

POTTSVILLE, JAN. 18, 1898.

Mr. E. J. Fay is authorized to receive subscriptions for the Miners' Journal, and receipts for the same as his true name.

COAL STATISTICS.

We present our readers this week with our annual statistics. They possess the merit of being correct, which is an important feature in statistical information. The Trade does not exhibit much increase over 1897, nor can we look for much improvement so long as the present policy is continued by the General Government, in framing the revenue laws so as to discriminate against American labor and industry.

The whole number of Steam Engines used in pumping, heating and working Coal, in Schuylkill County, is as follows: Potville and Mt. Carbon District, 42; West Branch, 40; Schuylkill Valley, 40; Mill Creek, 10; Tazewell, 7; Donaldson and Tremont, 1.

With an aggregate power of about 4,500 horse power, which is the estimate of 10 men to a horse power, (a large portion of these engines run day and night) they perform the labor of fifty five thousand men.

Twenty engines for beaters and depots were added during the last year, all of which were added in Schuylkill County. One of these was of 90, and four of 60 horse power.

Thirty engines for various purposes were built by the mechanics in Schuylkill County, during the year 1897, and their facilities for turning out engines are perhaps greater than in any other section of the State. The engines were manufactured in Schuylkill county for several sections, including Rolling Mills, cures anything of the kind manufactured either in this country or in Europe.

A disastrous fire occurred in Pottsville on Saturday last, destroying property to the amount of \$20,000. It spread with great rapidity, and at one time threatened a disaster similar to that which recently visited that city. The buildings destroyed were among the best in the city, having been erected since the great fire. A young man of Judge Hays, was buried beneath the ruins of a building, and killed. The Philadelphia Insurance Offices lost the amount of \$40,000 by the fire.

Thanks to the Hon. Simon Cameron, and Hon. Geo. N. Eckert, of Congress, and J. A. Otto and J. W. Roseberry, Esqrs., of the State Legislature, for Public Documents.

The Annual Report of the President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, will be found in this week's paper. It is an important document.

Schuylkill Navigation Company.—The following persons were, on the first inst., elected officers of this company for the present year: President, Frederick J. Mages; John W. Worrell, Eli K. Price, George W. Carpenter, Joseph H. Seal, Joshua Lippincott, Nath. Lewis, Peleah, Phil. R. Howard, Benjamin Gerhart, Thomas T. Lee, Richard D. Wood, William Ashby, Charles R. Rogers, A. Treasurer and Secretary, Charles W. Bacon.

The following Gentlemen have been elected officers of the Little Schuylkill Navigation, Railroad, and Coal Company.—F. N. Buck, President; Managers, Matthew Newkirk, David Reever, Robert B. Potter, G. H. Newkirk, Lewis Dickson, George H. Van Gilder, William Wallace, Secretary and Treasurer.

Democratic State Convention.—The Democratic State Convention to nominate a Central Committee, will be held at Pottsville, on the 4th of July next.

On Yesterday week, the United States Senate confirmed the nomination of Major Lewis Cass, of Gen. Cass, as Charge to Russia.

On Monday morning, the 4th of January, the thermometer was two degrees above zero in the same position. Mr. G. M. C. at Carbon, at 5 o'clock, A. M., saw three degrees below zero, and at 8 o'clock one and a half degree afterwards, at five degrees below zero, yesterday morning.

THE COURT HOUSE. We publish the proceedings of a meeting held at the Pottsville Hall on Monday evening last. We also publish a resolution adopted by the Borough Council, calling a meeting on the 16th inst., at the Town Hall. It is evident from the feeling that there, that there will be considerable opposition to the Borough borrowing the money, and unless the application is unanimous on the part of our citizens, the authority to borrow cannot be obtained from the Legislature.

Some suggestions are made in the following communication: Mr. Hanna: Inasmuch as there has been, and still is a difficulty about carrying into effect the proposed application to the removal of the Court House from the west side of the Borough, in consequence of the difficulty in erecting the Court House free of expense to the County as required by law, permit me, therefore, to offer for the consideration of the citizens, a plan which, I think, if adopted, would meet the difficulty, and enable us to accomplish the object without further delay: To wit: That three persons be appointed from each ward, who shall be a committee to solicit contributions from each ward and every citizen that disposed to aid in the erection of a Court House, and shall proceed forthwith to obtain such subscriptions, and if they shall obtain enough to pay for the lot of ground to build a suitable Court House on the present location, they shall proceed to build the same—but if a sufficient amount of money cannot be obtained to build on the present location, they shall then be made to the Legislature, (if necessary) to authorize said committee to select such other location as a majority of them may agree upon, and build a Court House there.

These suggestions are made without any desire to urge the plan suggested, but simply to bring it before the citizens of the Borough for their consideration and reflection, and if there is any merit in the plan, let a public meeting of the citizens be called and measures adopted to carry the same into effect.

THE COAL TRADE FOR 1897.

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Additional New Advertisements See Next Page. The following is the quantity of coal transported over the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad in 1897.

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CAUTION EXTRA.

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