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Accident on the North Midland Railway.

As a man named Joseph Edwards, employed at the Milford Tunnel, on this railway, was ascending the centre shaft of the tunnel, some part of the gearing gave way, when almost within reach of the top, and he was precipitated to the bottom, a distance of 224 feet, and killed instantaneously. He was dreadfully mutilated.

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Accident at Wheal Trenwith.

John Richards, a miner, at Wheal Trenwith, near St. Ives, was charging a hole, when the powder ignited, owing, it is supposed, to a spark from the candle, and in the explosion a small piece of the rock struck the unfortunate man's head. The injury sustained is very serious; but hopes are entertained of his recovery.

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North Midland Railway.

The long-continued frost has occasioned a considerable hindrance in the masonry department of this undertaking. The excavators have continued their work, and are getting on fast, but so much remains to be done near the town of Chesterfield, that it is intended to carry on the work by night as well as by day. In order to accomplish this, an application has been made to the Gas Company, for lamps to be placed on the line, and a meeting was held on the 2nd inst., to make the requisite arrangements. The directors have made another call of £10, making the whole £35 per share. Upwards of sixty miles of road out of the whole distance of seventy-two miles, is now in course of being made. The Aire and Calder Navigation Company have thrown every possible obstacle in the way of the railway company, and in consequence, a new line has been surveyed from Leeds to the Cinder Ovens, beyond Haigh Park; and the directors may possibly be driven to apply for a new act to empower them to take this line.

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The committee for breaking up the monopoly of the coal masters have been, and still are, the medium of unspeakable good to the inhabitants generally of Edinburgh. They are receiving orders to the extent, we believe, of about 150 a day; and these orders they are supplying, not with coal from the neighbourhood, but from the opposite coast of Fife, and from England. This is the way to bring the coal monopolists to their senses; namely, getting the supply from other places, and thus diminishing the demand for the coal of these individuals who had combined. This will reduce their sales, as it is doing to an immense extent, and teach them that combinations of coal proprietors, like other absurd combinations, hurt those chiefly who are guilty of organising them. Had the committee not been in existence, and met with public support, the price of coals at this season would not have been less than a guinea per ton, as has hitherto been usual in such inclement weather. What a blessing this is to the whole community! It cannot, indeed, be too highly appreciated. We believe the committee are enabled to sell the Scotch coal at 13-9d, and the English at 18-6d - both the best of their kind.

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Mr. Thompson, of Oxford Street, a ship-owner, gave evidence before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen. He swore that a vessel, called the Eliza, of which he was part owner, and of which a Mr. Young was the captain, was engaged in the coal trade; and that having refused to act upon the system of the monopolists, and endeavouring to break through it, his contumacy was communicated to the coal owners of the north, and his vessel was refused coals. An action was brought in consequence; but rather than suffer it to come into Court, the parties voluntarily paid all the penalties and expenses, through the medium of their "tipper," or coal agent; promising, at the same time, that the Eliza should never again be obstructed in obtaining her cargo. This promise they have not kept; and Captain Young, it appears, has been before the Committee of Coal Owners in the north, of whom Mr. Brandling, formerly M.P., is chairman, and they have agreed, upon being threatened with another action, that he shall have coals to deliver, and sell as he pleases, on payment of one shilling per ton more than the rest. Is not this most mischievous and most abominable?

Just before the frost commenced, there were about 700 vessels in the Pool, of which about 500 were laden with coal - of these only forty were allowed to be brought into the market. Next day there were 586, of which only fifty were allowed to be unladen.

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The Tin Duty.

The following is an extract from a letter addressed to the Editor of the West Briton, by Sir Hussey Vivian, Bart., M.P.: - "Before Parliament met, in consequence of representations I received, I waited on Lord Melbourne, respecting the tin dues and other matters relating to the Duchy, and was by his Lordship desired to speak to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and with whom I had a long interview on the subject. Subsequently, on two occasions, first in company with Sir C. Lemon and Mr. Pendarves, and again with these two gentlemen, Lord Eliot and Mr. John Taylor, I waited on Mr. Spring Rice, and we pressed on him the claims of the tanners and smelters to be relieved from the duty on tin - a duty not more inconvenient from its amount than from its effects. At the last interview I also particularly noticed to the Right Hon. Gentleman the hardships to which the lessees of the Duchy were exposed, especially in regard to the bequest of Duchy property, and the commutation of tithes, in neither of which cases have they the power of other copyholders - I had previously also, in the presence of the gentlemen I have named, mentioned the same subject to the Attorney-General of the Duchy. Sir Charles Lemon, speaking for the tanners and smelters, at the same time, pressed in the strongest manner their claim to be relieved from the present duties, and very ably advocated this relief being granted without the boon being accomplished by the admission of foreign tin under such a protecting duty as would furnish an equivalent to the Duchy for the loss that would be occasioned by taking off the present dues, pointing out the already depressed state of the tin trade, owing to the low price at which foreign tin can be produced. We left the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and President of the Board of Trade, who was also present, under the assurance that the question will remain open for further discussion, and that it would not be prejudiced by the settlement of the Civil List.

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Accident at Staveley Forge.

A moulder, named Thomas Robinson, was dreadfully scalded at Staveley Forge, by some spare metal which he was pouring off. In consequence of the liquid metal coming in contact with some cold iron, it was forced upon his arms and body, which were injured in a shocking manner. He now lies in great suffering, and is in a very precarious state.

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Advert: British Copper Mining Company.

Certain Proprietors of the British Copper Mining Company, recently dissolved from the exhaustion of the prescribed capital, being desirous of continuing to prosecute the Great Wheal Charlotte Mine, and of offering to their Co-proprietors, if so disposed, the same capability, have formed themselves into a Committee, for the purpose of purchasing the Materials and Leases of the said Mine, which are to be sold, by Public Auction, to the best bidder, on the 9th of March next. Those Proprietors who feel disposed to Co-operate in such undertaking, are requested to signify their intention, and to what extent, by letters, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee, at the George and Vulture Tavern, Cornhill, London, on or before the 26th inst., stating, at the same time, the number of shares on which they found their application.

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Advert: Great Wheal Charlotte Mine.

To be sold, by Mr. Shuttleworth, at the Auction Mart, on Friday, the 9th of March next, in One Lot, that valuable Mining Sett, known by the name of the Great Wheal Charlotte Mine, situated in the parish of St. Agnes, manor of Tyrwanhale, county of Cornwall. For further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, 28, Poultry.

London, Feb. 16

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Advert: Durham County Coal Company.

Notice is hereby given, that the Third Half-Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, in Darlington, on Wednesday, the 28th day of February inst., at Twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report; for the declaration of a Dividend on the half-year ending 31st December last, and for other business connected with the Company. - And Notice is hereby further given, that the Deed of Settlement is now lying at the Office of the Company for the Signature of the Shareholders; and each Shareholder, on signing the same, is requested to bring with him his Scrip Certificates of Shares, to have them exchanged for certificates of Registered Shares.

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By Order of the Directors, William Bedford, Secretary

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Advert: Holmbush Mining Company.

The Directors hereby give notice, that the Half-Yearly General Meeting of the shareholders will be held at the White Hart Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, on Thursday, the 22nd inst, at One o'clock precisely. Parties attending the Meeting will be required to produce their script certificates.

London, February 3rd.

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Advert: North Consolidated Copper Mining Company.

The Directors do hereby give Notice, that the affairs of this Company being now wound up, they are ready to Pay to the Scripolders a Final Dividend of Three Shillings and Sixpence per Share, in full Distribution of the Assets of this Company. Payment will be made at the Office any day between Eleven and Three o'clock, Saturdays excepted.

13, Lombard Street Chambers
February 6

W. Mills Midwinter, Secretary.

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Advert: National Brazilian Mining Association - Mocaubas and Cocaes.

A Call of Thirty Shillings per share, being the seventh and last, is hereby made by the Directors of the above Association, payable on and before the 3rd of March next. The shares, together with a list of their numbers, to be left for entry at this office two clear days.

By order of the Board, William Mariner, Sec.

National Brazilian Mining Association office, 2 Throgmorton Street, February 1.

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Advert: New South Hooe Mining Company.

Notice is hereby given, that an Especial General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at this Office on Monday, the 19th day of February inst., at One o'clock precisely, for the purpose of making arrangements for immediately resuming the works at the mine, and also to fill up the vacancies which have occurred in the Direction. - Notice is also given, that the Second Instalment of Ten Shillings per share, due February 18th, 1837, not having been paid on, the shares numbered as follows, viz.: -

(long list of share numbers follow)

The shares so numbered are, in accordance with the regulations of the Company, declared to be absolutely Forfeited, and the holders thereof excluded from any advantage that may hereafter arise to this Company, unless the amounts severally due thereon be paid to Messrs. Stone, Martin, and Co., with fourteen days from this date.

By Order of the Committee

M. Baylis, Clerk

18, Little Knight Rider Street, Doctors' Commons

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*** It will be necessary for Shareholders attending the meeting to produce the Shares in right of which they claim to vote.

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Advert: South Towan Mining Company (adjoining the United Hills).

Notice is hereby given, that a dividend of five shillings per share has been declared on the new scrip shares, and will be payable at the office of Mr. J.C. Musgrave, Wincanton, Somerset, on and after the 1st day of March next. It will be necessary for all the holders of shares to present them when application is made for the dividend, in order that the payment may be endorsed thereon.

By order of the Directors and Trustees.

South Town, near Redruth, Feb. 6

W. Kite, Purser

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Advert: Trevorgus Mining Company.

Pursuant to a resolution passed unanimously at the Half-Yearly General Meeting of the proprietors of this Company, held on the 13th instant, the Directors hereby give notice, that all shares on which the last call of One Pound per share (making £4 per share) be not paid to the bankers of the Company, Sir Charles Price, Bart., and Co.'s, on or before the 27th instant, will be Forfeited on the 28th inst., and the numbers thereof will appear in the London Gazette of Friday, the 2nd of March.

Dated Feb. 15

J.E. Morgan, Sec.

*** In consequence of two vacancies in the direction on the 8th instant, a forfeiture could not take place, as previously advertised.

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Advert: Wheal Sisters Mining Company.

Notice is hereby given, that a Half-Yearly General Meeting of the shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, 37, New Broad Street, on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at One o'clock precisely, when an Election of Two Directors will take place, to fill up vacancies which arise from retirement, in accordance with the regulations of the Company; the two directors retiring from office being eligible to be re-elected.

37, New Broad Street, Feb. 8

George Morgan, Sec.

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Advert: Wheal Sisters Mining Company.

Notice is hereby given, that the call of Ten Shillings per share, which became due and payable on the 9th of February, 1837, having been paid on 3874 shares, but of which number the certificates for 205 have not been exchanged, the Board of Directors hereby give notice, that the remaining shares on which such call has not been paid have become, and are hereby declared, Forfeited.

37, New Broad Street, Feb. 8

George Morgan, Sec.

*** The numbers of the forfeited shares will be duly advertised, in compliance with the regulations of the Company, and to prevent any error arising in advertising the several numbers, the holders of the 205 shares above referred to are requested to exchange the same without loss of time.

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Advert: Coal-Field, Lime and Ironstone, in Mid-Lothian, To be Let.

The extensive and well known coalfield, and also the Lime Rock and Ironstone on the Estate of Duddingston, belonging to the Most Noble the Marquis of Abercorn, in the immediate vicinity of Edinburgh, are to be Let, either together or separately, for such a term of years as may be agreed on. The Coal-field consists of various of the edge seams of Coal of Mid-Lothian, the aggregate thickness of which is upwards of sixty feet, the seams varying from two feet to six feet in thickness, many of them being of excellent quality, and suitable as well for local sale as for the coasting trade and exportation. The North Green Coal, with its band of Parrot Coal, so valuable for Gas works, has been thrown open in a field immediately to the eastward of the village of Portobello; and the Splint, or Wood Coal, has also been thrown open in a field adjoining to the village of Joppa, close to the Turnpike road.

The Ironstone and Lime (corresponding to that wrought at Gilmerton) will be Let along with the Coal-field, if required. The Coal-field is very favourably situated for the sale of coal in Portobello and its vicinity, as well as in Edinburgh and Leith, to which it could be readily conveyed either by carts or by the railways which intersect the Duddingston Estate, in the immediate neighbourhood. Besides the band of Parrot Coal, in the North Green Seam, there are valuable bands of the same kind of coal in several of the other coals. The opening of this Coal-field offers a most eligible investment for capitalists, more especially as it is the nearest to Edinburgh, and it is well known that no other colliery can be opened between it and that city. - For particulars, application to be made to Messrs. Bald and Geddes, Mining Engineers, 65 York Place, Edinburgh, with whom are the plans and sections of the Coal-field. - Edinburgh, Feb. 10.

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Advert: Anglesey, North Wales.

Highly Advantageous Investment - Valuable Colliery, called "Pentre Berw Colliery".

Eight miles from Bangor, and adjoining the Holyhead Road, with Pumping and Winding Engines, weighing Machine, &c.

To Be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hill, at the House of Mr. Owen Williams, known by the sign of the Holland Arms Inn, at Pentre Berw, in the county of Anglesey, on Wednesday, 21st of February inst., between the hours of Three and Five o'clock in the afternoon, in the following or such other lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to such conditions as shall be then and there produced, all and singular the Mines, Veins, Seams, and Beds of Coal, Cannel Coal and Slack, lying or being in or under all that tenement, farm, and lands called "Penrhyn Mawr," situate in the parish of Llanfihangel Esceifiog, in the county of Anglesey, containing, by estimation, Eighty Acres, be the same more or less.

The above premises are now held under a lease from the Most Noble Henry William Marquis of Anglesey, for the term of twenty-one years, commencing from the 1st day of March, 1831, at a royalty of 1-12th in kind or value of all the Coals raised, and upon the usual terms and conditions.

Also, all the Mines, Veins, and Seams of Coal, Cannel Coal, Culm, and Slack, in or under sundry pieces or parcels of land, situated at Berw, in the parish of Llanfihangel aforesaid, containing six acres, more or less.

The Coals, under the last-mentioned pieces or parcels of land, are held under an agreement for a lease from Mrs. Mary Massey, for a term of sixteen years, from the 18th March, 1837, at a rent, for the first two years of the term, of £7-10-0d per annum, and for the remainder of the term, at a royalty of 1-12th in kind or value, and on the usual conditions.

Also, all the Mines, Veins, and Seams of Coal, Cannel Coal, and Slack, lying or being under a certain piece or parcel of land called the "Park," situate in the parish of Llanfihangel aforesaid, containing, by estimation, Four Acres, more or less.

The Coals, under the last-mentioned piece of land, are held under an agreement for a lease from Richard Pritchard, Esq., for the term of fifteen years, commencing on the 1st March, 1837, at a royalty of 1-24th, or 6d out of every 12-0d produced from the Coals raised, and under the usual conditions.

The Coals under the farm called "Penrhyn Mawr," are now worked by means of two shafts sunk thereon; there are three veins or seams now open, viz., a six-foot coal of the depth of 110 yards; a four-foot coal at the depth of seventy-four yards, and another four-foot coal at the depth of fifty-three yards, all of which are of a most superior quality. The coals under the lands held under Mrs. Massey and Mr. Pritchard have not yet been worked, but, from their contiguity to the other lands, and the formation of the different veins or seams there discovered and in work, there cannot be the least doubt but the whole of the Coals will be found under them.

The Machinery consists of a Pumping Engine (constructed on Boulton and Watt's principle), with a 32 inch Cylinder, Working Barrels of Pumps, nine and a quarter inches, with Iron Truss Boilers, Capstan Chain, &c., complete. A Winding Engine of double power, constructed on the like principle, with a 12 inch Cylinder, and Two Boilers, in good working order; also another Winding Engine, with a 16 inch Cylinder, Boiler, &c.

A Weighing Machine, capable of weighing six tons and upwards, and nearly new.

Also, Whimseys, Pit Frames, Running Tackles, Chains, Carriages, Railroads, Pit Baskets, Smiths' and carpenters' Tools, and all other necessary utensils for carrying on the Colliery business, in excellent working order.

The above colliery, which is situated adjoining the Holyhead road, at the distance of eight miles from Bangor, will be found a most desirable investment, with a certainty of a liberal return for capital, the coals being raised at a small expense, and ready sale for any quantity, at a good price; and it is offered for sale solely on account of disputes existing between the partners.

Matthew Williams, at the works, will show the same, and any further information may be obtained from Mr. Williams, Holland Arms Inn, at Pentre Berw, Anglesey; Mr. Robert Edwards, Queen's Head Inn; or the Auctioneer, Oswestry; Mr. Grice, Mineral Surveyor and Agent, Ketley, Shropshire; or at the office of Mr. Hayward, Solicitor, Oswestry.

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Taff Vale Railway.

This is a short, but very important line of railway, now in course of formation, very little known out of its own immediate district. It connects the vast Iron Works of Merthyr Tydfil, in Glamorganshire, with the port of Cardiff, in the improvement of which the Marquis of Bute is expending a very considerable sum by constructing large and commodious docks. An important trade in coals is already carried on through this line of country, by means of the Glamorganshire Canal, the proved insufficiency of which precludes competition with the railway, either in regard to economy or dispatch. A general meeting of proprietors took place at Cardiff, on the 14th inst., Walter Coffin, Esq., in the chair, at which the report of the progress in the works, state of the finances, and future prospects of the company, gave entire satisfaction to the assembled proprietors, who separated under a confirmed feeling of confidence in the undertaking.

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The long continued frost has occasioned a considerable hindrance in the masonry department of this railway. The excavators have continued their work, and are getting on fast, but so much remains to be done near the town of Chesterfield, that it is intended to carry on the work by night as well as by day; in order to accomplish this, an application has been made to the Gas Company, for lamps to be placed on the line, and a meeting has been held to make the requisite arrangements. The directors have made another call of £10, making the whole, £34 per share. Upwards of sixty miles of road out of the whole distance of seventy-two miles, is now in course of being made.

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New South Hooe Mining Company.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of this company was advertised for Monday last, the 19th inst., but in consequence of the paucity of shareholders present, nothing further than a desultory conversation was entered into. The object of the meeting was to afford such information upon the present state of the affairs of the company as might be required, previous to the period appointed for the forfeiture of the shares, which would take place on the ensuing Friday, when another meeting of the shareholders will be convened for the appointment of a new committee, from the parties having paid the call; and further, to determine upon measures for the future working of the mine.

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Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Banking Company.

At the annual meeting of the directors of this bank, at the Angel Inn, Chesterfield, on Monday, the 12th inst., a very favourable report was read, from which it appeared that, after appropriating a proportion of the profits to the surplus fund, and defraying all incidental expenses, with an ample allowance for bad and doubtful debts, the directors are able to declare a dividend of 7½ per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital, which the shareholders may receive on the 1st day of March, or on any subsequent day at the bank. Taking into consideration the present amount of the surplus fund, together with the dividend now declared, the directors have resolved that the premium upon the unappropriated shares be advanced to £4 per share, and that they be allotted to such persons only who will promote the interest of the bank. There are yet 172 shares in reserve. The sum of £140 was voted to the directors for the past year, and the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year, viz., Messrs. Robinson, Everet, Barnes, Holmes, and W. Rooth.

A vote of thanks having been voted to the chairman, the meeting adjourned.