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Monmouthshire Iron and Coal Company.

The new town now building for this company, at Lower Ebbw Vale, is to be called Victoria, in honour of the Princess Victoria. Application for the consent of H.R.H. to this procedure was made through Sir John Conroy, from whom a reply was received, which stated that the Princess felt much gratified in acceding to the request.

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Coal Trade.

Notice has been sent from the agents of the coal-owners, now resident in Spain, desiring that no further supply of coals might be sent from Newcastle to that country, the Spanish Government having put a duty of fourteen shillings a ton on English coals arriving there. There had been no duty whatever upon coals entering that country since 1815.

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Lead.

We are happy to announce that the mining districts of Derbyshire display great activity. The miners are busily employed in raising lead ore in large quantities, the veins of this mineral being at this time considered very rich and valuable to a great degree. The demand for lead is very steady, and the price firm; it is now worth about £1 per fother. This part of the commerce of the kingdom was for a long series of years in a very languid state, and the price low. It, however, happily does not at present participate in the existing pressure of the times.

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The Argoed Colliery Accident.

On Sunday week four more bodies of the persons who perished by this fearful visitation were recovered, in a shocking state, upon which inquests have been held and verdicts similar to the former returned. We lament to add, that the widow of one of the men who perished died suddenly of a cold, caught by her frantically going to the pit to seek her husband the day after the fatal accident occurred. She had been delivered of her seventh child only the day previously.

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Mining in the Isle of Man.

It would appear that the mineral riches of this Island are only just beginning to be developed, not having hitherto attracted public attention in proportion to their vast importance. A lead mine lately taken on lease from the Foxdale mining company, by Mr. William Kelly, of Douglas, promises to be extremely productive, and is rendered still more valuable, by specimens of good iron ore being found in its immediate neighbourhood. We hope that these successful operations will stimulate other spirited individuals to undertake similar enterprises, which under judicious management, rarely fail to prove sources of wealth to the proprietors, and also in a considerable degree beneficial to the community.

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