

WILLIAM F. HALLSTEAD.

Another of the living spirits which keep in motion, day and night, in almost endless succession and duration the whizzing trains of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, is William F. Hallstead.

He was born in Luzerne County, in this State, on the 22d day of March, 1837, and followed farming in his earlier years, remaining on the soil until he reached the age of fifteen, when he commenced working for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, on the Northern Division.

His career is a marked one; he commenced at the bottom of the ladder, and has worked up step by step until he has reached a position which calls for the best faculties of man to manage. He has toiled with the shovel on the road himself; he has been brakeman, dispatcher, conductor, assistant superintendent, and for the last four years he has been superintendent of the Northern Division, from Binghamton to the Junction, known as the "main line," and recently, in addition to the burdensome duties, he has been placed in charge of the Syracuse and Binghamton line, making in all 225 miles of railway, operated by one of the most vigorous corporations in the country. His constant watchfulness has made his line so secure that the local press along the entire line have always been fulsome in praise for his strict devotedness to duty, and obliging attention paid to public wants.

Mr. Hallstead is in every sense a thoroughly self-made man, and a hard worker. As an officer he stands supreme in fidelity to his trust; as a citizen he is quiet, modest and unassuming nearly to a fault; but his insight into character, which he has obtained from an extensive acquaintance with the world, has made him a master of his situation. He is considered by the public, where he is intimately known, as one of the most efficient and competent railroad men of northern Pennsylvania.

As we go to press, his sphere of usefulness has been enlarged by being appointed Superintendent of the the Utica, Chenango and Susquehanna Branch of this road. The most prominent journal of the northern coal basin predicts that he will yet superintend the entire lines of the road.