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PRESENT CONDITION OF THE ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE.

Conditions in the Pig Iron Market Are Unchanged—Pressure for Finished Iron and Steel is Not as Great as it Was—F. P. Hamilton Appointed Trainmaster of the Southern Division of the D. & W. Road—Coal Trade Looking More...

The Engineering and Mining Journal said Saturday of the condition of the anthracite coal and iron and steel trades:

The prospects of the anthracite trade continue to improve, and it looks as if the demand might soon be greater than the supply available at present prices, and is particularly acute in the case with chestnut coal. This was the case in most demand last winter, and already it is reported that dealers at Chicago and other western points cannot keep this size in stock. It is now evident that the controlling factor in the coal trade is not until December will be our supply. The soft coal men have been having all kinds of trouble to get even three-fourths of the cars they want, and now that fall buying is well started their hard coal brethren are experiencing the same difficulty. For the next two months, or until stormy weather reduces coal sales, and the movement to tide-water, there will be lots of complaint about our supply at the collieries.

The mines, even allowing for the great movement of labor from the anthracite fields since last year, can probably get out coal enough, but to get the coal to the consumer will keep railroads limiting for cars. Freight rates up the lake are firm, but with stormy weather at hand, vessels which have been going up the lakes empty in their hurry to get down grain and iron ore, will begin to carry back coal as a measure of safety. Supplies of coal on docks at the head of the lakes are much below what they should be. In Chicago territory, trade is good. No effort is made to sell coal, prices are firm at the recent advance, yet much coal that arrives goes at once to retail-ers. A lot of coal will have to come in by all rail before next spring. Points along the lower lakes report the outlook better than for years. In the east demand at Philadelphia and New York has been better than at this time last year.

Sales agents report that the anthracite trade absorbed the August output of about 1,200,000 tons without trouble. What the October production may be is hard to say, the preliminary estimates having been exceeded by such large figures in August and September. Our supply evidently is going to be the only check on output. The advance of 25 cents per ton by the Reading, noted last week, has not become general. It is certain, however, that

selling prices are going to get much nearer quotations than they have been, and an actual increase of 25 cents in selling prices is not at all improbable, now that people have the idea that coal is going to be higher. We quote for free burning anthracite f. o. b. New York: Chestnut and stove, \$14.25; egg, \$12.75; broken, \$12.50. Total production of pig iron for the week ending October 13, 284,130 tons. The market has been comparatively quiet, with unchanged conditions. For material of all kinds for near-by delivery the quotations depend very much on the necessity of the buyer. For next year's business there have been comparatively few contracts closed during the week. Bessemer pig for the second and third quarters of 1900 has sold at \$21.50, Pittsburgh delivery. For same deliveries, time and place, \$22 is paid for No. 2 foundry, \$21.60 for gray forge. Steel billets have been rather uncertain. The price in Pittsburgh is about \$40 for December delivery, but contracts for next year have been placed at \$2 less. The pressure for finished material is less than it has been, and some eastern mills have been looking for contracts for next year's work.

There is increasing complaint about railroad service. The supply of cars is short and much delay is caused by the want of facilities for carrying freight offered. The furnace reports of conditions for October 1 show an increase of about 12,000 in the weekly capacity of the stacks active. This brings our current rate of production up to about 14,700,000 tons yearly. Since October 1 several furnaces in the south and east have gone into blast, and before the end of the month we shall be making pig iron at the rate of at least 15,000,000 tons a year.

Train Master Appointed. Another new office was created under the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company yesterday, when the following order was issued:

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 16, 1899. Mr. F. P. Hamilton is hereby appointed train master of the northern, southern and Bloomsburg divisions, with office at Scranton. He will have authority over train and yard service and despatching. A. C. Sullivan, Superintendent. Approved: F. G. Russell, General Superintendent.

Yardmaster Bogart Relieved. John H. Bogart, who has been general yardmaster of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company for many years, has asked to be relieved of the responsibility, owing to failing health, and will be succeeded by J. H. Hohl, who was appointed on Saturday.

Mr. Bogart will not sever his connection with the company, however, and as soon as he is able will assume a position as passenger conductor. **Coal Trade Booming.** The order issued by Superintendent Loomis relative to the various collieries of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company working ten

hours a day until further notice, applies to all mines operated by the company at which that number of hours can be worked. The demand for coal is such that all the available cars are being used and the orders are being filled as rapidly as possible.

To Foil the Scalpers. According to the Philadelphia Press the railroads running to Chicago have been obliged to take extraordinary measures to overcome the forgeries and other crimes committed by ticket scalpers. Hereafter the stamps and signatures required on return tickets sold at reduced rates to large gatherings have been freely counterfeited by the "scalpers," or ticket brokers, and the work was so skillfully done as to readily deceive conductors. The companies have now devised a special seal with an embossed design similar to the lathe work used on paper money, and this has been copyrighted. If this seal is counterfeited, the culprits will be prosecuted in the United States courts. Heretofore prosecutions of this kind have been in state courts, where the money and influence of the rich brokers had more or less effect. They will not so readily risk prosecution in the Federal courts. "But what a comment on our laws is found," says the Press, "in the necessity of the roads which have been in state courts, where the money and influence of the rich brokers had more or less effect. They will not so readily risk prosecution in the Federal courts."

MINOOKA. An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Healey, of West Minooka, died Saturday and was buried Sunday. Interment was made in Minooka cemetery. M. F. Judge and D. W. Shea attended a social gathering in Avoca last evening. John Duffy, of Wilkes-Barre, who has been visiting Grocer P. Higgins, returned home yesterday. John Brennan and Mary J. Smith will be united in matrimony Thursday. Joseph Walsh and Patrick Diakin made a business trip to Carbondale yesterday. Daniel Shea, of Main street, is spending a week at Lake Point, West Virginia, visiting his brother, Peter Shea.

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