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ANNUAL COAL REPORT.

STATE OFFICIALS GIVE OUT THE FIGURES OF THE PAST YEAR.

Over 100,000,000 Tons Produced in Pennsylvania in 1895—Anthracite and Bituminous Regions Beat All Previous Records—The Latter Slightly Ahead.

Owing to the neglect of some of the mine inspectors to report promptly, as required by law, Secretary of Internal Affairs Latta has only this past week been able to prepare that portion of his report to the governor which bears on mining statistics for the year 1895. He precedes the facts with some interesting suggestions relative to needed legislation for securing statistics and reports, saying that it seems proper to call the attention of the legislature to some of the defects that exist in the present mine laws, at least so far as they relate to the department of internal affairs.

The total number of tons produced in the anthracite region during the year 1895 was 50,847,104, an increase of 5,340,925 tons over the preceding year.

During the year 1895 the number of employes was 145,605. There were 420 fatal accidents, and 1,075 non-fatal accidents. While the production of coal in 1895 was more than 5,000,000 tons greater than 1894, the number of fatal accidents was less, being 420 as against 439; but the number of non-fatal accidents was greater, being 1,075 as against 919.

These figures indicate that the conditions surrounding the mining of coal are now less hazardous than formerly. In other words, the improved methods and the safety appliances and apparatus which the law requires, have contributed largely to the safety of the miner.

Luzerne still heads the list of eleven counties with 19,143,101 tons in 1895, an increase since 1891 of about 1,500,000 tons. The next largest producing county is Lackawanna with 11,859,382 tons. Schuylkill follows closely with 11,495,388 tons. Sullivan county produced the smallest quantity, 152,141 tons.

The total number of tons produced in the bituminous region during the year 1895 was 51,813,112, an increase over 1894 of 12,012,902 tons. It is somewhat remarkable that the production in the two regions is so nearly equal, although the increase has been larger in the last five years in the bituminous region.

During the year 1895 the number of employes was 84,904. There were 151 fatal accidents, and 419 non-fatal; in 1894, 124 fatal and 357 non-fatal. These figures do not indicate the improvement in the conditions with reference to the freedom from accident that exist in the anthracite region, but they show that there is greater liability to accident in the anthracite than in the bituminous region.

This is shown very clearly by the fact that in the anthracite region, with practically the same production of coal, the number of fatal accidents in 1895 was 420, as against 156 in the other region, and the number of non-fatal accidents 1,075, as against 419.

Under the present law it is somewhat difficult to obtain reports from some of the mine inspectors. The publication of the annual report of the department for 1895 has been greatly delayed by one of the inspectors who failed to make his report within a reasonable time.

Several letters were written him, calling his attention to the necessity for prompt action, and he was finally notified by telegraph that unless his reports were received by a certain date the manuscript already received would be given to the state printer without the data from his district. His report was soon after received, and is included herewith.

The secretary of internal affairs recommends that the legislature pass a law providing for a mining department, to be subordinate to the internal affairs department.

Annals and Wife Were Accomplished.

The coroner's jury on the case of Angelo Dongola, who was murdered at Lattimer a week ago, met on Monday afternoon. The dead man's two brothers and his son were rigidly examined, and all three were positive in the assertion that the dead man stated that Andrew Annutz, alias "Shovel," was the man who fired the fatal shot. The verdict is as follows: "That Angelo Dongola came to his death from a gun shot wound, inflicted by Andrew Annutz, alias 'Shovel,' and that Neil and Catharine Annutz were accomplices."

Electric Company's Improvements.

Work upon the addition to the Electric Light Company's building will be commenced on Monday. The increased space is for the new engine and dynamo which have been ordered. President Blakeslee will superintend the building of the addition, and the same will be pushed rapidly, as the company needs the increased power. There are now over 1,300 incandescent and over sixty arc lights on the lines, and all depend upon one engine.

The company is also making preparations to furnish power. For the present

this will be confined to such hours as the light current is turned on, but later it may be extended to an all day and night service. A new line for this purpose will be run through the business portion of town, and several merchants and saloon men are arranging to have electric fans placed in their establishments. Condy O. Boyle has already procured fans and will have his saloon fitted up with them as soon as the company can give the power.

Several places which use power are ready to do away with steam engines and boilers and equip their plants with electric motors when the company gives a day current. The machinery in the new building to be erected for the manufacture of the Beagle mine hames will likely be run by electricity, and the bottling establishments of town are anxious to give up steam.

Coal Prices Advanced.

A canvass of officials of the leading anthracite coal companies of New York city develops the fact that although none of the New York companies have yet issued circulars to meet the 25 cents per ton advance intended to be put into effect by the Reading and Lehigh Valley Companies on May 1, all will conform to their prices.

The new schedule is: Grate, \$3.50; egg and chestnut, \$3.75; stove, \$4, at tide-water. The anthracite trade is very dull at the moment and but for the impending opening of navigation, which will start up the movement of coal west, the tendency of prices would be to a lower level.

Two Drowned at Nanticoke.

On Monday afternoon a small row boat with two men in it went over the Nanticoke dam. One of the men, Walter Drobinski, was drowned, but the other, Ignatius Parduski, was rescued by two railroad employes, who rowed from the shore. The rescued man stated that they had started from Inkleman on Sunday to go to Danville and look for work, and that he was eating while the drowned man was asleep in the bottom of the boat. They did not notice how close they were to the dam. He also stated that Drobinski had between \$400 and \$500 in his clothes when he was drowned.

Leisenring's Reception.

From Tuesday's Philadelphia Press. Representative Leisenring gave a second dinner last evening at his home on Eighteenth street, Washington, to Pennsylvania congressmen. Those who enjoyed his hospitality were Representatives Wanger, Hart, Erdman, Brumm, Wooster, Coddling, Leonard, Kulp, Mahon, Hicks, Stable, Arnold and Grow. The affair was one of the most pleasant of the season, and Mr. Leisenring has earned the reputation of being a royal entertainer. He has now given dinners to the entire state delegation and has done much to increase the good feeling among them.

A Terrible Disease.

From the Wilkesbarre Newsdealer. The following sworn certificate of a Hazleton physician was handed to the court Monday as an excuse for an absent juror: "I hereby certify that Jacob Steinmetz has been suffering from a severe arthritis of the metatarsal phalangeal and tarso metatarsal articulations of the right foot and he is at present unable to attend to any duties calling him away from home." Judge Lynch remarked after reading the above that he thought a man suffering from all that would be unable to recover.

May Erect a New Court House.

The supreme court on Monday handed down a decision affirming the opinion of Judge Searle, which gives the commissioners a right to erect a new building on the site of the present court house. The plan now under discussion is to have the present structure enlarged and another story added by which all the court rooms can be placed on the second floor and the offices of county officials on the first floor. It is estimated that it will cost \$100,000 to make the change.

Won't Risk the \$500.

The magnates of the Pennsylvania State league held a meeting at Philadelphia on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was called by President Hough for the purpose of deciding what should be done about the \$500 guarantee which the clubs agreed to put up to finish the season but which all have so far failed to do. The magnates talked over the matter and then adjourned without arriving at a decision.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh

that contain mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten-fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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ATTACKED BY TYROLERS.

George Gemeinder, of Stockton, Had a Narrow Escape Monday Evening.

The latest victim of evil-doers is George Gemeinder, of Stockton, says the Hazleton Standard. George on Monday went over to Sandy Run, in search of employment, and on the way back called on some friends at Freeland. It was late when he left there, and upon reaching a point on the highway between Oakdale and Stockton about 8 o'clock in the evening he was commanded to halt by three burly Tyrolers.

He realized that he was in the hands of highwaymen, but this did not deter him from making an effort to escape, but as he did he was seized by one of them and thrown on the highway, breaking his hat and tearing his coat and vest into shreds.

Just as they were about to complete the job, one of the gang having him by the hair and ready to strike, Dr. George Wentz and his hostler happened along. They noticed the commotion and brought the carriage to a stop.

The highwaymen at once realized that to wait would mean detection and they took to their heels and escaped. Had it not been for this, Mr. Gemeinder would have been badly used up and perhaps murdered. Mr. Gemeinder was unable to recognize his assailants, other than that they were foreigners.

A badly sprained wrist and a very sore cranium were the only injuries sustained by Mr. Gemeinder.

Frank Klouser, Lewis Arnold and August Zadra, of town, were arrested yesterday by Officer Zolander, of Hazleton, on a warrant sworn out before Alderman Laubach by Mr. Gemeinder, who charged them with the above assault. They went before Squire Buckley and entered bail for their appearance at court.

Needless Expense.

He—Will you give me a lock of your hair?

She—No.

He—It's all right; I shouldn't want you to buy a new lot on my account.

—Town Topics.

Information Wanted.

Mrs. Bingo—Do you know, dear, I think we pay altogether too much for our church pew, considering its location.

Bingo—Is that so? Where is it located?—Truth.

Suspicious.

"Who is this Prof. Roentgen, the discoverer of X rays?"

"He's a German scientist."

"Is he the same man who induced feeble-minded people to write Xmas for Christmas?"—Chicago Record.

A Good Remedy.

Gus de Smith—Is there any way to keep an old hen from sitting?

Hostetter McGinnis—Yes; wring her neck and sell her for a spring chicken.—Texas Sifter.

All Over.

First Italian Count—She has rejected you?

Second Italian Count—Yes. There is nothing new between me and the fruit business!—Pack.

On High Olympus.

Jove—My! What a lot of war scares they are having on earth. Is Mars, the god of war, down there?

Satellite—No, your highness, only Aelous, the wind king.—Truth.

The Literary Movement.

"They say very few authors sleep more than seven hours a day."

"But think how much slumber they furnish other people!"—Chicago Record.

The Object in View.

Dashaway—I have an idea that Mrs. Hightower has asked me to dinner in order to fill up.

Clevertown—That's what we are all going for, old man.—Life.

Very Likely.

"I never kissed another man."

"But you," the sweet girl said; "Alas! I know too well the fact: The men kissed her instead."

—N. Y. World.

Not a Permanent Condition.

Cumso—She is a widow, I believe?

Cawker—Yes, but she will outgrow that.—Life.

H. W. Montgomery, florist, store 35 West Broad street, greenhouses corner Church and Second streets, Hazleton. Full stock of bedding and decorative plants. Special prices to all purchasers from Freeland and vicinity.

Wanted.—A reliable lady or gentleman to distribute samples and make a house-to-house canvass for our vegetable toilet soaps and pure flavoring extracts. \$10 to \$75 a month easily made. Address Crofts & Reed, Chicago, Ill.

Summer clothing, straw hats, light shirts and dainty neckwear at Olsho's clothing and hat store. Everything at rock-bottom prices, as usual.

The "Twentieth Century" shoe is the ladies' favorite. At the Wear Well only.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

May 2.—Fair of Division 20, A. O. H., at Eckley.

May 29.—Ball of the Fearnots Athletic Association, at Cross Creek hall. Admission, 50 cents.

May 30.—Seventh annual picnic of the Tigers Athletic Club at Freeland Public park.

Democratic State Convention.

Notwithstanding that the Democrats of Pennsylvania are in a hopeless minority this year, the state convention at Allentown yesterday was one of the greatest political gatherings held in the country in this campaign, and it was attended by nearly all the prominent Democrats of the state.

The convention, in its platform, endorsed the administration of President Cleveland, pronounced in favor of a gold standard and calls the attention of the country to the failure of the Republican congress to relieve the money panic.

Ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison is named as Pennsylvania's choice for the nomination of president, and the sixty-four delegates to the national convention are instructed to vote for him and to vote as a unit upon all questions before that body.

John M. Garman, of Nanticoke, and E. P. Kiser, of Hazleton, have been chosen as delegates from the twelfth congressional district to the national convention.

The delegates-at-large are: William Harry, Philadelphia; John T. Lenahan, Wilkesbarre; B. F. Myers, Harrisburg; J. Henely Cochran, Williamsport; Chas. A. Fagan, Allegheny; Dr. John Todd, Montgomery county; John S. Killing, Erie; Robert E. Wright, Allentown.

Thomas R. Phillips, of Kingston, will represent the twelfth district on the presidential electoral ticket.

The electors-at-large are: William M. Singler, Philadelphia; J. Dontam Hancock, Venango; General A. H. Coffroth, Somerset; G. M. Guthrie, Allegheny.

Garrett E. Smedley, Delaware county, and James M. Braden, Washington county, have been named as the candidates for congressmen-at-large.

The New Fire Alarm.

Since the appointment of committees by the Citizens' Hose Company and the borough council to investigate a better fire alarm and an electric system for town, several conferences have been held and the matter has been thoroughly investigated and discussed by the members of both committees. At a meeting last evening the joint committee decided to recommend to council that a 3,000 pound bell be purchased and that an electric system, with boxes, etc., be secured. Council will take up the question at the regular meeting on Monday night.

Missed All Trains, But Got There.

A. A. Bachman, of town, is doing jury duty this week. He missed the morning train for Wilkesbarre on Monday, and was not present to answer at the first roll-call. Judge Lynch ordered that he, and another juror who had not shown up, be fined \$30 each. After missing the train Mr. Bachman mounted his bicycle, and arrived at the county seat during the afternoon. Attorney Carr explained the cause of the juror's failure to appear in the morning, and the fine was remitted by the court.

Summer Time Table.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company is preparing its summer time table. The new schedule will go into effect about May 17. A fast train between Hazleton and the county seat will be one of the principal features. It will pass through here about 8 a. m., and arrive at Wilkesbarre at 9.20 o'clock.

Little Boy's Narrow Escape.

A young child belonging to Harry Sundmaecher, of Drifton, was taken seriously ill yesterday after drinking a quantity of birch sap. For awhile it was thought he would not recover, but through the efforts of Dr. Wentz the little fellow's life was saved. He is now out of danger.

Licenses Transferred.

The following liquor licenses were transferred in court on Monday: James Woodring, Butler township, to J. F. Christian.

Daniel Shovlin, Freeland, to Andrew Enos.

John Dusheck, Freeland, to Peter Barni.

New Summer Hotel Begun.

The foundation walls were completed last week for a new summer hotel for Mauch Chunk. It will be 40x40 feet in size, three stories high, and will be located on the road leading to Penn Forest, about a mile beyond East Mauch Chunk. The site is a splendid one.

A Warning to Boroughs.

The jury in the suit brought against the borough of East Mauch Chunk by Mrs. Jackson Smith for \$1,500 damages awarded her \$750. The costs will probably run up the total bill against the town to \$1,000. She was injured by falling on a defective sidewalk.

Heavy Sentence for Lawbreakers.

For selling liquor on Sunday, three saloon keepers of Allentown, were on Tuesday morning fined by Mayor Lewis, under a city ordinance, \$100 each and costs. This is the heaviest penalty under the ordinance, and is the first time it ever was imposed.

For bed bugs, roaches and moths, buy "Teuboy," the best insect destroyer in the world. Sold at A. Oswald's.

Old newspapers for sale.

BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION.

Synopsis of Local and Miscellaneous Occurrences—That Can Be Read Quickly. What the Folks of This and Other Towns are Doing.

The railroad brotherhoods are gaining rapidly in membership in this section.

D. P. Gallagher, of West Virginia, is the guest of his brother, ex-Burgess E. P. Gallagher.

John M. Cunniss is building a house on the corner of Ridge and North streets for Daniel Faust.

A. Oswald sells spring and summer dress goods at reduced prices.

Joseph Chermol and wife have removed to Reading. The former is a railroad contractor and has a large job to finish in Berks county.

Dr. F. Schleher and Rev. J. W. Bischoff are attending a meeting of the state council of the American Legion of Honor at Philadelphia today.

D. J. McCarthy and Hugh Shovlin attended the Democratic state convention at Allentown yesterday. The latter was one of the district delegates.

Diphtheria exists in sixteen residences at Millersville, and one death has occurred. A lack of proper sanitary regulations is said to be the cause of the epidemic.

The Wear Well has just the kind of shoes you need for this weather.

The Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps has changed its time for holding meetings to Tuesday evenings, and hereafter will meet weekly instead of semi-weekly.

The Grand opera house, Wilkesbarre, will be remodeled so as to permit the floor to be leveled and used for dancing purposes when desired. The change will cost \$10,000.

An unknown Hungarian from Sandy Run was admitted to Hazleton hospital on Tuesday. He is suffering from an injury received several months ago and is not expected to recover.

A pair of Wear Well shoes will outlast anything bought at the same price.

A meeting of the Freeland branch of the Washington National Building and Loan Association will be held at the Central hotel this evening. Several applications for loans will be acted upon.

The candidates for county superintendent of public schools are making a spirited contest for the position, and directors say it is as hot as any political battle. The choice will be made next month.

W. H. Butz, a D. S. & S. operator, and A. J. Beltz, master mechanic on the same road, have tendered their resignations. The former will superintend the new overall factory when it begins operations.

Ladies, buy the R. & G. summer corsets—they are so cool. Sold at Oswald's.

Patrick Carr, of Upper Lehigh, who was injured in the mines there last month, is improving very slowly. Thos. Argust, who was hurt with him, is recovering rapidly and will soon be able to resume work.

The reopening of the Ebervale collieries and the numerous other improvements being made by Markle & Co. about their mines has necessitated a larger repair shop. An addition will be built to the Jeddlo plant.

M. A. Ferry, of Shenandoah, formerly of town, has leased the store room of William Gallagher, opposite the Central hotel, and will open a novelty store about May 15. Mr. Ferry is well-known to the people of town as a thorough business man.

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39c

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49c

We just received a line of extra fine, double yoke, laundered Percalé Shirts, regular make, full sizes and newest designs, worth 75c, which we will let go now at 49c. Better grades a little higher.

25c

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