

GENERAL NEWS OF INDUSTRIES

There is a large quantity of repressed excitement among the enterprising inhabitants of the Lehigh Valley...

The Lehigh Valley Railroad company has just negotiated the sale of \$1,500,000 worth of bonds...

Owing to restriction in the production of anthracite coal the Ontario and Western's coal earnings for the fourth week of March will show a very considerable reduction...

The rate war recently alluded to in this column proceeds apace. All the railway presidents who favor a strict observance of the traffic agreement...

The Reading road has ordered all the floating gangs on full time. W. S. Myers of the Lehigh Valley, assistant general traffic agent...

The weathering foundry of the Lehigh Valley will stay where it is. The wages of the employees of the Bryden Horse Shoe works, Cataquesha, have been reduced 10 per cent.

G. B. Markle & Co.'s collieries at Highland will be shut down for an indefinite period. Twenty-three Jersey Central coal crews are idle at March Creek.

The Jersey Central has begun to fill in the trestling on the Upper Lehigh branch, between Fond du Lac and White Haven. The average pay of labor in the anthracite business last year is estimated at \$396.42 per man.

The Lehigh Valley, for retrenchment reasons, has taken one brakeman from second class trains. This leaves only two brakemen.

Congressman Tom Johnson's big steel company has been capitalized at \$5,000,000. The plant will be located at Cleveland and the company will mine and ship its own ores.

A Million Friends. A friend in need is a friend indeed, and not less than one million people have found just such a friend in Dr. King's Remedy for Coughs, Colds and Hoarseness.

She Was Curious to Know. "Can I see well from there?" said the nice old lady with the silk mitts, as she laid a finger on the box and looked over her spectacles at the ticket seller.

"Yes, ma'am—those are very good seats both for seeing and hearing," said the young man. "They're not as good as these over here," queried the old lady, taking a leap with one finger still to the other side of the box.

"These are good seats, too, ma'am." "Don't you think they're too far back?" "No, ma'am." "Then they're too close—where are those seats you showed me just now?"

"Here they are, ma'am," said the young man, taking out the coupons for the rack and beginning to put them into an envelope. "No, I don't want them—I think I like these on this side—only there's a pillar just here, isn't there?"

"No, ma'am, there's no pillar in that section—will you take those two?" "No, I think not—my daughter'll be round this afternoon and look at the plan. I don't know what she wants," and the old lady ambled amiably away, totally unconscious that she had kept twenty men and women waiting for ten minutes while she practiced "hoping" on the ticket seller.

A Poor Debtor's Hard Fate. In a certain county in the eastern part of the state there is a case coming under the poor debtor law. A man was arrested on execution for debt and thrown into jail. He was not allowed to pay, so the creditor kept him behind the bars, paying his board at \$2 a week.

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Stocks and Bonds. NEW YORK, April 5.—Unfavorable news does not affect stock prices as it did a month or so ago, which was probably due, perhaps, by the course of the market today. In the first place London was again a seller; a sharp rise in wheat was reported because of a fractional decline in the crop, and, furthermore, in the early trading distilling and cattle feeding recorded a break of nearly two points on the 10-15 cent advance in wheat and a few days that the decision in