

Alfred P. Trautwein, vice-president of the American Welding Company, Carbondale, Pa., died at his home in that city on August 5, 1914. He was born in New York City on October 10, 1857, and was graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1876. In the same year he entered the employ of the Continental Iron Works, Brooklyn, as mechanical draftsman and engineer, engaged in the construction of coal and water gas works, fuel gas plants, ice making and refrigerating machinery and marine construction. In 1889, he removed to Carbondale and entered the Hendrick Manufacturing Company as superintendent and consulting engineer. Ten years later he organized the Carbondale Machine Company and was president for a number of years. He also organized the Carbondale Supply Company, the Carbondale Chemical Company, now known as the Carbondale Calcium Company, the American Welding Company, and the Carbondale Instrument Company. He was also one of the reorganizers of the Consolidated Telephone Company and until recently was one of its directors. At one time he acted as president of the American Acid and Alkali Company of Bradford, Pa., and was a former director of the Buffalo Cold Storage Company, Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Trautwein was also one of the organizers and until a short time ago one of the directors of the Pioneer Dime Bank. During the past three years he had devoted the greater part of his time to the Barium Products Company of Scranton, Pa., of which he was president. He was

a director in the Carbondale Machine Company and the American Welding Company at the time of his death.

Mr. Trautwein first pointed out the advantages of the anthracite coal region for the silk industry, and it was through his persistent efforts that the chain of Klots Mills was located in the region of Carbondale. This was followed in turn by the Empire Silk Company, and Mr. Trautwein was himself one of the organizers of the Carbondale Knitting Company. He did much throughout the valley to develop its industrial interests, and while he never took an active part in politics he was always ready and willing to lend financial and moral support to every movement instituted for the welfare of the community.

He served Stevens Institute in the capacity of alumni trustee from 1887 to 1890, and was a member of the Engineers Club of New York, the Manufacturers Club of Scranton, the Engineers Club of Scranton, and the Drug Trade Club of New York.