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\$1.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

Doings in Nearby Coal Fields

Items of Interest Picked Up Among Activities in Local Field

Employees of the Nanty-Glo C. M. Co., at Nanty-Glo, to the number of about 40, half the force, have been striking. They want yardage included in an agreement on opening a new mine.

The Ideal Coal Co., Johnstown, has purchased 112 acres of Cement and Miller coal from George Schrader, in Stonycreek township, and will mine it from the tipple of the Sunnyside Coal Co., which it operates.

The Valley Smokeless Coal Co. is having plans prepared for a new shop building to be erected at its new mines near Krings.

The report of the Cambria Steel Co. will show that its mines produced more than 1,000,000 tons of coal during 1916.

State Senator W. J. Endsley and M. J. Pritts, Somerset, Pa., have begun the development of a tract of 500 acres of coal just outside of Somerset.

William Cahagan, Windber, has completed two of a block of 20 houses on Hocking run. A railroad one and one-half miles long is also being constructed to the Cairnbrook branch of the P. R. R.

Coal took a decided slump in the Johnstown, Pa., district during last week. Embarrassed, scarcity of cars, congestion, and weather conditions combined in dulling the market. "The market was so weak," said one agent, "that we hesitate about buying. Orders did not come in as they might. It was such a fluctuating market, such a varied one. Coal sold as low as \$4.25 as compared with the lowest price of \$4.50 the week previous. We bought coal early in the week at as much as \$4.60. Industrial concerns did not buy as eagerly."

An operator said: "The market broke last year during February and we look for a repetition this year. It stands to reason that the prices will slip away. They have been slipping for three or four weeks. They were abnormal and they are bound to come down. Last year at this time, coal was sold on the railroad cars at \$1.60 per ton. We wouldn't be surprised if normal conditions were reached by summer."

Another agent said that orders for spot shipments were scant during the week due to weather conditions in New York, and due to congestions on the piers. The cheaper grades of Pennsylvania coal sold for \$4.40, while the better grades brought \$4.60 to \$4.75.

Due to congestion at junction points, the Cumberland Valley and Western Maryland refused to accept coal from the Baltimore & Ohio, affecting all of Somerset county. Deliveries could not be made to Fort Reading. Then everything was rushed to St. George, the B. & O. tidewater pier. An embargo was placed there. The B. & O. line points to ship to, except then had no place to ship to, except west of Pittsburgh were permitted. The slump was a natural sequence. Along the B. & O. line, coal of the best grade brought only \$4, while poorer grades sold for \$3.75. Prices along the Western Maryland were about the same.

At Punxsutawney, the B. R. & P. Ry. would not place any cars Friday and Saturday because of the congestion. There were 4,000 cars in the yards because of insufficient locomotives to haul them out. The output averaged about 1,200 cars a day when the car supply is good.

In Cambria county, the car percentage on the P. R. R. was as follows during the week: Monday, 80 percent; Tuesday 40; Wednesday 25; Thursday 20; Friday, 10; Saturday, 20.

On the Connellsville division on the B. & O., the percentage was: Monday, 76; Tuesday, 51; Wednesday 40; Thursday, 25; Friday, 18; Saturday, 12. Operators were given little assurance of any improvement in the supply the coming week.

One of the best buyers located in Johnstown stated on Saturday that best grade Pennsylvania coal sold that day for \$5, a drop of 50 cents during the week. Inferior grades, he said, sold from \$4 to \$4.75.

Domestic coal did not change in price. The Citizens' Coal Co., one of the biggest firms in Johnstown, sold coal at three tons for \$7.25, a price that has been prevailed since Jan. 1st. Before January, the price was \$6.75.

AFTER MAIL ROUTE

Residents between Ebensburg and Beulah and along the Indiana Clay Pike are making an effort to secure a rural free delivery route out of Ebensburg for the accommodation of farmers living along that route. As proposed and measured, the new route if established, would be a fraction over 23 miles in length and would traverse portions of Cambria and Blacklick townships, and would also serve the new town of Revloc, until a permanent post office is eventually established there.

It is stated that the Government inspector who passed over the route complained about the very bad condition of the Indiana clay pike and that some farmers along the route fear that the unkept condition of this road may work to the injury of the establishment of the route. The establishment of this route would serve daily a large number of people who are now without adequate mail facilities.

Lived Almost to Century Mark

Mrs. Joseph Bilensky, of North Barnesboro, died at home of her son Joseph, Jr., at 1:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 6th. She had been sick since January 27th, but her death was not looked for until last Sunday when it was seen that she was sinking and had lost the power of speech.

Mrs. Bilensky was born in Russian Poland on November 10th 1819, and would have been 98 years old had she lived until November, of the present year. Her maiden name was Sella May Yacoboska. She came to America in 1829 and made her home with her daughter in Cleveland, Ohio, until three years ago, when she came to Barnesboro to keep house for her son Joseph, on the death of his wife.

Mrs. Bilensky's husband died about 25 years ago; and six of her nine children have also preceded her to the grave. The children living are: Mrs. Annie Stronsko, and Mrs. Mary Gulek, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Joseph, of Barnesboro. The last-named is the youngest of the family, and it is with him the venerable woman had been making her home, engaging actively in household work until a few days ago. There are surviving also 35 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

CIVILIZATION COMING TO BARNESBORO SOON

Great Master Production A Rare Treat—Coming Under Heavy Guarantee.

One of the greatest motion picture productions ever conceived—Civilization is coming to Barnesboro, and will be shown at the Opera House on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9th and 10th. In speaking of this wonderful show the Chicago Journal says: "First the historian, next the propagandist, then the idealist—so come the workers in the films. Taking it for granted, as one may do, that 'The Birth of a Nation' set the pace and the standard for all pictures of war, we have in D. W. Griffith, its producer, the film historian. Came next Stuart Blackton, propagandist, with his 'Battle Cry of Peace.' Comes now Thomas W. Ince, the idealist, with his 'Civilization.' Whatever the purpose of any one of these pictures, it is a battle that gives to each its special value. The Griffith picture has to do with war and its machinery as they were known in the bloody eighteenth-century. The Blackton and Ince pictures have to do with war as it is fought in this year of grace. But the inventiveness of the makers of the engines of battle outpaces the imagination of the makers of battle films, and on every front in Europe, there are more death-dealing devices than any motion picture camera has seen.

Still, there is blood enough in 'Civilization,' which is put forward not as a record of the glory of war but as a protest against its destructiveness. It is not a plea for preparedness, nor is it a plea for nonresistance. It is a plea for Christian forbearance, for international neighborliness, and for the guarantee of perpetual security to the provident people of the world. It is, I would say, the film for the pacifist.

COMPENSATION CLAIMS OF TWO MEN ADJUSTED

Barnesboro and Nanty-Glo Employees Will Be Paid For Time Lost.

Two claimants for compensation, one from Barnesboro and the other from Nanty-Glo have been able to secure amicable adjustments. The first claim was that of Charles Kuntz, of Barnesboro, vs. the Barnes & Tucker Coal Mining Company. The claimant was engaged by the defendant company as a coal miner. While digging coal he was struck in the right eye and suffered a severe bruise on the side of the face. He was incapacitated for a couple of weeks and was treated by two physicians employed by the defendant company.

They pronounce him cured, whereupon he consulted another physician, who treated him for two weeks. Barnes & Tucker Company refused to accede to his demands, on the advice of his physicians. Hence the contest. An agreement was made between the parties whereby Kuntz received \$7 per week during the period of his incapacitation.

The case of Steve Folks vs. the Lincoln Coal Company, of Nanty-Glo, was settled by the defendant company agreeing to pay the claimant the sum of \$1.66 per week during his incapacitation. He was injured when he was squeezed between two mine cars.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COAL LAND SOLD

An important transaction in Jefferson county coal lands was consummated during the past week when Vernon F. Taylor, formerly of Brockwayville, and one of the most prominent young men in the industrial centres of Western Pennsylvania, purchased the holdings of the Perry Coal Company owned by the Winlow estate of Punxsutawney.

The purchase of the property carried with it a large cash consideration which gives Mr. Taylor a fine field of coal, together with a well equipped mining plant the present capacity of which is 400 tons daily.

P. R. R.

MEN

WANTED

ON Car Repairs

Car Repairmen wanted at once at the Car Shops at

CRESSON

Apply to F. M. Snyder, Master Mechanic's Office at the Roundhouse

QUALUNQUE PERSONA

CHE CAPACE A LAVORARE NELLE CARRE STOPE DELLA P. R. R. CO. SE PRESENTASE DA F. M. SNYDER CHE VIDORA IL LAVORO.

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MUZOV DO PRACE P. R. R. V CRESSON POTREBUJE MUZOV KU REPEROVANIN KAR V KARSAPE HLASTE SA NA F. M. SNYDER, MASTER MECHANIC'S OFFICE V ROUNDHOUSE.

P. R. R.

To Prospective Purchasers:

The demand for Ford Cars has never been so great as it is now. In the past it has been customary to stock Ford Cars in the winter months for Spring delivery, and now it is impossible to get enough cars to stock for any future delivery. I have a letter of January 4th from the Ford Motor Car Company stating that it will be absolutely impossible for them to take care of the demand for Ford Cars in the Spring. Materials of all kinds has advanced in price and is still going higher. Ford Cars are guaranteed to be no lower before August 1st, 1917, but are not guaranteed against a raise at any time.

We do not know what the price will be February 15. Now is the time to buy. I know you want the cars and I can get them now if you will take them now. When the good roads come in the Spring you will be ready. If you don't, the chances are you will be in the same position as many were last August and September, who were waiting to get cars. Remember I have two-thirds of my 1917 contract signed up for delivery.

The price is right, and the Ford Car is Best. TOURING CAR, \$360; RUNABOUT, \$315. LET ME HAVE YOUR ORDER NOW. We carry a full line of Goodyears, Penn V. C. and Michelin Tires

HASTINGS AUTOMOBILE COMPANY

HOME OF THE FORD
Hastings, Penna.

NOTICE TO PARENTS SENDING THEIR CHILDREN TO THE POST OFFICE FOR MAIL

Your attention is hereby called to the fact that a very large number of children crowd the Post office room between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 A. M., 12:00 and 1:00 Noon, and 4:00 and 8:00 P. M.

We recognize that it is quite an accommodation to the patrons of the office to have their children come for the mail, which accommodation we do not, in any way, wish to restrict, but three-fourths of the children who come to the office, come without the slightest idea of getting any mail for themselves or any one else, and while there, make a good deal of unnecessary noise which is not only annoying to those handling the mail but also to the patrons of the office.

Will you kindly instruct your children that when they come to the Post Office for the mail to not bring their little companions with them, and while there, refrain from making any unnecessary noise, and leave the office as soon as they are waited on. This will remove the complaint of the public which has become quite general.

Under the postal laws we are required to maintain order in the Post Office, even if necessary to refer the matter to the Police Department.

Parties having lock boxes must give the party coming for mail the key to the box or must accompany them with the combination of the box, otherwise, mail may be refused.

Lounging, loud talking and laughing and other unnecessary noise must be discontinued.

Notice is hereby given that the penalty of the law will be inflicted upon those violating the rules.
W. H. Deinzler Sr., P. M.

FORMER PATTON MAN IS KILLED AT DERRY

John Swabb formerly of this place but who has been located in Derry for some time, was fatally injured Saturday evening when he fell from a trestle. The deceased was employed as a civil engineer by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College. He was noted as one of the best popular amateur baseball players of this district and was the star catcher of the fast Derry team last summer.

Mr. Swabb is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Rose Wagner, of Derry, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swabb of this place with the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Frank Derosky, of Johnstown; Mrs. Stephen Jacobs, of Patton; Frank, a student of Kiski Preparatory school; Charles, Albert, Agnes and Paul at home.

Funeral services were held in Derry Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, the Rev. Father Conlin officiating. Interment was made in the Derry cemetery.

PATTON DEFEATS BARNESBORO

Patton basketball team defeated Barnesboro team in the Miners' Hall Wednesday evening by the score of 36 to 9. The Faralough brothers and Snyder Yeager played the best game for Patton. McNeelis played best for the visitors.

The Patton boys promise to give the basketball lovers of Patton some real live games in the near future as they have games booked with Altoona Y. M. C. A., St. Benedict and Colver.

DEATH OF MRS. JOSEPH CONARD OF ASHVILLE

Mrs. Joseph Conard died at her home in Ashville Wednesday evening at about 5 o'clock. Her husband and the following children survive: Wood, of Altoona; Harrison, of Gouponville; Mrs. Charles Chiridon, of Ashville. Funeral services were held this morning in St. Thomas's catholic church with interment in the Ashville cemetery.

PRE-LENTEN DANCE AT SUNSET

The Northern Cambria Street Railway Company have made arrangements for a Pre-Lenten Dance to be held at Sunset Park, Monday Feb. 19, 1917. Wetzel's orchestra of Johnstown whose reputation is such to insure first class music has been engaged for this occasion.

Explosion and Fire At Barnesboro

It Is Possible that Short Circuit Spark Caused Blasting Powder to Ignite.

Last Friday evening about 7:15 buildings throughout Barnesboro and North Spangler were given a slight jar by an explosion, when about twenty-five pounds of dynamite "let go" in the Maderra Hill Coal company's powder house near the shaft just east of town. Within a few minutes the heavens were aglow with the spectacular glare caused when the fire quickly consumed what was left of the powder house and spread to the ware room close by.

The Barnesboro Fire Company was called but immediately following the call for the fire engine, word was telephoned to the fire engine house that it would be of no advantage to have the company turn out as the fire could not spread and had already burnt itself nearly out on the supply house. Windows in all nearby buildings and houses were completely shattered, but no one was injured.

The explosion was possibly caused by a spark from a short-circuited power line. Aside from this being the possible cause, no other theory has been advanced as to what may have caused the powder to ignite. On account of being so near the first of the month not much material was on hand in the supply houses, this preventing the loss as well as the explosion from being much greater. The loss will reach about \$1,000.

HASTINGS TEAMSTER RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS BY COLD

Wilfred Yeager, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Yeager, of Hastings, narrowly escaped death Monday when he was rendered unconscious by the bitter cold weather. Mr. Yeager, who is about 24 years old, is employed as a teamster and was hauling coal all day and when driving through town pedestrians on the Main street noticed him swaying back and forward on his wagon and stopped the team. He was taken to the Moose Club, where he collapsed into unconsciousness and did not revive until about 6 o'clock that evening. Dr. Rice and Dr. McCoy were summoned and after nearly four hours were able to restore consciousness. At the present writing the young man is recovering rapidly.

JOHN WILKINS EXPIRES SUDDEATH OF RANDOLPH McMULLIN

J. O. McMullin, of this place was called to Alberta, Bair county, Tuesday, on account of the death of his brother Randolph McMullin late of Abilene, Va. The deceased was for many years a resident of St. Augustine where his parents are buried. He was successfully engaged in the lumber business in Virginia.

GROUND HOG SEES HIS SHADOW

Every paper far and near says the ground hog did appear mid a bright and blazing sun, and back into his hole he ran, and for six weeks or more he will sleep before he takes another peep. So we can look for snow and ice and weather anything but nice.

ENTERTAINS STAG PARTY

Mrs. L. Claire Smale entertained a number of her husband's friends at a Stag party at their home on Magee avenue last Saturday evening. Those present were: The Messrs. C. I. Baldwin, J. P. Lupton, E. M. Smale, Fred Kinkaid, Frank L. Brown, Ray E. Brown, John Noonan and Alex. Smith.

VALENTINE DANCE

The ladies of the Trinity Guild of the Episcopal church will hold a Valentine dance in the Fireman's Hall Wednesday evening, February 8th. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

"FRECKLES"



A dramatization of Gene Stratton-Porter's "Freckles," has proven that there is no limit of success to good clean, moral stage plays. The Broadway Amusement Co. first saw the possibilities of Mrs. Porter's work, which now stands as one of the most substantial successes in the past decade of theatrical history.

As a love story, it is full of real sentiment; a story of adventure, it is positively gripping, in fact, in all the elementary features, there is no character or set of characters, which have been on the American stage for years, so intensely interesting, and has there been a more beautiful stage picture than is depicted in this new song play.

The Broadway Amusement Co. have given "Freckles" a perfect stage investiture, and there will be found nothing wanting in the matter of scenery, accessories, music or costumes when this charming song play is presented at the Grand Theatre, Patton, Friday, February 16.

Patton—50c, 75c and 1.00.