

LIVE NEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

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

Lackawanna Company Proposes to Abolish Several Grade Crossings and Many Improvements Are Contemplated for the Coming Year—Production of Pig Iron in 1899—Damages from Coal Dust—Big Coal Shipments—Nippers Quit Work. Other Paragraphs.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company intends to make a number of extensive improvements during the coming year, among which will be the doing away of several grade crossings in the northern part of Jersey, says the Philadelphia Press yesterday.

This company has had in contemplation the change of line between its terminals in New Jersey and Newark for a long time. In the latter city it is the intention of the company to elevate the tracks, which will necessitate the building of an overhead structure of about one mile in length. This work is to be begun early in the spring, and it is expected, unless there is delay in securing the material, to have it completed within several months.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has for some time past had plans prepared with this object in view, but as this line passes under the Jersey Central railroad, which is elevated, it will require a change of line of both companies before any work can be done. There is some controversy over the manner in which this work should be done, and as soon as the authorities can reach a settlement it is believed both of these companies will go ahead with the work.

It is contended by the Jersey Central officials that in any change in their line the city shall bear the cost, as the company a few years ago went to considerable expense in putting its tracks above the street level. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company has the same objection to the Pennsylvania Railroad company's plan to connect with, and as soon as it gets the authority, it will go ahead with the work.

This company also intends to change its lines between South Orange and Milburn, so that the grade crossings between these places will be done away with. Besides this, the company will do a considerable amount of new bridge building during 1900. Many of the present bridges are to be superseded with heavier and more modern ones to accommodate the larger freight cars and heavier locomotives. New tracks will be put down in a number of places, and the company, a few days ago, received 5,000 tons of steel rails which are to be used at once. It is also having forty locomotives built, which are to be completed early this summer, besides a considerable number of modern freight cars constructed.

D., L. & W. Board Today. Following is the make-up of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western board for today: Friday, Jan. 26, 1900.

- WILD CATS, SOUTH. 12:20 a. m.—W. F. Mann. 12:20 a. m.—H. H. Hackett. 2 a. m.—E. M. Hallett. 2 a. m.—J. Mosler, with C. Bartholomew's men. 4 a. m.—O. Case, with H. T. Fellows' men. 5 a. m.—George Wandall. 6 a. m.—F. D. Secor. 8 a. m.—G. Miller. 8 a. m.—J. Burkhardt. 9 a. m.—P. Cavanaugh, with S. Finery's men. 10:20 a. m.—J. Swartz. 11:30 a. m.—J. Bush. 1 p. m.—J. Devine. 11:30 a. m.—H. Carmody. 2 p. m.—A. Gerrity. 4:45 p. m.—T. McCarthy, with G. Wallace's men. 4:45 p. m.—W. A. Bartholomew.

- SUMMITS. 7 a. m.—north—G. Frounfolker. 7 a. m.—south—H. Bush. 6 p. m.—south—J. Hagan.

- PULLER. 19 a. m.—Peckins.

- PUSHERS. 8 a. m.—south—Houser. 11:30 a. m.—south—Moran. 7 p. m.—south—M. Murphy. 11 p. m.—south—C. Carmody.

- PASSENGER ENGINES. 6:20 p. m.—McGovern.

- WILD CATS, NORTH. 5 a. m.—2 engines—H. Hill. 9 a. m.—2 engines—H. Custer. 11 a. m.—2 engines—C. Kingsley. 2 p. m.—2 engines—J. E. Masters. 4 p. m.—2 engines—O. Randolph. 10 p. m.—2 engines—T. Doughtin.

Production of Pig Iron. The American Iron and Steel association has received from the manufacturers complete statistics of the production of all kinds of pig iron in the United States in 1899, also complete statistics of the stocks of pig iron which were on hand and for sale

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On Dec. 31, 1899, twenty-one states made pig iron in 1899, against nineteen in 1897 and 1898; Minnesota and North Carolina again entering the list. The total production of pig iron in 1899 was 15,620,793 gross tons, against 14,773,304 tons in 1898, an increase of 1,846,799 tons. The production in the second half of 1899 was more than a million tons greater than in the first half, being 6,289,167 tons in the first half and 7,331,626 tons in the second half.

The production of bessemer pig iron was 8,292,778 tons, against 7,337,384 tons in 1898. Basic pig iron, 998,633 tons, against 785,444 tons in 1898. Epi-electric and ferromanganese, 219,758 tons, against 231,769 tons in 1898. Charcoal pig iron, 284,696 tons, against 296,759 tons in 1898. The stocks of pig iron, which were unsold in the hands of manufacturers or their agents on Dec. 31, 1899, amounted to 63,429 tons, against 291,233 tons on Dec. 31, 1898. The whole number of furnaces in blast on Jan. 26, 1899, was 289, against 240 on Jan. 26, 1898, and 202 on Dec. 31, 1898.

Damages from Coal Dust. A new trouble confronts the corporations of the anthracite coal region. The erection of handsome dwelling houses in the vicinity of the big coal breakers makes the companies liable for damages by reason of the fact that the coal dust from the big breakers disfigures and damages the costly houses. So long as the coal breakers were surrounded by shanties and small houses no one bothered about it. Some time ago, Thomas Maloney, a wealthy resident of Pittston, erected a mansion near a coal breaker.

In a short time it was blackened by the coal dust from the breaker. Mr. Maloney brought suits in the courts and recovered damages. Similar suits followed. Colonel W. J. Harvey, of Wilkes-Barre, recovered damages yesterday from the Susquehanna Coal company of Nanticoke. The amount awarded was \$2,160. The coal companies are becoming alarmed and will appeal to the high courts for relief.

Big Coal Shipments. The greatest day's work on the Reading railway since its advent into the Schuylkill coal region sixty years ago was done this week in the way of coal shipments. Fifty trains were sent out from Paha Alto. Fifteen from Schuylkill Haven, and ten from Tamaqua, making a total of seventy-five trains. Passenger train hands had to be pressed into service after they had finished their regular runs. The immense storage yards at Landisville, usually containing many thousands tons, are now empty. The recent talk of a strike has ceased.

Nippers Quit Work. A few nippers employed at the Lance colliery, Plymouth, of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, struck Wednesday morning for higher wages. Their ranks were, Thursday, reinforced by a like number of slate pickers who had similar grievances. The number who turned out did not cause a suspension of work.

At the Baltimore mine the situation is somewhat changed. It is said that some of the men are advising a return to work, but that others are holding out as firmly as ever. A conference with the officials in a day or two is probable.

This and That. Arthur Miller, of Lebanon, secured \$1,000 damages from the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company for false arrest. A building of the company, at Cornwall, near Lebanon, was burned, and he was arrested on a charge of setting it afire. He was acquitted by the jury.

The strikes that have prevailed among the coal miners of the Lehigh Valley for the past ten days are now ended, and the talk of a general strike has died out for the present, at least.

The miners at the Austin colliery, near Sibley, who struck because a non-union man was put to work in a headframe, will probably return to work, the misunderstanding between them and the operators having been satisfactorily adjusted, it is said.

A large double track snow plow for use on the Lackawanna road arrived yesterday. It is called the Russell snow plow, and is built to sweep both tracks at the same time. It is really a huge shovel, the edge of the shovel running within a few inches of the rails.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. [Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune does not assume responsibility for opinions here expressed.]

Taylor Hose Company. Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The item which appeared in a Scranton paper last Sunday concerning the Taylor Hose company No. 1, has put the above company in a false position before the people of that borough. There is not the least truth in the statement that the old company intends to disband nor do they think of disposing even one cent of their equipment. The motto of this company is and has always been since it was organized to increase their fire fighting apparatus, and that is exactly what we intend to do in the future. It was a surprise for the old company to hear that they intended to drop out of the fire department. The people of the Taylor Hose company No. 1, in the future as they have done in the past, as they will respond when their services are required. The members of the old company have not the least prejudice against the new organization nor is there any unpleasant feeling against any of its members. From what source that paper obtained such information is a mystery, as nothing of such a nature was ever mentioned in any of our meetings. John Bush, Foreman. Taylor, Jan. 25, 1900.

The German postoffice at Kiau Chau, China, forwarded 236,288 letters, papers and packages during the first year of its existence.

MAYOR'S PECULIAR ANNUAL MESSAGE

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partment, submitted by our energetic street commissioner, Roland Thomas. PARKS. The action of council in passing a bond ordinance for \$30,000 to be used by the park commissioners for improvements in Nay Ave. park, meets with universal approval. The commissioners have already done wonders, considering the small appropriation placed at their disposal. Enthusiastic themselves, they have interested many of our spirited citizens, who have effected permanent improvements at their own expense. Dr. Everhart and Dr. Hill have earned the lasting gratitude of our people for their interest in the park. The beautiful Brooks & Son have erected a lasting monument to themselves in the last mine, which at great personal expense they have completed, and it is now the particular feature of the park. It is unique and appropriate, and they have striven to do especially visitors from abroad. While Nay Ave. will remain the city park, the Conell park must not be overlooked. It, too, has its own natural beauties. From a point in the city can such a comprehensive view be had of Scranton, as from the tower in Conell park. It is well worth a visit and we hope that much has been done to beautify the grounds considering the small amount annually appropriated. The citizens ought to be proud of the original donor has done more for the improvement of this resort than the city has done in any other park. The increased considerably. And were the Street Railway company to run a branch line through the park, the beautiful South Side resort would be visited by thousands.

BOARD OF HEALTH. The board of health deserves commendation for their vigilance in endeavoring to keep the city free from disease. The duties of the board are exacting and very often unpleasant. The members devote their time and their personal expense to the improvement of our sanitary conditions, but not always apparent. The board has added, in fact has created a new department, the health officer, a complete sewerage of the city, based upon the most advanced methods of sanitary engineering, which will be completed by the general bond ordinance and submitted to the people at a vote of the people at the next municipal election, February 20. I predict the verdict of our citizens will be in favor of the health officer. The report of the board ought to be studied by every citizen. The report of the food inspector showing the work done by that official is especially interesting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT. T. B. Jackson, building inspector, presents a very satisfactory report from his department. Since the adoption of the building ordinance, no less a doubt has existed as to its legality either as a whole or in part, consequently, there was a disposition on the part of some to ignore the law and pay no heed to the inspector. To properly and forever settle the matter, the building department has issued a delinquent notice and imposed a medium fine. This was appealed, and the court has ruled in favor of the city, sustaining the ordinance in every point. Some time has elapsed since that decision, and the law has been drawn up. There has been much legislation and rulings since then, and the building law is now complete. It is a new ordinance that has been more fully covering the ground than the one now in force. Planning Inspector Malley, whose duties are closely connected with this department, has proved that his great knowledge and conscientiousness in the performance of the duties thereof.

LIGHTING AND WATER. I have nothing new to offer under this head. The water question has been ventilated of late and you are conversant therewith. I respect to the water supply, that there is no existing contract for the supplying of electric lights. A resolution was passed by the city, which bids for bids for lighting the city. All bids should state the cost of the power, and the power furnished. Have the meter system applied, and if possible get the quality of light the city contracts for.

SCRANTON LIBRARY. There is no better spent money than the appropriation set aside for the support of our city library. There is no institution more conducive to doing more good in its way, than this institution, the crowning pride of our city. I would suggest that the estimate committee hold one of their meetings in the hall of the library. They can get it I am satisfied. If they should meet there and realize fully the silent work done for our city, the appropriation for the library would be liberal.

LAW DEPARTMENT. Upon this department rests the responsibility of guiding, preserving and promoting the lawful legal activity of all other subdivisions of the city government. Its importance in the successful administration of the business affairs of the city cannot be overestimated. The management of this department is at present in able hands. Since the induction of the present incumbent, A. A. Colburn, the legal business of the city has been transacted. Acting on his advice, the estimate committee hold one of their meetings in the hall of the library. They can get it I am satisfied. If they should meet there and realize fully the silent work done for our city, the appropriation for the library would be liberal.

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court ruled in favor of the city. This has saved many thousands of dollars to the city; every case against the city is tried in the courts on its merits. Since July six cases of damage suits have been tried in the courts. In four cases verdicts were rendered in favor of the city, and only one verdict of two hundred dollars has been rendered against the city. Many opinions have been rendered by the city collector to the various departments and areas, and it is believed that his opinions are his conscientious interpretations of the law, and not made in order to suit any man or set of men. Owing to the constantly growing volume of business in the law department, he modestly asks for a raise of \$400 per annum, for his able assistant, D. J. Davis, esq., and \$300 for stenographer hire. This at present he asks for himself. I believe you will consider this request for a justifiable raise favorably.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT. The spirit with which the different heads of departments have taken hold of their work and the cooperation they have manifested to assist each other has been gratifying to me and can but result in great good to the city's interests. I wish at this time to express my thanks to the members of both councils for the appropriate resolutions they have since I assumed office. Only by the harmonious action of the legislature and the executive can the best results be obtained. Both branches are equally important, and should stand at one and the same front without obstruction to the detriment of the public good. OUR CITY. Surely Scranton promises to enter upon a new era of prosperity. The outlook for its future has never been so encouraging. Its natural advantages for business and industrial enterprises are not only beginning to be fully appreciated. A great railroad center with rapid lines of communication to the seaboard cities, and railroad facilities everywhere. Our geographical location is one of the most recognized in the large industrial north and about to be established here. The city's charming location, between the mountains, surrounded by the most picturesque scenery, a never failing supply of the purest water, and with a death rate lower than any city on the continent. A board of trade, whose patriots are endeavoring to induce the most helpful industries and fostering those who have already located, has made our city famous and has secured for it a national reputation; a population possessed of a high order of intelligence; a public school system of the highest order, and a public library, all of which are contributing to the advancement of our city to a desirable plane to live in.

Such is the Scranton of today, nevertheless, we find a few who, instead of unworthy motives, instead of cherishing our city's praises, never seem to tire of discarding its institutions and government, thereby doing their utmost to create a suspicion in the minds of strangers who contemplate their home among us. This class of defamers of our city constitute a public nuisance and should be suppressed in a legal sense, if it were possible, as they stand condemned by the moral sense of all those who feel an interest in our city's future welfare and prosperity.

With an ever increasing desire for the advancement of our city, and the interests and the steady growth of her education and moral power, upon which our city's future depends, it is earnestly in closing my first annual message, I implore the blessing of Divine Providence upon all that concern her best and enduring prosperity. James Moir, Mayor.

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