

THE BIG COAL COMBINE.

How it Grinds at Both Ends and in the Middle.

The true status of this protected industry is thus portrayed by the Minersville Free Press:

It is generally known that the trade journals and special writers who furnish public information in regard to the anthracite industry, prepare only such reports as may be satisfactory to mine owners, railroad companies and sales agents.

Now, as a matter of general knowledge it would be interesting to know whether advances in the wholesale price of coal are followed by a proportionate advance in the wages of the mine employes.

The introduction and employment of the hordes of cheap laborers to replace intelligent labor in the collieries has from the first been part of a systematic plan carried into practical effect by the mine owners and railroad corporations to get coal produced at the very lowest possible cost.

It is enough to assert the simple truth, viz: They have ground wages down to the starvation point, at the same time limited the output of coal to keep up the price to consumers.

It requires no argument to prove that restricting the output and exacting high prices from consumers is not for the purpose of paying high wages to mine workers.

For instance, it is the tariff of from \$1.25 to \$2.10 which the railroads charge to carry a ton from the mines to Philadelphia that is the prime cause of limited consumption.

When coal sells at \$3.50 per ton in New York City the total may be apportioned as follows:

The railroads get 60 per cent. The operator gets 15 per cent. The landowner gets 10 per cent. The sales agent gets 10 per cent. The miners get 5 per cent.

It is easy to see that the managers of the great railroad and mining corporations are simply pursuing a selfish policy of monopolistic greed in limiting the production.

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salaries of \$50,000 a year to railroad presidents and from \$15,000 to \$25,000 to the army of vice presidents and general managers should be cut on the same proportion as the wages of railroad and mine employes.

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WEATHER PROPHECY.

Whether this weather for January is profitably prophesied depends somewhat upon the spare time of the reader, as well as upon his knowledge of the dominating stars and satellites above and below.

At the end of about ten days normal conditions are apt to prevail on earth, even though Mercury freeze up in the thermometers.

Should a warm wave strike the cold and hit it pretty hard about the 20th it will be well to keep on your overcoat and put the responsibility on the inhabitants of Jupiter, who may have made things hot in their effort to show the Mars folks that they too are there and are determined to crowd their world closer to ours.

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Notwithstanding the freeze-up of Mercury and the fall of 4 or 8 feet of snow in California this prophecy is proven by the fact that the snow referred to is now on the ground there—yet this luminary will assume the ascendancy and be the brightest and the one altogether lovely among the planets affecting the earth's resolutions and revolutions.

Though rather winter-like weather will prevail in January yet there will be frequent occasions throughout the new month of the new year when the cold will seem to get colder, the warm warmer, and when even the moon will get full.

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MARRIAGE UNDER DIFFICULTIES IN KENTUCKY.

The aged and affluent Cassius M. Clay, who recently married an adopted child, thus tells his difficulties to the world.

"I have received letters of congratulation from nearly every State in the Union where I am known," said Gen. Clay. "One gentleman, who wrote his letter the day I was married, sympathized with me and my intended wife because we could not get married.

"A young lady wrote me a letter from a certain place, proposing that if I did not marry her she would. She gave me her age and said she was considered a good-looking woman, and that she would marry me and make a good wife if I would take her.

"When Dr. Warfield divided his estate I expected, of course, an equal distribution, but I did not get one dollar from him.

"I do not fear any further trouble, unless they commit open murder, and run the risk of being hanged or killed.

"My first marriage was unhappy. I chose a wife from the aristocracy. This time I have taken a wife from the peasantry, and I believe she will afford me more real happiness and will not be ungrateful.

"Does a man feel any remorse when he kills a man in self-defense, Gen. Clay?"

"In the case of Turner, I have felt no remorse, and had I killed Brown it would have been the same way.

"I advanced upon him without trepidation; I thought my time had come and I determined to sell my life as dearly as possible.

"The crowd rushed in on me, some one grabbing me from behind around the arm, but I continued to hack him with the knife, using the forearm movement until his friends grabbed him and threw him over the fence.

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Novelties in Evening Toilettet.

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Table with columns for Stations, Delaware Division, and West Division, listing times for various routes.

Connections at Rupert with Philadelphia and Reading Railroad for Tanamond, Tanamond, Williamsport, Sunbury, Pottsville, etc.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect Nov. 25, '94.

Table showing service times for Scranton (2 Div) and Pittston, with columns for A.M., P.M., and P.

Table showing service times for various stations including Wilkesbarre, Plymouth Ferry, Nanticoke, etc.

Table showing service times for Sunbury, Lewisburg, Milton, Williamsport, Lock Haven, etc.

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READING RAILROAD SYSTEM.

In effect Nov. 15, 1894. TRAINS LEAVE BLOOMSBURG For New York, Philadelphia, Reading, Pottsville, Tanamond, weekdays, 11:35 a. m., 3:15 p. m.

Table showing service times for Bloomsburg Division and West Division, listing times for various routes.

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