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Our Prices are as low as the lowest. We do First-class Work.

WAS THE FIRST witness called before the commission and the examination was conducted by Senator Meredith.

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Q. Define, for the information of this committee, the duties of your position? A. I have charge of the mining operations of the company—mining and preparation of the coal, and my duty is then with the shipment of the coal.

Q. Then your duties as superintendent does not extend beyond the point of shipment? A. No, sir.

Q. Through what section of this country do the mines of the company extend? A. Through the Schuylkill, Northumberland, part of Columbia and Dauphin counties.

Q. How many collieries have you? A. We are working 50 now.

Q. Are those collieries on lands owned by the company, or on leased lands? A. Partly on lands owned by the company and partly on leased lands.

Q. What is the capacity of your mines, if run in their full extent? A. About ten to twelve million tons a year, if run every day.

Q. What is the output of the collieries at the present time? A. 7,367,000 last year.

Q. Your year ends when? A. November 30th.

Q. Has there been a falling off from December 1, 1896, up to the present time, as compared with the preceding year? A. Yes, sir; to the extent of about 300,000 tons less this year than last year, thus far.

Q. Up to the first of April, 1897, there were 924,000 tons less than the same period during the preceding year.

Q. How many collieries have you in operation at the present time? A. 48.

Q. Can you give us any idea of the time the men have been employed since Dec. 1st, 1896, down to April 1st, 1897? A. In December we worked 13 8-10 days; January, 9 1-10; February, 8; March, 9 8-10—that is ten-hour breaker days.

Q. Now, Mr. Luther, can you give any information as to the prices paid for mining coal, and to the laborers in and about your collieries—are they not the same as they were 10, 15 or 20 years ago? A. Yes, sir; on the same basis as in 1876.

THE COST OF MINING COAL!

General Manager R. C. Luther's Testimony Before the Anthracite Investigating Committee.

ACTUAL COST AT THE BREAKER, \$1.95!

This the Average Price During the Year 1896, and Includes Taxes, Insurance and Royalties.

The Witness Says, However, That There Are Many Miscellaneous Charges After the Coal Leaves the Breaker That Must be Added—There is No Market for Anthracite at Present—Other Testimony.

From a Staff Correspondent.

POTTSVILLE, April 30. The anthracite investigating committee arrived here last evening from Shamokin, where they held two important sessions yesterday. The members of the committee, with Deputy Sergeant-Army Cochran, immediately went to the Pennsylvania Hall hotel, where the sessions of the committee were held to-day. During the evening quite a number of the prominent men of the county sat called upon by the members of the commission, and the latter expressed themselves as well pleased with the reception accorded them.

It was 10:25 o'clock when the committee met this morning, and the session proved to be one of the most important yet held by the committee. Chairman Meredith and Representative Dunlap greeted the HERALD representative cordially, and incidentally stated that the reports furnished by this paper were the most accurate they have yet read, and offered their congratulations upon the enterprise exhibited. The meeting of the committee attracted a distinguished gathering, and among those present as witnesses and spectators was noted General Manager R. C. Luther and Superintendent John Veith, of the P. & E. C. & L. Co., County Commissioner Frank Bantz, Port Director Stephen Middleton, John C. McGinnis and D. E. James, of the Cambridge Coal Company; Mine Inspector Stein, Superintendent W. H. Lewis, of the Pennsylvania Coal Co.; John Knapp, of Ellensburg, and others.

Senator S. A. Loesch was also an interested spectator and manifested much interest in the testimony before the committee. Chairman Meredith extended the usual " Senatorial courtesy" to the Schuylkill representative of asking the witnesses any questions in may deem necessary, but Senator Loesch declined the invitation, stating that he had perfect confidence in the members of the committee to carry out the inquiry without "outside interference."

The committee will remain here to-day, and go to their respective homes to-morrow. This will close the investigation in this section. Next week the committee will visit Wilkesbarre, and the following week will go to Scranton, hearing witnesses in that neighborhood. That will be the last visit they will make, and will close the investigation finally. The committee will then prepare its report for submission to the Legislature, and they will close at Scranton on May 15th, and will have very little time in which to make their report. The resolution passed by the Legislature provides that the report shall be submitted on May 15th, but as the Legislature will not be in session on that day, it will be submitted on May 16th.

The most important testimony at to-day's session was that of General Manager R. C. Luther, and it is given in full below. Just before the examination Chairman Meredith called the witness before the committee and read to them the resolution on which the investigation is based. The testimony follows:

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Q. What was paid out from Dec. 1, 1896, to April 1, 1897? A. In 1896 \$3,016,047.88 for the first four months, beginning Dec. 1st.

Q. Can you give this committee the amount paid in wages since Dec. 1, 1896, to April 1, 1897? A. A falling off of \$322,000.

Q. Do you know whether the individual companies have had their average? A. I imagine they have.

Senator Haines: Can you give the proportional number of each nationality employed by your company? A. Yes, to the end of the year 1896 we had 28,360 employees; 5,835 Americans, 1,790 English, 6,025 Irish, 3,207 Germans, 108 Scotch, 1,027 Welsh, 1,100 Poles, 3,180 Italians, of which 12,000 were foreign born. In 1897 there were 18 per cent. Americans, 14 per cent. Irish, 23 per cent. English, 13 1/2 per cent. Germans, 1 1/2 per cent. Scotch, 1 1/2 per cent. Welsh and 10 per cent. Italian.

Senator Meredith: Can you give the average earnings of central miners per month? A. Last year, about \$42, was the average.

Q. Can you give us the price paid on contract work per wagon, or yard? A. No, sir; Mr. Veith will give that.

Q. When you say the cost is \$1.95-2.10 per ton, do you mean any particular size? A. I mean every ton. We average it by the total cost of mining for the year with the total amount of tons shipped.

UNSUCCESSFUL BURGLARS

Got a Shutter and Window Open Without Effect.

WHITELOCK'S SHOE STORE for men's fine Russel (kid) cloth top shoes. Styles and cheap. 4-28-41

A Girl Thief. A little girl yesterday afternoon stole some tobacco and money in change from Al. Sloener's oyster saloon, on East Centre street.

Kendrick House Free Lunch. Cham chowder will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.

The End in Sight. Several days ago Judge Keeler intimated that the coalman's strike of the Lyon-Dunn contest would be required to close its case by June 2, but further said that no final order would be given until the full bench was in attendance.

Newsletters, Cor. Coal and Main Sts. Oyster soup, free, to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning. Meals served at all hours.

For a Jolly Time. The union of John Pooler, on East Centre street, last evening passed into the hands of Prof. George Knecht, of Pottsville, and P. J. Connel, of Iron.

Ladies' Russel Oxfords at 75 cents. Cheap at \$1.00. WHITELOCK'S SHOE STORE, E. B. BLOCK. 4-28-41

Six Per Cent Above the Basis. The rate of wages for the last half of April and first half of May is six (6) per cent above the \$2.50 basis, according to the following returns of collieries:

Table with 2 columns: Colliery Name and Rate. Includes Richmond colliery, Potsville colliery, etc.

At Kephinski's Arcade Cafe. Cream of tomato soup to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Election of Officers. At a regular meeting of Lincoln Section No. 37, J. T. of H. T., of Wm. Penn, the following officers were elected: Wm. G. Charles H. Harry, Ernest A. G., David Hopkins; P. W. A., Thomas Scott, W. A., William Biek; W. V. A., William Richards; Rec., Robert Ledden; A. Rec., Joseph Leiser; U., Richard Ellis; A. U., Edward Kursh; I. W., Walter Lowenberg; O. P., James Lewis; state delegate, Thomas Scott; Resolu. E. Fry is the lodge deputy.

Blocker's Cafe. Potato soup to-night. Sausage and baked potatoes to-morrow morning.

Traction Company's Earnings. Under the good management of General Manager E. W. Ash, the Schuylkill Traction Company make a very fine exhibit in the report of its gross earnings for the six months ended March 31, at \$40,774, an increase of \$221 over the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year; operating expenses, taxes and insurance, \$27,431, an increase of \$672, and net earnings, \$13,343, a decrease of \$51. The fixed charges for the half year were \$12,500, leaving a surplus over all expenses and interest account of \$6,843.

THE FAMOUS have a splendid line of children's suits at low prices. Go look at them. 4-29-21

Taking Higher Degrees. Twenty-four members took the grand emphysement degree, at the special session of Franklin Encampment, No. 4, I. O. O. F., at Pottsville last night, at which were present a number of grand officers of the order. Quite a number also took the degree of the past grand patriarchs. About 75 members were present, and after the session luncheon was served.

Men's shifting shoes in locn. Styliah. 99 CENTS. WHITELOCK'S SHOE STORE, E. B. BLOCK. 4-28-41

Lost, a Silk Watch Fob containing a Topaz seal, on Main street between Line and Cherry streets, or on West Line street between Main and Jardin streets, while riding a bicycle last evening. Suitable reward is offered to the finder upon its return to Fred Jay, at Wilkinson's dry goods store.

Only a few of these tailor made suits left at the FAMOUS at \$5, \$6 and \$7 a suit. Go and get one. 4-29-21

Arbitration Postponed. The coal dirt damage case of James Walsh, of Maloney Place, vs. the Lawrence Coal Co., which was to have been heard before arbitrators yesterday, was postponed until May 15th, owing to the indisposition of Walter S. Sheaffer, of Pottsville, who is one of the operators of the colliery.

New Undertaker. T. J. Ockley has opened an undertaking establishment in town with his office located at J. J. Coakley's, 35 North Main street. N. J. Call calls at the Ferguson House. 3-14

Umbrellas from 50 cents to \$7.00. Also old umbrellas re-covered while you wait. At Brunna's.

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A BURST OF BARGAIN SUNLIGHT.

On the grand highway that leads to good fortune; every purchase made of us is a stepping stone nearer the goal. Every transaction is a bargain, therefore a money saving investment. Hence for bargains now in Window Shades, we have the style, quality and assortment, and at prices that will astonish you. All shades mounted on best spring rollers from 10c. up to 90c., comprising shades with and without fringe, laces and lace inserting, high grade and low prices. This is what we strive to give you; this is what we do give.

The BEE-HIVE 29 South Main Street. Near Post Office.

A PRISON OF SWORDS. One of the Most Remarkable Pieces of Recent Fiction.

Max Pemberton has been most happy in his latest novelette, "A Prison of Swords." His best friends consider it his masterpiece. The opening chapter will be printed exclusively in next Sunday's Philadelphia Press (May 2), and every person will want to read them. The Sunday Press will also contain a host of other features to be found in no other paper. Its sporting pages will be particularly strong. Do not miss next Sunday's Philadelphia Press.

Titman Restaurant. Oyster soup, free, to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Colliery Notes. The employees of the Lehigh Valley collieries at East Creek were paid to-day, instead of to-morrow.

Breen's Hraits Cafe Free Lunch. Coldfish cakes to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning. Meals at all hours. Free continuous photograph entertainment. All the latest songs and band marches.

More Fish Planted. Four cars of fish from the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, Altoona, were shipped to Ashland this morning. They were directed to a prominent angle of that town to be distributed in the streams in that vicinity.

All \$1.50 and \$1.75 Derby and Alpine hats at \$1.00 at THE FAMOUS. 4-29-21

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..GROCERIES.. and the faster is our hold on the public. The string that connects them with the buyer is "low prices." Our aim is constantly before us—to make the tie stronger every day. New opportunities do it. We are offering goods at very low prices.

T. J. BROUGHALL, 25 South Main Street.

10 CRNTS for a Window Shade or 3 for a quarter. Others 15c. or two for a quarter, spring roller. Shades made to fit any window, especially store windows. Call for bargains in Carpets and Oil Cloths.

FRICKE'S CARPET STORE, 10 S. Jardin Street.

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SPRING MEDICINES. —The best drugs to take are: Sarsaparilla.—Used for chronic rheumatism, scrofulous affections, skin diseases, IODIDE OF POTASSIUM.—Valuable for chronic ulceration, inflammation, enlargements, skin diseases, etc. YELLOW DOCK, Tonic, Laxative.—Used in skin diseases, etc. FRICKLY ASH, Tonic, Stimulant.—Used in rheumatism and liver complaints. DANDELION, Tonic, Diuretic, Laxative. Used for dyspepsia, liver complaint. These drugs all tend to aid the process of nutrition, and restore the normal functions of the system. They are all combined in

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