

LIVE NEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

STEEL RAIL COMBINE RECEIVES A BIG ORDER.

It is said that 1,500,000 tons of rails have been ordered from the Trust—Changes at the Lackawanna Shops—Some Facts About the New Engines Ordered by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company—Other Interesting Trade Notes.

The announcement has been made that the largest order for steel rails ever given has just been awarded to the Steel Rail combine at the prevailing prices of \$32. The meeting was held in New York yesterday, and it is understood that the railroad companies were notified that the steel could cover all their wants at the present price. Nearly every railroad in the country came in with orders, and an aggregate of 1,500,000 tons of rails were ordered for delivery in 1900. The companies in the pool are the Carnegie Steel company, the Federal Steel company, and the Lackawanna steel company. After these orders were placed the price of rails was raised to \$35 and \$40, depending on the size of the order, the lowest quotation being for 200 tons and the highest for less than carload lots.

The total sales aggregate about \$50,000,000. This means that one-sixth of the total steel output of the country for 1900 will be consumed in the manufacture of rails. This does not include orders placed by the Russian government some time ago, with other orders, which will make the aggregate tonnage in rails next year much more than 1,500,000 tons. This makes certain that prices of iron and steel for 1900 will be considerably higher than the prevailing figure.

It was denied by a representative of the Federal Steel Company yesterday that a steel rail pool existed. Such an organization, he said, would be illegal. He admitted, however, that there was an harmonious understanding between the various companies and he remarked that there were now no personal animosities to mar the brightness of the trade situation. He confirmed the news that the various steel companies had sold up to yesterday for delivery in 1900 a total of about 1,500,000 tons of rails at the rate of \$33 a ton, and that the ruling rate was now \$35 a ton, with possibilities of further advance.

Regarding the order for 1,500,000 tons of steel rails another Pittsburg despatch received in this city yesterday, said: "To fill this vast order means that all other branches of steel manufacture will have to be curtailed. It will be especially hard on shipbuilders, as it is expected that the demand for steel plates will be greater than ever. The output of plates this year will be much behind orders booked the first half of the year. It will injure the steel car buildings industry, and crowd tinplate, hoops, wire and other products. The order means that about 2,000,000 tons of steel will be made into rails as the ore and coal mines will need hundreds of thousands of tons of light rails. About 2,200,000 tons of pig iron will be consumed, out of an estimated output of 13,000,000 tons, and 5,400,000 tons of ore."

Changes at Local Shops.

John A. Whalen, who has been appointed general foreman of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western locomotive shops, a position vacated some time ago by F. W. Williams, to assume the position of division master mechanic at Syracuse, will assume his duties on November 1. Mr. Whalen has until now been round houseman at East Buffalo, and previous to that was gang foreman in the Kingsland shops.

Peter Richards, now of the Scranton shops, will become foreman of the round house at East Buffalo on November 1. This promotion of Mr. Richards is to give him more intimate acquaintance with the motor powers of the Lackawanna with a view of still further advancement for him later on.

The Lackawanna's New Engines.

As stated in The Tribune yesterday, the Lackawanna Railroad company has ordered twenty-three consolidated engines, twelve-wheelers, from the Brooks Locomotive works, of Dunkirk, and the Dickson Manufacturing company, of this city, will build fifteen engines the same as those by the Brooks company. Besides these the Brooks company will build seven passenger engines, the largest ever owned by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company. They will be of the ten-wheel type, the boiler of Mother Hubbard pattern.

The cylinders will be 39 by 26, and the engines will have 370 two-inch flues. They will have a steam pressure of 210 pounds and all wheels, including those of the truck tender, will be equipped with brakes. They will be used for heavy fast service on the main line between Scranton and Elmira, and between Scranton and New York. Deliveries of these engines are to be made in November, December, January and February.

New Dispatcher at Hallstead.

T. H. Hays, formerly master mechanic and engine dispatcher in the Lackawanna yards at Hallstead, has retired from that position. Mr. Hays was a popular man with the engineers and firemen and a faithful employee of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company. He assumed charge of that office sixteen years ago and has been in the post steadily until last Saturday. He is a valued citizen and it is hoped that he might continue as a resident of our borough.

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Lads from Hereabouts Who Want to Be Sailor-Soldiers.

Following is a list of the men who have enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at Major W. P. Biddle's recruiting station in the Lanning building, Wilkes-Barre: Michael Donnelly, Scranton, Pa.; William A. Billings, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Charles A. Gritman, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; William H. Hughes, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (served in Ninth Pennsylvania volunteers); Evan E. Owens, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Phyllis Morse, Harding, Pa. (served in Ninth Pennsylvania volunteers); Daniel Gallagher, Miners Mill, Pa.; Charles A. Haas, Nanticoke, Pa.; Bruce Bartholomew, Forty Fort, Pa.; Frank J. Brislin, Lee Park, Pa. (served in Ninth Pennsylvania volunteers); James C. Lanzan Pittston, Pa.; Ira C. Hoover, West Pittston, Pa.; Robert Marsh, Olyphant, Pa.; Ned K. Miller, Stroudsburg, Pa. (served in Second Nebraska volunteers); James W. Strobl, Tropicville, Pa.; Charles E. Warburton, Hillsgrove, Pa.; Eugene E. Broug, Lehigh, Pa.; James F. Shea, McAdoo, Pa.; Edward Downing, McAdoo, Pa.; Joseph Moyer, Ashland, Pa.; Timothy G. Snyder, Ashland, Pa.; Mark Cannon, Ashland, Pa. (served in Eighteenth Pennsylvania volunteers).

In the course of an interesting interview in the Wilkes-Barre Record concerning the marine service Major Biddle said: "Very few persons are acquainted with the duties of the marines. In the popular mind marines are synonymous with the sailors, as a matter of fact they are not sailors at all, but soldiers serving on ships. They are part of the naval force and serving under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the navy, but they are, nevertheless, a distinct organization from the navy proper. Their duties are strictly military and they are soldiers absolutely and at all times. Their duties ashore are doing guard duty in our various navy yards and naval stations, protecting government property from fire or burglary. "Recruits are sent to the nearest barracks and instructed in the drills which embrace the school of the soldier, company and battalion skirmishing, target practice, bayonet exercises and everything appertaining to a soldier's duties. While serving on a man-of-war they are instructed in the great gun drill (artillery) in addition to what instructions they received in barracks, which are continued on board ship. The marines act as orderlies for the admiral or captain and perform guard duty on the ship the same as on shore. "Recruits must be at least five feet four inches in height, between 21 and 35 years of age, weight at least 112 pounds, able to read and write, sound as to senses and limbs and of good habits. Pay of a recruit at present is \$15.00 per month. Clothing, ration, medicine and medical attendance are furnished in addition. Enlisted men receive the same pay and bounty for re-enlisting as those of like grades of infantry. Credit is given for previous service in the volunteer army and as re-enlistment in either army or marine corps within three months of honorable discharge entitles them to increased pay for continued service."

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