

WAITING FOR WATER.

Local Rivermen Calling in Their Down-River Boats Preparatory to a Coal Barge Rise.

GROWTH DURING GAS' REIGN.

Pittsburg's Mills and Factories Now Need Three Times as Much Fuel as Was Used Before.

IT MAKES THE HOME DEALERS HAPPY.

All the Pennsylvania Boats' Cars Couldn't Haul the Present Supply.

The announcement yesterday by the Weather Bureau, that indications point to the river coal men. The demand for coal in the Southern markets is becoming active, and the desire to get the coal there promptly is almost consuming the dealers.

There are at present loaded and afloat in the locks above Pittsburg some 17,000,000 bushels, an unusually large amount for this season of the year. To transport that number of bushels by rail to any market it would require about 20,000 cars, or more than the entire freight equipment of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Coal Men Preparing for a Rise.

The operators were more cheerful yesterday than they have been for weeks. They are confident that falling weather will follow the late coal snap, and they are hopeful that sufficient water will fall to raise the river to a boating stage. Those who had boats in the lower river when the water fell below the shipping stage have ordered them home as promptly as possible.

Coal is More Scarce Than Diamonds.

Coal is three, if not higher, in fact, than the ones who are suffering. We have our money tied up and we are just as anxious to get coal to the South as the South is to have us get it there.

It Looks Brighter for us now, though.

"Of course we are anxious to get our coal out," Captain Louis Brown said at the Union station last night. "But," he went on, "there is not much competition among the regular ports, and our regular agents are always to supply these. They do the re- tailing. While the demand for coal in the lower market is decidedly active there is no foundation for the reports that the people down there are suffering or that the price of coal is beyond the reach of the poor."

Advances During the Reign of Gas.

The introduction and use of natural gas stimulated enterprise, and business energies reached out and factories and workshops were hurrying to send out their goods. The draft upon the gas is too heavy, and the demand is greater than the supply. To guarantee a sufficient supply of gas to produce the heat that has been withdrawn from many of the mills and factories, and to-day the demand for coal is three times larger than it was the year before natural gas was introduced.

How is the general supply of coal?

"No. We did not reduce the price of coal when we were practically crowded out of the market, and it is not likely that we will increase the price when we are reinstated in our own legitimate business."

BERNHARDT is the best dressed woman in the world.

Colonel John A. Dyer, of New York, the government agent appointed to collect tin plate statistics, returned home last evening. He has been interviewing local manufacturers for several days. He visited the plant at Deuster, and says they are putting up six stacks and building a mill to roll the sheets.

LITTLE THINGS ABOUT TOWN.

A SECOND Presbyterian Church is to be established at McKeesport, James Evans has already donated \$1000 toward the erection of a new meeting hall to be held on 225 Fifth avenue to-morrow evening under the auspices of the Loyal Temperance League.

Major Gourley Yesterday received a letter from Mrs. Mattie E. Moore, of Newark, O., who is looking for her husband. She offers the Major \$5 if he will return her helpmate.

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JOHN ORMSBY PHILLIPS DEAD.

One of Pittsburg's Best-Known Men Dies From Blood Poisoning.

The death of John Ormsby Phillips on Thursday was a great shock to the older families of Pittsburg, and to his many friends who knew him as a manly man. He had been suffering from erysipelas for some time and it was believed he was recovering, when blood poisoning set in and hurried the end.

John Ormsby Phillips was born in Louisville, Ky., 56 years ago, but has lived all his life in Pittsburg. He was the oldest son of Captain Elias Phillips and Mary Ormsby, his wife. He came of Revolutionary stock on his father's side, and on his mother's was fourth in the line of descent of the Ormsbys in Pittsburg.

One of his first successful business ventures was in 1856, when he became a member of the lumber firm of Walton, Phillips & Co. Mr. Ormsby, Mr. H. H. Hays and Mr. J. H. Hays were the other members of the firm. The firm was still in the lumber industry at the time of his death. He was also an extensive shipper of coal to Southern ports and operated a number of mines along the Monongahela river. Beside this, he was a member of the Phillips Glass Company and was a director in the Marine National Bank. In the business world he was known by his associates as a straightforward man, honorable in all his dealings. As a brother he was kind and true.

LOCOMOTIVES FOR CHILE.

A Pittsburg Firm Receives a Big Order From That Southern Republic.

A manufacturing firm in Pittsburg has just received from Chile an order for two light locomotives. That does not look much like war between the quick-tempered little Republic and the United States. The order is in the newspapers over the dispatches which were the largest sized type when this order came to hand, and the manufacturers were considerably surprised at such a marked demonstration of peace.

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DR. PAINTER IS HOME.

What the Famous Koch Lymph Patient Says of the Experiment.

HE ALMOST DIED ON THE WAY OVER.

It Only Plays a Hide-and-Seek Game With the Subtle Disease.

DOESN'T HAVE ANY USE FOR THE CURE.

Dr. Edwin T. Painter, of Oakland, who is the first American to hurry to Berlin after the announcement of Dr. Koch's discovery of a cure for consumption, returned to Pittsburg yesterday, and with his wife is now stopping at the East End Hotel. The doctor unhesitatingly pronounces the Koch lymph a failure. It has utterly failed to cure him, and he has no confidence whatever in it.

A year ago to-day Dr. Painter left Pittsburg to investigate the Koch cure. He did not, as it was generally supposed, hurry abroad for treatment. He went, as he says, to investigate the discovery, and if he found it to be a failure to America he was to be introduced into his practice. Dr. Painter and Dr. Koch were college mates, and the Pittsburg felt confident that he could get promptly into the secret. He had communicated with each and had received encouragement. He left here positive that he would soon return and would bring back tidings of great joy to a vast army of people suffering from pulmonary disease. His visit was a positive disappointment.

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PREPARING CHARGES.

Solicitor Elphinstone Getting Allegations in Hand.

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS FIRST.

And After a Verdict Is Secured Civil Suits Will Be Brought.

CHIEF MURPHY ANXIOUS FOR DELAY.

City Solicitor Elphinstone, of Allegheny, will hold a consultation with the auditors to-day to decide what charges shall be made against Mayor Wyman and ex-Mayor Pearson and to adopt a course of procedure. The plan proposed is to commence criminal proceedings before an Alderman, and push these cases to a verdict before civil suits are entered. The members of the Auditing Committee are now trying to decide how much of the evidence they will bring out in the preliminary hearing. They have enough affidavits locked up carefully in a safe to make a book about as big as a Bible, but they are afraid to do it at the present time. They are waiting for a preliminary hearing for Mr. Wyman's friends will induce the affidavits matter to jump over the fence and fall in line with him. It is thought that the witness fee matter will be enough to have the accused held for court, and that the other charges can be kept in check for a jury.

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