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IN many low grade mines an increase in tonnage crushed with an existing plant means not only a lower cost per ton of ore but an increased revenue, which in some cases may make a venture profitable which otherwise would prove a loss. It is remarkable, therefore, that a preliminary coarse crushing by means of rolls, before the ore goes to the stamps, is not generally practiced. The only mill to our knowledge constructed on this principle is that of the Huanchaca Mining Company, at Antofagasta, Chili. It is difficult to say what the increased capacity would amount to, but it would certainly be over 20%. Experiments at the Hermosa Mill, Harshaw, Ariz., proved that by screening the fine from the coarse, and charging that separately to the pans, the crushing of the 20-stamp mill was increased one-fifth.

There are few mills using this precaution even; both the millman and the millwright are content to follow along in the same old groove. A mill properly constructed would have rolls on a lower level than the rock-breaker, crushing to say 4 mm. The crushed ore would pass through trommels, the finer go directly to the feeders and the coarse back to the rolls again.

The cost of running and repairs on rolls crushing so coarsely is merely nominal, while the benefit is pronounced. Not only would the capacity be increased and cost per ton lessened, but the feeders would require less attention and the discharge would be more perfect in either wet or dry crushing. It would not be out of way either to have fine screens below the coarse trommels, so that the portion—no inconsiderable amount with many ores—might be sent to the pans or furnaces, as the case might be, without passing through the battery. It is almost time we should see some improvement in gold and silver mills, as we do in other reduction works; for the former, though far from perfect, are built to-day from plans 20 years old.

THE celebration of the 70th birthday of JOHN FRITZ, the veteran iron master at Bethlehem, Pa., on the 30th inst., was a very enjoyable affair, and was attended by a great number of prominent engineers. Every one wishes to do honor to our JOHN FRITZ, and this occasion gave abundant opportunity for testifying the warm personal affection as well as professional esteem in which Mr. FRITZ is held. Over 200 guests were present at the dinner. The after dinner speeches took a new form. Mr. FRITZ was placed as a criminal at the bar, and was tried for sundry offenses.

It was charged in the indictment that he had pretended to be an engineer, that he had ruined the scenery of the Lehigh Valley, and converted the peaceful landscape covered with waving grain into a hideous mass of smoky buildings and railroads; that he had created nuisances by dumping slag into the river, killing the fish, etc.; that he was a man of noise, and had shaken the very earth with his 125-ton steam hammer, and that he was a disturber of the peace and had changed the Quaker settlement of Bethlehem into a warlike community, and was now engaged in making armor plates which could not be pierced except by his own guns. He had even brought the pulpit into disgrace by erecting a pulpit in a converting house, in which no preaching was done, and in which the force used was that of fire instead of moral suasion.

The court was constituted as follows: Chief Justice, Dr. LAMBERTON; associates, Messrs. LORING, MELVILLE, SELLERS, EMERY, WHARTON and MORTON. Attorney General, Mr. HOLLOWAY; District Attorney, Mr. BIRKINBINE; assistants, OLIVER WILLIAMS and J. D. WEEKS. Dr. RAYMOND, General DOSTER and Mr. BROADHEAD were the counsel for the plaintiff. Messrs. JOHN THOMAS, R. W. HUNT, E. D. LEAVITT and several of the old residents of Bethlehem were called as witnesses.

A handsome Tiffany clock bearing the inscription, "Oh, time, deal gently with our loving friends, JOHN and ELLEN B. FRITZ," was presented to Mr. FRITZ. A visit to the steel works was an interesting part of the reception, and the visitors witnessed the hydraulic forging, by a 5,000-ton press, of a 40-ton hollow cylinder. The work of a 125-ton steam hammer on an 85-ton ingot making armor plate was another feature of the visit.

**ENGLISH MINING INVESTMENTS IN MEXICO.**

English mining investments in Mexico are not turning out so brilliantly as they might; in fact our cousins have been as badly bitten in investments there since, the inception of foreign interests in 1827 as in our own Western States, but it is due in a large measure to the unscrupulous promoters who inflate the original price of the mine two or three times, dividing the surplus among themselves and leaving insufficient working capital. Bad management might be cited also. The Real del Monte mines absorbed over £4,000,000 of English capital. Yet after abandonment by the disheartened investors it has yielded to its Mexican owners many millions of profits and is still producing largely from its 85 mines. In Sonora at the Trinidad mine some £250,000 was scattered right and left by incompetent managers, who built large reduction works which were ill suited to the ore, without making more than a preliminary payment on the property. The property reverted eventually to the Mexican owners, who for some time past have been making a considerable profit. The Almada

& Tiritó and the Promontorio at Alamos are still worked, with characteristic English pluck, in spite of poor results for years past.

The North Mexican Mining Company at Cusiuhuiriac, Chihuahua, after being closed down for several years is struggling along, and by the aid of good metallurgical talent is making a very small profit, ridiculously small, in fact, when contrasted with the promoters' promises. The Pinos Altos Bullion Company has worked its mine down to considerable depth with but small profit, one dividend only of 9% being paid in 1889. The vein is large but the ore of low grade. The Anglo-Mexican Mining Company at Las Yedras, Sinaloa, after declaring several dividends has suspended them; it is stated, however, a strike, which may prove of considerable importance, has been made recently. The San Jose de Gracias, which was locally supposed to have been salted for the benefit of the purchasers, has gone the way of all such properties. In Durango, which is probably the most promising mining State of Mexico, there is little or no English capital invested. Several mines have recently been floated, however, with reasonable prospects of success.

El Bote in Zacatecas is still producing largely, and is presumably paying good dividends to its owners. The Mesquite del Oro is earning a small profit, but not large enough to pay a dividend. This is undoubtedly a good gold mine with large resources, but the gold is refractory, not over 60% being extracted. In Jalisco, La Luz is attracting some attention, mainly owing to the promises made by those in charge. This, it will be remembered, is the property which was reported on by an expert who contented himself with remaining at Guadalajara, some 50 miles away, where, aided by the former owners of the property, he constructed a clay model of the mine, from the measurements of which he deduced that there was \$150,000,000 in sight. Not a dollar of this, it is needless to say, has been produced.

The United Mexican Mining Company at Guanajuato has passed its dividends since 1887. The San Cayetano is losing steadily, while El Cubo is making quite a profit. It is hardly possible, however, that this company will ever enter the list of large dividend payers. Work at the mines at Angango in Michoacan has been suspended for some time, although the large group of mines owned by this company should certainly earn a profit. In Tebasco the Chiapas Company is producing a considerable amount of concentrates, carrying gold, silver, and copper. Transportation is extremely difficult, the roads being perfect morasses. It remains to be seen whether this mine will fulfill the predictions of the eminent experts who examined it.

It can hardly be said after a résumé of mining as it is at present, and still less so when the scores of absolute failures are considered, that the outlook is pleasant for those who have investments in Mexican properties. It never will be, moreover, until their engineers recognize Mexican conditions and the promoters lose a portion, at least, of their rapacity. It would be pleasing to us could we record successes in the mining regions of Mexico, than which none exist more fruitful of minerals, similar to those achieved in recent years in several of our Western States, and we believe we will be able to do so when English investors protect their own interests more strenuously.

#### LABOR AND LEGISLATION.

There seems to be a revival of the old notion that all kinds of social evils and difficulties can be cured by legislation. And it is just now highly fashionable to legislate "in favor of labor." Many of the laws of this class have been simply disgraceful concessions to the demands of labor unions, and cannot be defended on any grounds of the general welfare. The "contract labor" law is one of these. Under it undesirable immigrants are not excluded, if they only come without knowing what they are going to do next. But the most skillful workmen are shut out if it can be discovered that anybody here has promised to employ them. Meanwhile, to crown the outrage and absurdity of the whole thing, the labor unions import workmen all the time by notifying associated organizations abroad when there is room for more "members." The law thus operates to give a monopoly of this business to certain favored agencies, and aids them in their avowed attempt to coerce all laborers to pay tribute to them.

The list of such laws, both State and Federal, is large enough. But there are others, which may be more plausibly defended, although no small part of the influence which secured their enactment was the same unscrupulous dictation. So long as the irresponsible and reckless power of the labor unions continues, these measures may continue to be enforced, and others of the same class may be called for. The Federal and State constitutions present a limit (of which I will speak presently); but, short of that, there would be no assignable end to legislation "for the benefit of labor," if the situation were really what the advocates of such legislation assert it to be. My present purpose is to point out that the prospect is not so desperate.

The "labor leaders" themselves declare that "labor" is oppressed by "capital" under the system of free contract; that it must have, in self-defense, not only the right to organize for its own protection, and to secure its due share of the products of industry, but also legislative aid of various

kinds, extending to the "laboring" class special privileges and safeguards. Moreover, they declare that since "labor" represents the majority of the voters, the needed legislation will be got, sooner or later, through political power.

Whether this assertion as to the nature and extent of the wrongs of labor be well founded or not, it is certain that if it be sincere; if the men who make it truly represent the great mass of wage-workers; and if "labor legislation" really benefits that great class, even though it be unjust to some other class, or, in the long run, injurious to the whole community, we may look for plenty more of it. In my conversations with the representatives of "labor," I have never found the least disposition to consider anybody's interest but their own. Small blame to them, if they sincerely think that they are at war with the rest of society, and that, having been the victims of power for ages, they now have the power, and their turn has come. Small blame to them, again, if they have been taught on every side that statutes are the causes, and not merely the records of progress, and if, proudly conscious of their new jack-knife of political power, they want to whittle, and fancy they can make whatever they desire, without cutting their fingers.

But further examination puts the situation in a different light.

1. These men do not represent "labor" in general, but only a small minority of the laborers of the country, connected with certain organizations.

2. The membership of these organizations is constantly fluctuating. The chronic and chief activity of every one of them is to hang on to its members and make them pay their dues. It is no secret that many strikes, and many controversies which do not end in strikes, are started to revive the waning interest of members and convince them that the Union is worth what it costs them. At such times the membership increases, in periods of peace it is liable to diminish.

3. In other words, the majority of workmen stay out of the labor unions because they prefer to be independent and to save their money; and men are constantly joining or leaving the unions to suit their individual immediate convenience. The latter phenomenon has not received the attention it deserves. But I can only give it passing mention now, as one evidence of the important fact that, in spite of all sympathy, discipline and coercion, the labor unions are nevertheless continually judged by their own members and forced to prove themselves useful, on penalty of going to pieces if they do not.

4. The safeguard against foolish legislation "for the benefit of labor" will be found in the judgment, growing ever more intelligent, of both union and non-union workmen. They have found out already, in many cases, that such legislation operates to their injury, instead of their benefit. The Pennsylvania law, commanding the payment of wages in money every two weeks, and the New York *weekly* payment law, instead of monthly, occasioned considerable inconvenience to employers (to worry whom, and not to remedy any general abuse, they were passed at the demand of somebody who "represented labor"); but they were far more injurious to the workmen, and, indeed, so far as I know, benefited nobody but the saloon-keepers.

5. The general principle is that legislative interference with freedom of contract naturally tends to the injury of the weaker party. Such interference may be justifiable on grounds of public policy; but, in that case, the party usually supposed to be "protected" is really sacrificed. Thus when Congress, whether wisely or unwisely, passed, "for the benefit of American citizens," the Alien Land Act, it really diminished the value of the real estate of every American citizen, by restricting his market for the sale of it.

6. Let us take a single example of "labor legislation" as a further illustration, namely, the recent act of Congress forbidding all government officers and contractors, under heavy penalty, to "require or permit any laborer or mechanic to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day."

The first case under the operation of this act which came to my notice was that of a lot of workmen engaged in the construction of a break-water on our coast, many miles from any city. They had been accustomed to earn extra pay for extra hours, and earnestly begged that this privilege might be continued. But the law was plain, and they were obliged, for the rest of the season, to stop work early in the afternoon and sit disconsolate in their sandy solitude, with a government officer watching them, to make sure that they did nothing useful. Some of them played cards; some swore; some meditated on the benefit which legislation had conferred upon "labor." A large proportion of the Federal public works is of a character likely to produce similar situations.

This statute is not an interference with the freedom of contract, because the government is the employer, and may offer such terms as it chooses, to be accepted or declined by its contractors and employés. Any private employer might do the same. But there are innumerable employments in which workmen having freedom of choice would prefer the employer who would permit them to earn extra wages for over-time. And a law forbidding this would be a greater injury to the workman than to the employer.

Everybody knows that a law merely fixing the number of hours which should constitute a day's labor, or (as now in New Jersey, a week's labor) and not forbidding over-time, would effect nothing whatever. For nobody dreams that the rate of wages could be directly fixed by law. That must be determined by other means and causes. Even "arbitration" can do nothing better than determine what wages the irresistible decree of business conditions will permit. Hence, a law shortening the "day" either accomplishes nothing at all, or else, by also prohibiting additional work, it restricts the laborer's earning power, diminishes the product of aggregate industry, and, by thus decreasing the wealth of the community, tends to produce at last a reduction of wages, even per hour.

Such a law, if applied to private employers, would be unquestionably unconstitutional, as interfering unwarrantably with the liberty of individual contract. What the State may constitutionally do with regard to corporations it is not so easy to say; but my point is, that in either case it is the wage-earner that suffers.

The constitutional and legal aspects of the question were ably discussed in the *Popular Science Monthly* of February last, in an article by EDWARD ATKINSON and EDWARD T. CABOT, which I heartily recommend to thoughtful patriots. The September number of the same magazine contains an article in reply, by CONRAD RENO, entitled "The Wage Contract and Personal Liberty." This is likewise interesting, and makes out as good a case as can be presented in favor of State interference with the freedom of contract, though it fails to answer satisfactorily the arguments to which it is offered in reply, and is, moreover, affected with the errors of fact and reasoning (expressed, of course, in sweeping generalizations) which characterize the productions of this school. I wish to note, however, only one or two points pertinent to my present theme.

After stating the question, "Is the State justified in fixing a minimum wage and a maximum time for work?" Mr. RENO avoids the issue as regards individual or partnership employers, and urges the right of the State to interfere with the contracts of corporations, because they are its creatures and have received from it special privileges (chiefly, the limitation of the liability of individual stockholders for corporate debts). He says that railroading, manufacturing and mining are "the businesses in which labor wishes the assistance of the State," and that these are conducted almost exclusively by corporations. But his argument for the need and justice of State interference applies to all employes alike; and I infer that, while he is not quite sure of the constitutionality of such action toward private citizens, he would, if he had the power, make any change in the State or Federal constitution that might be necessary to his plan. And he would be right, for the wisdom and justice of the plan are independent of the legal statutes of the employer, and, moreover, it would prove a miserable farce in execution if confined to corporations. Manufacturing and mining corporations in particular would quickly be resolved into partnerships, and the formation of new ones would be prevented. But the subject of the relation of corporations to the labor question is too large to be considered at present; and I will only say, in passing, that of all the eccentricities of logic exhibited by our industrial philosophers, their hostility to the commercial machinery which has done more to produce high wages in the United States than all the laws ever passed, is the most surprising.

When we come to Mr. RENO's plan of State interference, we find the usual vagueness of statement.

Thus, we are told that "the employer may decide what business he will adopt, where he will transact it, what goods he will manufacture, when and where and at what price he will offer them for sale, what persons he will employ, and in many other ways act on his own judgment, uncontrolled by the State or the general public. But when disputes, strikes and lockouts arise, it is only right that the State should require him to submit the matter to some superior power for determination and settlement." And Mr. RENO's reason is that such disputes occasion so much trouble and loss to the public.

Let us test his principle. The contract between the Carnegie Company and its Homestead workmen being about to expire, the company proposed a new one, to which the Amalgamated Association, representing about 10 per cent. of the workmen, refused to agree. At the expiration of the existing contract the Homestead workmen struck. The trouble and loss to the public were the result of their lawless violence, not of the strike.

There was no dispute here as to the performance of a contract, but only as to the terms of a new one. Now, what would Mr. RENO have the State do in such a case? Fix the terms of the new contract, he says, in substance. But will it make the parties abide by its decision? If so, then it will not only have oppressed or even ruined the employer; it will, perhaps, not only have wronged other workingmen whose desire and right it was to make a mutually satisfactory contract with him, but it will have done worse, by making slaves of those whom it forces to work upon terms which do not suit them. It will have put a new burden upon labor by denying to it the freedom of movement which modern conditions require.

If the employer prefers to shut up his works, rather than accept terms

which he thinks would ruin him, will the State force him to go on; and, if so, how? Or if labor, believing it can do better elsewhere, simply runs away, after the State "settlement" has been made in favor of the terms rejected, will the State bring it back, under that old provision of the Constitution about "persons held to service or labor," which, we thought, went out of date with the abolition of slavery?

But let us take Mr. RENO's other proposal, the fixing of a maximum time of labor. Eight hours is his aim. Suppose an employer would willingly pay one-fourth more for the gain in time, interest, fuel, general expense, etc., involved in a ten-hour day, but that the law (framed on the pattern of our late Federal statute) forbids this. Is there anything to prevent his making a five-hour day and employing two sets of men? Or could the law prevent workmen in one establishment, after finishing their day's work there, from going to another establishment, and putting in a couple of hours for another employer? Such things would be quite legal and occasionally practicable. The only way to prevent them would be to punish the workman who did more than eight hours' work in any one day. Since that would be absurd, even in the eyes of Mr. RENO, the conclusion must be that State regulation of the hours of work will either be ineffective altogether, or it will injure the working man principally.

What the labor unions desire is shorter hours *with the same pay*. They will or will not succeed in getting that, according to conditions over which the State has no control whatever. When they do get it, it is simply a case of increased wages; and a larger increase would have been practicable, at no greater cost to the employer, if the time of labor had not been shortened.

In conclusion, it is because I believe individual workingmen will perceive what their theoretic advocates, like Mr. RENO, do not understand, namely, the injury done to them by State interference, nominally in their favor, that I expect the present passion for such tinkering with industrial conditions to pass away.

R. W. R.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

*The Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute*. Part I. 1892. Published by E. & F. N. Spon, London, 1892. Pages 562. Price, \$6.00. Illustrated.

*An Introduction to Geodetic Surveying*. In three parts. By Mansfield Merriman, Ph. D. Published by John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1892. Pages 170. Price, \$2.00. Illustrated.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

We invite correspondence upon matters of interest to the industries of mining and metallurgy. Communications should invariably be accompanied with the name and address of the writer. Initials only will be published when so requested. All letters should be addressed to the MANAGING EDITOR. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

The Return of Sulphur in Coal Analysis.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

SIR: Can you inform me which is considered the correct method of returning the amount of sulphur in an analysis of coal or coke? "Blair" in his "Chemical Analysis of Iron," page 277, states that it should be returned separately, and I have always been in the habit of so doing, but the other day I had a certificate sent back to me on that account as incorrect.

J. S.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Ky., Sept. 23, 1892.

[It is the approved custom to return the sulphur separately, as to return the volatile portion and that remaining with the fixed carbon would require two separate analyses.—ED. E. & M. J.]

The Rochester Mining and Milling Company.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

SIR: Can you afford me any information concerning the Rochester Mining and Milling Company, consolidated, of Ouray County, Colo., the stock of which is being offered for sale in Europe.

A SUBSCRIBER.

HAVRE, France, September, 1892.

[We are reliably informed that the United States Depository claim of the company is considered a promising prospect and that the Highland Lassic and Highland Chief claims have a fair reputation as prospects. As a whole, however, the company is not highly spoken of. The general opinion is that the company has some merit as a prospecting venture, but none which warrants a capitalization of \$1,000,000.—ED. E. & M. J.]

The Electrolytic Precipitation of Zinc from Solution.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

SIR: Will you permit me to call your attention to a statement which I find in the interesting report on the treatment of argentiferous zinc-lead sulphides by C. Schnabel in your issue of September 17th. Mr. Schnabel, in calculating the electrical energy required for reducing 1 kilogramme of zinc by the electrolysis of zinc sulphate, concludes that 5 H. P. hours are required. As a basis for his calculation he uses the heat of formation of zinc sulphate, which equals 106,090 calories for 65 kilogrammes zinc, therefore, 1,632 calories for 1 kilogramme zinc. The same amount of energy must be applied to effect reduction of 1 kilogramme by the current. Now, 1,632 calories heat energy are equivalent to 2.53 H. P. hours mechanical energy, since 645 calories equal the work of 1 H. P. exerted for one hour. On an average 10% mechanical energy are lost in the process of transforming mechanical energy into electricity. It follows then that about 2 1/2 H. P. hours are necessary to produce 1 kilogramme zinc from zinc sulphate by applying electrolysis, not 5. In the case of the electrolytic production of zinc we have no figures representing the ratio of energy theoretically required to that commercially applied, since zinc as yet has not been produced commercially by any electrolytic method. If

we are permitted to draw conclusions from our experience in other branches of electrometallurgy where reduction is effected from aqueous solutions, we find that the amount of surplus energy wasted in heat forms a small fraction of that used for chemical, *i. e.*, electrolytic work. At the same time there is one feature in the electrolysis of zinc salts—aqueous solution which might cause loss of energy, that is, the fact that zinc salts require a higher electromotive force for decomposition than water. And yet by taking certain precautions in adjusting the surface of electrodes to quantity of current, in keeping temperature low, in employing pure solutions, a simultaneous evolution of hydrogen can be entirely avoided. But, even under the most favorable conditions, the production of commercial zinc by electrolysis appears of doubtful economic value. With chemically pure zinc the question is different.

LA SALLE, Ill., Sept. 20, 1892.

ALFRED H. BUCHERER.

The Calculation of Charges for the Lead Blast Furnace.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

SIR: Referring to the very interesting article in the issue of 3d inst., on the "Calculation of Charge for the Lead Blast Furnace," by Professor Hofman, permit me to say that, apart from several evidently clerical errors in the calculation, it seems to me that the charge as calculated does not conform to the charge as required.

As stated, "the charge shall weigh 1,000 lbs. and contain 10% of slag; the fuel coke shall be 15% of the charge."

Conforming to these requirements and tabulated, the charges would consist of:

Coke, 15% of the charge.....	150 lbs.
Slag, 10% of the charge.....	100 lbs.
Lead ore.....	} 750 lbs.
Iron ore.....	
Limestone.....	

Total weight of charge.....1,000 lbs.

The charge as calculated and given about the middle of the first column, page 226, is as follows, the inclosure in brackets being what seems to me a proper correction:

"Coke ash 15 lbs.—[This is evidently a mistake, as not only the ash but the whole of the coke enters the charge and the amount should be 15% of charge].....	150 lbs.
Slag, 10% of charge.....	100 lbs.
Lead ore.....	510 lbs.
Iron ore for SiO.....	185 lbs.
Iron ore for As and S.....	75 lbs.
Limestone.....	115 lbs.

Total weight of charge.....1,135 lbs. or 135 lbs. in excess of the required charge.

PORT HENRY, N. Y., Sept. 19th, 1892.

N. M. LANGDON.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

SIR: In reply to the communication of Mr. N. M. Langdon, I should like to say that lead smelters, in summing up the items of a charge, usually include only ores and fluxes, and always omit fuel. Some furnace men, however, add the coke ash. This I did, because I wanted to bring together in the table (accidentally omitted in your issue of the 3d inst., but published in that of the 17th) everything that had any influence upon the formation of the slag.

The quotation "coke ash... 15 lbs." is incomplete, as I added, " = 1'0 lbs. coke;" see issue of September 3d, p. 226, col. 1, line 45 from the bottom).

I should be grateful if Mr. Langdon would point out to me, either through your paper or otherwise, the several clerical errors he found, that I may follow them up and see if they occur in the proof sheets of the book.

BOSTON, Sept. 24th, 1892.

Yours truly, H. O. HOFMAN.

The Cyanide Process.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

SIR: Your issue of the 13th of August contained an article on our MacArthur-Forrest Process, in which it was stated that it had failed at the Needles mill in California and also in the State of Idaho. Your source of information was unquestionably unreliable, as will be evidenced by the inclosed copies of letters received from Mr. I. E. Blake, President of the Needles Mill and from Mr. Alexander Benham, who has been operating the mill in Idaho.

Mr. Thos. L. Wiswall:

SIR: In reply to yours of the 31st ult., referring to the article on the MacArthur-Forrest Process in the ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL in the issue of August 13th, I will state that the process has not failed at the Needles mill of the Needles Reduction Company. The statement made in the JOURNAL is incorrect, as we have not yet gotten underway.

For your information I will add to what I wrote to the ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL that we found that our rolls were improperly set and also unsuitable for fine pulverizing. We therefore have had to substitute entirely new machinery, and the new machinery will be in place and ready to use about September 15th, and until after that date it would be utterly impossible from our experience to express an opinion of the practicability of recovering the gold and silver in the ores which we expect to handle at our mill.

DENVER, Sept. 1, 1892.

ISAAC E. BLAKE.

The Gold and Silver Extraction Co.

GENTLEMEN: Yours of the 1st inst., requesting information relative to my operations with the MacArthur-Forrest Process in Idaho has been received. The statement made by the ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL of New York, in its issue of August 13th, 1892, that the process had failed in successfully working the ores of Idaho is incorrect.

While operating the MacArthur-Forrest process, we worked very successfully up to a saving of 98%. My experiment showed that the consumption of cyanide was very small.

BOISE CITY, Sept. 9.

ALEXANDER BENHAM.

We are endeavoring to present the merits of our process in a careful and honest manner. We do not claim to treat all kinds of ore, but we know that we can profitably and successfully treat some. Reference having been made to the validity of our patents, we will state that they have been submitted to the highest legal authorities in this country and are pronounced unusually strong and binding. They state that the United States Court will unquestionably sustain the decision of the Commissioner of Patents. We have adopted a sliding scale of royalties for treating low grade ores, so that there can be no reason for any one to attempt to operate our process without making arrangements with us.

THE GOLD & SILVER EXTRACTION, MINING AND MILLING CO.

DENVER, Sept. 20, 1892.

[In the next issue of the ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL will appear

the first of a series of metallurgical articles on the Cyanide Process, giving in full the results of actual practice in the Transvaal. In regard to the so-called MacArthur-Forrest process, it should be stated that the Needles Reduction Company and Mr. Alexander Benham, whose letters appear above, are the owners of county rights for San Bernardino County, California, and Boise County, Idaho, respectively. While this might not affect their views, it is but right to state that they are interested parties. In regard to the patents granted to Messrs. MacArthur-Forrest we hold to our previously expressed opinion, that so far as this country is concerned they are untenable. The process has been tested at the Eureka and Excelsior mine, near Baker City, Ore., and at the Hillside mine, Yavapai County, Arizona, and in both cases it has proved a failure, illustrating, as we have said, that it is applicable to a limited class of ore.—Ed. E. & M. J.]

COMPARATIVE COSTS OF MAKING STEEL BILLETS IN THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN AND EUROPE.

For the summaries of the cost of producing steel billets here given we are indebted to the valuable report of Mr. Carroll D. Wright, Labor Commissioner, on the Cost of Production of Iron, Steel, Coal, Etc., which forms part of his Sixth Annual Report.

The periods covered by these figures are not exactly simultaneous, varying as they do from the early part of 1888 to the latter part of 1890, but owing to the large number of plants considered, and the extreme care taken in compiling the tables, the averages obtained cannot be very far from the average cost of production in any one of the years mentioned. On the other hand, there is no doubt but that the figures given for the United States are higher than the present cost of production. That this is so, is due to the decreased cost of producing Bessemer pig, and secondly to the increased use of labor-saving machinery in making ingots, blooms, and billets.

At present steel rails are quoted at \$30 per ton; but recently a lot were sold for export at \$22.50 per ton, and as it is reasonable to suppose that these rails were not sold at a loss, it is evident that the cost of producing steel rails is now less than \$22.50 per ton. If this is so, it follows that the cost of producing billets cannot be more than \$23 per ton at present; in all probability, it is not over \$21.

It will be recollected that the Homestead strike arose in consequence of the attempt of the Carnegie Steel Company to base the wages paid on a minimum price of \$22 per ton for steel billets. It will also be recollected that when Mr. H. C. Frick, chairman of the Carnegie Steel Co., was called before the Oates Congressional Committee, to testify concerning the causes of the strike, he stated that the price of steel billets had declined 16% during the last three years. As an actual matter of fact the decline in price has been greater than 16%, for in 1889, during September, we quoted Pittsburg sales at \$33 to \$35 per ton; at present sales are being made at \$23.50 to \$24.25 per ton. If we assume that the decrease of 16% referred to the cost of production, we have for the present cost, \$26.50 - 16% = \$22.26; \$27.68 - 16% = \$23.25.

COST OF PRODUCING ONE TON (2,240 LBS.) OF STEEL BILLETS IN 1889.

	United States.	Great Britain.	Continent Europe.
Cost of material.....	\$21.70	\$16.83	\$16.19
Less value of cinder and scrap.....	34	1.95	.11
Net cost of material.....	\$23.86	\$14.88	\$16.05
Labor.....	1.18	1.62	.89
Officials and clerks.....	.13	.30	.09
Fuel.....	.31	.49	.58
Supplies and repairs.....	.99	.29	.68
Taxes.....	.03	.10	.02
Total cost.....	\$26.50	\$27.68	\$18.26
*Steel ingots. † Steel blooms.			\$20.64

It will be noticed that the cost of the steel ingots varies from \$24.20 to \$26.83 to the ton of billets produced. The quantities used were 2,513 and 2,616 lbs., respectively. The average cost of producing steel ingots in the United States was, at this time, \$21.99 per ton. In Great Britain it was \$14.99 and on the continent of Europe it was \$16.47. The following table will show the details of the cost of production (1 ton 2,240 lbs.):

COST OF PRODUCING STEEL INGOTS IN 1889. BESSEMER PROCESS.

	United States.	Great Britain.	Europe.
Materials (net).....	\$18.86	\$13.08	\$14.18
Labor.....	1.68	.63	.60
Officials and clerks.....	.11	.07	.08
Fuel.....	.66	.52	.63
Supplies and repairs.....	.67	.68	.86
Taxes.....	.02	.01	.01
Total.....	\$22.00	\$14.99	\$16.46

These ingots are made from Bessemer pig, the cost of which is shown by the following table:

	United States.	Great Britain.	Europe.
Ore.....	\$9.21	\$6.12	\$7.46
Cinder.....	.10	.19	
Limestone.....	.43	.21	.24
Coke.....	3.30	2.64	3.05
Coal.....	.20	.01	
Labor.....	1.39	.67	1.00
Officials and clerks.....	.16	.06	
Supplies and repairs.....	.53	.40	
Taxes.....	.04	.02	
Total.....	\$15.55	\$10.32	\$11.75

The average cost of producing pig iron here given was taken from figures furnished by 24 establishments in the United States, 4 in Great Britain, and 3 on the Continent of Europe. At the 24 establishments, the cost of production ranged from \$13.43 to \$17.78 per ton. During the year 1889 the selling price of Bessemer pig at Pittsburg ranged from \$16.35 in February to \$23.75 in January, the average price for the year being \$17.99 per ton. During the present year the price of Bessemer pig has varied from \$13.25 to \$15.75, the present price being about \$14.00. Comparing the present price with the price of three years since, and the average cost of production at that time, we may justly infer the present cost of production to be not more than \$13.00 per ton.

AN ENGLISH ELECTRIC PUMPING PLANT.

As an example of the English method of applying electricity for mining purposes we give the accompanying illustration and description of an electric pumping plant designed and made by Ernest Scott & Mountain, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the North Seaton colliery.

The pumps are of the three-throw type, capable of delivering 250 gallons of water per minute against a head of 50 ft. through 1,300 yds. of 8 in. pipe. The plungers are of gun metal, 9 in. in diameter by 15 in. stroke, and work at a speed of 30 strokes per minute. The crank shaft and connecting rods are of steel.

The pumps are driven by means of a "Tyne" electric motor of Ernest Scott & Mountain's mining type, capable of exerting 20 H. P. on the motor spindle when running at 720 revolutions per minute. The power from the motor is transmitted to the pumps through worm gearing. The worm is of wrought-iron, case-hardened, and the worm-wheel is of phosphor-bronze. A thrust bearing is provided for taking the thrust of the worm, and the worm itself is arranged to run in a bath of oil.

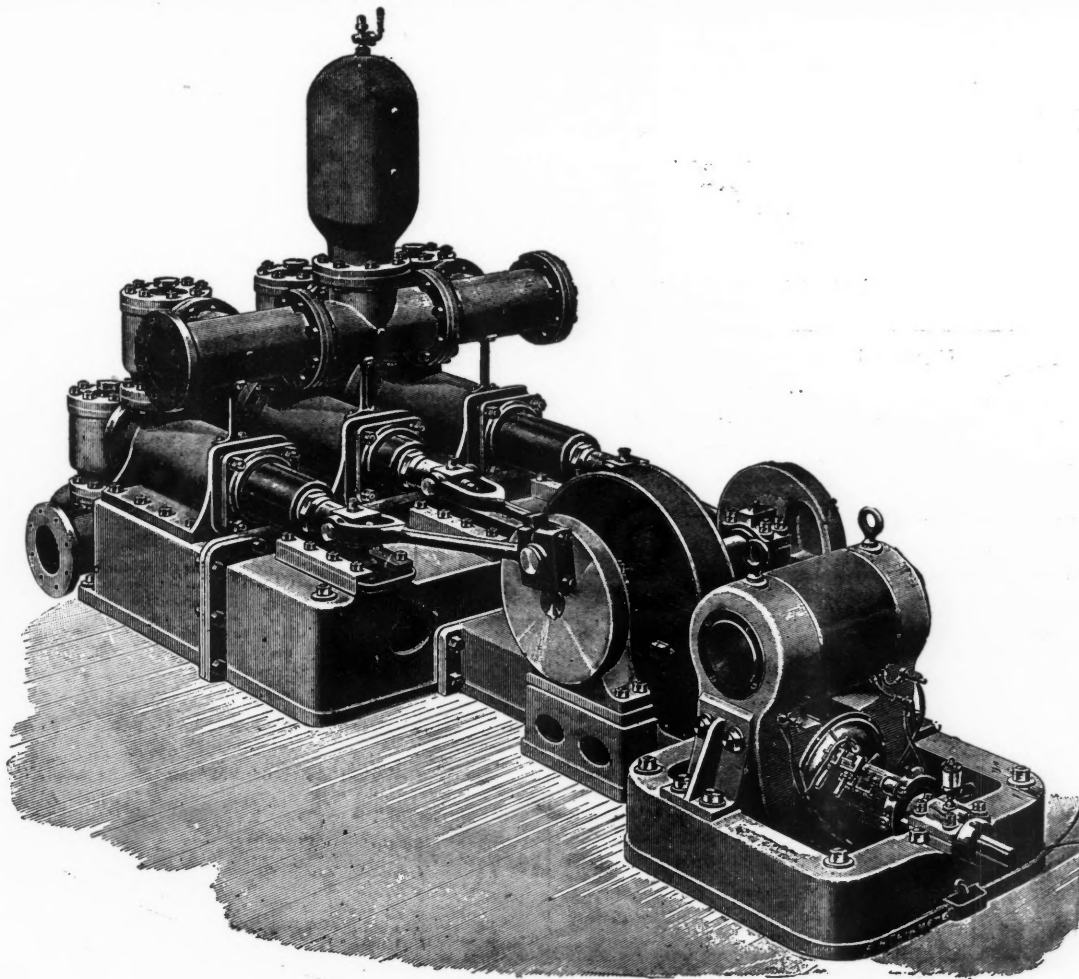
The current is supplied by a dynamo of Scott & Mountain's type for mining purposes, and is capable of giving an output of 65 amperes at an electromotive force of 300 volts when running at a speed of 800 revolutions per minute. The machine is provided with cast iron sliding

THE NON-HOMOGENEITY OF CERTAIN GOLD BARS.

Written for the Engineering and Mining Journal by Louis Janin, Jr.

My attention has been called to the paragraph in Roberts-Austen's admirable "Introduction to the Study of Metallurgy," in which the author says, after mentioning an experiment, which would certainly lead him to that conclusion, that "as yet there can be said to be no sufficient evidence to show that gold, alloyed with silver and copper and properly mixed in the molten state, is not practically homogenous when solid." This conclusion differs so much from results obtained by the writer, in certain commercial assays, that he believes that it will be of interest to place the results on record.

The material operated on was gold bullion from an Idaho mine. At different times three bars were assayed. The bars were melted in ordinary black lead crucibles with a small amount of borax as a flux. When perfect fusion had been attained the borax was skimmed away, leaving the surface of the metal clear. The contents of the crucible were then vigorously stirred for some minutes with an iron rod. Three dip samples were taken with an iron rod with a spoon fashioned at its end. These were poured into water in a porcelain lined kettle. The metal was again stirred while the tongs were around the crucible and



AN ENGLISH ELECTRIC PUMPING PLANT.

rails and tightening screws, so that the slack of the belt can be taken up while running. By means of a regulating device this dynamo has been arranged so that it can be used for running the electric lamps in the colliery when it is not required for other purposes.

The current from the dynamo is taken to a main switch-board, on which a quick-break double-pole switch is placed. Double-pole fusible cut-outs are also placed on the main switch-board, so that in the event of a short circuit the dynamo will be immediately cut out of circuit.

The cables between the main switch-board and the motor consist of 2,700 yards of concentric cable, the inner conductor being composed of 19 wires of No. 16 B. W. G., and the outer conductor of a larger number of smaller wires, but of an equal section of copper. This cable is insulated throughout with bitumenized fibre drawn into a lead pipe, and the cable is finally protected on the outside by a thick coating of braid. This class of cable was selected on account of its being thoroughly watertight and of great mechanical strength.

The total length of cable is in one length of 300 yards and 14 lengths of 200 yards, the joints being made in cast iron terminal boxes. The cable is run underground in wooden boxes, pitched, so that it will be thoroughly protected from falling roofs, etc. The illustration we have reproduced from London "Engineering."

**Spanish Ore Exports.**—During the first six months of the present year Spain exported 2,399,721 tons of iron ore, 270,425 tons of copper, 24,568 tons of zinc, 7,296 tons of lead and 119,118 tons of salt, as compared with 2,198,789 tons, 385,937 tons, 20,767 tons, 4,341 tons and 109,764 tons respectively in the same period of 1891.

the mass was poured at once into a lampblack iron mold. When cold, chips were taken from the diagonally opposite corners of the top and bottom faces of the bar.

The granulations were screened and the finer portions reserved for assay. The chips were cut up and two portions of 500 milligrammes were selected at random from the smaller pieces. These were cupelled side by side with two samples of the granulations and two checks of the approximate composition of the alloy. In succeeding tests, as the muffle would allow but four cupels abreast, the relative positions of the granulation samples, chip samples and checks were altered so that the results should not be impaired by the differences in heat or draught. After the addition of the usual amount of silver the buttons were rolled into cornets and parted after three boilings with nitric acid; the first acid of 22° B. and the second and third of 32° B. The results, after the loss by volatilization and absorption had been allowed for, were as follows:

	Bar No. 1.			Bar No. 2.			Bar No. 3.		
	Chips.	Dips.	Dif.	Chips.	Dips.	Dif.	Chips.	Dips.	Dif.
Gold fine.....	808	784	-24	809	786	-23	805	778	-27
Silver fine.....	181	191	+10	180	184	+4	190	201	+11
Total....	989	975	-14	989	970	-19	995	979	-16

It will be noticed that the chips from the corners were in each case higher in gold and lower in silver than the granulations; there had evidently been a flow of the less precious metals toward the center. It was unfortunate that these rough experiments were made for commercial purposes only, as more extended tests might have settled what, in my estimation, is still a doubtful question.

THE IRON ORE MINES OF THE SLOSS IRON & STEEL COMPANY, ALABAMA.

Written for the Engineering and Mining Journal.

These mines are located on the southern slope of what is known as "Red Mountain," about 5 miles east of the city of Birmingham.

Red Mountain is a ridge about 300 ft. high, formed by the up-tilted measures, containing the iron ore beds and the underlying limestone dipping south, as they go under the Cahaba Coalfield, as shown on diagram No. 1.

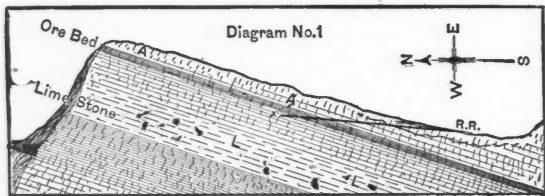
From A to A the dots represent the several entries, or mine levels driven into the ore-bed, the point marked X shows the position of the tippie, connected by the dark line to the railroad, at RR, which runs along the bottom of the hill. The approximate position of the limestone is shown at LL, 60 ft. thick, where it is being quarried, one mile west, on the same range.

At intervals of from 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile the southern face of the hill is cut by narrow ravines, the effects of erosion. These gaps expose the edge of the ore bed along each flank. These openings have generally been taken advantage of as being a convenient and cheap location for reaching the ore. The general plan is to run a spur track from the main road round into the ravine as far as the grade will allow, and to erect tipples on a bridge over the tracks, from which the mine cars are emptied into the railroad cars.

All the mining so far is above the level of the railroad, and years will elapse before it becomes necessary to follow the ore by sinking slopes below water level; therefore, the loaded cars have to be lowered to the tipples by self-acting planes. Ventilation is effected by the "upsets," being driven from the upper entry up and out to the surface at the outcrop.

No. 2 mine, of the Sloss Iron & Steel Co., at Irondale, may be taken as one of the best examples of its class, and great credit is due to Thomas C. Culverhouse, the superintendent, and N. S. Harris, the mine foreman, for the splendid arrangement of the plant, and the practical and economical method adopted in mining and handling the ore.

The first prominent feature of the plant claiming attention is the arrangement of the balance planes and tipples for lowering and empty-



ing the mine car into the railroad cars. The railroad under the tippie is double track, so that two railroad cars can be loaded at the same time.

The accompanying diagram No. 2 will assist in conveying an idea of the general arrangement of the plant. AA represents the loading schutes over the tracks, with tipples placed at both ends.

From the end of the bridge which carries the tipples and tracks BBBB, commence the planes, which run up each flank of the mountain at distances of about 50 ft. apart; the mines or entries are driven into the ore bed, as shown on the diagram. The carriage, which carries the mine cars, is built so that its deck or platform is level. While running on the plane at an angle of 18° it carries two mine cars, standing side by side across its deck.

The balance car is strongly framed and fitted with a sheave lying at the same angle, and in the same plane, with the strain on the rope.

The car is loaded with ore until it has sufficient weight to start and hoist the carriage with two empty cars on it when the brakes are slaked off. When the empty cars are replaced at a landing by two loaded ones it adds over two tons to its weight and changes the balance in favor of the load, so that the loaded cars hoist the balance car.

The "cable" is a one-inch diameter steel hoisting rope, and by keeping the rollers on the plane in good repair and the rope well lubricated with tar one rope will generally work out the mine to a distance of 1,000 ft.

As before stated, the ore at this mine is about 3 1/2 ft. thick, dipping south 18°. It is claimed to contain 55% of iron, therefore, the bed is equivalent to a bed of solid pig iron 21 in., or 1 3/4 ft. thick. Assuming the weight of cast iron at 450 lbs. per cu. ft. there would be 4 tons per sq. yd. of the bed, or about 19,360 tons per acre as measured on the dip. The management claim that nearly all the ore is extracted in the final mining of the pillars, but allowing 90% as the total result, which would be much above the average result in Alabama, the yield of iron per acre would be about 17,424 tons.

The bedding planes run nearly parallel with the dip, from 3 to 4 ft. apart, with clearages which cut the ore bed into blocks and are of great advantage in mining. Between the ore and the roof of the mine occurs a few inches of a comparatively soft and friable slaty gouge; the miner works this out with the pick until clearance is reached, and then breaks out the ore with wedges, or by blasting.

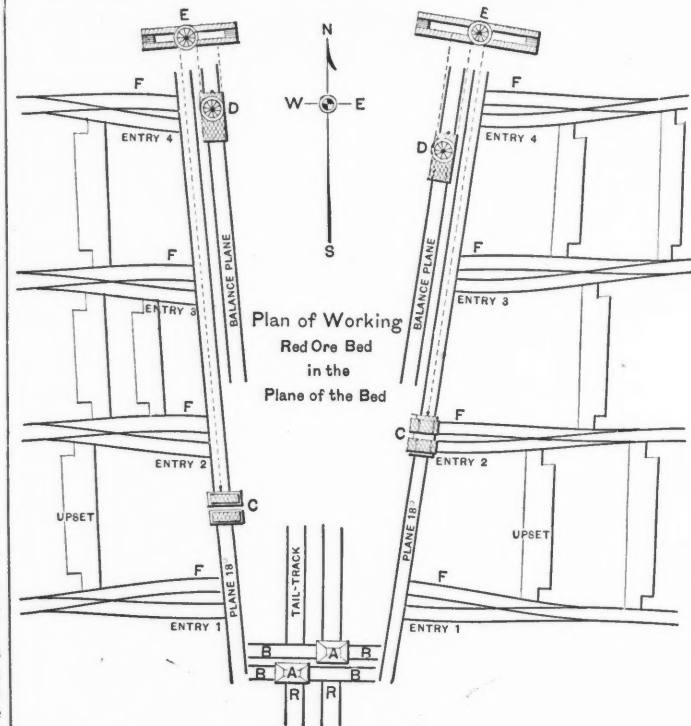
The entries are 50 ft. apart, driven 16 ft. wide, on a grade of 6 in. in 100 ft. Three rows of props are stood on the lower side, leaving 7 ft. along the upper side clear for the track. The roadbed is leveled by cutting up the bottom on the upper side, the rubbish from this and from the gouge being used as filling. The upsets, 24 yards apart, are 6 ft. wide where they leave the entry. At 2 yds. up they are widened to 10 ft., and driven up through to the next entry with a narrow opening at the top. The upsets are driven so that the upsets of one entry are opposite the pillars of the next.

The work inside the mine is by contract, and paid by the carload. The box of the mine car is 6 x 3 x 1 1/2 ft., and holds 27 cu. ft., or 1 cu. yd. of broken ore, which when loaded is called a ton, although it prob-

ably weighs more. The price paid in the entry is 60c. per car for the first 400 ft. distance from the plane, and 2 1/2c. per car extra for every additional 400 ft. up to 1,000 ft., the price in the upsets and pillars being the same. This includes mining, loading, tramping, propping and putting down the track, but does not include keeping it in repair. In mining backward the pillars are worked like long wall, and the top allowed to close behind the mines, keeping the face open by the use of props.

Where the strata over the ore bed becomes too thin near the outcrop, for underground mining, it is removed by stripping, which costs about 14c. per cu. yd. This allows the ore to be quarried. The mine has 25 entries on the west and 18 on the east plane, and when working to its full capacity produces about 500 tons per day. Eight men are necessary to operate the plant, exclusive of contractors, including a ticket clerk, switchman, brakeman, plane runner and tippelman for each plane. In addition are a mine boss, blacksmith and carpenter. The total cost of the labor may be approximated at: Mining, trimming, etc., per ton, 50c.; handling outside, 3c.; repairs of cars and track, 1c.; timber for props, 5c.; boss' salary, 1c.; total, 60c.

The mine is within the 25c. limit of Birmingham at the general price expected as royalty is 25c. Therefore, the cost at the furnace may be set down at 60 x 25 x 25 = 1.10 per ton. The loss from wear, interest



and the depreciation on the investment is expected to be covered by the profits from the sale of supplies at the mines and at the store; the exact figures for these sources of profit and loss are not easily obtained.

THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL IN GREAT BRITAIN DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1892.

Everywhere there are unmistakable signs of the great depression which is threatening British industries of all descriptions. The figures which are published from time to time giving the statistical position of all kinds of trades show that, even from an optimistic point of view, Great Britain is in the midst of a wave of depression; and a pessimist would affirm that she is gradually losing her trade entirely. The figures for the production of steel in Great Britain during the first half of 1892, which are just to hand, serve to confirm our remarks. As compared with the first half of 1891, the production of steel ingots has fallen off 30%, steel rails 50% and open hearth steel ingots 7%. The production of Bessemer steel ingots during the first half of 1891 was 12 1/2% below that of the corresponding period of 1890, so that the total reduction is very great. The figures are given in detail as follows:

	In tons of 2,240 lbs.		
	Bessemer ingots.	Bessemer rails.	Open hearth steel ingots.
January-June, 1892.....	649,816	211,805	722,341
January-June, 1891.....	923,005	422,623	778,888

The decrease in the output of steel rails must be most alarming to the British manufacturer and it shows a very different state of things from that which rules in this country. Here the production of Bessemer steel rails has increased from 579,920 net tons during the first six months of 1891 to 865,128 net tons during the first half of the present year. This great decrease in the output of rails in England is all in the export trade and is chiefly due to the diversion of orders from England to Germany and in some cases to this country.

**Ingot Steel in India.**—Ingot steel was made for the first time in India on June 28th. It was produced at the government gun factory at Cosampore, a suburb of Calcutta. The plant is of the most improved kind and consists of a furnace, four gas generators, annealing ovens, etc. The steel is produced at the rate of 4 to 5 tons per hour. It is said that the trial steel produced was of good quality.

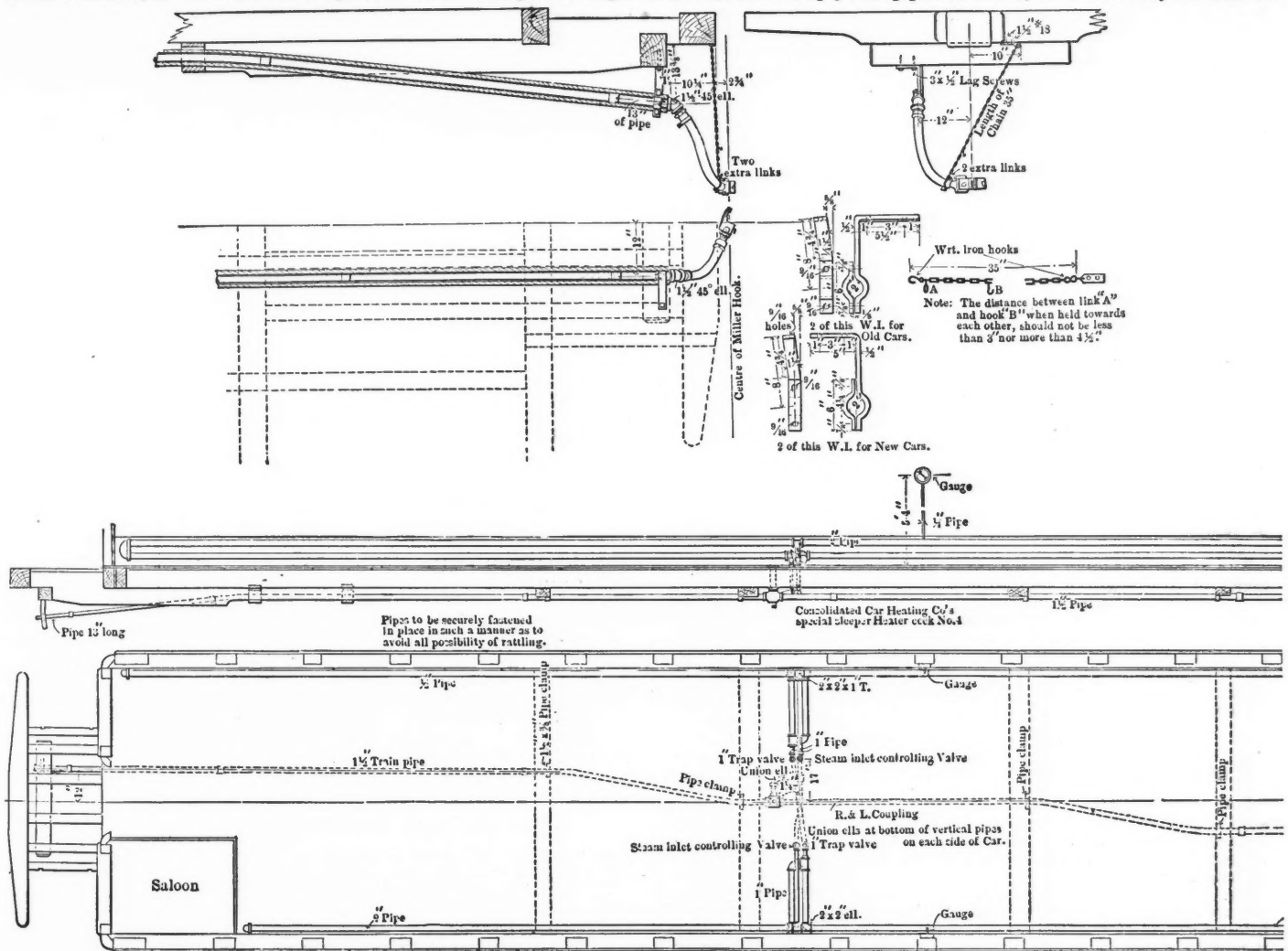
CAR HEATING BY STEAM.\*

By A. M. Waitt,†

There are two distinct systems of supplying heat to railroad cars by means of steam, and each has its supporters and partisans, who claim its universal superiority under all circumstances. One is by sending the steam right through the heating pipes themselves and is called the "direct" system; and in the other, called the "indirect" system, the pipes are filled with circulating water which is heated by contact with steam on the locomotive. In my opinion each has a distinct use, and under various circumstances one is superior to the other. For instance, where the train stops often, the greater heat of the direct method is advantageous owing to the great loss of heat at each stop where passengers get in and out and the doors are constantly being opened. It is also most convenient when the trains have to be got ready rapidly for traffic, as by its means the atmosphere of the car is heated up very much more rapidly than when the indirect system is used. On the other hand, if the trains are composed of sleepers or if they are running long distances without stops, then it is best to use the indirect method, as otherwise the temperature of the cars gets too high.

placed under each seat and passengers used to be stewed. Now the heating is not overdone in this way and the steam is conducted up each side of the car in two lines of 2-in. pipes, with no spurs. Sometimes 1½-in. pipes are used and then a short spur 10 inches long is placed under alternate seats. With the indirect system it has been customary to use 1¼-in. pipe, but this is apparently too little, and in my opinion much better results would be obtained by using 1½-in. pipe throughout. The pipes on each side of the car in the direct system should have separate steam controlling drip valves and also a separate pressure gauge.

The steam admission valves are a very important part of the installation. Hitherto it has been customary to use an ordinary cheap globe valve, and this has given very bad results. In the first place, the opening for the steam cannot be regulated to a nicety, and thus the heat in the car cannot be varied to suit the temperature of the atmosphere. Either full steam is on all the time and then the heat of the car is a maximum, or, in warmer weather the supply of steam has to be alternately put on and cut off. This is of course an unsatisfactory arrangement. Secondly, this form of valve soon wears out and cannot be easily made steam tight; consequently, in warm weather, when it is desired to empty the pipes of steam, it is necessary to shut off



CAR HEATING BY STEAM.—DETAILS OF METHOD ON LAKE SHORE RAILROAD.

On our railroad we have, after much experience, adopted both systems, the direct in all coaches, baggage and mail cars and the indirect in sleepers.

Each system consists of the following six parts: 'Train pipe, couplers, three-way valve or its equivalent, radiating pipes, steam admission valves, and traps or their equivalents. I intend to discuss each of these and point out the strong and weak points in each.

As regards the train pipe, it is almost universally agreed that it shall consist of a 1½-in. pipe, well covered with asbestos lagging and carried under the car body.

The coupler we are using on our road is the Sewall, and it gives complete satisfaction. Experience has demonstrated that a coupler having a wire-bound rubber connection is much cheaper and freer from breakage than any of the flexible metallic connections that I have ever seen.

There are three ways of controlling the steam in the train pipe in each individual car, but in my opinion the ordinary three-way cock is by far the simplest and safest. The best three-way valve should be so arranged that the water of the drip shall pass through or be in contact with it, so that while there is any steam in the train pipe, the drip outlet can never freeze. The adoption of a uniform style of floor plate and marking for it is very desirable, especially when the sleepers and cars are interchanged by different roads.

Formerly the direct system used to be objectionable on account of there being far too much radiating pipe employed. Spurs were

the steam from each car at the three-way valve. Recently some of the Vanderbilt roads have been considering the advisability of introducing a more easily regulated valve, and two firms of manufacturers are now offering to supply such.

The traps have been a constant source of trouble, as they are always either freezing up or choking with water, and sometimes allowing too much steam to waste. Many companies have abandoned their use and have substituted instead a globe valve at the end of the radiating pipes on each side of the cars. In some cases, as in the suggested improvements on the Vanderbilt roads, a small groove is filed in the valve seat, so that the valve can never be entirely closed. This groove is large enough to take care of all condensation in mild weather and in cold weather the trainmen are expected to adjust the opening of the drip valve to suit the amount of condensation.

The committee of heads of the mechanical departments of several Vanderbilt roads have drawn up a series of proposals for the better management of steam heating, and following the recommendations of this committee the Lake Shore have adopted the system of direct heating shown in the accompanying illustrations.

**Fulminate of Mercury Manufacture.**—The danger of mercurialization is considerably greater than that of explosion. Small explosions certainly occur, but they are chiefly objectionable by reason of the mercury vapor to which they give rise. Another source of risk is the poisonous character of the fumes that are given off during the solution of the mercury in nitric acid, and afterward in the reaction between the mercury solution and the alcohol which is added thereto.

\*A abstract of paper read before the Western Railway Club, Sept. 30.

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## ESCHKA'S METHOD OF DETERMINING SULPHUR IN COAL.\*

By F. Hundeshagen.

In determining the sulphur in coal by Eschka's method, an error may be caused by the volatilization of a part of the sulphur as hydrogen sulphide or ammonium sulphide. When the coal and the magnesia-soda mixture are finely ground and intimately mixed and cautiously exposed to heat, as much as 6 per cent. of the sulphur is often volatilized; and of course with injudicious and careless heating the loss is still greater.

The volatilization of the sulphur may be detected by covering the crucible with a sheet of paper which has been soaked in a solution of some lead salt. The paper becomes blackened by the precipitation of lead sulphide, and in many cases, especially when the coal is rich in sulphur, black glistening crusts of lead sulphide form in a few seconds.

I have found that this volatilization of sulphur ceases entirely, or almost so, if potassium carbonate is used partly or wholly in place of the carbonate of soda. The best results seem to be given when two parts of magnesia are mixed with one part of potassium carbonate. More than one part of potassium carbonate to two parts of magnesia must not be used, as when mixed with the coal the mass balls on heating and prevents combustion of the coal.

One part by weight of coal is mixed with two parts of this dry mixture of magnesia and carbonate of potash. Three-quarters of the mixture is distributed through the mass of powdered coal and the remaining quarter is placed evenly over the surface. The combustion is more rapid than with the soda mixture and is usually finished in from ¼ to ½ an hour. This mixture is also less dusty than the soda mixture.

Comparative tests have been conducted on the same coal with Eschka's process and with the magnesia potash mixture. The coal was Bohemian brown coal and three different specimens were experimented with. In experiments Nos. 1 and 2 the mixture was freshly dried; in No. 3 it was heated with 15% of water, and the heating of the coal was conducted more rapidly. The following table gives the results.

Experiment.	A Magnesia-soda mixture.		B Magnesia-potash mixture.		
	Action on Lead Paper.	Sulphur Found.	Action on Lead Paper.	Sulphur Found.	Loss of Sulphur in A.
No. 1.	Blackening.	1.97%	No coloration.	2.10%	0.13%
No. 2.	Blackening.	2.13%	No coloration.	2.58%	0.15%
No. 3.	Blackening.	2.77%	No coloration.	3.06%	0.29%

In both series of experiments two parts of the mixture were used with one of coal, and the ignited mass was treated with bromine and hydrochloric acid and the filtrate precipitated with barium chloride.

Further experiments have shown that a mixture of two parts of magnesia with one-half part of sodium carbonate and one-half part of potassium carbonate gives excellent results, even when slightly moist.

The imperfect action of Eschka's mixture is due partly to the tendency of the carbonate to become anhydrous at a comparatively low temperature, and to its consequent inability to absorb the hydrogen sulphide. It is also due to the ease with which sodium sulphide is decomposed by carbon dioxide. The carbonate of potash retains its moisture longer and is acted on readily by sulphuretted hydrogen, with the formation of potassium sulphide and carbon dioxide. This action is also facilitated considerably by the conversion of a part of the potassium carbonate into hydroxide.

## NOTES ON THE PHOSPHORUS DETERMINATION IN IRON AND STEEL.

Two communications on the phosphorus determination in iron and steel appear in the July issue of the Journal of Analytical and Applied Chemistry, by Mr. F. L. Crobaugh, of the Stewart Iron Company, Sharon, Pa., and Mr. H. C. Babbitt, of the Wellman Iron and Steel Co., Thurlow, Pa.

Mr. Crobaugh points out that, in the estimation of phosphorus by the reduction of the molybdic acid of the phosphomolybdate precipitate by means of zinc and sulphuric acid, and by the subsequent titration with standard potassium permanganate, it becomes necessary to have a positive knowledge of the oxidizable matter contained in a sulphuric acid solution of an approximate weight of zinc. To dissolve zinc in dilute hydrochloric acid is a tedious and often an impossible operation. The addition of small quantities even of hydrochloric acid where the amount of oxidizable matter is small, as in the case in question, seems objectionable. To avoid this addition and at the same time to obtain a rapid solution of zinc in sulphuric acid, Mr. Crobaugh has designed a new method for use in his laboratory.

He describes his experiments as follows: A potassium permanganate solution was very carefully standardized by aid of 0.2 gramme of iron wire dissolved in a strictly ferrous condition. Repeated experiments showed that 0.2 grammes of iron wire were equal to 32.5 cc. of potassium permanganate solution, which in turn corresponded to 0.0001 gramme of phosphorus. Next 0.2 gramme of iron wire, together with 5 grammes of zinc were dissolved, with the exclusion of air, in a solution of one part of sulphuric acid (sp. gr. 1.84) in four parts of water. On cooling, the volume was made up to 500 cc. with cold water from which all air has been expelled by boiling. Then the solution was titrated with the potassium permanganate solution already prepared. Four samples of the same 20-lb. lot of zinc required 32.8 cc., 32.75 cc., 32.75 cc., and 32.8 cc., respectively. This was on an average 0.275 cc. above the 32.5 cc. of the standard, so that the five grammes of zinc required on an average 0.275 cc. of potassium permanganate solution. Since about 10 grammes is consumed in each determination of phosphorus, this shows that 0.550 cc. should be subtracted from the

reading of the burette before the percentage of phosphorus is calculated.

Mr. Babbitt in his communication describes some experiments which prove that many of the discrepancies in phosphorus determinations are due to the arsenic that is present in the iron or reagents being precipitated with the phosphomolybdate when the reaction is conducted at too high a temperature. To illustrate this point, he added 0.0133 gramme of arsenic in the form of sodium arsenite to one gramme of steel containing 0.006% phosphorus and no arsenic. The sample was dissolved in nitric acid and oxidized with potassium permanganate, as in the ordinary phosphorus determination. Ammonium molybdate was then added and the precipitation conducted at a different temperature at each experiment. When the precipitation was conducted at 85° C., 75% of the arsenic was thrown down with the phosphomolybdate. The results of the series of experiments are shown in the following table:

Precipitated at	Percentage of arsenic precipitated.	Precipitated at	Percentage of arsenic precipitated.	Precipitated at	Percentage of arsenic precipitated.
85° C.	75.2	50° C.	7.8	30° C.	2.5
70° C.	63.9	40° C.	7.8	25° C.	0.2
60° C.	12.0	35° C.	4.3		

The amount of arsenic precipitated at 25° C. is within the limits of experimental error, so that if the temperature of precipitation is kept at or below this point the presence of arsenic will have no effect on the accuracy of phosphorus determinations.

## THE SHALE OIL PRODUCTION IN SCOTLAND.

It is now some eighty years since Dr. Young, of Edinburgh, discovered that petroleum oil could be obtained by distilling the shales which are found in close proximity to the coal fields in the south of Scotland. The deposits of this shale still appear to be practically inexhaustible, although they have been worked for over eighty years. Of course the industry is in very small compass when compared with the enormous transactions in Russian and American oils, for during 1890 the total output of oil in Scotland was only one-fiftieth of that in this country and one-twelfth of that in Russia. The price per gallon obtained at the works is far higher, however, than here.

Their market is a home one and there is no export business, and they can obtain the same price as that of the imported article. The retail selling price of petroleum for lighting and heating purposes in Great Britain varies from seven pence to one shilling per gallon in different districts. Moreover, there is a large amount of sulphate of ammonia produced in the distillation, and this chemical is sold at over £10 per ton. The cost of production is greater, however, than here and in Russia, as the oil has to be distilled from the shale. Mr. T. Moore, in a communication to the British Federated Institution of Mining Engineers, expresses the opinion that oil and gas may yet be found in these deposits, for in some districts the geological formations present remarkable similarities to those of Pennsylvania. To the same authority we are also indebted for the following official figures of the output of shale and its products in Scotland during the last nineteen years:

Output of shale in tons of 2,240 lbs. in Scotland from 1873-1891:							
Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.
1873	524,095	1878	645,939	1883	1,130,729	1888	2,052,202
1874	351,910	1879	712,428	1884	1,469,649	1889	1,986,960
1875	424,026	1880	730,777	1885	1,741,750	1890	2,180,483
1876	541,273	1881	912,171	1886	1,669,144	1891	2,337,932
1877	684,118	1882	994,487	1887	1,390,320		

Products obtained from one ton of shale, and total price realized at works from the refined products obtained from one ton of shale:

Year.	Crude oil, gallons.	Naphtha, gallons.	Sulphate of ammonia, in pounds.	Total price received per ton of shale.
1877	30.49	....	17.37	£ s. d. 1 3 2
1882	29.84	....	13.77	0 14 4
1887	27.96	....	28.95	0 11 2½
1891	25.09	1.73	27.23	0 13 2

Yield of finished products from 100 gallons of crude oil:

Years.	Lighting and heating oil, gallons.	Lubricating oil, gallons.	Medium oil, gallons.	Scale, gallons.	Total gallons.
1877	40.35	10.70	4.43	8.25	63.73
1882	31.64	14.35	11.08	10.41	67.48
1887	34.12	13.45	6.25	13.12	66.94
1891	30.81	12.63	11.71	14.72	69.87

Net prices realized at works for products:

Year.	Burning and heating oil, pence per gallon.	Lubricating oil, pence per gallon.	Medium oil, pence per gallon.	Scale, pence per pound.	Naphtha, pence per gallon.	Sulphate of ammonia per ton.
1877	9.3	11.0	6.7	4.3	..	17 5 6
1882	4.3	7.4	4.1	2.4	..	18 2 5
1887	3.2	2.2	1.1	2.1	..	10 5 0
1891	4.2	3.7	2.8	2.3	5.1	10 7 1

The Use of Petroleum in Locomotives in Russia is rapidly increasing, in spite of the opinion expressed by some experts that its combustion causes the rapid corrosion of the interior of the furnaces. During 1890 no less than 286,737 tons of petroleum were burnt on Russian locomotives, as compared with 1,887 tons in 1881. On the other hand, the amount of coal used for the same purpose has decreased. During 1881 rather more than 32,000 tons of Silesian and 148,000 tons of English coal were burnt; but in 1890 these figures had fallen to 2,973 tons and 109,112 tons, respectively.

Harvard's New Photographic Telescope.—This instrument is provided with four lenses specially constructed for photographic purposes, each of which is two feet in diameter. They are the largest ever made. In front of the lenses is the prism for spectrum analysis. In other respects the instrument and its mounting are similar to others. At a special test made some time ago by Mr. A. J. Clarke, the optician, it was found that the focus was about as calculated, but that the spherical aberration of light was yet too strong, which will be corrected by further grinding. Recently Prof. Pickering has asked for a donation of \$200,000 to buy a large telescope, similar to that of the Lick Observatory, for the new Harvard Observatory in Peru.

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## NEW MINING LOCOMOTIVE OF THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY.

The mining department of the General Electric Company have just brought out a new mining locomotive which is designed for working in low and narrow entries. The frame consists of a single heavy box-shaped casting with recesses in the sides for the axle boxes. Space is allowed at one end for the operating platform, and at the other end for the rheostat, while the motor is placed in the center. Recesses are provided in the frame casting for the brake levers and axle gears.

The motor is of a type similar to the company's W. P. railway motor, and consists essentially of two main castings. The lower casting forms the lower pole piece, and supports the bearings for the armature shaft, the two intermediate shafts (placed one on each side of the armature) and the field spool. The gears are set in pockets in the frame of the motor, and are completely and tightly covered by the iron castings, thus doing away with separate gear cases. The top pole piece is part of the upper casting of the motor, and is of such shape as to make a complete cover for the motor, thoroughly protecting the armature, field spool and other interior parts. The armature itself is of the iron clad ring type, with all the latest improvements that have been shown advisable in railway practice. The intermediate shafts, two in number, are placed one on each side of the armature, and transmit power directly to both axles.

The advantages claimed for this method of construction are: First, by gearing the armature to two intermediate shafts on opposite sides, the thrusts of the gears tend to neutralize each other so that the resultant pressure on the armature bearings is very slight. Second, by doing away with the parallel connecting rods on the axles it is possible to largely decrease the width of the machine. Third, it allows a spring suspension for the whole machine, motor included. Fourth, the axle boxes are on the outside of the machine and are easy of access for oiling, or for the removal and replacement of the linings.

The locomotive is equipped with a new form of trolley, perfectly insulated, so that the operator may take hold of it at any part

## MINING IN THE PYRENEES.

Written for the Engineering and Mining Journal by A. G. Charleton, A. R. S. M., M. E.

Comparatively little, I think, is known of the mineral resources of this interesting section of Europe, which up to the present has received far less attention than it seems to merit.

This may be attributed to two distinct causes—insufficient exploitation on the French side, and want of communication on the Spanish frontier.

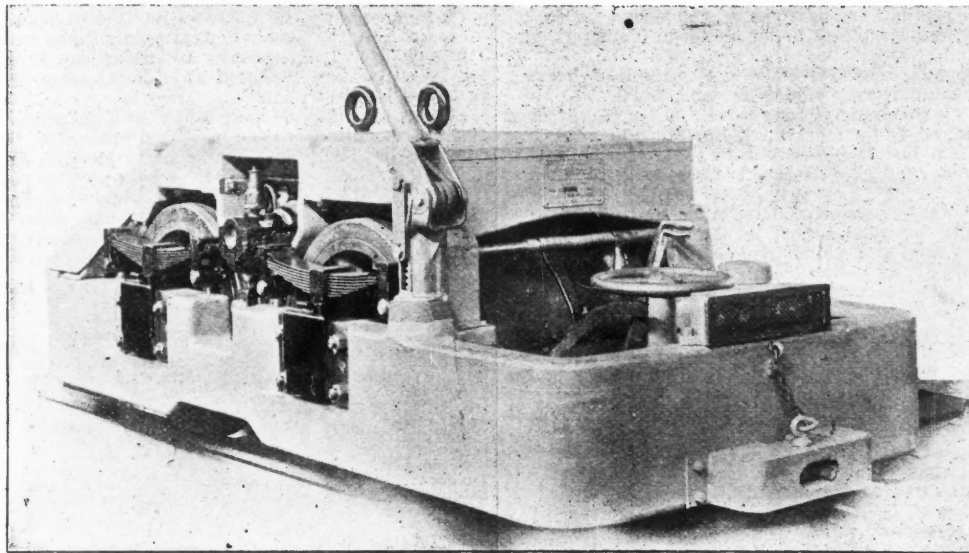
Its neglect is the more remarkable, as not only do the geological features of the district favor the occurrence of a variety of mineral deposits, but most favorable surface indications are to be found in many different directions; the natural conditions are such as to facilitate mining operations, and recent developments have already proved several lodges on the French border to be undoubtedly payable.

The only systematic attempts at energetic work of recent date are due to the introduction of English enterprise into the district. It is true that mining, so called, in all probability, dates back to very ancient times, and traces are to be found scattered all over the country of what are probably old Roman or Phoenician workings. They mostly amount, however, to mere surface scratchings, and appear to have been abandoned without being pushed to any depth.

The earliest authentic records of actual mining on the English concessions alluded to are those of a Spanish corporation, who some years ago leased a portion of the property at present owned by the New Pierrefitte Co., and report says they realized considerable profit from the surface ores they took out, but as the French lessors would not grant them more than an annual leasehold of the ground, they wisely decided to go to the expense of deeper developments.

A good deal of desultory exploration seems to have been done by the French owners of the possessions about the same time in other directions; but instead of being concentrated on some of the more promising shows, it seems to have been wasted on indiscriminate prospecting.

The outcrop of the north lode at Pierrefitte is a well defined, massive



NEW ELECTRIC MINE LOCOMOTIVE.

except at the wheel. In case it is necessary to move the trolley wire from one side of the entry to the other, the trolley may be lifted entire from its socket, and placed in a corresponding socket on the opposite side of the locomotive. All connections are automatically made by simply setting the trolley in place. The rheostat used is of the standard railway type, provided with special filling. The brake is a very powerful form of toggle joint, made of substantial steel castings. Easy means are provided for the adjustment or renewal of the brake shoes.

The locomotive illustrated here has a drawbar pull of 3,000 lbs., and it is built for a 30-in gage. The dimensions are: Length, 9 ft. 6 in.; height, 36 ins.; width, 48 ins.; weight 15,000 lbs. It is capable of running at a speed of 6 to 10 miles an hour. Similar machines are made with drawbar pulls varying from 750 to 4,500 lbs.

**River and Harbor Improvements.**—Proposals were opened on the 28th ult., in the Army Building, 39 Whitehall street, New York City, by Col. D. C. Houston, Corps of Engineers, for dredging and breakwater construction at the following localities: The amounts given were those appearing in the appropriation bill authorizing the undertaking of the work: Mystic and Thames rivers, Conn., dredging, \$40,000; Five Mile River Harbor, Conn., dredging, \$5,000; Cos Cob Harbor and Miamus River, Conn., dredging, \$7,900; Patchogue River and Brown's Creek, N. Y., dredging, \$13,500; Duck Island Harbor, Conn., breakwater, \$35,000; Housatonic River, Conn., breakwater, \$12,000. Bids for the work indicated at the following points, at the outside margin indicated by the appropriations, were opened by Col. Houston on the 29th ult.: New Haven, Bridgeport and Black Rock harbors, Conn., dredging, \$40,000; Flushing Bay, N. Y., dredging, \$10,000; Fort Jefferson Harbor, N. Y., dredging, \$10,000; Greenport Harbor, N. Y., dredging, \$11,000; Port Chester Harbor, N. Y., breakwater, \$5,000; Glen Cove Harbor, N. Y., breakwater, \$10,000. The contract for the dredging of the harbor at Huntington, N. Y., for which the sum of \$5,000 has been appropriated, is to be awarded October 24th. Proposals for breakwater construction at New Haven, Conn., were opened August 26th and a contract entered into with John Beattie, the appropriation for the work being \$120,000.

body of gassany material (chapeau de fer), intermixed with lode matter and patches of mineral, upon which there are extensive old Spanish workings, overlooking the Canterets Valley, at a height of 2,392 ft. above Pierrefitte, and 2,099 ft. above the Dussingloks. The lode courses nearly E. and W., and dips S. through portions of what is known as the Blendi branch, have a tendency to tower over northward in the lower levels.

The ore, more especially in what is called the "Galena branch," occurs in branches and pockets, rather than in strings or ribs.

Horses of country, or mine-rock, as it might more properly, perhaps, be called, intrude themselves into the ore bodies, adding to the complicated problem of mining them. The two principal branches of the vein, already alluded to, known as the Blendi and Galena lodes, are divided by a horse of "country," which varies in thickness from 15 metres to a feather edge, as the two unite in the western end of the workings.

A third branch, known as the new lode, was found in No. 4 level, and followed up at No. 3, above which it does not appear to continue, a point to be noted of much interest, as it shows that the "onbodes" do not in all cases give evidence of their existence at surface. Of the three this branch seems to be actually the richest as well as the best defined and regular; the Galena running in shoots for several hundred feet in length, in places two to three feet wide, nearly solid. The croppings of the south, like those of the north lode, are massive "blows" of lode matter, heavily stained with iron and manganese, carrying pockets of mineral (chiefly blende), but are only traceable at surface for a short distance. They run S. E. and N. W., and the south vein may be expected to junction in depth with the N. vein, a portion of which it seems to have faulted and thrown off its course.

The richest ore found in this lode has been met with in the neighborhood of an intrusion of trachyte, which lies north of it, in contact with its southern portion, and south of the eastern extension of the north lode. In addition to Galena and Blendi, the north lode carries a little copper pyrites, and the blendi is in places associated with considerable magnetite.



**RACINE HORIZONTAL AUTOMATIC ENGINE.**

The Racine Hardware Mfg. Co., of Racine, Wis., who have until recently confined themselves to the producing of vertical stationary and marine engines have commenced building a line of horizontal engines from 35 to 100 H. P., in which they embody all that their long experience has proved to be the best.

The engines are built to stand all the stress that their highest ratings demand, with broad margins for safety. In deciding what type of engine to embody in this, their latest, they have followed what is rapidly coming to be the conviction of practical mechanics and users of power (and at a considerable increase of cost), in supplying an outer support for their engine power wheels. Years ago this concern commenced building their engines without outbearings, but after costly experimenting and years of experience, they have decided that an outbearing is necessary to the life of an engine, thus securing what cannot be secured otherwise, the least wear and uniform wear, the least time lost in repairs and the least cost of repairs.

**DIGEST OF FEDERAL COURT CASES.**

U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, District of Colorado.

**MINING CLAIMS—ALIEN'S TENURE—STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES—CANCELLATION OF DEED—MISREPRESENTATIONS—LACHES—TRUSTEE—PARTIES—INNOCENT PURCHASER—TENDER OF PURCHASE—MONEY.**

1. An alien who has expended his time, money and labor in exploring and locating a mining claim on public lands, conjointly with others, may hold his interest, or recover the same if deprived thereof, as against his co-locators, and as against all the world, except the United States, though R. S. U. S., Sec. 2,319 confines the right of exploration, purchase and occupation of unsurveyed mining land to United States citizens, or persons who have declared their intention of becoming such.

2. The question whether an alien can inherit an interest in a mining

one of its original locators, and the fact that after his demise, one of his co-locators published a notice to him, or his administrators, to pay his share of the outlay expended for holding said mining-claim on pain of forfeiture of his interest, could not render the corporation an innocent purchaser, it appearing that it must have known that such publication was against a dead person and without effect.

9. The fact that the defendant corporation had conveyed a portion of the claim to another mining company did not render the latter a necessary party; for, while no decree could be entered affecting its rights, a final determination could be had of all the issues between the actual parties.

In a suit to cancel conveyances of an interest in a mine, plaintiffs need not tender a return of the purchase money. Where it appears that, in case of a decree in their favor, defendants would be required to account for past profits far in excess of the purchase price; for such price can be credited to them in the accounting, and their interest thus be fully protected.—(Case of appeal from the Circuit Court of the U. S., for the Dist. of Colorado). *Billings et al. vs. The Aspen Mining and Smelting Co., et al.* [SHIRAS, D. J., Decision rendered July 5, 1892.]

Circuit Court U. S. Decisions.

**LABOR UNION INTERFERENCE WITH MINING EMPLOYÉS—INJUNCTION.**

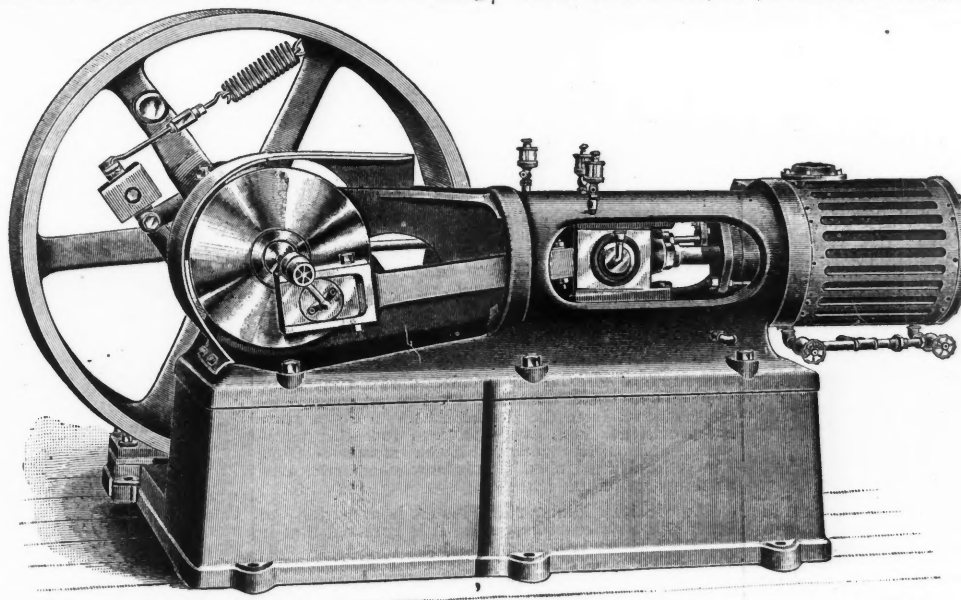
An injunction may be granted to restrain labor unions and members thereof from entering upon mining premises or interfering with the working of the same, or by force, threats, or intimidation, preventing employed miners from working the mines, when the threatened acts are such that their frequent occurrence may be expected and defendants are insolvent.—*The Coeur d'Alene Consolidated Mining Companies v. The Miners' Union of Wardner et al.*—Circuit Court District of Idaho. [Beatty, D. J. Dec. July, 11, 1892.]

State Court Decisions.

**ARTESIAN WELLS—BOUNTY PRECEDENCE—AMENDMENT OF STATUTE.**

The act of March 5th, 1887, Sec. 1, provided for the payment of bounties for the sinking of artesian wells of a given capacity.

The act of March 7th, 1889, amended the former act fixing different boun-



THE RACINE ENGINE.

claim located on government lands is determined not by federal law, but by laws of the State in which the mine is situated, and under acts of the Colorado Legislature of November 4th, 1861, and April 2d, 1887, aliens may inherit mining claims located in that State.

3. Where residents in a foreign country, or distant State, having no independent means of knowledge, are induced to convey an interest in a mining claim for a grossly inadequate consideration on the representation of purchasers' agent that they have no real interest therein, and that he desires the conveyances merely for the purpose of fortifying his own title against impending litigation, such conveyances will be set aside, though the representations were honestly made.

4. But where a person living in an adjoining State refuses to make a deal on such representations, and causes inquiries in his behalf and receives independent information, and then makes a conveyance for a much larger consideration, he is concluded thereby, though the consideration is inadequate.

5. A delay of three years after making the first-mentioned deeds did not, in such case, constitute laches, it appearing that soon after executing the same the grantors conveyed the same interest to a third person in trust to enable him to take proceedings for the recovery thereof; knowledge of which fact was promptly brought home to the purchaser, and that the delay of the trustee was not caused by the grantors.

6. The said trustee having entirely failed to take such proceedings, he should be made a party defendant in a suit brought by the grantors themselves to recover their interest, since defendants are entitled to be protected by the decree against any subsequent demand on his part.

7. It was error to refuse a petition by the representative of a deceased daughter of the alien to become a party complainant, since the decree should be in such shape as to settle the rights of all parties claiming under such alien.

8. The purchaser having conveyed the mining claim title thus acquired to a corporation of which he was president and principal stockholder, the corporation was not an innocent purchaser, especially in the records of the county in which the mine was located, showed that the alien was

ties for different depth of wells and providing that "no two wells shall receive a bounty if located in the same county," and that "when two or more wells within the prescribed limits apply for a bounty the well which first furnished the amount of water required by this act shall be entitled to the bounty."

The amendment was made by enacting that the former act "is hereby amended so as to read as follows;" Sec. 1 of the act of 1887 being republished as amended, and the amendatory act contained no words of appeal. Held, That the effect of republishing the former act was not to repeal and re enact it, but that it continued uninterruptedly in force, and that the amendatory act was to be construed in connection with it: so that where a well was to be sunk and a bounty for it granted under the original act, another bounty would not be granted under the amendatory act for another well sunk in the same county.—*State of Nevada ex rel. Blossom v. Horton, State Comptroller, in Supreme Court of Nevada.* [Murphy, J. Dec. August 31, 1892.]

**PATENTS GRANTED BY THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.**

The following is a list of the patents relating to mining, metallurgy and kindred subjects issued by the United States Patent Office: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1892.

- 482,795. Rock Crusher. Horace L. Kent, Boston, Mass.
- 482,710. Hydraulic Mining Pump. William A. Rockliff and John P. Foley, Rumsey, Mont.
- 482,853. Ore Separator. Horace H. Taylor, San Francisco, Cal. Assignor of one-half to Robert Pollard, same place.
- 482,941. Bucket Elevator. Joseph Cavanagh, Philadelphia, Pa. Assignor to the Link Belt Engineering Company, same place.
- 482,942. Pneumatic Tool. Daniel Drawbaugh, E. erly Mill, Pa. Assignor to the Pneumatic and Electric Tool Company, New York, N. Y.
- 482,962. Machine for Edge Curling Sheet Metal. William J. Gordon and Edmund D. Gilbert, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 483,005. Apparatus for the Manufacture of Gas. Thomas McBride, Philadelphia, Pa., and Ebenezer Fisher, Kincardine, Canada.
- 483,018. Drying Stove for Bricks or other Materials. Albert Schaafl, Halle, Germany.
- 483,107. Apparatus for Making Gas. Ira S. Elkins, New York, and Reinhold Boeklen, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## PERSONALS

Prof. H. S. Monroe, professor of mining at the Columbia School of Mines, has returned from Europe, where he has been during the past year. He will resume his duties at once.

Mr. M. D. Greenwood, formerly superintendent of the Hoosick Falls Malleable Iron Company, N. Y., has been made superintendent of the Frost Malleable Iron Works at Smith's Falls, Ontario.

Mr. Thomas Nelson, treasurer of the Boston & Montana Mining Company, has returned to Boston from a trip to the company's mines. He also visited on the way the Lake Superior copper region.

Mr. L. H. Bridgeman, superintendent of the Chicago Copper Refining Company, has been in Salt Lake City investigating the mineral resources of Utah. He is now further West looking for copper properties.

Capt. J. H. Moyle, of the Arnold Copper Mine, Lake Superior, is in Boston on business. It is reported that a special meeting of the company will be called during this visit to consider the advisability of resuming operations.

Mr. James Hemphill, of McIntosh, Hemphill & Co., owners of the Old Fort Pitt Foundry, and H. C. Frowes, manager of the Carey Furnace, all of Pittsburgh, Pa., have returned to that city from an investigation of the resources of the Mesaba Range, Minn.

Mr. Hamilton Smith, Jr., mining engineer of London, and director of the Exploration Company, is now at Johannesburg, South Africa. He will report upon the explorations of the Consolidated Deep Levels Company, in the interest of Messrs. Rothschild.

Mr. Edward M. Boggs, a hydraulic engineer of Redlands, Cal., who for several years has had charge of the extensive works of the Bear Valley Irrigation Company, has been elected to the chair of irrigation engineering in the University of Arizona at Tucson.

The Summer School of Surveying of the School of Mines, Columbia College, closed Sept. 24 at Bantam, near Litchfield, Conn., after a session of nearly two months. The school is on a tract of 125 acres, near Bantam Lake, 1,000 ft. above sea level. The land has been leased for five years, and this is the second year it has been occupied. There were about 80 students at "Camp Columbia" this year. The school was under the direction of James L. Greenleaf, C. E., adjunct professor of civil engineering in Columbia College, who had under him seven assistants. The Summer School of Geodesy, under Prof. Rhee, and the Summer School of Practical Mining under Prof. W. Allen Smith, has also closed.

Yale University enters upon her 191st year this week. The following changes and additions have been made in the faculty: Mr. Jules Luquiers, instructor in the Romance languages at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been appointed to fill the vacancy made by Professor Knapp's retirement. Carlton W. Brownson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been appointed instructor in Greek. Prof. H. L. Williams, of Cornell, has been selected to fill the place of Prof. James D. Dana, who for so many years has held the chair of natural science. Mr. F. K. Saunders, of Ohio, will be the new instructor in Biblical literature in the Theological School. Prof. George D. Watrous has been appointed instructor in the Law School. In the Art School, Harrison W. Lindsley will be the new teacher in perspective. Professor Sumner, the instructor in political economy and social science, whose absence for a year was a necessity, owing to continued ill health, will probably not be able to resume his position. It is expected that the incoming class in the academic and scientific departments together will number 537 members, an increase of 69 over a year ago.

A large number of members of the Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Civil Engineers, left this city on the 28th ult., to present a testimonial and give a complimentary dinner to John Fritz, general superintendent of the Bethlehem Iron Company, at Bethlehem, Pa. Mr. Fritz was 70 years of age on August 25th, and the intention was to extend the congratulations of his many friends to him at that time, but it was postponed a month, because of so many being absent in Europe and elsewhere. The honors paid to him are in recognition of his retirement from active life, and of the work designed and reared by him in the steel plant at Bethlehem, an accomplishment of an American engineer well worthy of recognition. The committee in charge of the arrangements consists of Eckley B. Cox, S. W. Baldwin, R. P. Linderman, E. D. Leavitt, Oliver Williams, S. T. Wellman, James Moore, Robert W. Hunt, T. F. Holloway, W. H. Wiley and Charles Kirchhoff. Among the many guests invited are Secretary Tracy, Secretary Elkins, Brigadier-General D. W. Flagler, B. F. Jones, ex-Lieutenant W. H. Jaques, Professors Henry Morton, R. H. Thurston, F. R. Hutton, R. W. Raymond and Charles E. Emery, Charles H. Cramp, Senator Hawley and the following officers of the Navy: Commodore W. M. Folger, Engineer-in-Chief G. W. Melville, ex-Engineer-in-Chief Charles H. Loring, Chief Engineer Clark Fisher, Passed Assistant Engineers John C. Kafer and Henry E. Rhoades, Lieutenant

I. F. Meigs and Chief Naval Constructor T. D. Wilson.

## OBITUARY.

William E. Ryder died in this city on the 24th ult., aged 62 years. He was the owner of several iron mines in New Jersey, from which he derived his great wealth.

Frederick O. Norton died in this city on the 27th ult. He was one of the best known cement manufacturers in the state. Mr. Norton was born at Eastport, Me., in 1838. At the time of his death he was president of the F. C. Norton Cement Company.

## SOCIETIES.

The second annual convention of the Ontario Mining Association will be held at Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday, October 5th.

The Engineers' Club of St. Louis met on the 21st of September. Prof. W. B. Potter read the paper of the evening on "Water Supplies for Large Cities." The paper described the sources of our water supplies and showed the differences in mineral contents as affected by the nature of the rocks which it met in the Eastern cities; where the supply passed over the granite rocks the mineral matter is small, while in the West, where limestones and clays are met with, the amount is large. The different methods of filter were described and their uses shown. The question of boiler scales was noticed and the preventives considered. After mentioning the evil effects due to the presence of large amounts of lime the more important organic impurities were fully discussed. The nature and character of the impurities found in the four classes of water supply, rain, surface, ground and deep water, were dealt on in detail.

## EXPORT NOTES.

The Venezuelan methods of collecting duties are peculiar. If a stove has a brass knob on its door, the stove is weighed as so much brass, and duty charged accordingly. A barrel of flour costing \$5 pays duty not only on the flour, but the staves, hoops and heads, costing, when set down, with freight and duties added, say \$15.

Collectors of the different customs ports are instructed to reject on entry all invoices of imported goods which do not distinctly set forth the per se value of the goods, and they will not permit a deduction from the price so declared of any so-called non-dutiable items. If consignees do not comply with the law in this respect, then consignments must be treated as unclaimed merchandise.

Secretary Foster hopes to be able to announce within a few months the completion of a reciprocity arrangement with Costa Rica. The principal articles exported from the United States to Costa Rica are provisions, flour, drugs, railroad and other hardware, and cotton goods. Fifteen steamers from Europe and the United States now touch regularly at the ports of the Republic.

The Mexican Minister of Finance is preparing the draft of a new customs tariff. It is rumored that it embodies great reductions, as the Minister is considered to have free trade ideas. It is a notable fact that of the new taxes imposed none directly affects the industries of the country to their disadvantage.

All packages of merchandise landed at Chilean ports on and after January 1, 1893, must have the exact gross weight in kilograms marked in plain figures alongside the marks and numbers of each package. Should this not be done, such packages will be placed apart and weighed by the authorities at the expense of the consignees before being admitted into the Custom House.

In Vienna iron stoves are but little used either for cooking or heating, porcelain, terra-cotta or clay stoves taking their place. These stoves are quite different from American stoves, the grate and fire place being quite small. Our American base-burner found a ready market in Germany for several years, says Consul General Goldschmidt, of Vienna, in a recent consular report, and had also been successfully introduced into Austria, and these and other countries of Europe might have become an important market for these goods in course of time if the manufacturers had had the forethought to protect their patents and trade-marks by taking out patents and registering their trade-marks in European countries to prevent the imitation of their products. As it was our stoves were immediately copied by the Germans and now these cheap imitations have hurt our export trade.

Edward Bedloe, United States Consul, writing from Amboy, China, says that there is a great field in China for American manufacturers. Cheaper sewing machines, both hand and treadle, are needed. It is folly to send out the newest patterns with every improvement. No one will buy them except European residents, and they are few and far between. An old-fashioned Howe, Singer, Wilson, Domestic, Remington, or any one on which the patents have expired and which can be produced at a minimum rate, will sell and sell well after it becomes known. There seems to be a good field in agricul-

tural instruments, but with the important qualification that the manufacturer must follow Chinese models. For example, their hoe is a mattock in weight and strength, and is used like a pick-axe as well as in the ordinary way. The common rake is shaped like a fan with the stick bent down at right angles, 3 in. from the further end. The plow is a small affair, more like a miniature cultivator than any other type. The sickle is a heavy pruning hook, the sector of whose curve is almost at right angles with the handle. The garden knife and a common jack knife are the exact opposites of our own. The blade is a long, wide piece of metal with a thick back, and is so large that the handle only covers the edge and point.

Special reports from United States Consuls located in the West Indies indicate that American fertilizers are not making much headway in the West Indies. We give the following extracts:

Jamaica.—Intelligent and practical users of fertilizers assure Vice-Consul Wright, that if American manufacturers will hold out the same inducements in regard to analyzing the soils and manipulating the manure to supply the requirements thereof, as English manufacturers do, and in addition thereto will sell at the same price fertilizers of the same commercial value, the item of freights being so much in favor of the United States, our manufacturers can turn the tide in their favor.

Martinique.—There are no duties on fertilizers, and wharfage is nominal. Small lots of sulphate of ammonia and nitrate of potash have been recently imported from the United States through a commission house.

Matanzas.—No attempt has been made to introduce fertilizers from abroad.

St. Thomas.—There is no demand for fertilizers; all planters have home-made manure.

St. Christopher.—A few years ago the English fertilizer companies sent out a chemist who analyzed the soil and prepared a special formula of a fertilizer for the sugar-cane plant, which is very popular here and sells at the highest price, \$60 per ton.

Trinidad.—The United States got somewhat of a foothold last year; it is still not fairly in the market.

## WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

The Treasury Department has decided that whenever a diminution in the invoice contents of any package which shall have been on exhibition at the Exposition can, at the close of the Exhibition, be accounted for to the satisfaction of the Collector by evidence that such contents have been distributed to visitors as free samples, duty may be waived upon such deficiency, provided it does not exceed a reasonable allowance for the purpose mentioned.

Members of the Finance Committee of the World's Fair have decided on the policy which they will pursue in regard to floating \$5,000,000 worth of bonds, selling the souvenir fifty-cent coins and disposing of the budget of estimated expenditures which has been submitted by the heads of various departments. The committee practically determined that the souvenir coins should be sold by the exposition company for neither more nor less than \$1 each. The idea of giving to any syndicate the entire issue was discouraged as operating against individuals who might desire to purchase several of the coins but be unable or unwilling to pay a price which might be fixed by a syndicate holding a monopoly of the souvenirs. The budget of expenditure up to the opening of the exposition indicates that a trifle over \$18,000,000 must be expended.

## INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The plate department of Light's Rolling Mills, at Lebanon, Pa., started up on the 27th ult., after an idleness of 17 months.

The Krupp Works at Essen, Germany, have 2,542 furnaces of all kinds, which consume 1,666 tons of coal and coke per day.

An explosion caused by dumping hot slag into a pit containing water caused a serious accident at the Pennsylvania Steel Works, Steelton, Pa., on the 26th ult. Several workmen were seriously injured. The corrugated iron roof was blown off the building and windows were broken.

The Crane Iron Company, of Macon, Pa., has blown out its furnace, and the works present a gloomy appearance, says the Scranton "Republican." About 3,000 tons of the best quality of ore are stacked around the furnace. This company is going to alter its Catawqua furnace, for the purpose of manufacturing a pig iron of a higher quality.

A dispatch from Norristown, Pa., states that a deed was recorded there by which the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company convey its blast furnace at Swedeland, to Richard Hechsher & Sons, who recently erected a second furnace there. The consideration is \$100,000. The property embraces the furnace and adjuncts, a mansion, dwelling house and five small tracts of land.

The Berlin Iron Bridge Company, of East Berlin, Conn., are building a new machine shop for the Mather Electric Company, at South Manchester, Conn. The building will be 52 ft. wide by 150 ft. long, the central portion being 35 ft. in width and controlled by a 15-ton traveling crane. The design

is a combination of iron and wood—all the heavier parts of the building being of iron.

On the 29th ult. a gas explosion occurred at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, at Braddock, Pa., by which two workmen were mortally burned. The molten material in the lower part of one of the furnaces had all been run out, and gas collected in the opening. A terrible explosion resulted, blowing off the whole upper part of the furnace upon which the two men were at work.

The United States Pipe Line Company starts into business with \$600,000 capital, all subscribed. The right of way for the line from Bradford to New York has been secured and the telegraph wire to be used by the company is being strung and the poles erected. This company will compete with the Standard Oil Company but like all other competitors will probably be absorbed by its more powerful rival before it has done any benefit to the consumer. Bradford is to be the base of operations.

The manufacture of petroleum motors in Germany has grown to large dimensions. The works of Herr G. Daimler, at Cannstadt, Wurtemberg, have already turned out a large number. A short time ago a small launch was to be seen on the Rhine fitted with a 5-H. P. of this type, by which a speed of 6½ miles per hour could be attained. There is also a "droschke" in use fitted with a petroleum motor made by the Maschinenfabrik Brenz. The droschke attains a high speed, and is controlled without difficulty.

The report was current in Pittsburg during the week that Mr. Andrew Carnegie was on his way to this country for the purpose of settling the difficulty at Homestead between the Carnegie Steel Company and the workmen. Mr. H. C. Frick, chairman of the company, denied the truth of the report and the leading officers of the Amalgamated Association disclaimed any knowledge of such a movement on Mr. Carnegie's part. In reference to the statement that one of the mills at Homestead had suspended operations, Mr. Frick is quoted as saying: "There is no truth in the story that our 23-inch mill has been closed down, or that we intend to indefinitely suspend operations at our Homestead plant. Everything is going along very smoothly, and we are satisfied with the situation."

The New York Central Railroad Company has just added to its rolling stock what is reputed as the largest locomotive in the world. The engine itself is 60 ft. long, and weighs, minus the tender, 60 tons net. There are four driving wheels, and the pressure upon each of these is 10 tons, therefore the gross weight of the monster, when in motion, is an even 100 tons. The machine stands 15 ft. high. The driving wheels, which are the largest ever turned out in this country, are 7 ft. 3 in. high, have a spread of 8½ ft. on a level grade, and are provided with special tires 5½ in. thick. This locomotive has been put into commission on the Empire State Express line running between New York city and Buffalo and will average 61½ miles per hour with the regular train of five coaches and a freight car. The frame and skeleton of the machine were furnished by the Schenectady Locomotive Works, but the boiler, wheels, cab, etc., were built at the New York Central Company's shop at West Albany.

**MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES WANTED AT HOME AND ABROAD.**

If any one wanting Machinery or supplies of any kind will notify the Engineering and Mining Journal of what he needs, his "Want" will be published in this column, and his address will be furnished to any one desiring to supply him.

Any one wishing to communicate with the parties whose wants are given in this column can obtain their address at this office.

No charge will be made for these services. We also offer our services to foreign correspondents who desire to purchase American goods, and shall be pleased to furnish them information concerning goods of any kind, and forward them catalogues and discounts of manufacturers in each line, thus enabling the purchaser to select the most suitable articles before ordering.

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**Goods Wanted at Home.**

- 2,788. A 15-H. P. engine and a 20-H. P. boiler; also saw mill for chair factory. Virginia.
- 2,789. All material necessary to build and equip six miles of electric railway; electricity will be generated from water pressure, which will be low, but with a 200 to 300-H. P. Texas.
- 2,790. A small car load of 12 lb. second-hand iron rails and 20 or 25 one-ton cars, 14-in. wheel, and 2 ft. gauge. Kentucky.
- 2,791. A 48-in. swing lathe, 8 ft. between centers, and a 20-in. swing lathe, 14 ft. between centers; also a planer, 28-in. x 28-in. x 6-ft., a drill, 24 in. to center, and a bolt cutter machine. Virginia.
- 2,792. Prices on 50 miles of 70-lb. steel rails, 3 engines, 3 power houses, electric wire, etc. Texas.
- 2,793. Engine, boiler and machinery for a cotton mill. North Carolina.
- 2,794. An outfit for a sausage factory. Virginia.
- 2,795. Machinery to roll and rivet cotton ties that have been used on cotton bales; also machinery to roll second-hand bagging made of jute. Georgia.

- 2,796. Machinery for an ice factory and laundry, including boiler, engine, etc. Virginia.
  - 2,797. Machines to bore pump logs or wooden water pipe; also machinery to make several sizes of bowls or trays from the same block. Virginia.
  - 2,798. Estimates on a creosoting plant of ordinary capacity for piling and bridge timber of ordinary sizes. Texas.
  - 2,799. Machinery for a lumber and veneering company. Florida.
  - 2,800. Barb wire machinery. West Virginia.
  - 2,801. Engine and boiler combined for hoisting coal and supplies from barge in river. West Virginia.
  - 2,802. Small railroad iron. West Virginia.
  - 2,803. Coal cars. West Virginia.
  - 2,804. A small roller flour mill. Virginia.
- Goods Wanted Abroad.**
- 2,781. Catalogues of mining machinery, more especially relating to electric coal cutting machines; diamond drills for deep boring, say 2,000 ft., and the best kind of water motors. New Zealand.
  - 2,805. Catalogues, price lists, etc., of diamond drills for mine prospecting. Mexico.

**GENERAL MINING NEWS.**

**ALABAMA.**

**De Kalb County.**

Fort Payne Coal and Iron Company.—Receiver Sheldon of this company is, it is said, getting ready to bring suits against all parties who bought land in Fort Payne during the "boom," and who gave notes in part payment for the same. These people are, in turn, preparing to resist such suits, on the ground that the promises made when the land was bought and which were the inducements for its purchase have not been fulfilled.

**Jefferson County.**

United States Rolling Stock Company.—The prospects for an early resumption of work at this plant are now bright. The Noble Bros. Company have a force of men repairing and cleaning boilers, etc., preparatory to the anticipated opening.

**ARIZONA.**

**Mohave County.**

According to the Tucson correspondent of the New York "Sun," the mines at White Hills are improving with development. The Horn Silver, which had pinched out at a depth of about 30 ft., is now showing a fine vein of horn silver and chlorides. The Grand Army, at a depth of 60 ft., is in big ore. One shaft has a 3-ft. vein of chloride, with nuggets and nodules of horn silver through the entire mass. The other shaft is 400 ft. away on the same vein, showing 30 in. wide of ore equally rich, while some 400 ft. east of this another shaft is being sunk with a foot of \$100 ore which is gradually widening. Tobe Wilkinson and H. B. Hanna have a lease on a portion of the Prince Albert, with high-grade ore on the surface to begin on. Little & Schimmelpfennig have a good showing on their claim lying just to the northwest of the Grand Army.

**Yavapai County.**

The Seven Stars Gold Mining Company.—The mines of this company, recently incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, 200,000 shares of the stock of which is now offered for sale at \$5 a share, are situated in Yavapai County, Arizona, 50 miles from Prescott. They consist of the Seven Stars, Happy Jack, Hillside, Contact No. 1 and No. 2, Mesa, Elwood, Midnight, Mescal, Waterfall and Boulder claims.

Since the discovery of these mines in 1887, nearly \$180,000 has been realized from the sales of ore. And it is stated that the present production with a 5-stamp mill amounts to \$1,000 per day. The developments consist of levels, shafts and winzes with a total length of 6,000 ft., developing the vein some 1,875 ft. in length. In addition to this, surface workings have proven the continuity of the ore bodies for 1,200 ft. further. Mr. Arthur Rickard, Mr. T. A. Rickard and Mr. Harrington Blauvelt, all gentlemen of established reputation, have reported favorably on the property, estimating a large amount of ore in sight. Mr. Rickard, after stating the remarkably cheap cost of mining there, says: "The vein is nearly vertical, while the rock through which it cuts lies nearly horizontal. \* \* \* \*"

"The lode, so far, has been worked without the sinking of shafts, save such as are required to connect the levels. Usually the ore bodies of a mine are of known length, and, once determined, the plan adopted is to follow them down. Here the ore is still in the ends of the levels, though they are already very long, and there has as yet been no limit shown to the extent north and south of the very large ore body of the mine. That valuable ore bodies will be found far beyond the present limits of the present workings is demonstrated by the work done along the surface for over 500 ft. south of the present ends of the underground workings. While north, ore of extraordinary richness (8 tons averaged \$539 a ton; 1½ tons gave \$1,740), has been found 1,150 ft. beyond the present breast of the No. 3 north level. All the winzes sunk from the bottom of the deepest (No. 3) level have gone down in ore and as the depth of an ore shoot usually is in proportion to its length, there is every evidence of a further development of immense ore resources as the workings become deeper."

Fuel is said to be easily obtainable and it is stated

that there is enough water in Boulder Creek to run a 40-stamp mill 8 months in the year, while a dam could be built retaining a supply for the entire year. The ores contain both gold and silver in equal proportions as to value, but recently a strike of ore carrying a large proportion of gold has been made.

The company is incorporated with the following Board of Directors: Hon. Warner Miller, Arthur G. Yates, T. Clifford Richardson, H. H. Warner, Hon. John W. Vrooman, B. E. Chase, Hon. R. S. Hudspeth and J. Herbert Jeffries, all men of high financial standing. The capital is \$3,000,000 in 600,000 shares of \$5 par value each, 200,000 of which are offered for sale at par. Mr. H. H. Warner personally guarantees dividends of 15% per annum on the 200,000 shares for a total of 5 years, unless 75% has been paid in a shorter time. In addition to this he binds himself to purchase all guaranteed stock at par within 30 days from the expiration of 2 years from the date of allotment. To secure the fulfillment of this obligation Mr. Warner agrees to deposit in trust with the Industrial and Mining Guaranty Company, securities to the value of \$500,000 to secure the payment of the five years' dividends, and the Seven Stars Mining Company, in consideration of this guarantee, agrees to deposit stock of that company to the par value of \$500,000 until Mr. Warner's obligations are fulfilled; \$200,000 of the amount realized from the sale of 200,000 shares now offered, is to be used as a working capital for the erection of a larger mill and the further development of the mine. Of the balance of the stock, amounting to 400,000 shares, 100,000 shares is pledged to Mr. Warner as security for his guarantee of dividends on the stock sold. No statement is made in the prospectus of the distribution of the remaining 300,000 shares of stock nor of the \$800,000 which is part of what is received for the 200,000 shares to be now sold.

**CALIFORNIA.**

**Amador County.**

We have been informed by a reliable correspondent that the "Bunker Hill" mine in Amador County, Cal., is about to change hands, and work is likely to be soon commenced. It is also said that Mr. N. W. Crocker, who ably managed the property for several years, will be asked to take charge of it again. We hope this report may prove true. We would be pleased to see Mr. Crocker in his old position again, as we believe the property would be well managed by him.

**Mono County.**

Bulwer Consolidated Mining Company.—The extraction of ore from the stopes in this company's mine has been discontinued. The main ore chute will now be rebuilt and much needed repair work will be done in the mine and prospecting work will be vigorously carried on. According to the latest official weekly letter, 136 tons of ore were crushed at the mill, and on September 18th there were two days' more of crushing to do before cleaning up. Average battery samples \$23.25 per ton, tailings \$7.03 per ton.

Mono Mining Company.—The latest official weekly letter says that the south drift from No. 4 upraise from the 700 level has about 18 in. of fair grade ore in the face.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Summit Mining Company, Bodie.—The work of stoping out on the north from upraise No. 1, from south drift, 300 level, is going on. Cleaning out and timbering in the main south drift.

**Placer County.**

Gray Eagle Mining Company.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders, the election of officers resulted as follows: H. W. Gray, president; C. L. Benlon, vice-president, and W. A. M. Van Bokkelen, F. C. Morgan and D. E. Allison, directors. A. W. Barrows was re-elected secretary and his financial statement showed an overdraft of \$5,900. T. C. Dvining was re-elected superintendent. His report showed that a large amount of work had been done during the year. A new mill was erected and the mine is now sufficiently opened up to keep the mill going 10 hours a day.

**COLORADO.**

**Gunnison County.**

Crested Butte.—Work has commenced on the grade from Crested Butte to the Yule Creek marble quarries. It is the intention to finish the grade this fall so that heavy teams can reach the quarries. Slabs of marble weighing two or three tons will then be taken to Denver, where it can be dressed and thus fully determine the quality. It is intended to get out five or six carloads this way this fall, and as soon as the weather will permit next spring to lay the rails and make a railroad to connect with the Denver & Rio Grande at Crested Butte.

**Ouray County.**

Ironclad Mining Company.—Work is pushing at this property, a strong force being employed. The company will commence the construction of a large mill shortly.

Mickey Breen Mining Company.—This company is working double the force it did last year. Good ore is being taken out.

Slide.—At this mine the force continues at about 30 men and shipments are regular.

**Pitkin County.**

According to the Aspen "Times," the Cowenhoven tunnel will reach Champion Empire ground in Oc-





the West shows gold sulphurets at a depth of but 10 ft. The rock appears to be very rich, but no assays have yet been made. The Comstock at a depth of 22 ft. carries \$15 gold and 60 oz silver. This is also a true fissure vein. The Board of Trade shaft is down 50 ft. and shows a 2-ft. lead, the ore of which averages \$279 a ton.

#### Juab County.

Boss Tweed Mining Company.—The tunnel is in about 150 ft. Ore has been encountered all through the tunnel, and now the whole face, top, sides and bottom are in solid ore which assays \$250 per ton in bismuth and gold. Arrangements are being made for extensive work.

Paxman.—The shaft has attained a depth of 165 ft., and is being sunk at the rate of 50 ft. per month. When the 300-ft. level is reached drifting will be commenced. The shaft is being sunk on a strong and clearly defined ledge.

Undine.—The new shaft is down to the 100 ft level and the station is being cut. A vein is coming in at the bottom which promises well. A drift will be run to the north a distance of about 70 ft. where it will connect with the old workings. Several tons of good ore are broken and there is ore in sight in all parts of the mine. The new steam hoist is in good working condition.

#### Pi Ute County.

Mountain Chief.—The shaft is now down 30 ft., and cuts a 7 in. vein of high grade ore. On the Chicago Great Claim, in the same district, a tunnel now in 55 ft. has cut a body of ore which assays 64 oz. silver, \$11 gold and 70% lead. It is about 8 in. wide.

#### Salt Lake County.

New Emma Mining Company.—The latest report says: "The ore in the Illinois Tunnel is looking better, if anything, and the character has improved decidedly. No. 2 is also improving. The water below the Bay City Tunnel has been giving very much trouble. The power drill for the face of the Bay City Tunnel went up Sept. 1 and will be put to work shortly. Ore in Illinois level is 10 in. solid pay and 18 in. solid iron, which looks like going into pay. The 10 in. assay 31% lead and 26 oz. silver."

Stewart No. 2.—A Jordan Amalgamator has arrived and will be used in connection with the Crawford mill recently bought.

#### Summit County.

Anchor Mining Co.—The Park City "Record" reports a strike of ore in the incline running below the tunnel level. The ore runs from 60 to 80 oz. silver and from 35 to 68 per cent. lead, making a high grade shipping rock. The new find has been stripped for quite a distance, an ore platform put in and operations again commenced on the incline, which is still in the same grade of ore. The station for the shaft on the tunnel level has been completed with the exception of a few timbers, and the clay water sheds and sinking has commenced.

Crescent Mining Company.—The tramway has been practically closed down for the year, says the Park City "Record." The concentrator will also be closed down as soon as the present lot of ore upon which the mill is engaged is cleaned up. The reason given at headquarters for the shutting down is that the company does not care to market its ores with silver at present quotations, preferring to store it at the mine. About 50 men will be retained at the mine, who will be kept busy breaking down ore and in prospecting and uncovering new ore bodies and opening up more stoping ground. It is also rumored that the company will divide the 7,000 ft. tunnel that was surveyed two years ago, and when completed will tap the Crescent at a vertical depth of 1,700 ft. below the collar of the present incline shaft. This tunnel, if run, will start from a point below the tramway near the foot of the long grade leading up to Rocky Point, and will prospect a large scope of country lying between there and the Crescent mine.

#### Washington County.

Wooley, Lund & Judd Copper Mining Company.—A shipment of 60 tons of copper bullion has just been made from the Dixie mine. This was the output for August; that for September will be about 25 tons. The mines continue to show well. A carload of ore of 45% Cu. will be shipped about Oct. 1.

#### VIRGINIA.

##### Augusta County.

Dora Coal Mines.—These mines, which were opened several years, but not worked on account of legal complications, are now being prepared for active mining. The deposits are an excellent quality of anthracite. Messrs. W. G. Kinney and Harry Wegner, of Staunton, will conduct the operations.

#### WASHINGTON.

##### Stevens County.

The discovery of a new mining district has been reported just north of Baker Lake, along the banks of Hokatum River, in the foothills of Mount Shuska. About 40 locations have already been made. The ore is a galena in good bodies, and is reported to assay from \$200 to \$300 per ton in silver. The district has been named the Sulphide.

#### WISCONSIN.

##### Jackson County.

The owners of the Black River Falls furnaces have decided to locate at West Superior. They have visited Ironwood, Escanaba, Manistique, Iron Moun-

tain and other upper Michigan towns, with a view to locating in the one that offered the best advantages. The product for the past six years has averaged 85 tons per day, but the capacity of the new plant will be greatly increased.

#### WYOMING.

##### Albany County.

La Plata.—Discoveries of high grade silver ores continue to be made, says the *Laramie Boomerang*. Quite a number of shafts have been sunk and good indications at the surface have increased in quality and quantity by sinking. An assay from the gray copper lode made gives 625 ounces of silver and 15 per cent. copper. The Big Strike shows up large quantities of galena, and the Florence, Surprise, Star 44, Wyoming Best, Bill Nye, Ironsides, Iron Age, Big Thunder and others are all rich in mineral and give assurance of a permanent camp. A recent mill run of the Vesuvius ore gave very satisfactory returns. At Mill Creek, 35 miles from Laramie, some free gold veins have been discovered. At Herman's camp the East Fork shaft is down 35 ft. and the ore shows well. At the Chicago the ore is said to be improving.

#### FOREIGN MINING NEWS.

##### AUSTRALIA.

Another find of emeralds has been made in the New Emerald Proprietary mine, Emmaville, New South Wales. Up to April last some 40,000 carats of emeralds had been won from Butler's shaft. The largest of these weighed about 15 carats, and was discovered at a distance from the surface of 35 ft. Since then active operations have been going on at the mine; the underlay of the lode has been followed down to a distance of 76 ft., the lode having widened out from 2 ft. to over 6 ft. at the bottom level. Emeralds in fair quantities were found all the way, but at 74 ft. from the surface the manager discovered some of the largest stones yet found.

Broken Hill Proprietary Company.—The latest telegraphic dispatches from this company say: A large party of free laborers have this week been brought to Broken Hill, amidst somewhat hostile demonstrations from the strikers. Owing to this an additional force of 100 police have been drafted into the district. The Broken Hill Proprietary Company have signed a large contract for stoping the mine, and if the present system of intimidation and terrorism can be overcome, they feel assured that, without reducing wages, they will be able to get a much greater amount of work done for the money expended than has been the case in the past. A large number of the new hands have been sent by the Associated Mineowners.

##### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Pilot Boy Smelter.—The smelter and calciner are now housed and work on the refinery has begun; 75 men are working. Large quantities of ore are accumulating.

##### Rattler.

This mine and mill near Fairview, B. C., have been sold to a syndicate of English capitalists, who are represented by George Atwood, mining engineer, W. T. Thompson and Edmund Reynolds, all of London, England.

##### BURMAH.

At the Jade quarries, of Tammaw, 500 men are now employed. Along the Uru river for a distance of 40 miles shafts have been sunk to tap the veins. The Jade found is both green and red. The mining is extremely crude, great fires being built on the vein which, upon cooling, is easily broken into fragments by hammering.

##### CANADA.

##### Ontario.

Lily of the Valley.—A depth of 50 ft. has been attained on No. 2 lode, and it is still a bonanza, says the *Algonia "Miner"*. The vein at this point is increasing in width, and a depth of 45 ft. measures 6 ft. wide, wall to wall. Average assays of ore from this point yield from 100 to 250 oz. Work on the large or No. 1 lode is also going on.

##### ENGLISH GUIANA.

According to the *Circulaire Chauvignier* the gold output of English Guiana from January 1st to August 10th, 1892, was 64,217 oz. valued at \$1,143,150, as compared with 48,524 oz. valued at \$862,787 for the same period of 1891.

##### FRENCH GUIANA.

According to the *Circulaire Chauvignier*, the situation of the mining industry is improving. The rain has been unusually abundant this year and has retarded mining operations, but the rainy season shows signs of coming to an end and active preparations are being made by the different mining companies to increase their force. During July the output of gold was 143'8 kilos, or 4623'17 oz. valued at \$33,217; during August the output amounted to 146'96 kilos or 4,724'76 oz. valued at \$85,045.

##### GREAT BRITAIN.

The Glendinning antimony mines, situated at Westerkirk, in Dumfriesshire, have just been definitely closed, and most of the machinery has been sold. The mines were first discovered in the year 1760, but they were not regularly worked until the year 1793. The ore, which was sulphide, yielded about 50 per cent. Operations in the mines were

discontinued a quarter of a century ago, but of late years work has been taken up by a company, which has now, however, been forced to forego bringing the ore into a market at a loss, the price of antimony on the London market having declined to barely £50 a ton.

##### INDIA.

It is said that the Punjab is in a fair way of being independent of Bengal in her coal supply. Her own coal-fields are being worked with success. According to official reports, the Dandot Colliery nearly doubled its output during last year. It was over 72,000 tons, the profits realized being nearly 15 per cent. on the capital outlay. The Bhaganwala coal-field on the Salt Range, seventeen miles from Dandot, also seems very promising, with coal slightly better than that produced at Dandot. Nevertheless, says *Indian Engineering*, the engine-drivers on the North Western Railway complain of being arbitrarily handicapped with a bad fire and lumps of pyritic fuel.

##### ISLAND OF ELBA.

The concession of the iron ore mines of the island of Elba for a term of five years from July 1, 1892, has just been made to Signor Guiseppe Tomelli. The quantity of ore to be extracted each year must not be less than 90,000 tons, nor more than 180,000 tons, of which one-third is to be small washed ore. The price at which the ore is to be sold must not exceed 5.5 francs per ton, and the price of that used by Italian works is to be 19 per cent. less than that exported abroad.

##### MEXICO.

##### Durango.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

By the time this letter reaches New York, the extension of the Mexican International Railway from Torreon to Durango will be completed. At the present writing (September 10th) the road is open for traffic as far as San Gabriel; the grade has been finished for the entire distance from San Gabriel to Durango, and the laying of the iron is delayed only by the non-arrival of spikes. Durango thus having received its railway connection, there is considerable talk of extensions in other directions. Among other things it is rumored that the International will at once send a reconnaissance party up the "Llano de Guatimape," with a view of locating a line to the Pacific Coast, crossing the Sierra Madre near Santiago, where there is one of the most favorable passes. It is also said that the Mexican Central proposes a similar undertaking, building from its main line at Fresnillo to Durango, and thence over the mountains. However, it is likely that these schemes are still in the air.

The present season has pretty effectually broken the drought which has prevailed in Northern Mexico so long, the rains having been both frequent and heavy. The "arroyos," which were so dry that water could not be obtained from them even by digging to the bed-rock, are now raging torrents and oft are impassable. The "mesas" and "llanos" are sloughs of mud, over which it is impossible for wagon trains to go, so that transportation is now as much at a standstill on account of the rain as it was three months ago for lack of it. By the early part of October, though, the rainy season will be over, and the roads drying rapidly and the new corn beginning to come to market, operations of all kinds will become more active.

Bacis Gold and Silver Mining Company, Limited.—This company has been organized in London, with a capital of £200,000, to take over the Bacis mines, at Saporis in the Sierra Madre. The mines were purchased from Messrs. Gilman & Shepard, of Durango, who take an interest in the new company. Under the management of the old owners the mines have produced considerable bullion by the patio process—the ore being free milling—and it is reported that there is much ore in sight. About one-third of the value of the bullion is in gold. Mr. Thomas Richards, a miner of long experience in Chili and Venezuela, has been sent hither to manage the Bacis mines and I am informed that a 10-stamp mill, with pans, will be erected immediately. From all accounts the new company starts out with a more generous provision of working capital than is usually the case with English concerns and proposes to exploit its properties energetically.

##### NEW SOUTH WALES.

Broken Hill Proprietary Co.—A dispatch from Sydney, under date of Sept. 14, says that the unionist miners on strike at Broken Hill have become more aggressive toward the non-union men. The strike pickets have been strengthened, and as the men at work are frequently assaulted, a force of police have been dispatched from Sydney for their protection. There has only been a slight increase in the number of non-union laborers since the mines have been reopened.

SYDNEY, Sept. 20 (By Cable)—A deputation of 6,000 persons called upon Prime Minister Dibbs to-day to demand the release of the labor agitators arrested on account of the labor troubles at Broken Hill mine. Minister Dibbs refused to see them until to-morrow. The crowd became furious at this and rushed to the House of Parliament and tried to break open the doors, but the armed police kept them back. The crowd threatened violence, and the authorities apprehend that an attempt will be made to release the prisoners.









Sheet Iron.—All the sheet iron makers report a very good business. Two large orders have been placed since Monday, which will give the successful mills an advantage over others in steady running up to the close of the year. Quotations on best refined, 2 7/8 @ 3 1/4.

Plate Iron.—Another mill has just started up. All the mills are crowded with orders at present; whether this rushing condition will continue it is hard to say, and in some quarters a little anxiety is expressed lest when present orders are completed new ones will not be on hand. This uncertainty has not affected prices. Tank plates, 1 7/8; shell, 2 1/2; steel flange, 2 1/2.

Structural Iron.—The same report must be made as to the structural mills. Prices are very firm, and all the business that can be taken care of is offered. Angles, 1 1/2; universal plates, 2c.; beams, tees and channels, 2 1/2.

Steel Rails.—Quotations, \$30. No important business at the offices. The only statement made is that small orders are coming along.

Old Rails.—Old iron rails are offered at \$19. A good many steel rails are being held by railroad companies at higher figures than buyers care to pay.

Scrap.—Railroad scrap ranges from \$17 @ \$17.50, and quite an amount of it has been sold since Monday.

Pittsburg. Sept. 29. (From our Special Correspondent.)

Raw Iron and Steel.—Trade since our last shows an improved demand. For most descriptions there is a larger inquiry; buyers appear to have made up their mind that further postponement may be dangerous. In fact, there is a general report of an all-round improvement in the tone of the market. The situation as regards Bessemer and grey forge pig iron looks more promising, the advantage having been transferred from the buyer to the seller. The statistics of the trade gives tangible evidence that the current production is all being taken, and more besides, and this circumstance has made buyers a little more anxious. In fact, the situation is changed, as buyers now have to do most of the trading; at the same time the increase has not been sufficient to start up new furnaces.

The undertone of the market is certainly more favorable to makers. The inquiry for iron for prompt delivery is decidedly more frequent, indicating beyond question that consumers have little stock on hand, as their arrangements about deliveries are generally quite close.

We hear of certain producers declining to accept orders for late delivery at present prices, and some Southern makers have raised their prices a little for certain grades, but this is about the only change on the part of the seller.

Pig Iron.—An Eastern dealer remarks: "Some good concerns talk very hopefully in regard to the situation. They have a demand at full current rates for every ton of iron they own, and in some instances have sold their entire output for the balance of the year. Others who control large quantities of iron say it requires hard work to prevent accumulation, and that inside prices are the most they can realize on large lots. Both these reports are doubtless actual experiences, and between the two, it is probably fair to assume that the market is in moderately good shape among active or favorite hands, but somewhat heavy on medium and low qualities."

Iron Ore. 7,000 Tons Bessemer at Lake Docks..... \$4.00 cash. 3,000 Tons Republic Specular at Lake Docks.. 5.25 cash.

Coke Smelted Lake and Native Ore. 3,000 Tons Grey Forge at Valley Furnace..... \$12.00 cash. 2,500 Tons Bessemer, Oct., Nov..... 13.85 cash.

2,500 Tons Bessemer, City Furnace..... 14.00 cash. 2,000 Tons Grey Forge..... 12.50 cash. 1,500 Tons Bessemer, City Furnace..... 14.00 cash. 1,000 Tons Bessemer, City Furnace..... 14.00 cash. 1,000 Tons Bessemer..... 13.95 cash. 1,000 Tons Bessemer..... 12.50 cash. 500 Tons Mill Iron..... 12.50 cash. 500 Tons Grey Forge..... 12.50 cash. 100 Tons Grey Forge..... 12.75 cash. 100 Tons Silvery No. 1..... 16.50 cash. 100 Tons No. 2 Foundry, all ore..... 14.50 cash. 100 Tons No. 1 Foundry..... 13.75 cash. 100 Tons No. 1 Foundry..... 14.75 cash. 50 Tons No. 1 Foundry..... 14.75 cash. 50 Tons No. 2 Foundry..... 13.75 cash.

Charcoal. 100 Tons Cold Blast..... 25.00 cash. 100 Tons No. 2 Foundry..... 19.00 cash. 75 Tons Cold Blast..... 26.50 cash. 50 Tons Extra Foundry..... 30.00 cash. 50 Tons No. 2 Foundry..... 20.00 cash. 50 Tons No. 1 Foundry..... 21.00 cash.

Steel Billets and Slabs. 2,200 Tons Billets, Oct., Nov..... 23.50 cash. 1,500 Tons Billets next three months..... 23.50 cash. 1,000 Tons Billets, October..... 23.75 cash. 1,000 Tons Billets and Slabs, Oct., Nov..... 23.25 cash. 200 Tons Billets, late delivery..... 23.00 cash.

Muck Bar. 2,000 Tons Neutral..... 24.85 cash. 1,000 Tons Neutral..... 24.75 cash. 500 Tons Neutral..... 25.00 cash.

Steel Skelp. 750 Tons Wide Grooved..... 1.50 4 m. 50 Tons Wide Grooved..... 1.47 1/4 4 m.

Iron Skelp. 1,000 Tons Sheared Iron..... 1.87 1/4 4 m. 1,000 Tons Wide Grooved..... 1.62 1/4 4 m. 500 Tons Narrow Grooved..... 1.65 4 m.

Sheet Bars. 500 Tons Sheet Bars at Mill..... 29.50 cash.

Steel Wire Rods, Five Gauge American. 800 Tons, five gauge American at Mill ..... 31.75 cash. Ferro-Manganese. 200 Tons 80 per cent. Domestic ..... 61.50 cash. Bloom Rail and C Ends. 800 Tons Bloom Ends..... 16.50 cash. 550 Tons Rail Ends..... 16.25 cash. Old Iron and Steel Rails. 500 Tons Old Steel Rail..... 15.45 cash. 500 Tons Old Iron Rails, Valley del ..... 20.50 cash. 300 Tons Old Iron Rails, Cleveland del..... 21.00 cash. Scrap Material. 300 Tons Iron Axles, net..... 24.00 cash. 200 Tons Iron Axles, net..... 23.50 case. 200 Tons Soft Steel, gross..... 15.00 cash. 200 Tons No. 1 W. R. R. Scrap, net..... 15.50 cash. 100 Tons No. 1 W. R. R. Scrap, net..... 16.00 cash. 100 Tons Cast Borings, gross..... 3.00 cash.

COAL TRADE REVIEW.

New York, Friday Evening, Sept. 30. Statement of shipments of anthracite coal (approximated) for week ending September 24th, 1892, compared with the corresponding period last year.

Table with 4 columns: Regions, Sept. 21, 1892, Sept. 26, 1891, Difference. Rows include Wyoming Region, Lehigh Region, Schuylkill Region, Total, and Total for year to date.

PRODUCTION OF BITUMINOUS COAL for week ending September 24th, and year from January 1st.

Table with 4 columns: Eastern and Northern Shipments, 1892, 1891. Rows include Phila. & Erie R. R., Cumberland, Md., Barclay, Pa., Broad Top, Pa., Clearfield, Pa., Allegheny, Pa., Beach Creek, Pa., Pocahontas Flat Top, Kanawha, W. Va., and Total.

\* Week ending September 21st.

WESTERN SHIPMENTS.

Table with 4 columns: Western Shipments, 1892, 1891. Rows include Pittsburg, Pa., Westmoreland, Pa., Monongahela, Pa., and Total.

PRODUCTION OF COKE on line of Pennsylvania R.R. for the week ending September 24th, 1892, and year from January 1st. In tons of 2,000 lbs.: Week, 99,714 tons; year 3,917,348 tons; to corresponding date in 1891, 2,991,149 tons.

Anthracite.

The anthracite coal trade is reported on every hand as dull. There is, of course, a large amount of coal being disposed of, but everybody is buying simply for immediate needs and instead of stocking for the winter. On account of this stagnation it was considered advisable at the meeting of sales agents on Thursday to refrain from further raising the prices for October. Among the Eastern sales agents there appeared to be a unanimous feeling against a further rise, and the point was not pressed at all.

In the meeting of the Western agents some attempt was made to raise the price, but the opposition was too great; most of those present considered it would be inadvisable to add to the price just now, as the railroads west of Buffalo are going to advance the freight tariffs 25 cents per ton in October. The most interesting item of business transacted at this meeting was the decision not to make any allotment for October. No reason is officially given for this omission, but no doubt the agents have at last concluded that these allotments are a sheer farce, as they are never adhered to.

The committee of the Senate of the State of New York who have been investigating the Reading deal concluded their sittings on Tuesday by recommending the Attorney-General to take proceedings to annul the franchise of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company of New York, or its lease to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company of Pennsylvania, and to take similar proceedings against the New York corporations whose roads are leased to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. The Senate's counsel saw that the testimony showed that the roads leased to the Port Reading Railroad Company controlled 85% of the output of anthracite, and that the corporation of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, which had been secured, and was as effective as a lease, had enabled the company to control the whole output.

Although the managers of the roads have said ever since last January that prices would not be advanced, the price of domestic sorts had been actually raised 80 cents per ton. This advance has been made solely to increase the income of the stockholders, and without reference to the cost of production or transport. It was illegal for any stock corporations to combine to prevent competition. Section 1,793 of the Code of Civil Procedure authorizes the Attorney-General to bring an action to dissolve any New York corporation which has violated any provision of the law whereby it has forfeited its franchise. This action could be brought against the Lehigh Valley Railroad of New York, as it is a corporation formed under the laws of this State and leased to the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylv-

vania. So with the New York corporation whose roads are leased to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. The Senate Committee adopted these views and recommendations and their counsel have since been in consultation with Attorney-General Rosendale. No definite statement has yet been made as to the method of carrying out the recommendations.

Testimony was heard at Trenton on Tuesday by Herbert W. Knight, the lately appointed Master in Chancery, in the Reading combine case. After the Secretary of the State Board of Assessors had proved that the Port Reading was assessed for taxes in 1892, the sitting was adjourned until October 7th.

The papers in the proceedings to forfeit the charter of the Port Reading Company have been filed at Trenton by Attorney-General Stockton, of New Jersey.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's tide-water freight rates on anthracite were advanced on the 24th September to \$1.59 per ton, an increase of 7 cents over the previously ruling rate. Their system is to charge a rate of 40% on the market price of the coal.

The Chicago people seem to be thoroughly aroused about the prices of anthracite. An information was filed in the Circuit Court in Chicago on Tuesday last in which the complainants ask that the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, and its Chicago agents, be restrained from selling anthracite in Cook County, on the ground of unlawful combination. The Chicago people generally, and the Western roads particularly, are considering the practicability of bringing Colorado coal into competition with the Pennsylvania product. The railroads have such high rates at present that it would cost the dealer from \$10 to \$12.50 a ton to put down Colorado coal in Chicago. If the coal was shipped in large quantities the rates would be much different, in fact would be reduced quite one half.

Bituminous.

The demand for bituminous coal is very great and is far in advance of the possibility of supply. The stoppage of freight transport last week impeded business tremendously, and though coal is going off now as fast as ever it can be carried there is a great scarcity. The bituminous coal companies all suffer from shortness of supply and are continually trying to borrow coal from each other to fill pressing orders. The ocean steamships experience some difficulty in getting coal in time. Prices are very stiff and only regular customers are being supplied. Vessels are scarce at Baltimore and are not very plentiful at Philadelphia. Freight rates have not as yet altered and keep low, but in all probability we shall see an advance in a week or so. From Philadelphia to Boston, Salem and Portland they are 55c., and to Sound ports 60c. From Baltimore, Newport News and Norfolk to Boston, Salem and Portland 60 to 65c., and to Sound ports 70c.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The stockholders of the Philadelphia, Reading & New England Railroad met in New York on Wednesday and ratified a lease recently made between the company and the Dutchess County Railroad for the use of the latter line as a connecting link between the Philadelphia & Reading at Poughkeepsie and the New York & New England at Hopewell, Dutchess County. Of the 60,000 shares of the company 65,985 were cast in favor of the lease.

The last rail has been laid on the Ohio extension of the Norfolk & Western Railroad. This extension will bring the port of Norfolk and the entire southern section of Virginia into direct connection with Chicago and the Northwest, and will afford a Western opening for Flat Top coal and coke.

Buffalo. Sept. 29.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

The anthracite coal market is very quiet; householders are not giving orders, except for immediate requirements; country dealers are not exhibiting much disposition to purchase; and large orders are few and far between. The movement by rail is not equal to the desires of vesselmen, and many craft leave light in preference to waiting for the coal trains to arrive. Prices without change, and no advance has been made for October. At a meeting of the Buffalo Freight Committee, held this week, it was decided to advance the coal rate by rail from Buffalo to Chicago from \$1.75 @ \$2 per ton.

Bituminous coal is in fair demand for manufacturing purposes, and a good business is being done for tugs and propellers. Prices are nominally unchanged. Supply is fully adequate to all the needs of the trade.

Lake freights on coal are steady, except for Duluth and Superior, which fluctuated from 35c. to 40c., then back to 25c. per ton. It will be seen that the shipments by lake for the week exceeded 100,000 tons. Vesselmen express the opinion that a larger movement for the season in the aggregate will be recorded for 1892 than in preceding years. Lake tonnage is increasing rapidly notwithstanding the many serious disasters thus far this year.

The movement of coal by lake westward from Sept. 21 to 27, both days inclusive, aggregated 101,623 net tons, distributed about as follows: 35,250 to Chicago, 21,650 to Milwaukee, 13,100 to Duluth, 9,300 to Superior, 5,500 to Toledo, 1,350 to Detroit, 3,400 to Ashland, 1,300 to Manitowoc, 1,200 to Gladstone, 1,325 to Hancock, 500 to St. Clair, 800 to Marquette, 626 to Windsor, 822 to St. Ignace. The rate of freights were 55c. to Chicago, Milwaukee, Escanaba and Manitowoc; 40c. to Marquette, St. Clair and Sarnia;



NEW YORK MINING STOCKS QUOTATIONS. DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES. NON-DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES.

Main table of New York Mining Stocks Quotations, including columns for Name and Location of Company, dates from Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, and Sales. Lists various companies like Adams, Alice, Amador, etc.

\*Ex-dividend, †Dealt at in New York Stock Ex. Unlisted securities. ‡Assessment paid. §Assessment unpaid. Dividend shares sold, 13,325. Non-dividend shares sold, 18,000. Total shares sold, 31,325.

BOSTON MINING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table of Boston Mining Stock Quotations, including columns for Name of Company, dates from Sept. 23 to Sept. 29, and Sales. Lists companies like Atlantic, Bodie, Bonanza Development, etc.

Dividend shares sold, 8,360. Non-dividend shares sold, 2,647. Total shares sold, 11,007.

COAL STOCKS.

Table of Coal Stocks, including columns for Name of Company, dates from Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, and Sales. Lists companies like Cambria Iron, Cameron Coal & L. Co., etc.

Total shares sold, 556,180.

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

Table of San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations, including columns for Names of Stocks, dates from Sept. 23 to Sept. 29, and Sales. Lists companies like Alpha, Alta, Belcher, etc.

DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES.

NON-DIVIDEND PAYING MINES.

Main table with columns: NAME AND LOCATION OF COMPANY, CAPITAL STOCK, SHARES, ASSESSMENTS, DIVIDENDS, NAME AND LOCATION OF COMPANY, CAPITAL STOCK, SHARES, ASSESSMENTS. Lists 184 mining companies with their respective financial details.

G. Gold. S. Silver. L. Lead. C. Copper. B. Borax. \* Non-assessable. † This company, as the Western, up to December 10th, 1881, paid \$1,400,000. ‡ Non-assessable for three years. § The Deadwood previously paid \$275,000 in eleven dividends and the Terra \$75,000. ¶ Previous to the consolidation in August, 1884, the California had paid \$31,320,000 in dividends, and the Coma, Virginia \$25,300,000. \*\* Previous to the consolidation of the Copper Queen with the Atlanta, August, 1885, the Copper Queen had paid \$1,350,000 in dividends. †† This company paid \$190,000 before the reorganization in 1880. ‡‡ This company acquired the property of the Raymond & Ely Company, which had paid \$3,075,000 in dividends. \*\*\*\* Previous to this company's acquiring Northern Belle, that mine declared \$2,400,000 in dividends, against \$425,000 in assessments.

STOCK MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for company names and prices. Includes entries like Aspen, Agnes C., Argentinum Junlets, etc.

Table for Baltimore, Md. with columns for company names and prices. Includes entries like Atlantic Coal, Balt. & N. C., etc.

Table for Pittsburg, Pa. with columns for company names and prices. Includes entries like Allegheny Gas Co., Bridgewater Gas Co., etc.

Table for Deadwood with columns for company names and prices. Includes entries like Bullion, Caledonia, Calumet, etc.

St. Louis. Sept. 28.

Table for St. Louis with columns for company names and prices. Includes entries like Adams, Colo., American & Nettie, Colo., etc.

Helena, Mont.

Table for Helena, Mont. with columns for company names and prices. Includes entries like Bald Butte (Mont.), Benton Group, Mont., etc.

Foreign Quotations.

Table for Foreign Quotations with columns for location, highest price, and lowest price. Includes entries like Alaska Treadwell, Amador, Cal., etc.

Paris. Sept. 15.

Table for Paris with columns for company names and prices. Includes entries like East Oregon Ore, Forest Hill Divide, Cal., etc.

CURRENT PRICES.

Table for Current Prices with columns for material names and prices. Includes entries like Acid-Acetic, Alcohol-55%, Chromic, etc.

Marble Dust - 1/2 bbl. \$1.25

Table for Marble Dust and other materials with columns for material names and prices. Includes entries like Metallic Dust, Mineral Wool, Mica, etc.

THE RARER METALS.

Table for Rarer Metals with columns for metal names and prices. Includes entries like Aluminum, Arsenic, Barium, Bismuth, etc.