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interruption to travel in case the bridges should again be carried away. The result was that the land was made more valuable for mill sites than land within the city li-mits. It brought extraordinary prices, and a town of nearly a thousand inhabitants sprang into existence like magic. When the voted himself with all his energy to the lum-ber trade. The prosperity of Williamsport dates from that time. With less than 2,000 inhabitants in 1850, it increased to 5,864 in 1800, over 19,000 in 1870, and to-day is estimated at over 20,000. But as Herdic's energy infused wonderful life and vigor into the old Dutch town, his failure has left it dead and lifeless, saddled with a municipal debt that will re-quire generalians to wipe out. Herdic is a man who thinks he can see money in every-thing. His faith in his own ability seems to



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and that Curtin signed it, hoping to secure a Herdic's infuence in his effort to clutch a United States Senatorship. At the last mo-ment, however, Peter whopped over to Ca-imeron, and the great war Governor was left out in the cold. It is also charged that Cur-in forced the company to execute a contract by the terms of which they were to reduce it the toils after they had been reimbursed for the building of the dam and other improve-ments. This contract, it is said, was depos-ited in the State Department, but it soon af-terward disappeared, and was never made public. Herdic's partners in the boom mo-nopoly were Mahlon Fisher and John B. Reading. It is alleged that the profits were silently divided without declaring a divi-dend, because a certain percentage of the dividends was to be paid into the State Treasury.

Supreme Court prompt'y decided the act un-constitutional. At the time of his failure he was engaged in an effort to construct a railroad twenty-six miles long, claiming it to be a link in a new line of railway from Pitbaburgh to Bing-hampton. A coonection was to be made with the Albany and Susquehanna, which would join Pitbaburgh to Boston through the Hoo-nac tunnel. It is said that this would be 135 miles shorter than any existing route. The road was to connect with what is known as the Low Grade road this side of Pitbaburgh. A cut from Red Bank to Homewood, on the Pitbaburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Bail-road, would leave Pitbaburgh thirty miles to the south, and shorten the distance between Boston and Chicago aixty miles. Herdic's main interest in this scheme was to be found in the fact that the projected line would tap 25,000 acres of bituminous coal land owned by him. Of course it would be immensely valuable by such a connection. As this scheme is backed by the Pennytvania Rail-road, who own the Low Grade road and con-

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