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WILL MAKE BRIQUETTES.

COMPANY FORMED TO MANUFACTURE COAL SUBSTITUTES.

Anthracite Dust to Be Compressed Into Hard Blocks of Any Desired Size—The Scheme May Not Be So Feasible as It Looks at First Sight.

The American Anthracite Company is the name of the corporation recently organized by a syndicate of Philadelphia capitalists for the purpose of establishing a big coal briquette manufactory in that city. The company has purchased a ten-acre tract of land on the east bank of the Schuylkill river and work on the big buildings will be commenced in a week. Several hundred men will be employed and the factory will have a capacity of 1,600 tons a day.

The briquettes will be manufactured from coal dust. This is not a new scheme, but the process to be used is entirely different from that employed heretofore. In the process the coal dust is treated with certain chemicals, without the use of pitch or resin, which made the old process so objectionable. Under enormous pressure the coal dust is compressed into hard blocks or cubes in sizes to correspond with coal from chestnut to egg. It is claimed that the briquettes will develop heating qualities fully 25 per cent greater than anthracite coal, and the price will be from 50 to 80 cents less per ton. It is proposed to take the coal dust to the city by rail and the Schuylkill canal.

The plan is to screen the culm from the banks that are scattered all over the anthracite region and take out the pea, buckwheat and other sizes, shipping only the dust to Philadelphia. The new briquettes are claimed to be superior to those made a few years ago, because the latter were very sooty, dried out rapidly and became unfit for use as a heat producer.

The scheme looks very plausible on the surface, but there are some things, says the Wilkesbarre Record, that have not been taken into consideration by the Philadelphia capitalists, owing no doubt to the fact that they have formed their plans 100 miles from the nearest culm bank and have not taken the trouble to visit the fountain head of their proposed supply of new material.

The fact is that nearly every culm bank that is worth working is flanked with a washery or is being reserved for that purpose by the operators of the colliery from which the dirt was taken. These washeries, as their name implies, wash the coal and the dust is carried into creeks and streams in the shape of liquid black mud. It is a question if experiments now being made for separating the coal from the culm without water will leave the dust in a marketable state. It is also questionable whether the freight rates for carrying the dust to market and the cost of the dust itself will not be placed at such a figure as to make the manufacture of briquettes too costly to compete with the genuine black diamond.

It is not likely that the operators will want to lend a hand in placing on the market what the syndicate claims will be a formidable rival to their own product. New coal washeries are being erected right along and these are proving a great source of profit to the owners of the banks.

The history of the coal substitute is interesting. In 1882 a plant was in operation at Port Richmond, Philadelphia. The coal dirt was mixed with tar or rosin and compressed into lumps the size and shape of an egg. Then when Austin Corbin was president of the Reading Company he became interested in the problem. A briquette factory was established at Mahanoy City. It did not prove any more of a success than the Port Richmond plant.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

December 24.—Fair at the English Baptist church basement. Admission, 5 cents.

December 24 to 26.—Annual fair of Mayberry band at Yannes' opera house.

December 24.—Entertainment under the auspices of Travelers' Athletic Association at Grand opera house. Tickets, 25 cents.

December 24.—Masquerade ball at Krouse's hotel, South Heberton.

December 28.—Banquet and social, under the auspices of the Young Ladies of St. Ann's Parish, at Grand opera house. Tickets, 35 cents.

December 31.—Eighth annual ball of Tigers Athletic Club at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

December 31.—Fourth annual ball of St. Vigilio's Tirolese Society at Yannes' hall. Admission, 25 cents.

January 25.—Annual ball of the Citizens' Hose Company at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

Private Sale.

The undersigned will sell at private sale, at her residence, Centre and Luzerne streets, Freeport, beginning today, all her household furniture. Sale will continue this week and next until everything is disposed of.

Mrs. J. J. Powers.

Big blizzards come at short notice. Buy a dance at A. Oswald's and be prepared for them.

Your feet can't get cold when you have them encased in Wear Well shoes.

A Score of Miners Rescued.

A terrific explosion of gas occurred on Monday afternoon in Baltimore Shaft No. 2, of the Delaware and Hudson Company, at Wilkesbarre. Twenty-two miners were imprisoned, but at a late hour all had been rescued alive. Immediately after the disaster became known, rescue gangs descended the shaft, but it was some time before the ventilation had been so managed that they could work in safety. The party which entered the mine succeeded in pushing their way to the plane where the imprisoned men had been working and there they stumbled over the bodies of a number of unconscious men. As quick as the work could be accomplished, they were brought to the surface, where a corps of doctors were in waiting.

Wrapped in blankets some of the victims were sent to their homes and some to hospitals. The physicians have hope that all may recover. Had they been in the mine five minutes longer all would have probably died of suffocation.

John Healy, one of the rescuers, who was first to discover the bodies on the plane, says the men were huddled closely together. They had apparently abandoned all hope of rescue and were resolved to die together. The supposition is that the men, when they realized their danger, made their way to the highest point on the plane. The smoke found its way to them, however, and they were all but suffocated when found.

The theory of the explosion is that there was a fall of rock on the slope where the dynamite was stored, that the dynamite exploded and set fire to the gas.

Christmas at the Hospital.

Preparations are already under way for the appropriate celebration of Christmas at the miners' hospital. Yesterday a large quantity of laurel and holly arrived, and today the work of decoration will be commenced. The words, "Merry Christmas," will be displayed in three or four different languages, in order to give all the patients an opportunity to enjoy the day. Besides this an expert harpist has been engaged to furnish music for the patients in the morning.

After partaking of a turkey dinner the patients will be entertained in the afternoon by amusement provided by the Coxie ladies of Drifton. A Christmas tree will also be provided by kind friends for the amusement of the younger folks.

In the evening the Quay County Glee Club will furnish the entertainment. Judging from present indications the unfortunates will be amply provided for.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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St. Paul's P. M. Church.

An entertainment will be given by the Sunday School on Saturday evening, December 26, when there will be recitations, singing and addresses by members of the school. At the close of the entertainment presents will be distributed to the scholars. No charge for admission. Entertainment will commence at 7.30 o'clock.

Attention, Taxpayers.

All property taxes for 1896 not paid on or before December 30 will be returned to the commissioners to be sold.

Hugh Malloy, collector.

The Wear Well's "Century" shoes is O. K.

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Tonight's Entertainment.

At the Grand opera house this evening the following programme will be rendered under the auspices of the Travelers' Athletic Association.

Selection, St. Patrick's cornet band. Opening address, John Houston.

Prof. Robert Peters, in his knockabout specialties.

Song, Quigley and McKinley. Quartette, Edward Allen and Hughes brothers.

Stump speech, Master Leo McDonald. Duet, Miss Cassie McGee and Mrs. Thomas Morgans.

Recitation, Bernard Gallagher. Song and dance, Burns sisters. Cornet solo, Miss Jennie DeFoy.

Song, Patrick Henney; accompaniment, mandolin club. Piano solo, Thomas Fisher.

Bag punching, Richard Welsh. Song, Miss Mame McDonald. Selection, mandolin club.

Song, Con Carbon. Quartette, Allen and Hughes brothers. Specialties, J. Mundy.

Vaccination Law Sustained.

W. F. Sprague, of Bradford county, brought suit against the school directors of Otto township to compel the board to admit his children to the schools of that district after the children had been expelled from school for non-compliance with the compulsory vaccination law.

Sprague's petition to court alleged that the act was unconstitutional in that its title was not properly constructed to cover the provisions of the bill and also violated the constitution, and further that the vaccination act does not include nor relate to townships.

Judge Morrison has rendered his decision, which denies the validity of the claims made by the plaintiff in the case and upholds the law in its constitutional and other features.

"Black Diamond" Fast Time.

The "Black Diamond Express" on the Lehigh Valley Railroad recently made a run between Wilkesbarre and Geneva, N. Y., that came near being a record-breaker. The train left Wilkesbarre at 4.53 p. m., twenty-six minutes late, and arrived at Sayre, at 6.33 p. m., ten minutes late, running a distance of 95 miles in 108 minutes, including a stop at Leceyville for water. Leaving Sayre at 6.37 p. m., ten minutes late, the train reached Geneva at 7.55 p. m., on time, making the run of 73½ miles in 78 minutes.

The record this train is making for fast time and good service is attracting the attention of the traveling public, and the patronage of the train is daily increasing.

Lehigh Lost the Suit.

The Joseph Obert damage case against the borough of Lehigh occupied the attention of the Carbon county court all last week and went to the jury on Monday, and the same day a verdict was returned in favor of Mr. Obert for \$750. This, with the costs of the case, will make the borough's bill at least \$2,000.

The suit instituted by Mr. Obert against the borough was for \$10,000 damages, the result of cutting down part of an old bakery building, which extended over the building line on First street and which he had previously been notified to move, also for removing part a "hog run" extending six feet on Railroad street.

Will Be Married on Monday.

William C. White, of Upper Lehigh, will be married on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock to Miss Fannie F. Turner, of Washington, D. C. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's mother, 1753 K street, N.W. Mr. White is employed as coachman by Hon. John Leisenring, and has many friends here who wish him and his bride much happiness. Several invitations to attend the marriage have been received by Freeport people.

Rev. H. J. McManus, who some time ago was pastor of the Catholic church at Audenried and later was stationed at Old Buck Mountain, died in Philadelphia on Sunday. He was well known to many of the residents of this section. At the time of his death, which was due to an abscess, he was pastor of the Doylestown church.

The Pond Creek brick works will suspend operations as soon as the two kilns now drying are emptied. Each kiln holds 250,000 bricks. The suspension is for the purpose of enlarging the fireplace four feet, which will give the works additional steam. The company has numerous orders on hand.

Mrs. John Carey, a widow, aged 69 years, was killed on the railroad tracks at Plymouth on Monday afternoon. Three loaded cars passed over the woman. She is supposed to have been caught while picking coal. Both legs were severed and the left arm was torn from its socket.

Rev. John E. Stas, pastor of St. John's Slavonian church, has issued a creditable Christmas edition of his paper, the Catholic. It consists of twelve pages, four of which are printed in red, and is illustrated profusely with excellent portraits of prominent clergymen, church buildings, etc.

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.

William H. Butz is still confined to his home on North Centre street.

Freeport will have a white Christmas, and from all appearances a cold one also.

John L. Lewis, of Lansford, has been appointed mercantile appraiser of Carbon county.

Miss Mary Rielly is recovering from her late illness and in a few weeks may be able to be about.

Foster township school board received its state appropriation this week. The amount was \$8,727.19.

Local politics are waking up and the indications point to a plentiful supply of candidates for all the offices.

The brick work of the silk mill building has been completed, and the structure will soon be under roof.

After today all the schools and nearly all the collieries of the region will be closed until the holidays are over.

Mrs. Bridget Joyce, of St. Clair, mother of the noted newspaper man, Tom Joyce, fell down stairs at her home yesterday and broke her neck.

All the churches of town will hold services tomorrow, and the pastors are busily engaged in preparing for the large numbers who will attend.

The trial of the Hazle township school directors, who are charged with misdemeanor in office, has been set down for the second Monday in January.

The plant of the Truth Publishing Company, of Hazleton, was sold at court-stable's sale yesterday. The property was purchased by E. A. Oberender, of Drifton, for \$725.

Mrs. S. E. Hayes, insurance agent, has received a large number of callers for 1897. Patrons can have them by calling at her residence, Washington street, Freeport.

Heston Bellas, formerly of Jeddo, now of Mahanoy City, and Miss Minnie Brubark, of Treverton, were united in marriage on Saturday at the latter place. They will go housekeeping at Mahanoy City.

Cora Van Tassel, in "Scenes from Great Plays," will appear at the Grand opera house tomorrow evening. With her small but talented company she is receiving great praise for her acting on this tour.

Alex. Fall, of Sandy Run, was taken to Laurytown asylum yesterday morning by Liverman Frank O'Donnell, on a commitment issued by Squire Buckley. The man is a Hungarian and is suffering from paresis.

St. Cecilia's Mandolin and Guitar Club, composed of music pupils of St. Ann's convent, was organized last week.

The following are the members: Misses Bella McGill, Grace Boyle, Mary Mulhearn and Michael Capece.

Tonight is the last night of the fair at the English Baptist church. The attendance has been very good during the week, and the pastor and those in charge of the fair have received many congratulations on their success.

Mrs. David Hoffman died at her home in Eckley on Tuesday after a brief illness. She was aged 39 years and a husband and six children survive her.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon. Interment at Eckley cemetery.

Beatrice Klotz, of Freeport, who is visiting at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Hontz, East Mauch Chunk, had two of her fingers caught in the cogs of a wash wringer on Tuesday. The results were well serious.

PERSONALITIES.

The following students will spend Christmas at their homes here: Winfield and Stanley Oberender, M. Pleasant Military academy, Sing Sing, N. Y.

Thomas, William and Miss Lizzie Evans, Bucknell university, Lewisburg.

Joseph Kennedy and Neal Dugan, Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia.

Edward Gaffney and Thomas McCole, Holy Cross college, Worcester, Mass.

Misses Josephine and Nellie Campbell, Villa Marie convent, West Chester.

Miss Birdalyn Davis, Boston Conservatory of Music.

George T. Brown, Dickinson Law school, Carlisle.

Thomas Birkbeck, Jr., Pierce college, Philadelphia.

Jesse Birkbeck, Bucknell university, Lewisport.

Miss Nettie Selwell, Bloomsburg normal school.

Fred Koons, Stroudsburg normal school.

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