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Reminiscences and Odd Happenings and Characters.

BY HON. S. S. JONES.

The good old days, and the men who queued the town and the people, half a century ago, form the subject of conversation with every group of loungers, who seek to interest themselves and others, while the decorators are making the buildings look pretty. Story telling has become a matter of business, and it is remarkable to find so many men looked up as it were, upon all the early-day happenings. The tales are not fancy-free, mingled with vapors, but taken with a full measure of salt, but refreshing recountings of actual occurrences that form part of the early history of this community. The men who knew the coal town in its first throes are few indeed, but there still remain several who remember how the first workings looked and the manner in which coal was quarried from the hillsides.

The Jiggers of Rye Whiskey.
Stott's level was among the few underground openings from which coal was brought to the surface in ordinary wheelbarrows. In these good old days men worked all day from sun-

rise to twilight, yet they were happy. The lad who carried the loaded tin kettle and dished up the "jiggers" of pure rye whiskey to all the mine and place is still among the living and is one of the most prominent residents of the city. He was familiarly known as the "grog boss," and no one was half as welcome about the level as he. The regular allowance to each man was three "jiggers" per day, and the men who were the pioneers in coal mining adhered strictly to both ends of the requirement.

Laughing Dan Walker.
Dan could laugh; in fact, when thoroughly aroused he became hysterical and being control of himself he would fall upon the ground and roll about, screaming and shouting until completely exhausted. He was employed as helper in the Delaware and Hudson blacksmith shops and furnished performances of this character whenever the absence of the foreman would make it safe for such exhibitions. Dan had an idea that the Liberia colonization scheme was his opportunity, and dropping his big hammer he journeyed over the ocean to the African republic. But his experience with the primitive African was unsatisfactory and Daniel

First Negroes in Carbondale.
It is notable and frequently alluded to by visitors that there are so few colored people among the residents of this city, yet there were a few of the race among the early settlers. In the year 1836, Samuel Jones had two colored men in his employ, and when he gave up his post in the Pennsylvania coal, his partner decided to settle down in the new coal town. Both will be remembered by the older residents. One was Sam Wright, who for many years conducted a bakery and confectionery store where the boys ate gingerbread and drank "pop." The other was Eli Smith, establishment at the Harrison hotel, and later hostler at the Harrison house barn, when Canfield Harrison and Edward Burnham were landlords at that popular tavern.

Another Petition.
Another interesting document is a petition prepared in somewhat the same style, which is connected with the building of the first city hall. The petition asks for the removal of barns that remained on the proposed site, and reads as follows:

RELIQS OF EARLY DAYS.
On the second floor of Trinity parish house, which is located near the Delaware and Hudson city station, is an exhibition of relics which recall the interesting early history of Carbondale. The tables and shelves around the room are laden with relics of the days when the republic was in its infancy and long before this period and back in the colonial days. What will especially interest the hundreds who have come to participate in the jubilee celebration are the objects that recall the days when the city of a half century was only a village and the great anthracite industry was in the beginning of its development.

How Early Citizens Protested.
In what manner were manifested the protest and indignation of citizens in the 50's, who took up arms against municipal measures which they believed would be harmful to their interests, is shown in a petition that is displayed, which was presented to the council. Improvements were contemplated which might possibly entail damages to a number of the leading merchants of the town. Among those who might suffer by reason of the contemplated improvements, a petition was circulated and signed, which read as follows:

The Old Shop Bell.
The simple way in which the workmen at the Delaware and Hudson shop were called back to their tasks after the dinner hour is shown in an ordinary butcher's bell, the first used at the shops. Another like relic is the first door-bell that was used in Carbondale. It has a large spiral spring, the attached bell being jangled in a fashion that would be certain to startle the occupants of the house. This bell was used in the residence of J. W. Burnham.

Archbald's Account Books.
The account books of the Delaware and Hudson road and the old gravity are an interesting feature of the exhibit. The former is a hand-ruled account book, about the size of a medium-sized ledger. The accounts are those kept personally by James Archbald. On one side are the records of the wages paid the men, the number of tons they mined and the number of weeks' board to be deducted. The expenditures are on the other side of the account. The other book is labeled thus:

Notes on Early Days.
Some old timers were Horace Stiles, Bill Wilson, Bill Conner, Mork Snyder, Hiram Hoover, Sam Gordon, with his fancy trotter and outfit, and the millionaire fluty player, Ben Finch.

The City in 1851.
There is quite a curio in the exhibit of the map of the city in 1851. It was published by P. Numan. The map is about 6x4 feet, and a comparison of it with the maps of today does not show any remarkable improvement in their production.

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MONTROSE.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.
Montrose, Sept. 2.—Visitors from the cities continue to arrive in Montrose. Many tourists, after viewing the sights at Buffalo, come here for a few weeks' rest, before returning to their city homes. Each year our guests stay longer with us, and it is expected that October will be far spent before there is a general breaking up of the city colony this year.

Miss Kathleen Roche, of Yorkers, N. Y., is visiting relatives in this place and vicinity.
John Doyle, Jr., of Scranton, was the guest of his parents in this place over Sunday.

Dr. Wilson and daughter, of Philadelphia, who have been guests for a few days at the home of D. R. Lathrop, return to their home this week. Glen Guy, of Schenectady, N. Y., is spending a vacation at the home of his parents in this place.

Editor W. C. Cruser was a visitor at Binghamton on Saturday.
Miss Blennie M. Bunnell, of Hush, is the guest of Montrose friends today.

Miss Evelyn Willetts, of Chambly Canton, Canada, who has spent several months at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Luck, in this place, has returned to her home.
William Murphy and Misses Mary and Elizabeth Murphy, and John Riley and Miss Katherine Riley, all of Binghamton, have been visiting friends in this place.

Arthur Fancher has been spending a few days with his mother, at her home in this place before returning to Carlisle, Pa., where he is a student in Dickinson college.

The congregations of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches of this place joined in a union meeting at the Baptist church last evening. The service was a memorial to the late Dr. Ellen E. Mitchell, a missionary to Burnham. Miss Carr, of Newark, N. J., a co-worker with Dr. Mitchell in the foreign field, Dr. C. Halsey, with whom Miss Mitchell began her medical studies, and the several pastors present took part in the service. It is expected that a complete report of the service, including verbatim reports of the addresses, will be published in permanent form.

Jacob Henry has gone to Troy, N. Y., to spend a few weeks with relatives.
Mrs. D. H. Coon left this morning

for Ithaca, N. Y., where she will visit friends.
Miss Frances K. Ammerman is the guest of relatives and friends in Scranton.

Henry P. Whalen, of the Montrose Democrat, is in Scranton today.
Forty hours' devotion will commence in St. Mary's church next Sunday morning, with Leonard's high mass at 8 A. M., at 10:30 o'clock. Week-day services Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be held at 5, 6:30 and 9:20 o'clock a. m., and the evening services, consisting of rosary, sermon, and benediction of most blessed sacrament, will take place at 7:30 o'clock. This is the first time that forty hours' devotions have ever been held in St. Mary's parish.

HONESDALE.
Special to the Scranton Tribune.
Honesdale, Sept. 2.—Mrs. Frank S. Coray returned on Saturday from Dundaff and Buffalo, where she spent the past month.

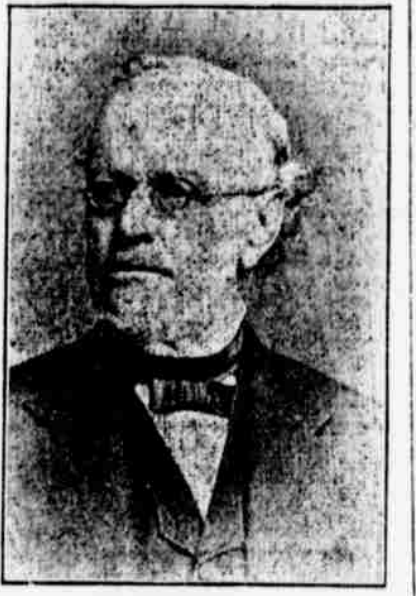
Miss Louise M. Durand, who has spent the past two months at Beech lake, returned to her home today.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Rowley, of Scranton, spent Sunday at the Tracy home, on upper Main street.

This "Tuesday" evening the Honesdale opera house opens the season with the great play, "Quo Vadis," which had a successful season in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is meeting with pronounced success. Like the novel, it is described as being exceedingly beautiful, as a picture play alone.

The Lackawanna Presbytery will meet in the Honesdale Presbyterian church on Monday evening, September 16.

On Thursday, September 5, at the residence of Mrs. Kate Allen, on Ely street, her only daughter, Miss Martha B. Allen, and Mr. Raymond Charles, of New York city, will be united in marriage.

Mrs. John Jenkins and daughter, Miss Susan, will go to Elgin, Ill., in about three weeks, to spend a year with a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus P. Thompson will reside in Mrs. Jenkins' residence during their absence.
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Salmon, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mumford and Mrs. G. S. Purdy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Menner at their summer cottage, at Elk lake, over Sunday.



REV. JONATHAN NOBLE, First Minister in Carbondale.

Quaint Description of Carbondale.
From the volume known as the Gazetteer, published in 1852, we have the following quaint description of Carbondale as it was then:
"Carbondale, on the Lackawanna creek, at the head of the Lackawanna valley, is one of the sudden elevations which have been effected by the coal trade. Distant from W. C. 247 and from Harrisburg 139 miles, the village commenced with the works of the Hudson and Delaware Canal and Coal company; four years since, and now contains about forty dwellings, seven stores, three taverns. At its suburb, New Dublin, there are 130 shanties occupied by the miners.
"The coal mine here is one of the most extensive and best of the Lackawanna region, and a large quantity of coal is taken from it annually, and transported to the New York market by the railroad and canal. Acts of assembly have been passed for constructing a turnpike and railroad down the Lackawanna valley, and a railroad to the mouth of the Chemung river, on the Susquehanna, in the state of New York, and also for a canal along the Lackawanna creek to the Susquehanna, above Wilkes-Barre, thereby to open communication from Carbondale to south and north. The coal mine here is situated in the front of a hill. The coal has been quarried



P. C. GRITMAN.

gave up the attempt to push the higher civilization scheme in darkest Africa, returned to his native land, to the town where he was born, and brooding over his African experience, fell into a decline and died.

Ben Jones the Barber.
Ben Jones, the barber, was another old-timer, who was well known and liberally patronized. Hank Brown was another tonorial artist of the early days. Then there was Decatur Blue, who was a helper at Dayton's wagon shop. Decatur figured in a wild scrape that set the town wild and the people frantic for a night; and before another day dawned Decatur departed and was never more seen in this community.

The only colored man who engaged in underground work in this locality was Joe Wilson. Joe proved a good laborer and could fill his quota of cars each day as well as any of the helpers. He was the late Edward Jones for a number of years and when that gentleman gave up mining and engaged in the coal business at Olyphant, Joe changed his place of residence, the last years of his life being spent at Montrose.

Joe's better-half bore the suggestive name of Temperance, but she would say when in merry mood: "I never could understand why my old mammy gave me such a name, for I can't make myself believe in such things now." Temperance departed this life prematurely, and left a pair of orphans to mourn her early and sudden "taking off."

Colored Em's Ready Wit.
Bob and Emeline were the first colored waifs about the town, and the charitable townspeople supplied them with food. When asked "Em, what do

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