

## COMBINE IS A FAILURE.

### COAL BARONS LOSE MONEY IN THE ANTHRACITE TRUST.

*Notwithstanding the Restriction of the Output and the Increased Price of the Product, Morgan's Clique (Has Less Profit and Losses a Fine Market.*

From present appearances J. P. Morgan's coal combine, formed nearly a year ago for the purpose of raising the price of coal and restricting the output, will not last beyond the time specified in the agreement—January 1, 1897, according to the New York Journal. Already there are bickerings and murmurings among the barons interested, and through it all there looms up to gladden the sight of the poor, who have been ground down by the coal combine, the fact that it has virtually disrupted itself; that, by the methods adopted, the coal combine has been a boomerang, which has come back to smite the men who formed it on February 1 last.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

I. Refowich,  
Leading Tailor and Clothier,  
37 Centre Street,  
Freeland.

Last January the coal roads and carriers of anthracite coal entered into an agreement, the terms of which have never been definitely ascertained, but which had for an object the boosting of the price of coal and the limiting of the production. The combine has succeeded in raising the price of coal about a ton up to this time, but paradoxical as it may seem, though the barons get a dollar a ton more for their coal, they have been losing money.

This is shown by the statements of the net earnings of the roads most prominently interested, from January 1 to October 1 of this year. The New Jersey Central earned, net, in the time mentioned, \$3,864,002, a decrease of \$383,340 compared with the corresponding period last year. The Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburg show a net decrease of \$1,445,100, a total on this road of \$3,372,600. The Philadelphia and Reading, which under Morgan's reorganization and with new capital behind it, was thought to be a sure money-maker this year, or, at least, a road that would show a substantial increase in net earnings, comes up to October 1 with a net decrease in earnings of \$544,474. The Delaware and Hudson breaks a record. For the first time in seven years this road has not earned the regular 7 per cent dividend. A dividend may be declared, but it will be paid out of the surplus and not from the earnings this year. These are the ruling roads of the combine. The small fry have not fared any better.

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Centre and South Streets

of heating their apartments. Small gas stoves and oil stoves were found to be less expensive than coal stoves, and today there is an unprecedented sale in New York for these modern heaters, with the consequent result of a decreased sale for coal. Another year or two of Morgan's infamous trust, which grinds the miners at one end by giving them one or two days' work each week and the users of coal at the other by an increase of price, would completely ruin the coal trade.

#### Killed at Tamqua.

The following account of a sad misfortune which overtook a family that formerly resided in this vicinity, is taken from the Tamqua Recorder of Friday. The victim of the accident, Charles Poe, was at one time employed as engineer at No. 5 Jeddo, and had many acquaintances among those who worked in that colliery. The accident which resulted in the death of Mr. Poe was one of those mysterious ones that are constantly recurring about the mines, and the exact manner in which the man met his death will likely never be known. The story runs as follows:

Charles Poe and Fred Barnes, the latter of Coal Dale, worked together in No. 11 mine, Tamqua. They were employed in driving a breast and expected to finish their work that day. At noon on Wednesday they had a blast or two ready. Poe commenced to descend the head until the other reaches the bottom, when a familiar rap is given, when the other commences to descend. Poe did not rap this time. Barnes waited at the head until the manway until he was sure that his partner had reached the bottom. Then he began to descend.

About this time another man who is employed at the foot of the manway, came along and found the body of a lifeless man. Holding his lamp close to the face he recognized it as that of Poe. The man's head was bare, and on the left side of it was a deep gash from the crown to the forehead, and in the face across the middle of the nose was another deep gash.

Poe had fallen down the manway. Nobody was in the manway at the time, and of course it is not known in what manner he fell. The supposition, however, is that he stumbled or slipped and fell head foremost to the bottom. From the very bottom all the way up to a distance of about 150 feet blood was found on every step. Here Poe's hat was found. Apparently from this point the man began to fall and continued his descent between the steps and the wall of the manway, striking now a protrusion of coal or slate and then a step until the very bottom was reached, where the body rested on the stomach with both arms extended.

Poe was 38 years of age. He leaves a widow and four children. The oldest of the children is about 11 years and the youngest 3. Their names are Fred, Mabel, James and Annie.

#### 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 remediation. 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 and 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 cured by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Jeweler.

Hazleton, Pa.

**Won a Gold Watch.**  
The attendance at the Mayberry band fair on Saturday evening was very large. The St. Patrick's band was present and entertained the assemblage with several selections. The voting contest for the most popular lady of Freeland and vicinity, which was conducted with much spirit since the opening night, attracted considerable attention and brought about much friendly rivalry. The vote at the close for the three highest contestants was as follows: Miss Mame McDonald, 896; Miss Sarah Shanno, 652; Miss Katie Winters; 610. Miss McDonald will be presented with a gold watch. Considering the condition of the times the members of the band consider that they did fairly well, and they appreciate all the help and assistance given them in making the fair a success. Tonight is the last night.

**Then He Will Want His Liberty.**  
From the Lansford Record.  
Patrick Furey, whose permanent residence is uncertain, is now warning himself by the steam heat plant of the county jail. For maliciously breaking a fifteen-cent window light in Max Diamond's clothing store window with an apple that he threw at small boys who were teasing him while he was making one of his mixed pickles speeches, he was thrust into the bastille. As long as the bitter winds keep whistling on the bleak mountain side Patrick will be satisfied to toast his lean shanks at the county radiator, but when the blue bird sings in the branches that overlook the Setzer Protectory, Patrick will want his liberty. Until then let it go at that.

**Banquet and Social Tonight.**  
This evening the young ladies of St. Ann's parish will give their banquet and social at the Grand opera house. The affair is predicted to be one of the greatest successes that the young ladies have yet attempted, and, judging from the energetic manner in which they have boomed it, the social will come up to all expectations. The dancing will take place in the opera house, DePierro's orchestra furnishing the music. The banquet will be served in the Young Men's hall on the third floor.

**Another Suit in Ejectment.**  
The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company has again brought suit against the Evans family, owners of a hotel property at Lansford, to dispossess them of their property. This case has been tried several times in the lower courts and Evans won. It went to the supreme court this year and they won again, but they will have to win twice it seems. They have already spent \$2,500 in defending their property. The suit is one of the many brought against Lansford people who violated the clause in the deeds against selling liquor on the premises.

**They Pleased the Audience.**  
Miss Cora Van Tassel, supported by Mr. Stuart, and accompanied by J. F. Hayes, pianist, in "Scenes from Great Plays," pleased the audience at the Grand opera house on Christmas night. The acting of Miss Van Tassel and Mr. Stuart was the best that Freeland has yet seen, and their rendition of parts of "Tennessee's Pardon," "Camille" and "Leah, the Forsaken," won for them liberal applause. Miss Van Tassel, with her complete company, will appear here in February, when she will produce "Tennessee's Pardon" in full.

**\$50.00 Reward!**  
The above reward will be paid by the Freeland Game Protective Club for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who hunted rabbits with a ferret on the 25th or 26th inst. along the ridge between Eckley and Highland and in that vicinity. Send information without delay to the undersigned, who assures the payment of the reward.  
Hugh Malloy, president.

**Lots for Sale.**  
Fifty-two lots in Woodside Addition to the borough of Freeland, south of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, divided up into sections of three or four lots, will be offered for sale until 4 o'clock p. m., January 8, 1897. For terms and full particulars with plans apply at once to Arthur McClellan, secretary. The Cross Creek Coal Company, Drifton, Pa.

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

**Cheap Gum Boots and Rubbers.**  
I am selling out several hundred pairs of men's and boys' gum boots and ladies' rubbers at 20 per cent below cost. Call at once, as everything must be sold before the new year. Hugh Malloy, corner of Centre and Walnut sts., Freeland.

**Wear Well shoes are warranted to be precisely as represented. You make no mistake in that store.**  
The dance will never let your ears or face get cold. Sold at A. Oswald's.

**Bargains in furniture at Sweeney & Herron's removal 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 Trixie Lillian Company, which played here recently, went to pieces at Lansford last week.  
The Wear Well's "Century" shoes is O. K. Freeland never had a quieter Christmas last Friday. No disturbance of any kind marred the birthday of the Saviour.  
Watch the removal sale at Sweeney & Herron's, Hazleton.  
The Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps will give a literary and musical entertainment at the Grand opera house next Sunday evening.

Buy a dance and dodge the doctor. Sold at A. Oswald's.  
The Mayberry band fair will be open tonight. It was intended that last Saturday evening should be the last, but this has been changed.  
Removal sale bargains at Sweeney & Herron's, Hazleton.

Arbutus Lodge, No. 611, Free and Accepted Masons, attended the Presbyterian church in a body last evening and listened to a good sermon by Rev. J. W. Bischoff.  
Every motorman and driver should wear a danc. Sold at A. Oswald's.

The second hearing of the annexation question did not take place on Saturday. Auditor C. F. McHugh was unable to be present and the hearing was postponed until Wednesday.  
Your feet can't get cold when you have them encased in Wear Well shoes.

Frank Eberrett, at present proprietor of the Park View House, has leased the Zeman building at Main and Washington streets, and will have it fitted up for restaurant and hotel purposes.  
Wilkesbarre experienced several fires on Christmas. The first destroyed St. Stephen's Episcopal church, valued at \$100,000; the second burned the Jewish synagogue, loss \$7,000; another burned the residence of Edward Costlett, and another the residence of Charles Bart.

The Tigers Athletic Club will commence to decorate Yannes' opera house tomorrow for the ball on Thursday evening. The decorations have been one of the features of the Tigers balls, and the committee in charge promises some surprises for the ball-goers on Thursday night.

The programme of the entertainment given on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Travelers' Athletic Association, as published in our last issue, was rendered with but a few slight changes. The several people who took part did very well, and the audience was perfectly satisfied with the entertainment.

The remains of Manus Waters, formerly of town, arrived here yesterday from Warrior Run, where he died from pneumonia early Christmas morning. He was 48 years of age, and leaves two sons and two daughters. Interment was made at St. Ann's cemetery. A delegation of the Sugar Notch A. O. H. accompanied the remains.

**PERSONALITIES.**  
Among those who spent Christmas with relatives and friends here were the following:  
Laura Koons, Mattie Lindsay and Belle Crawford, West Chester normal school.  
Frank O'Donnell, Patrick Gallagher and Peter O'Donnell, Villa Nova college. Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Donnell, Wilkesbarre.  
James Gallagher and Patrick Brennan, Carbondale.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGill, Mt. Carmel.  
Edward F. Gallagher, East Hartford, Conn.  
Patrick O'Donnell, Newport News, Va.  
Richard Doggett, Jersey City, N. J.  
Miss Mame Lynch, Shenandoah.  
Miss Bid Gaffney, Philadelphia.  
Miss Mary Callahan, Plains.  
John Ryan, Mahanoy City.

John Sweeney, of Lansford, visited the Burke family last week.  
Miss Bridget McGroarty spent Christmas with Wilkesbarre relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ferry, of Walnut street, are spending the holidays with Easton friends.  
Charles and Andrew O'Donnell are lying very ill with bronchitis at their home on Main street.  
Thomas Birkbeck, Jr., who has just completed a business course at Pierce college, has entered the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery.

Additional locals on the fourth page.

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