PRESENT ASPECT

What the Monthly Letter of Anthracite opened."

Coal Operator's Association Says.

Some Talking of Making a Spring Circular Slightly Below the Present One But It Meets with Opposition from Those Who Consider the Price Current as Sufficiently Low-- Feeling Among Buyers Is One of General Distrust.

With reference to the condition of the anthracite coal market the March letter of the Anthracite Coal Operators' association says:

"Throughout the month of February the market was inactive and showed no improvement over the preceding month, excepting that prices were firmer. The over-production in January and February and consequent heavy stocks on hand, acted to strengthen buyers in their determination not to purchase more than enough for their current requirements, and these were small.

"March has opened without any improvement in the demand, though prices are firmer. There is a considerable quantity of coal going forward on earlier orders and some extensions of these have been made, though how long this will continue is a matter of doubt. A strong effort is being made to maintain the circular and unless the amount of coal coming to market during the month proves greater than the consumption warrants, the present

prices will stand. "There is some talk of naming a spring circular slightly below the present one, but this is opposed by many, who consider the price current as sufficiently low to be held until the advance summer circular appears. So far as can be seen, it is probable that, if the production does not overstock the market, there will be no change and it is open to doubt whether, in such event, any spring concessions from the circular will be granted.

THE JANUARY MINING.

"It was hoped that the quantity of coal mined in January would be sufficiently within the market requirements to permit of a material reduction in the tide and interior stocks, There were many reasons why this was expected, and for believing that the various mining companies, in view of the disastrous effects of over-production toward the close of last year, fully recognized the urgent need of keeping their production well within the consumption.

"The month's requirements were estimated at about 2,250,000 tons, a conservative figure-but the amount mined was over 3,000,000 tons, or nearly 750,-000 tons in excess of the estimate. It is true that nearly all of this coal was marketed, since stocks did not increase, but the large production was a serious disappointment to those who believed that a really consistent effort was going to be made to keep the output

within the demand. "During the early part of January : new circular was announced, as fol-

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more than the usual 'firmnese' shown in such cases, but when Februar, opened, buyers knew that there was surplus of coal on the market, and did not display undue eagerness to relieve the sellers of their stocks, even though there was a charce of securing some coal through the extension of previous orders. The feeling among the buyers has been, and is, one of distrust. Their experience in the past stion of time before the market is ain broken and lower prices will

NO FAITH IN IT.

"They have no faith in the announced intention of any company that there will not be an excess of coal mined nor a decline in price, and in this they are justified by the record of the past. Whether they are right or wrong, the coming months will tell. The situation is in the hands of the sellers. They have failed to observe due judgment during the first month of the year. The results of mining during the second month, 2,700,000 tons, shows the same thing, and the esti-mate of 2,500,000 for March is unquestionably greater than the demand warrants, and will not allow any material change for the better.

"It is difficult to understand why the sellers are unwilling, or afraid, to take sufficiently radical and earnest measures to further strengthen the market, when the only way in which it can be done is well known to them. There is no doubt but that had operations for March been started on a basis of 2,-600,000 tons, the market would have felt the influence of the smaller supply, and the stocks, which are considered by the dealers as a safeguard against a higher price, would have been materially reduced.

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there is a repetition of the same halfhearted measures that so nearly brought disaster last Fall. It will be OF THE COAL TRADE a fortunate thing if, with the estimated production, the month closes in even as satisfactory condition as it has

CAN BE CALLED OUT.

FEBRUARY MARKET WAS INACTIVE National Guard Is Subject to Orders MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE of the President.

> According to the Army and Navy Journal the president, as commanderin-chief, "has the right, under the constitution, when war or insurrection threatens, to call upon the militia of the United States for service. He is made the sole judge of the emergency and there is no power anywhere under the constitution to review his conclusion of fact. He can call the militia into service and send them where he pleases, even to Cuba or to Spain. The governors have the right, however, to select the officers of the troops belonging to their several states, and as a matter of practice and courtesy, the call for militia is made through them. Their authority over the militia ceases as soon as the troops are mustered into the service of the United States."

John E. Watkins in the Philadelphia Press flatly refutes this contention. "There will," he says, "be no such arm of the service as the militia, in the event of war with a foreign power. It would be illegal for President McKin-ley, commander-in-chief of the army and navy, to order the militia outside our boundaries for the purpose of invading Spanish territory, or any other foreign domain. No governor would be required by law to honor the president's call for militia."

The constitution of the United States has the following regarding the mili-tary powers of the president: "The president shall be commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, and of the militia of the seeral states, when called the the actual service of the United States." Regarding the power of congress over the militia it appears that that body shall have power: "To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions. To provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States; reserving to the states respectively the appointment of the officers and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by congress."

From the above declarations from the constitution of the United States it appears to the Rochester Democrat and

constitution of the United States it appears to the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle "that the president is the commander-in-chief of the militia when called into the actual service of the national government. It also appears that congress has power to call out the militia, though the service in which it is to be employed is expressly limited to the execution of the laws, the suppression of insurrections and resistance to invasion. Nothing is said on the subject of ordering the militia out of the country, and under Article X of the constitution, which declares that 'the powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people,' it may be held that the national government has not the right to send the militia out of the country."

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Letters written by officers of the Thirteenth regiment and others to the War department at Washington asking for an official and authoritative deter-

NEW RAILROAD IN MONROE.

It Will Be Built from Kunkletown to Lehigh Gap.

Monroe county capitalists are to build a railroad from Kunkletown to Lehigh Gap, where it is to connect with the Jersey Central. It will be eleven miles long and run a distance of ten and oneads them to believe that it is only a half miles through a beautiful country, touching Milport and Little Gap- en route, and skirting the Chestnut and Stony Ridge mountains on one side and

a fine creek on the other. Besides being for the use of the comrany, whose brick tile and terra cotta plant is situated on extensive clay deposits, permission is granted to haul passengers and freight.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

The Isle of Champagne.

There is a deal of droll humor and not a little pleasing music in "The Isle of Champagne," which was produced at the Lyceum last night by a company headed by Richard Golden, who assumed the role that Thomas Q. Scabrooke made a nig reputation in a few years ago. Mr. Golden's King Pommery is a duplicate of the bibulous character portrayed by Mr. Seabrooke. It is eually as laugh-provoking and there are those even who assert that in this respect the Golden article excells. Mis: Kathrine Germaine, the prima donna of the company, was not able to appear. She recently had an operation performed on her throat and she has not yet sufficiently recovered to resume her place in the company. Her place was ac-ceptably filled by a handsome, graceful and youthful Californian. Maude Lillian Berri, a somewhat recent accession to the light opera stage. She has a good voice and considerable dramatic ability and with the other advantages in her favor will undoubtedly win for herself a place among the operatic favorites of the country. The support given the leading ar-tist was fair and the various choruses were well rendered. The opera is well

The Woman in Black.

"The Woman in Black," one of Mana-ger Litt's productions, which will be seen at the Academy the first half of next week, is a new semi-political play from the pen of H. Grattan Donnelly. It is said to be a story depicting scenes and incidents around a very hotly contested election, where two opposing factions of the same political party are at swords points. The political coloring only gives a novel and effective background for a strong story of love and romance which runs through the play.

The Linden.

According to the popular policy of this theater since Mr. Brooks assumed the management of it, children will again be admitted for five cents this afternoon. The play which is being produced is one that can be appreciated by young as well as old and the work of Alice Kemp and William H. McKinley in the leading roles, is certainly of a high order. Tweive hundred children were entertained last Saturday and many more are expected to-

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for an official and authoritative determination of this question have not been
answered. Yet the law in the case is
believed to be correctly interpreted in
the quotation from the Rochester paper
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Y.-D. T. Yost,
Z.-C. H. Zehnder,

Card of Thanks. I wish to express to the many friends who showed kindness to me during the sickness of my adopted son, George Cunnigham, and to his shopmates from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western machine shops, and the members of his Sunday school class who assisted in the funeral exercises, and to those who sent flowers my heartfelt thanks for their kindness.

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He Was Stricken in Church -- A Striking Lesson to Those Who Neglect Timely Warnings.

A learned judge was taken suddenly sick in church, December 5, 1897, in the city of Brooklyn. Four days later, in spite of the best medical aid, he died. The doctors said the judge had kidney disease and had lived a surprisingly long time, everything considered.

A man or woman may live along for years with incompetent kidneys only to collapse as suddenly as a house of cards when the baby's hands knocks it over The early indications of Bright's disease are sometimes very slight—head-aches, dull pains, depressed feelings, lack of energy—all these indicate the first stages of Bright's disease and yet few people think they mean anything serious until, often, it is too late. There has never been but one dis-

covery known to the world and the medical profession for checking Bright's disease in its beginning or cur-ing it after it has progressed. That discovery, which is so popular in Europe, America and throughout the world is Warner's Safe Cure. If the learned judge, who was strick-

en in church, had realized years before the secret power that was undermining his life, he might have counteracted it and lived to a green old age. But he did not know! And alas! there are thousands of people today who are upon the same

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

dangerous road and who do not real-

One of the exceptional events in mus-ical circits in Scranton in the near fu-ture will be the presence of the world renowned artist and organist, Mr. Wilrenowned artist and organist, ar. William C. Carl, who is to preside at the
inauguration of the large new organ
now being placed in the Providence Presbyterian church by Hook and Hastings
and company of Baston. Mr. Carl has
played in the principle cities of the union
from Boston to California and before his from Boston to California and before his return to America on the completion of his studies with Guilmant, in Paris, he his studies with Guilmant, in Paris, he had given a brilliant series of recitals at the Edinburgh international exposition. Mr. Carl was engaged by the directors of the World's Fair (Chicago) for three recitals which attracted general attention. He is now on a tour of cities with Guilmant, who was at Wilkes-Barre a few weeks ago. Professor Carl has for years filled and still retains the important position of organist and choirmaster at the Old First Presbyterian church, Fifth avenue, New York, Mr. Carl's services for organ concerts are in great demand and can only be secured great demand and can only be secured at large expense. Nevertheless it is be-lieved that so many musicians, especially organists and music loving people in general, throughout all this section will avail themselves of the opportunity of listening to such a skillful artist as to insure a profitable venture for the Providence people. Miss Frances Miller, previously of Baltimore, and now of New York, will be the vocal soloist. Miss Miller is now leading soprano in one of the largest Baptist churches in New York and a very popular artist in the concert platform beside being a lady of pleasing presence. One other artistic feature of the organ inauguration will be two numbers by the Stringed quartett of the Scranton Symphony orchestra. The quartett includes Mr. Fred Widmayer, who has just returned from spe-cial musical studies in Boston. Though the inauguration of the new organ in the Providence church is to be a sub-scription recital, nevertheless the sub-scription will be open to the public at

Mr. Elias E. Evans, at the request of many members of the Plymouth Con-gregational church, has kindly agreed to act as chorister of the church choir. Evans had been cherister of the



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Mr. J. Willis Conant will give the third of his organ recitals at St. Luke's church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, with the fol-lowing programme: Mendelssohn....Prelude and Fugue No. 1

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ELIAS E. EVANS.

day, will be the vocal soloist at the next symphony concert. Mr. Frederick Wid-mayer will be the violin soloist. The concert will be given on the 18th of April, the second Monday after Easter.

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they will probably begin work on their programme of Easter music. Professor David Owens, of No. 13 school, is instructing a chorus choir of seventy-five voices who are preparing for

the next teachers' institute

The following are a few suggestions that will benefit a choir and assist the chorister: Pay attention to the chorister while he is explaining; sit erect, do not communicate with each other while the pastor is speaking; avoid sleeping during service; avoid the habit of turning the leaves in your book it is persons sitting near you; do not smile it a member makes an error in singing keep a pleasant face and do not stare at strangers; do not arrive in your choir pew after the sermon has commenced; do not force the voice to be heard above others. Bear in mind there are critics

Professor W. H. Williams, of the South Side, who has charge of the singing in the Calvary Reformed church, corner of Monroe avenue and Gibson street, is do-

The North End Christian Endeavor choir will produce "Saul of Tarsus" on Monday evening, March 14. Conductor Reese Watkins is a leader of much repute and with the assistance of the choir of one hundred voices is well prepared to give a presentation of this beautiful Mr. David Jenkins was appointed chor-

ister of the Weish Congregational Sunday school last Sunday. Mr. Jenkins has a good knowledge of music, and a baritone voice of fine quality, and has received many prives at eisteddfods. Mrs. M. J. Boste Williams sang very sweetly in contral voice "The Better Land" in the Jac son Street Baptist

church last Sunday evening. The excellent choir of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church rendered very brilliant anthems last Sunday under the direction of the efficient chorister Mr. William W. Jones. The congregation may

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Last Sunday evening the female choir of the Jackson Street Baptist church un-der the leadership of Prof. Lewis Davis ang the composition by Apt How Pleasant. The Apollo club met Thursday evening

in Finley's hall, Lackawanna avenue, with a large number in attendance. Pro-fessor T. J. Davies, Mus. Bac., conductor of the choir, is making good progress to-ward having a concert in the near future David Pritchard, a member of the club, will furnish copies of music, entitled "My True Love Is a Shepherd." to be used by the club. Professor Theodore Hemberger has kindly consented to take charge of the singing of the Apollo club next ing excellent work as chorister. The rendering of melodious music each Sabbath proves his ability as an instructor.

Ger man analy consented take take of the singing of the Apollo club next Thursday evening, during the absence of Professor Davies.

> Mr. John Evans, of the North End, clerk in Clark Bros', grocery department, has been engaged to sing in the Wash-burn Street Presbyterian church as a permanent singer. Mr. Evans is the pos-sessor of a sweet tenor voice. He will commence his duties as a singer on Sun-

The anthems rendered by the quartette at the praise service held in the First Presbyterian church on Washington avenue last Sunday evening were exception-ally fine. Special mention should be made of Miss Elizabeth Thomas, the leading soprano. Her pure, rich voice of such rare quality and tone, was never heard to better advantage, than on last Sunday evening. This young lady is an especial favorite throughout the city.

The much spoken of violin recital will take place next Tuesday evening at the Bicycle club rooms. Mr. Vanderveken, the Belgian violinist, will play favorite compositions by Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Lohengrin, also the fourth conwell be proud of their chorister and singers. Mr. Jones will direct the choir in a presentation of the cantata "Ruth and Boaz" after Easter.

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