

THE CORDAGE TRUST.

HOW IT EXTORTS ENORMOUS PROFITS BY COMBINATIONS.

How It Is Protected—A Long Struggle to Force the Independent Manufacturers—All Now in One—Large Dividends and \$1,000,000 Surplus.

Hemp and its substitutes—manilla, sisal grass and jute—constitute the raw material of two important industries...

The duties on the material and on cordage and twine are as follows: Ad valorem Specific equivalent. Cts. per lb. Per cent.

Manilla..... Free .. Sisal grass..... Free .. Jute..... Free .. Binding twine..... 7-10 .. Hemp cordage..... 2 1/2 .. Manilla cordage..... 3 1/2 .. Jute cordage..... 1 1/2 .. Tarred cordage..... 3

Previous to October 1887, the cordage manufacturers were in a combination or pool, the object of which was to fix prices. In 1887 this pool fell to pieces...

The trust, as thus constituted, succeeded from time to time in uniting with it, by means of contracts or leases, six other companies situated in various parts of the country east of Ohio.

It was these internal dissensions which induced the trust to secure a corporate charter, and by purchase of the plants under contract to strengthen its power and increase its control over the production of cordage.

Having thus successfully accomplished its reorganization, the trust proceeded to take steps to acquire other properties. In 1891 it secured control of the eleven cordage factories in Canada...

BASE BALL

The Freeland Base Ball Association held a meeting this week to make preparations for the coming season. The meeting was attended by almost every member...

Hazleton is a city now, yet reports tell she has not the facilities for caring for a few delegates to a firemen's convention. A case of a boy in men's trousers.

The Hazleton Liberty Cornet Band, which was the only band present at the celebration of Grant, at Appamatoc, April 9, 1865, celebrated the memorable event on Saturday evening.

The amalgamation of the American Association and the National League dropped many of the professional favorites into the Eastern League.

The League championship season opened on Tuesday. Jennings started off his first game with one assist and one error.

The producing interests are getting things in shape for the opening of navigation on the great lakes, and there is considerable coal stacked at Buffalo awaiting shipment.

A Double Battered Trust. A trust that is buttressed on one flank by a protective tariff and on the other by a patent right is very hard to dislodge.

STATE NEWS.

The grand jury has recommended the enlargement of the old one or the building of a new court house for Luzerne County.

Pat Gilmore's famous band of New York will give a concert for the benefit of the Ninth Regiment on Tuesday evening at Wilkes-Barre.

The county prison has 66 inmates. Of this number 22 males are serving sentence, 36 awaiting trial, 1 under sentence of death; 4 females serving sentence and 3 awaiting trial.

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PERSONAL.

Several people from here attended the funeral of James Brennan, of Mt. Pleasant, on Saturday.

Miss Sarah McGinty, of Hazleton, was here the early part of the week, enjoying a visit among lady friends.

James O'Donnell, of Allentown, was among the Sunday visitors here. John J. Johnson and daughters Hannah and Dolly, of Beaver Meadow, attended the funeral of Mr. Johnson's sister, Mrs. John Mellon.

William Schmidt, who is pursuing a course of study at Muhlenberg College, is home on a short vacation. Miss Nellie White, who was spending a few weeks with Miss Annie Quigley, returned yesterday to her home in Chicago.

The house of Thos. J. Boyle was visited on Friday night by a young boarder. Both mother and son are doing well. John Maloney removed to Oneida on Friday.

Quite a large number of houses in town are vacant at present. Neil Gallagher is suffering with a sprained leg. James Gallagher, who was hurt some time ago, is able to be around again.

Miss A. R. O'Donnell. FASHIONABLE DRESS MAKING. Cor. Front and Washington Streets, Freeland.

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REMOVAL SALE!

As we are preparing to remove to the large and commodious store room in the new P. O. S. of A. Building, above where we are now located...

Good infants' shoes - 20 cents per pair. children's shoes - 50 " " misses' shoes - 75 " " boys' lace shoes - 85 " " ladies' shoes - 85 " " Boys' best mining shoes - 95 " " Men's fine dress shoes, lace and congress - \$1.05 per pair. best gum boots - 2.00 " "

And our entire stock of boots and shoes will go at prices less than the cost of manufacture.

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT. Best skirt lining..... 4 cts per yd. 40-cent Henrietta cloth reduced to..... 25 cts per yd.

NOTION DEPARTMENT. 5 pair men's seamless half hose - 25 cents Spring roller window shades - 25 cents each Best table oil cloth - 20 cents per yard

Call at our old stand before we move, as this is an opportunity which you should not let go by without securing some of the great bargains.

JOSEPH NEUBURGER'S BRICK STORE, CENTRE ST., FREELAND.

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OHIO RANGES, HEATERS, FIRE, STOVES. TINWARE, AND HARDWARE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. REPAIRING DONE ON SHORT NOTICE.

We are prepared to do roofing and spouting in the most improved manner and at reasonable rates. We have the choicest line of miners' goods in Freeland.

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