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DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL.

Complete Revolution in the Method of Operating It.

Kingston, Dec. 19.—The Delaware and Hudson Canal company has issued a circular to boatmen that is the sensation of the day in boating circles, and makes a complete revolution in the methods of operating the canal. The circular says that owing to the progressive decrease in shipments of coal by canal and the consequent inability to boatmen to make a sufficient number of trips to make the business of transporting coal to tidewater more remunerative, it has been decided by the company to change the method of transporting coal by canal, as follows:

"Beginning at the opening of navigation in 1898, the fleet will consist of about 450 boats, which will be handled by about 900 boatmen, to be chosen by the superintendent. In selecting boatmen due consideration will be given to length of service, qualification, and so forth. A fair percentage of the number of boatmen required will be taken from Honesdale, Rondout, and intermediate places. No particular boat will be assigned to a boatman, but he will be required to take the first boat loaded at Honesdale, and also light boats from Rondout in their turn, depending upon the order of their arrival at either place. For instance, a boatman will be ordered to take a light boat from Rondout through to Honesdale, and on arriving at the latter place he will immediately be given another boat (the first one ready), and proceed with it to Rondout, returning in like manner from Rondout with a light boat immediately upon arrival there. Thus there will be no delay at either terminus of the canal, and it is expected that each boatman will be enabled to make from twelve to fifteen trips per season.

"All boatmen will be expected to furnish their own outfit, with horses and crews as heretofore, and will enter into a written contract with the company to transport coal by the aforesaid method, upon terms that will be announced later. On or before Jan. 31, 1898, the company will notify each boatman it may desire to retain in service, and if the terms are satisfactory to the boatmen selected they will be expected to make an assignment of their interests in their boats to the company. All other boatmen (except those having rights in boats to be given clears) will be reimbursed for their rights in their respective boats by purchase of their interest in such boats.

TERRITORY IN DISPUTE.

Borough May Be Utterly Undone by a Coal Company's Surveyor.

Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 19.—Residents of Ashley, near here, are disturbed by the discovery just made that a goodly portion of its supposed territory has never been within the borough lines and is really a part of Hanover township.

The discovery was made by Harry C. Mason, chief civil engineer of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, who, in looking over some old maps of the company's property in the Third ward of Ashley, was surprised to learn that a large portion of the ward was not in the borough limits at all, but really a part of Hanover township.

Superintendent Elmer H. Lawall at once notified the assessors of Ashley borough that the company would pay no more taxes to them. He also notified the Hanover township assessors to assess the company's property in the district described according to the township assessment.

This will make a decided difference in the tax payments of the company, as in the borough the assessment is now fifty-three mills and in the township twenty-six mills.

Burgess Harrigan, Councilman James Tredinnick and School Directors Patrick Gallagher and Thomas Harrigan all live in the affected districts and must give up their borough offices because they are residents of the township.

The township will commence suit to recover taxes collected and paid into the borough treasury during the past several years, and these will amount to a big sum.

Residents of the districts will in all probability sue the borough for the difference between the tax they paid to the borough and the tax they would have paid to the township, and this, too, will be a large sum, as the borough taxes have always been about twice as high as the township taxes.

The borough, too, on its part will doubtless want to collect from the township for improvements made and paid for in the affected district.

BEATTY OBJECTS TO PHOTO.

Convicted Forger and Ex-Secretary of the A. P. A. Hides His Face.

Stroudsburg, Dec. 19.—An interesting scene occurred in the county jail yesterday when District Attorney Williams and Constable Meyers made an effort to take the photographs of T. Charles Beatty, ex-supreme secretary of the A. P. A., ex-principal of the Coldwater, Mich., High school, and graduate of the university of Michigan, and of his companion in jail, Harry Howard.

Both men will soon be taken to the Eastern penitentiary, to serve a term of fifteen months for forgery. Beatty objected, and said: "If you come in here and touch me, I'll have you arrested," and covering his face with his hands, said: "This is my favorite pose."

The picture was taken showing half of Beatty's face. Howard had shaved off his mustache and when brought before the camera took a pose kneeling, as if saying his prayers. Both hands were fastened over his face. During the performance there was a lively tilt between Lawyer Palmer and District Attorney Williams over the right to take the photographs.

THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review.

New York, Dec. 18.—The rise of prices was practically uninterrupted during the short session of the Stock exchange today. Some very sharp net gains being the result, exceeding 2 per cent. on some of the specialties, over a point in a large number of leading stocks and a sharp reaction all through the list. The rise was almost wholly the result of professional buying. Bull operators extended their lines aggressively and the bears covered heavily. But the incident that determined the tone of the general speculation and awakened a general buying movement all through the list was the report from London, afterwards shown to be erroneous, that over half a million dollars in gold had been withdrawn from the Bank of England for shipment to the United States. Taken in connection with the easing of the call loan rate yesterday afternoon to 2 per cent, and the quantity of funds offering at that rate, this report had the effect of dissipating some of the fears of traders in securities as to the future of the money market and aggressive buying ensued. The total sales of stocks today amounted to 753,200 shares.

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	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Am. Cot. Oil	22¾	23⅝	22¾	23⅛
Am. Sug. Ref'g Co.	137⅞	139	137	138⅝
A., T. & S. F., Pr.	30¼	30⅝	29⅞	30⅝
Am. Tobacco Co.	83⅛	86¼	83⅛	85¾
Am. Spirits, Pr.	18	19	18	18
Balt. & Ohio	13¾	14¼	13¾	13¾
Brook. R. P.	22¾	23	22¾	22¾
Bay State Gas	3⅜	3⅝	3⅜	4
N. J. Central	92¾	93	92¾	93
Chic. & G. W.	15⅞	16	15⅞	16
Chic. & N. W.	120	121½	120	121⅝
Chic., B. & Q.	99	99⅞	98⅞	99¾
Chicago Gas	95¾	97⅜	95¾	96⅝
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	95¾	96⅝	95¾	95⅞
Chic., R. I. & P.	99⅛	99⅝	98¾	98⅝
Chic., St. P., M. & O.	77⅜	78¼	77	78¼
C. C. C. & St. L.	54½	57¼	54½	56¾
Delaware & Hud.	113	113¾	113	113¾
D., L. & W.	156	157½	156	157¼
N. Y., L. E. & W.	15	15	15	15
Gen. Electric	32	34½	31	33¾
Louis. & Nash.	56¾	57¾	56⅝	57¼
Manhattan	107 to 108	110¼	106	109¾
M. K. & Tex., Pr.	24	25⅝	24	25⅛
Mo. Pacific	23¾	24¼	22⅝	23½
Nat. Lead	51	54⅝	51	54⅝
N. Y. Central	103⅞	105¾	103¾	105¾
Ont. & West	15¾	16⅜	15½	15⅝
North. Pacific	21	22	21	22
Nor. Pacific, Pr.	69⅛	69⅞	69	69⅞
Pacific Mail	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾
Phil. & Read.	22½	23⅜	22½	23⅜
Southern R. R.	9¼	9⅝	9¼	9½
Southern R. R., Pr.	32⅜	33⅞	32⅜	33¾
Tenn. C. & Iron	25	25½	25	25⅜
Texas & Pacific	11	11¾	11	11¾
Union Pacific	27⅜	28¼	27¼	28⅛
U. S. Rubber	16½	16⅞	16½	16⅞
Wabash	7¾	8⅛	7⅝	8⅛
Wabash, Pr.	17¾	18⅝	17¾	18⅝
West. Union	97¾	99¼	89⅝	99⅛

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
WHEAT.				
May	91⅞	92⅞	91⅞	92⅞
July	82⅜	83⅛	82⅜	83⅛
CORN.				
May	29	29¼	28⅞	29¼
July	30¼	30¼	30	30¼
OATS.				
May	22⅞	23⅛	22⅞	23⅛
PORK.				
January	8.60	8.60	8.57	8.60
May	8.85	8.85	8.82	8.85
LARD.				
January	4.70	4.75	4.70	4.75
May	4.67	4.72	4.67	4.72

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Scranton & Pittston Trac. Co.	...	20
National Boring & Drill'g Co.	...	80
First National Bank	650	...
Elmhurst Boulevard Co	...	100
Scranton Savings Bank	200	...
Scranton Packing Co	...	95
Lacka. Iron and Steel Co	...	150
Third National Bank	350	...
Throop Novelty M'f'g Co	...	90
Scranton Traction Co	15	17
Scranton Axle Works	...	75
Weston Mill Co	...	250
Alexander Car Replacer Co	...	100
Scranton Bedding Co	...	105
Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	150	...
Peck Lumber M'f'g Co	175	225
Economy Light, Heat & Power Co	...	45
BONDS.		
Scranton Pass. Railway, first mortgage due 1920	115	...
People's Street Railway first mortgage due 1918	115	...
People's Street Railway, General mortgage, due 1921	115	...
Dickson Manufacturing Co.	...	100
Lacka. Township School 6's	...	102
City of Scranton St. Imp. 6's	...	102
Mt. Vernon Coal Co	...	85
Scranton Axle Works	...	100
Scranton Traction Co	100	...

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat—No. 2 December, 88½@89c.; January, 91@91⅛c.; May, 91⅞@92⅛c. Corn—No. 2 December, 25⅞@26⅛c.; January, 26½@26⅝c.; May, 28@28⅛@28⅜c. Oats—No. 2 December, 21½@21⅝@21⅝c.; May, 22½@22¾@22¾c. Pork—December, closed $7.65; January, $8.55@8.60; May, $8.85@8.85. Lard—December, closed $4.42½; January, $4.70@4.57; May, $4.67½@4.72½. Ribs—December, closed $4.37½; January, closed $4.57½; May, $4.52½@4.52½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Dull; winter patents, $4.70@4.80; straights, $4.20@4.40; spring specials, $5.25; spring patents, $4.40@4.80; straights, $4.20@4.30; bakers, $3.50@3.80. No. 2 spring wheat, 87@88c.; No. 3 spring wheat, 85@86c.; No. 2 red, 89½@90½c.; No. 2 oats, 22½c.; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 24½c.; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 24@24½c.; No. 2 rye, 36c.; No. 2 barley, f. o. b., 30@37½c.; No. 1 flax seed, $1.19@1.20; timothy seed, $2.62½@2.65; pork, $7.65@7.70; lard, $4.55@4.57½; ribs, $4.25@4.70; shoulders, 4½@4¾c.; whisky, $1.19; sugars, cut loaf, $5.56; granulated, $5.22. No. 2 yellow corn, 26½c. Receipts—Flour, 22,000 barrels; wheat, 256,000 bushels; corn, 251,000 bushels; oats, 382,000 bushels; rye, 131,000 bushels; barley, 48,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 15,000 barrels; wheat, 8,000 bushels; corn, 68,000 bushels; oats, 252,000 bushels; rye, 500 bushels; barley, 30,000 bushels.

New York Produce Market.

New York, Dec. 18.—Flour—Inactive but nominally steady; city mill patents, $5.60@5.85; winter patents, $4.80@5.00; city mill clears, $5.40@5.50; winter straights, $4.60@4.80; Minnesota patents, $5.00@5.50; winter extras, $3.40@3.80; Minnesota bakers, $4.25@4.40; winter low grades, $2.90@3. Rye Flour—Dull; $2.70@3.25 for fancy. Rye—Dull; No. 2 western, 50c. c. i. f., Buffalo. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red, 86½c. f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.02½ f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, $1.02½ f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern New York, $1.01 f. o. b., afloat; options steady and ruled generally firm all the morning on better cables than expected, cold weather west and large seaboard clearances for the day, closed ½@1c. net higher, latter December. No. 2 red, 86¾@87c., closed 86c.; January, 87 11-16@88c., closed 87½c.; May, 85¾@86c., closed 85¾c.; July, close 1 87½c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 30½c. f. o. b., afloat; options opened steady on large weekly clearances, but turned a shade easier under realizing and closed unchanged to ⅛c. net lower; May, 31¾c.; December, closed 32c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2, 25@25½c.; No. 3, 25¼c.; No. 2 white, 29½c.; No. 3 white, 28½c.; track mixed, western, 27@28c.; track white, western, 28@33c.; track white, state, 28@33c.; options dull; December, closed 27½c.; February, closed 27¾c.; May, 27¼@27⅝c., closed 27⅝c. Beef—Steady; family, $9.00@10; extra mess, $7.50@8; beef hams, $22@22.50; packet, $8@10; city extra India mess, $15@16. Cut Meats—Dull; pickled bellies, 5¼@5½c.; do. shoulders, 5¼c.; do. hams, 7@7½c. Lard—Steady; western steamed, $4.75; December, closed $4.75, nominal; refined, dull; continent, $4.95; S. A., $5.75; compound, 4@4½c. Pork—Dull; mess, $8.50@9; short clear, $9@12; family, $9@11. Butter—Steady; western creamery, 15@22c.; factory, 12@17c.; Elgins, 22c.; imitation creamery, 13@18c.; state dairy, 13@21c.; do. creamery, 15@21c. Cheese—Quiet; large white, September, 8¼@8½c.; small do., 9@9½c.; large colored, September, 8¼@8½c.; small do., 9@9½c.; large late made, 7½@7¾c.; small do., 8¼@8½c.; light skims, 6@6½c.; full skims, 4@5½c.; full skims, late. Eggs—Firm at the decline; state and Pennsylvania, 23@25c.; western fresh, 20@22c. Potatoes—Quiet; New York, $2.75; sweets, $1.50@2. Petroleum—Quiet; united closed 69c. bid; refined New York, $5.40; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.55; do. in bulk, $2.85.

Philadelphia Provision Market.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Firm and ½c. higher; contract grade, December, 87¼@87½c.; January, February and March, nominal. Corn—Steady; No. 2 mixed, December and January, 27½@27¾c.; February and March, nominal. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, December and January, 29@29½c.; February and March, nominal. Potatoes—Unchanged; white, choice, per bushel, 70@75c.; do. fair to good, 60@65c.; sweets, prime, per bushel, 45@50c.; do. seconds, 25@30c. Butter—Steady; fancy western creamery, 22c.; do. Pennsylvania and western prints, 24c. Eggs—Firm and 1c. higher; nearby and western, 23@23c. Refined Sugars—Firm. Cotton—Unchanged. Tallow—Steady; city prime in hogsheads, 3¼c.; country, in barrels, 3¼c.; dark, do., 3c.; cakes, 3½c.; grease, 3½c. Live Poultry—Dull; fowls, 6½@7c.; old roosters, 5½c.; spring chickens, 6½@7c.; broilers, 8 @9c.; turkeys, 9@10c.; ducks and geese, 8@9c. Dressed Poultry—Unchanged; fowls, choice, 8c.; do. fair to good, 7@7½c.; chickens, large, 8@9c.; medium do., 7@7½c.; common and scalded do., 6@7c.; turkeys, choice to fancy, 12@14c.; do. fair to good, 10@11c.; ducks, good to choice, 7@8c. Receipts—Flour, 4,000 barrels and 23,000 sacks; wheat, 8,000 bushels; corn, 38,000 bushels; oats, 25,000 bushels. Shipments—wheat, 20,000 bushels; corn, 78,000 bushels; oats, 75,000 bushels.

Chicago Grain Market.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Today's cattle market was practically nominal with receipts less than 500 head. During the latter part of the week the market weakened on common cattle and sales were made $3.50@3.85 for the poorest lots. Trade in hogs was fairly active. The bulk of the hogs sold at $3.37½@3.47½; coarse heavy packers, $3.25@3.30; prime butchers' and mixed hogs, $3.50@3.55. As compared with a week ago, prices were about 10c. higher. Sales of lambs were at $4@4.50 for inferior flocks. Sheep sold freely at $3@4.75. Exporters took heavy sheep at $4.15@4.25. Most of the late sales of sheep were at $4.75@4.80.

Philadelphia Live Stock.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Beef Cattle—In light supply, fair demand, higher; Christmas cattle, 5½@6c.; extra, 5@5½c.; good, 4½@4¾c.; medium, 4@4½c.; common, 3¼@3½c. Sheep—Fairly active and higher; Christmas sheep, 5½@6c.; extra, 5@5¼c.; good, 4½@4¾c.; medium, 4@4½c.; common, 3½@3¾c.; lambs, 5½@6c. Hogs—Good demand and firm at 5@5¼c. for extra western and 4¾@5c. for other kind. Cows—Fat cows, steady, at 2@3½c.; veal calves, active and firm at 4½@7½c.; milch cows, quiet at $25@40.

Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, only a load of sale stock; quiet and unchanged. Hogs—Receipts, 38 cars; stronger on all grades; Yorkers, good to choice, $3.60; roughs, common to choice, $3@3.25; pigs, common to choice, $3.55@3.60. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 15 cars; quiet; lambs, choice to extra, $5.30@5.40; culls to common, $4.50@5.50; sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4.60@4.75; culls to common, $2.00@3.75.

New York Live Stock.

New York, Dec. 18.—Beeves—Receipts, 1,051 head; no trading; exports, 1,532 beeves, 40 sheep and 6,600 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 259 head, steady; veals, $5@8.25; grassers, $3@3.50; western, $3. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,881 head; steady; sheep, $3@4.02½; lambs, $5.30@5.40. Hogs—Receipts, 2,770 head; steady at $3.55@3.90.

East Liberty Cattle Market.

East Liberty, Pa., Dec. 18.—Cattle—Steady; prime, $4.75@4.85; bulls, stags and cows, $2@3.60. Hogs—Slow; prime mediums, $3.55@3.57½; best Yorkers and pigs, $3.50@3.55; heavy, $3.45@3.50; good roughs, $2.75@3.15; common, $2.25@2.50. Sheep—Steady; choice, $4.60@4.70; common, $3@3.65; choice lambs, $5.75@5.80; common to good lambs, $4.50@5.65; veal calves, $6.50@6.

Oil Market.

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 18.—There were sales today of 5,000 barrels cash oil at 62½, and 6,000 barrels at 63. At the close no was bid for cash and January; option was offered at 67; credit balances, unchanged; shipments, 58,292 barrels; runs, 76,863 barrels.

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