TO ADJUST THE TONNAGE

Important Meeting of Railway Presidents in Philadelphia.

THE GATHERING HARMONIOUS

Representatives of the Various Coal Roads Discuss the Question of Tonnage Allotment and Seek a Remedy for Present Stagnation in Trade.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—An important meeting of the presidents of the various railroad companies interested in the transportation of anthracite coal was held in this city today for the purpose of seeking some remedy for the present demoralized state of the coal trade. The meeting was held in the Reading terminal building, and lasted over two hours.

Among those present were: George B. Roberts, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company; Joseph S. Harris, president of the Reading Railroad company and acting president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company; Elisha P. Wilbur, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company; and representatives of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; Delaware and Hudson, Jersey Central and New York, Ontario and Western companies. According to those present the meeting was entirely harmonious, and the whole question of the allotment of tonnage between the various roads was very thoroughly discussed.

After the meeting had adjourned one of the gentlemen who was present made the following statement: "The question under consideration was as to what constitutes the proper and natural distribution of anthracite coal between the various transportation lines. The distribution was entirely harmonious, and it was finally decided to refer the question for further examination to a committee, which has not yet been appointed. The whole question is very largely a matter of statistics. All the leading companies were represented."

While no action of importance was taken, and the meeting cannot exert any immediate influence upon the trade, the fact that the executive officials of all the companies are making an earnest endeavor to settle the vexed question of the allotment of tonnage is at least significant of greater harmony than has prevailed for some time past.

RAISES RATS FOR FOOD.

Peculiar Pursuit of a Kentucky Hermit. Speaks of His Stock With Enthusiasm. He Has Favorites He Would Not Kill Under Any Circumstances.

By the United Press.

Vanceburg, Ky., Dec. 27.—A strange being lives all alone near Burtonsville, this county, twelve miles southwest of Vanceburg, Thomas Williams by name. He is a hermit, and has acted in that capacity for about ten years. He was formerly a merchant and was doing well in his business. Then came sickness to his family, and during one epidemic of typhoid fever he lost his wife and four children, all within the space of three months. From being a lively, jocular, genial, good fellow, he became all of a sudden morose, petulant, and, finally, uncommunicative.

He at once advertised his business for sale, declaring he would go West. His goods were accordingly sold at about half their actual cost. Instead of going away he took his money, and with a small portion of it bought a small hill farm in the wilds near Burtonsville. On this body of land he erected a small log cabin. There he ensconsed himself, and has lived there ever since.

One of the peculiar tastes he has developed, along with others quite as peculiar, is his love of rats. These rodents he keeps about him in swarms, and he looks to their rearing as one would a lot of chickens. When he wants a dish that is particularly toothsome he decoys a rat into a little box and kills it. Strange to say, his rats are all on the best of terms with him. He feeds them regularly and enjoys their bold sportiveness about the house. The place is literally alive with rats.

Among them he has many favorites that he would not under any circumstances kill. He calls them his "bell rats," meaning that they are the sages and leaders in the rodent tribe. At all hours of the day and night the noise of hosts of squealing, playing, fighting rats can be heard about the cabin floor. He raises corn, performing all the manual labor himself. His one cow and the rats eat it all.

The man, of course, is in a stage of mild insanity, but he is perfectly harmless. Since he has been in this retired way, nearly ten years, he has not visited the house of anyone, not even his nearest relatives. He doesn't solicit anyone to call upon him, but if one stops with him through curiosity, good treatment is invariably given. He makes some wine from the grapes he grows, and this he always offers to the occasional visitor. He takes none himself.

He talks about his rats just like a fine stock breeder would talk about his cattle. He goes on to explain, with a countenance of delight, the fine points about each favorite rodent. The old gentleman has a good bulk of money hid somewhere in the neighborhood of his cabin, but no one knows anything about how much. He will not say a word about any portion of his life passed since his family died. If one speaks to him about them he assumes an expression of questioning mystery, as if he did not understand.

READING KNOCKED OUT.

A Locomotive on the Road Demolished by a Lehigh Valley Engine.

By the United Press.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 27.—This morning at 8.30 o'clock a collision took place at Big Mine Run colliery, near Ashland, between a Philadelphia and Reading locomotive and a Lehigh Valley passenger train running from Ashland to Shenandoah and drawn by locomotive No. 207. The Reading locomotive was making a trip of empty coal cars into the breaker when it was struck by the Lehigh Valley locomotive.

The Reading locomotive was completely wrecked, and Michael Carley, who runs the hoisting engine at the colliery, and who was riding in the locomotive cab, was seriously injured by being scalded with steam. The Lehigh Valley locomotive was badly damaged and the passengers were given a lively shaking up, but no one was seriously hurt.

REV. DR. FREAR DEAD.

Well Know Baptist Clergyman Expires After a Lingering Illness.

By the United Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 27.—Rev. Dr. George Frear, ex-pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, died this afternoon after a lingering illness.

The deceased was born in Eaton, Wyoming county, June 21, 1831, and was a son of Rev. William Frear. He graduated from the Lewisburg university in 1856. In 1858 he went to Upland, Delaware county, and a few months later was ordained in Reading, Pa. The deceased was at one time curator at Bucknell university.

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INDUSTRIAL TOPICS.

The Reading's coal tonnage last week aggregated 264,867 tons, a decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year of 33,463 tons. For the fiscal year to date the tonnage has amounted to 778,885 tons, against 899,366 tons for the same period last year, a decrease of 120,450 tons.

Lorain, O., Dec. 27.—General Manager Suppes, of the Johnson company's steel plant at this place, is authority for the statement that on Christmas eve a deal was closed between his company and the Carnegie Steel company by which the latter acquires a large amount of land adjoining Black river, Lorain, opposite the Johnson plant, on which immense steel works, employing over 3,000 men, will be erected during the coming year. For some time past the Carnegie company has been prospecting with a view of securing the location for a steel plant on Lake Erie.

Anthracite coal sales agents will meet in regular monthly session today in New York. It is the general belief, according to the Stockholder, that a policy of restriction for January will be agreed upon. The presidents of the several coal producing and carrying companies have taken the situation in hand themselves, and it is certain that whatever the outcome of the meeting, it will be due to their dictation. The few days of cold weather we have had has stimulated trade to a marked extent, especially the movement of coal from the wholesaler and retailer to the consumer. Full circular prices are being received in a few isolated cases only, but, on the other hand, there is no cutting under the regular established market quotations. The general market, therefore, may be said to be quiet, with an improving tendency.

Vice President Hartshorne of the Lehigh Valley says: "We cannot pay unearned dividends, and believe no management could have earned them when we could not. Members of the present board are large stockholders, and interfested in the company in that and other ways. At least five members are trustees of the Lehigh university, and as the life of that institution depends upon the Lehigh Valley, the board is also interested in that way. When conditions improve, the Lehigh Valley should do better, and then dividends may be earned and paid. If the opposition committee knows of any man who could have earned dividends when we could not, we should like to meet him. He is the man we want; but, of course, we cannot pay unearned dividends, nor should we if we could."

The following figures, taken from the Coal Trade Journal, show that the anthracite coal output for 1894 has been less than the two preceding years—a condition of affairs largely due to the mildness of last winter, which led to the accumulation of large stocks by both producers and sellers, and consequently diminished the demand for coal during the spring and summer:

Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.
1887	34,641,017	1891	40,448,356
1888	38,145,718	1892	41,893,320
1889	35,407,710	1893	43,089,536
1890	35,865,174	1894	41,266,832

The following table will show the production during each of the months for the three years named:

	Tons, 1894.	Tons, 1893.	Tons, 1892.
January	2,622,808	3,969,579	2,809,893
February	2,291,472	3,128,807	3,216,972
March	2,495,658	3,761,744	3,072,819
April	2,757,398	3,284,659	2,944,593
May	3,793,203	3,707,081	3,531,121
June	3,112,358	4,115,632	3,827,924
July	3,868,215	3,275,863	3,654,424
August	3,080,843	3,308,768	3,693,924
September	3,270,612	3,614,495	3,760,136
October	4,136,859	4,525,663	4,060,126
November	4,493,281	3,905,487	3,769,710
December	3,000,000	3,436,405	3,596,081
	41,266,832	43,089,536	41,893,316

It will be seen that during the months of January, February and March the production fell off some 2,500,000 tons, and that this loss was never regained during the remainder of the year. Changes in the different regions are shown in the following report for eleven months:

Region.	Tons, 1892.	Tons, 1893.	Tons, 1894.
Wyoming	20,908,584	21,970,238	20,366,445
Lehigh	5,837,305	6,370,592	6,193,679
Schuylkull	11,551,349	11,312,299	11,206,706
Total 11 mos	38,297,239	39,653,131	38,266,832

By this it will be seen that the Wyoming region has been the heaviest loser, compared with 1893, and the Schuylkill the smallest. This latter fact is largely due to the policy of President Harris, of the Reading railroad. In maintaining its rights the Reading mined at its own collieries during the year ended Nov. 30, 7,415,932 tons, or 136,018 more than in 1893, and more than it ever mined in any year excepting 1891. At the same time its percentage of the total output, which in 1892 was 19.55 per cent., and in 1893, 19.35 per cent., rose in 1894 to 20.05 per cent. Owing to the mild weather, the business depression and the eager competition of the producing companies for trade, which at times flooded the markets with more coal than they could absorb, prices have been very low in 1894. The following table gives the nominal prices at tidewater at different periods of the year, showing an almost steady downward tendency:

	Broken.	Egg.	Stove.	Chs't.
January	$3 75	$4 00	$4 45	$4 45
February	3 60	3 75	4 00	4 00
April	3 50	3 50	3 75	3 75
June	3 65	3 65	4 00	4 00
July	3 75	3 75	4 15	4 15
October	3 50	3 50	3 75	3 75
December	3 10	3 20	3 35	3 25

The producing companies will enter 1895 with a stock of nearly 1,000,000 tons of coal on hand, but with reasonably cold weather and a genuine restriction of the output during January and February, such as has been enforced in December, it is believed that the spring season will open up with matters in better shape than they have been in for some time.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 27.—There were some important developments in the financial world today, but it seems utterly impossible to revive speculative interest in the stock market. In anything like normal times a dissolution of a big government bond syndicate, accompanied by severe criticisms of the financial policy of the administration and the declaration of the usual dividend by a great railroad company like the New York Central after reports for months that the regular rate could not be maintained would have created a great big market. Today, however, these developments were accepted with a languid interest and less than 100,000 shares of stocks were traded in during the entire session. At the opening the market was heavy, but when the New York Central declared its regular dividend for the quarter, prices moved up ¼ to 1⅝ per cent., Central naturally leading. There were a few weak spots, notably distillers, Reading and Jersey Central. Reading sold down nearly 2 points to 14 on an unconfirmed rumor that the plan would be amended and the assessment on the junior securities materially increased. The market closed irregular, but in the main firm. Net changes show gains of ¼ to¾ per cent. in the general list. The total sales were 94,581 shares.

The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. du B. Dimmick, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

	Yes. Clos.	Op'ning.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
A., T. & S. F.	3⅞	4⅛	4⅛	4	4
A. S. R. C.	89	89	89	88½	88¾
A. C. O.	22¼	21¾	22½	21½	22½
C., M. & S. P.	56⅞	56⅞	57⅛	56⅞	57
C., R. I. & P.	61½	61½	61¾	61½	61¾
C., B. & Q.	70⅝	70⅝	71	70⅝	71
C. & N. W.	96½	96½	96⅝	96¼	96⅜
Can. South	50¼	50¼	50⅝	50¼	50¼
Ches. & O.	17	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞
D. C. F. Co.	10⅝	10⅝	10¾	9½	9⅝
D. & H.	125½	125¼	125¼	124½	125½
Gen. Elec.	33½	33⅝	34⅝	33⅝	34¼
Jersey Cent.	90¼	90¼	90⅝	89⅝	89⅞
L. & N.	53¼	53⅝	53½	53	53⅛
Lake Shore	....	137	137	137	137
Man. Ele.	104¼	104½	105	104½	105
Mo. Pac.	26⅝	26⅝	27⅛	26⅝	27⅛
Nat Lead	37	37	37¼	37	37
Nat. Cord.	6	6⅛	7	6	6⅛
New Eng.	31⅝	31⅝	31⅞	31⅝	31⅞
N. Y. C.	99½	99	100¼	98⅝	100½
P. & R.	16⅛	15⅞	15⅞	14	14¼
W. & S. L., Pr	13⅝	13¾	14	13¾	14
W. Union	86½	86½	87⅛	86⅝	86⅞
C. G. R.	72¼	72¼	72¾	72¼	72¾
S. R.	10½	10½	10⅝	10½	10⅝

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES.

WHEAT.	Op'ning.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
May	58½	58⅝	57½	57⅝
December	54⅛	54⅛	53¼	53¼
OATS.				
May	32	32	31¾	31¾
December	29½	29½	29¼	29¼
January	28⅞	28⅞	28⅞	28⅞
CORN.				
May	48⅝	48⅞	48⅛	48¼
December	46⅛	46⅜	45⅞	45⅞
January	46	46⅜	45⅞	45⅞
LARD.				
May	6.92	6.95	6.85	6.90
January	6.67	6.70	6.62	6.65
PORK.				
May	11.72	11.77	11.52	11.60
January	11.35	11.35	11.15	11.20

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations.

No. Shs.	Par Val.		Bid.	Ask.
10	100	Scranton Packing Co	....	120
10	50	Providence & Abington Turnpike	75	....
5	100	Scranton Glass Co.	....	70
5	100	Traders' Nat'l Bank	110	....
1	1000	Mt. Jessup Coal Co.	500	....
10	50	Moosic Mount'n Coal Co	....	60
60	50	Lacka. & Montrose Railroad	....	50
10	100	Scra'n Savings Bank	200	....
25	100	Third Nat'l Bank	350	375
10	100	First Nat'l Bank	600	....
400	50	Scranton Trac. Co.	....	10
10	100	Walker Automatic & Steam Coupler Co.	....	25
78	100	Allegheny Lum'r Co.	....	100
5	500	Scranton Glass Co. (Bonds)	....	500
7	500	Stevens Coal Com'y (Bonds)	....	500
2	100	Scra'n Jar and Stopper Co.	....	60
20	50	Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	62 50	....
1	100	Scra'n Axle Works	....	75
1	100	Econ'my Light, Heat and Power Co.	....	100
4	25	Crystal Lake Water Co	100	....
100	100	Lacka. Lumber Co.	110	....
60	100	Cent. Penn. Tel. & Supply Co.	....	100
50	100	Spring Brook Water Co	....	100
6	100	First National Bank (Carbondale)	....	250
5	100	Lacka. Trust & Safe Deposit Co.	135	....
15	100	Scranton Bedding Co	....	103
50	100	Bonta Glass Co.	....	50
10	100	Scra'n Lace Cur. Co.	....	90
5	100	Scranton Forging Co	....	110
100	100	Chamberlain Coal Co	....	100
20	100	Green R'ge Lum'r Co	....	110

Philadelphia Tallow Market.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Tallow is quiet and unchanged. We quote: City, prime, in hhds, 4⅝a4¾c.; country, prime, in bbls, 4⅝c.; do. dark, in bbls, 4¼a4½c.; cakes, 5c.; grease, 4c.

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Sealed Proposals.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECeived at the office of the Secretary of the Scranton Board of Control until 7.30 o'clock, Monday evening, Jan. 14, 1895, for the introduction of the heating and ventilating and sanitary system of the proposed new High School, the work to be done under the supervision and according to the plans and specifications of Fred P. Smith, C. E., of 150 Fifth avenue, New York city. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Secretary of the Board of Control, Municipal Building, Scranton, Penna. Bids shall be submitted as follows: 1.—for the cost of the system complete. 2.—for the system, less the cost of the electrical control. 3.—For the cost of the marble work, which is to be made a separate item in the bid. The sum of $500 in cash or certified check shall be inclosed with each bid, to be forfeited to the school district in case of refusal or omission on the part of the bidder to execute contract within ten days if awarded the same. A bond in the sum of $5,000 will be required of the bidder to whom whom the contract shall be awarded for the faithful performance of the contract. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
EUGENE D. FELLOWS, Secretary.
Scranton, Pa., Dec 21, 1894.

Legal.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF Lackawanna County, No. 353, Sept. term, 1894, Margaret Turner vs. Joseph R. Turner.
The alias subpoena in divorce in the above case having been returned "non est inventus," you, Joseph R. Turner, are hereby notified to be and appear at the next term of Common Pleas of said county, to be held in the city of Scranton on the 14th day of January, 1895, to answer the plaintiff's complaint in the above case. JOHN J. FAHEY, Sheriff.
W. GAYLORD THOMAS, Attorney.

Real Estate.

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Special Notices.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Third National Bank of Scranton, will be held in their directors' room on Tuesday, January 8th, 1895, between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock p. m.
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New York Produce Market.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 27.—Flour—Easy, dull. Wheat—Dull, easier, closing steady; No. 2 red store and elevator, 59¾c.; afloat, 60½a60¾c.; f. o. b., 60⅝a61⅞c.; ungraded red, 57a62c.; No. 1 northern, 68c.; options closed weak at ⅜a⅝c. below yesterday with trading more active; May most active; sales included No. 2 red January, 59⅝c.; February, 60⅝c.; March, 61⅜c.; May, 62⅛c.; June, 62¼c.; July, 62½c.; December, 59⅜c. Corn—Dull, firmer; No. 2, 52¼c. elevator; 53½c. afloat; steamer mixed, 49⅝a51⅛c.; No. 3, 48⅝a49½c.; options closed ⅛a⅜c. below yesterday with a fair trade; May most active; December, 51⅜c.; January, 51⅝c.; February, 51¾c.; May, 52½c. Oats—Dull, firmer; options quiet, steady; December, 31c.; January, 31¼c.; May, 35⅜c.; spot prices, No. 2, 31a31⅜c.; No. 2 white, 38½c.; No. 2 Chicago, 35a35⅜c.; No. 3, 33c.; No. 3 white, 37⅜c.; mixed western, 31a35½c.; white do., 38a41½c.; white state, 38a41½c.; Beef—Quiet. Beef Hams—Dull. Cut Meats—Quiet; middles, nominal. Lard—Weak; western steam, $6.95; city, 6½c.; December, $6.95, nominal; January, $6.95, nominal; refined, dull; continent, $7.45; South America, $7.70; compound, 5½a5¾c. Pork—Dull; mess, $12.75a13.25. Butter—Dull, freely offered; state dairy, 10a19c.; do. creamery, 16a22c.; Pennsylvania do., 16a22c.; western dairy, 10a15c.; do. creamery, 15a24c.; do. factory, 9½a15c.; Elgins, 24c.; imitation creamery, 12a18c.; June creamery, 15a21c. Cheese—Dull, steady; state large, 9a11¼c.; do. fancy colored, 11¼c.; do. white, 10⅝a11c.; do. small, 9½a12c.; part skims, 3½a9c.; full skims, 2a3c. Eggs—Firmer; state and Pennsylvania, 23a24c.; refrigerator, 14½a20c.; western fresh, 23c.; do. per case, $2a3.50; southern, 20a22½c.; limed, 14a15c.

Chicago Stock Market.

By the United Press.

Union Stocks Yards, Ill., Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000 head; market firm; common to extra steers, $3a5.90; stockers and feeders, $2a3.50; cows and bulls, $2a3.50; calves, $2a2.75. Hogs—Receipts, 16,000 head; market opened firm, closed steady; heavy, $4.25a4.55; common to choice mixed, $4.10a4.50; choice assorted, $4.20a4.30; light, $3.90a4.20; pigs, $2.25a3.80. Sheep—Receipts, 8,000 head; market firm and 10a20c. higher; inferior to choice, $1.75a3.65; lambs, $2.50a4.25.

Oil Market.

By the United Press.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—Oil opened and highest, 98½c.; lowest and closed, 95c.

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