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## LIVE NEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

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#### IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE BE-ING MADE AT HONESDALE.

Steps Taken by the Lehigh Valley to Prevent Wrecks on the Mountain Above Wilkes-Barre-Superintendent Russell Returns His Thanks to the Employes of the Lackawanna Road-Air Shaft at the Exeter Colliery Has Been Completed. William Nelson Promoted.

"On Monday morning ninety-eight men, under Thomas Lawler, of Sarabegan filling and grading the the canal basin for the New Delaware and Hudson locomotive railroad." says the Wayne County Independent. "One gang of men was employed on the dump at the first lock cutting through the pile of dirt taken from the basin bottom in years gone by and wheeling Another gang began putit back in. ting in a slulee of iron pipes and filling in between the end of the old canal repair dock and the bank opposite the Erie pockets. Still another gang was employed at the rear of Caulfield's marble yard and Fowler's mill.

Cauldeld Brothers and their men were busy all day removing marble and granite blocks from the rear of their yard so that the railroad men can continue their work there. The company takes about twenty feet of their land. The Beers' building has been razed, the railroad line passing right over the foundation of it. The new bed will be fourteen feet lower than the present one at the rear of the marble yard. By the time this reaches our readers the shutes from where coal has been taken to supply the Honesdale market and the country around for the past forty-three years will have been torn down.

"The Beers building was erected by David Beers about fifty years ago and was formerly used as a shop. For a number of years past the basement has been utilized by E. T. Beers & Son for storage and the second and third floors as tenements.

"The company has offered Mr. Canivan a lot on the Gravity Heights side of the railroad on which he intends to erect a shop. His blacksmith shop has been torn down.

"The frame storage building belonging to the Durland-Thompson Shoe company at rear of their factory and built on the railroad company's land has been taken down. The tracks run up close to the shoe company's

"In the early days of Honesdale the few people who used coal were compelled to get it in various ways. John Krantz was a cartman in those days and he says that the shutes were built in 1855 or '56 and were six in number.

walls, the same as the main Red Ash shaft. The completion of the air shaft means much for the owners and the workmen, furnishing as it does a second opening for the Red Ash vein, a large number of new chambers can be opened and the production of the

shaft will be largely increased. Up to this time only twenty men could be employed in the shaft under the law, because there was no second Although Excter colliery is opening. one of the oldest in this region, the Ped Ash vein has just been op nel. It will furnish coal for many years to

#### Thanks of Superintendent.

come -- Wilkes-Barre Record.

General Superintendent Russell, of the Lackawanna road, issued the following circular yesterday:

To All Concerned: 1 want to thank you for the great care you showed in hand-ling the big excursions into Scranton, and other parts of the road Monday last. It shows conclusively to me that there is not any reason why we cannot handle anything that may offer itself in the fu-ture in the shape of travel, and I have suggested to our passenger department that I would not hesitate a moment, af-ter seeing the way our men worked, to recept anything they want to offer in the shape of business,

E. G. Russell. (Signed)

#### This and That.

It is announced that the Chambera'n colliery, St. Clair, Schuylkill county swhich has been closed down since last February, will resume operations on Sopt. 15. Many repairs have been made to the colliery

J. J. Lewis, for many years conducor on the Catawissa branch of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, has been promoted to the position of assistant train master, with headqua-ers at Williamsport. Mr. Lewis has already assumed charge of his new position.

V. illiam Nelson, who for many years has filled the position of outside foreman at Jeanesville No. 1 and who since Superintendent McFarlane resigned has been general outside fore-He is succeeded by William F. Hamer, who had charge of No. 4 in-

side, and since the shut down has had charge of all inside work. Mr. Nelson was offered a position as foreman at one of the Lehigh Valley Hazleton collieries, but as yet he has not decided on accepting the same and has not decided on what he will do for the He has a thorough knowledge

of machinery and is capable to fill a place anywhere-Hazleton Sentinel. MEMORIAL HALL AND LIBRARY

#### Callender Memorial Association Is to Maintain It.

future.

An application for a charter for the regular locomotive, which pulls on a Callender Memorial association was cable working the hoisting arrangeyesterday filed with Prothonotary John Copeland. The object of the association is to maintain a public hall and library on the "Old Brown church lot" in Blakely, to be dedicated to the mem-

**RAILRUAD WRECKS** able are placed at their service. They EASILY HANDLED

CREWS TAKE CARE OF THEM WITH SLIGHT FRICTION.

How Work Is Done-Equipments for the Restoration of Traffic Communication Are Complete-Wrecking Crew Can Be Mustered on a Moment's Notice and Hurried to the Scene of the Trouble-Work That It Is Called Upon to Perform Is of of a Varied Nature.

One of the interesting departments charge of the wrecks on the road. To cope with these every road has equipped a certain number of cars with all | If the time required to obtain a clear the modern hoisting and lifting devices and a trained crew of wreckers. The are not sent out from terminals. The wrecking crew is always within call, for their services may be at any moment most important.

The derrick car, with its far projecting beak reaching beyond the boundaries of the car frames, stands always ready to assist in throwing over the bank derailed cars containing the most valuable of commodities. When a

road on which it happens to be is at once notified. The first hot engine is pressed into zervice and the wrecking crew assembled in haste. It may be that the accident is caused by two engines on the same track, but going in opposite directions trying to pasa each other or a washout may have torn up the track ahead of the first mail train. Whatever the cause the wrecking crew is dispatched to the

location of the accident. LIKE A FIRE DEPARTMENT. The wrecking department of a rallcreat city in many instances. The men

composing the crew are all picked mechanics whose versatility has commended them for the wrecking service. Engineers and conductors out on the road seldom call for the wreck car unless the wreck is serious. The locomotives and caboose are equipped with heavy chains, lifting jacks and

other appliances for retracking derallcd cars, and when only a single car force. Accidents that demand the wrecking force are plenty, and when they occur

the conductor sends out a ilagman the wrecking crew. Each railroad has its own system of

handling wrecks. It is usual for a railroad company to have stationed at the terminal of each freight division a wrecking crew.

Sometimes, as in the case of branch lines this wrecking outfit may consist of one derrick car, with two derricks on it, one of which is operated by a small hoisting engine. Where hand power is relied on the heavy holsting is performed with the assistance of the

ments on the derrick car. QUARTERS FOR THE WRECKERS. In addition to the derrick car the train is made up of a tool car and a

are given a clear track to the point of obstruction. Other trains making way for them, much as the street pedeatrians and heavy teams seek the curbs end sidewalks at the ringing to make

way for the coming fire engine, WORK AT THE WRECK.

"Arriving at the wreck the first thing to be done is to set up a telegraph office, which gives direct communication to headquarters. A man is placed in charge of the tool car to issue the tools needed at the wreck, and to care for them when they are returned. The wrecking crew do not aim so much to save the damaged freight cars as to clear the road for the suspended traffic

The obstructing cars are usually rolled over the bank to be picked up the following Sunday. The trainmon calling for the wreek train have given of every railroad is that which takes the trainmaster a description of the situation and an estimate of the prob-

able time required to open the road. tracks exceeds four hours, freight trains trains are, however, made up, and the yards cloared for the movement of the concentrated traffic that follows the removal of the wreck.

"Less than four hours detention the trains are moved as close as convenient to the point of the wreck and stored on sidings for rapidity of move ment when the line is open. Where the wreck occurs the trainmaster of the road is closed more than four hours in all probability arrangements are made to deflect the mail trains over foreign lines or around the obstructed point by transfer from train to train."

WORK OF WRECKING CREW. The wrecking crew is supposed to be ompetent to do anything pertaining to the maintenance or operation of the railroad. It lays track, repairs engines sufficiently to allow them to be taken

to the shop, builds bridges, trestles road resembles the firedepartment of a It also transfers baggage and passengers, takes care of the wounded in a wreck, and in some instances coffin the dead. The man in charge may also investigate the cause of the accident and collect evidence in case of future claims for damages.

Ordinarily great care is taken to save the contents of the cars, and a watchman who is generally one of the ralltoad company's detectives is stationed at the wreck to prevent any of the ilies the track the train crew replaces merchandise becoming the prey of it without the aid of the wrecking thieves. Goods that are not damaged by the wreck are forwarded to the consignee and delivery made. In case they show signs of the experience they have had claims is made by the consignce for ahead to protect other trains, and noti- the loss in value, and this is investifies the train dispatcher of a need of gated by the railroad authorities, and if a just one, is paid.

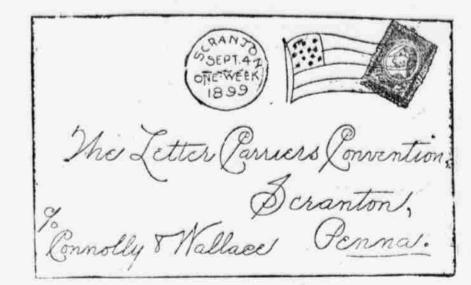
## Silly.

"He is the slillest boy you ever heard of. He writes me twice a day." "How absolutely foolish, Nell! does he do the rest of the day?" "He says he spends it in reading the letters I write him "-Harper's Bazar.





SCRANTON'S SHOPPING CENTER.



# and dams, erects temporary stations and telegraph lines, and in some cases repairs culverts and builds water tanks. It also transfers baggage and passen-gers, takes care of the wounded in a

The worth of this store cannot be measured by the good we do in this city alone. We are useful to thousands of people, some of whom seldom come here, others of whom have never seen us nor our store. Business that comes to us by mail from many points and far away demonstrate that our ways and values are widely known.



one for each kind of coal. In time more were added and a roof put over them, so that there were three each for pea and chestnut, one each for stove, egg, grate and buckwheat and two for furnace coal.

'A locomotive was used to tear down the Beers' building. Ropes were attached to timbers that had been run through the windows and from there connected with the powerful machine. Quick work was made with its destruction. The debris was given away and there was soon a man for pretty nearly every piece of old timber. M. Sutton says that at one time an apparatus for unloading bonts was located just below the city hall.

The best of the timbers of the trestling and shutes will be taken to Waymart and used temporarily in the construction of the new road. J. H. Page of Alford, Susquehanna county, has charge of the removal of the lumber. Mr. Page is the only survivor or four brothers who came from Boston in 1851 as contractors on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and they have done their share in the construction of all railroads in this section since that time. Mr. Page was the contractor who built Shepherd's Crook. and he also worked for the Erie at Lackawaxen at one time, and on the Ontario and Western in Preston. He is the father of Station Agent Page at Peyntelle.

"William McKenna, of this place, is time keeper for Mr. Lawler. Nearly all the men employed on Monday are residents of this vicinity. Nearly one hundred feet of new track have been laid from the trestling over the river to Fowler Brothers' mill.

"The matter of damages to owners of property over which the new road bed at this place is to be built, namely, E. T. Beers & Son. Caulfield Brothers and others has not been settled and the probability is that viewers will be appointed by the court to fix the values. The agents of the company offered Messys. Beers \$1,500 for their house and lot, but that sum was refused. The owners asked \$2,000 and no settlement was reached. "A track is being laid from the end

of the bride at Fowler's mill on which the construction train will carry material to fill the basin. Captain Baker has charge of putting in this track."

#### Will Prevent Wrecks.

In order to prevent a repetition of the disastrous wreck which occurred on the mountain track at the Newport siding last fall, the Lehigh Valley rallroad company has taken out the connection between Sugar Notch and Far

That distance is the only section of single track on the main line and #1der the new rules there will only be one train allowed on it at a time between Farview and Sugar Notch, as there are no passing switches or sidings available between those points.

Plans have been made for building a double track on that section, but from present indications it will not be done for some time.

#### Air Shaft Completed.

After seven months work, Contractor John Pugh, of Kingston, has completed the work of sinking the Red Ash air shaft at the Excter colliery. It is fourteen feet square and 600 feet deep and is a fine piece of workmanship, being cribbed from the surface

ry of Samuel Callender, deceased, the ounder of the "Old Brown church." The subscribers to the articles of inorporation are: Samuel N. Callender, cranton: Carrie A. Kenyon, Olyphant; William H. Callender, Peckville; Romaine S. Callender, John T. Howe, Mary E. Howe, Charles A. Callender, Edward J. Callender, C. P. Kenyon, Margaret J. Callender, Scranton: S. D. Kingsley, George D. Kingsley, A. E. Kingsley, Burton E. Kingsley, Edwin A. Kingsley, John R. Jones, Olyphant; Newell Callender, Clark's Green; fred M. Baker, Waverly; David B. Mor-

gan, John H. Callender, Mary L. Callender, Judson S. Callender, Emma B. Williams, E. Fremont Ferris, Arch T. Dunlap, Peckville.

## CONDITION DANGEROUS.

#### Shields Accidentally Shot by Companions Tuesday Evening.

James Shields, the young lad who was accidentally shot by a companion on West Lackawanna avenue Tuesday vening, is lying in a serious condition at the Lackawanne hospital. The bullet entered the right breast and pursued an upward course. It may have entered the lung, and it may have flattened against one of the ribs but it would be dangerous at present to probe for it.

Byron and Tom Watkins, the boy who had the revolver in his hand when it was discharged, and the boy who purchased it, are being held at police headquarters to await the result of young Shields' injuries.

#### MEETING OF PREACHERS.

#### They Will Be Resumed on Monday Next.

The preachers meeting of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Scranton and vicinity, will be resumed on September lith, (Monday), at 10:30 a. m., in the Elm Park library room. Rev. C. M. Surdam. of Pittston Methodist Episcopal church, will deliver the address. Subject: "Man's Individual and Social Side."

the annual vacation it is hoped there will be a general attendance.

## ROSEN HAS RESIGNED.

#### Will Be Two Inspectors for South Side Sewer.

George Rosen, inspector of the South Side sewer, has resigned. He has been suffering from rheumatism for a time and was unable to continue to perform the duties of his office.

On the recommendation of City Engineer Phillins, two inspectors will be named by Mayor Moir at tonight's meeting of the select council.

Special Reduced Fares to Bethlehem via the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Account of the Bethlehem State Fair, September 12 to 16, 1899.

Tickets will be sold from Scranton to Bethlehem and return, September 12 to 15 inclusive, limited for return to September 16.

Special one day rates of \$2.65 will be nade Thursday, September 14. Tickets good going only on train No. 20 of that date, returning the same, or following day. Consult Lehigh Valley to the rock with massive concrete Ticket Agents for further particulars.

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'shanty" car. The latter is used as sleeping quarters for the men composing the wrecking crew, when out at a wreck for any length of time.

If the members of the wrecking crew desires a day off they must notify the foreman of his intention, and in many cases furnish an acceptable substitute so that the wreck train may if called upon for duty be at its full strength. Some roads have the houses of their wrecking crews equipped with electric call bells or telephones, but the ordinary way of summoning them for wreck duty is by the call boy. A railroad manager in making a com-

narison between the city fire department and the wrecking crew on the railroad said: "The value of service is greatly de-

pendent upon the quickness with which the apparatus is gotten to the place of accident. When the wrecking crew is notified every man bastens to his place and the first engine and crew obtain-

## After Dinner To assist digestion, relieve distress after cating or drinking too heartily, to prevent constipation, take Hood's Pills Sold everywhere. 25 cents. The Last Chance

## **To Buy Russet Shoes**

At your prices. We must clear our stock regardless of value. LOOK AT THE LOW PRICES.

66 pairs Men's Russia Calf Hand-sewed Shoes, ranging in price from \$3.00, As this is the first meeting after \$3.50 and \$4.00, nearly all sizes, go at \$1.98 and \$2.29.

136 pairs Men's Russet Shoes, at 98c, \$1.29 and \$1.49, worth \$2 and \$3.50. 46 pairs Ladies' \$1.50 Russet Shoes at 98 cents.

36 pairs Ladies' Queen Bess \$3 Russet Cloth Top Shoe, all sizes, at \$1.69. 36 pairs Ladies' Fine Russet Shoes, John Kelly and Gray Bros.' make, worth \$3.00 and \$4.00, at \$1.98.

68 pairs Ladies' Russet Shoes, worth \$2 and \$3, at \$1.29, \$1.49 and \$1.60. 28 pairs Misses' \$1.50 Russet Shoes at 98 cents.

148 pairs Boys' Russet Patent Tip Shoes, worth \$2, sizes 11 to 51/2, at \$1.29. Big Bargains in School Shoes, all styles and all kinds at prices to suit anyone, from 50 cents to \$1.00.

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