

Frederic Mercur (1836-1888)

You gotta like a guy who had a locomotive and a ship named after him!

And a obituary like this: "FREDERICK MERCUR DEAD.

He Constructed the Lehigh Valley Railroad Over the Mountains Into the Wyoming.

"The commanding figure of Frederick Mercur will no more be seen upon our streets...Mr. Mercur was a man whom few knew, other than his immediate friends. So absorbed was he in the exacting duties of his company's interests, that his social nature was to a large extent repressed. He had no time for triflers, and persons doing business with him soon learned that dispatch was an essential. Skilled in all the minutiae of coal production and in all the problems of civil and mining engineering, his executive work was not nominal but actual, and he could scrutinize every man's work, or take in its tabulated or statistical statements at a glance. In business he was as fair as he was thorough, and the spirit which actuated him was as noble as it was exacting. The associates who knew him intimately, recognized the nobility of a soul where others felt only the chill of reserve. In his home he was one of the most devoted of husbands and kindest of fathers. In his death the community loses a sterling citizen, and his company a superintendent whose place will not easily be filled."

