

THE LEAD MINES OF LO. TRADITIONS CONCERNING THEM IN PENNSYLVANIA. 123 15 18-5

A Elacksmith of Former Days Who Rau Into Bullets Ore Supplied by Indians Pointers That Do Not Develop-Red Men's Pipes and Weapons.

Where, if anywhere, are the lead mines of northwestern Pennsylvania? In connection with attempts to answer this question the writer hereof, in boyhood. harvested many stone bruises by day and treasure dreams by night, together with numerous traditions of the days of practically' unbroken forests, bears grease and primeval economy.

This section, comprising parts of northern Venango and southern Crawford counties, is about forty miles south of Corry, sixteen miles north of Oil City, ten miles west of Titusville and eighteen miles east of Meadville. There is no doubt in the minds of plenty of entirely rational people that somewhere within. or contiguously without, the region of country which these towns bound, there is a locality where an exceptionally good quality of lead ore may be obtained, or at least, the locality where ore of such quality was obtained formerly by the Indians, both for their own use and te sell or trade to the white settlers. As the source of this supply was carefully kept a secret by the Indians-mainly of Chief Complanter's tribe-and has never been discovered, it is regarded as reasonable to infer that it may yet be a source of profit as to believe that it was exhausted.

A PIONEER'S EXPERIENCE.

At what is now Bradleytown, a vil lage three miles southwest of here, on one of the branches of Sugar Creek, a pioneer named Jacob Jennings lived 100 years ago and had near his pioneer house a small blacksmith shop. From Mrs. Samuel Matson, of Chapmanville, and John Jennings, of Sunville, some interesting reminiscences were obtained as related by their father, who was a son of Jacob Jennings. The latter, at his blacksmith shop, frequently smelted and run into bullets rich lead ore supplied by the Indians. They made periodical trips to this place for that purpose. Coming up from the Allegheny river they made it a point to reach his home in the evening, there being usually several in the party. They would be allowed to stay and would sleep around the fireplaces in the house and shop. At daybreak they would strike northward up the creek and would return a few hours later with a stock of the lead product to be melted. No amount of persuasion, of barter or of purchase price would cause them to disclose the whereabouts of the lead deposits.

Fifty years ago, according to a mem ber of the family, Mrs. Robert Gillespie rings found along a ray cropping of lead-filled rock, a piece of which they took with them. After finding their way home they were unable to find their way back with older members of the family to the point where they had found the lead. Various and continuous searches have been made since along the ravines in that section, one enthusiast devoting a considerable portion of a year to the search; but aside from a fragment weighing about four pounds, and found in a field in Randolph township, Crawford county, where it had apparently been dropped, no lead ore has been discovered. MATERIAL FOR PROSPECTORS. The prospector able to develop pointers from Indian relics may find considerable material in that line in this section. At Wallaceville, three miles southeast of here, he may find a whole field of vet well defined mounds and excavations. A mile north of here, just across the line in Crawford county, he may find remnants of several large stone piles constructed of stones having notable uniformity in size and piled up by the Indians for some unknown purpose before the time of the earliest settlers. If he will follow the plow for a season in the southwestern part of this township-Plum township, Venango county -or the northerly adjoining township of Troy, in Crawford county, his labors will probably be rewarded with a fresh stock of pipes, weapons and other relics of the noble and ignoble Lo. If he will further follow the plow in a field along the Sugar Creek flats, about two miles north of the Jacob Jennings homestead, and will fail to lift the point of his plow when he reaches a certain point in that field, his plow handles will smite him hip and thigh and put him to rout. The cause thereof will be that the plow point will strike the edge of a circular bed of burned and pounded stone It is about ten feet in diameter, projects to the top of the ground where efforts have not been made to get down to the bottom of it, and is known to have been there fully 150 years-how much longer no man knows, as it was then, according to pioneer tradition, as much a matter of mystery and antiquity as at present. If the lead prospector chooses to consider it of no value to him, he may regard it as one of the places where the Norsemen, poking out this way from Newport and the vicinity of Boston, paused to bake beans. If he is inclined to be less skeptical he may do as tradition says the early settlers did-regard it as the foundation of a sort of Indian crucible or furnace which served in part as a smelter for lead previous to the introduction of firearms on this continent. and for purposes unknown.-Plum (Pa.) Cor. Philadelphia Press.

Making It Hot for a Lover. An advertisionent for a wife brought everal answers to the advertiser, a young gentleman of Tarentum Pa Among them was our signed "Cora," of Springdale. The water's sentiments and child rography seemed to indicate a young lady of refinement regular correspondence followed, and then the young man agreed to go to Springdale and meet his ideal. They met at the railroad station and started off together Then a procession of 200 wags of the place followed the couple, and paralyzed the young Lo-

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oniring about the health of the bewitching "Cora." It should here be stated that "Cora was personated by a smooth faced young man, arrayed in his mother's toggery Lothario soon realized that he was the victim of a practical joke, and deserting the giggling "Cora" he hurried to the train and started homeward. A tele graph operator had prepared for his reception in Tarentum by sending a tele gram thither, and when Lothario arrived there the whole town had turned out in a body to make exasperating inquiries about his conquest of "Cora."-Yankee Blade.

thario by stepping up in turn and in-

"That Is Love."

In a small watering place in western Prussia a rich lady with her daughter. nineteen years old, hired a cottage for the whole summer season.

But the two ladies had not been six weeks in the place when they suddenly departed The reason for this abrupt ending of their pleasure trip was a love affair between the young lady rad a spruce fisherman, which the rother crushed in the bud. With this however, the story does not end.

The inhabitants of the place, fearing that some more young ladies might fall in love with the nice fisherman, which would consequently lead to more abrupt departures, resolved to prevent such occurrences in future.

They held a meeting and decided that the fisherman should be punished severely for his imprudence in allowing himself to be the object of love for young ladies A committee took the culprit to an open place and flogged him so unmercifully that the poor fellow had to lie in bed for several days.-Boston Globe.

The Price of Coal.

A gentleman who has given much thought to the price of coal said to me: "The owners of anthracite coal hope that when householders return to town in October they will lay in their full supply of coal for the winter. Now, if householders do this, they will simply play into the hands of the coal barons and make the price of coal nigher. The sensible thing to do is to purchase from hand to mouth instead of filling their cellars.

"That would result in the large companies being compelled to carry along great quantities of coal and would graduand a daughter, then a little girl, were lost in the woods, and during their wanpeople nowadays are on the decrease and an excellent way to curtail household expenses is to force down the price of coal to the level it ought to reach."-New York Epoch.

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Charley Metcalfe, was telling some tribulations. "If it weren't for some people's durty thumbs," said the 1 Hd. Is an effective remaily, as numerous testimo-nials conclusively prove. "For two years wash the Lord shad made me'in book I was i constant sufferer from dyspepsia form i don't pat in much time in the box office but the few minutes I am box office but the few minutes I am there is enough for a lifetime. The average ticket buyer asks enough mans questions but what do you think of a man who sticks his head through the window and wants to know the name of a big steamer he saw going down the East river day before yesterday? Well my boy, that's what happened this very morning, and that's not a 'marker' to the questions some people ask either

"There's the man who knows every thing and wants you to recognize it, the man who knows nothing and proves it and the woman who is nothing more or less than a perpetually animated interrogation mark. Why, two days ago a man came in and told me all about the piece then being played in the honse After getting rid of him I had to choke off a long breath to inform a fellow that the theater was neither a hotel nor a lodging house. He said he was sorry that he liked the location first rate. Be fore I had recovered from the fit he gave me, a man with three baskets, four chil dren and a woman walked into the lobby

"'Be they a-actin or anything inside? asked the man 'No, sir.' said L 'Per formance at 8:15. Then what do you suppose that man wanted? He actually had the stupendous gall to ask me if he and his family couldn't go inside and sit down for an hour or so while they ate their luncheon!"-New York World

Women and Mice.

"I wish somebody would find something to take the place of the exceedingly stale and silly 'women and mice' paragraph which has been going the rounds of the papers, with divers and sundry changes rung on it, ever since 1 can remember, and goodness knows how much longer," said a charming little woman as she opened the mousetrap and let two or three of its occupants out into the jaws of a number of hungry kittens. "I wonder who started it anyway? Of course there are women who are afraid of mice, no doubt, but I never saw a woman make herself more ridiculons over a mouse than a certain man did when one of these harmless little creatures scooted up the leg of his trou-

"I don't imagine any one would feel especially comfortable with any such foreign element meandering around one's preserves: but why 'women and mice' in particular, is what I don't understand. I think there are very few housekeepers but what have frequent occasions to come in contact with rats as well as mice, and, as far as I can see, they seem to survive-at all events, I never heard of anybody dying from fear of them. 1 suppose that the mouse paragraph must be near akin to that of the mother-in-

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every case, only aggravated the disease An apothecary advised me to use Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I did so, and was cured at a cost of \$5. Since that time it has been my family medicine, and sickness has become a stranger to our household. I believe it to be the best medicine on earth." - P. F. McNulty, Hackman, 29 Summer st., Lowell, Mass.

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He Had Change.

Tramp-Have you change for half a dollar?

Gentleman-Yes. Where's the half dollar?

Tramp-1 haven't any, but I thort if you had change for a half dollar you might have a dime er two fer a poor man wot's seen better days. All the genus The majority of these people own real I have asked fer help said they hadn't any change.-Good News.

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A Long Island Ghost.

A house on Long Island that long possessed the reputation of being haunted was rented by a man who had no fear of ghosts, and who was determined if any existed there to meet them. He succeeded, but the ghosts weren't of the kind we see represented in pictures. He heard a strange noise late one night and located it on the roof. Accordingly he armed himself with clubs and repaired to the roof. His coming did not cause the mysterious sounds to cease, and so he gradually crept along until he came down on the "ghost." It was a large vase that was being rocked by the high winds, causing the unearthly noises. He pitched the ghost to the ground, smash-

The Trouble an Umbrella Caused.

returned to bed.-New York Letter.

ing it into a thousand pieces and then

"An overturned umbrella blown from a room in the Hotel Ryan, at St. Paul. caused a peculiar flood recently," said H. C. Calkins.

"The umbrella blew so as to obstruct the corner catchbasin during a terrific rain. Down came the flood, and the gutters became swelled into young creeks. Slowly the water in the ditches increased, until it ran over and flooded the basements of the neighboring merchants, who found gallons of water in their cellars, and hundreds of dollars' worth of goods were destroyed, all because of an upturned umbrella."-Chi-

His Hat Saved the Trestle.

cago News.

Saturday evening Ben Rivers, of Jacksonville, Fla., while walking the Western railroad track discovered that the trestle over Highland branch was on fire. He sent in an alarm to the officials, and remained to fight the fire as best he could. The only water to be obtained was from the branch, and Rivers carried it steadily in his hat for hours until assistance arrived from town in the shape of a locomotive loaded with employees. The opportune aid of Rivers undoubtedly saved the trestle from destruction .-Exchange.

The show of lotus in the lake on the west side of Central park near One Hundredth street, New York, continues, and there are thousauds of seed vessels, full blown blossoms and buds. A young woman has been sketching the scene daily for some time past. The impish lads that infest the park stand upon the edge of the lake and lasso the blossoms.

Including approaches, the new London Tower bridge will be more than half a mile long, and 80,000 tons of stone, 20,000 tons of cement, 15,000 tons of steel and fruit and vegetables, which I could buy iron and 31,000 tons of brick will enter cheap. as I was near a large town .into its composition.

Eight thousand Jewish residents of Odessa are under notice of expulsion. estate in and about the city, and nearly all are engaged in business.

law. Be that as it may, both are so threadbare and faded and frayed out and bleached with time and hard service that it would be a work of mercy for some benevolent and intelligent paragrapher to get up a new supply of ammunition."-New York Ledger.

An Army of "Poor" Employees.

To look after the city's standing army of dependents and delinquents requires a big official force There are three commissioners with \$5,000 a year each, s secretary who gets \$2.300 and a staff of eleven at the central office, besides the superintendent of the outdoor poor and six assistants.

There are 45 employees at the Tombs, including 4 physicians and 4 matrons. There are 31 employees in the district prisons (Jefferson Market, Essex Market, Yorkville and Harlem). 72 employees at the Bellevue hospital, besides 54 trained female nurses, a chemist and 3 assistants, and 66 male nurses and employees. There is a staff of 13 at the Gouverneur hospital, of 10 at the Harlem hospital, of 130 at the Charity hospital on Blackwell's island, of 82 at the penitentiary, of 42 in the almshouse, of 45 in the workhouse, of 250 in the city insane asylum, of 50 in the Ward's island hospital, of 300 on Randall's and Ward's islands, of 22 at the Hart's island workhouse, of 150 at the Hart's island asylum, of 75 at the Islip asylum and of 18 in the storehouse department on Blackwell's island. -New York Sun.

Remarkable Feat of Strength.

E. P. Kendall gave a remarkable exhibition of his skill and strength with a ten-pound dumbbell at noontime. He matched himself against eight strong men employed upon the grade work about the county court house, and agreed to put up from shoulder to arm's length a ten-pound dumbbell more times than the eight men could. Kendall has a limb which makes it necessary for him to use crutches, and as he is of very slight build the result of the contest appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

One after another the eight men took their places. Kendall keeping time with each one, and after the eighth had dropped his arm from sheer exhaustion Kendall smiled pleasantly and ran up his score of consecutive lifts to an even 1,000. His best score with a twelve-pound bell is 2,600 lifts, and he has a brother who holds the world's championship .--Seattle Press-Times.

Living on Eighty-four Cents a Week. While on the subject of abstinence in food, may I be pardoned for mentioning that many years ago, when a schoolboy, I tried how cheaply I could live, and found that I was able to get, in summer, everything I required in the shape of good, wholesome food for three shillings six and a half pence a week. Of course I had little meat, and kept principally to National Review.

The phrase, "castles in the air," has been attributed to Sir Philip Sydney, Swift, Fielding, Churchill and Shenstone. It was first used more than 250 Co. Book of wonderful testimonials years ago by Robert Burton in his free. "Anatomy of Melancholy."

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A National Event.

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For many years Mr. B. F. Thomp son, of Des Moines, Iowa, was se verely afflicted with chronic diarr hoea. He says: "At times it was very severe; so much so, that I feaerd it would end my life. About seven years ago I chanced to procure a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It gave me prompt relief and I believe cured me permanently, as I now eat or drink without harm anything I please. I have also used it in my family with the best results. For sale by F. G. Frickie & Co.

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Remarkable Facts.

Heart disease is usually supposed to be incurable, but when properly treated a large portion of cases can be cured. Thus Mrs. Elmira Hatch, of Elkhart, Ind., and Mrs. Mary L. Baker, of Ovid, Mich., were cured after suffering 20 years. S. C. Linburger, druggist at San Jose, Ill., says at Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure which cured the former, "worked wonders for his wife." Levi Logan of Buchanan, Mich., who had heart disease for 30 years, says two bottles made him "feel like" a new man." Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure is sold and guaranteed by F. G. Frick &