Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1869.

WE INVITE special notice to the advertisement in our first column, of a large number of books which have been in our Book Bindery for a long time waiting for owners, and which the owners have neglected to call for, and still remain with the costs of binding unpaid. We have decided to advertise these books for three weeks, and if at the expiration of that time they are not taken away, we shall sell them at auction to pay the expenses.

In consequence of the demand for DAILY JOURNALS yesterday, we republish the testimony this morning in the Nankervis murder case.

THE TESTIMONY.—Our Court Reporter thinks we do the Court injustice in regard to the testimony in the Nankervis murder case. It appears that it was a mistake on his part that resulted in the impression to which the testimony until the case was closed. I was reported entirely different to the version we published in our article, and we make this correction in justice to the Court, at the request of our Reporter.

A Certain page has been appointed for the United States Senate. We are progressing in the removal of Caste.

An effort was made last night to destroy the Spanish Gunboats lying in the North River, which will sail in a few days. It was discovered in time to frustrate the movement.

SLOPES TASKER & CO.'S IRON WORKS in Philadelphia, employ from 1300 to 1400 hands, consume about 800 tons of coal annually, most of which is from the Lehigh Region, except about 1500 tons Cumberland Bituminous.

PAYING ON INCOME RETURNS.—It is ascertained that a firm in Cincinnati, Ohio, made profits amounting to nearly a million of dollars, and made no income return. Set it down as a rule that the business man who cheats the Government will cheat his customers.

DR. OLIVER, an Englishman of prominence, was shot at Charlottesville, Va., on the 16th inst., by Mr. George C. Ayres, a planter, who charged him with seducing his daughter while on a visit. Ayres surrendered himself. The verdict of the coroner's jury was in accordance with these facts.

KNOW THEIR OWN REMEDY.—Mr. Chas. Arnold, a well known Canadian Horticulturist, says he has tried, with good success, the plan of white washing the soil under fruit trees as a protection from the curculio. He pours the whitewash on the ground, and spreads it with a brush so as to completely cover the surface, and says the larva of the curculio will not enter the ground—to manure and dying in the fallen fruit.

IS THE GRASS.—The Hon. Mr. Mungen, (as alias so called) Democratic member of Congress from Ohio, delivered a flaming speech in favor of repudiation on Thursday. The progressive Democrats don't like it—but dishonesty and deception is so grown in the grain of the old Democratic leaders, that it will stick out when it comes in contact with honesty.

WE print below some figures from the New York Tribune showing in round figures the reduction of the national debt since Gen. Grant went into office nine months ago. They speak for themselves:

Reduction from March 1	$71,903,870 00
Reduction per month	7,989,261 00
Reduction per week	1,847,050 00
Reduction per day	263,421 63
Reduction per hour	10,934 23
Reduction per minute	182 04
Reduction per second	3 04

THE EIGHT HOURS SYSTEM.—The Hon. Mr. Morrill of Vermont, has made an argumentative speech against the eight hour system. This question, in all its bearings, will no doubt be fully discussed in the present Congress on the bill presented from the National Workingmen's Association, asking Congress to define the present law so that it will not be liable to misconstruction.

THE SERAPHIC CONCERT.—Late intelligence from Washington states that Judge Grier has tendered his resignation to the President, and in all probability Edward M. Stanton will be appointed to fill the vacancy, and Judge Strong, it is believed, will be appointed Attorney General. It is also reported that there is some doubt of the confirmation of Judge Hoar's nomination, on account of the opposition made to him by the Southern Senators, who claim the right to have the vacancy of Judge Wayne filled from that section of the country. A few days more will settle these questions.

THE case of Pettit, late conductor on the Reading Railroad vs. Charles E. Smith, President, for the recovery of $19,000, taken from the said Pettit, for alleged robbery, by said Smith, and which was by act of the Legislature removed from Schuylkill to Lancaster County for trial, is now progressing in that city. Pettit charges that the money was given up while in duress and through fear, and now sues for its recovery. Eminent counsel are engaged on both sides, and the case excites great interest among Railroad men and the detectives.

RETIRED.—The Chinese Government has ratified the treaties made by Ambassador Burlingame with the United States and Great Britain. The Tribune says that "by the ratification of these treaties China is for the first time admitted into the family of nations as a sovereign power, equal in rights, privileges obligations, and responsibilities, with all the others. By these treaties the Governments of the world have for the first time recognized the independence of China, and given her a guarantee for the maintenance of her independence such as she never heretofore possessed."

THE STATE TREASURER.—There is quite a controversy growing out of the re-election of the present State Treasurer, owing to the pickings attached to that office secured by many of the friends of the successful candidate. It is a shame and a disgrace to the State that such scenes should be lexhibited, and we hope that the Governor will recommend, and the people demand the Legislature to pass a law at the next session to fix a fair salary for the Treasurer, and also direct when the funds shall be deposited and all perquisites arising therefrom be placed in the State Treasury. The honest press of the State can accomplish this, if they will unite to urge it upon the Legislature. Reforming abuses is the order of the day, and those who stand in the gap to check it, will most unquestionably be crushed.

WELL DONE BOSTON.—At the charter election held in Boston, on Monday the Republicans polled 11,293 votes, and the Democrats 4,197. The temperance ticket got 312 votes, and the free trade labor reform party 197. Nearly all the city council elected are Republicans, which shows that the people appear to be satisfied with Republican principles, and the actions of Republican officers.

About twenty years ago the people of Massachusetts got it into their heads that the old Whig party was corrupt, and they elected the present Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Boutwell, who was then a member of the Democratic party, Governor of the State, by a majority of one vote. This unearthed such a motley crew of so-called hungry Democrats, and they were placed in power for the first time. The effect was such, that the people swept them out of power by a majority of upwards of 30,000 votes. Governor Boutwell also became disgusted with the conduct of his own party and left it, and has been a thorough Republican opponent of the Democracy ever since. He was the last Democratic Governor of Massachusetts, and the above vote looks as if the people are fully satisfied with Republican rule.

CO-OPERATION.—This is a subject of great interest to the working classes. In Europe where wages are low, and the necessity of saving every penny is a matter of necessity, co-operation is taking great root, and is extending rapidly. When the management has been good, great benefits have been derived from co-operation. In this country the working classes are in a much better condition; but comparatively few who have not crossed the Atlantic, can form any idea of the condition of the working classes in the larger portion of Europe. But even here co-operation in many things will be of great advantage to the working classes, and therefore we propose that a good bill be prepared for the organization of co-operative association throughout the country, as a national measure. This will be preferable to State bills, because then the law would be the same throughout the whole country, and persons moving from one State to another, would fully understand the law everywhere. We should also have a labor desk in the Treasury Department to collect the statistics of labor. It is labor that creates a large portion of the wealth of every country, and it is important that everything connected with the prosperity of labor should be collected at Washington, and reports made the same as on any other branch of industry, and then members can legislate intelligently on all questions connected with labor that come before them. The prosperity and progress of a country is indicated more by the wages paid to labor than by anything else.

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

THE SNOW.

Silently from heaven fall the floecy flakes of snow,
Clasting through the frosty air to the frozen earth below;
From the clouds in silence falling in a constant, ceaseless flow.

So in spotless, stainless beauty the soul of man is born,
Glowing with a heaven's radiance like the first rays of the morn,
Ignorant of future evil, unconscious of all wrong.

But as age and strength increase, and the years that taken repeat—
As the virgin snow when trampled by a throng of busy feet
Changes its radiant whiteness to the blackness of the street.

So the mind of man grows wicked, and evil thoughts of brain,
Till the heart is filled with guilt and the soul is dark with sin,
While no vestige of its purity, alas! remains within.

....Men who dot the i's—Pugilists.
....Wagner is writing the history of music.
....Birds and ducks are abundant in Virginia.
....Nathaniel Hawthorne's widow lives at Dresden.
....Senator Sherman contemplates a Southern tour.
....A Massachusetts popcorn peddler has made $100,000.
....The wife of Twitchell, the murderer, is coming into society soon.
....Kate Field on Adirondacks to the Hobbites the night night.
....Howard Paul and party is at Springfield, Mass.
....John Mitchel, of Fenian notoriety, is in Augusta, Ga.
....Bishop Armitage, of Milwaukee, has been busy with confirmations.
....Sahl is giving great satisfaction to the critics of Milwaukee.
....The Peake family have located at Nashville, Tenn.
....Drew, of the Philadelphia Arch street Theater, is seeking a renewal of her lease.
....James Gregg, billiard champion of Indianapolis, has been challenged.
....King Kennedy's drunken louts are paralleled by Chicago clubbists.
....Miss Marriott, the actress, is relaxating at Cincinnati.
....Miss Anna Dickinson is being made at Boston into a bust.
....Iowa farmers now cultivate corn and hogs, and let wheat alone.
....It is proposed to work the Virginia coal-fields with convict labor.
....The Empress Eugenie is on the shady side of forty-six.
....Twenty thousand men roam the streets of Chicago out of work.
....Iowa has 79 cities, but some of them haven't one inhabitants.
....The Pacific Railroad has six monster locomotives especially to shovel snow.
....The first cars in Minnesota will run through the street of Minneapolis next month.
....Minnesota has a paper called the Wabashaw Red Headed Herald.
....The French Prince Imperial has successfully smacked his first class.
....An Earl's Bride's advertisement in the London Times for a loan of £100.
....They are now making billiard balls out of India rubber in New Haven.
....Crime and drunkenness are said to be increasing in the British army.
....There never has been a man hanged in this country that weighed over 230 pounds.
....Mark Twain's paper says: "Buffalo is to have cheap gas—George Francis Train is coming."
....The Mount Cenis Railway, over the Alps, is covered four feet deep with snow, and travel is stopped.
....Indian squaws are running a brisk opposition to the Chinese in sawing wood in Portland, Oregon.
....Rutherford's Secretary, Hayes, warranted to foretell the coming of a shock, are peddled in the streets of San Francisco.
....An Indian chief in Arizona is putting on airs because his wife cost four ponies—the usual price being one.
....The Hartford Post considers the Pacific Railroad a big thing. It has brought the Occident and Accident together.
...."Ladies without regard to sex" are invited to attend a woman's rights meeting in a Western town.
....Four hundred and thirty Coroner's inquests were held in Chicago during the past year, a greater number than ever before.
....A copper-shop belonging to the Messrs. Barman, at Pickerville, Wayne county, N. Y., was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning.
....A New London boy is playing a game of chess with a man in Lodi, Illinois, the moves being communicated by mail.
....John Ryan was choked to death at Urbana, Ill., the other day, by a piece of beefsteak which lodged in his throat.
....It is said that Mr. Fiske, of the Galveston Bulletin, has been shot at twenty-one times in three years.
....The female portion of the Iowa people has not a single representative in the penitentiary of that State.
....Colonel Shaw, of the British American, goes from Canada to Glasgow, as emigrant agent.
....A San Francisco paper has its seventh libel suit on hand. The more the merrier.
....At Des Moines, Iowa, it takes the deacons all day Monday to pass a quorum of the shinplasters put in the collection plate on Sunday.
....Colombus, Ohio, is going to have a Board of Health to license houses of ill fame, and woe be unto any one who won't take out a license.
....It is believed that the number of accidents reported on the Erie Railroad has gotten up to lessen the applications for free passes.
....The Florida papers urge the planters to raise sugar and sea island cotton. Sugar and fruit, they say, are the natural products of the State, much more profitable than cotton.
....A slight fire occurred during vespers at a church in Davenport, Iowa, which was quickly extinguished, but not before a great panic was created. Nobody hurt.
....A New Haven man employs a large number of organ-grinders to play on the streets of that city, paying them two dollars a day and taking all that is made over that sum.
....Mrs. Governor D. Hevins, for many years a teach r in one of the Norwalk, Ct., public schools, is now on the editorial staff on the Charleston (S. C.) Republican.
....A Waterbury, Ct., merchant, during Monday's storm, drew a neighbor around Centre Square on a sled, going on a run the whole distance, and all for a box of oysters.
....An item in the Western papers says that a New York broker was robbed of $7,000 by a passenger's ear, the other day, by way of making change.
....The farce of "The Elliott Woman" is being played in Chicago. The number of divorces granted there ought to make any woman sigh-lent.
....A negro boy in Tallahassee sold a cat of powder, the other day, which, thinking it contained something good to eat, set it on the stove to warm. He will not eat anything more.
....An British newspaper seriously informs its readers that a year's residence in Chicago entitles all married couples to divorces upon application.
....One of Brigham Young's old Danite band has made a death bed confession of four hundred murders; an activity so he could reckon for the sake of the church.
....Minnesota farmers feed wheat to their hogs, and California farmers feed Bartlett pears to their cows. There is most excellent authority for both statements.
....Terre Haute is the scene of a veritable Reign of the Lock. A young girl was seized on one of its streets just after midnight, and in a moment all her hair was torn from her head.
....A lad who fell through the ice at Hosstonic, Ct., last Sunday, held on with his arms an hour and a half till he was rescued. Two men fell in and narrowly escaped doing likewise in trying to save him.
....Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., who has delighted so many the minded U. Jeer readers with his long-open love stories, is now confined in the Boston Insane Asylum as a hopeless drunkard.
....A pretty fair article of California wine is made by soaking a pair of old shoes in cider and letting the mixture ferment. If it lacks body, chuck in a pair of India rubber boots. Fairness implied for.
....The Spiritualists are holding a convention at Battle Creek, Mich., trying to bring out a new sensation for the public. There are one long-haired man and two other women in session there.
....It is rumored that Miss Mace has accepted Tom Allen's $2,000 challenge, although he has sponsored for some time that he had got through with such foolishness. He has a right to make Thomas sick.
....The Indiana Democrats do not live very happily. A Democratic editor says of a member of the State Committee that "he used to play faro with a false box, and became suddenly rich."
....The California "Moderation Society" pledges its members to drink only wine, beer, and cider, except when they are discouraged, in that section of the country.
....A lady in Paris is now mourning with unabated grief the loss of her seventh husband. She hopes to complete the dozen sometime during the coming winter.
....The Baptists are making an urgent effort to raise the sum of $150,000 to celebrate the 4th of July freedom. They intend to cut a thousand colored members in the field.
...."Mother," said a little child, "why are orphans the happiest children in the world?" "They are not; what do you think they are, my child?" "Because they have no parents to lick 'em."
....A teacher, catechising his scholars, put the following question: "Name the three states to give birth to the world?" "Statchen," cried one of the youngsters, after a short pause.
....A young man in Boone county, Iowa, fell into a deserted well, and after four days' self-ring, died. He had written his history on a stone, at the bottom of the well.
....A Chicago father deserted his little son in the street, because the boy's face was badly eaten with a cancer. This would be considered horrible in any other place.
....A Chicago girl who was going for the State of Pittsburg for drivers, sent the following letter from him: "Dear Amey I Rec'yours of This date and I think But Dand limited to Ind."
....A high hat with a round face, but rather in a low, broad hat. A great deal of black velvet about a street dress gives it a stylish aggregation, and is the made now.
....A village pedagogue, in despair with a stupid boy, pointed at the lazy fellow and asked him if he knew it. "Yes, sir." "Well, what is it?" "I know him very well by sight, but I can't remember his name."
....When the cars arrived at Fort Scott, Kansas, all the engine whistles blew for half an hour (for passes, assembled) and had a photograph taken, when they moved westward, waiting for a place where the star of empire has not located.
....A branch of promise case in Detroit, turns upon the question whether the defendant intended, by the closing sign of rose geranium to signify, to use the language of flowers, in which case the innocent leaf would have said, "Thou art my choice."
....An Albany man advertises that if the fellow who took his new hat from the Post Office, and left in its old one, don't return it, he will send in his wife with a letter, which was found in the lining of the old one, directed to a certain female not related to the family.
....A young Canadian girl went over to Detroit, and got into a little engagement and left to tell at the same time. When offered her liberty if she would go back, she said: "No, sir; mister; I live the States in preference better than Canada as liberty. I'll take my chances on this side."
....A newspaper at Des Moines, Iowa, announces that "the first Chinaman" has appeared in the streets of that place, whereas the Chicago Times thinks that, since China is the oldest nation on the face of the earth, Des Moines early claims the "oldest inhabitant, $1 and no mistake.
....A woman named Johanna Jacek, who has been painfully insane for some time, got up out of bed at Madison, Wis., on Wednesday night, only half dressed, ran half around the city, and, dripping herself, jumped naked into the well of a family named Longwhere she had been visiting, and drowned herself.
....A villain, named Charles McCloud conveyed the person of Miss Smith, aged fourteen, at Washington, Ill., a short time since by negotiating himself into her favor. When the facts became known, McCloud was arrested, and in default of bail was taken to Paris, Lynch law was quickly talked of by the exasperated citizens.
....Boys at Indianapolis have inaugurated a game which gives them great amusement. They fill a pipe with tobacco, and put in a little pounce, and get a couple to smoke it, when the eyes are blown out, and the most irresistible spectacle. The eye-doctors are reaping a great reward by the amusement, and all are happy—except the victims.
....A California paper tells how an old lady residing in San Pedro took occasion to speak her little boy. He had been playing about the wharves, and had sat on a leaky can of nitro-glycerine, the consequence of which was that the first mate and the lady administered caused an explosion, which sent them flying in different directions, and broke all the glass in the town.
...."John Smith, come up with your lesson. What does 1 in a equal?" "Well, I kaw-ess, but doesn't I don't forget now." "Pshaw! wholly in your mother's window yesterday." "There is so many things that needs to be kept in a window, I get 'em mixed one—there's the lean blanket in one place, brother John's hat in another, sister Polly's bonnet in another, and dad's old breeches in the hole that Zeb and I made yesterday." "Take a run out, Johnny; you may play for a while."
....Among Sheridan's schoolhouses was the son of a physician, who boasted that his father was a practitioner of considerably extending the mortality. "And so is my father—and so good so yours any day," said Sheridan. "Ah, but your father is an amer. Dick." said the doctor's son; "therefore it is impossible that he can be a good one." "You may think so," replied Sheridan, "but I don't: for your father kills people, yet is none only means them."
....The department recently launched in love penmanship because his quarterly returns had not been credited by cash, and the delinquent official replied as follows:
Dear sir I cant a fort to go S or S called to a Justice and Pay 25 Cents for nothing if I hoed give each month then you Can take the office and I shall be very glad of it—I all do the Best I can for you Method sinceer that I dont think it pays to go so far to a 25 cents case in 3 years in a mil—I should love to hier a house it is 25 mil.

THE ŒCUMENICAL COUNCIL.

PAPAL BULL—HOW PROPOSITIONS MAY BE MADE IN THE COUNCIL—OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL—THE BULL SAID TO BE UNPOPULAR.

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1869.

An important Papal Bull has been issued, under the seal of strict secrecy, establishing regulations for the Œcumenical Council. In the *Ex ordinem* His Holiness exhorts the Bishops to live in the practice of charity, humility, sobriety, and pious contemplation during the session of the Council. He declares that although the right of making propositions for the Council belongs only to himself and the Court of Rome *ad nos et ad sanctam sedem*, he desires and exhorts every father to think it his duty to make propositions, but on these conditions:

FIRST. That this proposition be made in writing, and submitted privately to a council of bishops named by the Pope.

SECOND. That the proposition have for its object the general interests of the Church, not of a particular diocese.

THIRD. That it be accompanied by a statement of the motives which have led to its presentation.

FOURTH. That it be comfortable to the spirit and traditions of the Catholic Church.

His Holiness imposes secrecy on every person concerned in the conciliary labors. The order of procedence is fixed as follows: Cardinal Bishops, Cardinal Priests, Cardinal Deacons, Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Generals of Monastic Orders. The Fathers are authorized to designate ten of their number to be charged with the judicial settlement of contestations arising among the Fathers themselves. The Bull appoints the officers of the Council, naming as *Legati* or *Presides* over general Congregations Cardinals de Reisach, de Lucca, Bizzarre, Bilio, and Capalti. Fathers who desire to harmonize the assembly must obtain an authorization from the *Legati* the evening preceding the day on which they intend to speak. Those who intend to propose canons must first submit them to one of the four Commissioners on Faith, Discipline, Religious Orders, and Oriental Affairs. These Commissioners will be chosen by the Fathers, but each will be presided over by a Cardinal named by the Pope.

The Bull prohibits the Fathers from absenting themselves before the conclusion of the Council, and authorizes them to reside outside of their dioceses during the entire period of the Council. A majority of the Bishops are dissatisfied with many of the provisions of the Papal Bull.

PRESENTS AND PETER'S PENCE

ROME, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1869.

The Bishops have brought a great number of addresses, and presents to the Pope from the faithful in all parts of the world. It is officially stated that since 1859 the Holy See has received 100,000,000 francs from the contribution of Peter's pence.

RESTRAINED.

The annual meeting of this old institution of the Welsh nation will be held in Mahanoy City, on the 25th and 26th of the month, at which they intend to have a good time and make the occasion interesting to those who will compete, and to the lovers of music. There are about fifty subjects to compete on, in composition, poetry, music, singing, reading, reciting, and speaking; and prizes will be awarded to the best, according to the merits of the subjects, varying from one to fifteen dollars. There will be several choirs competing, embracing the best musicians and singers in Carbon and Luzerne Counties. The meetings will commence at 10 and 7 o'clock of each day, and a concert each evening at 7 o'clock. It will be a treat to the citizens of Mahanoy City and vicinity, and will be an interesting place for them to spend their Christmas.

TEXAS.—Notwithstanding the boasts of the conservatives that they have carried Texas, the Radical Republicans in Washington deny it. They insist that Gen. Davis is elected Governor over Gen. Hamilton, and that they have carried all the State officers, all the members of Congress except one, and carried both branches of the legislature. Gen. Hamilton, who was defeated, was a good Union man, but having failed in receiving the nomination for Governor in the State Convention, lent his name, like Judge Dent of Mississippi, and many other southerners, to the conservatives, and both have been properly defeated. The result, in Texas, under all the circumstances, is a great victory, and was accomplished principally by the determined activity of several Republicans who appealed to the Administration at Washington for their recognition and support, and if given they would leave the State from misrule. Such countenance was given, and they have nobly redeemed their pledge. One of these noble Republicans was General W. T. Clark, who served during the Rebellion; and who has been elected to Congress from the Third District.

(From the Scranton Republican, Dec. 11.)

THE BURNING OF NOLL CHILDREN.

A brief notice of the burning of the children of Mathias Noll, was published in yesterday's Republican. Since then we have learned the full facts which are herewith presented:

The three children, Charles, aged 7; one aged 9, and Willie, aged eleven years, had been playing truant during the day, and when night came were afraid to go home, preferring to wait until father and mother had gone to bed, as the survivor says. The parents in the meantime say they had searched the neighborhood for them but without success. While waiting, the children thought they would go to the "cinder dump" where they could keep warm. Their condition when found, shows that they must have been first rendered insensible by inhaling the sulphur fumes which are exhaled from the dump, and were then made comfortable by position, when their clothes took fire. Mr. L. J. Gardner, who was going home about midnight, thought he heard cries and moans, but could not locate them. A Mrs. Kier, living near the foot of the hill, on Washington avenue, also heard it, and called the attention of two men, Morgan and Thomas, who were passing. All went thither, the latter arriving at the same time with Mr. Gardner. Charles was found lying on his face dead. He was only slightly burned. Willie was found burning. His feet and legs were burned almost to a crisp and the way up to his body, but he was living. The other boy was not injured, and he it was who called the cries. They were taken to the residence of their parents on Main Plain, and Dr. Boyd sent for, who cared for the injuries of Willie as kindly and carefully as possible. The little fellow did not suffer much, apparently. He died during the forenoon yesterday.

"The Celebrated Young Vocalist."

SCRANTON DAILY JOURNAL: SIR: Allow me through the medium of your valuable Journal, to make a few brief remarks as what I have lately succeeded in regard to the celebrated young vocalist, whom many have hitherto supposed to be commonly called "Little Sal." Though she is now only 18 years of age and appears very delicate, seeming too young to appear before a public audience, still when she strikes the first note, you are almost at a loss to find from whence those great musical strains proceed. You are ready to deny the possibility of such melodious sounds being created by "Little Sal." After awhile you feel electrified with her charming voice, and readily join in acknowledging that she is the "wonder of the age." She has a strong taste for music and exhibits remarkably good taste in performing at the piano. As she will shortly leave for college, I advise the citizens of the several towns in which she has taken some interest which will tend to their obtaining "Little Sal," as a visitor, I feel confident that if her life is spared she will in a few years figure amongst the most popular artists of the day.

August, Dec. 15, 1869. W. J. M.

THE COAL TRADE.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

Pottsville, December 18, 1869.

The quantity sent by Railroad this week is 76,242 00—by Canal 4,133 12—for the week, 80,375 12 tons, against 48,950 for corresponding week last year.

There is still a little demand for Stove coal, but having scarcely any demand, for other sizes, and prices are so reduced in consequence, that a large number of the operators are stopping, and the shipments next week will be small. The Canal is open, but there is no disposition to ship any coal except to supply some points on the line.

The quantity sent to market this week on the old and new year, show an increase over the corresponding week last year of 102,067 tons. The trade, however, is still behind the official quantity furnished last year from the regions embraced in our table, 242,488 tons. The decrease of Anthracite is 336,623 tons, and the increase in Semi-Bituminous is 82,041 tons as follows:

Supply of Anthracite to date,	Tons.
In 1868	12,628,556
In 1869	12,504,033
Decrease	324,523

This will vary a little when we make up the official returns after the year closes.

Supply of Semi-Bituminous in 1868,	Tons. 675,068
" " 1869,	757,709
Increase in 1869	82,041

The increased supply of Bituminous coal from the Cumberland and Pennsylvania regions, will be in the neighborhood of 650,000 to 700,000 tons. This would give an increase in the supply this year of all kinds of about 400,000 tons.

We have received the following from our Philadelphia correspondent:

"The search for shipment is considered over. The Stock at Richmond is not large, and if coal is not pressed on the market the prospect of an early Spring trade looks fair. Prices are unsettled. Vessels are scarce for eastern shipment, with freights to Boston, $1 00@$1 25."

"We have received the following from our New York correspondent:

"The coal trade has come to a complete stand still in Schuylkill coals. The transported delivered Lackawanna coal at wholesale and retail has unsettled the market, and dealers are in a complete quandary as to the immediate future of the trade. It cannot now to be the settled policy of the Lackawanna companies, after navigation closes, to force their coal upon New York city for winter [illegible] at extremely low prices. The rest of the [illegible] will be to prevent those who deal in Schuylkill coal from laying in supplies in advance of the spring trade, and supply their winter orders from that same to tide on the New York market. The usual largely started the Lackawanna coal, and such men they are able to offer their coals on the New York markets, in competition with the Lackawanna coals."

The trade sums up this week as follows:

	1868. WEEK.	1868. TOTAL.	1869. WEEK.	1869. TOTAL.	In 1869 Inc.	In 1869 Dec.
P & R R		3,087,063		3,659,903	601,872	
Sch. Canal		907,8 8	4,123	896,769	4790,154	
L Val R R		2,786,457		2,916,525	4193,903	
L. Canal		909,347	872	625,144	4284,903	
L H. & R	16,469	478,759	23,809	554,063	342,816	
Scranton	19,096	1,066,181	38,053	1,089,914	23,733	
" N Y	6,064	686,711	8,222	611,296	4184,431	
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Sy R. R.	8,881	880,881	14,868	907,886	27,734	
By Canal		29 000.		15,787	4 15,288	
D & H Co.		1,611,113		1,187,435	4423,678	
D & R			7,888	189,383	182,803	
Wyom'g S		360,490		348,708	8,216	
Wyom'g N		67,981		78,308-6	11,327	
Shamokin	6,811	479,222	8,421	430,549-2	73,682	
Mahanoy		33,973	744	34,806	8,833	
Short Mt.	705	122,709	3,434	126,661-6	15,949	
L. V. Co.	1,161	84,784	2,378	77,084-6	6,800	
W'ston	3,861	174,697	6,441	190,410	21,720	
Brit Top	4,971	261,815	6,881	242,316	24,161	
	67,921	13,504,771	116,479	13,061,742		
		13,961,748	67,921			
		313,487	48,545			

*The total quantity sent by Lehigh & Susquehanna R. R. for the week was 14,626 tons, for the year, 1,576,777 tons, The balance is embraced in the Lehigh Canal Report.

Coal Trade for 1868—70.

	WEEK	TOTAL	WEEK	TOTAL	In 68	In D.
P & R R	45,620	68,433	76,242	164,913	96,481	
L Val R R	30,451	83,975	46,696	88,761	4,786	
	69,431	144,377	122,938	253,674		
			69,431	144,377		
			53,507	109,297		

The Pennsylvania Coal Company reduced the retail prices in New York City to $7 50 per ton delivered, and at the yard at $7, per ton of 2000 lbs. The Delaware and Hudson Company then issued the following circular of prices by retail in the city, and on board vessels at Weehawken:

WEEHAWKEN.			RETAIL.
Lump	$5 50	Grate,	To families,
Stove	5 75	Egg,	delivered, $7 50
Grate	6 00	Stove,	
Egg	6 00	Grate,	
Stove	6 75	Stove, } at yard.	7 00
Chestnut	5 50	Chestnut	6 50

These movements of course have demoralized the whole trade, and the retailers who laid in stocks at higher prices to supply the citizens during winter in New York, of course must suffer a loss. The stocks however we learn are not very large, as many anticipated this action of the Companies.

MR. JOHN SIBBY, President of the Workingmen's Benevolent Association for Schuylkill County, publishes the following notice in the Anthracite Monitor:

MAHANOY CITY, Dec. 7th 1869.

Mr. John Parker, please publish the following in the Mon. For the information of the W. B. A. of Schuylkill County. The President of each District is requested to hold a meeting, to consider the course to be adopted for the settlement of wages for the year 1870, either to see if the books of five operators, or take the price at Port Richmond, or to abide by the present price, and to instruct the delegates to the next convention, which course to adopt.

Also, there will be a Council Committee on Monday, Dec. 27, 1869 at the usual time and place, by order of the President.

JOHN SIBBY, President.

George Cortis, Secretary.

This is right. All these questions ought to be arranged so that they be thoroughly understood by all parties, and then strictly adhered to.

The question of forming a new basis for 1870 must engage the attention of both operators and workingmen. Prices are now below the stopping point on the present basis, and as there appears to be a general breaking down in prices of provisions, dry wages and prices must conform to the change. All the indications point to a lower price for coal in 1870, and consequently the present stopping point will have to be lowered accordingly for 1870. This ought to be arranged by the workingmen and operators combined, as both have organizations now to consult with. Last year it was fixed by the workingmen and afterwards adopted by the operators, and many charged that the basis was not a fair one. This ought to be settled by the first of February, so that the operators will be prepared to make contracts. By that time the indications of the state of the spring trade will be sufficiently developed.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL COAL TRADE.—The quantity sent to market by this avenue was

In 1869	Tons, 663 48
In 1868	485,070 06
Increase in 1869	178,421 02

The Alleghanian promises a larger increase next year, if nothing occurs to check navigation.

THE COAL STATISTICS.—The editor of the United States Railroad and Mining Register, cannot understand why our Statistics do not agree with the reports of the companies. We can easily explain the reason. The Reading Railroad report at Philadelphia gives the whole coal tonnage carried over its road from Schuylkill County and from Harrisburg. A considerable portion of this coal is received from other roads, and is reported by other companies. To give it in full would be doubling up the quantity. So with a number of the other roads, such as the Lehigh Valley and Lehigh Navigation Companies. To give the full reports would also double up the supply of coal. When we receive these reports, we give only that which properly belongs to each of the roads and canals rejecting that portion of the trade that is doubled up. This is the reason why correct returns of the supply of coal cannot be given abroad, except by one who makes it his business to be thoroughly posted up with the whole trade, both as regards production and transportation.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Proposals will be received at the Office of the Shamokin Coal Company, at their office in Shamokin, Pa., until January 8, 1870, for sinking a slope on the "New Vein," at "Locust Summit." Specifications can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent in Shamokin, or at the Colliery.

P. J. ANSPACH, Supt.

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Pier 7 Port Richmond.

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SCHUYLKILL COAL TRADE.

Coal Trade by Railroad & Canal, 1869. The quantity sent by Railroad and Canal for the week ending Thursday last:

	RAILROAD.	CANAL.
St. Clair	36,626 00	
Port Carbon	8,876 06	1,319 00
Pottsville	5,436 10	1,814 12
Schuylkill Haven	19,065 15	9,069 15
Auburn	2,845 10	
Tamaqua	16,180 14	541 00
Total paying freight	78,113 13	
Coal for Company's use	4,126 05	
Total for Week	82,243 08	4,133 12
Previously this year	196,291 06	892,519 00
Total	194,378 06	896,796 01
To same week last year	296,445 07	892,519 00
Increase	92,821 11	204,284 00
Decrease		

Schuylkill Co. Railroads for 1869.

The following is the quantity shipped last week:

	Week.	Total.
Mine Hill & S. H. R. R.		1,000,941 01
Schuylkill Valley		174,802 16
Mill Creek	6,723 04	218,818 05
Mt. Carbon	3,000 00	134,611 02
	9,723 04	1,528,172 04

Schuylkill County Railroads for 1869—70.

The following is the quantity shipped last week:

	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Mine Hill & S. H. R. R.	9,723 04	19 129 05
Schuylkill Valley	8,047 05	4,765 42

LEHIGH COAL & NAVIGATION CO.

The following is the quantity of coal transported by the Canal and Railroad of the Lehigh Coal & Nav Co. for the week ending on Saturday evening last:

	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Total by Canal	878	664,866
" R. R.	54,697	1,026,771
The coal was derived as follows:		
From Wyoming Region	14,898	176,624
" Upper Lehigh Region		77,824
" Middle Lehigh Region	157	128,786
" Beaver Meadow	179	82,154
" Lehigh C. & Nav. Co's mines	39,463	492,242
" Mahanoy		9,200
	54,697	1,026,771

LEHIGH COAL TRADE—1869—70.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

Quantity sent by Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending on Saturday last and for the year:

	WEEK.	TOTAL.
From Mahanoy	7,513	11,534
" Beaver Meadow	19,397	19,111
" E. Penn.	23	27
" Hazleton		
" Southern	22,939	41,972
" Wyoming	9,543	18,734
Great Total	59,395	91,377
Same time last year	28,268	48,419
Increase	27,627	42,958

CUMBERLAND COAL TRADE.

Quantity of Coal transported over the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad up to Saturday last:

	Rent by Canal.	By R. & C. R. R.	Total.
For Week	2,767	24,079	26,846
For Year	372,924	811,544	1,184,468
For 1869	418,984	974,944	993,947
Increase in 1869	126,157	167,139	497,547

THE COAL MARKETS

PRICES OF COAL BY THE CARGO.

(PRICES WHOLESALE AND FOR CASH IN ADVANCE.)

AT PHILADELPHIA.

Dec. 17, 1869.

We have no regular quotations. Such one is selling by the cargo on the best terms he can obtain in the city or the following prices at New York.

AT NEW YORK.

Dec. 17, 1869.

Schuylkill Red