

DISPOSITION OF SMALL SIZES OF COAL

They Are About Fifteen Per Cent. of the Total Anthracite Output.

WHY THIS COAL IS HELD BACK

When Cars Are Scarce Operators Prefer to Market the Coal That Brings Them Larger Prices and the Small Sizes Are Stocked—Why a Reduction of Price of Anthracite is Not Feasible Even to Secure a Wider Market.

In reference to the disposition of small sizes of anthracite, the April letter of the Anthracite Coal Operators' association says:

"In the several articles on this subject which have appeared in the letter there have been pointed out the many reasons why it would be to the mutual advantage of the transporters and operators to have these sizes, buckwheat and smaller, separated entirely from the larger domestic sizes in the distribution of cars to the breakers. Taking, for an instance under the present arrangement, the estimated tonnage of April: From the reports of a large number of collieries, it has been ascertained that while the production of such sizes produced in the year is some 15 per cent. of the entire output, the shipments during a month of small tonnage do not exceed 12 per cent. of the production, while in many like October, 1897, nearly 18 per cent. will be marketed. In other words, while 921,500 tons were thrown on the market in October, there will be only some 240,000 tons in April.

"Necessarily, in marketing the October production of these sizes, a demand was created for more than the normal consumption, since there are no adequate facilities for storing any considerable quantity of this coal. Now, in April, the production will be far below the normal requirements, and, with no surplus to draw upon, the demand cannot be filled.

WHY THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

"As to the reason why there is such a wide difference in the shipments of the two months, it does not require an elaborate calculation to show that, when a limited number of cars are furnished to a breaker, it is more profitable to load these with sizes which net two dollars, than with those which bring from fifteen to forty cents, and require extra labor to prepare cars to receive them. It is much cheaper to use such coal as fuel, or to stock it, hoping for a time when there will be sufficient cars to justify loading it.

"Again, in the matter of an increase of buckwheat and smaller to the breakers, many operators have stated that it would not be possible for them to secure a larger quantity than at present. This is, of course, based on the price these sizes now return, but if this was increased to a satisfactory figure, there is little doubt but that from 40 to 50 per cent. more could be shipped. At present, slate pickers coal, much small stuff, and all of the dust, is thrown away at many breakers. It is more expensive to save and burn it for steam than to use buckwheat No. 2 and rice, but with the price increased, this waste could, and would, be used for steam, and the more valuable steam sizes would be marketed.

FOR THE HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL.

Donations Received During March Acknowledged by Directors. The Hahnemann hospital directors thankfully acknowledge the following gifts for the month of March: A. F. Frick, seven jars canned fruit, four glasses jelly, can salmon, one bottle catsup; Mrs. Fred. New, bag flour, bag crackers, bottle bluing, three pounds rice, ten pounds sugar, three pounds coffee, two cans salmon, two cans corn, package starch, six cakes soap; Mrs. Belin, squash, cranberries, celery, apples, wine jelly (twice); Dr. Anna Clark, medicines; Mrs. L. E. Shafer, old muslin and linen; Mrs. A. H. Storrs, oranges and bananas, wine jelly; Mrs. E. L. Lyman, rocking chair; Miss Elsie Gilmore, preserved strawberries, jellies; Miss Gladys Watkins, canned baskets and hyacinths; Mrs. Sanderson, old muslin; Mrs. E. A. Clark, one dozen spoons cotton; Mrs. A. G. Gilmer, Medical Monthly Magazine and Homeopathic Envy; Mrs. Stolle, seven loaves of bread, oranges; Miss Richmond, fourteen spoons cotton; Mrs. J. A. Price, magazines; Mrs. J. F. Serag, magazines; Mrs. Frank Jermy, three night-dresses for children; Mrs. H. Bates, cut roses; Mrs. Burr, six jars jelly; Mrs. W. W. Berry, canned and preserved fruits; Mrs. Knapp, jar raspberries; Mrs. Holzgate, jar peaches; desserts were furnished by Mrs. E. G. Coarsen, Mrs. P. D. Coarsen, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Gehring; flowers by the flower committee (through Miss Blak and Miss Sprague) and by G. R. Clark. Flowers were sent in memory of Mr. William T. Smith.

BASE BALL NOTES.

William Conklin, of Capouse avenue, left yesterday to join the Pawtucket club of the New England league, of which he is third baseman.

The following is from the Buffalo Inquirer: "Lyons" after Sandy Griffin. Yesterday Manager C. H. Morton received a letter from Mr. Sunderlin, of Lyons, asking if Lyons could have first show at Sandy, were he to be released. Manager Morton telegraphed a query as to whether any negotiations had been had with the Buffalo Inquirer. Sunderlin called the Rochester manager up by phone and the Lyons manager was told that Mr. Morton would not stand in the way of Griffin's return to Buffalo. Griffin of Lyons than he would with Rochester. Further than that the matter did not go. It is understood that Sandy is wanted as manager.

The Wilkes-Barre Record of yesterday said of John O'Neill, of Minooka: "He is one of the catchers of the Rochester club, and has made quite an enviable record. He first played with the independent Sidney, N. Y., team and was afterwards recommended to the Baltimore short stop. He was signed for Scranton by Manager Griffin in the fall of 1896, and remained with Scranton for a short time, but was ousted by the manager who was in New York. He finished the season with Rochester and made a splendid record, at the end of the season league campaign returning back to Scranton. The manager of the latter club to Rochester during the past winter makes O'Neill one of Morton's favorites. He is a hard-working catcher, and manager Morton will give him a good chance to become a regular catcher. With Boyd and Gibson on the team, however, it is doubtful if O'Neill gets much of a chance to do regular work, but he is a valuable man to retain. He is a strong batsman and an excellent thrower to base."

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USE OF ANTHRACITE BY NAVY.

Meeting in Wilkes-Barre Tuesday Night Considered the Matter.

A meeting was held at the Commercial club rooms, Wilkes-Barre, Tuesday evening to consider the matter of promoting a movement favoring the use of anthracite as fuel for the United States navy. Mr. S. Fleming, secretary of the Anthracite Coal Operators' association, came from New York purposely to attend the meeting. He reported the efforts that have been made by his association during recent months to interest the navy officials in anthracite. The efforts had been so thorough that before adjourning it was the sense of the meeting to co-operate with Mr. Fleming's society, rather than attempt to carry on a separate movement.

It had been contemplated to send a delegation of anthracite operators and business men to Washington to lay the matter before the navy department, but it was decided that in the present threatened outbreak of war it would

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THE NATION'S HONOR UPHOLD BY THE STRENGTH OF ITS PEOPLE JOHANN HOFF'S MALT EXTRACT MAKES PEOPLE STRONG

FOUR BIG BEER TUBS.

They Are Being Set Up in the Storage Room of E. Robinson Son's Brewery.

Alterations in the supply tank cellar recently completed by E. Robinson Son's in their brewery, the corner of West Linden and Seventh streets, put them on a par with some of the big brewers of the United States, in fact but few plants contain tanks as large as the new ones in this plant.

For some time past the firm has been considering the advisability of putting in larger tanks for supply purposes, and it was decided to do so. The new supply tank which the old and smaller tanks were 20x20 and 10 feet high. By simply removing the floor of a room above the height was added to 10 feet. Into this space, which is nearly 30 feet below the sidewalk level, four entirely new and improved tanks were placed by the builders, Schwawinkel Brothers, of New York City.

Two tanks, each 16 feet high and 16 feet across, have a capacity of 625 barrels each. The other two, 16 feet high and 14 feet across, will hold 450 barrels each. This means that when all are full 2,900 barrels or 4,600 kegs can be stored.

The tubs are all built alike. The staves are 16 feet long and 4 1/2 inches thick of the best oak. Thirty steel rivets are placed every four inches apart, bind the staves together. The bottoms and tops are held together by fourteen 1 1/2 inch steel rods running lengthwise of the tank. A pressure of 20 pounds to the square inch is thus easily withstood. The tubs are filled once in every three weeks and are used for no other purpose than to draw the "daily order" supply from.

Those four immense tanks replaced four of a much smaller size and were necessitated by the increased demand. It is said to be a step on the part of the combine to get this and some of the other large breweries in such shape that some of the small plants can be shut down, thus saving thousands of dollars a year in operating expenses.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

A Contented Woman.

No play of recent years has attracted so much favorable comment as Hoyt's comedy, "A Contented Woman." There is good reason for the favor with which it has been received combining as it does all the elements that go to make a Hoytian comedy. The production is full of strong heart interest and giving, as it does, full scope for picturesque stage settings. It fills the eye as well as the sensation of strong heart interest and giving, as it does, full scope for picturesque stage settings. It fills the eye as well as the sensation of strong heart interest and giving, as it does, full scope for picturesque stage settings.

Wife for Wife.

"How can it be done at the price?" is often the query addressed to opera house managers. The producers "Wife for Wife" the very best article at a reasonable price. First-class plays for which we pay heavy royalties, special scenery every evening and consuming that will challenge comparison with any on the road.

The brilliant star, Miss Alma Chester, whose talents range from light comedy to deepest pathos, and a thoroughly efficient company to hold her up. Do not fail to attend next Monday evening and witness the first performance ever given by any theatrical company in your city. On Monday evening the beautiful comedy drama entitled "Wife for Wife" will be produced. The company that at the Academy of Music, and anybody can secure a reserved seat for 15 cents if bought at the box office before 7 p. m. Monday. Remember this offer is good for Monday evening only.

Travel-Par Excellence.

"Westward the course of empire takes its way" and with it the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway. And, just as the United States ranks ahead of all other nations in civilization, so does the L. S. & M. S. R'y overtop all other railroads in America.

By direct communication at Buffalo with the New York Central and the Boston & Albany Railroads, the Lake Shore Road extends from the far East to the limits of the West, Southwest and Northwest, connecting again with other railroads for those end points at Cincinnati, Toledo and Chicago.

It is the speediest railroad in America. Passengers will save time as well as gain comfort if they travel over the Lake Shore.

Character Analysis.

"No," said Colonel Steward, "I don't fancy for his colony. Understand me: I don't say a fellow is a grower, but a man's previous associations will necessarily influence his character."

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Choice Line of New Neckwear.

A Strong Line of Men's Fancy Shirts.

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A Lot of Ladies' Silk Vests, \$1 Value, 50c.

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CONVENTION CALL.

Third Legislative District.

In pursuance of the provision of rule 4, section 1, of the rules governing the Republican party in said district, the undersigned, members of the standing committee, will meet in the arbitration room, corner of Broad and Second streets, Scranton, April 9, 1898, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of arranging time and place for holding a convention. The said convention to select two delegates to represent said district in the Republican state convention at Harrisburg on June 2, 1898:

- Benton—A. F. Hobbs, Cl