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THE CONDITION OF TRADE

As Reported by Bradstreet's Commercial Agency

INCREASE OF BUSINESS

Among Jobbers in Dry Goods, Hardware, Clothing and Groceries.

BOSTON, August 30.—Business is improving as fall approaches, and a fair amount of activity is noted in some lines of trade. The money market continues quiet, however in the face of a fair business, with commercial paper in scarce supply. Rates for business paper is yet about 4 per cent., with corporation loans at 3 3/4 per cent., and collateral loans at 3 1/2 per cent. The trade in boots and shoes continues quiet, with conditions unchanged. Buyers are holding back in regards to placing orders, but the leather and hide markets is strong and manufacturers will only accept business at full rates. The iron and steel situation is strong, and values from the mills are quoted higher on many kinds of material. Copper is going well into consumption and holds firm. The lumber trade is fair, with prices steady. Coal continues dull with the market featureless.

PHILADELPHIA, August 23.—Wool is quiet. There is little change in dry goods, though fair volume of business being done. Leather and morocco are active, without change in prices. Large orders are coming in from out-of-town sources for boots and shoes, with a decided improvement in collections. Iron continues strong. Bessemer pig has advanced 25 per cent., and is 50 per cent. higher than at the corresponding period last year.

PITTSBURGH, August 30.—General trade is fairly satisfactory in most lines; sales are improving, and orders from commercial travelers are increasing. While indications are good, the demand for fall stocks has not fully opened up; a large season's business is anticipated. Collections continue slow and far from satisfactory. Iron and steel continue steady at the further advance, with unabated demand for all lines, especially steel billets and Bessemer pig, and the market is now in much better condition than the most sanguine predictions a few months ago; better prices are still expected; all mills are sold up for several months to come.

BALTIMORE, August 30.—Trade in the dry goods, boots and shoes, hats clothing and millinery lines is very active, with influx buyers, prices firm and goods advancing. Collections are reported seasonable. Some lines report an increase of from 10 to 30 per cent. in volume for August, 1895, over August, 1894, with very good prospects for an increased trade later; based upon the advance in cotton and the general resumption of the manufacturing industries.

CLEVELAND, August 30.—In all merchandise lines the volume of trade during the summer months has been better than last year. The outlook for an active fall business is regarded as very promising. The metal markets are active.

CHICAGO, August 30.—The feature of the week was the steady improvement in the jobbing trade in all lines, and especially in dry goods. Sales are large for the season and are better than for several years. The calls for clothing were not as large as jobbers expected, as many of the interior merchants are at the Knights Templar conclave at the east. Shoes were taken well. Leather is slow and easier. Some tanners are more anxious to sell, and are cutting prices to induce manufacturers to come in and buy. The steel interests are excited. Manufacturers of billets and steel rods have practically withdrawn prices for the time being, and at the close to-day were not disposed to consider bids for billets for less than \$33 to \$34, or \$1 to \$1.50 advance. On rails they are not naming rates. Orders continue to come in freely. Charcoal pig iron advanced \$1, with sales of 203,000 tons this week in round lots at \$14.50 here. Bessemer pig iron scarce and \$1 higher. Furnace men are still so far ahead on coke irons that they are not anxious for new contracts. Lumber is strong, with a growing demand. Produce trade is fair. Supplies of fruits are the largest of the season. Wool receipts, 535,864 pounds.

LOUISVILLE, August 30.—As a rule jobbers and manufacturers are seasonably busy, reporting a material improvement over last year's sales, especially in paints, oils, glassware and queensware. Leaf tobacco is selling freely at satisfactory figures. Bankers report deposits good, but light

demand for loans. Collections fair.

KANSAS CITY, August 30.—Receipts of cattle are more liberal and values have been sustained most satisfactorily. Offerings of hogs have been smaller, but values continue to decline for the week 20c. to 35c. per cwt. Sheep receipts are fair and values are firmer. Prospects are for steady values on cattle and 4c. hogs with in 30 days. All other lines of jobbing trade report large orders, with fair collections. Preparations are being made to handle large fall and winter business.

MINNEAPOLIS, August 30.—Jobbers in nearly all lines are very busy and shipments are larger. Grain is coming in freely and flour is more active. Lumber is moving freely.

OMAHA, August 30.—Trade is a little quiet in most lines, except dry goods and manufactures of cheap lines. Cattle receipts are still falling off, and hogs are 10c. lower.

CHARLESTON, August 30.—Jobbers are getting a good many orders for September delivery. Some trading in all lines. Collections are fair. Good fall prospects.

ATLANTA, August 30.—Jobbers in dry goods, groceries and hardware report a small increase in sales. Collections are fair; prospects bright.

JACKSONVILLE, August 30.—Retail and wholesale circles show quite an improvement, the former especially. City and country collections are very slow.

NEW ORLEANS, August 30.—Trade has been fair, particularly in clothing and shoes. Cotton is brisk. Rice is unsettled, with small arrivals of new crop. Some bulk grain is arriving, but exports are light.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 30.—Trade is moderate in commercial lines. Produce markets are dull. Fruits are plentiful, with the exception of pears, which are in good demand. Wheat freights are nominal at 30c.

TACOMA, August 30.—Trade maintains its usual volume. Collections satisfactory. British ship DuChalburn has arrived to load wheat.

TORONTO, August 30.—Wholesale trade is moderately active, with the general tone of markets firm. The number of buyers are increasing, and prospects are more satisfactory for the fall trade.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Dog Ordinance is Repealed and the Canines are at Liberty.

Patton borough council met in regular session on Tuesday evening in the office of Dale & Patterson with the following members present: Chairman L. S. Bell, B. P. Wise, Ralph Leisch, S. M. Wilson, P. P. Young and Frank Campbell. The minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

During the past week a petition was circulated in the borough of Patton which contained a large number of signatures asking the borough council to repeal ordinance No. 24, relating to the taxation, etc., of dogs in the borough. A vote was taken and the repeal was carried and the dogs are again set free.

A motion was made and carried that the report of the street commissioner be accepted and orders drawn in favor of the following persons for street work:

Prof Heller	\$ 1.50
Wm. Lincoln	1.00
Peter Harbison	2.25
Joe Miller	1.50
Hiram Wilkins	1.50
D. J. Wagner	1.50
Joe Karbista	1.50
Nicholas Graham	4.10
John Miller	4.20
Geo. Quinn	2.50
Wm. McKean	2.50
Wm. Banks	2.50
Andrew Saltgiver	4.00
Ed. Glass	3.75
Simon Bortman	1.80
Wm. Steiner	1.50
A. T. Corbett	1.50
A. J. Jackson	1.50
Patton Supply Co. (indus.)	12.20
F. H. Kinkaid (misc.)	12.25
H. Patterson, clerk salary 3 mos.	15.00

Council then adjourned to meet at its next regular meeting night, Tuesday evening, September 10, 1895.

Something of a Squash.

Jas. Perry has in his garden at Chest Springs three squashes that would make a meal for a regiment of hungry soldiers, and he would still have considerable squash left. In fact Mr. Perry's squashes are not to be sneezed at. The largest of the three measures nearly six feet in circumference and is still growing. The other two are not much behind this one. They will be plucked and taken to the Carrolltown fair in three weeks, by which time they will be a trio competent to hold their own against all comers. The three squashes grew from a vine that sprang from a seed that was brought from the World's Fair. It may be set down that these three squashes, if they attend the fair, will be the most admired in the vegetable department and they will return home proudly bearing first premium.

Drink Ambrosia.

PATTON'S NEW INDUSTRY.

More News Concerning the Big Clay Works.

THE P. & E. RAILROAD

Which is Now Being Built From Mahaffey to Pittsburg and Other Points West.

Last week the COURIER contained the cheerful information that Patton had practically secured the location of a clay manufacturing plant of considerable magnitude, and gave the names of business men who are interested in its establishment. As previously stated the preliminary plans are about completed and the building of the plant here is about as certain as the appearance of the tax collector and death, and those are two things we can all count upon with a great deal of certainty.

Mr. McElfresh, who is the general manager and head of the McElfresh Clay Manufacturing company at Fenrich, W. Va., and who will have charge of the new plant at Patton, writes the COURIER that ground will be broken within thirty days. He also adds that when completed the plant will manufacture fire clay products, such as fire proof building material for architectural buildings complete, fire liners, pressure water mains for city water works, underground conduits of every description, large sectional sewer blocks, electric railway terra cotta cross ties or pillar blocks, vitrified paving brick, sewer pipe, and a great variety of other clay goods and specialties.

Since closing the deal for the establishment here Mr. McElfresh says that he has been east and secured contracts that will call for \$200,000 worth of product for the new plant. Direct connections with and the competition of New York, Lake Erie and Western, the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Reading, Fall Brook, New York Central, Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg, and the Beech Creek roads will give the new enterprise shipping facilities not surpassed by any plant in the country and consequent low freight rates, which is an important matter when the bulky nature of the product of the plant is taken into consideration.

WORK ON THE PITTSBURG & EASTERN

Hundreds of Men Busily Engaged—Some Immense Cuts to be Made.

Probably the wildest and most picturesque scenery to be found in this region is between Mahaffey and McGee's Mills, in Clearfield county, along the building of the line of the new Pittsburg and Eastern railroad. It is only a distance of about three miles and in the narrow valley of the headwaters of the Susquehanna river two railroads wind around the hills and another is being built. A COURIER representative spent last Sunday at Mahaffey with J. D. Hepburn, at the Aldine hotel. DeWitt Hepburn who has traveled knows DeWitt Hepburn and the Aldine.

Sunday afternoon Mr. Hepburn invited the COURIER man to take a drive up the line of the new railroad, and the wonderful work that is now being done on that end of the new road is worth traveling miles to see. P. Manus, of Philadelphia, one of the most experienced railroad men in the country, has the contract for building twenty miles of the east end of the road—from Mahaffey to Rankin Summit, and it is probably as difficult and as expensive a piece of road to build as any that have been finished in the State. Leaving Mahaffey the road takes a bee-line from the Beech Creek across the river, crossing the low lands on a big fill and thence over the river on the tops of stone piers 30 feet high. The road then dives into the hills west of the river and follows up the valley to McGee's Mills, Glen Campbell and to the Summit. All the way up the valley deep cuts, big fills, and as few curves as possible are made. Near McGee's is the big cut where five men lost their lives by an explosion a few days ago. Drills, steam shovels and scores of men are working away in the mountain side, cutting a passage through the solid rocks for the road-bed. Steam drills drive deep holes in the mountain and barrels of powder are then poured down the holes. Electric wires are then attached and when the workmen have retired to a safe distance the powder is exploded and thousands of tons of rock and earth are shaken up for the steam shovel to get in its work. At the time the five men were killed a ton and a half of powder was poured into one of these drilled holes. After the explosion the men returned to their work in the big cut and the smoke from the

burned powder settled down upon them. The unfortunate fellows were quickly overcome and before they could be rescued they were dead. Emerging from this cut the Pittsburg and Eastern road takes another leap through the air and crosses the Pennsylvania and Northwestern road, the river and the village of McGee's Mills far above the homestops. Continuing up the stream the road cuts hills in two and spans the valley in a seemingly reckless manner, but all the time avoiding sharp curves and maintaining an easy grade.

The building of the road up the valley is a wonderful piece of work, and with three railroads between the hills that form the banks of the Susquehanna from Mahaffey to McGee's there is not much room left for a wagon road. But a fairly good driveway climbs along the hillside, sometimes above the railroads and sometimes under them, but all the time between one or two.

Mahaffey is enjoying a great boom during the building of the new road and her people are living in the belief that their town is the coming Chicago of the east.

They Grew in Walter's Garden.

This is a great year among the farmers and if those of Cambria county do not enjoy a prosperous season it will not be because they have not had good crops. Corn was never bigger nor better, oats, wheat, apples and fruits are in abundance. Potatoes are also making a record for themselves, and as they come tumbling from the ground they are in a condition to take a front seat at any country fair. Big potatoes have heretofore been mentioned in the COURIER, but Mr. M. C. Waltz, of Chest Springs, came to the front with the largest production from a small planting. Last spring he secured two and a half pounds of potatoes in his garden, and a few days ago he uncovered from the same spot eighty-three and a quarter pounds. Who can beat it?

Was 1 to 11 for Patton.

On Saturday the Loretto base ball club came down to Patton to "do our boys up," but at the end of five innings, which time the game was postponed on account of darkness, the score stood 1 to 11 in favor of the Patton nine. Wolfe's pitching and Reilly's catching were the principle features of the game, also the heavy batting by the home team. The Loretto boys proved themselves to be perfect gentlemen and the Patton nine will be pleased to receive another visit from them soon.

Time Extended.

The grangers of Cambria county recently presented a petition to the Cambria county commissioners praying to have the time for receiving the discount on State and county taxes extended to October 1st instead of September 1st. The COURIER has been informed that the petition was granted. Too much commendation cannot be bestowed on the county grange for the interest they take in matters of this kind which always benefits their fellowmen.

A Good Fair.

The Ebensburg county fair was pronounced a decided success, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The ballroom session, which was the special attraction, was a decided success. The racing was good and everybody was satisfied.

Base Ball.

There will be a game of base ball on the Athletic grounds at Patton on Saturday, September 7th, between Hastings and Patton. Game called at 2:30. Batteries, Reiley and Reiley; Renninger and Sibert.

Millinery Store Removed.

The millinery store of Miss Alice A. Ashcroft, which was formerly in the Solomon building, has been removed to the Patton building on Magee avenue. Ladies call and get a bargain.—89c

Time of Temper.

No time or temper wasted when you use the Cinderella Range. Its large and high oven insures perfect baking and roasting. Sold and guaranteed by A. M. Thomas.

Will Soon be Ready.

J. C. Patrick, the photographer, has arrived in town and will be ready to do business at the gallery on Fifth avenue in a few days.

Say, have you tried Hodgkin's soda water?

School to Open September 9th.

The opening of Patton Public Schools will be postponed until Monday, September 9th instead of September 2d, as previously intended.

G. H. CURFMAN, Sec.

C. C. CROWL, Pres.

LOCAL MINING AFFAIRS.

Work Suspended Indefinitely at Rochester & Sandy Lick

MINES AT DuBOIS, PA.

A Large Number of Men Out of Employment—Other Mining News.

The mining situation at DuBois has for many months been such that the miners, those in the employ of the Bell, Lewis & Yates company, could not earn a living, and now they cannot earn anything at that occupation unless they go elsewhere for employment. Three notices were posted in the window of the company's office Friday evening. One read:

Work in Rochester Mine No Work in London Mine To-morrow.

Another was this:

Notice.

DuBois, Pa., Aug. 30, 1895.

The next semi-monthly pay day, for work done during the first half of August, will be on September 7.

JOHN REED, Superintendent.

The third and the one of general interest to the public of DuBois, was as follows:

Notice.

DuBois, Pa., Aug. 30, 1895.

Circumstances which we regret compel us to shut down Rochester mine and Sandy Lick mine for an indefinite period after Saturday, August 31, 1895.

BELL, LEWIS & YATES C. M. CO.

The company has three mines there, Rochester, the large mine, and London and Sandy Lick, two smaller mines. London mine is the only one in which work has not been ordered entirely suspended for an indefinite period. Upwards of 300 men are employed there, and they have been doing very little there all summer, the same as at the other mines. At the two other mines about 700 men are employed when they are running full. Since work has been so slack the number has been constantly decreasing. A miner who works in one of the mines stated that he thought that not more than 300 were working in Rochester when they had work, several hundred having sought employment elsewhere. Some of those who left found employment at Walston, Adrian and Helvetia, and still others have taken up some other occupation. Others will now begin to look for work elsewhere. Some have been continuing on with the hope that there would be an improvement till their resources have become reduced so much that they must leave their families, if they go away, until they have had time to earn something.

While the company retains its large holdings there any suspension is only temporary, but the men cannot stand the pinch while it lasts.

The cause of the mines not running at DuBois is said to be on account of high freight rates owing to a discord between the coal company and the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railway company.

Other Mining Notes.

Work on the rope haulage system at Magee & Lingle's colliery is progressing finely. It will soon be ready for operation.

The recent contracts given out to Beech Creek shippers makes the mining in this district decidedly more active.

Men are reported to be working in the Hamilton mine of the Bell, Lewis & Yates Coal Mining company, near Reynoldsville, for 30 cents a ton. This price is 5 cents a ton below the district rate.

There is much interest manifested concerning the successful bidder on the several thousand tons of bituminous coal for use in the United States navy. A portion of it will be filled by the Patton Coal company.

E. H. Ellsworth, formerly a member of the firm of Jackman & Ellsworth, miners and shippers of coal from the Colorado mines near Philipsburg, and who some time ago disposed of his interest in the mines to his partner, has, in connection with F. J. Durham, purchased Colorado No. 2 from Mr. Jackman. The new firm will begin shipping coal September 1st.—Coal Trade Journal.

Some of the new Beech Creek gondolas which are being erected will soon be put on the road for use.

Transfer of Cambria County Priests.

Rev. Father Phillips, O. S. B., pastor of the Catholic churches at St. Boniface and St. Lawrence, has been transferred to a large congregation in Baltimore. Father Walter, formerly curate in Carrolltown, goes to Baltimore with Father Phillips, and Father Constantine will have charge of St. Boniface and St. Lawrence.