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JEDDO FIRM ON THE RACK

Methods of Markle & Co. Placed on Record.

Evicted Employee, Who Toil- ed Thirty Years in Their Mines, Tells a Sad Story. Testimony of a Boy.

An amazing disclosure of the practical working of G. B. Markle & Co.'s company store system was made to the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission at Scranton on Saturday by James Gallagher, a Jeddo miner about 60 years old. He testified that he had never received any money except once in seventeen years and nine months. He explained this by saying that he never got enough money for himself; that the company store got it all.

Mr. Gallagher said he was evicted from his house, and the company refused to put him back at work. He did not know why the company would not take him, unless it was because his son was the secretary of the local union of the U. M. W. of A. at Jeddo.

In answer to another question he said prices at the company store were from 10 to 20 per cent higher than at other stores. He had made as high as \$70 a month, but this was eaten up in paying his debts with the company. When he was clear of debt the company gave him a bad place to work until he was again in debt.

The witness kept the court constantly in good humor by his wit and sharp answers to thrusts by the lawyers. He said a man is never called hurt in the mines until he is half killed. He was half killed twice, he said, which brought out the remark from Chairman Gray that if he was twice half killed then he was now dead.

This caused much merriment, but it was turned to a roar of laughter when the witness replied that the first half was healed before the other half was injured.

Child labor was next brought to the attention of the commission. Andrew Chipprie, a little orphaned breaker boy, who does not look to be more than 10 years old, although he said he was 13, told in a child's simple way a story of his treatment in the Markle mines, where he earned 4 cents an hour, and his boyish struggles to help his widowed mother, that moved the compassion of the commission. No more pathetic revelation of the sombre phase of mining life has been presented to the commission since it assembled.

When Chairman Gray asked the lad if he knew what an oath was he replied: "Yes sir; if I tell a lie I'll die." Then the lad went on to tell the story of his life at home and in the mine. His father was killed in the mine of G. B. Markle & Co. at Jeddo eighteen months ago. The widowed mother has four children, Andrew is the oldest. Two are twins and the youngest is 2 years old.

Upon the death of his father, Andrew's mother took in boarders in an endeavor to support the family and keep the lad at school. The family lived in a four-room house owned by Markle & Co. At one time Mrs. Chipprie had nine boarders in the frame building in addition to her four children. But strive as she did, she could not make a living, so little Andrew was taken from school, where he had been for one year, and put to work in the breaker at Jeddo.

Then began his first real experience with a mining corporation. The father, when he was killed, left a debt of about \$100 due for rent to the company.

The boy testified that, though he had worked in the breaker several months, including the time he worked before the strike, he has not received one cent of pay for his work. Markle & Co., according to his testimony, have withheld every penny earned by the child, in order to apply it to the debt of his father.

The first month on pay day the statement showed he owed the company \$64.92. He worked hard the next month, and at the end of that time his due bill showed that he owed the Mar-

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINA STARK, late of Freeland borough, deceased.
Letters testamentary upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same, without delay, to Henry C. Stark.
Chas. Orion Stroh, Attorney.

ESTATE OF OWEN FOWLER, late of Freeland borough, deceased.
Letters testamentary upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same, without delay, to Nettie S. Fowler.
John M. Carr, attorney.

kle Company \$88.72.

The lad's story, told in an open, straightforward way, left a vivid impression all through the court. He was not cross-questioned by counsel for the operators.

Some of the stories hitherto related to the commission have greatly moved General Wilson, and other members, but the little breaker boy's narrative surpassed anything so far developed at the hearings.

Rev. Father J. J. Curran, of Wilkesbarre, followed Rev. James Moore, a Methodist minister of Avoca, on the stand, and was cross-examined by Attorneys H. C. Reynolds and Joseph O'Brien. Both gave some very strong evidence on behalf of the miners, declaring that the conditions of lawlessness and violence in the region were not as bad as the reports sent out would make the people believe.

Referring to the non-union men, Father Curran said that most of the people of the coal regions believed the miners should have better wages. "If a so-called 'scab' takes the place of a man who is trying to get his rights that so-called 'scab' is doing wrong and an injustice to the people in his community," said Father Curran. He admitted that most of the violence committed resulted from attempts of mine owners to resume work.

The last witness was Frank Ray, of Jeddo, a contract miner. He explained conditions in the mines with reference to the impure air.

Tony Lowrey, a well known young Italian of town, was on the stand on Friday. He is one of those who has been refused re-employment by Cox Bros. & Co. and gave testimony to that effect. No reasons have been given for refusing to restate the young man.

The conditions prevailing at the Lehigh Valley Company mines will be taken up next. The miners have a large number of witnesses they desire to call, and there is at this time no indication when the hearings will be concluded. Some of the operators desire to place witnesses on the stand in their defense.

Unless some agreement is reached on many points at issue, it is likely the hearings will run into next month.

Sudden Death This Morning.

John McGeedy, of Walnut street, died suddenly this morning from heart failure at St. Ann's convent. While attending 7 o'clock mass at St. Ann's church he became ill and was removed to the convent, but before the arrival of a physician he expired. Dr. Walter, who responded to the summons, pronounced him a victim of heart failure. Mr. McGeedy became overheated while on his way to the church, and shortly after the service began a reaction set in, which caused his illness and subsequent death. The remains were brought to his home at 9 o'clock by Undertaker McNulty.

The deceased was a well known and popular young man and was always apparently in the best of health. Up to June last he was employed as a brakeman on the D. S. & S. Railroad, but was suspended with several others during the labor trouble and up to the present time had not been reinstated. He had been a resident of this town and Highland since his youth and possessed a large circle of friends, who were shocked to learn of his untimely death.

Mr. McGeedy was aged 39 years and 11 months and is survived by his wife and four small children; also by his mother, Mrs. John McGeedy, Sr., of town, and the following brothers and sisters: James, Philadelphia; Anthony, Wilkesbarre; Joseph, Hazleton; William, Cuba; Sarah, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Hugh A. Shovlin, South Washington street.

The funeral will take place at 9 a. m. on Wednesday, followed by a requiem mass at St. Ann's church. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery.

Funerals From Hazleton.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Coll, wife of Henry Coll, who, with his family, was evicted at Jeddo last month, from the effects of which Mrs. Coll caught a cold and died on Friday, took place this afternoon. The remains arrived here from Hazleton, where they were met by many friends of the family. Interment was made at St. Ann's cemetery.

Oscar Mismar died at his home in Hazleton on Saturday, aged 43 years. Surviving him are his mother, of South Bethlehem; his wife, three daughters and one son, Charles, of Freeland. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services at the residence by Rev. A. W. Brown Miller, after which the remains will be brought to Freeland by trolley. Interment in Freeland cemetery.

Mrs. A. W. Lelsening, of Mauch Chunk, died on Saturday, aged 77 years. Holiday novelties and candles, Merk's.

FOSTER SCHOOLS.

Directors Purchase \$105 Worth of Maps.

Night School at Highland.

Foster township school board met in regular session Saturday evening and transacted the business of the past two months. Directors Johnson, Zestloff, O'Neill and Dudley were present. In the absence of President Weber Mr. Johnson was elected president pro tem.

The report of Supervising Principal Hoffman showed an enrollment of 1213, average attendance 1,000, percentage of attendance 87. Upon the recommendation of the principal a motion was adopted to close the schools from December 24 to January 5, 1903, and make out vouchers for teachers for a full month's pay.

A motion was adopted that the solicitor or collector from the county all election rent due the district and also any money due from the sale of unseated land.

A new order for \$8 in favor of H. C. Koons, on account of an old order issued by the board and returned as outstanding by the auditors, was ordered drawn.

Damage to Drifton school building to the amount of \$5.28 was reported. The solicitor was instructed to collect the amount from the parents of the boys who are said to be guilty.

A petition from Highland, praying for the opening of night school, was received. The school was ordered opened on January 5, 1903.

In the report from the county superintendent all teachers were in attendance the five days except Messrs. McGill and O'Donnell. The former was absent a few hours, having become ill during the afternoon session, and the latter was summoned home on account of sickness in the family. Both teachers were docked when the orders for their pay were made out, but the other members of the board thought it unjust to dock them and a motion was made and prevailed that they receive full pay.

J. Hobart Smith, of Syracuse, N. Y., was present and was given the floor to explain the merits of a map, published by himself, entitled "Bridgman's Historical School Map of Pennsylvania." A motion to purchase a map for each grammar school, seven in all, at \$15 each was made. Mr. Smith offered to supply the maps and wait one year for the money and give the board a second year if necessary. If the second year was taken he would require 3 per cent interest.

The vote on the motion was: To purchase—Dudley, Johnson and O'Neill. Not to purchase—Zestloff.

The following bills were ordered paid: Butler, Sheldon & Co., books, \$850.45; Lewis H. Lentz, coal hauling, \$16.12; Lewis H. Lentz, repairs, \$5.28; W. E. Martin, supplies, \$12.19; Mrs. Geo. Hindson, coal and wood, \$8.50; A. Oswald, curtains \$1.57; Upper Lehigh Coal Company, coal, \$3.90; L. V. R. R., freight, \$21.97; John Metzgar, coal hauling, \$9.75.

White Haven Sanitarium.

Good reports of the work of the White Haven Hospital for Poor Consumptives continue to come to hand. There have been thirty-six patients from Luzerne county since the institution opened and many show marked improvement and some have resumed their daily work. The charge of the institution is entirely in the care of Elmer Stockdale, and he gives entire satisfaction. He is not a medical man, but has had extensive experience in the care of consumptives. He was formerly a consumptive himself.

The hospital is visited regularly by physicians, but a late move has been to appoint a house physician, to reside there permanently. For this work Dr. Elmer, of Philadelphia, has been chosen.

Reception at St. Ann's.

At St. Ann's church this evening the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be observed by a reception under the auspices of the Daughters of Mary Sodality. Over 100 applicants will be admitted to membership in the society. The sermon will be preached by Father Hefferon, of Hazleton, and will be followed by benediction. Fathers Fallhee and Fleming and several visiting priests will also take part.

Despite the fact that Judge P. P. Smith was not examined by the three physicians appointed by Governor Stone to inquire into his physical condition with a view to his retirement from the superior court bench, the physicians have made a report to the governor to the effect that Judge Smith is incapable to perform his judicial duties. The judge has engaged attorneys to conduct a fight for him against being forced to retire.

Charles Grether, the convicted murderer of Constable Adam Strunk, escaped from Monroe county jail yesterday for the second time. Daniel Van Buskirt, another prisoner, also escaped.

LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded Without Waste of Words.

The annual New Year's Eve ball of the Tigers Athletic Club, which for some years past has been the leading social and spectacular event of the season, will be held on the evening of the 31st inst. at Krell's hall. As in each former year, the club will endeavor to outdo its previous success.

Rev. William O'Hara, of Eckley, who was last week assigned to the pastorate of Harleigh Catholic church, conducted his first services yesterday. The new priest was given a cordial welcome by the people of his new charge. Father O'Hara will take up his residence in Harleigh.

Lishon R. Gibbon, of Philadelphia, who recently returned from Wales, where he acted as administrator of his father's estate, has arrived in town and made a settlement with his sisters, Mrs. William Jenkins, Mrs. Jane DeFoy and Mrs. Ann Pugh.

Miss Cassie McCarvey, of Philadelphia, arrived here on Saturday evening to spend a few months at the family home on Walnut street. Miss McCarvey recently recovered from a serious illness.

A double dwelling at Sandy Run, owned by M. S. Kemmerer & Co. and occupied by two Slavonian families, was totally destroyed Friday night by fire, which originated from a defective flue.

Among the lower end citizens serving as jurors this week are John Shaffer, Freeland; Hugh McNelis, Anthony Gorham, John Hill and Henry Hemseth, Foster, and James R. Smith, Butler.

The papers in the contest instituted by James G. Harvey, the defeated Republican candidate for the legislature, against Bernard J. Ferry, were served on the latter on Saturday.

The Hazleton Standard, Shickshinny Echo and Freeland Progress have been selected by the county commissioners to publish the annual mercantile appraisal list.

Nos. 6 and 9 slopes, at Upper Lehigh, have been relieved of the water which completely filled them since the strike, and operations were resumed today.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kretzberger, of Eckley, died on Friday and was buried yesterday afternoon in the cemetery at that place.

Charles Farley, who recently resigned as book-keeper for Freeland Brewing Company, left for New York city today to accept a position.

John G. Schwartz has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late Vincent Passarilla, of Hazleton. The estate is valued at \$23,000.

Walter Dietrich, of Hazleton, has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of the mechanical department of Drifton shops.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Renosky, of Fern street, was buried yesterday afternoon at St. Ann's cemetery.

Mrs. J. J. Kuntz is suffering from a sprained foot, received by falling down a flight of steps at her home on Johnson street.

Miss Mary Nowak, of Adams street, has accepted a position in Kushnerick's confectionery store.

"Minnesota's Best" flour is sold by A. Oswald. There is none better made.

Dr. N. R. Myers has been appointed postmaster at Wanamie.

Lehighton council has passed an ordinance imposing a fine of \$20 on any person who runs an automobile faster than six miles an hour in that borough.

Mrs. George Kleckner has been awarded damages to the amount of \$6,300 for injuries received by falling over an obstruction on a snow-covered sidewalk at Nanticoke last winter.

Tamaqua local union of the United Mine Workers attended St. John's Reformed church in a body last evening. The pastor, Rev. Lobach, was a staunch supporter of the miners' cause during the strike.

J. C. Sendel, of Weatherly, an ex-county commissioner of Carbon county, died at Hazleton hospital Saturday evening. Mr. Sendel was operated on on Wednesday, and was doing nicely until Friday, when his condition began to grow worse and he sank rapidly.

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Special Meeting of A. O. H.

A special meeting of Division 19, A. O. H., will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, December 9, 1902, at Grand opera house hall, to take action upon the death of our late brother, John McGeedy. By order of John F. Shovlin, president.

Dr. N. Y. Lest, the oldest practicing physician of Scranton, died last night of heart failure.

Ice cream—all flavors—at Merk's.