

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

PROSPERITY NOW IN COAL FIELDS

SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF ITS WELCOME PRESENCE.

Indications From Schuylkill County Which Point to a Period of Exceptional Activity in Business—New Industries and New Investments in All Sections.

Pottsville, Sept. 17.—A summary of the industrial news of the past month, made by the Miners' Journal, shows that Schuylkill county is soon to experience one of the greatest booms in its history.

The Pottsville Iron and Steel Works are to resume operations.

The Pioneer Furnaces are to put in blast.

The Schuylkill Haven Rolling mill resumes work.

The employees of the P. & R. shops at Palo Alto are put on twelve hours time per day.

The Marlon colliery at St. Clair is to resume work.

Two of Shenandoah's most important collieries resume work after a long period of idleness.

The Orwig shoe factories are overcrowded with orders.

The productions of these factories goes to all parts of the civilized world, including sections of Africa and Asia.

The P. & R. collieries in this section are working six days per week.

All of the county banks, the best possible barometer of business, are in a highly prosperous condition.

The wages of the miners under the fluctuating basis are the best in years.

The railroad throughout the county are crowded with traffic.

The Franklin Iron Works at Port Carbon and the Vulcan Iron Works at Tamaqua are in a prosperous condition.

The Reading railway is increasing its facilities for handling its great coal traffic, notably at Tamaqua and Port Clinton.

Tamaqua's boom is the greatest in its history. Over one hundred houses were erected there this year, and plans are already being laid for the erection of as many more next year.

The Philadelphia and Reading railway finds it difficult to secure enough mechanics to handle all their work.

Six mechanics can find work by applying at the engine house at Palo Alto this morning.

Fifteen substantial houses were erected in Port Carbon this year and at least a score more will be built next year.

The Pottsville board of trade expects to add half a dozen different industries to the county next during the next year.

The P. & R. railway added a number of new employees to its payroll at Cresora during the week.

Pottsville building boom next year will give employment to 400 mechanics during the summer.

The underwear factories at Schuylkill Haven are crowded with work.

Several local capitalists are selling their investments in bonds and stocks in order to obtain cash to build new tenement houses in Pottsville next year.

The large new P. & R. shops at Schuylkill Haven are not large enough for the amount of work to be done.

Some of the men are obliged to work outside.

The new Wadesville colliery, which will soon resume work, will give employment to 600 men, most of whom will live in Pottsville and vicinity.

And so the record goes. Everywhere business is on the jump and its increase is steady.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Programme of Exercises to be Held in Forest City.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Forest City, Sept. 17.—The programme for the Sunday school convention that will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church on Wednesday next, Sept. 20, is as follows:

MORNING SESSION.

10.30 a. m.—Devotional service by pastor, L. N. Steelman.

10.40 a. m.—Address of welcome, Thos. Brown, Sr.

10.50 a. m.—Response, Alfred Bowel, Herrick Centre.

11.00 a. m.—Address, Rev. A. O. Williams, Clifford, Subject, "The Influence of the Sunday School Declining."

11.30 a. m.—Business.

12.00 noon—Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1.30 p. m.—Service of Song.

1.40 p. m.—Devotional service, Rev. N. Bevan, Welsh Hill.

1.50 p. m.—Address, Rev. J. W. Warble, Dundaff, Subject, "Our Strong Points and How to Sustain Them."

2.10 p. m.—Discussion, Ralph Miller, Clifford.

2.25 p. m.—Paper, Harry Curtis, Herrick Centre.

VETERANS HEAR SPEECHES.

Political Men Address Reunion of Soldiers in Columbia County.

Bloomsburg, Sept. 17.—Fully 4,000 people were present at the fourth annual reunion of the Columbia County Veterans' association, held at Millville yesterday.

Chas. W. Eves, burgess of Millville, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Major Isaac Seesholtz, of Catawissa.

The local leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties were present and delivered addresses, but by a tacit agreement politics were eschewed and the speakers confined their remarks to homage of the veterans.

Prominent among the speakers were William Trent Creasy, Democratic candidate for state treasurer; Hon. J. C. Brown, of Bloomsburg; C. F. Harter, William Burgess, George Bills and Ralph Kissner.

At the executive committee meeting of the association Lieutenant Russel Karns, of Benton, was elected president. A. S. Smith, of Benton, secretary, and John R. Keeler, of Asbury, treasurer.

The reunion next year will be held at Benton.

WEST PITSTON FAIR.

Official List of Entries for the Trotting Events.

Pittston, Pa., Sept. 17.—The following is a list of entries for Luzerne County Fair association, to be held at West Pittston, Pa., Sept. 20, 21, 22, 1899:

Wednesday, Sept. 20—2.35 class, trot or pace. Purse, \$250.

Thursday, Sept. 21—2.35 class, trot or pace. Purse, \$250.

Friday, Sept. 22—2.35 class, trot or pace. Purse, \$250.

Saturday, Sept. 23—2.35 class, trot or pace. Purse, \$250.

Victor P. b. g. W. C. Norton, Aldenville, Pa.

David Coperfield, b. g. A. J. Schnell, Scranton, Pa.

Uncle Ned, br. g. C. F. Austin, Wallsville, Pa.

Major S. blk. g. H. S. Gorman, Scranton, Pa.

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WILL USE ELECTRICITY.

Improvements in the Pennsylvania Coal Company's Mines.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Pittston, Sept. 17.—Probably two months from now will find the Pennsylvania Coal company's collieries in Upper Pittston well lighted by electricity.

The Avoca Electric Light company has been awarded the contract for lighting Barnum shaft and shafts Nos. 3, 8 and 10, and are now preparing to lay the contract. Poles and trees have been placed in position at No. 3 colliery and the work is being rapidly pushed toward the other collieries.

The contract is a big thing for the electric light company and will require over double the present capacity of the company's plant in Avoca, and preparations have been made to place another dynamo and engine in the power house.

Furniture Manufacturers Organize.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Towanda, Sept. 17.—The furniture manufacturers comprising this district have been holding a series of meetings, and representing the factories of Southern New York state and Northern Pennsylvania, held a business meeting at Waverly, N. Y., last week and effected a permanent organization. It will be called the Elmira and Middle States Furniture association. The officers chosen were: President, S. C. Hall, of Waverly, N. Y.; secretary, L. R. Frost, of Towanda; treasurer, John Williams, of Williamsport. Thirty-five delegates were present. The meeting adjourned to meet next time at Williamsport.

Veterans in Reunion.

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Towanda, Sept. 17.—The third annual reunion of the United States Veterans' association, held at Towanda, Pa., yesterday proved an enjoyable occasion at Wyalusing last Thursday. The surviving comrades were ushered from the station by a drum corps, to which fifty of the "old boys" marched in double file to the music of the fifes and drums. The meeting was held at Brown's opera house. The next meeting was fixed for Towanda in 1900; Colonel Overton was chosen president, and J. D. Johnson, secretary.

Celebrated Fifty-second Wedding Anniversary.

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Towanda, Sept. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Cobling, of LeRayville, were celebrating their fifty-second wedding anniversary. Mr. Cobling has just returned home from Key West, where he has been employed by the Union Bridge company. Among his collection of relics he has a cane made from a life-boat seat of Captain Sigbee, a member of Porto Rico's fleet of the boat. They are now in the possession of the Tioga Point Historical society.

Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, of Philadelphia, is the eldest of her son, Dr. H. C. Porter, of Towanda.

Rev. J. H. Sandaol, of Athens, was a visitor with Towanda friends last Friday.

William Jackson, of Chicago, is visiting in Bradford county.

Miss Lillian Richards is the guest of friends at Susquehanna.

Mrs. Rogers, who has been visiting friends and relatives here the past month, returned Saturday to her home in Denver.

Rev. H. B. Benedict's subject at the Sunday evening service yesterday was a specially prepared discourse on "David Harum."

Advices received from Harrisburg state that another respite has been granted George Zagan by the governor fixing October 25th as the day for their execution.

The King's Daughters of the Montour circle, will give an entertainment at Mrs. Bryce Stewart's on the evening of September 27.

N. G. Park has accepted a position as instructor in the public schools at Elkland, Pa., and has gone to assume duties.

Rev. A. L. Benton, accompanied by his wife, left last week on his annual vacation to remain a month.

W. S. Pierson, of Brooklyn, was at the county seat Friday on business.

M. B. Bernstein, of Binghamton, was calling on friends here Friday.

Carlton Shaffer, ex-secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, left on Friday for Princeton university.

Mrs. B. Thatcher and daughter, Anna, returned Friday from a visit among friends at Carbondale.

Rev. M. L. Cooke, of Bradford county, has returned from the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Lieutenant Governor J. P. S. Gobin has been engaged to make an address at the Hartford fair.

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