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BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM IN NORTHERN CAMBRIA COUNTY.

BEECH CREEK COAL AND COKE CO.

That Will be the Title of the Big Coal Company Consolidation.

NEW YORK CENTRAL IS IN IT.

The Three Big Companies in Patton Have Formed a Combination and Will Ask for a Charter—Steady Work Guaranteed and the Car Famine Ended—Future Prospects for the Town Very Bright.

For the next year at least, and probably longer, Patton will experience the biggest boom in its history. It will be a boom, too, that will not follow the introduction of inflated values in any product, but will be the result of merit in the product for which the Beech Creek coal region is noted the world over. Trusts, combinations and centralization of capital have received merited condemnation in some instances, but the combination that has just been effected in Patton, and which is undoubtedly the forerunner of a general and big revival of business in this section, is one that can and will be commended by everyone who is at all conversant with the facts in the case.

For some time past Patton has been suffering from a car famine, the coal companies whose mines are located here have had orders enough to keep the various operations going every working day in the week, but could not fill them on account of the scarcity of cars. Many reasons were assigned for this condition, but the chief one, and the one most generally accepted, was that the cars were sent to places and towns in which the railroad company was financially interested. This may or may not be true, but the fact remains that by the new consolidation mentioned above Patton is guaranteed and assured all the cars that it can use. This consolidation, a hint of which was given in the COURIER about two weeks ago, consists of the organization of the three big coal companies doing business here into one corporation, to be known as the Beech Creek Coal and Coke Co.

An application has been made or will be to-day for a charter for the intended corporation. The amount of the capital stock, how divided and other minor details are not known and could not be secured by the COURIER for publication this week, but the main facts as narrated above remain unchallenged.

The consolidation will consist of the Patton Coal Co., with five big mines, employing about 700 men at present; the Pardee collieries of Magee & Lingle, four mines, and the Mosbannon Coal Co., with one mine. At the latter, however, but forty men are now working, but it is expected that at least 300 miners will be employed there in a short time. The deal goes into effect on Monday, April 1st, but the McCormick mine will be under the new management March 1st.

It is understood that all of the old stockholders will be members of the new Beech Creek Coal and Coke Co., and in addition thereto several capitalists who are interested in the New York Central railroad, insuring a car supply that will only be equalled by the product of the combined mines. In fact, the main object of the consolidation was the securing beyond peradventure of a car supply that will guarantee good times for this section for an indefinite period or until the supply of the black diamond is exhausted.

Who the officers of the new company will be has not as yet been determined, although Hon. Jas. Kerr, of Clearfield, the present president of the Patton Coal Co., will likely hold the same position with the new combination. Hon. W. C. Lingle, of Patton, is being favorably mentioned as the proper man for superintendent of the new company, and his vast experience in the coal business, coupled with his well-known business acumen will likely land him the prize.

All in all, the new deal is one in which the residents of Patton, and especially the business men, are vitally interested, and if it does not prove a good thing for the town, everyone who is at all familiar with the conditions as now existing will be very much disappointed.

TWO WARDS.

Movement for the Division of Patton Incorporated and Petition Passed.

A movement is on foot having for its object the division of Patton into wards and a petition will be presented to Judge Barker of Ebensburg at the next term of court asking that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. The petition has been signed by most of the business men in town, and it is not likely that the request will be refused.

There was a time when one polling place here was sufficient, but that was some time ago, and with the influx of population and the natural growth of the town new conditions have arisen that make the move almost an imperative one. It is the intention to divide the town into two wards with a polling place for each, thus relieving the now over-worked election board by creating a new one.

Where the division lines will be run is as yet unknown, but the division will be made as near as possible to have it an equal one, and at the same time as convenient as can be. The school directors, councilmen, etc., will be chosen from the ward in which they reside, so that all parts of the town will be represented in the government thereof.

It is expected that by the time the next general election is held Patton will have at least 800 registered voters and the creation of a new election board will expedite matters considerably in counting the votes.

—Refrigerators free at Mellon's.

Quadrennial Weighing.

The weighing of the mails began in the Patton post office last week and will be continued for thirty days. The same process is going on all over the country and is done quadrennially, the object being to ascertain the weight of the matter carried by the various railroads, the amount of pay being determined by these periodical weighings. When the amount carried by each road is ascertained, that road will be paid for the next four years on a basis of the figures shown. It could not be ascertained how much mail was weighed last week or this at the local office, as a rule of the department forbids the divulgence of this information in advance of its appearance in the report of the proper officer. It is very probable, however, that the Patton office will this time show a bigger business than ever before.

MARRIAGE.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Howe, in Patton on Saturday, February 23, Mr. Theo. Laddell, of Hastings, and Miss Jennie Howe, of this place. The ceremony was performed by Geo. Boone, Esq., in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. Geo. Howe, a brother of the bride, was best man, while Miss Hannah Howe, a sister of the bride, officiated as bride's maid. After the ceremony had been performed, the assembled guests partook of a collation and best wishes and congratulations were extended to the happy pair. May their married life be one of unalloyed pleasure is the sincere wish of a host of friends.

BIG OIL FIRE.

Just as the COURIER goes to press we learn of a big fire at Spangler, at the plant of the Dealingers Bros. Oil Co. The conflagration started in the warehouse and mixing room, in which were stored a large number of barrels of oil, empty casks, etc.

On account of the inflammable material on which the flames had to feed, it was only a question of a short time when the entire structure was in ruins. The fire communicated to the stable and boiler house nearby and these buildings likewise went up in smoke.

It was only by the hardest kind of effort that the two big oil tanks, in which were thousands of gallons of oil, were saved from destruction. The plant was insured for \$7,000 through the agency of Parnell, Cowher & Co., of this place. The origin of the fire is unknown.

NECROLOGY.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Andrews, the wife of Ned Andrews, died on Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock of dropsy and consumption after an illness extending over a period of a couple of years. The funeral was held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Deaver, pastor of the M. E. church. Besides the husband, Mrs. Andrews is survived by two children and her father, Reese Morgan, of this place. The interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Harry, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Kerstetter, died Saturday of typhoid fever. The boy was three years and six months old at the time of his demise and had been ill about two weeks. The remains were taken to Coburn, Centre county, on Tuesday for funeral and interment.

Annual Election.

The annual meeting of the Patton Fire Department was held on Tuesday evening when the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Chief, Jas. Hunter.
Foreman, J. E. Hunter.
Assistant Foreman, Wm. E. Probert.
President, Chas. Heist.
Vice President, John Simpson.
Secretary, Fred Kinkead.
Treasurer, Wm. E. Probert.
Financial Secretary, Jas. E. Hunter.
Manager of Fireman's Hall, Garfield Wilkins.

Delegate to State Convention, Wm. Mellon; Alternate, Frank Kinkead.
Delegate to District Convention, Fred Kinkead; Alternate, Wm. E. Probert.

Trustees, Fred Crooks, Wm. Mellon, Fred Kinkead, Jas. E. Hunter, Garfield Wilkins.

Held for Court.

Jacob Truman was arrested yesterday for homicide and Eli Stare for carrying concealed weapons in connection with the killing of Jos. R. Patterson on Christmas night. Both informations were made by John Gantz, the father-in-law of the dead man. Truman and Stare were given a hearing before Squire Boon last night and several witnesses were examined. Both were held for court and the former was taken to jail at Ebensburg this morning by Constable Jackson. Stare gave bail in the sum of \$300, Henry Chapman being his surety.

Important Item.

It is stated that Patton is to have a new station that will be a brick and stone structure of four stories and that the work of erecting the same will be begun in a very short time. This information can be checked under the head of "important if true." The present old dry goods box used as a baggage room, ladies' and gentlemen's waiting room, ticket office, etc., etc., has long been a disgrace to a progressive community, as well as the railroad company, and outlived its usefulness many, many moons ago. Speed the day when the new depot will be a reality as well as a fiction.

Hot Social Day.

A merry party of about twenty-five young people assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hofer on Palmer avenue on Monday evening, the festive occasion being the twenty-first natal day of their daughter, Miss Sara J. Hofer. Progressive parcheesi and other games helped to while away the pleasant hours until midnight, when an elegant collation was served. All present unite in the declaration that it was good to be there, and wish the fair hostess many happy returns of the day.

Is this your paper?

POLES ARE TO BE TAXED.

Telephone, Telegraph and Electric Light Companies MUST PAY ONE DOLLAR

A Year for Every Pole They Own in the Borough of Patton—Ordinance was Carried Without a Dissenting Vote at the Last Meeting of Council.

President Campbell, Secretary Gillies and Councilmen Nolan, Cordell McCormick, Winslow and Hartshorne were present at the meeting of the borough council held Monday evening. Ordinance No. 62 was read and elicited considerable discussion in which Winslow, Hartshorne and McCormick participated.

Winslow thought the tax laid was a little high, while Hartshorne and McCormick dissented. President Campbell agreed with Winslow. Both McCormick and Hartshorne took the floor in support of the measure and the former stated that the only fault with the ordinance was that the tax was not high enough and quoted other towns where the tax was \$2 per pole instead of \$1. Hartshorne contended that property owners were compelled to pay taxes for the privilege of living in their own homes, from which no revenue was derived, and considered it but just to tax corporations who do derive a revenue from the people. The roll call disclosed that the ordinance was passed without a dissenting vote. It follows in full.

ORDINANCE NO. 62.

An ordinance providing for the levy and collection of license tax on telegraph, telephone and other poles in the Borough of Patton.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Patton, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same, that from and after the passage of this ordinance all telegraph, telephone, electric light, electric power, heating or other companies, street car companies, and all other persons, companies and corporations owning, erecting, maintaining, using or permitting to stand upon the streets and alleys or public highways of the Borough of Patton, any pole or poles, shall pay to the said Borough of Patton an annual license tax of one dollar for each pole so owned, erected, maintained, used or permitted to stand upon such highway, street or alley.

SEC. 2. Any company or corporation having poles erected, maintained, used or permitted to stand upon such highways, streets or alleys, shall be liable for the license tax under this ordinance, and leave notice with the person, company or corporation assessed of the same, at the time of making such assessment, which shall be in the month of December of each year.

SEC. 3. That the Borough Assessor shall assess all persons, companies and corporations made liable for the license tax under this ordinance, and leave notice with the person, company or corporation assessed of the same, at the time of making such assessment, which shall be in the month of December of each year.

SEC. 4. That such annual tax levied as aforesaid, shall be due and payable to the Borough Treasurer on the first day of March of each year. If not paid by the first day of May following, ten per centum shall be added. All taxes due and unpaid May first, shall be certified by the Borough Treasurer to the Borough Solicitor, who shall proceed to collect the same by actions of assumpsit or otherwise as shall be provided by law; the Borough Treasurer shall make affidavit to the statements filed or warrants issued.

SEC. 5. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with the above is hereby repealed.

Enacted and ordained this, the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1901.

FRANK CAMPBELL,
President of Council.

Attest: J. M. GILLIES,
Clerk of Council.

Approved by the Burgess of Patton Borough this, the 25th day of February, A. D. 1901.

ALEX. MONTREITH,
Burgess of Patton Borough.

McCormick, who on previous occasions had made a vigorous protest against using the 12th 7th room over the lock-up for a council chamber, brought the question to a vote by moving that the secretary be instructed to communicate with the school board and ascertain if the assembly room at the public school could not be secured for this purpose.

Complaint was made against the ice slide between the Palmer House and the City Restaurant as obstructing the sidewalk and the chairman of the street committee was instructed to notify the owner to remove same at once.

Adjourned.
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