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COXE AND THE P. & R.

Eckley B. Says Their Relations Are Not Strained.

HE TALKS AT PHILADELPHIA AND TELLS THE NEWS-PAPER THAT HE IS SATISFIED—SOMEONE MAY POSSIBLY GET FOOLED.

The statement made in the TRIBUNE last week that the relations existing between Coxe Bros. & Co. and the Reading combine had become strained is now explicitly denied by E. B. Ely, the New York agent of the Drifton operators, and also by Hon. Eckley B. Coxe. In conversation on Monday with the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger Mr. Ely is reported to have said: "The story is made out of the whole cloth. We are not conducting negotiations with the Pennsylvania road with a view to shipping over its line. We have not been denied adequate transportation facilities. We are not going to break our contract with the Reading. We are not going to make an alliance with the Pennsylvania to break the Reading deal."

Eckley B. Coxe spent the greater portion of the week in Philadelphia, and was interviewed by reporters from nearly every paper in the city. He assured them all that there was no foundation for the rumors concerning his opposition toward the Reading management and claimed there were no differences whatever between President McLeod and himself. He also stated that his firm did not intend to divert its coal trade from the Reading. From his remarks it seemed that Mr. Coxe really felt grieved to think that anyone should insinuate that the combine and the firm are not as happy as a pair of little kittens. But Eckley B.'s free and easy way of talking has fooled Philadelphia reporters on several occasions, and papers that so loudly denounced the rumors as false may be singing another song when the head of the largest mining firm in the world has completed all the plans and projects he has in view. Coxe Bros. & Co. do not advertise their intentions, and it would not be policy for the members of the company or its agents to verify a report of the rumored break with the Reading.

Our informant, as stated, was "a gentleman who holds an important position under Coxe Bros. & Co." but neither he nor the TRIBUNE claimed the firm was conducting negotiations with the Pennsylvania, and when he was shown Mr. Ely's and Mr. Coxe's remarks he reiterated his former statement that there had been a break in the relations of the two corporations. As to Coxe Bros. & Co. breaking their contract with the Reading he disclaimed all knowledge, but he was positive of his views regarding the other matter.

A representative of the TRIBUNE was informed in Hazleton on Tuesday that the Pennsylvanian was carrying coal for Coxe Bros. & Co. within a very short while, but the report could not be traced to any authentic source. The employees of the D. & S. are not aware of any such arrangements, but the rumors of contemplated changes are flying about thick and fast at present, notwithstanding the sweeping denials made by the head of the firm and his principal agent. This much is certain, however, that if Coxe Bros. & Co. desert the Reading they will be followed by more than one coal operator of this vicinity, and as soon as the Drifton people transfer a greater portion of their tonnage to the Pennsylvanian just that soon will this part of the anthracite region be relieved from the monopoly now controlling it. The Lehigh region is too rich a field in coal, freight and passenger traffic to be the meek slave of McLeod and his illegal combination.

Views of the Coal Trade "Journal"

It must be evident to even the most casual reader of the reports of the actions and methods of the managers of the "new deal" in anthracite that they are sharp business men, intent on getting out of the business they are engaged in every cent which can be had. They are by no means philanthropists and we do not know that they are posing as such to any extent. In order to attain the end in view stoppages of production are ordered for a certain number of days each week; they also marked up the prices of coal in certain markets; there are economies practiced of every nature and description in the way of discharges of employees of the various grades in the several branches.

All this is, of course, with but one intention, and those who buy coal for consumption or to retain will do well to carefully watch the several moves which are being made. The price of anthracite coal is to be higher than has been the case for some time past.

The leasing of collieries by the parties to the new deal so as to secure the output of certain individual operators for a term of years gives some security to the new powers that be against the cutting of rates, and it also quiets the individual on the question as to what is a fair and equitable rate of toll to be charged for carrying anthracite coal.

With an average price but ten cents a ton better than was the result of the price received for the sales at the close of the last six months of 1891, and at 7.45 they will go to the coal, the result to the acquiring operator by the terms offered and agreed upon would be forty cents a ton more than he obtained previously, as the tolls on the percentage plan are far less than the old fixed rate. There is an immense profit, however, under the new deal on the whole traffic, so that the chances for earning the increased dividends are much improved.

A Columbia County Girl's Troubles.

On Saturday a young woman was sentenced to imprisonment for life in New York City, after being convicted of a murder of her husband. Her life was a peculiar one. At fifteen she was a quiet

ALL FOR THE LIGHT.

More Stock and More Interest in the New Company.

LOOKING FOR A SITE THAT WILL BE CONVENIENT TO WATER AND FUEL FOR THE PLANT—THE OLD COMPANY REMOVING ITS STOCK.

The members and stockholders of the new electric light company continue to push the project with unabated vigor. At the meeting on Monday evening a committee was appointed to see Messrs. Birkbeck, Markle and Coxe for the purpose of buying land that would be suitable for a site. The company wishes to have the building convenient to the railroad, in order to avoid the necessity of hauling fuel any considerable distance, and also where water can be procured as cheaply as possible. The amount of stock subscribed has now reached \$12,100, and the books are still open for additional subscriptions. There is no difficulty in disposing of shares, but the organizers wish to give all a fair opportunity to procure some, thus making the company one in which every citizen can take an interest.

The Institute Organized.

Rev. F. P. McNally, of St. Ann's Church, recognizing the need of the young men of his parish and by his unceasing labor for their welfare, not only at present but since he came here, organized "The Catholic Young Men's Literary Institute," on Sunday, April 10. This society will have for its regular order of exercises the reading of original essays, declamations, debates and all other work conducive to the advancement of the members. All young men over eighteen years who are practical Catholics are eligible to membership. The following are the officers for the present term:

President—James F. Sweeney.
Vice President—John J. McMenamin.
Recording Sec'y—Andrew McNulty.
Financial Secretary—John D. Herron.
Treasurer—James A. O'Donnell.

Directors—James J. McLane, Condy O'Donnell, Rodger O'Donnell.
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Last Monday evening the exercises were as follows: Reading of original essay by J. D. Herron, the subject being "Literary institutes, their objects and how to attain them." Mr. Herron handled this subject in a way that was truly interesting and deserving of the warmest commendation. Special reading by J. J. McMenamin, the subject being, "Patriotism and Politics." Mr. McMenamin deserves great credit for the manner in which this was rendered. Question for debate, "Resolved, that labor organizations are beneficial to the best interests of the workingman." Affirmative—Andrew McNulty, Condy O'Donnell, Patrick McGeehan, negative, Jas. F. Sweeney, James A. O'Donnell, Rodger O'Donnell. This question was debated by the above-named gentlemen with such ardor and intelligence that surprised every person present. Next Monday evening the subject to be debated will be, "Resolved, that labor cannot exist without capital." There will also be essays, declamations and reading.

The Hun Was Speechless.

At No. 2 Drifton breaker on Tuesday morning an accident occurred which might have resulted seriously. The coal from No. 1 slope is hoisted on the breaker with a "barney," and while the car was at the breaker the rope broke, letting both the car and the "barney" descend with terrific speed. The latter was a short distance ahead of the car and dropped into its place without doing much damage, but the car struck the bridge at the mouth of the slope and went tumbling over the loaded cars and into the blacksmith shop, causing considerable damage and causing the breaker to cease work for the remainder of the day. James Ferry, of town, was fortunately paying close attention to his duty and reached a place of safety when he heard them coming from the top of the breaker. The Hun who tends the "barney" also escaped, but the shock frightened him so badly that he was speechless for a quarter of an hour.

Married on Saturday Evening.

At 8 o'clock Saturday evening William T. Williams, of Slatington, and Miss Maggie Walters, of Freeland, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents by Rev. Allen J. Morton, of Kingsport. Richard Williams, of Slatington, and Miss Mary Walters, sister of the bride, acted as groomsmen and bridesmaids. After the ceremony the invited guests, nearly seventy in number, congratulated the young people and spent the remainder of the evening listening to songs and addresses. Before the company dispersed a pleasant repast was partaken of. A number of friends from Lehigh and Lackawanna Counties were present.

For Memorial Day.

Invitations have been issued by Maj. C. B. Cox Post, No. 147, G. A. R., to the various societies and bands of town to participate in the Memorial Day celebration here. The Post has secured General Wm. H. MacCartney, of Wilkes-Barre, as orator of the day, together with Rev. J. W. Bischoff, of Upper Lehigh, and John D. Hayes, Esq., of Freeland. The Post intends to try and make the Memorial Day celebration of 1892 one of the best yet held here.

Reunion of Catechumens.

All the catechumens instructed and confirmed in St. John's Reformed Church, Freeland, under Rev. E. D. Miller, are cordially invited to attend a reunion next Saturday, at 3 P. M., or as soon thereafter as they can, at the pastor's residence, where the ladies with the family will furnish supper at 6 P. M., and at 7.45 they will go to the church, where an interesting service will be held to which all are invited.

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At a meeting of the vestry of St. James Episcopal Church, Drifton, the following officers and vestrymen were elected for the ensuing year:
Senior Warden—A. B. Coxe.
Accounting Warden—J. B. White.
Secretary—W. B. Oliver.
Vestrymen—Geo. Davis, Geo. Cutler, Rbt. Baskin, J. D. Oliver.

A Pastor Resigns.

Rev. E. D. Miller has resigned the pastorate of St. John's Reformed Church and accepted a call from a charge at Hanover, York County, Pa., where he expects to move the latter part of May. Mr. Miller was an industrious worker for his church, and the congregation here will lose a good pastor when he leaves.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BETHEL BAPTIST.

(Lindsay's Hall)
Front and Washington Streets.
Rev. C. Spaulding, Pastor.
Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
Gospel Temperance.....2:30 P.M.
Preaching.....6:00 P.M.
Hon. D. M. Evans will speak at 2:30 P.M. and 6 P.M. All are welcome.

HEAVENLY RECRUITS.

Centre Street, above Chestnut.
Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor.
Morning Service.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday School.....9:00 P.M.
Love Feast.....4:00 P.M.
Preaching.....7:30 P.M.