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Pluck-Me Stores.

The following editorial was published in the Pittsburgh Times on Tuesday of last week:

There is sound sense and nothing else in the communication from the pen of a coal miner, published in The Times yesterday, pointing to the company store as a constant source of contention in the mining region, and urging a differential in a general wage scale in favor of the operator who pays his miners cash, and leaves them as free to spend it or invest it as he is with his own.

It is not impossible that there are company stores at which the miner and the miner's wife can buy cheaper than they could buy if there was no such thing. It is quite certain, however, that the power to extort exorbitant prices does so breed the disposition to do it, that if the biggest of the Forty Thieves, on an excursion back to earth, were to drop into some company stores, he would kick himself in disgust at his own moderation. Besides prying upon the miner near at hand, these stores do injury to those at other mines. It does not matter to an operator with such a store who makes the scale of wages, as long as he can make the prices of the goods in which he pays. He can raid the coal market at will, and cut the selling price until his honorable rival who pays cash for his labor must cut wages to compete with him, or do business at a loss.

Nor does the evil of these company stores stop with overcharging the miners for the necessities of life and demoralizing both the coal market and the wages of mining. There is a poison deeper seated in them than these, and one which would exist if these were cut out. It is to the interest of the employer who has a store to overcrowd his mine with three men where there is steady work for only two, for they can then only expect to work two-thirds time at best. If the miner worked six days in the week, he could draw all his living from the store and still have some cash coming to him at the end of the week. But when he has work but four, it takes all his earnings to keep his family, and from year's end to year's end pay day to him is marked only by the exchange of an old store book for a new one, on every line and and figure of which his employer makes a profit. In dealing with thousands of sure-pay customers, the size of this extra store profit, added to the advantage that if the miners strike they must do so without either money in their pockets or an established credit at any grocery store, is enough to have tempted that over-crowding of the coal region which keeps thousands in hopeless poverty, varied with occasional periods of actual hunger.

There is nothing devilish in the nature of coal, that it cannot be mined and marketed without thousands of men, women and children having to suffer poverty, misery and hunger. The coal business is what those engaged in it have made it, and it is an intolerable false pretense to say that there is no better medicine for it than riot and deputy sheriffs in alternate doses. We know of no safer beginning than to purge the industry of "pluck-me" stores. That there should be a differential in wages against mines which have them seems so essential to a fairly proportioned general scale as to be beyond argument.

Is it too broad an assertion? Have you ever thought of the following which was clipped from the Oval Leader: "If all the thieves in the country were suddenly arrested and placed in prison it would make gaps in the business world too fearful to contemplate. It would annihilate the grain rings, the whiskey rings, and the meat rings. It would destroy the manufactories and shut up two thirds of the brokerage offices; it would suspend half of the water-works; and cancel a majority of the street paving contracts. It would thin the ranks of legal and medical practitioners, take thousands of insurance agents from the field, shut the doors of real estate offices, and so reduce the representation in Congress that no quorum could be obtained."

The earnings of the A. V. R'y Co. for 1893 were \$2,436,815.98; expenses were \$1,559,788.76. Passengers carried 1,611,270.

The Top Notch Reached.

The top notch of enterprise and liberality has been reached by the Pittsburgh Times which announces that every one of its sixty thousand subscribers, and all who will become regular readers before Saturday, May 12th, will be presented with the First Part of the year. The work referred to is "Frank Leslie's Scenes and Portraits of the Civil War," which will furnish a complete authentic history of the conflict between the States in pictures drawn on the spot and in descriptive prose. The First Part will be delivered free to all readers of the Pittsburgh Times in exchange for the first six coupons, and the other twenty-nine parts will be furnished in exchange of six coupons clipped from the Times and ten cents for each part.

There will be thirty parts, twenty-six of which will be devoted to illustrations and four to reading matter. Each of the first twenty-six parts will contain sixteen illustrations, making a total of four hundred and sixteen in the complete volume. Short descriptions will accompany the pictures in each part. The pictures were made on the scene of battle by the most famous artist of the time, and can therefore be relied upon as absolutely accurate. The work will be a supplement to every written history portraying as it does the striking incidents of battle, and giving the likenesses of the leaders whose names were on every lip in the days of strife. Here the veterans will find the past recalled, and here the young may gain inspiration to emulate their patriotism and devotion.

The Pittsburgh Times deserves thanks for placing this splendid history within the reach of the people at nominal cost, and its proposed free distribution of the First Part to all its readers is generosity without a parallel. If you are not a reader of the Times, order it from your news agent at once. If there is no agent for the Times in your locality write to the Times, Pittsburgh, Pa., for terms to clubs and agents.

Hon. F. A. Weaver, editor of the Brookville Republican, has announced himself as a candidate for Congress, in the Twenty-first Congressional district. He served in the war of the Rebellion as a private in the 11th Regiment P. V., and of the 9th Ohio Cavalry. He has represented Jefferson county in the Legislature and was Chief of the Division of Lands and railroads in the Interior Department at Washington during President Harrison's Administration. He is a gifted writer and one of the most intelligent newspaper men in this section of the State. We hope that the district will do itself the great credit of nominating him, and thereby secure a first-class representative.—Kane Republican.

Great Triumph.

Instant relief experienced and a permanent cure by the most speedy and greatest cure in the world—Otto's Cure for Lung and Throat diseases. Why will you continue to irritate your throat and lungs with that terrible hacking cough when W. B. Alexander, sole agent, will furnish you a free sample bottle of this great guaranteed remedy? Its success is simply wonderful, as your druggist will tell you. Otto's Cure is now sold in every town and village on this continent. Samples free. Large bottles 25 and 50c.

When You Put Away Stoves.

This is the season when people begin to put away their stoves for the summer, and at least one-half of those who do so will find next fall that the stoves which have been stored in good order in the spring are half ruined by the rust in the fall. Most persons regard this as a sort of a dispensation of providence to be endured with uncomplaining resignation, but in reality it is the result of ignorance and carelessness. When a stove is taken down in the spring to be put away for the summer, a pan of kerosene oil should be in readiness, and to every part of the stove the oil should be liberally applied with a brush or rag. Be sure to reach every seam, joint and rivet, then cover up the stove with old newspapers and go your way with a clear conscience, for when you take off your wrappings in the fall there will not be a particle of rust anywhere on your heating apparatus.—Ex.

Schultze's have a new line of glass ware.

Attention, Farmers.

Agricultural salt, five dollars per ton, cheapest fertilizer on earth for gardeners. 200 pound sacks 50 cents at J. C. KING & Co.'s.

Plain, but True.

The girl who grows up able to warble high e, but ignorant of the ingredients necessary to compound a prescription for hash is liable to learn that hash is called for by more voices than operatic songs. Accomplishments make a good veneer if there is a practical training to pin them on. The girl who paints blue cats on a piece of velvet and who cannot work a buttonhole is of as little use in the world as the blue cat she paints.

Robinson sells a solid men's brogan for \$1.00

Additional Local.

Wan't Your Assistance.

There will be a musical entertainment in the opera house Thursday evening, May 10th, given by the members of the Jefferson Columbian Minstrels, Keystone Silver Cornet Band, Mandolin Club and others, for the purpose of raising funds to aid the miners of Reynolds-ville during the strike. The business men and citizens of this town well know that what is the miners' interest is theirs also. All turn out and help the good cause by seeing a good moral entertainment and giving your money to help the cause of the right. Tickets, 25 and 35 cents, for sale at Bolger Bros', clothiers, and Henry A. Reed's, the shoe man. COM.

Forest Fires.

Forest fires were raging near Reynolds-ville last Wednesday. At one time it looked very much as if West Reynolds-ville was in danger of being destroyed by fire. The citizens became alarmed and went to work to thwart the fire fiend and save their homes by "back-firing." The wind was very strong and dense volumes of smoke and sparks of fire blew over the town but no damage was done. North of Reynolds-ville the hills were ablaze. At Hopkins mill the men had to quit work on the mill and go out and fight the fire.

Ayer's Hair Vigor restores natural color to the hair, by stimulating a healthy action of the scalp. This preparation also produces a vigorous growth of the hair, and gives it a beautiful lustre and youthful appearance. Recommended by physicians, clergymen, and scientists.

Two for One.

We are making a special offer to each of our readers paying a year's subscription to the STAR in advance, and to all new subscribers paying in advance, we will give them the best local paper in Jefferson county and will give them free, either the Womankind or American Farmer, for one year. The two papers above mentioned are excellent monthly papers and the subscription price of each is 50c. a year. This offer is made only to those in Pennsylvania.

During these dull times, or any other time, don't send your job work to some other town to get it done until THE STAR office gets a chance to bid on it. We spend our money in Reynolds-ville, and work for the town's best interests in every way possible, and expect your patronage in return. By helping one another we boom our own town; by going to other towns to buy what we want we simply boom the other towns.

The Prescottville Cornet band drove down yesterday, and they have since been regaling the people of Brookville with some most elegant music, the members of the organization proving themselves real musicians. The following constitutes the organization: W. G. White, leader; Charles Aimeu, James Walker, Charles Merrick, William Boyd, George Barkley, Peter Biggry, Henry Shields, Frank McGinnis, Mark Kite, Wm. Cloughbaugh, Jean Krosier.—Brookville Republican.

Insomnia is fearfully on the increase. The rush and excitement of modern life so tax the nervous system that multitudes of people are deprived of good and sufficient sleep, with ruinous consequences to the nerves. Remember, Ayer's Sarsaparilla makes the week strong.

At King & Co.'s you will find baled hay, salt, flour and a full line of general merchandise.

Imperial flour \$1.10 at Swartz's.

A postmaster pointing to three letters held for postage, said: "Any man is likely to put a letter in the postoffice without stamping it. With a card on the corner of the envelope, we can stamp it and collect the money when the writer comes in. We don't know who dropped those letters in the box and must hold them until we write to the persons addressed and they send us the postage. That is the law of the post-office department. Every writer of a letter ought to have his name printed and stamped on the envelope."

Sugar syrup 20c. per gallon at Swartz's.

Robinson has the largest stock of shoes to select from, and the price is the lowest. These are facts.

This is about the time of year when wagon loads of men and dynamite from Punxsutawney come along our trout streams and go home a week later with a barrel of trout "caught with a rod and line (?)"—Clearfield Spirit.

You will find a bargain in English decorated ware at Schultze's.

Section 29 of the act of March 31, 1850, recently unearthed by the Harrisburg school board provides that fines imposed for drunkenness shall be turned over to the school board in the district. The section is as follows: "Any person who shall be found intoxicated in any street, highway, public house or public place, shall be fined upon the view or proof made before any mayor, alderman or Justice of the Peace, two dollars, to be levied, with the proper costs, upon the goods and chattels of the defendant, which shall be paid to the treasurer of the school district where such conviction is had by the magistrate collecting the same."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Congress. FRANCIS A. WEAVER, OF BROOKVILLE BOROUGH. Subject to action of the Republicans of Jefferson county at the primary election, June 16, '94. Assembly. W. O. SMITH, OF PUNXSUTAWNEY BOROUGH. Subject to action of the Republicans of Jefferson Co. at their primary election in June. District Attorney. N. L. STRONG, OF BROOKVILLE BOROUGH. Subject to action of the Republicans of Jefferson county at the primary election, June 16, '94. District Attorney. JOHN W. WALKER, OF BROOKVILLE BOROUGH. Subject to action of the Republicans of Jefferson Co. at the primary election, June 16, '94. District Attorney. JAMES V. MURRAY, OF CLAYVILLE BOROUGH. Subject to action of the Republicans of Jefferson Co. at the primary election, June 16, '94.

Hotels. HOTEL MCCONNELL, REYNOLDSVILLE, PA. FRANK J. BLACK, Proprietor. The leading hotel of the town. Headquarters for commercial men. Steam heat, free bus, bath rooms and closets on every floor, sample rooms, billiard room, telephone connections, etc. HOTEL BELNAP, REYNOLDSVILLE, PA. GREEN & CONSER, Proprietors. First class in every particular. Located in the very centre of the business floor. House heated by natural gas. Omnibus to and from all trains.

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Miscellaneous. E. NEFF, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE And Real Estate Agent, Reynolds-ville, Pa.

C. MITCHELL, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Office at West Main street opposite the Commercial Hotel, Reynolds-ville, Pa.

DR. B. E. HOOVER, REYNOLDSVILLE, PA. Resident dentist. In building near Methodist church, opposite Arnold block. Gentleness in operating.

C. Z. GORDON, JOHN W. REED, GORDON & REED, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa. Office in room formerly occupied by Gordon & Corbett, West Main Street.

W. L. McCracken, O. M. McDonald, Brookville, Reynolds-ville. McCracken & McDonald, Attorneys and Counsellors-at-Law, Offices at Reynolds-ville and Brookville.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE. ESTATE OF JOHN H. MULHOLLAN, DECEASED. Letters of administration on the estate of John F. Mulhollan, late of Reynolds-ville borough, Jefferson county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment to the administratrix, and those having claims against it will present them properly authenticated, for settlement. Mrs. R. J. MULHOLLAN, Administratrix of John F. Mulhollan, dec'd.

LISTEN! Till I tell you of something that is of great interest to all. It must be remembered that J. C. Froehlich is the Popular Tailor of Reynolds-ville, and that is what I am going to dwell on at this time. Never mind the World's Fair for a few moments, as his exhibit of goods is something on that scale. The tremendous display of seasonable suitings, especially the fall and winter assortment, should be seen to be appreciated. A larger line and assortment of fall and winter goods than ever. I ask and inspection of my goods by all gentlemen of Reynolds-ville. All fits and workmanship guaranteed perfect. Yours as in the past, J. C. FROEHLICH, Reynolds-ville, Pa. Next door to Hotel McConnell.

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