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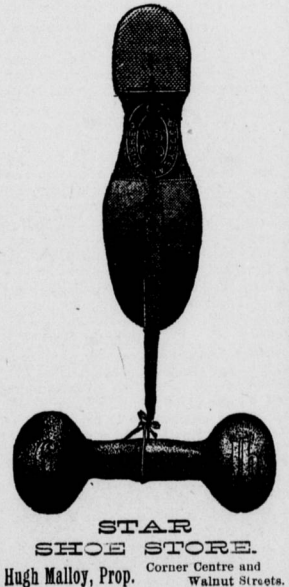
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## STEARNS ON THE STAND

Drifton Company's President Gives Testimony.

Industrial Commission at Washington Learns Something From the Head of Coxie Bros. & Co.

Irving A. Stearns, president of Coxie Bros. & Co., of Drifton, occupied the attention of the Industrial Commission at its afternoon session in Washington yesterday. This company is engaged in mining and shipping anthracite coal, and also owns and controls the Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Railroad.

Mr. Stearns said that his company had a trackage contract with the Lehigh Valley Railroad and supplies its own trains, crews, etc. He had understood that recently the railroad companies had agreed to increase the percentage of the tidewater price of coal to independent operators from 60 per cent to 65 per cent. These contracts were to be in perpetuity and were made to prevent competition, the cutting of prices, etc.

He said that his company ships annually about three and a half per cent of the anthracite coal mined, amounting last year to 1,580,880 tons, and that his instructions had been to mine all the coal for which there is demand.

If the output of any large company should be materially increased, he said, the entire trade would be demoralized. The railroad companies generally fix the price of anthracite, Mr. Stearns said. He expressed the opinion that the present price of hard coal is as high as the trade will permit and that any material advance would cause an increase of competition.

He did not believe there was any discrimination against independent operators and he did not believe there was reason to hope for the opening of new anthracite fields.

There had been efforts in recent years to construct independent roads to tidewater, but the coal properties back of them had been bought up by the "community of interest" and the new roads therefore had not been built.

He expressed the opinion that these transfers in the future would render rates more stable.

Mr. Stearns said that his company employs 3,500 men, representing twenty nationalities, about three-quarters being foreigners. Some of them engaged in the strike of last fall, but only went out under extreme intimidation to avoid loss of life. The average net earnings of the miners in the mines of the company, Mr. Stearns put at \$13.60 net per month for the best months.

**One Wife Not Enough.** From Yesterday's Plain Speaker.

John Dresh, of Nuremberg, is in serious trouble today in consequence of charges of perjury and bigamy preferred by his wife, who recently had him sent to jail at Sunbury on charges of desertion and non-support. Mrs. Dresh, who comes from Freeland, lives at Shamokin at present. Some startling developments are looked for.

Dresh was arrested several months ago on the charges of desertion and non-support and the evidence being conclusive was sent to jail upon failure to promise to provide for his better half.

Today he was brought from jail to Shenandoah to answer the charges of

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FOR SALE CHEAP.—Three fresh cows; can be seen on farm in East Foster. Apply to Charles Dushock, on farm or at Freeland.

**PLEASURE.** April 20.—Hop of Good Wills Athletic Association at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 25 cents.

## ROUND THE REGION.

A suit for damages has been entered against the Lehigh Valley Company by Mrs. Kate L. Marsh, whose husband was employed as a fireman and on March 13, 1901, was killed by the explosion of the boiler near White Haven. Damages are claimed on the ground that the boiler was defective and that the company was negligent in not keeping it in proper repair. A similar suit has been entered against the same company by Kate N. Albert, widow of Wilson T. Albert, who was the engineer and was killed in the same accident.

The Spring Brook Water Company, which practically controls the water system in the Wyoming and Lackawanna valleys, has purchased the water plant at Pitston, including that of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. The new reservoir just completed by the Spring Brook Company has a capacity of two billion gallons, and will supply the inhabitants between Scranton and Wilkesbarre, as well as all collieries and manufacturing plants.

**The Assessment Question.** Monday having been appointed by the county commissioners as appeal day for property owners of Freeland who were not satisfied with the assessment as recently made, several people of town were at Wilkesbarre on that day to present their objections. The assessment was thoroughly gone over by both parties and large decreases in the valuation were found in the Second and Third wards, while the First, Fourth and former South wards showed increases. Much discrimination in property valuations were found to exist in various parts of town. The commissioners' assessment of lots on many of the side and rear streets were found to be greater than the actual value, and lots side by side and on opposite sides of the same street were found to vary in their assessed value.

The commissioners took the matter under further consideration, and it is likely that revised transcripts will be issued for Freeland and another date set for appeals.

**Early Closing.** The Clerks' Union, at last evening's meeting, made preparations to carry out the plans of the early closing movement, as given in the Tribune a few weeks ago. The clerks demand Sunday closing of all business and the closing of stores at 7 p. m., except on two evenings each week. The assistance of United Mine Workers and other labor organizations will be asked to make the movement a success.

An effort is being made today by several of the merchants to arrange for the holding of a meeting of the business people of town some evening this week. Exceptions are taken to some of the demands of the Clerks' Union, and to ascertain the views and feeling of the merchants the proposed meeting will be held.

**Removal of Pastor.** Rev. W. W. Hartman and family have removed to St. Mary's, Elk county, where the former will assume his duties as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. During his residence in town Rev. Hartman made many friends, and his energetic work as pastor of the Park church contributed largely to the success which its congregation attained during his service as its guide and director. Rev. Hartman's strict attention to the business of his vocation won him the friendship of all people with whom he came in contact.

**Verdict of Manslaughter.** The grand jury's return of an indictment for manslaughter in the case of Nicholas Capece, accused of the murder of Rudolph Demerio, is causing considerable discussion in town. It was generally understood last week that a first degree indictment had been agreed upon, but this was an error, according to the grand jury's return. Friends of Capece are now satisfied that the case against him will fall and that a prompt acquittal of the charge will follow his trial.

**Granted a Pension.** Christian Koster, of Drifton, a veteran of the rebellion, has been granted by the government a pension of \$12 a month, dating from June 5, 1900, on account of inability to earn a living by manual labor. About a year ago Mr. Koster lost a leg by an accident at Drifton station, caused by a runaway team of mules.

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