

GENERAL NEWS OF INDUSTRIES

The Wilkes-Barre Record on Thursday printed an interesting three-column review of the improvement begun and planned during the past year in the collieries of Luzerne county. The compilation is a valuable one and reflects credit upon its publishers. From it we learn that the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company is sinking a new slope across the pitch in the Red Ash vein at the Hollenback colliery. This slope will be about 1,300 feet long, and will open up about half a million tons of coal. The South Wilkes-Barre No. 1 air shaft, which is being sunk on the anticline dividing the South Wilkes-Barre and Battonwood basins, is now down to a depth of 290 feet. This shaft is 12 feet by 37 feet in the clear, and it will be sunk to the Hillman vein, which at this point is about 550 feet below the surface. The object of sinking this shaft is for the purpose of increasing ventilation for the South Wilkes-Barre colliery. When this shaft is completed the number of men at present employed in the South Wilkes-Barre colliery may be doubled. Pugh Bros. have the contract for sinking this shaft, and they expect to complete the work by the end of the year. A tunnel is being driven at South Wilkes-Barre colliery from the Hillman vein northward to the basin of the Hillman vein. Gangways will be driven in the latter vein from this tunnel westward, and outlets will be made to connect the workings with the new No. 1 air shaft. The present slope in the Hillman vein in this colliery is being extended from the basin of the vein through the intervening measures to the Red Ash vein. This slope will cut the Frimrose, Baltimore, Rose and Red Ash veins. The new No. 2 air shaft at Lane colliery, Plymouth, has just been completed. This shaft is 12 by 37 feet in the clear, and is sunk to the Ross vein, a depth of 570 feet. A slope has also been sunk at this colliery from the Cooper vein to the Ross vein, and openings will be made from this slope to the foot of the new air shaft in the Ross vein. Regular mining is expected to commence in the Ross vein at this colliery about Jan 1 next. A new slope has also been sunk in the Baltimore vein at this colliery, which will open up a large area of virgin territory on the Wilkes-Barre side of the river. At Nottingham colliery, Plymouth, slopes are being extended to the lower levels of the Ross and Red Ash veins, which will open up a new territory for this already extensive colliery. The old workings around the shaft and also in the area affected by the squeeze, which occurred at this colliery between three and four years ago, are being filled up with culm. The culm is flushed into the workings from the culm bank and from the breaker through holes bored from the surface to the Red Ash vein. At No. 13 colliery, Wanamie, a new slope is being sunk in the Ross vein. The slope will be about 1,300 feet long, and will be used for hoisting the coal to the surface. The work at the new Maxwell shaft at Ashley is progressing very rapidly. The contractors, Davey & Wasley, have three shafts on its twenty-fourth level, and are now down about 300 feet and expect at any time to come through to the Baltimore vein. It is the best timbered shaft in the world; all of the timbering is of Georgia yellow pine.

In this same review the Record gives extended space to the new developments in Schuylkill county, in which both Wilkes-Barre and Scranton collieries are interested. The Thuron tract of 140 acres, leased by ex-Senator Morgan B. Williams, is one of the richest of the tracts now undergoing development. There are from fifteen to eighteen veins and it is estimated that the tract contains at least 30,000,000 tons of coal. Mr. Williams will erect a large modern breaker, beginning probably this fall, and will sink at least two shafts to the lower measure, which, with the Spenser slope, will give three openings. Coal men who have looked over the tract pronounce it a rich find.

For the week ended July 21, anthracite shipments amounted to 881,063 tons, an increase of 102,063 tons over the same week last year. Of last week's increase it furnished no less than 53,394 tons, against an increase of 34,390 tons for the Wyoming region and 14,371 tons for the Lehigh region. The total shipments so far reported this month are as follows: First week, 627,659 tons; second week, 625,097 tons; third (last) week, 881,063 tons; total, 2,483,850 tons; weekly average, 831,285 tons. Last week's shipments were, therefore, 104,034 tons less than in the preceding week, but 233,364 tons in excess of the first week's shipment. For the year to the end of last week shipments aggregated 21,645,197 tons, against 22,292,817 for the corresponding period last year, a decrease of 1,717,620 tons. The full statement follows:

Table with 4 columns: Regions, Tons, Inc., Dif. Rows include Wyoming, Lehigh, Schuylkill, and Total for July 21 and July 22.

A dispatch from Harrisburg says that a jury has been appointed there to assess damages in connection with proceedings instituted by the Cumberland Valley railroad, which desires to appropriate that portion of the Susquehanna river which runs through the town of Rye, in Cumberland county, to Harrisburg. The pier in the Susquehanna river are included in this section of the route. The Cumberland Valley wants a freight route to Harrisburg which will not interfere with its passenger traffic. The pier which are to be thus utilized have stood idle for years. When the Reading railroad was seeking an outlet west from Harrisburg it sought to buy these piers, but its offer was refused, and it built a bridge just below them. As a part of the Pennsylvania railroad system, the Cumberland Valley road can make good use of the piers so long committed to uselessness, and the large amount of money expended on them will at last make some return.

A unique trolley car tender is proposed by a Boston inventor. He has taken the large revolving brushes from a street sweeper and placed them in such a position under the car so that as a person who happens to fall in front of the car will be practically swept from the track. The brushes are geared to the axle of the car so that they will revolve as the car moves along. Their position is much the same as that of a

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Stocks and Bonds. New York, July 27.—Extreme dullness characterized operations at the Stock exchange throughout the day. The dealings were wholly unimportant and were confined almost entirely to the four walls of the Stock exchange. An effort was made in the early hours of business to advance prices on the basis of a report that the prospect for the passage of a tariff bill had improved and that the general list had improved fractionally, but the advance did not hold because of the discouraging news from the west concerning the corn crop. This led to sales of the Grangers which yielded 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. outside of Burlington and Quincy, which sold off from 75 to 78 1/2, the stock selling at 78 1/2 seller sixty when the price in the regular way was 74. Speculation closed listless and barely steady in tone. The total transactions were 93,323 shares, including 26,991 unlisted.

The following composite table showing the day's fluctuations in active stocks is supplied and revised by the Wall Street Journal, 121 Wyoming avenue.

Table with columns: Am. Cot. Oil, Am. Sugar, C. & O. S. S., etc. Lists various stocks and their prices.

Chicago Grain and Provisions. SCRANTON, July 27.—The following quotations are supplied and revised by the Wall Street Journal, 121 Wyoming avenue.

Table with columns: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, etc. Lists grain prices for various grades.

Scranton Wholesale Market. SCRANTON, July 27.—FRUIT AND PRODUCE.—Dried apples per pound, 65¢; evaporated apples, 1.10; currants, 25¢; prunes, 55¢; English currants, 25¢; layer raisins, \$1.75; muscatels, \$1.00; 1 1/2 lb per box; new Valencia, 60¢ per pound.

New York Produce Market. NEW YORK, July 27.—FLOUR—Neglected, generally weak. WHEAT—Dull, firmer. No. 2 red store and elevator, 54 1/2¢; soft, 54 1/2¢; f. o. b., 55 1/2¢; No. 1 red, 55¢; ungraded red, 56 1/2¢; No. 1 white, 57 1/2¢; options closed steady at unchanged prices to 1/2¢ over yesterday, with trading dull; December and September were unimportant, and sold at 1/2¢ below previous low records; sales included: No. 2 red closing July 54 1/2¢; August, 54 1/2¢; September, 55¢; October, 57 1/2¢; December, 59 1/2¢; May, 75¢.

THE OVERSEAS

Women, old and young, who fill hotel parlors, summer resorts or city homes as diligently as if they had a commercial value. Where there are so many fancy workers one looks for an infinite variety of achievement, but Harper's Bazar reports that to a great extent the changes are all run upon the same theme. The beautiful silk embroideries in the flat satin suit is still the prevalent decoration for the numberless articles that have been prepared for the late summer's leisure.

Instead of being confined to the routine patterns, one can now order from dealers all sorts of special designs for working. If desired, an example of the finished work is given by an embroidered corner, but this is not altogether a good idea in every case, for the difference between the model and the work of the amateur is sometimes too apparent.

A pretty table center, with dollies to correspond, is made of white linen, embroidered in exact imitation of the onion pattern china. The hem is covered with a smaller edition of the same pattern. Blue silk as nearly as possible of the shade seen on the china is used, and the tiny Dresden mark of crossed rods is worked on a corner of the table center. Groups of the same are effectively collected, and the little crossed groups have their place upon these pieces if the worker chooses.

Some of the handsomest dollies to be seen are made of small squares of linen cambric edged and nearly covered with homiton lace braided on in scallops and pediments and fastened with button-bowls with white silk. The linen is cut away beneath the decoration, and the effect is a small plain center with a wide border of rich lace. Fancy lace stitches done with white silk may be used to fill the openings made by turning the braid into different forms. The braid generally used is a chain of openwork.

These make a delicious and very simply prepared vegetable dish. The plainest and perhaps the most satisfactory way of cooking them is as follows: Choose some fine firm lettuce, strip them of their outer leaves, then tie them round or confine them in a thin string net and put them into a steapan without any water, but strewn with a sufficient quantity of salt. When tender (and they will take a very short time to become so), strain them carefully of all the water, taking care not to damage them in so doing. Then, when quite free from all the liquor, put them into a shallow sautepan with butter, salt, pepper and some good strong gravy. Let them simmer gently for about half an hour; then serve. Lettuce are also delicious when prepared as follows: Boil them as above stated and strain well; then cook them for an hour in a white sauce made thus: Stir over the fire a piece of butter in an enameled sautepan with some flour; add a little water, about half a wineglass, and very slowly a cupful of cream, stirring gently all the time. Put in salt and pepper to taste.

A genuine French charlotte russe is not stiffened by gelatin, but is made of whipped cream flavored with butter, salt, and various ways. The cake which forms the cover is always sponge cake, and the most convenient form is that of the simple lady fingers that are to be found in any bakery. These dainty little cakes are generally used for a charlotte russe by the French.

To make individual molds split the lady fingers and cut them in halves. Have at hand six small charlotte russe molds. These should be about 2 1/2 inches high, 2 inches across the bottom and sloping toward the top. Line the molds with the pieces of lady fingers, being careful to cover the inside of the molds against the molds. It will take about a pint of cream beaten to a stiff froth to fill these individual charlottes and leave a little to make a dressing around them.

Nothing can be more artistic or desirable for summer furnishing than bamboo furniture. For exquisite daintiness and its beauty of outline it is the furniture of all others for the summer cottages, and a few pieces will make a graceful, comfortable and restful abode.

Philadelphia Yellow Market. PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—Yellow was dull and unchanged. Prices were: Prime city in hogheads, 4 1/4¢; prime country, in barrels, 4 1/2¢; do. dark in barrels, 3 1/2¢; casks, 4 1/2¢; grease, 3 1/2¢.

AT THE TELEPHONE.

One End of a Conversation Between the Hungry Man and His Wife. He is a young married man and lives out in the west end. It was 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when he was called to the telephone. Nobody knows who spoke to him or what was said, but everybody in the office knows what he said. "But I'm starving," he said in a plaintive voice. "I didn't have enough to keep a chick alive this morning."

"Speak louder. Did the best I could. What? Why, I couldn't find anything to fry the steak in. Hey? Why—why—why, but you know that I can't cook; besides—hello, central, what did you cut us off for—is that you? You said you were coming home."

"What's that? Stand back a little. You are too close to the phone. Why, I couldn't help it—slipped out of my hand. Yes, it did. Slipped out of my hand. That's what I did. Hey? That's the reason I stopped. I piled 'em all up, though."

"I'm hungry as a bear. What's that? No. I had watermelon for lunch. If you wait till after dinner, I'll be starved."

"You know I can't go to a restaurant for dinner. I'm not carrying—tomorrow's payday," and there was an awful anxiety in his voice.

There was another intermission, but he didn't go out, but staid till the curtain went up again.

"Of course I'll promise. Yes, sure. Hey? Say that again. Yes, I'll be on time. I should say so. A square meal will do. No. I didn't understand. All right."

He started to hang up the telephone, but did not do so.

"Hang it, why can't she stay at home? I don't want her. Hey? Well, suppose she is your mother—that is no reason why she shouldn't stay away for a few days. What's that? Yes, I do. You know I do. Hey? Oh, well, it's all right, I suppose, Goodby."

"Then he gave the telephone receiver a violent shake, hung it up and went over to his seat. He chucked up the papers on his desk and remarked in a deeply earnest and subdued way.

"D—n it!"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Open to an Engagement. "Mister," said the greasy waiter at the back door plaintively, "can't you do some thing for me?"

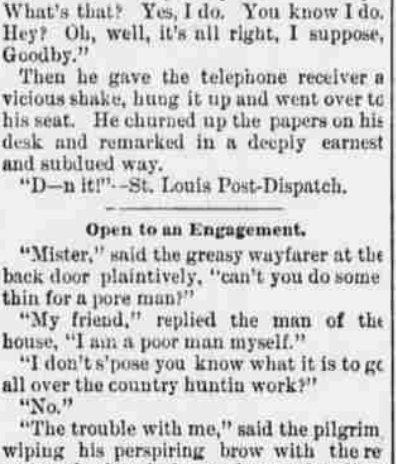
"My friend," replied the man of the house, "I am a poor man myself."

"I don't see how you can do it to go all over the country huntin' work?"

"No." "The trouble with me," said the pilgrim, wiping his perspiring brow with the neck of his coat, "is that I have been a handkerchief, 'is nerves. I can't do heavy work. If you was to ask me to hoe in the garden to pay for my breakfast, I couldn't do it. I wouldn't deceive you, mister. I just couldn't do it. But I'm willing to do light work. I won't stand back for no man alive when it comes to light work. An if you've got any easy job that I can do comfortable like so as to stimulate my appetite 'bout work 'n'm nerves."

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