

# SWITCH ENGINES BURNS BRIQUETTES

"Briquette" is a word not found in most dictionaries. It is a new name for a very new thing, which the attaches of the D. L. & W. station at this place have just added to their vocabulary. It signifies a new fuel, which is being used by the D. L. & W. railroad company in its freight engines.

Last week station agent Egbert sent in an order for a car load of coal to be used on the switcher. The fuel came a day or so ago. The car was marked "Briquettes" and instead of the coal usually furnished was a car load of egg-shaped masses, which bore little resemblance to coal beyond the fact that they were black in color.

At present the switch engine is using the new fuel and is getting along very nicely. The principal ingredient of the briquettes is coal dust mixed with wood sawdust. Other elements of course enter into it, but the constituents are not well known to the public.

The burning of briquettes on the switcher is not an experiment on the D. L. & W., as the fuel is in use on the main line in many of the big freight engines. The shipping of the car load of artificial fuel to Danville is in line with a recent order to extend the burning of briquettes to every division of the system.

It is found to answer the purpose as well as coal even on the heaviest freight engines. If there is any difference whatever it lies in the fact that it produces a "dirtier fire," to use a railroad expression. For that reason, as far as perfect as present, it might be less desirable for passenger engines.

The briquettes are made in mounds. The presence of tar can be detected by the odor. In burning it acts very nearly as coal, although it throws off a heavier flame. It is not producing power as about the same.

The new fuel solves the problem of getting rid of the coal dirt at the mines. It will also reduce the cost of operating railroads or of producing power in manufacturing plants.

## Cremated in Burning Home.

While running through his burning home to save valuable papers late Monday night, Robert Fletcher, of Northumberland, was trapped by the flames and burned to death. He was found Tuesday morning, arms and legs being burned off, and his body charred to a crisp, hanging over a joist in the floor of the lower front room.

Mr. Fletcher was the baggage master at the Union station in Northumberland. He lived in a two-story frame house on the corner of Northway and Hanover streets. Monday night he and his wife and five children retired early. It was nearly eleven o'clock when they were awakened by the smell of smoke. Investigation showed that the kitchen was on fire.

River coal was the fuel used in the kitchen stove and a large river stone, concealed in the coal placed in the fire when it was banked for the night, exploded and set fire to the building. The flames rapidly gained headway and the family had time to save only a few valuables before the whole building was afire. Mr. Fletcher had made two trips for cherished family possessions when he suddenly remembered valuable papers which were in an upstairs room in the rear of the house. He rushed into the building and never again was seen alive.

Mrs. Fletcher stood in the street and watched the flames in which her husband was being burned to death. Neither she nor the little ones had time to dress and they stood barefooted on the frozen ground with nothing to protect them from the bitter winter air except their night dresses. Yet they were unmindful of themselves in the horrible fascination of the raging furnace which held the husband and father of the family.

The charred remains of Mr. Fletcher were discovered Tuesday morning. He had probably made his way almost to safety when overcome by the deadly fumes.

"The house is a total wreck. With the timely assistance of the neighbors a few valuables were saved but every thing else was destroyed.

Mr. Fletcher is survived beside his wife by four small children and a married daughter, Mrs. Melvin Bogart, who resides at Northumberland. He was 62 years of age.

## Funeral of Wellington Rote.

Wellington Rote, whose death occurred on Thursday, was consigned to the grave in Odd Fellows' cemetery Monday afternoon. The funeral took place from the late residence corner of Ferry and Lower Mulberry streets at 2 o'clock and was largely attended.

The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. McCormack, D. D., pastor of Groves Presbyterian church, to which the deceased belonged. The pall bearers were: Harry Camp, B. J. Peck, John M. Seidler, Dr. Jno. Sweisford, B. L. Diehl and D. R. Williams. The funeral proceeded to the cemetery by trolley.

Those who attended the funeral from a distance were John R. Rote, of Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Courson and Miss Bessie Courson, of Sunbury; Mrs. T. Y. Blose and Ralph Blose, of Allenswood; Mrs. William Rote, of Shamokin; Miss Bernice Courson, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Courson, of Washingtonville; Mrs. Crawford Harvey, of Kingston.

## GRATITUDE AND VANITY

The philosopher of the Punksatway Spirit declares that "the abolition of the annual pass was really a good thing. Of course no legislator or judge of the courts or other official would admit that the fact that he had an annual pass made any difference in his conduct toward railroads. But it did, just the same. And the shrewd men who managed the railroads know it.

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Any complaint to make about this sample of old fashioned winter.

# MAY PETITION REPRESENTATIVE

The proposed law to tax all hunters, now before the legislature, may meet with a very determined opposition, if the sentiments voiced by a number of sportsmen at the store of M. H. Schram at the other evening may be taken as a criterion.

Mr. Schram himself belongs to the class of true sportsmen and among those who drop into his place of business for an hour's chat on hunting affairs are such men as James Scarlett, the lawyer, and others who are careful to live up to all the provisions of existing game laws. As such, therefore, their opinions have weight.

At the very beginning it was made manifest that in the opinion of these men the proposition to tax hunters is a piece of legislation designed to shut out the poor man and preserve the game for the wealthy rather than a measure to protect game and to give it a better chance to propagate.

The proposed bill sets forth that every hunter be taxed one dollar for the privilege of hunting wild game or fowl, either for one day or one season. One dollar, it was held, is a very small sum to the rich man, but to the poor man, who may have one or more boys who are anxious to hunt, it is all together another matter.

Mr. Scarlett said that the proposed law in his opinion is wrong—that, if the purpose is to protect the game, a more just and equally efficacious way would be to get after the vermin, foxes and the like, which every year kill off large numbers of the choicest game.

Mr. Schram called attention to the fact that the proposed law in effect would be compelling the American citizen to pay a tax for learning the art of handling firearms. To own and to handle a gun, he said, is the desire of every American youth and any attempt to destroy this ambition should be resisted. The Americans are the best marksmen in the world as has been abundantly proven in times of war, and their proficiency has always been attributed to the freedom with which they were permitted to hunt and to the consequent practice with fire arms when they were boys.

The company—and every one was a sportsman—seemed unanimous in the conviction that the law should be defeated and they approved of a petition to be signed numerously and presented to our representative. It was the sense that if such legislation be permitted it will make it just that much easier to enact other laws objectionable to the hunter, especially to the rich hunter, until finally none but the rich can go into the woods to hunt.

Whipping Post for Boys. Judge Endlich, of Berks county, believes in the whipping post for boys convicted of petty larceny. Six boys were recently brought before the judge who had pleaded guilty to the larceny of copper sheetings, which they had sold to junk dealers. Sentence was suspended pending an investigation into the boys' careers. His Honor expressed the view that the whipping post might be used with propriety in punishing this class of offenders. "Before many years, in my opinion, the legislature will be asked with some degree of propriety to establish a whipping post for boys who commit crimes of this character. Conviction does not seem to lessen the number of offenders. Perhaps fear of the whipping post might have a better effect."

Jury List. The jury commissioners, Harry Kerns and Robert Anton, have completed their labors. The following names have been drawn for February court.

GRAND JURY. Anthony township—Charles Mohr, Cooper township—Edward Dell, Malvin Shultz, Nathan Krum. Derry township—William Appleman.

Danville, 1st ward—Harry E. Trumbower, Howard Hixon, George Hullen, Clark Long, Joseph DeHarr, James E. Freeze.

Danville, 2nd ward—James M. Jones, Harry Marshall, Warren Boat, Edward Alford.

Danville, 3rd ward—Andrew Fry, Harry Fleckenstein.

Danville, 4th ward—Richard Shepard, Dallas Hammer, John McClure, Thompson Jenkins.

Valley township—Charles Bryant, Charles Lewis.

West Henlock township—Paul Mausteller.

TRAVELER'S JURY. Cooper township—Charles Wertman, John Christian. Derry township—Edward Hoffman, William Springer, Frank Courson, Harry Billmeyer.

Danville, 1st ward—Charles Ruckel, Charles Limberger, Thomas Trainor.

Danville, 2nd ward—Walter Russell, John Freeze, Casper Dierdorf, Morris Snyder, Walter Breckbill, Frank Boyer, F. B. Startzell.

Danville, 3rd ward—Jacob Byerly, Arthur Lawrence, E. V. Stroh, Conrad S. Aten.

Danville, 4th ward—Lewis Dietz, John Hughes, Peter Mayan, Thomas H. Lees.

Liberty township—John Robbins, J. J. Hoffman, Daniel Acor, L. A. Cuthbert, William G. Ford.

Limestone township—E. Anspach.

Mahoning township—Wellington Rudy, Edward Maus, Jacob H. Rudy.

Valley township—Albert Churn, Albyus Snyder.

Washingtonville—Clarence Seidel.

# LARGE VOTE AT PRIMARIES

The Republicans in the borough of Danville and throughout Montour county held their primaries Friday between the hours of 6 and 7:30. A very large vote was polled in each of the four wards of the borough of Danville, especially when it is considered that usually brings out a vote of large proportions.

The large vote may be accounted for, however, by the fact that there were several hard fights to be decided Friday eve. In the first ward Harry Trumbower successfully opposed Amos Vestine, present incumbent, for the three years nomination for council. Mr. Trumbower polling 63 votes to Mr. Vestine's 41.

In the fourth ward there was quite a contest for the office of councilman, the two men voted for being Joseph Gibson, present incumbent, who is president of council, and Andrew Schatz. Mr. Schatz defeated Mr. Gibson by one vote.

FIRST WARD. The first ward nominations were as follows: Council, three years, Harry Trumbower; school director, three years, William H. Andy; judge of election, F. M. Herrington; inspector of election, W. V. Ogieby; assessor, J. L. Frame. The delegates to the borough and district convention, Thomas A. Evans and Orville Switzel, were instructed for Samuel Mills for poor director and for Watkin Evans for auditor.

SECOND WARD. The following nominations were made in the second ward: Council, three years, J. Harry Woodside; council, two years, Joseph K. Bird; school director, three years, H. H. Redding; judge of election, Harry A. Shick; inspector of election, William H. Camp; assessor, Harry E. Seidel; constable, William L. Jones. The delegates to the borough and district convention are W. H. Woodside and William Les. They were instructed for poor director and instructed for William G. Reese for auditor.

THIRD WARD. The nominations in the third ward were as follows: Council, three years, J. B. Cleaver; school director, three years, O. F. Young; judge of election, George B. Kase; inspector of election, Edward V. Stroh; assessor, Harry Kearns. The delegates are O. F. Young and Seth Lormer, instructed for Samuel Mills for poor director and for Seth Lormer for auditor.

FOURTH WARD. In the fourth ward the following nominations were made by the Republicans: Council, three years, Andrew Schatz; school director, three years, W. H. Orth; judge of election, Dallas Hammer; inspector of election, John Sherwood; assessor, John Jenkins. The delegates to the borough and district convention, John Mitchell and Frank Magill, were instructed for Samuel Mills for poor director and for Watkin Evans for auditor.

TOO MANY LAWS. The Chambersburg Repository affirms that "the laws in Pennsylvania are becoming so numerous that people are led to believe that the best thing that could be done would be to repeal nearly all of them and commence over again, placing on the statute books those only that are absolutely essential for the people."

LANCASTER COUNTY HOGS. Lancaster county, noted for its immense yield of tobacco, is famous also for its fine livestock reared. At present the local papers are reporting the heavy hogs slaughtered, very many of which weigh from 400 to 600 pounds, dressed, and some much heavier. Last week in the eastern end of the county Levi K. Smoker killed one which weighed 647 pounds, dressed, Jacob Speicher one, 700; Harry S. Jacobs one, 710, and Barton M. Horst one, 728. Newton Horst has killed a bunch of ten which weighed 4,370 pounds. None of the hogs mentioned were over 15 months old.

PERSONALLY INVESTIGATE. The voters of Montour county have three weeks in which to make up their minds concerning the personality and the opinions of the various candidates who seek their suffrages, as well as the other important matters awaiting decision. They should take the time to personally investigate candidates and principles.

Turn About. Tags—When will you learn that razors are not things to sharpen pencils with? Mrs. Tags—Oh, just as soon as you've learned that hairpins are not things to clean pipes with.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

In Crimson Gales. "What became of that man you arrested as a horse thief?" "Lynch'd," answered Pute Pete. "I suppose that ended the matter." "No. Some of the boys had their doubts, so we're going to call some witnesses an' get evidence that he really were the guilty party."—Washington Star.

Boy Horribly Burned. While playing around the stove with a stick, Doyle Lewis, 10-year-old son of Howard Lewis, of Stillwater, Columbia county, raked the hot coals out on himself, and his clothing catching fire, his legs were horribly burned. He was taken to the Joseph Ratti hospital at Bloomsburg.

Fined for Swearing. Jersey Shore officers have decided to put a stop to profanity on the streets and public places, and Chief of Police Green arrested an offender. The young man was taken before a justice and fined \$4.35 and costs.

High Life in Gotham. "The way this New York folks act is dreadful curious," said my aunt Betsy. "They dew say as Mrs. Demillon is at home on a horse. I'm glad she ain't on whom I call, for I don't want to see her act exactly how tw act."—Harper's Weekly.

Will Inspect Danville Trees. A. W. Stephens, who completed about a month ago a series of demonstrations throughout Montour county with the lime-sulphur solution for spraying for the San Jose scale, has again returned to this city, and will make a canvass of the town, with the idea of making war on the pest in the more densely populated districts.

Formerly the inspectors gave but little attention to the towns, confining their work to the country. The department of agriculture, however, finds that the people in the towns take a great deal more interest in the work of the department along this line than do the residents of the rural districts. Naturally, therefore, the department feels like doing some of the good work among the people who seem to most appreciate the effort. Also, Mr. Stephens said yesterday, a great deal of scale has been found to exist in the towns, and he thinks that a little attention now will save much destruction from the pest in the future.

Mr. Stephens will be in Danville for several weeks. He will make a door to door canvass, asking at each place to be allowed to inspect the trees to the present he will give to the owners only a slip telling of the San Jose scale and a slip telling of the San Jose scale and several different ways that it may be exterminated.

FENCING OUT RATTLERS. A Prevention of Animals That May Cause Trouble. Did you ever hear of rattlesnakes fence-not one made of rattlesnakes, of course not, but one made of prickly thorns to protect one from the rattlers and keep them away? That is what the Arizona campers build, and the only way they will give to the owners away is by building one of these fences of oaks, a shrub covered with thorns which grows on the desert.

As the tents have no doors and are not set much above the ground, if would be very easy for the rattlers to effect an entrance. Imagine the sensation of crawling into bed some cold night to strike against the clammy skin of a snake, and this is just where Mr. Snake likes to snuggle, in among the warm blankets.

# NEW DEVELOPMENT AT SHAMOKIN DAM

The options on the properties between Shamokin Dam and Selinsgrove are being taken up, says the Sunbury Item. In an interview with a prominent Selinsgrove gentleman Thursday morning, who is in close touch with the Africa interests, some new facts were learned which will add more interest to this well guessed problem. During this week another section of land was purchased in Snyder county that contains a large limestone quarry and the company intends to construct a narrow gauge road to this quarry for the purpose of hauling limestone for building purposes and the stone also to be used in making the new road in Monroe township. It was also stated that land has been purchased adjoining the canal from Northumberland to Milton, and it is the belief that a large railroad bridge will be built across the river at or near Northumberland. If this is done railroad tracks will be laid from the bridge to the best classification yards that are to be built on the land secured between Shamokin Dam and Selinsgrove, and from there the road will run along the river to the railroad yards at Enola, opposite Harrisburg. Continuing the man from Selinsgrove stated that there was no doubt but what there would be large industrial plants located on the land secured in connection with the railroad company's interest. This cannot be doubted when it is made known that when all of the options are lifted about 1,500 acres of land will have been secured. The large classification yards recently opened by the Pennsylvania company at Huntingdon covers only thirty-five acres of land and this large purchase of land by Mr. Africa indicates a gigantic industrial interest of some character outside of yards.

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# DEATH OF A FORMER TOWNSMAN

A telegram was received in this city from Canal Dover, Ohio, Saturday, announcing the death of Richard Jenkins, which occurred at that place Friday night.

In the absence of particulars it is impossible to state the cause of death, but relatives here are convinced that his illness could not have been of more than three or four days' duration. The Richard Jenkins lived in Danville for many years. He was one of the most skilled iron workers to be found in the country and in addition to Danville was employed at Milton and Williamsport as well as Tyrone.

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# ANNUAL MEETING DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION

The third annual meeting of the Montour County School Directors' Association was held in the hall of the Y. M. C. A., this city, Friday with a large number of directors present. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jacob Fisher at 10:15, after which Rev. L. D. Ulrich opened the convention with prayer.

The Convention was favored with a selection of vocal music by some of the Danville High School students, D. F. Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte, was then introduced, who delivered an address on Township High Schools. He called attention to the fact that the buildings and grounds of the public school have an educational influence upon the children and that dilapidated buildings and shabby surroundings are not conducive to elevating the tastes of children. There is little progress, he said, in the matter of building in the country although there have been advances in the course of study. He said we still have in the rural districts the same style of buildings as that of 50 years ago. It is the same box shape affair. If one burns down, another of similar shape is built to take its place. Progress is made in architecture of other buildings. Homes are rebuilt and improved. New churches have had some point of architecture added to them, but in most cases the school houses is the same brick affair. The time has now come for the Township high school, and the Directors have a duty to perform along this line.

Sixty years ago, one in high authority predicted that high schools would be found in every district not more than 6 miles apart, but it has not come yet. Mr. Fortney stated what should be taught in these schools and especially brought out the fact that it should be not less than a 4 year's course and in it should be taught agriculture, horticulture and mechanics. This would tend to keep the boys at home.

Any boy who studies the sciences of chemistry, physics, and like is as far superior in his thinking qualities over the boy of the country as the boy with the self-binder is to a giant with a sickle in reaping grain. It has been proven, he says, that within a radius of 10 miles, the children are more intellectual than those far removed from these seats of learning. He also called attention to the fact to establish the 3 grades of Township high schools, and he said he took no stock in the third grade, which was only better for a 2 year's course, not much better than a fair grammar school.

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer next addressed the Convention on the two great problems of school administration, which were to get all the children to school and to get good teachers for the school. This is a duty of the superintendents and the directors. He also spoke of the disadvantage of the pupil who goes through life, whose whole school life has been spent under poor teachers. And to get this, he advocated better pay. Dr. Schaeffer says that this is usually in the eyes of the public, a means of increasing taxes, when such in fact is not the case. He called attention to the fact that how few persons really know anything about the source of school taxes. He advocated that the Convention pass ringing resolutions in favor of a larger appropriation in order that there can be better wages and the schools improved. He said if you own a good farm, with even horses and cattle, you do not pay State taxes. A man in Danville owning his own home pays no State tax, but if you are fond of a good drink of whiskey, you do pay indirectly State tax. The source from which the State tax is usually derived is from the railroads and corporations. It is true if you have money out on interest you pay a tax of 4 mills on the same. This tax comes chiefly from the rich men not from the poor man. And therefore there is no reason why anyone should object to an increase of the appropriation for better pay. He asserted that there is sufficient money to increase the appropriation to 8 million dollars, which he wants to have done without a solitary individual in this Commonwealth paying one cent more tax. Dr. Schaeffer next called attention to the establishment of the High Schools, in which in the first year, 25 thousand dollars were appropriated, and which resulted in the establishment of 69 Township high schools. Since then each Legislature has been called to make provision for a bill to have the legislature take care of the boroughs and give them State aid as well as the Township High Schools. Dr. Schaeffer also called attention to the advantage a boy or girl has in the boroughs and cities because of their educational facilities over those of the township, and feels it is a duty of every director to favor an increase of this appropriation.

At 12:30 the convention adjourned for dinner. Upon reconvening D. F. Fortney delivered another address on "Common Schools from a Common Sense Standpoint."

Dr. Schaeffer followed with a most excellent address on "Work and Play at School."

The election of delegates to the State convention at Harrisburg resulted in the choice of Clarence J. Cleaver, of Mayberry township; George VanNostrand, of Limestone township, and Frank Bennett, of Valley township, D. Aust Lutz and J. Newton Pursel, of Danville.

Big Sum in Delinquent Taxes. An investigation just concluded by the Schuylkill county controller and the county commissioners, shows that there is the enormous sum of \$179,515.07 yet due from delinquent tax collectors covering the past twenty years, sufficient to pay off the county's entire indebtedness. The bondsmen will be sued and a large proportion of this money will be realized upon.

A broken gas main in Lebanon on Monday night endangered the lives of about half a dozen families, as gas filled their houses, while they were sleeping. Some of the inmates were quite ill.

Newton Deviney, a school boy of Pottstown, who was severely injured while coasting a few days ago, died of his injuries on Monday.

# ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE POOR

Danville and Mahoning Poor District for the Year Ending Jan. 1, 1907.

J. P. BARE, Treasurer. In account with the Directors of the Danville and Mahoning Poor District. DR.

To balance due Directors at last settlement 388 24  
To cash received from W. Peters on duplicate for 1906 100 00  
To cash received from M. Peters on dupli cate 1906 360 00  
To cash received from J. P. Bare on account duplicate 1906 184 00  
To cash received from J. P. Bare on duplicate for 1907 5000 00  
To cash received from Chas. U. Wertman on duplicate for 1906 720 00  
To cash received from Ed. Vertman 66 80  
To cash received from Stanley Young 14 00  
To cash from Dr. Williams 20 00  
To cash received from M. C. Howell 74 20  
To cash received from F. J. Noe after 1 18  
To cash received from F. J