing compared to those of recently deceased Skyseer, Nevard Seachim.

W O R S E N I N G C O R R U P T I O N

In the wake of Reed Macbannin's death and posthumous trial, more people are claiming politicians, nobles, and even police officers are part of a culture of corruption. Flint

City Governor Roland Stanfield commented, "Corruption is a constant in any large city. What has changed is the growing voice of the people who support our great modern

nation. We must listen to those voices, because opportunities to truly improve society are rare."

