

## COAL NOTES FROM WYOMING VALLEY.

Three different collieries on the west side of the Susquehanna River are now driving towards the Red Ash seam expecting to strike it within twenty days.

The Mill Creek shaft which is being operated by Hon. Thomas Waddle, is now producing 450 tons per day. This opening penetrates the Baltimore vein which has two members, the Cooper, above, being of unworkable thickness. The lower member of the Baltimore vein where it is now being mined on the east side is but five feet thick. A new slope 8×12 feet in size has been sunk on the west side to penetrate the lower member of the Baltimore in which mining will be actively carried on. To the utter surprise of all the lower split was found to be full 16 feet thick on the 25th inst., and neither the top or bottom of the vein had then been seen. The coal is unusually bright and showy, and the find is regarded a valuable one, especially as there are almost unmistakable evidences that it will be permanent. A pair of hoisting engines with 12-inch cylinder and 12-inch stroke are now being erected to operate the new slope through which coal lying on the east side of the shaft will be mined.

The Hazard Manufacturing Company, of Wilkes-Barre, recently shipped to the Third Avenue Railway Company, in New York, a cable measuring 24,500 feet in length and 1½ inches in diameter. The rope was made in one piece and weighed over 30 tons.

Leases were recently made with the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company for coal land by Darus Varcoe, W. J. Lewis and William A. Price. The property makes a large tract and is located in the First Ward of Scranton. The company agrees to pay fifteen cents royalty for each 2,240 pounds of merchantable coal mined from beneath the tract.

The Wyoming Valley Coal Company have put down several bore-holes on the flats on their Harry E. property above Luzerne Borough. At the last one put down, some 2,000 feet west of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, they are going down to the Red Shale. They have just passed through what they think is the Red Ash vein, and it shows 18½ feet thick, the bottom 14 feet having only some seven inches of slate in it. It was known that this vein existed on the whole of their property, some 1,400 acres, but it was not supposed to be in as good condition as shown by this bore.

The Williamstown Colliery of the Susquehanna Coal Company, at Lykens Valley, has just been provided with four sets of cylindrical boilers from the Vulcan Iron Works.

A large ventilation fan—25 feet—and a pair of first-motion hoisting engines with twenty-inch cylinder and 36-inch stroke are being manufactured at the Vulcan Iron Works for the Susquehanna Coal Company at Nanticoke.

Since the burning of the Pennsylvania Coal Company's No. 14 breaker at Fort Blanchard, the Ewen breaker at Pittston, which has been idle for some months, is again in operation. The capacity of the Ewen breaker is given at 1,500 tons per day.

The strike at the Grassy Island colliery in Olyphant is over, an amicable adjustment of the differences having taken place.