

A THRIVING PLACE, Whose Industries and Population Entitle It to a City's Mantle.

NEW CASTLE AND THE BIG CANAL.

A Water Power That Would be Destroyed by the Proposed Waterway.

ITS OWNER WOULDN'T OBJECT, THOUGH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) NEW CASTLE, December 27.—Two miles below town the Shenango river and Nehanock creek, with the Mahoning river, make a junction with the Beaver river. It was there that the great junction of the Mahoning started. The Mahoning crossed the Shenango by an aqueduct, and Nehanock creek was crossed by the same method. The old dams remain. Somewhat by an inverse ratio of output of water these valleys grow in importance.

Nehanock is not much of a stream, but New Castle is considerable of a city. As to that something further along. Here is water power that a canal might destroy. It is owned by J. W. Raney, who thinks it doesn't amount to much. It only runs two of the many manufacturing of New Castle. That is, the flour mill of J. W. Raney; below town another flour mill.

NOT MUCH OF A POWER. Formerly the water power was used for the Etna Iron Works. There was a dam for them. Mr. Raney has to have steam power in his flour mill, and the lower flour mill is compelled frequently to shut down.

The Etna Iron Works long since abandoned its mill race. The actual power which is manufactured by the Nehanock creek dam does not exceed 150 during the lively seasons of the year, and it can well be understood that during periods of drought there is some trouble in getting half enough power to run anything at all. Mr. Raney, however, will not ask very much from the State or the National Government for his water power, although he thinks he ought to be paid something for it, in case it is confiscated.

BRIDGES IN PLENTY.

Whether or not it would be necessary to take the Nehanock creek water power dam, depends largely upon where the canal will run. The old canal, cut along Nehanock creek. It was part of the Mahoning-cross-cut. Almost in the center of the town—bear in mind, this is the town has nearly as many, and it is a fact that I think more bridges than have Pittsburgh and Allegheny City—is the old lock of the canal. Mr. Raney owns it, as a matter of course, because he is "owner" as they are called, placed each of the daily newspaper offices downtown at once. Mr. Raney, Superintendent of the Bureau of Electricity, will go to New Castle, to make an arrangement to put in jokers at such offices as he desires them. Then the reporters will be able to locate a fire just as quickly as the firemen, although I suppose it would be a waste of money to have a fire there, as the newspapers don't often miss that which is going on.

GET A SMILE.

As I am not giving an opinion upon any facts, but simply trying to get facts, I will not say anything about it, but please let me smile a little bit. On the face of the event, and upon the top of the head, or rather let me say, I wonder how it can be a nuisance. Winter weather and summer weather may perhaps be the solution of the enigma.

THE CORONER'S WORK.

McDowell Bear Investigating Deaths of the Past Few Days. The coroner's jury called to investigate the cause of the death of John Hoban, at the Allegheny General Hospital, rendered a verdict of death, caused by pneumonia, pneumonia, caused by neglect and exposure, and F. D. Eschelman, the assignee of Hughes & Temple, for whom Hoban worked, was named for his failure to provide a nurse for the man. Witnesses testified that during Hoban's illness he was without fire and food. The man was 62 years old.

BUSINESS OF ONE MILL.

Here is something that gives some idea of what the Etna Rolling Mill does alone: Coal, 125 tons per day for 325 days in the year; coke, 300 tons per day for the same length of time; limestone, 120 to 150 tons a day; ore, about 200 tons a day, running off as high as 400 tons a day; pig iron, 150 tons a day; output of complete work, merchant bar iron, not less than 16,000 tons a year. The works employ 350 hands.

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A FINGER IN MEAT PIE.

J. P. Witherspoon, C. C. certainly do have lots of business, but I can't understand why they get on every page of the directory with some new business or a new method of staling some business that has already been done. For about the ninth time they have some again—fire brick manufacturers. There are three foundries, not counting the furnace heating manufactory, two galvanneal cornice works, three gas and steam fitters, four glass manufacturers, four machine shops, two marble works, one molding manufactory, one mill manufactory, not counting the fellows that sell the flour and get, chilled and dry sand manufacturers, known as the Vienna Iron Company's works, three sheet iron factories, each doing an extensive business, one iron works, and one or two distinct steel manufactory, that of the Crawford Steel and Iron Company.

SOMETHING OF A PLACE.

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TO SILENCE BIG SAM. Chief Brown is Determined to Ring No More Downtown Alarms—He Talks Fire Reform All Along the Line.

Chief Brown said last evening that his order, published yesterday afternoon, would be enforced from January 1, notwithstanding the objections offered by several gentlemen whose interviews were published in this same paper.

In regard to the objections offered by the insurance men Mr. Brown said: "What right have a lot of insurance clerks to be running around during a fire, impeding the movements of the firemen and adding confusion to all concerned? Show me an instance where the insurance men have been of any benefit by their presence at a fire in this city. What the insurance men want to do is to proceed to do something practical and not do so much empty prattle as talking in their own interest."

Mr. Brown said that he had a list of insurance men who are to be employed at fires, and as high a salary as they wish to pay, to conduct their interests at fires, and he can criticize the work of the firemen intelligently, but he objects to the criticisms of the curb stone engineers. "The only people at the present time who have any business at fires are the firemen, police and newspaper reporters, who are there to apprise the public of the extent and incidents of the conflagration, and the insurance men have a right to be there to see that they are not allowed to be tampered with in any way by our firemen. The fire last night was an excellent illustration of the pernicious effect of ringing the bell in the first district. Before the first engine arrived on the scene, the avenue was crowded with people. The saloons, clubs, houses, poolrooms and hotels were emptied out Fifth avenue in less than five minutes and there were soon at least 10,000 people on the street. There is no argument possible for the ringing of the bell in the first district. As for the business men who live uptown who say they would not know unless the big bell struck, whether their property was in danger or not, I will simply say that my order only silences the big bell in the first district. The other bells will ring, when a fire occurs, as they have in the past."

"I propose to have going on, 'clocks,' as they are called, placed each of the daily newspaper offices downtown at once. Mr. Mead, Superintendent of the Bureau of Electricity, will go to New Castle, to make an arrangement to put in jokers at such offices as he desires them. Then the reporters will be able to locate a fire just as quickly as the firemen, although I suppose it would be a waste of money to have a fire there, as the newspapers don't often miss that which is going on."

"If there is any other class of men whom I think should be provided with these jokers, of course, they will be supplied too, but the big bell will not ring alarms for fire after that."

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