

LIVE NEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

MAKE-UP OF THE D., L. & W. BOARD FOR TODAY.

Coal Operators in the Vicinity of Pottsville Are Having a Serious Time Getting Enough of Men to Operate Their Collieries—Scheme of the Philadelphia and Reading to Ventilate a Tunnel—Lackawanna Fitting Up Cars for Construction Work Along the Line.

Following is the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western board for today: Scranton, Pa., Dec. 12, 1899.

- SOUTH. No. 14—J. Ennis. No. 24—O. Kearney. Extra—W. H. Nichols, with W. D. Warfel's men.

- SUMMITS. 6 a. m., north—J. Frounfecker. 7:30 a. m., north—M. Hoos, with Warwick's men.

- PULLERS. 10 a. m.—Peekins. PUSHERS. 4 p. m., south—C. Lamping.

- NORTH. Wild cat, 2 engines, 3 a. m.—T. Doudican. Wild cat, 2 engines, 6 a. m.—J. O'Hara.

The New Time Card. The following order has been issued by Superintendent Salisbury to all concerned:

A new time card goes into effect Sunday, Dec. 17. Every employe in the train or yard service is expected to provide himself with a copy and keep it in his possession.

Trainmaster's Order. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11, 1899. To all freight conductors: Commencing at 12 o'clock noon today you will receive and deliver your bills at the yardmaster's office, Scranton, instead of at the freight office as heretofore.

Around the Mines. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company was unable to resume operations at the Sloan and Central mines yesterday, as expected, owing to the scarcity of materials necessary.

May Import Labor. The scarcity of mine workers continues to perplex the operators in the Pottsville region. Following the announcement that the Lehigh Valley Coal company, the Lytle Coal company and other large coal operators would sever their connection with the company stores with whom they have contracted to furnish goods to their employes, comes the statement that the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company are deliberating the question of importing foreign labor, to supplement what they now employ to successfully operate their many collieries.

Tunnel Ventilation. Preparations are being made to erect a ventilating fan on the top of East Mahanoy tunnel, east of Mahanoy City, and the plans are being made in the local P. & R. C. & E. Co.'s engineer office.

New Station for Lebanon. The Philadelphia and Reading railway intends to make a number of extensive improvements along its line. Plans are now being made for a large and beautiful station to be erected at Lebanon on the Lebanon Valley branch.

Special Excursionists. A special excursion of insurance men passed over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road yesterday from New York to Elmira, as the guests of the company. They were comfortably looked after in a Pullman special and had one of the fastest engines on the road ahead of them.

Increased Freight Business. The Ontario and Western Railroad company added two new freight trains to their list yesterday, which was made necessary by the increase of traffic in the freight business.

There were no payments made yesterday by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western or Delaware and Hudson companies.

THE Overland Limited of the Chicago-Union Pacific and North-Western Line leaves Chicago every day at 6:30 p. m., reaching California the third day.

WATER METER RUNS BACKWARD

CHARGE MADE AGAINST THE ONE IN ST. CHARLES.

Scranton Gas and Water Company Wants to Find Out What Is the Matter with It, and as a Step in That Direction Has Begun an Action in Assumpsit Against Thomas C. Melvin, Proprietor of the Hotel, A Unique Statement Filed by Attorney I. H. Burns.

Thomas C. Melvin, proprietor of the St. Charles hotel of Penn avenue, select councilman of the Eighth ward, and father of the water rate ordinance now before councils, was yesterday the defendant in the case of the Scranton Gas and Water company in an action in assumpsit brought before Alderman Howe to recover certain water rents.

The statement in the case prepared by I. H. Burns, attorney for the company, is an unique document. It sets forth the plaintiff's cause of action in the following language:

Plaintiff is a corporation engaged in furnishing water to the citizens of the city of Scranton, and among others to one Thomas C. Melvin, proprietor of the St. Charles hotel. On the service pipes leading from the street mains to the hotel is a meter designed to show the quantity of water used each month by the defendant.

A PECULIAR METER. Such, however, was not the case. The figures on the meter registered December 1, 1899, were 8,787, showing that not only had the plaintiff company not furnished any water to the hotel, but that it had actually received from the hotel 7,013 cubic feet of water, being equal to 52,597 gallons.

The result as shown by the meter is that for the month of November, the company owes Mr. Melvin the sum of \$19.52. Plaintiff is aware that there is pending in councils an ordinance to reduce water rate, but did not suppose that it went so far as to reverse them and compel the company to pay cash to consumers for the privilege of furnishing them with water, even though they might be city officials.

On the other hand, if it be a fact that 52,597 gallons of water have been pumped from the St. Charles hotel into the company's mains the plaintiff desires to be informed of the quality of the water, source of supply and charges for the same. At present the plaintiff is unable to say whether she owes Mr. Melvin or Mr. Melvin owes the company. Wherefore she brings this suit to ascertain whether plaintiff is furnishing water to the defendant or defendant to plaintiff.

HEARING FRIDAY. The hearing in the case has been set down for Friday of this week between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Melvin when seen yesterday regarding the matter said he knew absolutely nothing about the meter's alleged pranks and that he had only seen it once.

He stated that the idea of holding him responsible for it was absurd and that he would be on hand Friday morning with his attorneys, O'Brien and Kelly, to defend himself.

CONCERT BY THE LIEDERKRANZ. First of Season Was Given Before a Large Audience.

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It is now estimated by those who know that 2,000 mine workers can find employment in this region. It is believed, too, that work will be permanent, for a demand has come for hard coal from factories and other sources where soft coal was formerly used.

Preparations are being made to erect a ventilating fan on the top of East Mahanoy tunnel, east of Mahanoy City, and the plans are being made in the local P. & R. C. & E. Co.'s engineer office.

Especially was this so on cold, damp days, when these gases hung in the tunnel like a dense fog, and imperiled the lives of the men who had to ride through it. The ventilating apparatus will be of the most modern construction and will entirely remove the cause of complaint.

The Philadelphia and Reading railway intends to make a number of extensive improvements along its line. Plans are now being made for a large and beautiful station to be erected at Lebanon on the Lebanon Valley branch.

A special excursion of insurance men passed over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road yesterday from New York to Elmira, as the guests of the company.

It could not be learned what their mission was, but it is understood they were making their annual tour of inspection over the road of the property insured by them.

The Ontario and Western Railroad company added two new freight trains to their list yesterday, which was made necessary by the increase of traffic in the freight business.

The first train will leave daily at 2:30 p. m., running through to Cadonia, N. Y., and making connections with through freights for the east and west. The second train leaves the city at 4 p. m. and takes the same course.

Superintendent J. M. Daly and Claim Agent, O'Keefe, of the Lackawanna system, went to New York yesterday. Division Superintendent Salisbury visited Great Bend, Binghamton and Elmira yesterday on business for the company.

The sanitary conditions around the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western station are being improved with the latest devices.

Master Car Builder Canfield of the Lackawanna Railroad, will start to work soon to fit up 100 cars for construction purposes. Of this number fifty will be fixed at the Scranton shops and the other fifty at Dover, N. J.

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Over The North-Western

Was the reply to an inquiry as to how he went to California.

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