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The coal trade is on the increase, and the orders received daily, confirm the opinion we have previously expressed - that we shall have a brisk trade throughout the winter. The consumption during the last month was considerably in excess of that of any similar month for many years past. The demand for manufacturing purposes is very steady and, with the stocks being low, there will be unquestionably a very brisk winter trade. On Wednesday week Derbyshire suspended its commerce for the day, to witness the volunteer review in the park of Chatsworth, and the collieries, most of which ceased, enabled thousands of colliers to visit the scene of action. The Butterley Ironworks Company furnished a body of volunteers, who were admired for their fine appearance. The coal trade has very considerably increased on the Midland Railway, and there being but little competition in rates, the Company have been enabled to preserve their prices, and thus add materially to the financial resources of the concern. A movement is on foot at Newark for the facilitation of the transit of minerals between Nottingham, Newark, and Boston. It is intended to make a new line of railway, only 4 and a quarter miles, from Sedgbrook Station, on the Nottingham and Grantham Railway, to the junction of the Sleaford and Boston with the Great Northern line, which would be most advantageous, and give great facility for the conveyance of minerals between Nottingham and Boston. This plan would improve the mineral traffic between Derby and Newark, and enable coalmasters to sell it in the Boston market at a much cheaper rate.

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Samuel Marshall summoned Mr. Richard Swallow for £3-3-9d. due for wages. It appeared that Marshall was underground steward for Mr. Swallow, who is the proprietor of some coalpits, and had undertook work for another party, and charged for his time so occupied. Dismissed.

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George Allen, of Clay Cross, collier, was charged by Francis M'dermott, of the same place, collier, with assaulting him in one of the Clay Cross Company's coal pits on the 11th. of October. The charge having been proved, the defendant was ordered to pay the costs, £1-2-6d..

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Advert - No Headline.

Two stalls to let at Wallsend Colliery. - Apply at the office.

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Letter - No Headline.

Sir,

I was very glad to find in your paper of Saturday last a notice of the invention of Mr. J.T. Calow, of Staveley, for the saving of life and property.

Legal competition may be good in its way, but the ungenerous opposition that Mr. Calow has had to contend with I consider has been very unjust, more particularly so when it arises from parties not competent to judge of the merits of the invention.

However, there is no doubt that, after so many trials, the public will at once perceive that the invention is now complete and the workings of it perfect.

S.H.

Liverpool, November 6th., 1860.

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Belper.

The first "lump" of coal was got at the new coalpit on the Whitemoor Lane, on the 1st. instant. The depth is about 24 yards, and the seam is, we understand, 3ft. 6ins. thick. The coal is of an excellent quality.

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Metals and Mining in this District.

The iron trade continues much in the same state as reported in our last, except in one or two branches, when a slight increase has been noticeable. The orders for plates for ship building and railway ironwork have been larger, but with respect to the other branches, a dullness prevails, and but little hope of increased activity is anticipated until after the close of the present year. The pig iron trade is tolerably active, and but little difficulty is experienced in meeting with ready sales at the former rates. The furnaces are all in full blast, and we are informed the stocks in the hands of makers are not the usual average quantity. The London coal trade, however, continues to draw so largely upon the coal producing districts of South Yorkshire, Derbyshire, and Yorkshire, that although there is a greater regularity in the collieries and a steady and increasing yield, the stocks on the pit banks are generally lower than usual. There was a meeting of the directors of the North Derbyshire Lead Mining Company, on Wednesday, when it was agreed to suspend all mining operations for the present. We believe that it is the intention of the directors to await the return of dry and more favourable weather for mining operations.

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Serious Accident.

On Friday last a serious accident occurred at the Inkerman Colliery. It appears that about six o'clock in the morning three men got into the cage for the purpose of descending the pit. The engine was set in motion, and the manager, who was in the engine house at the time, supposed the men were descending, when he suddenly heard something that lead him to suspect that there was something wrong, and upon going to see he found the three poor fellows had been precipitated to the bottom, 37 yards. One of the men had both his legs and arms broken; one or both of the others were conveyed to the hospital, where they lie in a very precarious state. It is stated that no blame it attached to the engineman.

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Metals and Mining in this District.

The position of the iron trade is somewhat better than it was when our last communication was reported, but the trade, on the whole, is far from satisfactory. There are many complaints of underselling, and it is difficult to maintain current rates. The coal trade continues to make steady progress, and the coal masters in the neighbourhood of Barnsley have intimated their intentions of raising the price one shilling per ton. The demand for the London market has very materially increased, and a brisk winter trade is inevitable. The colliers, are, on the whole, contented, are there are no strikes or apprehended disturbances amongst the men which would be likely to interfere with the regular progress of the trade. The collieries of South Lancashire, South Yorkshire, and Derbyshire, are all well employed, and as there is but a small stock on hand, the greatest activity prevails. The West Staveley Coal Company are doing a good trade in coke. They formerly used to dispose of their slack at 5-0d. per ton, but latterly they have erected coke ovens, and have discovered that the slack can be manufactured into an excellent coke, which will realise nearly, if not altogether, £1-0-0d. per ton in the market. The slack at the Wallsend Colliery has also proved to be an excellent coke for malting purposes, and is now finding a ready market amongst the brewers of Burton-on-Trent.

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Within the last week the mineral under a portion of the lands in the neighbourhood of Bolsover has been disposed off to a Company who have extensive works near Chesterfield. Operations of sinking are to be commenced as soon as possible. A line of railway is likewise projected, which will prove beneficial to this neighbourhood.

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Breach of Colliery Rules.

Aaron Turner, of Brampton, engineman, was charged by Charles Hufton, agent for Thomas Carrington and others, at the Wingerworth Iron Company, for that he did, on the 11th. inst., unlawfully neglect and wilfully violate the 38th. special rule established at such colliery, in that he did not carefully drive the engine under his care to reduce speed, nor carefully hand the said engine when a certain person, one Benjamin Knowles, was in the shaft there. Sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

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William Woodhouse, of West Bars, was charged by George Ord, agent for Richard Barrow, Esq., of Staveley Collieries, with violating the 13th. rule established at such collieries, in that he did take off the top of his safety lamp, and work with a naked lamp in the said mine, to the danger of the men therein employed. Defendant pleaded guilty. Fined £1-0-0d., and costs 16-0d., or 14 days imprisonment.