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Advert - Reduction of Coal.

Ingmanwell Colliery Company, Tapton.

Best House Coal, delivered.

ditto Nuts

Slack, at pit

7-0d. per ton

3-8d. per ton.

1-3d. per ton.

John Dronfield, Holywell Cross, Agent.

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North Derbyshire Mining.

A meeting of the shareholders of the North Derbyshire Mining Company is called for Monday week to consider what steps to take with regard to the property. The great bulk of shareholders have no faith in the undertaking, and many have given up their shares, so that we do not see where the capital necessary to work the mine is to come from. We fear the present company will have to be wound up and a new propriety formed. The Milldam Mine is doing well, for the company have ????? large expenditure to get over in the erection of additional plant. They are now putting down a large Cornish pumping engine.

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Summonses for Wages.

Edward Hardwick was summoned by John Loogan for non-payment of ten shillings wages. The complainant proved that the defendant engaged him at 2-6d. per day as a miner, and there were four days wages due to him. An order was made for payment of the amount with costs, or fourteen days. John Doyle summoned same defendant for non-payment of three shillings wages. The magistrates ordered the amount to be paid with costs, or in default seven days imprisonment.

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The North Derbyshire Mining Company.

On Tuesday last a meeting of the shareholders in this Company was held at the house of Mr. Jepson, the Chatsworth Hotel, Edensor, for the purpose of considering the position of the Company with a view of winding up or otherwise of the undertaking. Mr. Wass, of Matlock, occupied the chair. There was a numerous attendance. The Secretary, Mr. J. Fairbourn, of Sheffield, read a report and statement of accounts which showed a debt of £300 against the Company. Mr. Eyre, of Chesterfield, said that as a great number of shareholders had refused to pay their calls, it was impossible to carry on the operations of the Company, and he thought that the best course to adopt would be to wind up the Company. There had been about £20,000 expended, and yet Wren Park Mine had never yet been fairly tried. Mr. B. Swaffield, seconded Mr. Eyre's motion. Mr. Carrier, of Sheffield, a director, expressed his astonishment at the motion and thought that fresh capital might be raised to work Wren Park, and he would therefore move an amendment that a call of £1 per share be made to continue the development of the mine. Mr. Emsley, seconded the amendment, and said he was sorry to find that so many of the shareholders had refused to pay up their calls. He named several, and amongst them the late chairman, and as the directors believed he would act with them in good faith, they had expended about £300 more than they would have otherwise done. The amendment and the motion were put to the meeting, when the resolution for winding up the affairs was carried. Mr. Eyre and Mr. Rollinson were added to the list of directors for closing the affairs of the Company. We understand the mine and plant will be offered for sale by private contract, and if necessary, by public auction.

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The Otago Goldfields.

The quantity of gold brought down by escort during 1862 was 339,722 ounces from the following diggings: - Tuapeka, 199,129 ozs: Waitahuna, 53,764; Woolshed, 8,327; Waipori, 7,188; Nokomai, 1,985; Teviot, 254. The total amount brought down from the opening of the goldfields to the 31st. December, 1862, was 567,729 ounces. The total quantity exported to the 12th. of January was - 1861, 187,695 ounces; 1862, 397,602; 1863, 18,984; Total, 614,281 ounces. The escorts, as compared with population, exhibit the best proof of the high average earnings of the miners on the Otago goldfields. The following is the latest official statement of the population of the goldfields, compiled from the returns of the wardens: -Gabriel, 400; Waitahuna, 300; Woolshed, 200; Waipori, 80; Dunstan - Conroy's, etc, - 1,700; Nokomai - Victoria Gully and Nevis Valley, 70; Arrow River and Township, 1,800; Shotover, etc., and new rushes, 3,500; making a total of 8,050 diggers, out of a population of 11,000. Thus it will be seen that there are only about 8,000 actual miners in the province, and that in a fortnight they have obtained more than 23,000 ounces of gold, or nearly 3 ounces a man. When it is further considered that of even this limited number of miners at least one third must have been travelling the greater part of the time, it must be apparent that the earnings of those who have been at work must have been very considerable. It is also to be remembered that but a small portion of the gold is sold or sent down in the early days of a rush.

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Dronfield - Stealing Brass.

These periodical visitors, the brass stealers, are again infesting this neighbourhood. On Friday night they visited the Highfield Colliery, the property of Mr. Richard Wright, and having effected an entrance into the engine house by picking the lock, they extracted the whole of the brass fittings belonging to the engine and also took away a pair of spanners. They have made attempts at several other collieries in the district, but without success.

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Dronfield - Presentation to an employer.

On Monday, the workmen of Messrs. James Rhodes and Son, coalmasters, of Coal Aston - above 100 in number - invited their employers to a supper, provided at the Blackamoor's Head Inn, Troway. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Booker. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, when the chairman announced that they had specially met to present to Mr. Jonathan Rhodes a silver cup, to which all the workmen had subscribed, as token of their esteem for him personally, and their regard for him as one of their employers. He begged, in the name of all the workmen, his acceptance of the cup. Mr. Nathan Wright, the steward, also spoke of Mr. Jonathan Rhodes in a very flattering manner. Mr. Jonathan Rhodes thanked them very sincerely for so handsome a present. He hoped, as a partner, he should continue to give them that satisfaction that he had hitherto done. Mr. France, surgeon, proposed the health of Mr. Rhodes, senior, whom he characterised as an excellent master, and a kind and judicious friend. Mr. James Rhodes, junior, responded, and spoke of the cordial relations between the masters and men at the colliery. In very eulogistic terms he proposed the health of Mr. France, to which Mr. France replied. Mr. J.B. Cockayne, as a member of the family, proposed the health of Mrs. Rhodes and the junior members of the family. Mr. H. Rhodes replied. Mr. J.W. Cockayne gave "Success to the colliery", and complimented the men on the efficient discharge of their duties. Other toasts were proposed, and the evening was spent in a very agreeable manner, and was wound up by singing the National Anthem.

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Chesterfield and New Dunstan Colliery Company.

This was a claim brought by Mr. Edley Taylor, of Brampton, against Stephen Sayer, later manager to the Company, for £4-10-6d., for fire-bricks. Defendant denied his liability, and said that he was not the agent to the Company; but Mr. Taylor said the defendant had refused to give him the name of the secretary, and as he had ordered the bricks, he had proceeded against him. His Honour said that he would amend the summons, and insert the name of Mr. S.O. Rattenbury, Gray's Inn, London, who, defendant now said, was the secretary of the company. The case would be adjourned until next Court day, without expense to Mr. Taylor. Sayer applied for expenses, but His Honour said he would not allow any.

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Chesterfield County Court.

Walters v. Pearce.

The plaintiff was Mr. George Walters, builder, Eyre Street, the defendant the Revd. W.H. Pearce, of the Whittington Collieries. The claim was for the balance of a contract. The case was referred to arbitration, a gentleman to be selected agreeable to both parties. Mr. Weller had been previously selected as arbiter but he had declined to act.

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Sheepbridge Iron.

The recent visit of the Lords of the Admiralty to Sheffield has had the effect of stimulating many of the manufacturers in the town, and it is believed that the eminent firm of John Brown and Company will confer a great benefit on the town by the increased labour which such extensive works will create. There is a circumstance connected with the manufacture of armour plates which has a very important bearing upon the trade of Chesterfield and district. It is well known that the Dunstan and Barlow Iron Company supply Messrs. Brown of the Atlas Works, Sheffield, with a large quantity of the raw material, and it has been proved that the plates which have best stood the tests have been those made from the iron supplied by the Dunstan and Barlow firm. This company is putting up a new stack, with a view to increase their make of iron, and we learn that it will shortly be in operation.

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Bankrupts.

From the Gazette of Tuesday.

George Knowles, Brampton, near Chesterfield, Earthenware manufacturer, May 9th., at Sheffield.

Partnership dissolved.

Wright and Lingard, Chesterfield, Iron Merchants.