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In Chancery.

In the matter of an Act made and passed in the 19th. and 20th. year of the reign of her present Majesty intituled "An Act to facilitate leases and sales of settled estates"

And in the matter of a bed of coal locally called the Black Shale Bed, lying under certain lands, part of a farm called Oxclose Farm situate in the township of Clay Lane, in the parish of North Wingfield, in the County of Derby, and under the Midland Railway, and under the stopes and embankments thereof, and containing five acres two roods and fourteen perches or thereabouts, being part of the estate settled by the will of James Clayton Yeoman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that a petition in the above mentioned matters was on the 16th. day of February, 1866, presented to the Rt. Hon. the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain for hearing, before the Vice-Chancellor Stuart, on behalf of George Robinson, of Wingerworth Mill, in the parish of Wingerworth, in the County of Derby, farmer and miller, George Robinson the younger, of Grassmoor, in the township of Hasland, in the parish of Chesterfield, in the said County of Derby, miller, James Clayton Robinson, George Robinson, and Mary Anne Robinson, of Grassmoor aforesaid, infants by the said George Robinson the younger, their father and guardian, and next friend, Edward Heane, of Chesterfield, in the County of Derby, mercer and draper, Richard Johnson, of Calow, in the parish of Chesterfield, in the County of Derby, land surveyor, and John Johnson, of the same place, horse dealer, praying that the above mentioned bed of coal might be sold under the powers of the above-mentioned Act of Parliament, to Thomas Holdsworth, of Clay Cross, in the County of Derby, colliery owner, for the sum of £50 pursuant of a certain agreement in the said petition mentioned, and for consequential directions; and notice is hereby given that the office of Messrs. Dobinson and Geare, at No. 57, Lincolns-Inn-Fields, in the County of Middlesex, is the place where the petitioners may be served with any order of court, or any notice relating to the above matters.

Dated the 1st. day of March 1866.

Signed Dobinson and Geare, 57, Lincolns-Inn-Fields, London, Agents for William Drabble, of Chesterfield, in the County of Derby, Solicitor for the said petitioners.

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Oliver and Co. Ltd., Engineers, Chesterfield.

The first ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this Company, was held on Monday last, at the Angel Inn, Chesterfield, when a very satisfactory report and balance sheet for the year ending December the 30th., 1865, were read. A dividend of 10% for the year was declared; leaving a balance to carry forward. The future prospects of the concern are also very promising.

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Grassmoor - Fatal and Singular Accident.

A miner named Joseph Lowe, working at Messrs. Barnes pit at Corbriggs, met with his death on Saturday last under peculiar circumstances. The boys at bank were employed in pushing the loaded corves up an incline to empty them, and usually rode them back down again to the pit mouth. A lad named George Rodgers, was so employed on Friday, when the corve on which he was riding attained too great a speed, and ran down swiftly towards the pit-mouth. Deceased was engaged in receiving a cage of men which was coming up the shaft, and did not hear the boys shout of alarm. The cage consequently struck him on his buttocks, and drove him violently against the prop handle, which fatally injured him in the abdomen. He was put onto a cart, but told the pit manager he was done for. His anticipations proved correct, for he died next day. An inquest was held on Tuesday before C.S.B. Busby Esq. when the following evidence was given: Maria Lowe said: Deceased is my husband and he worked at the Waterloo Pit as banksman. On Friday the 23rd. ult., he was very badly hurt in his bowels and about the lower part of his back. George Rodgers, collier, Grassmoor, said: I work at the Waterloo Pit belonging to Messrs. Barnes. On Friday morning, the 23rd., I was on the pit bank emptying some slack, which had been brought up the pit in corves, on a heap against the pit bank, about 50 yards from the mouth of the pit, and up which the corves moved on a tramroad, which is uphill from the pit. Lowe was banksman. I had emptied a corve and was riding on the end of the end of the empty corve to the pit mouth. Lowe was putting the props over the pit mouth so as to land a chair with two men in it which had just come up the shaft. I was unable to stop my wagon as I had let it go too far before I jumped off. As soon as I found I could not stop it I shouted to Lowe to get out of the way, but he did not do so, and the corve hit him on his haunches, and pushed him forward onto the props at the pit top., which struck his stomach. Corve having been removed Lowe was sent into the pit cabin, and ultimately sent home. I was employed by one of the banksmen to take the slack to the heap. There is no brake to the corve. The Jury, after due deliberation, returned a verdict of "Accidental Death".

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Breach of Colliery Rules.

Mr. Joseph Wells, colliery owner, Eckington, was summoned by Mr. W. Evans, colliery Inspector, for breach of rules. Mr. Busby was for Mr. Evans, and Mr. Potter, of Rotherham, for Mr. Wells. Inspector stated on the 23rd. of November last he visited the colliery of Mr. Wells, called the Bramley Moor Pit, and found the flywheel connected with the engine exposed, so that there was danger. The Act of Parliament requires that all such places should be protected. He believed that, from the position of the wheel, there was great danger. By the Bench - It was quite possible to fence that part of the machinery so as to make it safe. Some time ago, a man had lost his life at one of the pits. Witness did not know that Mr. Wells had commenced to make alterations of the machinery since he visited it. By Mr. Busby -He inspected the colliery on the 23rd. of November, and pointed out the dangerous condition of the flywheel, it had been totally unprotected. Many persons during the year are killed by machinery being exposed. The Act 23 and 24 Vic., chap. 151, distinctly set forth that any flywheel in connection with machinery at collieries must be securely protected. Mr. Potter said his client admitted that the wheel was not protected, but submitted that as it was placed against a wall, no person having any right to enter the engine house without the authority of the engineer or Mr. Wells, there was no occasion for it to be further protected. There was only about four feet unprotected, and the wheel had been in its present position about 17 years, and no accident whatsoever had occurred during that time, and no complaint had been made to Mr. Wells. His client was quite willing to make all necessary alterations to meet the requirements of the case, and immediately on receiving notice to that effect, the wheel had been fenced off. He hoped the Bench would see the willingness of Mr. Wells to comply with a notice received from the Inspector. Mr. Potter then proceeded to call witnesses to prove that the position of the flywheel was not considered dangerous. There was another complaint against the same defendant for not having a proper safety indicator attached to the engine at the colliery, whereby the man in charge of the engine could tell at any time when the pit was working the exact position of the load in the shaft. The Inspector said that the Act of Parliament required that at all coalpits there should be a proper indicator to show the position of the ascending and descending corves, also the speed of the engine. At the colliery of Mr. Wells there was an indicator but it was not a proper one: it only showed when the load was near the top or the bottom of the shaft, as indicated by the ringing of a bell. The shaft was 60 yards deep. Mr. Potter contended that the indicator used was quite sufficient for all the purposes of the colliery, and called George Marples, who said that he had worked the engine for three years, and could tell in what part of the shaft was at any time by the indicator in use. When asked to describe the apparatus he was at a loss to do so, Mr. Busby taking several different means to get a description. After a deal of hesitation the witness said that it was a screw with a thread upon it, and made seven revolutions in the time that the corve travelled from the bottom of the shaft to the top. After hearing other evidence on the subject, the Bench considered that in the first case the flywheel was not sufficiently safe; and in the second, although Mr. Wells had an instrument by which the engineer could, to a certain extent, tell the position of the corve when ascending or descending the shaft, yet it was deficient for the purposes of the Act, i.e. to enable the engine tender to stop the engine at any time or distance in the shaft - but as Mr. Wells was known to have expended both time and money to effect any alteration for the welfare and safety of those in his employ, they thought a small fine would meet the case. Fined 1s-0d. in each case, and to pay costs. There are other summonses pending for contravening the above rules, but they were adjourned to next Eckington Sessions, by consent of Mr. Evans and Mr. Wells.

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Advertisement - To Master Sinkers.

Tenders are required for sinking two shafts to the Top Hard Seam of Coal, at Kiveton Park, in the County of York.

Further particulars and specifications may be obtained by application to Thomas Carrington, Jnr, Offices, Holywell House, Chesterfield.

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Accident at Walton Colliery.

On Tuesday a day, 13 years of age, sustained serious injury by the fall of a quantity of bind. He was removed to the Chesterfield Hospital, where, under medical authority he is progressing satisfactorily.

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Accident at Staveley Works.

An accident occurred on Wednesday to a collier named George Elliss, who resided at Speedwell Terrace, and worked at the Old Hollingwood Pit. Elliss, who had only lately recovered from the effects of an accident that had disabled him for some months, was foolishly riding on the limbers of a corve which, for some cause, got off the rails, and he was thrown off and his left leg was seriously fractured. He was conveyed home, and, under the care of Dr. Hale, is doing well.

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Advertisement - To Coal and Iron Masters.

To be sold by Private Contract, the remainder of a bed of Dog Tooth Ironstone, situate under land within one mile of the Borough of Chesterfield, together with the plant and other materials heretofore used in working the same. Also, to be let, the beds of coal and clay lying under the same lands. For further particulars apply to Mr. Wadsworth, The Terrace, Chesterfield.

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Advertisement - Brampton - Sale of Mining Tools and Effects.

To be sold By Auction. By Messrs. Dobbs and Son, on Wednesday, March 21st., 1866, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, upon the premises of Mr. James Goodlad, Rose Cottage, near the new church, Brampton. A quantity of ironstone getters pit tools consisting of waggons, crowbars, corf buels, bank hooks, clives, a good gin rope, two wallow ropes, sinker's hammer, blasting tools, thirty yards of blow bags, large wood shed, small shed, two loads of manure, window frame, swan neck and other spanners, horse gearing, back bands, belly bands, collars, hames, blufts, britch band, two pairs of sling chains, two cart breaks, two corm chests, counter with two partitions and three draws, a nest of draws, weights and scales, a pair of good troys, several scale beams and a gin at Walton, parties wishing to purchase the gin may inspect it at Walton.

Also a portion of household furniture.

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Advertisement - Moss Rake Mining and Lead Ore Smelting Company Limited.

To be incorporated under the Limited Liability Companies Act 1866.

Capital, £4000, in 4000 shares of £1 each.

There are already a good number of shares applied for in the district. Deposits on application 1s-0d. per share; and 1s-0d. per share on allotment.

List of Directors.

Mr. Anthony Gilbert	Bradwell
Mr. Thomas Broadbent	Bradwell
Mr. Jabez Morton	Bradwell
Mr. John Eyre	Bradwell
Mr. George Elliott	Bradwell
Mr. John Hallam	Bradwell
Mr. Joel Elliott	Bradwell
Mr. Robert Middleton	Bradwell
Mr. John Fox	Bradwell
Mr. Robert Bingham	Longsight, Manchester
Mr. Robert Cooper	Great Hucklow

Treasurer	Mr. Anthony Gilbert
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Secretary	Mr. Thomas Broadbent
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Prospectus

Moss Rake is situated at Bradwell, in the High Peak Hundred of the County of Derby.

It is the most powerful vein or lode of lead ore in the celebrated lead mining district, and has been worked from the times of the Druids. These workings have not been carried to great depth in the vein, in consequence of no levels being cut, or steam power brought to bear on the workings. The above vein or lode has been fully proved to the extent of three miles in length and seventeen yards in width. The country through which the vein or lode takes its course is very mountainous, and the present company's project is to take a level from the east end of the vein, which will give a depth of a hundred fathoms per mile. There are satisfactory indications for opening up the most extensive workings in the district at a very moderate cost.

The population of Bradwell numbers 1,500, and has been principally supported by the product of this vein for more than a hundred years, as there has been no other employment. there are about twenty different mines in the length of this vein or lode, and many of the above mines have given up being wrought, for want of the proposed level. The present company have purchased and leased the mines in the east end for a considerable length.

The directors and persons, being mine owners, miners, and others in the district, have already taken up a considerable number of shares, and beg to assure the public, that with such a staff of practical and experienced directors, and such an extensive and powerful vein, also natural advantages of situation for working the same with economy and success, they are very sanguine of speedily making this a very profitable undertaking.

For Forms of Application and further particulars, apply to Thomas Broadbent, Bradwell, Secretary, or any of the above named Directors.

As the share list will be closed on the 1st. of May, 1866, early application is requested.

(Form of Application follows).

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Staveley - A Block Up.

On Wednesday last a mishap occurred on the Midland Railway near Staveley which, but for the promptitude with which it was remedied, might have been attended with serious consequences. By some means a number of trucks got at liberty at the Ballarat Colliery and ran with great force, first into a waggon, and then into a Midland Engine, which was standing on the incline, greatly damaging them and completely blocking up the main line. Steps were at once taken to stop more traffic, as an express train was then due. Fortunately it was rather late, and after strenuous exertions on the part of Mr. J. Clarke, stationmaster, and his subordinates, in fifteen minutes the line was again in working order.

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Assault.

Daniel M'Collins was charged with having, at Wingerworth, on the 2nd. inst., unlawfully assaulted Stephen Towndrow. From the evidence it appeared that the complainant and defendant worked together in an ironstone mine, and on the day in question they got to words respecting some lime which had been thrown at defendant. Defendant struck the complainant, and afterwards expressed his regret for having done so. Fined 2s-6d., and costs 15s-6d.; in default 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.

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Advertisement - For Sale by Auction.

By Dobbs and Son.

Valuable Freehold Land and Minerals.

At Killamarsh, Eckington, in the County of Derby.

To be sold by auction, by Messrs. Dobbs and Son, at the Sitwell Arms Inn, Eckington, on Thursday, the 5th. day of April, 1866, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions to be then produced:

A close of excellent land situate at Killamarsh aforesaid, called the Four Land End Close, containing three acres, three roods, fourteen perches, or thereabouts, bounded by Boiley Lane, by Occupation Road, and by lands belonging to E.S. Chandos Pole Esq. and another.

The land is in the occupation of Mr. John Hodgson, and is supposed to contain valuable beds of coal and ironstone.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. Richard T. Gratton, solicitor, Chesterfield.

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Staveley - Pit Accident.

A serious accident occurred on Tuesday at this place to a collier named Samuel Turner, who is employed at the New Hollingwood Pit, the property of the Staveley Coal and Iron Company. It appears that he was engaged, along with his mate, in removing some sprags, or props, which supported the roof where they were working and Turner incautiously went under the unsupported coal, which suddenly gave way and completely buried him. He was at once extricated, and conveyed to his home at Barrow Hill, where Mr. Hale was waiting to attend him, it was found that his left arm was quite shattered and his left leg broken, besides sustaining internal injuries. He is however doing as well as can be expected.

During the past week two youths narrowly escaped with their lives at the Springwell and Dowell Pits, belonging to the Staveley Coal and Iron Company. In the Springwell Pit, a boy whilst guiding a ginney rope, was caught and carried round the drum. His back was seriously injured. The poor fellow is only thirteen years of age. His name is Frederick Mason. A putter in the Dowell Pit was hurt by the sudden fall of a large lump of coal upon his thigh, forcing it upon the ground, and seriously injuring it. Although much bruised, there was no fracture.

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Whittington Moor - Miners Union.

A lecture was given on Monday last, at the New Inn, Whittington Moor, by Mr. Edwards, of Woodhouse, agent to the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Miners Association, on the desirability of maintaining a union of workmen. At the close of the lecture a lodge was formed in connection with the county association, for the convenience of men working at the Sheepbridge and neighbouring collieries.

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Serious Charge of Neglecting Work at Unstone.

George Grundy was charged by Mr. Rangeley with neglect of work. Mr. Rangeley said that the prisoner was one of his engine tenters, on the night of the 18th. it was his duty to attend the engine. He was there but had another man with him, and they sent a boy to a public house for beer twice, leaving the boilers to a boy who knew nothing at all about them. The consequences might have been very serious, as there had been an accident at the works some time ago, and the inspector told him to be very particular to punish negligence. Mr. Rangeley said that if the men would only promise not to offend again he would not press the case. Dismissed on paying costs.

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Coalpit Case at Eckington.

Mr. Potter, solicitor to Messrs. J. and G. Wells, asked if any further information had been received in respect of the case of Messrs. Wells and the Government Inspector, adjourned from the last sessions. Nothing being known, the case was ordered by the Bench to be struck from the list.