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Everything else that is lovely, he pulls off a portion of his old rags, and while he labors as hard as he can he must breathe the worst of air, powder smoke, etc.

Now, Mr. Editor, I would like to ask you or any of your readers, does that report, "no result," benefit us as miners?

It does not give us a cubic inch more fresh air, neither does it carry away from us that sickly dose of powder smoke.

All the benefit I can see is to the inspector, who gets his fat salary and perhaps a little extra from some who do not want to go to the expense to clear their mines of powder smoke.

Now, a word in regard to our weight. We have no checkweighman on our tips, consequently must put up with what is on the slate when we come out each evening.

We have a few gentlemen among them; but I want to show what we are forced to do when we work for honest operators as well as for bad ones.

For instance, A has a contract to furnish a cargo of coal, at a certain price, and has pretty fair work for his men. B has none, but he finds out where A is shipping his coal.

He then writes to the purchaser of A's coal and says, "give me that order and I will ship you coal 5 cents a ton cheaper than you are buying it from A."

As a matter of course he will get the order. B knows at the same time he can not cut and make same money A made, without what they call "a little more overweight."

Consequently, he says to his men, "load up, load up, and we can keep this order." A and his men in the meantime think work is slack, and by and by A's men get anxious for work and tell him to get that order and they will load a good, square car of coal.

The wires go to work again and A secures the order and each time the poor miner pays for the "whistle."

We are promised 40 cents a ton here, but if we load 3 tons for 24 tons we are not getting 40 cents and God and the Sand Patch reports only know how much some of those one-horse operators are stealing from the men of this region.

Just so long as the thing is as it is (no checkweighman) prices will be cut and we, the miners, must stand the reduction.

If the operators cut 5 cents in market they do so with the intention of taking 5 or more cents off of the miners.

Men of this region, arouse from your Rip Van Winkle sleep; shake the shackles from your wrists and with one voice say "enough! enough! thief, get thee gone!"

In the future say as men, one and all, no difference who your employer may be, "you must pay me what you promise me, 40 cents for 2240 pounds of coal." Then, elect and pay an honest man to stand at the scale and see that you are paid for every pound of coal on your car, and this cutting of prices will then be at an end.

When an operator knows he must pay 15 cents royalty, 40 cents for mining and 25 cents for getting coal on board the cars, he will not go into market and say, "I will sell you coal at my tippel for 70 cents per ton. It is bad enough for us to have to dig coal 30 cents under Georges Creek miners, whose coal goes into same market, and pay \$2.00 per keg for powder, while they do not need to buy any. That is hard enough, without having to dig more coal for a ton.

We will admit the fact that it is none of our business what an employer of labor does with our product so long as he pays us our price for producing it. Neither do we care what he does with his coal, whether he offers it in market for a price or sees fit to donate it to anyone.

If he pays the price for digging coal it is none of our concern if he dumps it into the Casselman river. But the ways things are going now it is time for us to see that we get that which is promised us, namely, 40 cents per gross ton. Now let every miner get his eyes open; let us be men together; a stitch in time saves nine. This cutting of prices that is going on under our present condition is coming out of your and my bones; it is taking the bread out of our children's mouths and the clothes from their backs. Let us say, one and all, you must in the future pay us according to contract, 40 cents for 2240 pounds of coal. Choose good, honest men to attend to your work. If you fall the first time, try again with another. Get men who are fearless and dare to do right, then stand behind them and pay them.

What do you think your employer would say to you if he was running a store and you should ask him to give you the liberty to go into his store and weigh out your flour, meat, etc., and set the weight down on his book, he coming in in the evening to see what you got? I have no doubt that your account kept for him would be as accurate as the one he keeps for you; but I will ask you, how long would he stand it? Not 12 hours. He would look up until he employed a clerk to see that you did not get an ounce of overweight.

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