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The political question has ceased to be a factor in the lead market, for the price of lead in this city is now far below the importing price, even should the duty be reduced to 1½ cents instead of 2 cents per pound, as it now stands. The price of Spanish lead in London during the week was £12 7s. 6d. per ton of 2240 pounds, which would be equivalent to about 4½ cents per pound without counting commission. So that even if the duty were reduced to 1½ cents as proposed in the Mills bill, lead could not be laid down in New York at 4½ cents, while the domestic lead sold during the week at 3.65c.

It is true lead has been lower in London than it is at present, as shown in the following yearly averages, but only during 1884 and 1885:

1880.....	18	5	1884.....	11	10
1881.....	15	5	1885.....	11	0
1882.....	14	15	1886.....	12	19
1883.....	13	12	1887.....		

At £11 per ton the cost laid down here would be about 4½ cents, with the present duty, or say 3.75c. with the proposed 1½c. duty. It is, therefore, home, not foreign, competition that is now the danger of the lead market, and this, of course, is increased by the free entry of lead in silver-bearing ores.

THE COAL PRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1887.

On another page we publish the statistics of coal production in 1887, as collected by Mr. CHARLES A. ASHBURNER for the United States Geological Survey. These figures are very remarkable, showing an output of no less than 123,965,255 tons of 2000 pounds, as compared with 107,682,209 tons in 1886. A large increase was expected, but it was not thought to have amounted to anything like 16,283,046 tons, or more than 15 per cent. It will not be many years until this country will surpass England in its coal output.

We do not know the data on which the average value at the mines is based, but no doubt Mr. ASHBURNER, who is an experienced engineer, has given it with accuracy. It is evident that it includes royalty or ground rent. For convenience, we have reduced the figures to the average value per ton in each of the States. It will be seen how widely these values vary, Ohio standing first at 88 cents per ton, and Pennsylvania only 90 cents per ton for bituminous coal, while Virginia at 94 cents and West Virginia, 95c., due to the remarkably low cost of Pocahontas coal, tie Maryland at 95 cents per ton. All other States have an average cost exceeding \$1 per ton. The average value at the mines of all our bituminous coal was only about \$1.11 per net ton, a figure which will compare very favorably with the value at the mines in most foreign countries.

THE NOWELL ALASKAN BUBBLE BURST.

One of our Alaskan correspondents tells on another page that the great Nowell Alaskan bubble has burst.

It appears that twenty stamps of the eighty-stamp mill started up and crushed some 500 tons of rock, which are said to have contained little or no gold, as we stated was the case. Another correspondent says not 75 cents for the entire run. The very concentrates from the ore contained only a trace of gold, so that even Mr. THOS. S. NOWELL "has become thoroughly satisfied" that the ore is worthless.

It does not at all surprise us that he prefers remaining in Alaska to visiting Boston at present, for here his reception would probably be quite too warm. A correspondent suggests that "Boston send out and bring him back and make an example of him."

The ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL has the satisfaction of having kept a good deal of money out of this sink, and in so doing has protected the good name of Alaska.

It is now always possible for investors to get reliable information from disinterested sources concerning any mining scheme, and if they exercised proper care in doing so, mining would become a far more profitable, and therefore popular, field for capital than it is while loaded down with so many bad or dishonest schemes.

STOCKS OF PIG-IRON IN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

"Stocks unsold" are the greatest menace and danger to every market, and so long as they are very large there can be little hope for any permanent high prices.

In Great Britain the stocks of pig-iron in makers' hands and in stores have been growing rapidly of late years, and have now attained the enormous aggregate of 2,616,366 gross tons.

The following statistics, collected by the British Iron and Steel Institute, giving the stocks and consumption, are very suggestive, and bode ill for any large increase in prices; in fact, the tendency there is rather towards lower prices by reducing the cost of making iron through various economies, such as by increased output from furnaces, reduced consumption of fuel, utilization of the ammonia in blast-furnace gases, etc., so that prices which a few years ago would have been ruinous are now fairly remunerative, nevertheless at present prices there are only a few concerns in Great Britain that cover cost.

	Makers' stocks.	Stocks in stores.	Total stocks
Cleveland.....	235,967	401,715	637,682
Scotland.....	285,332	942,708	1,228,040
West Coast.....	98,436	404,684	503,120
Other districts.....	247,524	.....	247,524
Total.....	867,259	1,749,107	2,616,366

Consumption of Pig-Iron in 1887.

The total production of pig in 1887 was.....	Tons.
Deduct increase of stock December 31st, 1887, over 1886.....	7,441,927
Leaves as the consumption of 1887, 7,317,067, against a consumption in 1886 of 6,731,323	124,860

The stocks of pig-iron in the United Kingdom, as a whole, at the end of 1887 were equal to 36 per cent, or 18.6 weeks consumption of that year. The stocks at the corresponding date of the five previous years are compared as follows:

	Great Britain.		United States.	
	Per cent.	Weeks' consumption.	Per cent.	Weeks' consumption.
1882.....	18.2	9.4	8.0	4.5
1883.....	21.1	10.4	10.0	5.7
1884.....	24.5	12.7	13.0	7.2
1885.....	35.0	18	9.0	4.9
1886.....	37.0	19.4	4.0	2.1
1887.....	36.0	18.6	4.7	2.6

In this country our total stock of unsold pig-iron at the close of 1887

was 338,142 net tons, or about sufficient for only 2-6 weeks' supply; yet even a slight increase or decrease in this small stock affects the market.

For comparison I have shown the percentage our unsold stock bore to the total production in each year since 1832, and the number of weeks the stock would last at the average consumption of the respective years. From this it is seen how dangerously light our stocks now are, and have been for the past two years. During the present year stocks in the West accumulated during the first three months, but have since then decreased both in coke and charcoal iron. This means that consumers have worked up their supplies and have again entered the market; we may, therefore, expect a more active demand from this time out. We believe we have reached bottom in prices; the cost of ore, coke, transportation and labor being now generally settled for the season.

With stock so light and prices so low as we now have them, and the general business of the country prosperous as it is, there is certainly no reason to feel discouraged at the outlook for pig-iron.

It is alarming to contemplate what would happen in the pig-iron market should our iron makers all bank their furnaces for one month, which could be done without the least danger to the furnaces. Of course such a course would be the extreme of folly, and is in the last degree improbable; but these figures show how dangerous such light stocks might become.

THE TEHUANTEPEC SHIP RAILWAY.

The announcement is made that the contract for building this line has been let to the Atlantic & Pacific Construction Company "on very favorable terms," which are not stated. In a recent interview Mr. Wm. ROSEBURG said:

"Under the articles of agreement work on the construction of the road is to be begun within 18 months from this date, and must be finished within five years from the date of the commencement of the work. In other words, the company will have six and one-half years to complete the contract. Work on the roadbed, however, has already been commenced, and considerable of the grading has been done by Mexican laborers. The road is to be 135 miles in length and is to extend from a small town called Minnatitlan on the Atlantic coast to Lake Superior at the Pacific terminus. The cost will amount to in the neighborhood of \$80,000,000, and the road, when built, as far as durability and finish are concerned, will be equal to any of our well-built American roads."

It is to be hoped that it will be built with the contingency in view of having to carry the ships afloat in a dock instead of simply supported dry on a truck as is shown on the published views of the great project. The most eminent shipbuilders have again and again stated their disbelief in the practicability of carrying a loaded ship uninjured over such a road, and we do not believe that Lloyds would be willing to insure them after having made the trip. It will, however, be possible to carry ships afloat in a water lock, or caisson, as is done on some of our canals, and as was proposed more than sixty years ago by those able engineers, HAZARD and WHITE, who proposed to carry canal boats from the headwaters of the Lehigh River down into the Susquehanna River in the Wyoming Valley.

The Chignecto Ship Railway, now offered to contract in Nova Scotia, will solve the problem long before the Tehuantepec road is finished, and if it should show, as seems probable, that it is not practicable to transport ships safely in the manner proposed, it will yet be time to adopt the water lock in which the vessel will float. This would necessarily vastly increase, probably treble, the load to be carried, but it undoubtedly would carry ships with safety.

ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION OF POWER.

Electric railways are becoming so common that the announcement of a new line or the adoption of electric locomotives scarcely attracts attention. The Union Electric Company's mine locomotives are doing excellent work in the Pennsylvania coal mines, and present some evident advantages over the steam locomotive underground. The electric transmission of power in the mining districts has already developed an enormous market for electrical machinery. From every part of this country and from nearly every foreign country inquiries are coming to our manufacturers of electric plant through their advertisements in the ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL, showing the interest which is being taken in this great advance in engineering throughout the world. South Africa and Japan, Australia and Mexico, as well as all parts of this country, are wanting electric motors and electric transmission of power, and are all seeking for the machines here; for though this branch of engineering is still in its very infancy, American practice appears already to have taken a distinct lead.

We recently described an 18-mile installation for pumping, hoisting, etc., on the Big Bend of the Feather River, Cal., which is under contract by the Sprague Electric Motor Company.

In Arizona an installation is proposed to bring about 150 horse-power from a water-fall to a large mine and smelting-works, a distance of 8 miles, and it is estimated that the conductors will call for 8 tons of copper to the mile. This is an indication of one of the potent allies of the copper syndicate which may help to absorb their large surplus of copper. On the Comstock it is proposed to use electric transmission

to run, in part at least, the new Nevada mill. At present this mill, which has 20 stamps, is run by a Pelton impact water-wheel, 11 feet diameter, using water under a head of about 650 feet, derived from the ditch of the Virginia & Gold Hill Water Company. It is now proposed to take the water after it has driven this wheel, lead it down the Chollar shaft to the level of the Sutro tunnel, where it will have about 1600 feet head, and there drive another 11-foot diameter Pelton wheel.

The underground installation will consist of five dynamos, and the power will be transmitted to the mill at the surface, about 2000 feet, through a 1/4-inch copper cable, and electric motors will then utilize it to drive the mill, which, as enlarged, will have 60 stamps, 30 pans, etc.

The consumption of water will be regulated to the power required to drive the mill, and it will undoubtedly be very much less with the 60 stamps than it now is with 40. As the water has to be bought, this will probably prove a substantial economy.

In the Consolidated Virginia & California mills the power has been transmitted through wire ropes from water-wheels situated at intervals of 500 feet vertically in the shaft, utilizing the pressure down to the level of the Sutro Tunnel; but faulty construction occasioned much trouble, which it is hoped can be altogether overcome by the use of electric transmission, which is to be used should the Nevada mill experiment result satisfactorily, as it no doubt will.

A Silver City, Idaho, mine is putting in a Sprague electric plant, to drive a 50-stamp mill four miles away from a water-fall, while the same manufacturers have recently received an order for an electric plant to be used in training and elevating the guns on the new U. S. Cruiser "Chicago."

We also hear of an iron company in the South thinking of running dynamos at the furnace to drive pumps several miles away.

From all parts of the country come inquiries concerning the economy of this method of transmission of power, and certainly in many cases the conditions are extremely favorable to the electric plant.

It would far exceed the limits of space at our command to enumerate all the projected electrical plants which have been reported. Nearly every town either has, or proposes having, electric tram cars. Many of our mines and metallurgical works are proposing to use electric locomotives, either with conductors or storage batteries. Nearly all mills and furnace works use electric lights. Mining machinery, drills, coal cutters, pumps and hoisting engines will be driven in many places by what is now the waste power of neighboring water-falls, and before long we shall have few waste water-falls. Nor is it true of this country alone. Foreign countries, especially those that are ill provided with cheap fuel, will, through the aid of American electrical machinery, share the benefits which we expect to reap in at home.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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All letters should be addressed to the MANAGING EDITOR.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

The San Miguel Gold Placer's Company.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

SIR: Permit me to call your attention to what is called "A High-class Mining Investment" in the advertising columns of the JOURNAL.

It is the "San Miguel Gold Placer's Company," a prospectus of which has come into my possession, and while the property is, probably, all that is claimed for it, the price asked for the stock—par—seems to be unreasonably high. Briefly, the estimated quantity of gold in the placers is \$5,770,516; the cost of extracting same is put at \$1,642,629, leaving an estimated net profit of \$4,127,887. It is also estimated that it will require from seven to fourteen years to work over the ground. The capital is \$3,000,000, and "a portion of the stock of this company is now offered to the public at its par value of \$10 per share."

Assuming that the expectations of the promoters are fully realized, the profit per share would be but \$3.70; or, in other words, for every dollar invested in the stock, one has a reasonable possibility of getting back \$1.37 within seven years, which would be at the rate of about 20 per cent per annum. But since, at the end of this period, all that would remain to represent the capital would, probably, be a used-up plant, and a vast quantity of barren gravel and boulders, 14 per cent must be deducted from the 20 per cent to provide a sinking fund for the replacement of the capital, leaving a beggarly five per cent per annum as interest on the investment. One would scarcely judge from the names of the officers of the company that it is a scheme to fledge the unwary. And yet a mining proposition that offers an uncertain security at best, and, even if the promoter's hopes are fully realized, but five per cent per annum on the price at which the shares are offered, can hardly be considered "a high-class mining investment." Respectfully,
MINING ENGINEER.

New York, June 13, 1888.

[We quite agree with our correspondent that the price at which the stock is held is far too high to be a safe, much less "a high-class," mining investment.—ED. E. AND M. J.]

Alaskan Mines.—Bursting of the Nowell Bubble.

EDITOR ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL:

SIR: The bubble is "busted," as you will see by the following extract from the Juneau City Mining Record of May 31st:

"The Alaska Union Mill and Mining Company shut down their 80 stamp mill last week, after crushing about 500 tons of rock, the result of which proved

unsatisfactory. Mr. Thomas S. Nowell, president of the company, and the heaviest stockholder, who had the utmost confidence in the enterprise, not being a practical and experienced miner, and having been surrounded by advisers who displayed very poor judgment, expended considerable money in developing this property to a finish. He has finally become thoroughly satisfied as to its merits, and ordered the works closed down. The *Mining Record* regrets the failure of Mr. Nowell, who has labored faithfully and conscientiously to develop his property to a successful termination, and extends its sympathy to him and his associates. However, the failure of this particular property is no criterion by which to judge other properties owned by Mr. Nowell, and upon which he proposes to commence the work of thorough investigation, and we have every assurance that the results will prove successful.

Mr. Nowell has unlimited faith in Alaska as an excellent mining region, notwithstanding the loss he has sustained by the failure of the Alaska Union. He intends devoting his attention during the entire summer to mining operations. He is now in a position where he can give a thorough milling test of any or all properties he proposes to develop, having an excellent stamp mill in good working order, and can remove fifty or one hundred tons of rock from other places to it, and have it tested to a satisfaction beyond question. We understand that he has a very fair prospect from the Consolidated on Douglas Island, near his mill, and that he intends giving it a thorough test by milling. The mere fact that Mr. Nowell intends remaining in our midst is evidence sufficient that he is sincere and conscientious in his undertakings, and that his faith in the mineral wealth of Alaska is in no wise shaken. The *Mining Record* joins with all residents of Alaska in wishing him unbounded success.

Alaska is free from bubbles. THE ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL has done its duty to its patrons and the public in general. Now, let those who invested their cash in the bubbles without investigating, look after their own interest.

The other bubbles in process of incubation died with the Alaska Union, without doing any material damage, as far as can be seen here.

Investors in legitimate mining enterprises can again put faith in statements received from here. I do not wish to be understood that they ought to buy without investigation; but the bubble blowers, if not dead, are not in the field at present.

The statements you made, and which at the time seemed to some to be exaggerated, are now shown to have contained nothing but the truth.

There are nevertheless several properties here which will fully justify the big statements erroneously made concerning the Alaska Union. Alaska is a good field for the largest mining operators, as well as for the small capitalist and prospector. Its mining industry is young in years, but its output is far ahead of that of any mining country of the same age, and what is better still, the resources already discovered are such that this generation will not see them exhausted.

The simple fact that a gigantic bubble like the one above referred to can be blown so successfully is good evidence that we are in an extraordinarily good district. The blowers, however expert they may be at the business, would not have been able to do it in a poor or worthless one.

ALASKA.

COAL PRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1887.

We are indebted to Mr. Charles A. Ashburner, assistant in charge of coal statistics of the United States Geological Survey, for the following statistics of coal production in 1887:

The following statistics have been compiled principally from the direct returns of the operators of individual coal mines, and of railroad agents, supplemented by valuable facts contributed by State officials:

The total production of all kinds of commercial coal in 1887 was 123,965,255 short tons (increase over 1886, 16,283,046 tons), valued at the mines at \$173,530,996 (increase, \$26,418,241). This may be divided into Pennsylvania anthracite, 39,506,255 short tons (increase, 2,809,780 short tons), or 35,273,442 long tons (increase, 2,508,732 long tons), valued at \$79,365,244 (increase, \$7,807,118); all other coals, including bituminous, brown coal, lignite, small lots of anthracite produced in Colorado and Arkansas, and 6000 tons of graphitic coal mined in Rhode Island, amounting in the aggregate to 84,459,000 short tons (increase, 13,473,266 tons), valued at \$94,165,752 (increase, \$18,611,123).

The colliery consumption at the individual mines varies from nothing to 8 per cent of the total output of the mines, being greatest at special Pennsylvania anthracite mines and lowest at those bituminous mines where the coal-bed lies nearly horizontal and where no steam power or ventilating furnaces are used. The averages for the different states vary from 2 1/10 to 6 1/2 per cent, the minimum average being in the Pennsylvania bituminous and the maximum average being in the Pennsylvania anthracite region.

The total output of the mines, including colliery consumption, was: Pennsylvania anthracite, 37,578,747 long tons (increase over 1886, 2,725,670 long tons), or 42,088,197 short tons (increase, 3,052,751 short tons); all other coals, 87,837,360 short tons (increase, 14,129,403 tons), making the total output of all coals from mines in the United States, exclusive of slack coal thrown on the dumps, 129,925,557 short tons (increase, 17,182,154 tons), valued as follows: Anthracite, \$84,552,181 (increase, \$4,433,061); bituminous, \$97,939,656 (increase, \$19,458,600); total value, \$182,491,837 (increase, \$27,891,661). The above figures show a notable increase in 1887 over 1886 in the aggregate output and value of both anthracite and bituminous coal.

The total production and the spot value in each State and Territory, exclusive of colliery consumption, are shown in the following table:

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1887. (Exclusive of colliery consumption.)							
States and Territories.	Quantity short tons.	Value at mines.	Per ton.	States and Territories.	Quantity short tons.	Value at mines.	Per ton.
Pennsylvania:				Indian T'y....	685,911	1,286,692	1.88
Anthracite.....	39,506,255	\$79,365,244	\$2.01	N. Mexico T'y.	508,414	1,524,102	3.00
Bituminous.....	30,866,632	27,806,941	0.93	Georgia.....	313,715	470,573	1.50
Ohio.....	10,317,708	9,096,848	0.88	Utah T'y.....	180,021	360,042	2.00
Illinois.....	10,278,890	11,352,596	1.08	Arkansas.....	150,000	252,560	1.68
West Virginia.....	4,836,820	4,594,979	0.95	Texas.....	75,000	150,000	2.00
Iowa.....	4,473,828	3,991,735	0.89	Michigan.....	71,461	107,191	1.50
Maryland.....	3,278,023	3,114,122	0.95	California.....	50,000	150,000	3.00
Indiana.....	3,217,711	4,224,604	1.34	Oregon.....	31,696	70,000	2.20
Missouri.....	3,209,916	4,298,994	1.34	Dakota T'y.....	21,470	32,205	1.50
Kentucky.....	1,931,185	2,223,163	1.16	Montana T'y.	10,202	35,707	3.50
Alabama.....	1,900,000	2,470,000	1.33	Rhode Island.	6,000	16,250	2.70
Tennessee.....	1,900,000	2,470,000	1.33	N-braska...	1,500	3,000	2.00
Colorado.....	1,791,735	3,941,817	2.20	Idaho.....	500	2,000	4.00
Kansas.....	1,595,879	2,231,631	1.40				
Wyoming T'y.	1,170,318	3,510,954	3.00				
Virginia.....	825,263	773,360	0.94				
Wash. T'y....	772,612	1,699,746	2.20				
				Total.....	123,965,255	\$173,530,996	\$1.40

THE USE OF MAGNESITE AS A REFRACTORY MATERIAL.*

By K. Sorge.

Although the value of magnesia as a material for the linings of open-hearth steel furnaces was, according to the author, demonstrated by a comprehensive series of trials made by Wasum in 1884, it has not up to the present time been very largely adopted, in spite of its evident advantages. This is to be ascribed to the use of an inappropriate raw material. In the earlier trials the bricks were made of precipitated magnesia, which is nearly chemically pure, and practically without cohesive power, so that an addition of foreign binding matter (clay, alkalies, etc.) became necessary in order to obtain bricks of sufficient strength, and by this means the refractory character was appreciably injured. The results obtained with magnesite from Upper Silesia and Eubœa, in Greece, were very similar, as these minerals, when calcined and exposed to the highest attainable temperature, showed no signs of fritting, so that an addition of at least as much as 15 per cent of clay was required to make serviceable bricks. The only useful variety of the mineral that has been found is that from the Veitschthal in Styria, which is of a sparry crystalline character, and varies in composition between the following limits:

Carbonate of magnesia.....	90.0 to 96.0	per cent.
" lime.....	0.5 " 2.0	"
" iron.....	3.0 " 6.0	"
Silica.....	Max. 1.0	"
Sesquioxide of manganese.....	" 0.5	"

The small proportion of iron present imparts the property of softening without fushion at a high temperature. The specific gravity, which in the natural mineral is about 3.0, is increased to 3.4 when burned to the caustic condition, and to 3.6 when "dead burnt." In the latter state it is perfectly stable in the air, and may be exposed for years without taking up either water or carbonic acid, and when made into bricks only contracts about 4 per cent upon the molded volume. For the latter purpose, however, a small proportion of binding material is necessary, and the molding must be affected by hydraulic pressure. The most convenient size of brick is 240 x 120 x 65 millimeters. In setting the bricks either tar or magnesia mortar may be used; the latter is made of caustic, mixed with a variable proportion of strongly burnt magnesia. This is used with as little water, and the narrowest possible joints in the brickwork. Owing to the very high temperature required to produce cohesion, it is not advantageous to attempt to make the whole thickness of the hearth out of the plastic mass, but is preferable to build it up of bricks either flat or edgewise, and to make the working surface by a covering of molded mass from 15 to 30 millimeters thick. This is applied to the brickwork after the latter has been exposed to a bright red heat for forty-eight hours, when the finely-ground material is introduced, a shovelful at a time, and beaten down by rammers weighing from 30 to 60 kilograms. Much depends upon the manner in which this part of the work is done. When the bed is finished a layer of 2 to 3 centimeters of lime is laid upon it, and upon this the charge of iron and other materials is made.

When properly made a magnesia lining will last during the working of from five hundred to six hundred charges, and, except where accidents happened at first, the endurance has rarely fallen below three hundred charges. Many smelters consider it advantageous to take out and replace the uppermost layer of the brickwork after melting three hundred charges, in order to avoid larger and more expensive repairs at a time. The average amount of material required for making good the injury to the hearth during the working may be taken at about 20 to 25 kilograms per ton of steel produced. The price of magnesite bricks in Westphalia is about £7 per ton, and that of the plastic mass £5 15s. At these prices the amount required for a 10-ton furnace will cost:

Bricks, 12 tons.....	£ 84 0
Plastic mass, 3 tons.....	17 5
	£101 5

Assuming that the hearth is entirely renewed after three hundred charges, or a total production of 5000 tons of ingots, the expenditure will be:

Lining as above.....	£ 101 5
Material for repairs, 5000 x 20 kilograms = 100 tons.....	575 0
	£676 5

The cost of magnesite reduced to the ton of steel produced is therefore about 2s. 9d.

The advantages due to the use of this material are said to be:

1. The charge may be dephosphorized to the extent of 98 per cent of its total phosphorus without difficulty.
2. Magnesite bottoms allow of the addition to the charge of 30 per cent and upwards of iron ore, and, therefore, facilitate the use of every kind of raw material.
3. Magnesite bricks may be made of very regular shape, so that the building of the hearth in an accurate and durable form is much facilitated.
4. Magnesite may be built up in direct contrast with silica brickwork, which is not possible with any other kind of basic material.
5. The durability of a magnesia lining far exceeds that of any other basic substance, and is, therefore, less costly, as not requiring extensive repairs at short intervals.
6. Magnesite, when exposed to the action of basic slags and metallic oxides, resists corrosion better than any other known substance.
7. The absolute indifference of bricks and burnt magnesite to the action of the air makes it possible to preserve them in quantity for any time without fear of alteration.
8. The danger of using a partially altered material, and therefore one of small durability, as may happen with dolomite, is completely avoided with magnesite.

These advantages are sufficient to counterbalance the somewhat high price of magnesite products, and the author considers that it would be

* Abstract of a paper by K. Sorge in *Stahl und Eisen*, Vol. VII, 1887, p. 850. From the proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers of London; edited by James Forest, Secretary.

to the interest of every open-hearth steel works to make at least one experiment with them on the large scale. With 12 and 15-ton furnaces the cost per ton would be proportionately smaller than the figures given above.

HYDRAULIC GOLD MINING IN NEVADA,

The peculiar conditions which permitted and preserved the enormous gold-deposits of the "dead rivers" of California did not, apparently, occur elsewhere in this country. The great extension and continuity, north and south, of the gold-bearing slates, and the deep erosion of the Sierra cañons crossing them, coupled with the vast overflows of lava which covered and protected the auriferous gravels, can scarcely be paralleled in any other mountain range.

It is unfortunate that the business of hydraulic mining in California, which promised to be for many years a solidly prosperous one, and in which the enterprising men who had spent millions of dollars on the preparatory work of ditches, flumes, tunnels, etc., were just beginning to realize the profit of their courageous investments, was paralyzed by legal contests in the very height of its activity. The cause of this disaster was indirectly geological, too. For the same great causes which wrought the rich accumulations of gold, wrought also the fertile lands of the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys, and thus made a place upon which the victorious Granger might take his stand, to smite the miner hip and thigh.

We have said that these natural conditions were not repeated in other ranges. But it does not follow that there were no rich gold-deposits made in the river channels of the Rocky Mountains, the Wahsatch, or the parallel ranges of the interior basin. The contrary might be proved by numerous instances, from the wonderfully productive gulches of Idaho and Montana down to the once famous placers of Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. In Nevada, the Comstock lode itself was discovered as a consequence of gold digging at the foot of Mount Davidson. While we would not dogmatize on the insufficient data within our knowledge, we may be permitted to say that these cis-Californian placer and gravel mines have proved, on the whole, and so far as we can now recall, limited in extent, but often astonishingly rich within their narrow boundaries. We may instance the gulches at Virginia City and Helena, Montana, and California Gulch at Leadville, as historic examples. And some localities in the Rocky Mountain region which we have personally examined, seem to have been peculiarly the sites of concentrated, rather than distributed, deposition.

For while it is true that all placer and gravel deposits are accumulations in which gold has been to some degree concentrated, yet this degree of concentration itself, and the proportion of the auriferous channel to the general mass of the debris ground are features which may vary greatly; and not uncommonly the smaller areas of auriferous ground, supplied from immediately adjacent mountain slopes, have proved much richer than the larger ones, in the formation of which glaciers, floods and eruptions have interfered to interrupt, disturb, remove, bury or scatter the original deposits, and render their exploration and exploitation a work of difficulty and expense.

In spite of all these obstacles, the business of hydraulic mining in California had been reduced, when rudely interrupted by the "debris litigation," so nearly to a science that men were willing to invest immense sums in the preparatory work, often occupying years of expenditure without returns, in the well-founded confidence that when the harvest time should at last arrive, it would quickly repay all outlays, and bring a long period of steady and large profits. The books of Mr. Bowie and Mr. Hamilton Smith show what accomplished engineers were bred in this industry; and apart from the abundant proofs furnished by the bullionshipments from the hydraulic mines, it might be urged as a conclusive argument that such engineering work is not brought forth by purely enthusiastic and speculative enterprises.

The results of all this experience and skill are now benefiting the rest of the Western country. The partial cessation of hydraulic mining in California inclines those who know both its difficulties and its rewards, and who deem it, when properly conducted, the safest of all forms of mining investment, to look for other fields in which to practice it; and we hear from various quarters of auriferous gravels, sometimes newly discovered, sometimes long known, but never yet attacked with adequate capital, skill and machinery, which are now likely to be made productive and profitable.

THE OSCEOLA GOLD MINE.

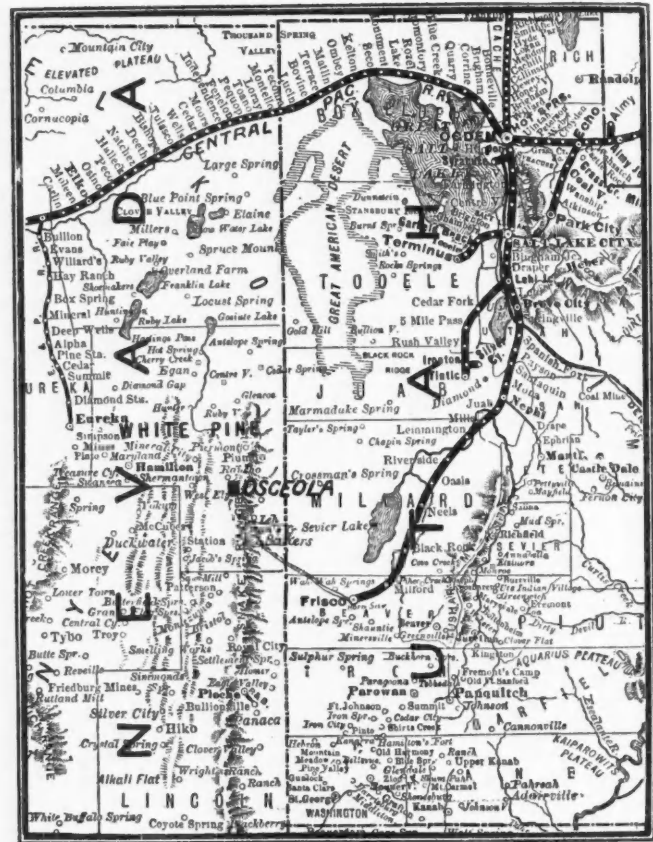
One of the most interesting discoveries of this kind is at Osceola, on the western side of Mount Wheeler, the highest peak of the Snake range, in White Pine County, Nevada. We take a few characteristic points concerning it from the manuscript report of a prolonged and detailed examination by Prof. G. W. Maynard, accompanied with maps, sketches and statistics of actual working.

The gravel deposit occupies a deep cañon, at the mouth of which it spreads out fan-like, towards the open foot-hills and the valley. Bed-rock can be clearly traced around its borders; and the gravel is so exposed that it can be easily tested, not only by sampling the banks of the actual workings, but also by shafts, cheaply sunk. Some \$40,000 have been already taken from the ground, which has yielded (apart from \$5000 in nuggets) 19 1/2 cents per cubic yard. This does not include workings on the bed-rock, where very rich material, showing \$11 to \$50 per cubic yard, was explored by shafts and drifts under Professor Maynard's direction. The deepest shaft strikes the bed-rock at about 250 feet. The sluicing of all the material (205 cubic yards) from the lower hundred feet of this shaft, and from a 50-foot drift on the bed-rock, yielded something more than 21 cents per cubic yard. The average depth of gravel over bed-rock is about 150 feet, and its area within the outcropping bed-rock rim is 7875 by 2640 feet, giving an aggregate of about 100 million cubic yards of the gravel.

The source of the gold was evidently the neighboring mountains; and the confined and narrow cañon seems to have greatly favored a concentration in easily-followed channels. The present proprietors have never had any difficulty on that head. Their greatest obstacle has been the lack of water. Their present ditch has never carried more than 1250

inches as a maximum; and the actual delivery last year averaged daily in miners' inches as follows: April, 180; May, 400; June, 650; July, 375; August, 175; and for the autumn about 100.

The securing of an adequate and more uniform water-supply is therefore the critical question. The reputation of Nevada for running water is not of the best; but the slopes of the Snake range, on the eastern edge of the State are not as barren as those of the interior ranges. Mt. Wheeler, over 13,000 feet high, carries snow the year round; and its sides are reported to present the phenomenon, somewhat unusual in Nevada, of hemlock forests. By buying certain water-rights, building a new ditch about 24 miles long (at a cost of \$120,000), and providing storage reservoirs, a regular supply of about 2600 24-hour inches for seven months of the year can be secured. This estimate of quantity is based on monthly measurements for three years of the streams to be utilized, with liberal deductions for leakage and evaporation.



There are no farms to be injured by debris—a fact of high importance for the future.

While our interest in the case is merely professional and scientific, we feel bound to say that the report of Prof. Maynard has impressed us as exceedingly careful and conservative. His frank declaration that he is interested in the purchase of the property does not in our judgment weaken the force of his very temperate arguments and his convincing array of proofs from practice. We can not help feeling that he has made out a strong case. The financial arrangements which his clients propose are extremely liberal to capitalists, involving as they do no pecuniary bonus to any body concerned, but, on the contrary giving, in return for the money required for its development, the control of the property and a prior claim on the profits until the investment shall have been fully repaid, and a large permanent interest afterwards. This is a refreshing departure from the usual custom of "promoters;" according to which the capitalist, without whose assistance mines can seldom be adequately developed, is asked to pay handsomely for the privilege of assisting, while the owners and middle-men realize at once enough to pay them for their trouble and risk anyhow. The proprietors of the Osceola deposit have set a good example. We hope that they will succeed in obtaining the help they need, and that a model enterprise may be developed to its full capacity in this secluded spot. We need not add, that the seclusion will vanish as soon as the dividends begin.

Iodide of Mercury in Tanning—A New Use for Quicksilver.—The addition of a small quantity of iodide of mercury to skins is found to effectually prevent fermentation setting in, and at the same time to produce no injurious effects in the subsequent tanning operations. It is said that the mercury salt acts as a preservative of the constituents of the tannin liquors, and that leather produced from skins that have been previously treated in this manner is superior to that tanned in the ordinary way. Messrs. Collin & Benoit, the French chemists, who have experimented with this anti-ferment, state that it completely prevents the liquefaction of the gelatine which takes place in putrefying hides, and thus saves them from this loss. A saving is also effected by its use in the prevention of the decomposition of the tannin in the tanning liquid, which is usually hastened by the introduction of the hides when in a state of decomposition. The amount of iodide of mercury required is so small that there is no possible danger from poisoning, either to the workmen or to those subsequently using the leather, in its use.

THE SULPHUR MINES OF THE CAUCASUS.

Translated for the Engineering and Mining Journal.

The *Revue Commerciale et Industrielle du Caucase* gives the following interesting account of the sulphur deposits of Tchirkate belonging to Prince Eristoff, and situated in Southern Daghestan not very far from the junction of the river Roïsou d'Andi with the Avare. On the left and nearly vertical slope of the valley of Birgoutchi-Kal at an altitude of 1750 meters, and on an extent of 100 meters several old Tartar workings are found, but they are all caved in. On the lateral margins the stringers of sulphur appear having a thickness from a few millimeters to 20 centimeters. These stringers are intercalated with the clay impregnated with crystals of quartz and gypsum.

After the discovery of these deposits, in 1802, they were worked for thirty-five years by the mountain tribes of Tchirkate, who produced about 16 tons of sulphur per year, the crude mineral containing about 60 per cent of sulphur. Later on, the deposit was worked for ten years, some of the ore being sold, and the balance went to Schamyl as a tribute or royalty. The percentage of sulphur in the ore was, however, not more than 36 per cent. After Albich's explorations in 1859, and from 1864 to 1866, Mr. Koltchewsky, by order of the Russian Government, conducted explorations upon an area of 12 square kilometers, between the rivers Birgoutchi-Kal and Gouni-Kal, giving the following results: The right bank of the Gouni-Kal, and particularly the left bank of the Birgoutchi-Kal, very steep and picturesque, are formed by sandstones, dolomites, marls, gypsum, and clay shists (argillaceous slates). The orographic character of the country is the result of subterranean action working in two different directions; the first motion of the terrestrial crust directed toward the northwest, forming the valleys of Birgoutchi and Gouni-Kal, the second directed to the northeast, forming the Soulak Valley.

The country consists of sedimentary beds, which Mr. Abich classes as belonging to the jurassic and cretaceous. They succeed each other downwards in the following order:

1. The alluviums of the left bank of the Birgoutchi-Kal, composed of blocks of sandstones, limestones, and argillaceous slates.
2. Dolomitic breccia, composed of large blocks of dolomitic limestones with a cement of the same nature. These rocks still belong to the alluviums.

The following rocks belong to the lower series of the cretaceous:

3. Yellow friable sandstones composed of fine grains of quartz cemented by lime or clay, the thickness of this bed being 18 meters.
4. Granular spongy dolomitic limestone of a greenish-gray color, very hard, tenacious, and but little fossiliferous; in a few places, beds of calcareous sandstones and sandy marls, changing to dolomite, are met with. The whole of the dolomite beds are full of fissures, some of which are filled with crystals of pearlspar. The existence of these fissures and the spongy state of the dolomitic limestones is in conformity with the theory generally admitted as to their origin.

The following rocks belong to the upper and lower series of the jurassic:

5. The granular gypsum, of a snow white color, compact and tough, is fissured in a few places only. The bed of gypsum contains intercalations such as dolomite or as dolomitic limestone. The total thickness of this bed is 140 metres. Above the gypsum and below the cretaceous dolomitic limestone is a tolerably regular bed of bluish argillaceous schist impregnated with crystals of gypsum and alum, and containing sulphur in the form of small seams 30 centimeters in thickness. The thickness of this argillaceous bed varies from 0.7 to 1.5 meters. The parts richest in sulphur are near the hanging-wall, the parts near the foot-wall containing more gypsum, thus forming the transition with the lower gypsum.
6. Yellow-gray dolomitic limestone, with fissures filled with calcespar. The thickness of this bed is about 100 meters.
7. Gray argillaceous sandstone, containing a few intercalated beds of sandy marl and nodules of sphaeroiderite. The thickness is 48 meters.
8. Argillaceous schists, with layers of marl intercalated. Thickness, 100 meters.

The general direction of the beds is N. 30° W.; the local directions range between N. 15° to 60°. The dip is from 10° to 20° N. E.

Mr. Koltchewsky had 14 openings made showing the deposit, each giving a certain quantity of mineral, and thus the average richness was arrived at. These openings produced about 320 cubic meters of rock and demonstrated that the extent of the deposit was 600 meters on the dip. Taking the average thickness of the layer at 2 meters, the deposit contains a known mass of 12,000 cubic meters of mineral, carrying from 10 per cent to 20 per cent in sulphur. M. Koltchewsky had been under the impression that this bed contained a much larger quantity of mineral, and that nearly 100,000 tons of sulphur would be available.

In 1880, the Compagnie Française Lescaud sent M. Gounod, a French engineer, and W. Haltatchi, an Italian engineer, to examine Prince Eristoff's mine. They reported that the quantity of sulphur which could be extracted at 49,000,000 pounds upon a length of 2½ versts and a width of from 200 to 300 sagènes. But as Baku gets some of its supply from Recht, in Persia, the sales of the Tchirkato sulphur are very difficult.

Cliff Dwellings in Morocco.—Recent discoveries have shown that cliff dwellings are found in great numbers in Morocco, which are now, and probably have been, inhabited from the time of their first construction. These dwellings in all particulars are like those found in Arizona and New Mexico on this continent. A New York paper speaks of them as follows: It was not until last year that the Moors would permit any examination of the cliff dwellings which have long been known to exist some days' journey southwest of the city of Morocco. The strange city of the cave-dwellers is almost exactly like some of those in New Mexico and other territories, which archaeologists have explored. The dwellings were dug out of the solid rock, and many of them are over 200 feet above the bottom of the valley. The face of the cliff is, in places, perpendicular, and it is believed that the troglodytes could have reached their dwellings only with the aid of rope-ladders. Some of the dwellings contain three rooms, the largest of which are about 17 x 9 feet, and the walls of the larger rooms are generally pierced by windows. Nothing is known as to who these cave-dwellers are.

RELATION OF TIN TO TRAP DIKES.

Written for the Engineering and Mining Journal by Courtney de Kalb.

In Western North Carolina cassiterite is frequently found in small quantities; but the prospectors of that region are almost wholly unacquainted with the appearance of tin ore, and would pass it by unnoticed; consequently the opportunities for its discovery have been exceedingly small. The paragenesis of cassiterite in the Appalachians is such as to induce strong suspicions, from the indicative minerals already known to exist, that it may be found in workable deposits somewhere in the chain. I have heard of no case of its occurrence in greisen, or in the granite series of the region, but always in quartz veins, in close proximity to basaltic dikes. The quartz, which is invariably full of cavities, is strongly impregnated with mispickel, and has associated with it topaz, apatite, and sometimes considerable amounts of fluor spar. The occurrence of minerals containing fluorine in the neighborhood of trap dikes is an indication of the probable existence of tin in the same locality, a sufficient sign at least to warrant the prospector in making a careful examination of the "float." Guided in this way, cassiterite was found in one place in Haywood County, and at another in Henderson County, N. C., although the amounts were not large enough in either instance to lead to further exploration.

This association of tin-bearing rocks with basalt finds an explanation in the discovery of Daubrée, that fluoride of tin is volatile at a high heat, but is readily decomposed in contact with other substances, resulting in the formation of new fluorides, while stannic oxide is set free. An eruption of basaltic lava would provide all the conditions for the volatilization and escape of fluoride of tin, and for the deposition of cassiterite in fissures nearer the surface. Of course this applies only to tin ore in true veins, but in the Appalachians, where this is the prevailing condition, a knowledge of this relationship may be helpful in leading to important discoveries.

OCCURRENCE OF GOLD AND SILVER IN OXIDIZED COPPER ORES IN ARIZONA.

Written for the Engineering and Mining Journal by Alex. Trippel, M.E.

Gold is not unfrequently found in chalcopyrites or other sulphide combinations of copper, or in arsenical pyrites, in Yavapai County, but it has rarely been recognized in oxidized copper ores, such as found in several localities in Arizona. These ores, as is well known, are an intimate mechanical mixture of the oxides of iron, copper and occasionally manganese, more or less siliceous or calcareous.

Silver occurs far oftener, but is always associated with copper glance or the products of its partial decomposition. I observed but two cases where silver occurs with the oxidized mass, which constitutes our ore. In the fifth level of the Globe mine, native silver is found in filaments and scales, going through cuprite and associated with calcite. Its appearance is limited to isolated small spots in the midst of non-argentiferous ore. In the other case, pure argentite in minute grains is imbedded almost regularly through such an oxidized mass which has a most peculiar appearance.

The co-relation which seems to exist between the copper and silver ore deposits in Globe District is remarkable, but a knowledge of its precise nature must be left to future developments.

Gold occurs in such ore in the Keystone mine here, of which mention was made by Mr. A. Wendt. There, imbedded in the ore, the gold is found in flakes, scales, and occasionally in solid small bodies, the ore assaying generally above 20 per cent copper. However, the metal produced from that ore was unsuitable for market, and the work in the mine was stopped. In order to determine the cause of this defect, several partial analyses were made by Mr. A. L. Walker, my assistant, with the following result:

	SO ₂	CuO	As ₂ C ₃	P ₂ O ₅
No. 1	15.65	28.89	1.3	0.77
No. 2	25.44	30.95	0.40	0.22
No. 3	30.97	22.70	0.53	0.30
No. 4	38.82	30.48	0.26	0.16
No. 5	22.86	48.46	0.29	0.17
No. 6	28.82	17.90	2.94	1.05

It will be seen that the proportion between the arsenic and phosphoric acid remains the same in all these analyses. No search was made for other substances, but the metal produced from such ore was pale-yellowish in appearance, very brittle and, when analyzed, showed arsenic, 4.09 per cent.; antimony, 0.38 per cent.

This confirms the well-known great difficulty in expelling arsenic from copper, especially in a blast-furnace. The small quantity of gold in the copper was insufficient to make its value available.

Lately I have seen similar oxidized ore from Seneca District, Yuma Co., but in this case the gold is present in a larger quantity and specimens were literally speckled with larger and smaller grains and filaments of gold. A moderate looking piece assayed 11½ of gold, 5 ounces silver and 23 per cent copper. At present, the second class ore is milled, the tailings concentrated and sold as copper ore; the gold yield in the battery from such ore was 86 ounces gold from 94 tons ore, leaving ½ ounce gold per ton in the concentrates. I propose to analyze the ore shortly, to see if the gold had its origin from decomposed arsenical pyrites, as it seems to have done in the first case.

Globe, A. T.

Where Phosphorus and Manganese are in Basic Pig-Iron.—According to Herr C. Reinhardt, the proportion of phosphorus and manganese in basic pig-iron is almost invariably greater at the edges of a section than it is in the center. In the case of slowly cooled gray cast iron the quantities of phosphorus and manganese vary throughout the mass, but appear to do so together. In a mass of the metal, phosphorus is very unevenly distributed in the various layers, and its amount appears to be greatest at the surface. The same may be said of manganese, and with a rapidly cooled sample both metals are found in the largest proportion, not only in the surface layer, but upon the whole exterior surface of the pig-iron.

MICA MINING IN NORTH CAROLINA.—VII.

By Wm. B. Phillips.

(Concluded from Page 418.)

In bringing these articles to a close it seems necessary to explain why no statistics have been given. Such as are accessible will be found in a compilation by the writer to be published shortly in the "Mineral Resources of the United States for 1887," U. S. Geol. Survey. In this volume will be found also a more concise and less technical account of the industry, and those who wish a bird's-eye view of the matter are referred to it.

North Carolina, for several years past, has contributed over 60 per cent of the mica produced in the United States. With New Hampshire, she produces fully 95 per cent of the better quality of mica in the country, and while, indeed, it can not be asserted that her mica is better than that from other sources, it is just as good, and the statistics above referred to show that it is mined at less cost than New Hampshire mica.

I must say, however, that in my opinion these statistics are erroneous. There can not exist such a difference between the effective value of a dollar in North Carolina and New Hampshire as they reveal. It is impossible to believe that one dollar in North Carolina yielded \$8.93, and in New Hampshire only 20 cents, especially when we consider that, in the former state, shaft mining is the rule and open cut the exception, and in the latter, open cut is the rule and shaft mining the exception.

The much vexed question of cost accounts should not be submitted to census-takers. It needs something more than mere scientific information to settle the actual cost of even so simple a product as mica, and while the local conditions in North Carolina favor cheap mining they do not necessarily imply it. After devoting several years to the study of North Carolina mica mines, and, what is a still more difficult subject, mica miners, I do not as yet find myself in a position to give an opinion on the cost of a pound of mica ready for shipment. That it is less now than it was ten years ago there is good reason for believing, as also for believing that it will be still farther diminished by the introduction of improved machinery, drills, hoists, etc.

The miners and dealers in North Carolina are not at present at all happy over their prospects. The change to a smaller pattern, the importation of foreign mica (which pays no duty), and the discovery of other mines, as in Dakota, Black Hills, Colorado, etc., are among the chief causes of alarm.

The output is diminishing, and that in spite of many good mines still unworked. The industry, while indeed never of any very great dimensions, was of considerable consequence to the immediate vicinity.

Probably \$300,000 was the greatest value ever reached by any annual yield, and for the 20 years in which the business has been carried on it is not likely that the value of the product exceeds \$1,700,000.

Mitchell and Yancy counties have contributed most of the mica from North Carolina. Good mines have also been opened and worked in the counties of Stokes, Cleveland and Rutherford, east of the Blue Ridge, and Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Cherokee west of the Ridge.

According to W. C. Kerr,* a timbered shaft, 100 feet deep, has been discovered on Valley River, Cherokee County.

F. W. Simonds states† that in the Guyer mine, Macon County, at depths varying from 35 to 50 feet in a shaft of prehistoric age, were found in 1875 some iron implements, as a pair of gudgeons, a wedge, etc., of wrought iron. Shaft mining has been carried on in this State for 200 years or more. An exploring party sent out by De Soto may have penetrated as far north as the southwestern corner of North Carolina.‡

Prehistoric remains of open cuts and shafts for mica mining are found in Alabama, along a line stretching from Chilton County northeast through the counties of Coosa, Clay and Cleburne.§

It is a little surprising that an industry so old, and yet so new, should have received such scant attention. There is, perhaps, in the whole country no better place for the study of fissures, and of the forces causing them, than a well opened mica mine.

It is the purpose of the writer during the ensuing summer to figure and describe more particularly some of the more interesting of these mines in Yancy and Mitchell counties, and to seek anew for the relations subsisting between the quality and quantity of the mica, and the depth, dip, strike and walling of the vein, and the influence exerted by accompanying minerals.

It what has been said shall lead those concerned in such matters to inquire more especially into them, these articles have not been written in vain. The mica mining counties will well repay close study, not only on account of the mica, but even more on account of other minerals, as iron ores, chrome ores, corundum, asbestos, graphite, talc, etc. Some of the most magnificent forests of virgin timber in this or any other country still adorn the mountains and hills of these counties. Chestnut, locust, walnut, poplar, pine, cherry, etc., flourish in great abundance and beauty. The new railroad projected down the Toe River into Tennessee will open a country that needs only to be known to be appreciated. A fertile soil, an unsurpassed climate, varied and abundant natural products, all combine to render this part of North Carolina the potential garden spot of the State.

The World's Production of Pig-Iron in 1886 and 1887.—The British Iron and Steel Institute publish the following statistics:

	1887. Tons.	1886. Tons.	Increase or decrease in 1887.
United Kingdom.....	7,441,927	6,870,665	I. 571,262
United States.....	6,417,148	5,683,324	I. 733,824
Germany.....	3,907,364	3,528,658	I. 378,706
France.....	1,610,851	1,507,850	I. 103,001
*Belgium.....	754,481	701,277	I. 53,204
*Sweden.....	442,457	464,737	D. 22,280
*Austria-Hungary.....	670,000	620,000	I. 50,000
*Russia.....	490,470	470,000	I. 20,470
*Spain.....	180,000	159,225	I. 20,775
Totals.....	21,914,098	20,905,736	I. 1,008,362

* These are returns for 1886 and 1885.

† Rept. of Prog. N. C. Geol. Survey, 1860, p. 56.
 ‡ Amer. Naturalist, Jan., 1881. Reprint.
 § Bancroft, Hist. of the U. S., 13th Ed., Vol. 1, pp 47-48.
 § Eugene A. Smith, State Geol. Ala. Priv. Com., Oct. 4, 1887.

Cost of Colliery Surveys in Westphalia.—Mr. H. Werneke, in *Mittheilungen aus dem Markscheiderwesen*, says from information supplied by the Royal Mining Department of Westphalia that at the one hundred and ninety-four collieries in that district, during the years 1880, 1881 and 1882, the average annual expenditure on the preparation of mine plans and on other mine-surveying operations amounted to £9323 16s. This sum represents an average of 8½d. (17 cents) for every 100 tons of coal raised, or 2s. 1d. (say 50 cents) for each workman employed.

Mines in Ecuador.—The British Consul at Guayaquil reports that the works on the Zarama gold mines continue. New machinery has been put up by the Quebrada Mining Company, which is to commence milling shortly. The Compañia Explorada de Minas has sent its representative to Europe to make arrangements to raise capital for working about eighteen mines. A new English company has undertaken the exploration of another group of mines in Zarama, and has sent out an engineer and materials for the purpose. The Consul states that so far no decisive results have been obtained sufficient to warrant an opinion being given as to the ultimate success of these new enterprises.

Lick Observatory Completed.—After thirteen years the Lick Observatory at Mount Hamilton is completed, and on the 1st inst. was formally transferred by the Lick trustees to the California State University. The original endowment was \$700,000, which with interest brings the sum expended up to nearly \$1,000,000. The observatory and instruments are valued at \$750,000. The trustees turned over with the observatory property \$90,000, all that remains of the fund. This will not bring in more than enough to pay the salary of the director. It is estimated that it will cost \$30,000 a year to carry on the observatory, so that a deficit of \$25,000 falls on the university. It is doubtful if the institution can furnish this amount, and an attempt will probably be made at the next Legislature to get the State to set aside a fund for the maintenance of the observatory.

Deep Coal Mining.—*L'Echo des Mines et de la Metallurgie* gives details of the deep André shaft of the Poirier Company in the Charleroi district, Belgium. This shaft is 940 meters, or 3084 feet deep, with a sump of 15 meters, making the total depth 3133 feet. The maximum daily output is 500 tons of coal. Hoisting is done in one lift. The load, including weight of cable, cage, six trucks and coal is 15,510 kilograms, and when hoisting rock this is increased to 16,910 kilos. The ascent is made in 80 seconds, or an average of 11.75 meters per second, or about 2320 feet per minute, though in certain positions of the cage 17 meters per second are made. When lowering men the descent is made in five minutes, or 3.13 meters (say 10 feet), per second. The temperature at the bottom is about 35 degrees C. (— degrees F.) and the rate of increase is 1 degree C. in 30 or 40 meters (say 1 degree F. per feet). Ventilation is effected by a Guibal fan delivering 30 cubic meters per second (— cubic feet per minute).

The Long Tunnel for Draining the Valley of Mexico.—A contract has been entered into between the Board of Direction of the Drainage of the Valley of Mexico and Mr. J. Gladwyn Jebb, representing the London-Mexico Prospecting and Finance Company, Limited, for the execution of the work known as the Tequixquiac Tunnel. The work is to cost \$2,350,000, covered by 7 per cent city bonds, issued at 82½ and running for at least ten years, the ultimate period of liquidation being fixed at thirty years. A sinking fund of 1 per cent per annum on the total issue is provided for. The limit fixed for the completion of the work is two and a half years, counting from the date of formal transfer of the tunnel to the company, but practically three years are allowed, as it is stated each day over three years employed by the company on the work shall cause a fine of \$300 to be deducted from the amount due the company on final liquidation. On the other hand, for each day less than two and a half years saved by the company, a premium of \$300 shall be awarded them. It is distinctly stipulated that the money raised by the emission of the bonds shall be devoted exclusively to the tunnel. The total length of the tunnel is 9520 miles, of which there is already completed a trifle less than 1000 miles. There are to be 23 shafts, of which five are already sunk. The tunnel will be brick-lined throughout, with an inner cement coating, and the stipulations of the tunnel contract call for first-class work.

Effect of Copper Oxide on Density of Copper.—Alex. Trippel, M.E., furnishes us the following note: It is a well-known fact that refined copper holds and needs a small quantity of cuprous oxide for its ductility. Generally, however, casting brands have more than copper refined for rolling purposes, for the reason that in crucible melting, copper which does not contain some cupreous oxide is apt to absorb carbon from the covering of the metal bath. The delicate point in copper refining is in recognizing the moment when the minimum quantity of cupreous oxide is reached. The least step beyond produces a copper which is short, from the absorption of carbon. The following experiments were made to ascertain the changes brought about in refining, the result being a casting-brand.

	Per cent. Cu ₂ O.	Per cent. O.	Spec. gravity.
1. Sample taken soon after slagging.....	7.91	1'	8.667
2. Sample half hour after it.....	7.35	0.93	8.695
3. Sample one hour after first.....	6.40	0.81	8.705
4. Sample before pooling.....	4.95	0.64	8.715
5. Sample after charcoal on bath.....	4.90	0.62	8.7.1
6. Sample half hour after pooling.....	3.16	0.40	8.8.6
7. Sample before lading.....	2.05	0.26	8.880

Lead in Water.—From a report on the recent progress in public hygiene by Dr. Samuel W. Abbott to the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* we abstract the following: In Sheffield, England, cases of lead-poisoning have been very frequent; during the past winter there has been an alarming increase, the number amounting to several hundred. On inquiry, it was found that these were quite exclusively among the population supplied from the high service reservoir, in the water of which lead was found in quantity varying from half a grain to one and a quarter grains per gallon. This water was found to be distinctly acid, claimed

to be of vegetable origin, arising from the peat upon the moors. To neutralize this acid, and thus prevent its dissolving the lead in the pipes, blocks of limestone have been placed in the conduit by the water company. The public analyst does not approve of this, saying that too much limestone will injure the water, and render it as liable to act on lead as if it had not been thus treated. He advises that the lime be introduced regularly and constantly in powder, or as milk of lime. Charcoal filters have been efficacious in removing the lead, in consequence of the phosphates contained in the animal charcoal used, forming an insoluble phosphate of lead.

Brazilian Coal.—The following is a report upon the properties of the Brazilian coal from Arroio dos Ratos. The examination was made by John Pattinson, chemist to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne city council. On submitting coal to distillation in a coal-testing apparatus 8000 cubic feet of gas was obtained per ton of coal, having an illuminating power equal to 13.8 standard sperm candles, as ascertained by burning the gas at the rate of five cubic feet per hour in a photometer fitted with the No. 1 London Argand Standard Burner. The following percentages of coke and volatile matters were yielded: coke, 58.8 per cent; volatile matters, 41.2 per cent. The coal swelled up but very slightly on being heated in a close retort and formed a slightly coherent coke. A complete ultimate analysis of the coal was made and the following results obtained:

Carbon.....	53.84	Sulphur.....	3.65
Hydrogen.....	3.91	Ash.....	17.01
Oxygen.....	8.23	Water.....	12.77
Nitrogen.....	0.59		

The calorific power of the coal was determined in Thompson's calorimeter. This indicated that one pound of the coal would evaporate 10.8 pounds of water from 212 degrees Fahr. or 100 degrees C.

A Ruined City in Texas.—The surveys at present being made for the Kansas City, El Paso & Mexican Railroad, at a point north latitude 33 degrees and west longitude 106 degrees, have passed along the lava flow which by the local population is called the Molpais. It consists of a sea of molten black glass, agitated at the moment of cooling in ragged waves of fantastic shapes. These lava waves or ridges are from 10 to 12 feet high with combing crests. This lava flow is about 40 miles long from northeast to southwest, and from 1 to 10 miles wide. For miles on all sides the country is the most desolate that can be imagined. It has been literally burnt up. It consists of fine white ashes to any depth which, so far, has been dug down. To the north of the lava flow, and lying in a country equally desolate and arid, the surveyors have come upon the ruins of Gran Guivera, known already to the early Spanish explorers, but which have been visited by white men less often even than the mysterious ruins of Païenque in Central America. Only a few people at Socorro and White Oaks have been at Gran Guivera, because it is at present 40 miles from water. The surveyors found the ruins to be of gigantic stone buildings made in the most substantial manner and of grand proportions. One of them was four acres in extent. All indications around the ruins point to the existence here at one time of a dense population. No legend of any kind exists as to how this great city was destroyed or when it was abandoned. One of the engineers attached to the surveying expedition advances the theory that Gran Guivera was in existence and abundantly supplied with water at the time the terrific volcanic eruption took place.

Estimates of Electrical Energy Necessary for Tram Cars.—Mr. Huber, in the *Electrical Engineer*, estimates that the energy required to be stored in the cells in order to draw a load of one long ton, in ordinary weather, over one mile of average road, the gradients on which do not exceed 2 1/2 per cent, on an average, is equivalent to 125 watts exerted for an hour. Calling the daily run 70 miles, and the weight of the car eight tons, it follows that the battery must be of such proportions that it can give out during the run as much energy as is equivalent to 70 x 8 x 125 = 70,000 watts exerted for an hour. As this energy is not used during one hour, but distributed through, say, 14 hours, the battery will only need to be 1/14th of 70,000 watt-power, or 5000 watt-power. If there are 125 cells, each having an electromotive force of two volts, the electromotive force of the battery will be 250 volts, and in order that it may develop the necessary 5000 watts it must give a current of 20 amperes, i. e., 5000 ÷ 250 = 20. Ohm's law (C = E ÷ R) shows that if the current is 20 and the electromotive force 250, the total resistance must be 12.5 ohms. Most of this resistance will be in the motor, which should be designed accordingly. It takes 746 watts to equal one horse-power, so that 70,000 watts exerted for one hour is the same as 70,000 ÷ 746 = 93.8 horse-power exerted for an hour. We may assume that the generator gives out 80 per cent of the indicated horse-power of the engine that drives it. The engine would therefore be large enough to be able to exert 117.2 horse-power for one hour, if it did the charging all in one hour, since 80 per cent of 117.2 is 93.8. If the charging of the battery lasts 20 hours instead of only one hour, the engine need be only 1/20th as large. That is, it will not need to exert more than 5.9 horse-power.

American Gem Stones.—At the last meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences, Mr. George F. Kunz exhibited some of the finest red corundum (ruby) from within 20 miles of Atlanta, Ga. This was in pieces weighing one pound, and was part of a mass weighing 350 pounds, which was found on the surface. He also exhibited gold quartz from Dutch Guiana, gold formerly found there only in placer deposits had been traced to the vein by a brother of the United States consul, Mr. Thomas Brown. The mines are situated four miles from Paramaribo, and the ore is sent to the coast by natives who carry it on their heads in fifty pound bags, making two trips a day. He also read a paper entitled "List of Diamonds found in the United States," which will be published later on by the society, and stated that, in reference to the diamond weighing 4 1/2 carats, exhibited and reported by him two months ago as having been found near Morrow Station, thirteen miles south of Atlanta, Ga., that he had recently heard of a two carat stone which was brought to Mr. L. O. Stevens, of Atlanta, Ga., by a colored man who found it in his garden a few miles from the city, but who would not sell it or allow it

to be sent north. It was imperfect and off colored. Mr. Kunz also said that five years ago he had identified topaz for the first time in Maine, at Stoneham, and ever since then he has been on the lookout for the rare gems, phenacite, crystals of which he had the pleasure of showing on that evening. This was the first time it had ever been found in the United States outside of Colorado, where it was first discovered in 1882. In Maine a number of superb light green and sherry-colored topaz crystals were found. They were several inches in length but of little gem value.

Economy of High Pressure Steam Jackets.—According to the *Révue Industrielle*, M. P. Guzzi, an Italian engineer, has recently introduced a system of constructing steam engines in which the jacket is supplied with steam of a higher pressure than that used inside the cylinder. The high pressure steam is generated by a small boiler constructed on Perkins' system, which is placed inside the furnace of the main boiler. In this way steam is obtained at a pressure of about 220 pounds per square inch, with a corresponding temperature of about 390 degrees Fahr., and with this steam the jackets are supplied, and when condensed in these it drains back into the boiler. By this arrangement the initial condensation in the cylinder is materially reduced, with a corresponding improvement in the efficiency of the motor, as the following figures, taken from an engine when working as described above, and when working under normal conditions, show:

	Jacket using steam at a pressure of 176 lbs. per sq. in.	Jacket working under normal conditions.
Date experiment.....	February 24, 1886.	February 20, 1886.
Duration of test.....	6 hrs 18 min.	7 hrs. 11 min.
Mean effective pressure in main boiler.....	56.6 lb. per sq. in.	56.2 lb. per sq. in.
Mean indicated horse-power.....	25.9	25.67
Consumption of water per indicated horse-power per hour.....	19.6 lb.	23.5 lb.

This engine has now been working for about eighteen months, but in other cases, to avoid the risk arising from high pressure steam, it has been proposed to substitute for the steam the vapor of linseed oil, which boils under atmospheric pressure at about 700 degrees Fahr.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

[In sending books for notice, will publishers, for their own sake and for that of book buyers, give the retail price? These notices do not supersede review in another part of the Journal.]

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- A System of Easy Lettering.* By J. Howard Cromwell, Ph. B. Published by E. & F. N. Spon, New York, 1888. Pages 29. Price, 50 cents.
- Über Niveauausgleichungen zur Eisenzeit, nebst Versuch einer Gliederung des Gebirgsdiluviums.* By F. M. Stappf, Dr. Ph.-Weissensee bei Berlin (Erscheint im Jahrbuch d. Kgl. Preuss. Geol. Landesanstalt, 1888). Pages 82 and Index.
- Die Verdrichtung des Hüttenrauchs.* By C. A. Herzig, Consulting Mining Engineer at Freiberg, Sachsen. Published by the J. G. Cotta'sche Buchhandlung, Stuttgart, Germany, 1888. Pages 72 and Index. Illustrated.
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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.

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- 384,246. Steam-Engine. Friedrich Fisher, D's Moines Ia.
 - 384,249. Railroad-Rail Joint. Nathan T. Frame, Jamestown, O.
 - 384,250. Triple-Expansion Engine. Harvey F. Gaskill, Lockport, N. Y.
 - 384,263. Steam-Feed Valve. Lewis T. Kline, Alpena, Mich.
 - 384,268. Friction-lutch. Anthony Nelson, Boston, Mass., Assignor to James Bennett Forsyth, same place.
 - 385,278. Clay Disintegrator. George Potts, Indianapolis, Ind.
 - 384,284. Gas Pressure Regulator. Charles L. Rowland, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 - 384,286. Steam-Engine Governor. Charles Scamid, Chicago, Ill., Assignor of one half to George Farnsworth, same place.
 - 384,295. Manufacture of Articles from Hydraulic Cement. John W. Stockwell, Portland, Me.
 - 384,308. Rolls for Iron-Rolling Mills. Arthur W. H. Collard, Pittsburg, Pa.
 - 384,313. Sectional Steam-Boiler. John A. Groswood, New York, N. Y.
 - 384,327. Transportation-Case for Coiled Lead Pipe. Henry J. Miller, Utica, N. Y.
 - 384,330. Valve. George H. Moore, Norwich, Conn., Assignor to E. Belle C. Moore, same place.
 - 384,332. Appliance for Rolling-Mills. David B. Oliver, Allegheny City, Pa.
 - 384,336. Water-Engine Valve. George Ross and William Ross, Troy, N. Y.
 - 384,345. Elevator for Ingot-Casting Machines. James B. D'Arcy Boulton, Jersey City, N. J., Assignor to the Solid Ingot Co., of N. J.
 - 384,349. Apparatus for Separating Lead and Base Bullion from Slag. Walter B. Leveaux, Aspen, Colo.
 - 384,356. Air-Compressor. William T. Forster, Erie, Pa.
 - 384,410. Furnace Grate. Leonard M. Woodcock, Auburn, N. Y.
 - 384,422. Nail-Machine. Gustavus E. Buschick and Fritz Rautert, Chicago, Ill.
 - 384,424. Stuffing Box. Alexander H. Clark, Fond du Lac, Wis.
 - 384,435. Safety-flange for Railroad Rails. Charles M. Erwin, Birmingham, Ala., Assignor, by direct and mesne assignments, of one half to J. M. Watt and Madison Whipple, both of Washington, D. C.
 - 384,436. Hydraulic Elevator. William T. Fox, Rochester, N. Y., Assignor to the Crane Elevator Co., Chicago, Ill.
 - 384,440. Electric-Circuit Controller. Otto F. Greim, Newark, N. J.
 - 384,485. Governor. H. Herman Westinghouse and Francis M. Rites, Pittsburg, Pa., Assignors to the Westinghouse Machine Co., same place.
 - 384,506. Anti-Friction Bearing for shafts. William J. Brewer, London, Eng.
 - 384,515. Machine for Making Wire Nails. Henry Essex, M-adville, Pa.
 - 384,524. Hydrocarbon Burner for Furnaces. Adam Heberer, Alameda, Cal.
 - 384,529. Automatic Air Compressor. George J. Kean, Chicago, Ill.
 - 384,562. Electric Railway. G. Herbert Condit, Philadelphia, Pa., Assignor to the Electric Car Co. of America, of Pennsylvania.
 - 384,576. Electric Railway. Rudolph M. Hunter, Philadelphia, Pa., Assignor to the Electric Car Co. of America, same place.
 - 384,580. Apparatus for Electric Fraction. Edmond Julien, Brussels, Belgium.
 - 384,581. Electric Railway Car. Edmond Julien, Brussels, Belgium.
 - 384,582. Tube-Coupling. Andrew C. Kimball, Providence, R. I., assignor of one half to James D. Anthony, same place.
 - 384,591. Rolling Apparatus. William L. Price, Philadelphia, Pa.
 - 384,594. System of Electric Locomotion. Henry A. Seymour, Washington, D. C., Assignor to the Brush Electric Co., Cleveland, O.
 - 384,595. Mold. Robert Sleeth, Pittsburg, Pa.

THE METALLURGY OF STEEL.*

By Henry M. Howe.

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This is the result of many hundreds if not thousands of observations: for a long while I had the interior of all pots of slag emptied, leaving a rather thin shell, which it was my custom to examine daily for prills.

In all these cases we find that, in spite of strong columnar structure, and in spite of the strong tendency to form large interlacing crystals in the vugs, solidification appears to take place in smooth parallel layers.

Possibly the crystals are minute at the contact of solid and liquid because growth may occur from numberless points simultaneously, and the growths from neighboring points interrupt each other: while the perfectly smooth surface of contact of liquid and gas offers no points from which new growths may start, and so permits the development of large crystals. It is well known that crystals deposit more readily on rough than on smooth surfaces.

The main axes of growth of ice and iron certainly lie between the blowholes. Whether the position of these main axes initially determines the starting point of the blowholes or vice versa I will not attempt to say: but, once started, the poor conducting power of the tubules and the tendency of solidification to proceed along axes normal to the walls of the mould should both tend to the same result, the tubular shape of the blowholes.

If this be the way in which blowholes form, why are they confined to certain distinct zones? Why does not each individual tubule extend from the shell to the center of the ingot? The explanation is easy. Suppose that our molten iron contains much less gas than it is capable of retaining while molten, yet more than it can retain on solidifying. When the very first layers solidify they become supersaturated with gas and expel the excess: but this may not become gasified, but may simply pass inwards still dissolved, to the adjoining still molten layer. In this way no gas would be evolved as gas till the still liquid layers were actually supersaturated, and the very outer layers might be quite free from blowholes.

But beyond this, during the remainder of the period of solidification many complicated conditions determine whether gas shall or shall not escape at any given moment. Primarily this depends on the solvent power of the metal and on the existing pressure. With gradually falling temperature the curve of solvent power reverses at the freezing point (Figure 15, § 214), introducing a first complication, while the factors which govern pressure are simply bewildering. The pressure depends (1) on the temperature, whose curve reverses during the "afterglow," and perhaps at other periods (§ 224, foot note); and (2) on the available space offered to the gas within the ingot, which depends on the ratio of contraction of shell to that of interior. This in turn is governed by two varying quantities, (1) the ratio of cooling of shell to interior, which constantly changes, and (2) the density of the metal, which probably follows a very irregular curve (Figure 34) even with regularly falling temperature. Beyond this, the rupture of internal partitions, owing to contraction or gaseous pressure, and the bending in or out of the shell of the ingot are liable to affect the pressure. With such complexity it is not surprising that the formation of blowholes now ceases, now begins again, only again to cease.

§ 223. CONTRACTION CAVITIES.—Chernoff considers that

it must frequently occur in the solidification of steel that the trunks and branches of adjoining pine-tree crystals completely enclose certain spaces, and prevent all communication between them and the rest of the metal: that as the metal in these spaces cools it must contract, and as its contraction is not fed from without local contraction cavities must arise, and these must be scattered through the ingot. Indeed, in a crystal growing on the sides of the central pipe he finds a cavity which he attributes to contraction (*a*, Figure 29). Where, owing to slow solidification, the pine trees grow slowly, a supply of liquid metal should more easily penetrate to feed these cavities, than where, as at the outside of the ingot, the growth is extremely rapid: on the other hand, when solidification approaches the middle of the ingot we have but a small supply of metal, and of now quite pasty metal at that, to feed these contraction cavities. Hence we should expect the contraction cavities chiefly at the outside and near the center of the ingot: and in this way he accounts for the increased porosity or even friability near the axis of the ingot.^a

Local contraction may under certain conditions originate cavities near the outside of the ingot: gas would naturally pass into them, first because they are cavities, second because a complete vacuum would initially exist in them: so that we might have two classes of subcutaneous cavities, those originated by gas, and those originated by contraction and then filled with gas. It seems improbable, however, that local contraction often originates subcutaneous cavities. In the first place, the addition of silicon, etc., suppressing the escape of gas, also completely suppresses the subcutaneous blowholes, the central pipe and the porous region about it still remaining: silicon should not prevent local contraction, hence it is not probable that the subcutaneous cavities which it suppresses are true contraction cavities. In the second place the smoothness of the inner surface of ingots and ice bottles which have been partially frozen indicates that the solid growth of the branches and the solidification of the matter between them keep pace with that of the trunks so closely, and that the growth proceeds through trunks so closely adjacent, that none but microscopic cavities would be formed between them. In the third place it is probable that iron actually expands in the very act of solidification, though indeed contracting as the temperature falls still farther: contraction would not occur in any one of these local retreats till the metal in that retreat was distinctly solid:^b it is very doubtful whether contraction would then actually cause even a microscopic cavity: it would be more likely to temporarily distend the metal.

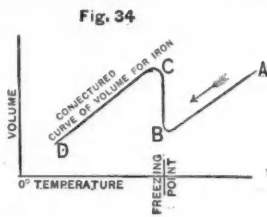
It is clear that the cavities in the neighborhood of the central pipe are far too large to have been caused by the contraction of matter originally completely enclosed within crystal tree trunks and so shut out from external sources of supply. They are clearly due to the ebbing away of the material which originally existed in the now hollow spaces, and which has later sunk away into the central pipe, as it yawns and widens with the contraction of the already solidified metal between it and the ingot's skin.

§ 224. PIPING. *The Position of the Pipe.*—Let us neglect for the moment the evolution of gas during solidification and cooling. Iron like other substances contracts in cooling: but during solidification it appears to expand,

^a *Revue Universelle*, 2d Ser., VII., p. 140, 1880.

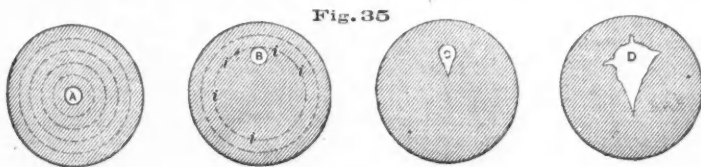
^b The trunks themselves cannot form till the metal constituting them is at the freezing point, when the metal between them must necessarily be extremely near to that point.

so that its volume follows a reversing curve, whose general form may not be wholly unlike that of Figure 34.^a In a cooling ingot the changes of volume would follow the



direction of the arrow, and during any given period the changes of volume of the central part of the ingot would lie in this curve to the right hand of those of the outside. During the first moments of solidification, while the outside is freezing and the inside passing slowly through A B, the outside tends to expand, the inside to contract: later, while the shell is passing quickly through C D and the inside slowly through A B or even B C, the shell tends to contract more than the inside. As the latter is incompressible, it resists and may tear the outside. Later still, when the shell has grown comparatively cool and hence is contracting slowly, the center is passing through B C while the region intermediate between shell and center is passing comparatively rapidly through C D, and so contracting rather rapidly. Eventually a time *t* will be reached at which the contraction of the region intermediate between shell and center overtakes and begins to outweigh both the contraction of the now slowly cooling shell and the expansion of the small portion of the center which is passing through B C: when this point is reached a cavity or pipe will tend to form. If the shell of the ingot is still hot enough to be plastic, it may bend in and follow up the contraction of the interior, and this will continue till the time *t'* when the crust becomes too rigid to bend farther. This bending in clearly takes places much more readily in square than in round ingots, and still more readily in oblong ones: and we consequently find that round ingots are more and oblong ones less subject to serious piping than square ones.^b

In a spherical ingot through whose walls heat is con-

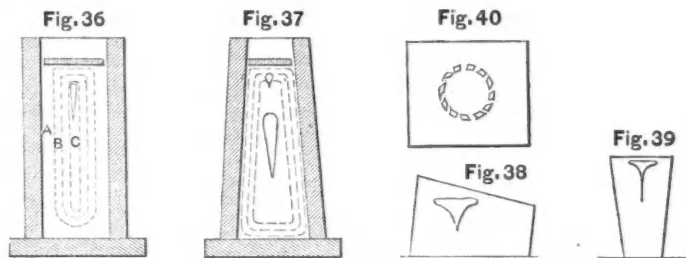


ducted uniformly in every direction, this cavity would lie at the center (Figure 35) but for gravity.

At any instant during cooling we may distinguish a set of isotherms, such as are sketched in broken lines in Figures 35, 36, 37. Solidification follows approximately similar lines. Now the top of the pipe will lie at the top of that layer or isotherm *i*, (B, Fig. 35), which at the time *t* is just too viscid to flow down towards the bottom of the growing cavity. In other words the vacuous bubble will rise through the still liquid layers, and through the slightly viscid ones till it reaches one just too viscid to

allow it to rise farther. With further solidification and contraction, as the metal draws apart centrifugally, the still fluid portions flow down to fill the bottom of the growing cavity, whose upper surface remains ever at the same point, (though indeed cracks may rise beyond as at D). But during a later stage the metal is too viscid to flow, and as it still contracts it draws apart somewhat as in C. If the metal contracts a great deal while it is mobile enough to draw apart but too viscid to run down from above to fill the lower parts of the cavity, a deep pipe may arise as at D.

In a prismatic ingot the pipe will lie as in Figure 36: if overturned it lies as in Figure 38: if inverted, as in Figure 39: if rolled over and over during solidification it may be broken up into many pipelets as in Figure 40. Figure 38 tells one disadvantage of heating ingots on their sides in common reverberatory furnaces, instead of on end, as in soaking-pits and similar furnaces. This point is brought out more plainly and probably more accurately in Figure 38 A, which shows the position of the pipe in ingots recently broken at an American Bessemer works, one of



Figures 36-7.—Isotherms and position of pipe in prismatic and pyramidal ingots, the latter exaggerated. Figures 38-9.—Position of pipe in overturned and inverted ingots. Figure 40.—Pipe distributed by rotating ingot during solidification. Figures 38, 39 and 40 from Walrand, Van Nostrand's Eng. Mag., XXXIII., p. 353.

them standing upright, the other lying on its side while solidifying.

In order that the pipe may injure as little as possible of the ingot, it and hence the top of isotherm *i* should lie as high as possible: in other words solidification should be more rapid in the lower than in the upper part of the ingot, so that the last freezing portion which must hold the pipe may be as near the top of the ingot as possible. Hence the practice of certain American Bessemer works of filling the tops of the rail-ingot moulds above the steel with charcoal or coke dust,^c and Krupp's plan of keeping the top of the ingot hot,^d (1) by lining the top of the mould with refractory material, (2) by pouring molten slag upon the molten steel in the mould, and (3) by placing a thick cover of refractory material upon the molten metal or slag: these expedients further serve a special purpose in connection with his mode of compression. Hence too the use of the hot-top sinking head, (§ 227).

To the same end, if the ingot is to be heated or soaked on end, it should be placed in the furnace or pit as soon after teeming as possible, so that as much as possible of its upper part may be molten and so available as a sinking head to flow down and fill the pipe.

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NOTE.—The publishers of the ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL will thank the readers of this article if they will promptly call attention to any inaccuracies they may observe in it.

^c This practice involved so much delay that it has recently been abandoned: the manager believes it more profitable to allow the ingot to solidify rapidly, and to crop off a larger proportion of its upper end on account of unsoundness.

^d F. A. Krupp, British Patent 2,860, June 30th, 1881.

^a The curve of volume is probably far more complex than that here shown. In the first place, there is at least one reversal of the direction of change of temperature, that of the "after-glow," when, the temperature having fallen to low redness, suddenly rises again, on the change of hardening to cement carbon. In the second place, Chapter XIII. gives evidence that two or more recrystallizations occur during cooling. These may well cause change of volume (for the density of the new minerals may well differ from that of the old), and may indeed cause the absorption or evolution of heat. But it is not necessary to introduce these complications here.

Cf. Adamson and Snelus, Journ. Iron and Steel, 1887, I., pp. 148, 156.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Carl L. Jensen, the well-known chemist, died in Philadelphia, Pa., this week.

Mr. Frank Nicholson, mining engineer, of St. Louis, Mo., has accepted the general management of the Yuma copper property in Arizona.

Mr. W. L. Baker, superintendent and engineer of the Detroit Bridge and Iron-Works, died at Detroit on the 5th inst., aged thirty-eight years.

Mr. J. D. Darsart, Superintendent of the Standard Works, Connellsville, Pa., has been appointed General Superintendent of the Chartiers Block Coal Company.

The American Society of Civil Engineers will hold its annual convention at Milwaukee, Wis. The sessions will begin June 28th and will continue until July 2d.

The thirty-seventh meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held at Cleveland, Ohio beginning August 15th and ending August 21st.

Mr. D. W. Brunton, mining engineer, of Leadville, Colo., has gone to Nevada to make an extended examination of some large gold mines in the southern portion of that State.

Capt. John White, for many years connected with mining matters in Nevada and California, has been appointed superintendent of the Dromedary Mining Company, Grass Valley, Cal.

Mr. Charles Connors, a member of the Mine Boss Examining Board, is likely to be appointed Mine Inspector of the Eighth Bituminous District, Pennsylvania, to succeed Mr. John M. Watt.

Mr. H. W. Lash, formerly with Park, Brother & Co., Limited, of the Black Diamond Steel Works, at Pittsburgh, Pa., has been appointed general superintendent of the Carbon Iron Company, at the same place.

The examinations for mine foremen for the several districts of the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania will be held on the 25th and 26th inst. The questions asked the mine foremen are 36, and the same rules will prevail as the last time.

Mr. John Bogart, secretary of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and at present State Engineer of New York, has written a very interesting article on "Feats of Railway Engineering" in *Scribner's* for July. The article is elaborately and beautifully illustrated.

There is a vacancy on the editorial staff of the *ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL*. Applicants should have some literary training as well as practical experience in mining and metallurgy, and should read German and French. Address Managing Editor *ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL*.

Mr. William Keates died at Leamington, England, May 25, aged eighty-eight years. He was the founder of the copper trade in Lancashire as it at present exists, and was the father of the copper trade in England. For many years he managed the copper works of Holywell and the lead works at Bagillt.

Mr. James Lanigan, one of the oldest and most prominent residents of Pottsville, Pa., died suddenly on the 14th inst. He was one of the pioneer coal operators and iron masters of that city, and was intimately identified with the development of these industries, but of late years has been entirely retired from active business.

"Count" Mitkiewitz, who returned to America some time ago, claiming to have obtained from the Chinese Government gigantic concessions that gave him the telephone monopoly of that country, coupled with general banking, railroading and mining powers, with his associate Paine, has brought suit against Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, Pa., for alleged breach of contract.

The trustees of the Illinois State Geological Museum at Springfield have appointed Joshua Lindahl, of Rock Island, curator of the museum, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Professor Worthen. Professor Lindahl is a native of Sweden, and has lived in this country since 1880. He has held highly responsible scientific positions under the Swedish government, and under that of Great Britain as well, and is said to be eminently fitted for the place.

Mr. William Helme died on the 12th inst., at Philadelphia, Pa., aged sixty-four years. Mr. Helme was interested in the manufacture of gas, and constructed gas works in different parts of the country, and was a member of the firm of Harris, Helme & McIlhenny, extensive manufacturers of gas meters. He was also for many years an active member of the Franklin Institute, and was for a long time a member of its Board of Managers.

The following named gentlemen received the honors of Columbia College School of Mines on the 13th inst.: *Degree of Engineer of Mines*.—Robert Lawrence Allen, A. M., Frank Edward Hopke, Willard Fisher, Othy Bradley Parker, Joseph Brown Taylor.

Degree of Civil Engineer.—Frank Root Bartlett, George Barry, Claude Nicholas Comstock, Watts Deming Gardner, Octave Britton Hébert, Joseph John Koen, Henry Lipps, Jr., James Maclay, Rudolph Philip Miller, Henry Parsons, George Sydney Percival, Charles Henry Schumann, Edward Van Volkenburgh, Jr.

Degree of Metallurgical Engineer.—Charles Ellsworth Beckwith, Gustav Julius Volckening, Jr.

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the School of Mines.—John Isaiah Northrup, E. M., Henry Bedinger Cornwall, A. B., A. M., E. M.

Degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in the Course of Analytical and Applied Chemistry.—George Lewis Baker, Frank Despard Dodge, Walter Albert Dods-worth, Allan Wade Dow, Jerome William Frank, William Denison Jones, Lancaster Morgan, Thomas Slade Perkins, Harry Tower Shriver, Francis Pitt Smith, Jr., Charles Henry Smyth, Edwin Van Dyck, Leo Wampold, Delancey Walton Ward, and Louis Wertheimer.

FURNACE, MILL, AND FACTORY.

Operations at the Western Steel Works, St. Louis, Mo., are about to be suspended on account of dull business.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company expect to begin work on another blast-furnace at Steelton, Md., within a few months.

The Roanoke Iron Works of Virginia have given a mortgage for \$5,000,000 on their property to the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company.

The North Star Iron-Works, of Minneapolis, Minn., have been removed to Ashland, Wis., and under a reorganization will be capitalized at \$150,000.

The Troy Steel and Iron Company, Troy, N. Y., is using oil under the Heine boilers at the new blast-furnace plant and are experimenting with the same fuel for puddling.

Operations have been resumed at the Portage Iron Company, at Duncansville, Pa., after a suspension of three months, owing to a strike. Seventeen furnaces are said to be in blast.

The plant of the Carbon Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., is to be turned into a first-class modern steel-works. The erection of two Lash steel melting furnaces has already been commenced.

A patent furnace for drying flattening-stones for use in a glass factory, the invention of Mr. Gluber, of New Castle, is being erected near the Vulcan Iron-Works, New Castle, Pa.

Mr. Geo. D. Whitecomb, proprietor of the Harrison mining machine, Chicago, Ill., reports that the fiscal year closed on the 31st of May, pending which period 123 of the Harrison mining machines were put out.

The employés in the lap weld department of the Pennsylvania Tube Works, Pittsburgh, Pa., have accepted a reduction of 8 per cent in their wages. The works have been closed several weeks pending a settlement.

The cyclone pulverizer is being exhibited in London, England, and preparations are making to organize a company there. The machine was described and illustrated in the *ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL* of April 30th, 1887.

A fire broke out on the 9th inst. in the engine house of the blast-furnace owned by the Mahoning Valley Iron Company, Youngstown, Ohio, and by reason of damage to the heavy blowing engines it was necessary to shut down the furnace.

The Cleveland Rolling-Mills, Cleveland, Ohio, on the 11th inst. announced a reduction of 10 per cent from that date. The notice affects the employés of the Denner-Martin and Bessemer steel mills, and the rail mill, and the blooming mills.

The Lickdale Iron Company, of Lebanon, Pa., has just started its works, making steel by the Clapp-Griffith process. The capacity is about 1000 tons per week, and will be devoted to making blooms, slabs and billets for nail works and for plate and structural purposes.

The Southern Wire Company, of St. Louis, Mo., which also has a large factory in Pittsburgh, Pa., has concluded to move the whole concern to the last-named city. The president gives as a reason for this action that the railroads have frozen them out by high rates to points of consumption and the cost of bringing their crude material to St. Louis.

Messrs. O. P. Cobb, John Cobb and James Greer, of the Cobbs' Iron and Nail Company, Aurora, Ind., have agreed to assign to each creditor of the company \$3 worth of par of their paid-up stock in exchange for and in payment of \$2 of certified claims against the Cobbs' Iron and Steel Company, provided all creditors accept the proposition.

The furnace of the Clymer Iron Company, about a mile south of Temple Station, Pa., will shortly be blown out. This will then leave only the Topton and Albertus furnaces in blast between Macungie and Allentown. After the blowing out of the Macungie furnace, at Macungie, in a few weeks from now, the entire hot blast will be torn away and a new and much larger one erected in its place.

The Warren Iron Company has lately blown in the Warren furnace at Hackettstown, N. J. For the week ending June 9th this ran up to 241 tons, of which only 44 tons was gray forge, the rest being 1 X, 2 X and 2 plain. The fuel used was Delaware Lackawanna &

Western coal, with 15 to 25 per cent of coke. The ores were magnetic and Kearney hematite, averaging upward of 55 per cent in the furnace.

All the window-glass factories in Pittsburg, Pa., and the West will close on the 15th inst., in accordance with a resolution adopted at the recent convention. The "shut-down" will continue until September 1st, and longer unless the workers and employers agree on a wage scale for the next "fire."

June 9th, Judge Biddle in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas No. 1 delivered an opinion in favor of the defendants in the case of Samuel Huston against E. M. Clark, William Sellers and John Sellers, Jr., and dismissed the plaintiff's bill with costs. An amount of \$300,000 was involved in the case. The litigation concerned the Midvale Steel Company, whose works are at Nicetown, Pa. In our issue of April 14th, we referred extensively to this suit.

Users of steam power in New York city should note the following water rates just apportioned by the Commissioner of Public Works. Steam engines, when not metered, shall be charged by the horse-power as follows: For each horse power up to and not exceeding 10, \$10 per year; for horse-power up to and not exceeding 15, \$7.50 per year each; for each over 15, \$5 per year. Water registered by the meter shall be 10 cents per foot.

The convention of the Machinery Constructors of North America has been in session in Washington, D. C. Among the objects which the members of the association desire to promote are the abolition of contract labor, the regulation of the apprenticeship system, and the enactment of a general eight hour law. A resolution was passed unanimously in favor of a radical restriction of immigration. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: National W. F. Lyons, New Haven, Conn.; National W. F. Edward Callahan, Cincinnati, O.; National Secretary and Treasurer, Robert P. Creed, Cleveland, O.

The Scovel & Irwin Construction Company has been organized at Nashville, Tenn. It solves the old firm of Scovel & Irwin, constructors and general supplies, of Nashville. The company will have its principal office at Birmingham, Ala., and an office at Nashville. The powers granting the charter to this company allows it to build and equip all characters of city and suburban railway lines, regular railroad lines, to build water-works, gas plants, blast furnaces, rolling mills, etc. The officers are: Minor Scovel, President; H. S. Jackson, Vice-President; A. M. Irwin, Secretary and Treasurer.

A charter was obtained in the Circuit Court in Richmond, Virginia, on the 9th inst., by Maurice B. Flynn, Dr. R. J. Gatling and others for the incorporation of the "Gatling Ordnance Company." The company will have control of the patents of Dr. Gatling obtained in the United States and foreign countries for improvements in manufacturing steel guns. The capital stock is to be not less than \$1,000,000 nor more than \$5,000,000. The principal office is to be in Richmond, but the plant will be located in New York. The charter was obtained in Richmond to save the heavy tax imposed by the State of New York.

The Alliance Aluminium Company has been formed in London, England, with a capital of £500,000, for the purpose of manufacturing aluminium, sodium and potassium. The company owns the English, German, French and Belgian patents of Professor Netto for the reduction of aluminium from its compounds, and for the manufacture of sodium and potassium; the processes of Mr. Cunningham for the reduction of the above metals; a process for the manufacture of artificial cryolite by the regeneration of its slags, provisionally protected by the inventor, Mr. Forster, Lonesome Chemical Works, Streatham; a process invented by Professor Netto and Dr. Saloman, of Essen, Germany, by which this metal can be raised to the highest standards of purity on a commercial scale. Exhaustive experiments have been made at the works of Krupp at Essen to test the practical value of the processes, and it is stated that he has the means of making the metal in tons. Instead of beads or marbles, solid chunks of the purest aluminium known, weighing from 5 pounds to 100 pounds (according to the size of the converter), are deposited at every fusion of the ingredients, chief among which are sodium and cryolite. The company has a contract with the owners of the cryolite mines in Greenland to supply it with practically the entire output. It is stated that the patents of the company enable it to manufacture it at considerably less than 1s. per pound.

CONTRACTING NOTES.

Machinery and supplies wanted. See page xiv. Contracts open will be found on page xix. New contracts this week: No. 923, Pipe, Valves and Building Reservoir; No. 924, Earthen Reservoir; No. 925, Bridge Construction; No. 926, Canal Enlargement and Improvement; No. 927, Cast-Iron Pipe, Castings, etc.; No. 928, Iron Bridge; No. 929, Water Works; No. 930, Water-Works.

The contract for furnishing fuel for the Brilliant station pumping-works, Pittsburg, Pa., has been awarded to the Philadelphia Natural Gas Company at \$40,000. Only two bids were received, the other being from the New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Company. Their proposal was to furnish coal and all labor and attention necessary for \$39,500.

GENERAL MINING NEWS.

The City of Meridian, Miss., has subscribed \$110,000 to the Warrior Coal Fields Railroad, extending from Meridian to Decatur, Ala., and passing through Gainesville and up the Bigbee Valley.

Shipments of iron ore from the mines of the districts mentioned below for the season up to and including June 6th, as reported by the Marquette Mining Journal, were as follows:

	Tons. 1888.	Tons. 1887.
Marquette, Marquette District.....	49,757	132,045
St. Ignace, ".....	23,545	18,085
Escondido, ".....	119,824	173,177
Menominee District.....	130,498	206,168
Goebie District.....	41,882	
Ashland, ".....	83,972	142,600
Two Harbors, Minnesota Iron Com- pany, Vermillion District.....	19,939	39,924
	489,117	712,599

ALASKA.

BEAR'S NEST.—It is reported that the controlling interest in the Bear's Nest mine has finally been transferred to an English company for \$1,500,000. Hamilton Smith, J., of London, and Henry Janin, of New York, recently went to Alaska in the interest of the purchasers.

ARIZONA.

Mr. Cheney, proprietor of the concentrating works at Harshaw, has secured a lease on the American and old French properties and will reopen both. On the former he is putting up a whim for the better convenience of handling the output from the mine.

PIMA COUNTY.

HENSELEY MINING COMPANY.—The Bonanza, Estrella, Louise, Indiana and others owned by this company are being worked. Concentrating machinery has been ordered. Immediately on the arrival of this machinery, which will be on the ground within the next three weeks, it will be put in place and the work of concentration begun. The ores to be worked are silver and lead bearing.

CALIFORNIA.

NEVADA COUNTY.

BRUNSWICK GOLD MINING COMPANY.—We have received the following official report, dated the 6th inst.: The west drift in mine is steadily improving, throwing now a ledge of 16 inches, with a well defined foot-wall, and the stringers, heretofore off in the hanging, dipping into the ledge; it is somewhat mixed, but from appearances we shall not have to go very far before we are in solid quartz, as from the formation, and its gradual improvement for the last 50 feet from a mere stringer to a formation 16 inches, shows we are approaching a new shoot entirely. Together with Mr. W. W. Waggoner, M.E., we thoroughly inspected the ledge and situation yesterday, and came to the above conclusion. One sampled and tested by Hoin shows \$10 per ton. In the east drift we are opened out to the old shaft, which we will use as an air-way and second shaft if necessary. The ledge in the face is small, but formation is good, and no doubt will open out in a few feet. At a short distance back there is a 4-foot ledge which has been stopped.

COLORADO.

In the United States Circuit Court at Denver the case of Keyes vs. the Pueblo and Smelting Refining Company has been concluded. The court held the patent to be valid and that defendants had infringed upon it. The case was referred to a master to establish the amount of damage; meantime, an injunction will issue. This is a suit for infringement upon a patent used in smelting. It is a repetition of the case brought by Keyes and Ahrens in the same court against the Grant Smelting Company in 1882, and which case was practically decided for the defendant, both in the Circuit Court and the Supreme Court of the United States, but upon appeal to the United States Supreme Court, was reversed and sent back for another trial in the Circuit Court.

LAKE COUNTY.

ADAMS MINING COMPANY.—The Denver Mining Industry is informed that the indebtedness incurred in putting the property in its present condition, placing new plants of machinery and adding new pumps will be liquidated from the sales of ore by July 1st; that within a very short time dividends can again be resumed, and that development is so well forwarded that the mine need not again be pushed beyond its capacity in the payment of monthly dividends.

MICHIGAN.

COPPER MINES.

The Boston Transcript publishes the following corrected figures, which differ somewhat from the figures published in our issue of last week. They represent, within a few tons, the entire Lake Superior output of mineral for May and the first five months of the current year.

Mines.	—May.		—Jan. 1 to May 31—	
	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.
Calumet & Hecla.....	2,593	2,681	10,983	13,542
Tamarack.....	631	301	3,120	1,487
Atlantic.....	256	203	1,175	1,024
Oscoda.....	210	164	1,043	766
Franklin.....	185	200	998	1,003
Quincy.....	183	280	1,585	1,161
Huron.....	129	15	600	880
Copper Falls.....	92	33	242	369
Central.....	86	61	472	535
Total 9 mines...	4,345	3,941	20,127	20,258

According to the Boston Transcript a scarcity of lumber in the copper country at Lake Superior is reported this spring. Contractors have men idle waiting for lumber, and work at the Tamarack Junior,

Kearsarge and other mines is delayed by the non-delivery of lumber and timber which the mills agreed to have on the ground a month ago.

IRON MINES.

AURORA MINING COMPANY.—The company reduced the wages 10 per cent, and curtailed its force considerably on the 1st inst. This is caused by the hard times in the ore trade. The Aurora has worked a strong force all winter.

LUDINGTON.—It is stated that a new vein of ore has been discovered, which lies west of the present workings. The vein where cross-cut is eight feet and a half wide.

MONTANA.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY.

RENA MINING COMPANY.—This company has started d up the Rena mine. The shaft is 200 feet deep; the ore will be shipped to Omaha. St. Louis parties are interested in this company.

NEVADA.

ELKO COUNTY.

The new concentrating plant for use at the leading productive mines at Tuscarora, is being hauled into the camps as fast as transportation facilities will allow. It is expected to be in full operation within the next thirty days.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Press dispatches report that the lately discovered copper mines near Herrietta have been purchased by W. S. Taylor, and will be developed. About 250 tons have already been mined, showing, it is said, a large percentage of copper, with traces of silver.

COAL.

The anthracite coal lands, about four miles to the east of Shicksping, Luzerne County, which lies on the verge of the Wyoming field, are to be developed by Mr. Charles Parrish and other capitalists, who have organized a company. For many years it has been a question in the minds of experienced mining engineers whether coal existed in paying quantities. It is proposed to open up the tract very thoroughly.

Exports of refined, crude, and naphtha from the following ports, from January 1st to June 9th.

	1888.	1887.
From Boston.....	998,782	1,973,730
Philadelphia.....	48,123,650	64,836,004
Baltimore.....	9,009,401	3,018,106
Perth Amboy.....	9,591,264	7,592,782
New York.....	149,744,571	155,484,598
Total exports.....	210,469,468	232,899,220

The chief of the Bureau of Statistics reports the total values of the exports of mineral oils from the United States for the month of May, 1888, and during the eleven months ended May 31st, 1888, as compared with similar exports during the corresponding periods of the preceding year, as follows: May, 1888, \$3,764,420; May, 1887, \$3,987,348; eleven months ended May 31st, 1888, \$41,592,503; May 31st, 1888, \$41,199,455. The exports from the above-named ports comprise about 99 per cent of the total exports of mineral oils. It is stated on good authority that the distillation of 100 gallons of crude petroleum will yield 76 gallons of illuminating oil, 12 gallons of gasoline, benzine or naphtha, 3 gallons of lubricating oil, and 9 gallons of residuum.

COAL TRADE REVIEW.

New York, Friday Evening, June 15.

Statistics.

Production Anthracite Coal for week ended June 9th and year from January 1st:

Tons of 2240 lbs.	—1888.		1887.
	Week.	Year.	Year.
P. & Read, R.R. Co.....	135,764	2,300,244	3,565,160
Cent. R. R. of N. J.....	128,722	2,157,521	2,174,948
L. V. R.R. Co.....	160,325	2,498,339	3,126,784
D. L. & W. R.R. Co.....	99,720	2,738,335	2,272,390
D. & H. Canal Co.....	75,134	1,853,232	1,648,405
Penna. R.R.....	80,931	1,738,241	1,336,554
Penna. Canal Co.....	30,451	636,442	602,442
Penna. Canal Co.....	113,105	105,780	92,222
Total.....	724,152	14,026,204	14,568,805

Decrease..... 542,701
Increase..... 15,780
† Week ending June 2d.

The above table does not include the amount of coal consumed and sold at the mines, which is about six per cent of the whole production.

Production for corresponding period:
1883.....12,102,090 | 1885.....11,241,465
1884.....11,702,121 | 1886.....12,967,559

Production Bituminous Coal for week ended June 9th, and year from January 1st:

Tons of 2000 pounds, unless otherwise designated.	—1888.		1887.
	Week.	Year.	Year.
Phila. & Erie R.R.....	24	27,465	3,388
*Cumberland, Md.....	67,578	1,508,741	1,224,224
Baltimore.....	2,446	80,728	97,632
Broad Top, Pa.....	5,782	165,959	164,203
H. & Broad Top, R.R.....	5,782	165,959	164,203
Clearfield Region, Pa.....			
Snow Shoe.....	1,404	60,034	77,003
Karthaus (Keating).....	800	65,680	8,116
Lyrone & Clearfield.....	61,078	1,521,953	1,445,440
Tipton.....	518	26,939	3,276
Allegheny Region, Pa.....			
Gallitzin & Mountain.....	15,757	408,022	495,498
Pocahontas Flat Top Coal.....	30,516	703,497	521,363
Norfolk & West, R.R., Va.....	30,516	703,497	521,363
Kanawha Region, W. Va.....	114,499	795,828	667,463
Ches. & Ohio R.R.....	114,499	795,828	667,463
Total.....	230,402	5,364,846	4,781,608

* Tons of 2240 lbs. † Week ending May 31st.

WESTERN SHIPMENTS.

Pittsburg Region, Pa.			
West Penn R.R.....	8,476	175,071	142,069
Southwest Penn. R.R.....	1,458	45,496	63,940
Pennsylvania R.R.....	7,485	134,278	93,510
Westmoreland Region, Pa.			
Pennsylvania R.R.....	27,547	777,434	661,915
Monongahela Region, Pa.			
Pennsylvania R.R.....	12,140	163,760	168,743
Total.....	57,106	1,295,930	1,139,227
Grand total.....	237,508	6,660,785	5,920,833

Production of Coke on line of Pennsylvania R.R. for week ending June 9th, and year from January 1st, in tons of 2000 pounds: Week, 76,706 tons; year, 1,728,785 tons; to corresponding date in 1887, 1,564,380 tons.

Anthracite.

This market is heavy and dull, though coal is moving in fair quantity. The market appears to have little life to it, and individual operators, and the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, as well as, perhaps, another of the large companies, still continue to shade prices.

The sales agents held a meeting yesterday; it was not very fully attended. There was some plain talk about the Lehigh Valley prices and a little inquiry as to some of the Reading offers. No decision was arrived at regarding the prices for July, but they are to be settled at the meeting on the 28th of June. It is generally understood that an increase in prices will then be made, especially in broken and egg coal, and probably also in stove coal. Chestnut coal will probably remain as it is. Pea coal, as is well known, does not enter into the arrangement, and it has been freely slaughtered during the past week.

A telegram from Philadelphia to-day says: "The Reading Coal and Iron Company has sent out notices to its customers informing them that no more orders for coal will be received at present prices except for immediate shipment, and that all orders remaining unfilled for any cause whatever, on July 31, will be cancelled, as prices will be advanced the following day."

The mroads which bituminous coal has made upon the pea coal market have resulted in large accumulations of this size with some of the companies, and efforts are being made to move it at the best price obtainable. We hear of as low as \$2.25 f.o.b. being asked by some companies, but \$2.35 appears to be a not uncommon figure; and yet we learn of sales of a good many thousand tons of the Lehigh pea coal at \$2.85 net.

There is some dissatisfaction with individual operators in the Wyoming Valley, who have exceeded their proportion of the output and are thus disturbing the market, otherwise the large companies keep very well to their quotas, and we hear of no complaint on that score.

The production for this year is greater than during the corresponding period in 1887, when it was enormous, as is shown in the statistics published on another page, and there is every prospect of an excellent business during the balance of the year; a better business, in fact, than in 1887, for prices are higher than they were then. It seems to us that consumers who can get their stocks at present prices will be prudent to take them, for an advance will, no doubt, be made and maintained next month.

Bituminous.

We still hear of a fairly good business in bituminous coal, though prices are considerably shaded; thus coal delivered at Fall River alongside has been sold at \$3.35 per ton, and some Clearfield coal has sold in this harbor alongside as low as \$2.85, while Pocahontas is said to be sold at \$3.15 alongside here, a figure which, if correct, would leave about \$2.20 f.o.b. at Norfolk.

The effect of these prices is undoubtedly to extend the market for this class of coal, and it has made heavy inroads upon the pea and buckwheat coal market of the anthracite companies.

The Canadian business west of Montreal is very good, but at Montreal and east of that point Nova Scotia coals naturally hold the market, so long as Canada imposes its present duty on entry. Montreal in 1887 imported from Pictou 65,297 tons; from Cape Breton, 277,311 tons; from the United Kingdom, 35,013 tons; from Spring Hill, Nova Scotia, by rail, 75,000 tons, making a total of something over 450,000 tons. Should the duty be taken off the coal in Canada, we could send a considerable amount even as far east as Montreal and greatly increase our exports, in the western direction.

Present price of bituminous coal at Montreal is for Cape Breton coal, \$3.20 per ton of 2240 lbs.; Pictou, \$3.76, and Scotch coal \$4.25.

We continue to quote at our tide-water shipping ports \$2.40@ \$2.60 f.o.b.

Boston.

June 14.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

No news is good news to the anthracite companies, I suppose, for it indicates here in Boston that the prophecies uttered in some quarters that prices could not be maintained are not being fulfilled, but that every thing is running along smoothly, although quietly. Trade is rather light, but is being done at good figures.

There is very little life to the bituminous coal market just at present. Rumors of cutting continue, and it is certain that some is done, even on straight Cumberland coal; but the market as a whole is not affected to any noteworthy extent. I quote as before; \$2.50@ \$2.60 f.o.b. for outside coal can be had readily at the lower figure or its equivalent delivered. The gas coal movement has been about as usual in volume, but has been very quietly conducted this year on a basis of \$4.15 alongside and \$4.40 delivered. These figures

have been cut somewhat, but have been pretty fairly maintained. But little tonnage now remains to be placed in this line.

Freight rates are well maintained. An interesting bit of news is the fact that the Baltimore concern which has gone into the coal-carrying business has added to its two barges and a steamer a third barge; that is to say, a large vessel of 1200 tons register has been bought, and is to be fitted as a coal barge at once to run as far east as Boston.

We quote vessel rates, exclusive of discharging: New York, 80@85c.; Philadelphia, \$1.05@1.10; Baltimore, \$1.10@1.15; Newport News and Norfolk, \$1.05@1.10; Richmond, \$1.15@1.25.

The amount of retail trade is very light. Prices are nominally unchanged.

Retail quotations, 2000 pounds to the ton, delivered, are as follows: Stove, \$6; Egg, \$5.75; Broken, \$5.50; Nut, \$6; Franklin, \$7.25; Lehigh Egg, \$6; Broken, \$5.75; Bituminous (on the wharf), \$4.25.

A new list of pocket prices has been issued, but no change is made, except in Lykens Valley coal, which is marked up to \$6 for Broken, \$6.50 for Egg and \$6.75 for Stove. As there is practically none to be had, prices make no great difference.

Buffalo. June 14.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

The market has opened with a quiet trade for anthracite coal. There are no new features to report. Prices steady. Stocks ample for local consumption and the supply for shipment by lake westward well kept up.

The bituminous trade very quiet; supply abundant. There are no apparent prospects for improved demand. Manufacturers continue to maintain a conservative course. Prices are now so low that there is certainly no prospect of a further decline. All coals are nominally quoted at the same figures, excepting from the Pittsburg region; mines, which are about 25c. higher than the average quotations. The railroad tracks are well stocked with loaded cars awaiting purchasers for the coal contained therein "at prices to suit," as the advertisers have it.

Coke unchanged, with average business. The following paragraph was published in yesterday's Buffalo Courier: The Coal Dealers' Association of Central New York was in special session at Auburn, Tuesday, for the purpose of devising measures to prevent private consumers from obtaining coal directly from the mines without the intervention of middlemen, and comments thereupon thus: "The attention of the so-called reformers of the legislature is directed to this pretty combine, which proposes to levy a tax on the fuel consumption of the interior of the State." What do you hear about this subject at your end of the State?

The Erie Railroad has over 1200 men employed in the construction of a double track on its Jefferson branch between Susquehanna and Carbondale, which is its principal coal line. In August, when completed, the operating expenses will be lowered about \$50,000 per annum.

Lake freights steady and business good to Chicago and Milwaukee, but movements light to other parts. The shipments of coal by lake from May 7th to 13th, both days inclusive, 93,520 net tons, namely, 40,550 to Chicago, 41,690 to Milwaukee, 3500 to Duluth, 330 to Bay City, 800 to Green Bay, 1450 to Kenosha, 1060 to Ashland, 1060 to Washburn, 700 to Windsor, 1600 to Racine, and 750 to Saginaw. Total shipments thus far this season (including vessels from Tonawanda not reported at Custom House), 584,500 net tons. The rates of freight were: 85c. to Chicago, Milwaukee, Racine, and Sheboygan, 90@85c. to Manitowoc, 80c. to Green Bay, 60c. to Duluth, Ashland, Washburn and Superior, 50c. to Saginaw, and 35c. to Detroit and Windsor.

Canal shipments for first and second weeks in June, 914 net tons; receipts, 9476 net tons.

Canal freights as follows: Two loads coal to Oswego at 60c. net ton, free on and off; asking 50c. for coal-stump per gross ton to Syracuse, free on and off. The nominal rate to New York, \$1 per net ton, free on and off; and to Albany or Troy, 80c. per net ton, free on and off.

The following statement shows the movement of coal from this port to Western points from the opening of navigation to June 12th to be about 560,000 net tons, as follows: To Chicago, 226,099; to Milwaukee, 170,337; to Duluth, 70,380; to Sandusky, 5240; to Racine, 8340; to Toledo, 17,735; to Bay City, 1480; to Port Colborne, 30; to Windsor, 700; to Manitowoc, 830; to St. Clair, 400; to Marine City, 550; to Alpena, 600; to Ashland, 2946; to Superior, 26,650; to Saginaw, 2500; to Port Arthur, 750; to Kincardine, 400; to Green Bay, 6060; to Sheboygan, 3740; to Kenosha, 3120; to Port Huron, 220; to Washburn, 6260; to Detroit, 1610, and by Tonawanda vessels, destination not named, about 35,000 net tons.

Cleveland.

The Western Association of Coal Dealers held its annual convention at Cleveland on the 13th inst. Twenty-five of the members have quit the business during the year, because they were unable to compete in their localities with natural gas. The chief topic of discussion was the coal exchange system, which was approved as being the best means of insuring stability of business and fair profits, as well as guaranteeing customers full weight and well-screened coal, and maintaining good wages for miners and employees. The association elected the following officers: President, C. A. Dean, of Detroit; Vice-Presidents, B. M. Baker, of Adrian; L. R. Doty, of Columbus; George H. Howard, of Ontario, Can.; J. W. Lowe, of Chicago;

A. B. Meyer, of Indianapolis; Henry E. Smith, of New York, and F. R. Layug, of Pittsburg; Treasurer, D. M. Clark, of Elyria; Executive Committee: C. E. Black, of Sandusky; George E. Hoves, of Battle Creek, Mich.; D. C. Mather, of Richmond, Ind., for three years; J. W. Wilding, of Fort Wayne, for two years.

Pittsburg.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

Coal.—The dull season is at hand, the Ohio being too low for shipment. River men are waiting for the June rise, which up to this time has failed to put in an appearance. There is yet time, and many predict that there will be one. The season's shipments so far have been large. The low price of coal and competition in the Western and Southern markets have held prices to a very low figure.

PRICE OF COAL PER 100 BUSHELS = 7600 LBS.

First pool.....	\$4.75	Fourth pool.....	\$3.25
Second pool.....	4.25	Railroad coal.....	5.00
Third pool.....	3.75		

Connellsville Coke.—Dullness was the rule, not the exception, as far as relates to coke. The "war" among the manufacturers still goes on. There must be an end; the sooner the better. The nominal rates are: Blast-furnace, f.o.b. on cars at ovens, \$1 per ton; foundries, \$1.15.

Notice has been posted at the works of the Central and United coke companies that, owing to the depressed condition of the market and the fact that other works have reduced wages, they must either shut down the works or reduce wages of employees to the following rates, to take effect June 16: Mining coal, per 100 bushels, 80 cents; headings, 95 cents; mine haulers, \$1.68 per day; roadmen, \$1.68 per day; trappers, 60 cents per day; drawing coke, per 100 bushels charged, 48 cents; chargers, \$1.68 per day; laborers, \$1.20 per day.

Freights.—The rates are: To Pittsburg, 80 cents per ton; Chicago, \$3; Springfield and Urbana, Ohio, \$2.75; Toledo, \$2.90; Cincinnati, \$2; Indianapolis, \$2; all valley points, \$1.50; East St. Louis, \$3.50; St. Louis, \$3.65. Other points same proportion.

FREIGHTS.

Reduction of Pig-Iron Freights.—The executive committee of the trunk line met in New York on the 8th inst., and decided to reduce the rate, east and west-bound, on pig-iron from 25 cents to 20 cents per 100 pounds. The reduction was made, it was said, on account of the dullness of the iron trade.

Eastern Rates Reduced from Youngstown, Ohio.—On the 11th inst., the following reduced freight rates to Eastern points went into effect. They were obtained through the efforts of the recently organized Iron Manufacturers' Association, to which we referred in our issue of May 26th: Albany, \$2.50 per ton; New York, \$2.70; Boston, \$3.70; Philadelphia, \$2.30; Baltimore, \$2.10.

The latest actual charters to June 14th, per ton of 2240 pounds:

From New York to:—Bangor, .80*; Bath, Me., .90*; Beverly, .90*; Boston, .80*; Bridgeport, Conn., .55; Cambridge, Mass., .80*3c; Cambridgeport, .80*3c; Chelsea, .80*; E. Boston, .80*; E. Cambridge, .80*3c; E. Greenwich, R. I., .80; Fall River, .75@.80; New Bedford, .80@.83; Newburyport, .95*; New Haven, .55; Newport, .75@.80; Portland, .80*; Portsmouth, N. H., .90*; Providence, .75; Sag Harbor, .75; Salem, .80*.

From Philadelphia to:—Alexandria, .85; Annapolis, .65@.70; Bath, Me., .95@1.05*; Boston, .95@1.05*; Cambridge, Mass., .110*; Charleston, .75@.80; Com. Point, Mass., 1.05*; Fall River, .90*; Gardner, Me., 1.00*; Gloucester, 1.05*; Lynn, 1.10@1.30*; Milton, 1.20*; New Bedford, .90*; Newburyport, 1.15@1.25*; Norfolk, .60@.65; Portland, .95@1.05*; Portsmouth, Va., .60@.75; Portsmouth, N. H., 1.10@1.15*; Providence, .90*; Richmond, Va., .75@.80; Salem, Mass., .95@1.15*; Savannah, .80@.90; Washington, .85; Wilmington, N. C., .80@.90.

From Baltimore to:—Banzor, Me., 1.10; Bath, 1.10; Boston, 1.10; Bristol, .90; Bridgeport, Conn., .90; Charleston, .70; Fall River, .90; Galveston, 2.90; Gardner, Me., 1.25; New Bedford, .90; Newburyport, 1.30; New Haven, .90; New London, .90; New York, .85; Portland, 1.05; Portsmouth, N. H., 1.10; Providence, .90; Salem, Mass., 1.05; Savannah, .90@1.00; Williamsburgh, N. Y., .85@.95; Wilmington, N. C., .95@1.10.

* And discharging. 3c. per bridge extra. † Alongside. ‡ And towing.

MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Friday Evening, June 15.
Prices of Silver per ounce troy.

J'ne	Sterling exchange	London Pence.	N. Y. Cents.	J'ne	Sterling exchange	London Pence.	N. Y. Cts.
11	4.88 1/4	42	91 7/8	13	4.88 1/4	42 1/2	92 1/2
12	4.88 1/4	42 1-16	91 7/8	14	4.88 1/4	42 1-16	92
		42 1-16	92	15	4.88 1/4	42 1-16	92

Foreign Bank Statements.—The governors of the Bank of England, at their weekly meeting, made no change in its rate for discount, and it remains at 2 1/2 per cent. During the week the bank gained £472,000, and the proportion of its reserve to its liabilities was raised from 41 1/2 to 42 1/2 per cent, against an advance from 47 1/4 to 48 1/4 per cent in the same week of last year, when its rate for discount was 2 per cent. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a loss of 3,500,000 francs gold and a gain of 4,325,000 francs silver.

Copper.—The somewhat monotonous condition of the copper market during the last few weeks was

altered a little on Thursday last, when the brokers understood to represent the French syndicate rather unexpectedly discontinued further purchases, this being the first sign of hesitation on their part for some time past. On the previous day some large sales were made at 16 1/2 for Spot and July, 16 1/2 for August, and 16 3/5 for September, and at these figures other quantities were still offered. Evidently these people were rather perplexed at the continued offerings, not expecting so much copper still to remain in the hands of parties outside the combination, and therefore left the market alone; but it is understood that they are now again buying Spot and July deliveries at 16 1/2, that being the price at which the recent pool sale was made to the consumers. The decline in value of Spot Copper has therefore only amounted to 10 points, but futures have given way considerably more than Spot. Let it be understood that sales have been made for September at 16 1/2; October, at 16 1/2, and November, @ 16, and at these prices more could probably be obtained. Some isolated transactions have also taken place for the first quarter of next year at about 15 7/5 but these being of a purely speculative character, have little or no bearing on the present state of the market.

Outside brands have declined to a relatively greater extent than Lake copper, and good brands are offered at 15 1/2, and might possibly be bought for a trifle less.

Furnace material is also said to be obtainable in limited quantities at slightly lower prices than recently; but it is of course well known that the bulk of this material (including, in fact, the entire output of the large producers) has been contracted for for some time to come. A few days ago cable reports were received from Paris announcing that one of the directors of the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris (M. Jacques Siegfried) had tendered his resignation of that position, being opposed to the policy adopted by that institution in giving large financial support to the French copper speculators. This may, of course, mean very little if anything, but it is still a rather ominous sign. We don't think, however, that consumers need be at all afraid that the grand scheme is about to break down. On the contrary, we think that every thing has been really so admirably arranged that a collapse need not be anticipated for a considerable time to come, and we think consumers would make a mistake if they allowed themselves to get quite out of stocks in the hope of replenishing same on more favorable terms, as it is quite possible they might then find themselves compelled to pay much higher prices than those ruling at present. In London Chili Bars remain about the same as for some time past, to-day's closing quotations being £82 12s. 6d. @ £82 17s. 6d. for spot and £79 10s. for three months prompt.

Private reports from England, however, are not at all encouraging. It appears that it is a very difficult thing to effect sales of copper, and business can only be accomplished by making important concessions in prices. The statistical position also continues to show increasing stocks. Messrs. Henry R. Merton & Co., of London, cable to-day that the increase in visible supplies for the first half of this month will be about 1600 tons. The total visible supplies of copper in Europe are now greater than they have ever been before.

The Boston & Montana copper mine produced in May 2,396,167 pounds of matte, and equal to 1,368,319 pounds of fine copper. The total product from January 1st to May 31st was 5,574,362 pounds.

A special from Boston, dated Houghton, Mich., June 12th, says the Calumet & Hecla output last week was 527 tons mineral.

Messrs. James Lewis & Son report, under date 1st June, as follows: "Although a considerable quantity of furnace material offers much below the price at which the Société des Métaux is willing to sell, it is most difficult to find purchasers, as smelters say they are unable to sell any copper. For Best Selected it is doubtful if £77 could be obtained, except for very small lots in Birmingham, though the official price is still £82.

"With the steady maintenance of the prices fixed by the French operators, it is hoped that consumers will ere long be obliged to come into the market, and so relieve them of part of their large holding.

"It is stated that a contract has been concluded by the French syndicate for a large quantity of Japan copper for delivery over three years.

"The terms of most of the contracts made by the Société des Métaux with the different producers having now been made public, we estimate that of a total production this year of about 275,000 tons, about 175,000 tons have been contracted for by the Société, at an average price to the English companies of about £65 per ton of fine copper, or £70 if delivered as best selected ingots; at 13 cents per lb. (£61 10s. per ton) to the Lake companies, some of them receiving half the excess realized over 13 cents; and 11 cents per lb. (£52 2s. per ton) to the Montana companies. The majority of the contracts are for three years, that with the Anaconda company being for one, but negotiations are pending for an extension to three years. No provision appears to have been made with any of the English companies for a diminution of production, though this has been provided for in some of the American contracts.

"In addition to the copper secured under these contracts, what is known as the 'French Syndicate,' apart from, but acting in unison with, the Société des Métaux, already hold about 45,000 tons of Chili bars, chief part of which were taken over from the Société des Métaux at £64 per ton, but the average cost of which we consider now to be about £70 per ton. As a good deal of Chili copper before arrival and the balance of the shipments thence after arrival are pur

chased by this syndicate, the French operators may be considered to control all the copper to be produced in Chili this year, say 35,000 tons, in addition to the above 175,000 tons, or some 210,000 tons in all. The balance between this quantity and 275,000 tons is represented by the production of European countries, consumed by themselves and not exported; by part of the United States and chief part of the Australian production; and by the product of a number of small mines, the owners of which think it to their advantage to sell in the open market.

The exports of copper from New York during the week were as follows:

To Liverpool—	Copper matte.	Lbs.	
By S. S. Sirius.....	Sacks	4,166	488,605 \$25,000
By S. S. Ptolemy.....	"	4,404	509,198 26,000
By S. S. Ohio.....	Bbls.	110	107,525 5,000
To Liverpool—	Copper.		
By S. S. Wyoming.....	Pigs	554	189,984 25,000
By S. S. Wyoming.....	Casks	180	225,000 37,125
To Havre—	"		
By S. S. La Gascogne....	"	237	59,036 8,955
To Liverpool—Old brass in transit.			
By S. S. Wyoming.....	Casks	12	
and	Bags	35	16,649 1,103
To Amsterdam—	Copper.		
By S. S. Edam.....	Bars	701	112,000 10,750
By S. S. Edam.....	Cases	60	75,000 9,375

Tin.—The market has been rather sluggish, although the demand on the part of consumers may be regarded as satisfactory. The quantities ordered are so small as to indicate a want of confidence in the future. A further improvement in the statistical position may be expected during this month, as shipments from the East are likely to decrease. At present, however, there are no signs of this metal becoming scarce, and it can not be other than desirable that stocks should decrease, as this would doubtless bring about a more healthy condition of the market. We quote: Spot, 18; June, 18; July, 18; August, 18. London prices have given way during the week a little and are now at about the parity of this market, and the closing quotations are: Spot, £80 5s.; three months prompt, £80 15s.

Lead.—The large drop reported by us last week, bringing domestic lead down to 3.75, has had the effect of stimulating consumers to buy rather freely, and that not only to cover immediate wants, but also for three or four months ahead. Altogether the week's transactions have amounted to upwards of 2500 tons, and this could not fail to produce a better feeling. However, as offerings still continue plentiful, the market closed quieter again, and Spot can be bought at 3.72½ to 3.75; July, 3.75 to 3.77½; August, 3.77½ to 3.80. In London during the week the market was reported firmer, and the price of Spanish lead advanced 2s. 6d. to 5s., up to £12 5s. to £12 7s. 6d., whilst to-day's cable advices again report a dull market.

Messrs. Everett & Post, of Chicago, telegraph us to-day as follows: There is no change of any description in our market. There is but little doing and demand is from hand to mouth only. Offerings are only moderate. Sales will probably foot up 300 tons, at 3.60 for June and July.

Spelter remains very inactive, with little business doing. If any thing quotations may be said to be rather weaker again. We quote: Domestic, 4.50 to 4.55; Foreign, 5¼ to 5.40 nominal.

Antimony.—The makers in England have reduced their prices somewhat, special brands being quoted £44 to £46; other brands £40 to £42, and prices here have also given way somewhat: Cookson's to 12½@13; Hallett's to 10c.

Chemicals.—The market for the past week presents few new features. The volume of business has been fair, though nothing outside the jobbing sales that have prevailed so long.

Among the heavy chemicals, carbonated soda ash, 48 per cent., has been fairly active, though most of the sales are for small lots. The spot supply continues light, and consequently the price is well maintained; 1.30@1.35 continues to be quoted by holders as the bottom prices for goods ex store. Goods afloat and for future shipment are still offering at 1.25, but this figure finds few takers, and would probably be shaded to a large buyer. High test remains inactive, and holders are apparently not anxious to sell, as the price continues to be firmly held at 1.20.

Caustic soda ash, 48 per cent., is in the same condition as at our last writing—nothing doing. The stock on the spot continues very light, and prices are still held at 1.30@1.35 for jobbing lots ex store. On large quantities 1.25 is quoted, but in the absence of business this quotation is more or less nominal.

The demand for sal soda continues good and the spot stock very good. Holders are not anxious to push the market at all, and quotations are very firm at 1.25. The prevailing high ocean freights prevent much being done in futures, though there is some little inquiry.

American sal soda is firm in sympathy with the market for English goods, and sales are making briskly; \$1.20 for small lots in kegs, and 95c. for goods in barrels.

Caustic soda has not changed any since our last. The increase in demand for high test has continued, and the market for this brand may be called fair. We continue to quote 2.25@2.30. Sixty per cent. caustic remains very inactive, and we note no change in prices since last writing.

Bleaching powder is also very dull, and we hear of no business of consequence. Boston quotations continue way below New York figures, and the large out-of-town buyers are drawing their supplies from that source. There is no change in quotations, which range from 1.87½@1.95, according to brand, quality, etc.

The market for acids is in the same condition as last week.

Acetic acid is doing fairly well in a jobbing way, but no large sales are reported. The price continues to be held at 2¼@2½.

Sulphuric acid, 66 degrees, is steadily held at former quotations. The business done is all in a small way to meet current wants, no sales of importance being noted. Chamber acid is moving steadily on contract orders at old figures.

Nitric and muriatic acids are moving fairly in accordance to consumers' wants, and we hear of no change in quotations.

Oxalic acid is still depressed and unsettled, with very little doing. There is no change in quotations, which are 6½ c. in a large way and 7c. for small quantities.

Fertilizing chemicals have been fairly active and an almost complete depletion of stocks has in some instances resulted in an advance in prices, though it is not likely the present figures will hold long. High grade dried blood is not procurable under 2.30 per unit ammonia; low grade, 2.15@2.20. Tankage, high grade, \$22@23 per ton; low grade, \$21. Azotin, 2.15@2.20 per unit. Refuse bone black, good quality, is \$17 per ton. Ground steamed bone, light-colored and free of grease, \$25@27 per ton. Fish scrap f.o.b. factory, \$25 per ton. Sulphate of ammonia, \$3.20@3.25 per cwt.

High-grade sulphate of potash is selling well at 2.05@2.10 on basis of 90 per cent sulphate of potash.

Muriate of potash is doing fairly well, with no change in quotation, of 1.80 for spot, 1.77½@1.80 for prompt delivery, and 1.75 for sail shipment.

Double manure salt is not very active, and offerings are freely made at our former quotations of 1@1.10c. without attracting much attention.

Kainit is very active, and the small quantity now in store is firmly held at \$11 per ton. Considerable interest has been manifested in futures, and we note a considerable volume of business. The price in futures remains firm at \$9 per ton.

Brimstone is very scarce and the market closes firm; \$27 per ton is demanded on the spot for best unmined second. The available spot supply is somewhat less than 300 tons, and little or nothing on the way that has not been sold. Futures are not now very active; \$23 per ton is quoted for June shipment and \$22 for July.

Nitrate of soda is quiet, but the price is well maintained at 2.07½ for goods ex store. The available stock on the spot aggregates some 30,000 bags, but even this stock has not resulted in a weakening of holders' ideas. Futures are in some demand at 2.05.

Arsenic, white, is quiet, the business transacted during the week being mostly of a jobbing character. No change in prices is noted, the quotations remaining firm at 3¼@3½.

IRON MARKET REVIEW.

NEW YORK, Friday Evening, June 15.

The iron market is unquestionably in a very apathetic condition, and yet if we look into the statistics of the trade or the volume of consumption, there is nothing to justify the discouraging reports that are circulated. There are, however, some explanations that are occasionally heard.

First, there is some question whether bottom has been reached in Lake iron ore prices and in railroad freights, though since the reduction by the Pennsylvania Railroad this latter must be considered near bottom.

Second, the political question exerts a greater influence in the iron trade than in any other industry, perhaps, because the great majority of iron makers are Republicans, and all are, naturally, in favor of protection.

It is thought that the argument, that if the workmen are shown the depressed condition of the market, "due to the talk of free trade," and are given to understand that if Cleveland is re-elected they must be prepared to accept much lower wages if the works do not close down altogether, while "if Mr. Blaine is elected wages will be advanced and every thing will boom again," may be a very useful one in a political way, and that even a sudden spurt in the market on the nomination of Mr. Blaine (which seems to be conceded) might be used as an illustration of what may be expected should he be elected. All of which we cite merely to show what is said in the trade to explain a dullness which statistics do not account for.

We do not anticipate any advance in prices for some time, for "tariff tinkering" is always an unsettling element in the market and "a presidential year" always an "off" year in business. When the result is known, no matter who is elected, business will revive, but it can scarcely be expected to do so much before that event.

We hear very little of Southern iron since the Thomas Co. dropped prices so suddenly to their present standard. Notwithstanding the low cost at some Southern furnaces, they are not going to close all the Northern furnaces just yet. The following are the latest rail rates on Southern iron:

	Cincinnati.	Louisville.
From Dayton, Tenn.....	\$1.70	\$1.70
" Chattanooga.....	1.90	1.90
" Birmingham.....	2.40	2.15
" Rising Fawn.....	2.15	2.15
	Buffalo.	Chicago.
From Dayton, Tenn.....	\$3.70	\$3.20
" Chattanooga.....	3.90	3.40
" Birmingham.....	4.15	3.65
" Rising Fawn.....	4.40	3.65

A better demand for consumption is reported here and manufacturers carrying extremely light stocks.

Scotch irons still come in small quantity, though there is no profit in them, either here or in Scotland, where nearly all the furnaces are run at a loss.

All kinds of manufactured iron are quiet, with unchanged prices, though in structural iron and steel the demand is quite active.

Steel rails continue to sell in fair amount. We hear of sales which during the past two weeks have aggregated about 60,000 tons. This week we hear of orders aggregating about 30,000 tons to Southern roads.

Up to May 1st the mills had sold 820,180 tons, and the sales at the present time must be fully 880,000 tons, which looks well for the year's business, notwithstanding the reported dullness of the market. Prices are unsatisfactory at \$30 at Eastern mills.

Current quotations will be found in our weekly register on another page.

Louisville. June 14.

[Reported by HALL BROTHERS & Co.]

The same general conditions prevail, with the exception of an increased number of orders. While the sales during the past week have been greater in number there has been no large orders of special mention. The principal demand has been mail orders for carload lots and up to 200 or 300 tons, although there can be nothing encouraging said as to prices. While some furnaces express the opinion that there must be a change for the better in the near future, yet the buyers adhere to their belief that prices will still go lower, which belief is confirmed by their placing orders only for immediate or near by delivery. Quotations for cash f.o.b. Louisville, will be found in our weekly register of prices.

Philadelphia. June 14.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

The action of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in reducing pig iron freights 20 per cent has not as yet produced noticeable results, but negotiations were begun on Monday and Tuesday for large blocks of Pennsylvania and Southern iron. The chances are against Southern irons getting in here in large lots. Buyers here are merely taking quotations. Brokers who are on the inside do not think the present inquiries will result in much business. Prices are no weaker. Choice lots and standard lots of No. 1 foundry are being taken almost every day to cover current wants. The output is not more than can be sold except in a few brands of inferior irons. A further adjustment of freight rates is expected. Stocks are low in mill and foundry yards.

There is more or less talk of orders going South, but it is difficult to find evidence to convict. Users of foreign material are in no hurry to place orders, especially as vessels are scarce. The home supply is low in price, prompt deliveries are made, and there is no inducement to go abroad. Muck bar orders this week reached the average for the busy season.

The bar-mill people throughout the State are quite anxious over the wages question at Pittsburg. Trade conditions and prices are unchanged. A few consumers are making purchases for July. The mill owners have not decided how long they will shut down. Each is anxious to hold what little trade he has. Prices are weak.

The only activity is in a few interior mills furnishing car iron. Several good-sized skelp-iron orders have been placed and the requirements have not been fully covered. The low prices are likely to attract business.

Tubes and pipes have been contracted for for summer delivery, but there is no improvement in prices. Discounts remain unchanged. There is said to be a large amount of wrought pipe business in sight. Nails are quiet and manufacturers say there will be very little improvement until July. The smaller sheet iron buyers have been supplying July and August wants, but the larger buyers have done nothing beyond taking small lots. Plate mills are gradually getting into better shape, and buyers who want iron within a few days after ordering it find they have to wait. Prices continue low, and as a good deal of business has been held back, mill owners feel more hopeful for the next two months.

The structural mills are all busy, but all are anxious for more business. The large requirements heard of frequently come into market all broken up into small orders, but they keep the mills going. No change in prices. The merchant steel output is large. Steel rail orders at mills represented here are for small lots at old figures, and there is no movement in sight of large lots. Makers say they know of considerable railroad building to be done this year for which rails have not yet been ordered. The holders of old rails are hanging for prices that buyers will not pay, except for just enough to keep going. Choice and selected scrap is selling very well. Quotations will be found in our weekly register of prices.

Pittsburg. June 14.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

The iron market since our last has exhibited but few changes. The trade has seldom been in a more unsettled state, with no improvement looked for until the iron scale is settled for the coming year. How that matter will be arranged no one can tell whether there will be a strike or not.

The question is an important one, and should a strike be inaugurated it will cost a large sum of money and bring idleness to many thousand workmen, and no one can tell when the end will come, as both sides have no doubt prepared for the conflict. As relates to prices there is no doubt that the position is unusually sensitive, and that a very little change in the proportion between supply and demand would be likely to influ-

WEEKLY REGISTER OF CURRENT QUOTATIONS.

Table of chemical and mineral prices including Sulphur, Alum, Ammonia, and various salts.

Table of building materials including Bricks, Building Stone, Slate, and Roofing.

Table of rare metals including Aluminum, Arsenic, Barium, Bismuth, Cadmium, Calcium, Cesium, Cerium, Chromium, Cobalt, Didymium, Erbium, Gallium, Glucium, Iridium, Lanthanum, Lithium, Magnesium, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nickel, Niobium, Osmium, Palladium, Platinum, Potassium, Rhodium, Ruthenium, Rubidium, Selenium, Sodium, Strontium, Tantalum, Tellurium, Thallium, Titanium, Thorium, Tungsten, Vanadium, Yttrium, and Zirconium.

Table of common metals including Aluminum, Copper, Lead, Tin, and Zinc.

Table of iron and steel prices including American Pig-Iron, Scotch Pig, and various steel grades.

Table of steel products including Steel Blooms, Steel Billets, Steel Nail Slabs, Steel Wire Rods, Steel Plates, and Structural Iron and Steel.

Table of Louisville prices for various commodities like So. Coke, Mahoning Valley, and Missouri Charcoal.

Table of Pittsburgh prices for coke and bituminous pig-iron.

Table of Philadelphia prices for various iron and steel products.

STOCK MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Table of Baltimore, Md. stock market quotations for various companies.

Table of Pittsburgh, Pa. stock market quotations for various companies.

Table of Foreign Quotations for various international stocks and commodities.

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 various mining companies and their financial details.

G. Gold, S. Silver, L. Lead, C. Copper. * Non-assessable. † This company, as the Western, up to Dec. 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 Aug., 1884, the California had paid \$31,320,000 in dividends, and the Con. Virginia, \$45,560,000. Previous to the consolidation of the Copper Queen with the Atlanta, Aug., 1875, the Copper Queen had paid \$1,350,000 in dividends.

NEW YORK MINING STOCKS QUOTATIONS.

DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES.

NON-DIVIDEND-PAYING MINES.

Main table of New York Mining Stocks Quotations, divided into Dividend-paying and Non-dividend-paying mines. Columns include Name and Location of Company, dates from June 9 to June 15, and Sales figures.

*Assessment unpaid. †Dealt in at the New York Stock Ex. Unlisted Securities Dividend shares sold, 9,025. Non-dividend shares sold, 102,060. Total New York, 111,115.

BOSTON MINING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table of Boston Mining Stock Quotations, listing company names, dates from June 8 to June 14, and sales figures.

*Ex-dividend. Boston: Dividend shares sold, 8,387. Non-dividend shares sold, 12,370. Total Boston, 20,757.

COAL STOCKS.

Table of Coal Stocks, listing company names, par value of shares, and daily price quotations from June 9 to June 15.

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

Table of San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations, listing company names and closing quotations from June 8 to June 14.

*Bid. †Asked. **Of the sales of this stock, 83,481 were in Philadelphia, and 356,500 in New York.

Total sales, 512,695.

* Ex-dividend, 50 cents.

inst., the whole list of regular nominations as given in our last issue was elected, with the exception of T. T. Forest and J. A. Macpherson, who were elected in place of Messrs. Dudenhofer and Hard. The annual report for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1888, shows that the transactions for the year aggregated 1,348,690,000 barrels of oil, or about 350,000,000 barrels less than for the preceding year. Pipe Line stocks have been reduced from 32,358,422 barrels to 25,084,084, and outstanding certificates from 22,428,036 barrels to 17,013,288 barrels.

The transactions in railroad stocks for the year amounted to 50,602,640 shares. Transactions in miscellaneous security and bonds aggregated \$35,429,000, and in mining stocks, 6,924,373. The membership of the exchange is 2358, of which all but 51 are participants in the gratuity fund. The receipts of the exchange for the year were \$166,565.20, and the expenses, \$155,064.04. The surplus shows a credit balance of \$397,813.86.

The *Daily Indicator* squirms under our allusion to the disgraceful part it took in inflating the *Security* bubble, and seeks to divert attention by misrepresenting what Dr. Raymond said concerning some other mines in which neither the *ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL* nor either of its editors ever had a dollar of interest.

This trick is far too old to be effective, and however disappointed the *Indicator* may feel over the collapse of its *Security* and the impossibility of floating any more of the worthless stock, it is senseless as well as useless for it to add slander and falsehood to its other offenses.

We also beg to inform the angry and disappointed *Indicator* that when the *ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL* exposed the *Security* fraud more than a year ago, it was not "guessing," but knew the facts, and, as is its wont, stated them fearlessly, when by doing so it could protect the investing public.

Our contemporary's *post mortem* virtue, which denounces "the promoters (who) have wilfully misrepresented things" only when the public won't buy the stock it has exhausted every effort to inflate and float, is indeed a sorry foundation on which to build a criticism of others. Having been caught *flagrante delicto*, it were more becoming for it to grin and bear it in silence "like a man," and determine to get good collateral with the worthless stuff it takes the next time it goes into the bubble floating business; this at least might improve its temper if not its morals.

The stock of the Extension Gold Mining Company, of Amador County, Cal., is being offered in this market at \$2 a share, which would be on the basis of \$200,000 for the prospect. The company publishes some very brief opinions by experts, the principal of which is by W. A. Irwin, formerly of Bodie, Cal., whose gross misrepresentation of the Bulwer mine, of which he was manager, has not yet been forgotten.

The editor of the *Amador Ledger*, under date 26th May, says: "This property adjoins the Pacific on the southeast. There is a shaft about 40 feet deep, and the development, as far as it has been pushed, gives well-founded hopes that it will prove a good property. It is not claimed by those interested that it is a proven mine; it is but a prospect, which holds forth the promise of developing into a mine. The original owners are all poor men, unable to develop it. Consequently they have sold or bonded it to Eastern parties, who are placing the stock in New York and Boston for the purpose of raising the necessary money to work the property in good shape." This certainly does not justify the \$200,000 valuation, and there is no information as to the proportion of the capital in the treasury for working capital nor what the mine cost. Nor have we been able to obtain any definite information on application to the office of the company in this city.

The Tortilita Gold and Silver Mining Co. has issued the following circular:

"THE MONEY RAISED FOR TORTILITA.

'57 BROADWAY, June 11, 1888.

"MY DEAR SIR: Having arranged for the necessary funds to supply steam hoisting works and increase the capacity of our mill, the sale of stock in the Tortilita Gold and Silver Mining Company will be discontinued until it is earning dividends, after the few remaining shares of the first allotment are disposed of, the price for which is one dollar per share to immediate purchasers—our last offer. The money for this machinery would have been raised long ago, but for the published misrepresentations of the property, based upon false and malicious reports. It has been a long and trying contest of right against wrong, but we have won it, and I am sincerely grateful for the generous support of my friends every where, and for the confidence and aid of the stockholders of the company, whose interests alone have been my concern.

"My best thought and attention will continue to be devoted to the development and successful operation of the Tortilita property, and I shall leave nothing undone within my power to make it one of the greatest bullion producers in the country.

Yours truly, JOSEPH H. REALL.

"P. S.—In reply to inquiries about the stock of the Extension Gold Mining Company, whose shares are being offered to the public, I can recommend it as a safe and most promising investment."

Evidently the public has ceased to buy, and "the few remaining shares" are now offered at one dollar a share, or about one half what the company was asking for them a year ago. As the company has 500,000 shares, this would still make the price of the mine probably ten to twenty times what it is worth, so far as any value has been shown in it.

Mr. F. K. Moreland, the counsel for the company, said to an *ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL* representative: "We have raised \$15,000 for the improvement and enlargement of our mill and machinery and to supply steam hoisting machinery.

"In reference to our suit against James Gordon Bennett for \$100,000, we have served the necessary papers. As soon as the trial is begun, we shall engage some of the ablest lawyers in the city to press our case.

"The five-stamp mill at the mine has been shut down, but will probably be opened very shortly." Has the mill been shut down because the mine can not supply even five stamps with ore?

Auction Sale of Stocks.

The following securities were sold at auction in this city on the 13th inst.: \$1000 Borden Mining Company 6 per cent bond, due January 1st, 1907, 90; \$7000 Union Steel and Iron Company, of Chicago, 1st mortgage 6 per cent bonds, 98½; \$19,900 Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation "Series A" 1st mortgage 5 per cent bonds, due 1917, 65.

Meetings.

Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company, No. 52 William street, New York City, June 26th, at one o'clock P.M. Special meeting for the purpose of receiving a report of the action of the Board of Trustees relative to the building of a railroad between Fairbank and Bisbee, Arizona, and to take such action thereon as may be deemed advisable.

Green Mountain Gold Mining Company, office of De Forest & Weeks, No. 120 Broadway, New York City, June 20th, at twelve o'clock noon. Special meeting for the purpose of considering what steps can be taken for the redemption of the property from sale under execution.

Libertad Mining Company, No. 1145 Broadway, New York City, July 3d, in the evening.

Small Hopes Consolidated Mining Company, No. 1 Broadway, New York City, June 26th, at one o'clock P.M.

Southern Mining and Transportation Company, No. 2024½ Second avenue, Birmingham, Ala., July 2d, at twelve o'clock noon. Special meeting (1) to elect a board of directors; (2) to act upon a proposition to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding \$500,000, to issue the bonds of the company therefore, and to secure the payment of the same by a mortgage or trust deed upon the company's property, etc.

Dividends.

Confidence Silver Mining Company, of Nevada, has declared a dividend of two dollars per share, or \$49,920, payable June 11th, in San Francisco.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, of Michigan, has declared a dividend of five dollars per share, or \$500,000, payable July 6th, in Boston.

Hale & Norcross Mining Company, of Nevada, has declared a dividend, No. 38, of fifty cents per share, or \$56,000, payable June 8th, at Room 58, Nevada Block, San Francisco, Cal.

Homestake Mining Company has declared a dividend, No. 119, of twenty cents per share, or \$25,000, payable June 25th, at Messrs. Lounsbury & Co., No. 15 Broad Street, New York City.

Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has declared a quarterly dividend of one and one quarter per cent, payable July 16th, at 228 South Third street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Little Chief Mining Company, of Colorado, has declared a dividend, No. 12, of ten cents per share, or \$20,000, payable July 7th, at No. 137 Broadway, New York City.

Philadelphia (Natural Gas) Company has declared a dividend, No. 32, of one per cent, or \$75,000, payable June 25th at No. 935 Penn avenue, Pittsburg, Pa. Checks will be mailed as usual to stockholders.

Quicksilver Mining Company, of California, has declared a dividend upon preferred stock of one dollar and a half per share, or \$64,500, payable July 2d.

Assessments.

COMPANY.	No.	When levied.	D'n'q't in office.	Day of sale.	Am't per share.
Alta, Nev.	37	May 12	June 12	July 9	.50
Alta Idalia, Dak	1	May 24	June 20	July 16	.001
Anchor, Utah	6	June 1	July 5	July 26	.10
Arnold, Ariz.	4	May 1	June 4	June 26	.75
Best & Belcher, Nev.	40	June 5	July 10	July 31	.25
Big Hole Pl., Utah	3	May 7	June 12	Aug 15	.01
Bulwer Cons., Cal.	4	May 3	June 7	July 5	.20
Challenge Cons., Nev.	4	May 29	June 29	July 18	.50
Corra, Dak	2	June 2	July 6	July 27	.00½
Florence, Dak.	2	May 10	June 17	July 2	.00½
Golden Reward, Dak.	2	.....	June 8	June 25	.01½
Homeward B'd, Dak.	5	Mar. 24	May 26	June 21	.001
Himalaya, Utah	3	Apr. 26	May 26	June 26	.005
Justice, Nev.	48	May 7	June 11	July 2	.25
Last Chance, Nev.	10	May 7	May 8	June 30	.10
New La Plata, Dak.	12	May 7	June 7	June 25	.001
Nye, Nev.	1	May 28	July 5	July 24	.05
Paradise Valley, Nev.	5	May 29	May 29	June 18	.15
Occidental Con., Nev.	2	Mar. 3	July 2	July 25	.20
Rochester Utah	.....	May 15	June 16	July 2	.05
Scorpion, Nev.	23	May 25	June 22	July 16	.10
Seacury-Calkins Dak	9	June 5	July 10	Aug. 1	.00½
Silver Bar, Dak.	1	May 24	June 20	July 16	.001
Seg. Belcher Cons., Nev.	1	June 5	July 9	July 30	.25
Tioga Cons., Cal.	18	May 1	June 5	June 27	.10
Utah, Nev.	4	May 4	June 8	June 26	.25

* One half cent a share is delinquent if unpaid June 12th, and the other if unpaid July 12th.

Pipe Line Certificates.

The oil market has shared in the prevailing dullness in Wall street during the past week. While volumes are written concerning the probable action of the Producers' Association, and the effect of the increasing sources of supply upon the market, all this philosophy does not restore activity in the oil pit.

A well known broker says the room traders are much more interested in the Sheephead trades just now than they are in oil speculation. Unless some striking new feature presents itself, we may look for a continuance of this state of affairs.

On Saturday the market opened strong at 79 and reached 79½.

On Monday a relapse occurred, and 77½ has been the highest point reached since then. In short, the appended tables tell all there is to be said.

The National Transit Company gives notice that all credit balances at the close of business on June 15th, and all certificates and acceptances made prior to that time are liable to assessment, owing to the destruction of fire tank No. 1629, located on Saddle River, Bergen County, N. J.

CONSOLIDATED STOCK AND PETROLEUM EXCHANGE.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
June 9	79c.	79½c.	78½c.	78½c.	483,000
11	77½	77½	75½	76¼	1,789,000
12	76½	77½	76	77½	864,000
13	77½	77½	76½	76½	542,000
14	76½	77½	76¼	77½	826,000
15	77½	77½	76½	77	210,000

Total sales in barrels..... 4,714,000

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
June 9	79½c.	79½c.	78½c.	78½c.	149,000
11	77½	77½	75½	76	743,000
12	76½	77½	76½	77½	308,000
13	77½	77½	76½	76½	315,000
14	76½	77½	76¼	77	317,000
15	77½	77½	76½	77½	483,000

Total sales in barrels..... 2,315,000

Financial Statements.

The following are the financial balances of the various mining companies on June 1st:

	CASH ON HAND.		
Alpha Con.....	\$17,426.93	Independence...	\$4,987.15
Alta.....	4,192.90	Julia.....	1,830.88
Andes.....	17,016.02	Justice.....	2,560.47
Belcher.....	19,138.62	Mexican.....	10,814.88
Belle Isle.....	9,189.14	Mono.....	20,975.55
Bodie.....	51,070.85	*North Belle Isle	40,000.00
Bullion.....	13,512.52	Navajo.....	4,070.57
Bulwer.....	382.81	North Peer.....	143.85
Caledonia.....	1,155.02	Orleans.....	410.59
*Con. Cal. & Va.	106,160.23	Ophir.....	4,539.94
†Confidence.....	154,265.83	Oreman.....	20,618.88
Crocker.....	16,897.00	Peerless.....	23,357.34
**Crown Point.....	24,516.87	Poudere.....	13.55
Dudley.....	539.16	Sierra Nevada.....	23,340.15
Eureka Cons.....	8,205.73	Scorpion.....	260.00
Exchequer.....	13,694.01	**Standard.....	52,016.46
Found Treasure.....	1,974.97	Syndicate.....	9,970.59
Gould & Curry.....	13,749.91	Tioga.....	19.47
†Hale & Norcross	96,675.32	Union.....	26,740.87
Imperial.....	6,294.03	Weidon.....	4,548.80

†With the closing bullion shipment for May to be added.

**Cash in bank and unsold bullion on hand of the value of \$189,338.70, with large shipment to be received before the close of the fiscal month.

**With \$2602.25 to be collected on pending assessments.

†With other shipments yet to arrive, which will swell the April product to nearly \$150,000.

††In crude bullion unsold with indebtedness of \$1798.52.

†††On hand here and in New York, \$52,016.46.

INDEBTEDNESS.	
Best & Belcher..	\$909.64
Challenge Con ..	13,347.66
*Chollar ..	25,988.13
Commonwealth..	7,026.97
Del Monte.....	5,130.16
Diana.....	3,817.65
Grand Prize.....	25,927.13
Holmes.....	2,033.39
Locomotive.....	5,987.29
Mount Cory.....	49,120.16
Nevada Queen..	\$22,708.84
North Common-wealth	6,373.51
Occidental Con ..	3,168.60
Peer.....	200.32
Potosi.....	5,673.24
†Savage.....	42,357.71
Seg. Belcher.....	24,318.86
†Utah Con.....	436.49

*Less bullion to be received before the fiscal month closes.

†Less 8,926 ounces of fine silver bullion and other shipments to be received before the fiscal month closes.

††With an assessment now pending to be collected.

Boston Mining Stocks. June 14.

[*From our Special Correspondent.]

The copper stock market has ruled extremely dull the past week, but prices generally have been well sustained, although in a few instances there has been some falling off in consequence of a pressure to sell when there were no buying orders in the market.

Calumet & Hecla sold ex-dividend at \$242 @ \$244 on the 9th, but declined to \$239 to-day on a lot of five shares only; but there was no stock offered at the close at less than \$242. Quincy has been in good demand and advanced to \$72, with \$71½ bid and \$72 asked.

Franklin declined from \$15 to \$14½, which was bid for it at the close.

Osceola advanced to \$21 but declined to \$20½ on small transactions.

Boston & Montana declined to \$48, at which about 300 shares were sold. To-day fresh orders to buy the stock advanced prices to \$50, and it was strong with \$50, bid and none offered.

Tamarack sold at \$165 but was offered to-day at \$161 and no bid.

Kearsarge declined to \$5½, and was offered at \$6, with \$5½ bid.

Atlantic sold at \$17, and was offered at the same price.