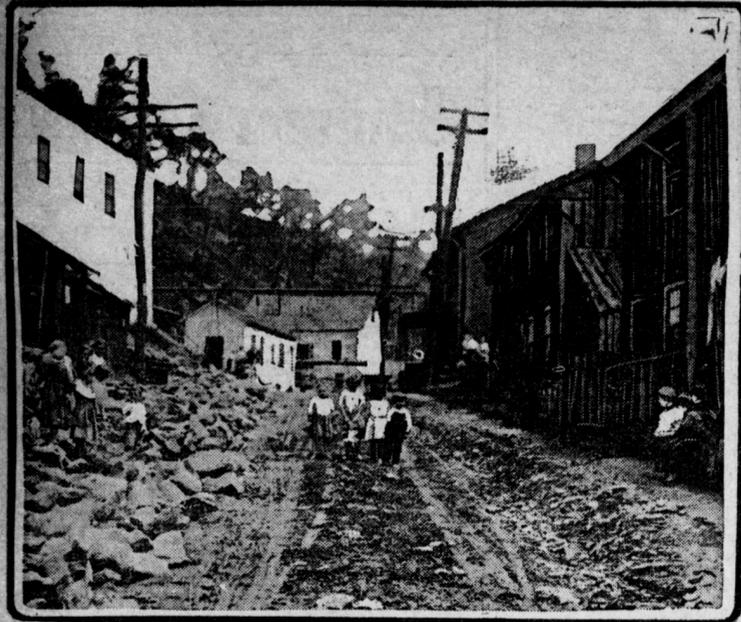


LACKAWANNA MINE COUNTRY A LAND FORGOTTEN OF THE PHILANTHROPIES



CHILDREN OF AVONDALE ON THEIR ONLY PLAYGROUND, A MOUNTAIN STRIP OF ROAD 12 FEET WIDE.

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of carelessness there, a fall of rock, and it's the end—or worse. At the same time, the little over-all-clad figures of the boys disappear in the roar, and the dust of the breakers. A slip—and a boy is maimed.

And in this valley remember that the girls are not left out. There's the mill for them where they may stand all days with every nerve strained and active to earn the pittance that will help along. Then the trip back to the home—every man and boy crusted with grime. But no bath tub—and, as a rule, no running warm water. Just the clothes tub and the tea kettle, and dirt and work for the housewife.

After that the clean up and supper. That's all, unless it's the saloon or sitting along the roads. No parks. Rarely any grassy places. No change. No amusements. Nothing—unless the mines are very near some larger community.

Of all the mine towns visited there was only one in which a coal company had made an effort to provide any pleasure for its

visiting with Bridget Grout, a woman of seventy, who lives in one of the little houses on the crags. Mrs. Grout has 33 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"He asked me all about things an' I told him," said Mrs. Grout. "I've worked at everything a woman could work at around here. 'Dangerous is it for the men in the mines? Ah, they brought my sixteen-year-old boy to me dead! And my husband he was hurt, too. Yesterday a man down in the mine below was killed. A little while ago it was a boy in

the breaker.
"But it's not accidents all the time. Sometimes it's six weeks that there ain't any."
It was in Pittston that Colonel Roosevelt found the worst housing condition. In a tumbledown row on Pine street live several Italian families. For a five-room apartment the family of Angelo Goula pays \$10 a month. For a three-room home at the other end Jos. Gelmondo pays \$5.
Col. Roosevelt went into the front room of the Goula home and this is what he saw:
The floor boards are unmatched

and rough. The ceiling plaster is falling. There isn't a convenient. And the cracks in the door are wide enough to let the rain in. If the broken windows didn't give a better chance.

Neither Mrs. Goula nor Mrs. Gelmondo could speak English, so they called a fine little chap from across the street for an interpreter.

He told me his name and said he worked in a breaker.

"Why, how old are you?" I asked.

"Twelve," he said, "but don't you tell, please, 'cause they'll have to sack me if you do, an' my father's dead."

With all their hardship and lack of chance it would be hard to find a better natured, kinder, quieter-mannered lot of people than those who got out our hard coal in the Lackawanna valley.

"Col. Roosevelt was delighted with the spirit of the people," said Rev. Curran.

"He is a wonderful man, and can do much, I believe, to help."

DIDN'T SAY KELLY, BUT JUDGE ARNSTON IS FROM MISSOURI

Kelly may have stolen those tan shoes, size 10 1/4, from M. Anchez, as the latter verily believes, but did anybody see Kelly do it? Kelly emphatically says no, and Anchez cannot contradict, for he didn't miss the shoes till after they were gone. But, says Anchez, they were not gone more than a few minutes, when he discovered Kelly in the attempt to sell at a neighboring second-hand store. Wherefore, concludes Anchez, etc., etc. Judge Arnston, before whom the case came up yesterday afternoon, decided that Bob Siegel, the second-hand man to whom the shoes had been led astray, was a material witness and continued the trial until this afternoon.

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Under date of February 1st, Mr. Tom Shevlund, who resides at 2529 South J st., Tacoma, writes: "When I started in to take treatment of you my hands were in a cramped, useless condition, so much so, that they seemed to be paralyzed, and I could do no work. At this writing my hands and general health are much improved."
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CONSUMER PAYS THE COST OF PUMPING

The slowness on the part of the city to get a gravity water system where it would have a water supply at low cost is now beginning to be realized by citizens who are kicking on the cost of water here.

The North Springs water company makes the same rate as the city, and so those in the North End of town are bumped just the same as others.

The pumping is expensive, and probably no reduction can be made in water rates until the gravity system is in and largely paid for. Then the rates will drop to probably less than half what they now are.

F. L. Denman kicked to the commission last week, saying his water bill for a month was \$9.80, and that the same amount of water at Seattle would have cost but \$2.10.

LAWSON GOING TO FIGHT SALOON LICENSE

The saloon question is bothering the city commission again. Now that the city is getting ready to begin work on the Green river gavity water system three fellows over in King county have applied for license to open a grog dispensary up there to keep the men full.

A resident of the section sent word to the commission and Lawson will go to King county and ask the commissioners to refuse all license.

The commission had a fight here to keep liquor away from the Nisqually power plant, but finally won out, and the license granted for a saloon was revoked. Now it will have the same contest apparently up at the water project.

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BRIDGET GRANT, AGED 70. She has always lived in Avondale and knows the whole story of mine life with all its tragedies.

people. That was in Kingston, where the Kingston Coal company, an independent coal company, has made a playground for the children.

Another thing that has made for no community of interest is the character of the miners the companies get into their towns. Some are wholly English speaking, some Lithuanians, some Poles, some Greek Catholics, some Roman Catholics, and some Protestants. None is interested in the others. There is no basis for combining. They either dislike and mistrust, or do not know each other.

The most isolated community of all visited was Avondale, a shelf along a mountain road out of Wilkesbarre.

"Shelf" is none too strong. And it's a mantel shelf instead of the broader pantry variety.

The community is an old one. It had its horror in '69, when almost every man in the place was brought out of the shaft dead. It hasn't changed a bit since then.

The mountain side there is not at all what mountain side usually means. The long slope is one great dump of the mine flushings of years.

Along the edge of the steep there is a road. This road is 12 feet wide. On the inner side is a wall of rocky debris with a few old houses perched on top. At the outer edge is a row of frame—well, "houses." They call them that. They were built 45 years ago. Behind them rises the high black walls of a breaker. At the head of the road is a shaft.

That is all. The road is the children's playground, the lawn, the highway, the promenade, the everything of Avondale.

Col. Roosevelt spent some time