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Advert - Whittington Colliery Company, (Limited).

Registered pursuant to the Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856-7,

(By which the liability of share-holders is limited to their subscriptions).

Capital, £60,000, in 6,000 shares of £10 each, deposit on application £1 per share, and £2 on allocation (and no further call will be made until after 12 months, when the remainder will be called at intervals of not less than 6 months, as and when required).

Directors.

John Brown, Esq., Rose Hill, Chesterfield, Director of the Union Bank, Sheffield.  
Henry Rangeley, Esq., Unstone Ironworks, Sheffield.  
H.C. Chilton, Esq., 11, Gloucester Square, Hyde Park, London, Director of the Western Bank of London, and of the English and Scottish Law and Life Assurance Company.  
William Tuxford, Esq., 106, Upper Thames Street, London.  
F.R. Pierce, Esq., Whittington, Chesterfield,  
with power to add.

Bankers.

Messrs. Smith, Payne, and Smith, London.  
Messrs. Crompton, Newton, and Company, Chesterfield.

Solicitors.

Messrs. Tucker, Greville, and Tucker, 28, St. Swithins Lane.  
William Clayton, Esq., Solicitor, Chesterfield.

Auditors.

Messrs. Harding, Pullein, and Company, Public Accountants, Lothbury, London.  
Mr. Henry Osborne, Chesterfield Bank.

Brokers.

London - Messrs. Scrutton and Son, 81, Old Broad Street.  
Sheffield - Messrs. F.E. and S. Smith, 1, George Street.  
Leeds - Mr. T.E. Print, Park Row.

Secretary.

Mr. H.R. Downman,

Offices.

27a, Bucklersbury.

This company has been formed for the purpose and purchasing and working the valuable freehold estate, collieries, machinery, plant, and mineral properties, known as the Whittington Collieries, near Chesterfield, the metropolis of a largely developing mineral district. These properties have been valued by experienced and competent valuers at £56,745, but the contract has been entered into for their purchase on behalf of the company, for £48,000, of which £20,000 is to remain on mortgage, to be repaid by annual instalments of £1,000, commencing at the expiration of the second year: and a balance to be paid by instalments over two years, which will render if unnecessary to call up more than £3 per share during the first 12 months. The remainder will be called up hereafter, at intervals of not less than 6 months, and in calls not exceeding £2 per share.

The mineral estate contains five separate beds or seams of coal, under the above, estimated to produce 3,000,000 tons of fine workable coal, embracing the most esteemed qualities in Derbyshire, whether for house or manufacturing purposes, coke or gas. It also contains 3 rich beds of ironstone, estimated at 1,400,000 tons, the quality of which is highly approved.

Applications, to be accompanied with a deposit of 31 per share, must be addressed to the Secretary of the Company, solicitors or brokers, and on allotment, a further sum of £2 will be required.

If an allotment be not made, the deposit will be returned.

Prospectuses and all further information may be obtained on application to, Mr. Clayton, solicitor, Chesterfield.

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Advert - T.O. Pierce's Grassmoor Coal, Birchill New Colliery, Hasland.

Orders received by G. Thompson, grocer, Beetwell Street, Chesterfield, or at the colliery.

6d. per ton off for cash.

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Advert - Freehold land Situate at Spital, near Chesterfield.

To be sold by Auction, by Mr. S. Denham.

At the Star Inn, Chesterfield, on Wednesday, the 12th. of January next, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

A piece of excellent pasture land with valuable beds of coal and ironstone thereunder, containing 2 acres, 2 roods, 15 perch, situated at or near Spital, at the back of the Chesterfield and Tapton Cemetery, and extending to a line drawn parallel with, and a distance of 24 feet from the cemetery fence.

The purchaser will be entitled to a right of road and drainage from Hady Hill to Spital Lane, such road and drain adjoining the land offered for sale to be made at the joint expense of the purchaser and the Burial Board.

By order of the Chesterfield and Tapton Burial Board.

Robert Waller, Clerk.  
Chesterfield, 23rd. December, 1858.

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Termination of the Colliers Strike at Oldham.

A meeting of the colliers on strike at Oldham was held on Monday, at the Old Mess House Inn, Yorkshire Street, when it was resolved that the men should present themselves at the pits of Messrs. Jones, Lees, and Company, on Tuesday morning, to work at the price offered - an advance of 1d. in the shilling. The men struck work on the 29th. of July last, against a reduction of 2d. in the shilling; and, after they had been out 10 weeks and 2 days, they were informed they might commence work at the old price; but that they refused to do, and demanded an advance of 2d. in the shilling, this amount having been obtained by some of the miners in the district. On the 9th. inst. an offer for an advance of 1d. in the shilling was refused, but a few of the men accepted it, and on Monday the general body of the Oldham miners decided on accepting the offer.

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Unpaid Wages.

Thomas Beresford, of Brampton, a contractor taking work under Messrs. Higginbottom, ironstone getters, was summoned by one of his men, named Matthew Walker, in order to compel the payment of £1-3-10d. due on account of work performed. The complainant said that the work had been performed during the previous five weeks by himself and a boy. The defendant denied his liability, urging, in the first place, that the complainant was employed by his butty, and secondly that the complainant had lost time at his work, and thirdly that he had received goods on a written agreement on account of wages. Mr. Maynard said it was evident, from his own story, that defendant was equally liable with his "butty" to pay the men, and, with regard to giving goods for wages, the men should not allow it under any circumstances, neither upon an agreement nor otherwise. However, the complainant had only made out a claim to the amount of £1-0-3d.; and for that sum there would be an order, with 13-2d. expenses.

Illustrated London News

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The inquest on the twenty-five persons killed at the late colliery explosion at Tyldesley terminated on Wednesday week by the jury bringing in a verdict of "Accidental death ;" but they added an opinion that due precautions were not taken to insure the lives of the workmen employed in the mine.

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Advert - Five Shillings Reward.

Will be given for the addresses of George Cook and M. Gascoigne, miners, late of Staveley.

Apply at the office of this paper.

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The men of the St. Helen's coal district think of asking for an advance of 2d. in the shilling on their present wages.

The Mining Journal

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Craven Moor Mines

Derby Shaft workings are standing. Hargate End Vein is opening a drift in the 47 Fathom Level west, where the ground continues hard, with good ore mixed in the vein. In the 42 Fathom Level in this vein, we find good ore that the "Old Men" have left, and which will pay for working. In the drift west of King's Sump, a pitch is working at £7-10s per ton, while at King's Sump, a pitch is working at the same price. The crosscut to Woodhouse Vein, in the 42 Fathom Level, south-west, we have now opened out 330 feet, and the drift continues to be full of rubbish. In Longthorn's Vein, the 42 Fathom Level east continues to be hard, and there is no ore. In the roofs above the 30 Fathom Level west in this vein, the vein is mixed with ore, while in the stopes above this level east, there is good ore. In Blackhill Level, another metal pitch is being worked at £7-10s per ton.

Report by William Barron.

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Reckless Conduct of a Miner at Tyldesley Colliery.

On Monday a miner, named John Harrison, in the employ of Messrs. Green and Company of Tyldesley Colliery (where a fearfully fatal accident took place recently), was charged before the sitting magistrates at the Town Hall, Leigh, with violating the 6th. of the special rules. Thomas Redford, a fellow workman of Harrison's, said that on the 4th. instant they were working up a jig-brow; they went up together, and when they got to the far end Harrison took his lamp top off. Mr. Pownall, the presiding magistrate, said; "After the melancholy accident which occurred in this very same pit very recently, one would have thought that sufficient care would have been taken by all parties to have repented anything like such conduct as has now been proved against this man." A fine of £2 and costs was inflicted.

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Serious Accident.

A very serious accident occurred on the road to Calow on Tuesday. James Costello had the charge of a laden coke wagon belonging to Mr. Harmer, of Calow. The high wind which prevailed blew the coke about, and, it appears, so frightened the horse in the shafts that it became restive. This it communicated one in traces before it, and the consequence was that it, in its turn, became unmanageable, and started off. Unfortunately the poor driver was thrown down, when one of the wheels passed over his left leg, inflicting a very severe comminuted fracture. The man was found in the road by Mr. Smith, surgeon, who ordered his removal to the hospital, where he now lies. He is under the care of Mr. Jones who speaks favourably of his condition.

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A meeting of colliers was held on Monday near Wigan, at which a resolution was passed pledging the men to insist upon an advance of 2d. in the shilling.

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Wages.

John Burdin sought to recover 7-0d. from Enoch Gascoigne, as wages due to his son, William Burdin. Gascoigne is a contractor for Mr. Barrow's pits. The complainant alleged that 1-0d. per week had been stopped out of the wages for several weeks, and that one week, when the boy ceased work for the complainant(?), he stopped several shillings. Defendant said that the one shilling was stopped under an agreement by which he found candles; but he paid complainant fully when he left him. He called a witness, who deposed to the latter fact. The case was dismissed.

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Accident at Renishaw.

On Tuesday the pipes at the engine house at the Renishaw Foundry exploded. The shock unroofed the engine house and shook out the windows, but no-one was injured.

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One day during the current week, George Rogers, of Derby Lane, who is employed in Speighthill pit, was engaged in the operation of blasting; and an accident happening he was much injured thereby.

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Fatal Railway Accident on the Railway.

On Thursday, John McGann, of Taylor's Yard, aged 50, a labourer employed at the Avenue Pit, belonging to the Wingerworth Coal Company, was shunting wagons on the Avenue coal siding, when he was knocked down by the six o'clock train from Leeds to Derby, which was passing. He skull was so injured that he died at the Hospital two and a half hours after. An inquest was held yesterday, at the Municipal Hall, when a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

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Advert - New Midland Lead Mine.

Shares at Discount.

Mr. Hatton is instructed to sell, in one or more lots, 50 shares, in the New Midland Lead Mine, at a very considerable discount.

Also, 40 shares in the North Derbyshire; 30 shares in the Mill Town Mines.

Early application is requested.

The Mining Journal

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In Hargate End Vein, the workings continue to give good ore at the 47 Fathom Level, also in the 56 Fathom Level in places. Longthorn's Vein, in the 42 Fm level east has some good ore, but on the west side it is hard and poor. Woodhouse Shaft is now opened, and they are erecting a whimsey there.

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North Derbyshire Mining Company.

The large pumping engine which this company was for some time being erecting was completely finished and successfully set to work, on Thursday the 20th. inst., amidst the cheers of some hundreds of spectators. This being the largest pumping engine in Derbyshire, the first start was looked forward to with considerable interest, not only by the shareholders themselves, but also by the inhabitants of Calver, Stoney Middleton, and neighbourhood, who took a lively interest in a ponderous piece of workmanship. The size of the engine cylinder is 70 inches, with a 12 ft. stroke, and a beam weighing 30 tons. The engine was made at St. Austle (Austell), in Cornwall, and is pronounced by those competent to judge an excellent piece of workmanship. The pumps, made by Walker, Eaton, and Company, of Sheffield, are 24 inches in diameter, and the engine would discharge 208 gallons of water every stroke. Some idea of the quantity of water this engine will lift may be given when we state that the depth of water which was standing in the shaft was 8 ft., and this was cleared within a quarter of an hour. The shaft is 14 ft. by 10 ft. The occasion was celebrated by presenting the workmen with a barrel of ale. The committee, including William Condell, Esq., Vice-chairman, Mr. Wass, Mr. Hemsley, Mr. Cook, Mr. Jepson, Mr. Rooth, Mr. Fairburn, and others, afterwards dined together at Mr. Broomhead's, when success to the North Derbyshire Mining Company was given by the Vice-chairman, who congratulated the committee on the great success which had attended their opening.

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On Tuesday morning, two miners named Emanuel Lees and Jarvis, were descending the shaft of a mine at Ettingstall New village, near Wolverhampton, when the chain broke, and the skip with the two unfortunate men was precipitated to the bottom, a depth of about 30 yards, the massive chain rushing down upon them. Lees was killed upon the spot. Jarvis was also severely injured, several of his ribs having been forced into the lungs, and he cannot survive.

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Wages Case.

Eli Fletcher was ordered to pay 2-3d. for wages, and 15-6d. costs, in a case preferred against him for neglecting to pay the amount of wages due to Isaac Ball, who had been employed by him. It appears that the defendant had had a contract for sinking a pit at Staveley.

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Breach of Contract.

Thomas Trueman, David Pursglove, and Joseph England were charged with leaving the service of Thomas Oliver Pierce, colliery owner, Hasland, in an illegal manner. It appeared that the defendants had been engaged in getting coal for Mr. Pierce under a contract, and had left his service contrary to the tenor of the contract. They pleaded that the pit was not fit to work in, but did not succeed in adducing proof. They were fined £1 each, and costs, with the alternative of spending a month each in prison.

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A boiler explosion occurred on the Brunton and Shields Railway, on Tuesday. Coal is sent down this railway by incline to the staithes in the Tyne, and man named William Brunton was in charge of a standing engine about a mile and a half from Percy Main. Brunton cleaned the boiler on Saturday, and had sent two sets of wagons down to the docks at the hayhole, when the boiler exploded with fearful force. The engine house was completely demolished, and Brunton was buried under the roof and ruins of the building. A number of men were employed to dig out Brunton from the ruins, and his body was recovered about an hour-and-a-half after the accident, fearfully mutilated. He was, of course, killed.

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Advert - Haslam Pipe Lead Mine.

Thirty shares on sale. Apply to F.A. Hatton, Auctioneer.

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Advert - Wallsend Collieries and Coke Works, Newbold Road, Chesterfield.

Pit's Mouth Prices.

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| Large Cobbles, per ton               | 4-6d.  |
| Hot Best Main Coal, per ton          | 5-6d.  |
| Small hard Coke, per ton             | 4-2d.  |
| Small hard Coke selected, per ton    | 5-0d.  |
| Smith's coke, first quality, per ton | 13-6d. |
| Malting coke, oven and hearth,       |        |

Several hundred tons of coal kept in stock. Customers may rely upon loading.

Routes - Baslow, via Cutthorpe, and Newbold; or Brampton and Newbold Back Lane.

A ticket may be obtained at the weigh office for a nominal sum, to free the Chesterfield and Newbold Turnpike. Apply for ledger accounts to-

W. Baker, Manager.

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A Contract Case.

This was an action for the recovery of £1-5-0d., alleged to be due upon a contract; the plaintiff being Joseph Hawkins, and the defendant Henry Walters. The plaintiff alleged that defendant had let to him the making of a roadway, 17 ft. high, at 5-0d per yard. He was also to have 5-9d. for the stone. After the work had commenced, the defendant sent him punches and bars, and he worked these up in the proper manner. The defendant was not, however, suited, and consequently sent him other bars and punches, which he took and used, making the roadway in accordance with the size of the material sent. The defendant was constantly complaining about the work, and when 21 yards were completed he broke the contract. He had only paid for 16 yards, and the action was to recover the balance. The defendant pleaded that the work was inefficiently done, and that, therefore, the claim was void. His Honour seemed inclined to overrule this, inasmuch as it was a mere assertion on the part of the defendant, entirely unsupported by witnesses. The defendant then urged that he was not a principal in the transaction, being simply overman in connection with Mr. Barrow's collieries, the work in question having been done at one of the pits. It appeared that the plaintiff knew that he had to be paid through Mr. Barrow's office, and the Judge therefore non-suited him, telling him that he must, if he thought proper, bring his action against Mr. Barrow. His Honour severely censured the defendant for not, at first, stating that he was not a principal. It appeared to him that he intended to have taken advantage of his first plea, if that had been sufficient to answer the action, but, as he found it was not, he fell back upon the second. His conduct, His Honour said, did not give him a high opinion of the way in which he had treated the plaintiff in his contract.

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Breach of Contract.

J. Raynor sued William Higginbottom, colliery owner of Whittington, for the recovery of £5 for a breach of contract. Mr. Busby appeared for the plaintiff. Raynor stated that, being on the look-out for a job, (though he was not out of work), he met the defendant at the New Inn, Whittington, who offered to let him the working of a pit. An agreement was at once drawn up, and signed by both parties, under which he was to work the pit. Acting on it he collected a gang of men - four besides himself, and presented himself with them on the day agreed upon, to commence the work. He found, however, another party engaged at the pit, and consequently he did not commence himself. He and his party, in consequence of the breach of contract on the part of the defendant, had lost in consequence 10 days each, and the sum he sought to recover was as compensation for loss of time. The defendant set up that he had not let the whole of the pit to the defendant, but only a portion of it; and said that that portion was even yet open for the defendant(?) to commence work. He further alleged that the damages claimed were excessive, and said that the plaintiff had not lost more than a day. His Honour held that, under the agreement, the plaintiff was right in considering that he was to have the whole of the pit, and he did not think the amount claimed was excessive. He therefore gave judgement for the full amount claimed.

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Improvvidence in the Coal and Iron Districts.

His Honour takes frequent opportunities of speaking to the defendants, belonging to the working class, who come before him, on the ruinous tendency of their improvident habits. During the sitting of the Court this week, he several times made remarks which it would be well for the class he addressed if they would consider. Throughout the whole of our iron and coal districts, beginning in Yorkshire and ending in Nottingham, the working men, he said, were generally in debt. Let a man receive more than 25-0d. a week and he was sure to become involved; his improvident habits of squandering his whole earnings, reducing him to the necessity of running into debt the moment his prospects became clouded. He had no pity for them, nor sympathy with them; for, while a farm labourer could bring up a family respectably without debt, on his small earnings, they, with their comparatively large earnings, were always in debt. To one woman, whose husband was sued by a travelling trader, he said that, if they would but take care of their money and purchase at respectable shops, for ready money, they would obtain their goods at almost half the cost. He answered she believed it; and His Honour asked wherefore then did she not act up to her knowledge. These tradesmen, he said, must be paid for the credit they gave.