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 Page 82, certificate No. 849, read L. W. London, not Loudon.
 Page 85, certificate No. 42, read Milton F. Mills, not Milton J.
 Page 89, certificate No. 1298, read F. M. Mathews, not Mathers.
 Page 89, certificate No. 1411, read W. F. Merrell, not Merrill.
 Page 89, certificates Nos. 1434 and 1443, read McCandless, not McCanduss.
 Page 89, certificate No. 1672, read Charles H. McEwen, not Chas. A.
 Page 89, certificate No. 1680, read Fred. D. Merritt, not Merrill.
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 Page 91, certificate No. 2450, read John McMeehan.
 Page 92, certificate No. 2600, read N. E. Mighell, not A. E. Mighell.
 Page 93, for David Nowlan's place of registration read Reasnor, not Reasuer.
 Page 94, in renewal column, after Adolph Oberman, read 1882-83 as blank, he having left the State; and after Richard Olive read renewal for 1882-83.
 Page 97, in latest address column, after Geo. H. Packard, read Webster City, and after Ira W. Packard, in same column, read as blank.
 Page 99, certificate No. 165 read U. A. Rice, not N. A.
 Page 100, read number of Thos. H. Rowland's certificate 770 instead of 779.
 Page 101, certificate 1097, read Lon F. Rass instead of Lou.
 Page 102, certificate No. 1441, read G. A. Reinicke, not Reiniske.
 Page 102, certificate No. 2029, read without examination.
 Page 102, certificate No. 2049 read by examination.
 Page 104, read Urbana P. O. after Marysville in certificate No. 191, and not after Walkerville in certificate No. 157.
 Page 108, certificate No. 1337, read Harvey L. Shutts instead of Henry L.
 Page 110, certificate No. 2015, read Lewis O. Schaffer.
 Page 112, certificate No. 2591, read Richard M. Smallpage.
 Page 113, certificate No. 227, read G. F. Thormann.
 Page 114, certificate No. 1828, read Thompson instead of Tomson.
 Page 115, certificate No. 2275, read Colorado instead of Colento.
 Page 116, certificate No. 1623, read Virden instead of Verden.
 Page 117, certificate No. 217, read Zearing instead of Learning.
 Page 117, certificate No. 403, read Z. A. Wellman instead of L. A. Wellman.
 Page 118, certificate No. 698, read 2203 instead of 2202.
 Page 120, certificate No. 1683, read Willis instead of Willie; and same certificate read by examination instead of without examination.
 Page 121, certificate No. 2185, read Fort Madison instead of Madison.

FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

STATE MINE INSPECTOR,

TO THE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

For the Years 1882 and 1883.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, August 15, 1883.

To his Excellency, BUREN R. SHERMAN, Governor of Iowa:

SIR—In compliance with chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the laws of the Nineteenth General Assembly, I herewith submit my first biennial report of the Department of Mines. Chapter two hundred and two of the laws of the Eighteenth General Assembly made it the duty of the Inspector of Mines to report annually his proceedings to the Governor, but that portion of the law was amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the laws of the Nineteenth General Assembly.

I have therefore named this my first biennial report, and in this report I will give the condition of the mines from July 1, 1881, to June 30, 1888, containing a statement of the approximate coal production of the State, a list of the fatal accidents, a brief statement of the labors of the Inspector for the last two years, recommendations for the improvement of the mining law, and such other matters in connection with mines and mining as I have deemed of importance.

The mining industry of the State is yearly growing in magnitude. During the past two years the number of mines has not been increased, but small mines, upon the advent of railroads, have given place to larger ones, so that the coal output of the State is gradually increasing, while perhaps the number of mines has somewhat decreased. The winter of 1881 and 1882 was very mild, and caused the production of coal for the first year of this report, to fall about 300,000 tons short of my former report, but that was caused by the exceeding open winter.

The approximate output of coal for the year ending June 30, 1882,

was 3,127,700 tons, and for the year ending June 30, 1883, it was 3,881,300 tons, or a total for the two years of 7,009,000 tons. I have never been able to furnish an accurate account of the annual coal production of the State, for the reason of the unwillingness of the operators to furnish the returns to this office of the output of their mines, regarding that as private business. I have sent letters to the different mining companies doing business in this State, requesting them to furnish this office with a statement of the amount of coal mined by each company, but answers were not generally returned; therefore the estimate made is only approximate.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

The following is a list of the fatal accidents reported to this office for the two years ending June 30, 1883, including the decision of the coroner's jury in each case.

DANIEL LANTRY.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that said Daniel Lantry came to his death by the explosion of a 24-pound keg of powder, caused by the lighted lamp falling from his own cap into a large hole in the side of the keg which was lying on its side, and no one is to blame for the accident.

BRUCE INGLES, }
WILLIAM OGDEN, } JURORS.
J. S. HENDERSON, }

J. C. BARRINGER, Coroner, Mahaska county, Iowa.

ALBION JOHNSON.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the deceased came to his death from the effects of a rock falling upon him while at work in the mines of the White Breast Coal and Mining Company; that it was altogether an accidental occurrence, and no blame attaches to any one.

C. D. FLYNN, }
JAMES PARR, } JURORS.
C. A. FLYNN, }

H. S. MILLAN, Coroner of Lucas county, Iowa.

WILLIAM GAFFNEY.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that William Gaffney came to his death by an accidental and unavoidable falling of slate in room number three (that was working) first right-up straight in old shaft, Excelsior, Mahaska county, Iowa.

E. H. LESSER, }
J. ELLSWORTH, } JURORS.
J. Q. SCOTT, }

J. C. BARRINGER, Coroner, Mahaska county, Iowa.

THOMAS VAUGHN.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that Thomas Vaughn came to his death in Cleveland coal mine by being crushed between two coal cars, and from the evidence we believe the accident was purely accidental, and that there was nothing willful or felonious committed with it.

WILLIAM GILMORE, }
M. S. SKIDMORE, } JURORS.
E. W. KNOTTS, }

H. S. MILLAN, Coroner, Lucas county, Iowa.

JAMES SWEETMILK.

The jury, upon their oaths, do say that the deceased came to his death from a blow on the head, with fracture of the skull, received while blasting, in a manner to them unknown, but supposed to have occurred by his going into the room to examine a delayed fuse which exploded the shot at that time. In the minds of the jurors the accident occurred from carelessness of the deceased.

MARION DUREE, }
E. P. HUGHS, } JURORS.
B. F. PRATT, }

JAMES CARTER, Coroner, Wapello county, Iowa.

WILLIAM JOHNSON.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the deceased came to his death by falling from the elevator while ascending the shaft, the bucket becoming detached from the rope in some manner while ascending, nothing felonious attaching to the case.

W. H. NICKELL, }
N. W. STOVER, } JURORS.
JAMES WELCH, }

H. S. MILLAN, Coroner of Lucas county, Iowa.

CHARLES JOHNSON.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that Charles Johnson came to his death by a signal to hoist coal through the shaft being given by an unknown cause. It is our opinion that the signal happened accidentally and without any felonious intent.

G. G. REESIDE, }
J. T. SKIDMORE, } Jurors.
JOHN LYPE, }

H. S. MILLAN, Coroner of Lucas county, Iowa.

J. M. PETERSON.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that deceased came to his death in Carver coal mine, Richland township, Wapello county, Iowa, about 12 o'clock M., on the 16th day of May, 1882, by the premature discharge of a shot fired by himself.

N. M. IVES, }
N. BROWN, } Jurors.
C. B. STEVENSON, }

JAMES CARTER, Coroner, Wapello county, Iowa.

JOHN PORTER.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said John Porter came to death by a spark of fire falling from his lamp into an open keg of powder, placed by himself at his feet, in mine number three, Consolidation Coal Company's mine at Muchakinock, Iowa, on June 15, 1882, and died of his injuries on June 22, and that said accident was due entirely to his own carelessness.

W. P. TODD, }
W. B. KELVER, } Jurors.
J. S. HENDERSON, }

J. C. BARRINGER, Coroner of Mahaska county, Iowa.

DAVID MORRIS.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that David Morris came to his death by a fall of slate and stone, in number two, Excelsior Coal Company's mine at Excelsior, Iowa, on June 26, 1882; that said accident was due to a slip in the back side of a stone, entirely unavoidable.

W. B. KETNER, }
MELL. R. REEM, } Jurors.
J. T. SCOTT, }

J. C. BARRINGER, Coroner of Mahaska county, Iowa.

WILLIAM BEDSON.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said William Bedson came to his death on the 1st day of Suly, 1882, at or about 11:30 A. M., by a blow from timber and suffocation in the pit of the Empire Coal Company in Bloomfield township, Polk county, Iowa, caused by the fall of a quantity of soapstone, an accident common in coal works, and not otherwise.

W. D. TROWBRIDGE, }
J. D. KISLER, } Jurors.
A. BLY, }

I. W. GRIFFITH, Coroner of Polk county, Iowa.

FRANK KOINER.

The said jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said Frank Koiner came to his death on the 21st day of July, 1882, at Muchakinock, Iowa, by slate falling from the roof of his room, by neglect on his own part to sufficiently prop said roof.

JOSEPH KELLEY, }
W. A. JOHNSON, } Jurors.
O. F. BENARD, }

ROBERT KISSICK, J. P., and acting Coroner.

WILLIAM PROUTY.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said William Prouty came to his death about 9:30 o'clock A. M., on the 27th day of August, A. D. 1882, by falling down the east shaft of the Union Coal Bank in Bloomfield township, Polk county, Iowa; and the jurors further find that the said accident was caused by the negligence of the said William Prouty, and of no other person whatever.

JOHN WEBER, }
JOHN A. LEWIS, } Jurors.
R. F. YOUNG, }

I. W. GRIFFITH, Coroner of Polk county, Iowa.

CHRISTIAN BOCK.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said Christian Bock came to his death by stepping on the cage, after it was in motion, contrary to the mine rules; his foot slipped, and he fell forward across the cage, and was caught between the cage and curbing, and that his death was due to his own carelessness. We further find the Acme Coal Company, and Wm. M. Evans, the engineer, to be

entirely free from blame, and that all possible precaution to prevent any accident was duly exercised.

PETER STUMPS, }
HENRY MATTOX, } Jurors.
JOHN PATTERSON, }

J. C. BARRINGER, Coroner of Mahaska county, Iowa.

WILLIS CBAYBILL.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the deceased came to his death by being crushed between the cars and the wall of the mine while conducting a loaded train of coal cars out of Carver mine No. 2.

JOHN H. MOSS, }
PETER OVERSTAKE, } Jurors.
JAMES P. FORSYTH, }

W. L. ORR, J. P., and acting Coroner of Wapello county, Iowa.

GEORGE JOHNSON.

The said jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said George Johnson came to his death about 2 o'clock P. M., on the 3d day of October, 1882, at the Standard Coal Mine, by a premature discharge of a blast in said mine; that the cause of said death was purely accidental, and not otherwise.

ISAAC HERRING, }
J. WHARTON, } Jurors.
D. J. MORTON, }

I. W. GRIFFITH, Coroner of Polk county, Iowa.

SPOTTWOOD BROWN.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that Spottwood Brown came to his death in an attempt to pick out tamping with the steel end of his drill, the drill struck fire in contact with coal, and ignited the powder at bottom of hole, causing a premature explosion, resulting in the death of said Spottwood Brown.

W. R. LACY, }
W. B. KITNER, } Jurors.
T. J. HENDERSON, }

J. C. BARRINGER, Coroner of Mahaska county, Iowa.

GEORGE CRAYBILL.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that said George Craybill came to his death by the accidental falling of slate roof on him,

while at work in the Climax Coal Mine at Angus, Boone county; accident unavoidable.

J. A. ALLEN, }
DAVID GIFFORD, } Jurors.
W. M. THOMAS, }

W. FISHER, J. P., and acting Coroner for Boone county, Iowa.

ENOCH WIGHTHOUSE.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said Enoch Wighthouse came to his death by a fall of slate, in a room worked by himself, in the Watson Coal Company's mine at Ford, Iowa, on December 27, 1882; and that, in our opinion, the same was accidental, and not caused by the negligence, carelessness, or fault of any one.

B. FREEL, }
J. P. SUTTON, } Jurors.
GEO. W. SMITH, }

CHARLES SHAW, Coroner of Warren county, Iowa.

STEPHEN COULEY.

The jurors, on their oaths, do say that the said Couley came to his death on the 26th day of January, A. D. 1883, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M., in the Swope Coal Mine in the northwest corner of Agency township, Wapello county, Iowa, by an accidental fall of slate, while working in said mine.

W. H. REYNOLDS, }
W. C. REYNOLDS, } Jurors.
J. E. DAVIS, }

S. A. SPILLMAN, Coroner, Wapello county, Iowa.

CLIFFORD THOMPSON.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that said Thompson came to his death by falling slate in mine, which broke his neck. Said accident was without the negligence of the company, and unavoidable, according to the evidence produced.

JAMES S. RICE, }
J. S. MOTT, } Jurors.
D. M. GUNN, }

J. C. BARRINGER, Coroner, Mahaska county, Iowa.

DAVID LEWIS.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said David Lewis came to his death by being thrown from a bank car, belonging to a

trip of which he was the driver; that he was coming out with a load and was sitting on his car, when he saw a chunk of coal in front of his car, and got off, while the car was in motion, to remove it, and in doing so slipped and fell under the loaded car, the latter passing upon him, inflicting injuries from which he died on Thursday, May 24, 1883. Said accident happened in mine number one, Consolidation Coal Company's mine at Muchakinoek, on Thursday, May 22, 1883; and we further find no one to blame for the accident.

J. C. WILLIAMS, }
F. D. BOYER, } Jurors.
C. H. PHELPS, }

J. C. BARRINGER, Coroner, Mahaska county, Iowa.

MOSES STRAUDER.

The jurors, upon their oaths, do say that the said Moses Strauder came to his death by sticking his head into a shaft constructed for the passage of a cage, operated by steam; that at the same instant the cage passed down, and caught Moses Strauder's head between the side of the shaft and cage, and dragging his body into the same, and killing him instantly. We further find, that said accident happened about 6 o'clock P. M., on Friday, June 15, 1883, at mine No. 2, Excelsior Coal Company's mine at Excelsior, Mahaska county, Iowa, and that no one was to blame for the accident.

W. F. MOAK, }
W. B. KETNER, } Jurors.
C. W. JORDON, }

J. C. BARRINGER, Coroner, Mahaska county, Iowa.

The accidents reported above are 2 from explosions of powder, 9 from falls of roof, 3 by being caught between mine cars, 4 by premature blasts, 2 by falling down shafts, and 3 by being caught by the cage. Accidents from falls of roof are in excess of those of any other cause, and are mainly under control of the miners, and a coroner's jury almost always considers a fatal accident from falls of roof or coal unavoidable; but my experience in visiting the mines and examining them in regard to their safety, has forced me to the conclusion that about nine-tenths of the accidents happening in and around the mines, if properly traced to the cause, would prove to be carelessness. We often hear the remark from miners, "I know my roof is bad, and I intend to prop it as soon as I get my coal loaded"; and perhaps before he gets his coal loaded, there is a fall of roof, and he

is badly hurt, or perhaps killed. I have often found rooms in a very dangerous condition, and when I would call the attention of the miner to its condition, the pitt boss would say, "I have told this man three or four times to prop this room." Now I claim that a statement of this kind, from a mining boss, is an acknowledgement of a neglect of his duty; because, if the miner failed to prop his room after being told the first time, then it was the duty of the pitt boss to see that it was done, and that immediately. I take the position that, to a certain extent, the mining boss is responsible for a great many of the fatal accidents about mines. A mining boss is not employed to do the work, but to see that it is done, and if he neglects to perform this duty, he certainly is responsible for any accident that may occur from such failure; and a boss who neglects his duty in regard to the timbering in a mine, fails to understand the responsibility of his position, is not a suitable person to have so many lives under his care, and should be discharged.

In occupations that are regarded as more than ordinarily dangerous, such as coal mining, the very fact of the danger should, it would seem, serve to make workmen more cautious. But what is the truth? How much verification of the theory do we find in the practice of those who follow this occupation? Very often the men who exercise the least care are the men who are old miners. And it seems that the more a man is compelled to face dangers, the less he heeds them, and seems to rely more on his judgment than on timbers for the support of the roof of his working-place.

Some advocate the enactment of laws for the punishment, by imprisonment, or infliction of severe penalties, of those who through carelessness cause loss of life and destruction of property. That is all right so far as it is applicable. But so far as fatal accidents around mines are concerned, the parties who are guilty of the criminal carelessness, are the parties who have suffered.

As long as there are mines, there will be fatal mine accidents; but their number can be lessened by mining bosses taking the same interest in the timbering, and in the general security of the mines, as he is compelled to do in regard to the width of the rooms, and roadways, and the direction they are to be driven.

LABORS OF THE INSPECTOR.

I commenced the work of inspecting the mines of the State in July, 1881, and have been busily engaged ever since in visiting mines to see that the law was being obeyed, when not otherwise employed in office work. And I am glad to be able to say that all the mines in the State, at the present time, comply with the present mining law in every respect, with the exception of ventilation. There has been a great improvement in the ventilation of the mines in the last two years, but still there are some mines that are very poorly ventilated, and cannot be remedied until section ten of the present mining law is amended.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE.

VAN BUREN COUNTY.

This county lies in the southeast corner of the Iowa coal field; although the coal measures extend east into Lee county some distance, the measures are almost entirely barren of coal, while Van Buren county has at least three fourths of the superficial area underlaid by deposits belonging to the coal formation, but a workable coal seam will not be found to extend over more than one half of the territory so underlaid. There are two seams of coal, ranging from two to four feet in thickness. The Des Moines river runs diagonally through the county, from northwest to southeast, and has cut its channel through the coal measures, leaving them exposed in the bluffs on either side, with the exception of one or two places, where a small depression in the lime rock in which a basin of coal has formed, and is still remaining exposed in the river bed. There are several large creeks emptying into the river on either side, that have also cut their channels through the coal measures, and leave the concretionary limestone exposed in their beds, and in fact, the concretionary limestone is exposed in almost every water-course in the county, and outcrops in the bluffs of the Des Moines river, on one or both sides,

almost throughout the entire county. The drift formation of this county presents about the same features as those of other counties, with an average thickness of about sixty feet, while the coal measures will not exceed a thickness of one hundred and thirty feet, and a drill hole two hundred feet in depth will test the coal in any portion of the county, as the lower seam of coal rests directly upon the concretionary limestone, with only from three to six feet of clay and shale between. But owing to the fact that all the water-courses in the county are well supplied with timber, there has never been much development of coal, even for local consumption; and the position of the county in the coal field is such that coal can be mined further north and west cheaper, and have the advantage in transportation; and for this reason the coal of the county has never been extensively developed. The mines that are in operation are to supply the local demand, and are only operated in the winter season, and employ about fifty men.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

This county has about three fourths of its superficial area underlaid with the coal measures, and about one third of the territory so underlaid bears a seam of coal thick enough to work with profit. The most important mining town is Perlee, which is located seven miles north of Fairfield, on the Southwestern Branch of the C., R. I. & P. Railroad, on Walnut creek. One of the mines at this place (the Washington county mine) has been wrought out and abandoned, and at present there is only one mine in operation—that of the Jefferson county mine. This mine has sunk a new air shaft since my last report, put in a furnace, and now has a good current of air traveling through the mine, and are using a single rope, with steam power, to haul the coal to the bottom of the shaft. There have been numerous mines opened in different localities in the county, but none of the coal deposits have proven very extensive. Those at Coalport, about ten miles east of Fairfield, and those at Perlee, have been the most extensive yet developed, but undoubtedly there are others just as good.

Skunk river enters the county at the northeast corner and runs south along the east line to about the middle of the county, and then passes out in a southeast direction into Henry county. Walnut creek starts in Blackhawk township, running east through Penn

and Walnut townships, while Cedar creek enters the county from the west near the middle, passing out near the southeast corner of the county. And on either of the above named creeks and their tributaries, coal is likely to be found in pockets thick enough to be worked with profit, while a large portion of the high lands, on the divide between the creeks, are barren of coal, or so thinned out as to be too thin to work with profit. And the same can be said of the creeks in other portions of the county.

The geological formation of the county shows a drift deposit of about seventy-five feet, while the coal measures are about one hundred and fifty feet; and as the coal lays near the limestone, a drill hole would test the coal any place in the county at three hundred feet.

WAPELLO COUNTY.

The Des Moines river runs diagonally through this county, entering at the northwest corner, and passing out the south-east corner, and has cut its channel through the coal measures, leaving them exposed in the bluffs at either side of the stream. And the same can be said of the creeks emptying into the Des Moines river in this county. In following the creeks from where they empty into the river, the coal measures are exposed for a distance of from six to ten miles from the river before the coal is hidden from view by the overlying stratas and the drift deposits. The county is considered, by some, to be well supplied with coal, but while there are three seams of coal ranging from a few inches to six feet in thickness, like Jefferson county, there is not much uniformity in the thickness, although some very fine deposits of coal, belonging to the second seam, have been developed. The upper seam is sometimes found at a thickness of two and a half feet, and the second seam, the only one of any importance in the county, reaches a thickness, in some localities, of seven feet. While the lower seam, in my opinion, is of no importance, as it is too thin to work with profit in any locality in the county, and, from a careful estimate, I am forced to the conclusion that fully three fourths of Wapello county is barren of coal thick enough to work with profit. On the west side of the river, on Bear creek, the coal is mined at several places, while on the east side of the river, in the vicinity of Kirksville, the C., B. & Q. Railroad Company have opened mines, and have mined and shipped great quantities of coal in the last two years; they have built a railroad to connect the

mines with the main line of their road. They are using steam power for bringing the coal to the surface; one engine brings the coal from two slopes, one on each side of the creek, using a single rope. The mines are ventilated by furnace, and if proper care is given to keeping a fire, there need be no complaint about ventilation. These mines being opened have about doubled the amount of miners in the county, and more than doubled the annual output of coal.

KEOKUK COUNTY.

This county has considerable coal, but like other counties, the coal lays in basins or pockets. A majority of the superficial area is underlaid with the coal formation, but not more than one fourth of the territory so underlaid bears a seam of workable coal. Skunk river runs through the county from west to east, and the concretionary limestone is exposed in several places in the county. And for this reason some supposed that the county had very little coal; but, like Wapello county, while the lower seam is very thin, or entirely wanting, the second seam attains a thickness, in places, of seven and eight feet, and one of the best deposits of coal as yet developed in the State, is the deposit at What Cheer. There has been more coal developed in this county in the last two years than any county in the State; and it has all been in the immediate vicinity of What Cheer. It has only been about four years since the railroad came to What Cheer. Prior to that time, it was only a very small town, with two or three small mines in operation to supply the local trade; but at the present time it is the largest mining town in the State, with twelve mines in operation, having a daily capacity of five thousand tons, and employing about fourteen hundred miners. Shaft A, of the Starr Coal Company, is the oldest shaft in this locality, and its present capacity is about one thousand tons per day, and is one of the best ventilated mines in the State; it is ventilated by an exhaust fan, ten feet in diameter, giving a volume of air of fifty-one thousand cubic feet per minute; there was considerable delay in getting the ventilation of this mine in proper shape. On my last visit, before the fan was put in, I found only thirteen thousand four hundred and forty cubic feet of air per minute, with over two hundred men employed, which was not enough; and in my recommendation to the superintendent, I suggested a fan; but the superintendent, Mr. Gilfoy, is an old mine superintendent, and a good one, but he was prejudiced in favor

of a furnace, and as he never had any experience with a fan, he felt afraid to put one up at his mine for fear it would not give satisfaction; but, as his two mine foremen, William and Sandy Orr, would not talk about any other mode of ventilation, he finally concluded to try one; and after the fan was in place I visited the mine, and found the ventilation good, with a volume of air in circulation of fifty-one thousand cubic feet per minute. As this was the first fan in the What Cheer district, there was considerable interest manifested by other operators to know what the volume of air would be if the fan was run at two hundred revolutions per minute; and on the evening before I left I was requested to make another test, which I willingly consented to do. And when I got to the mine I found almost all the mine superintendents of What Cheer upon the ground, anxious to see what the fan would do. Three cage loads of men went down the shaft; and when the fan was started at two hundred revolutions, the velocity of the air was so great that all the lights were blown out except the lantern which I carried. The result of this test was ninety-one thousand feet per minute, and everybody was satisfied, and none more so than the boss. And now, if there is any deficiency in the ventilation of this mine, it will be the fault of the boss.

The B shaft of the same company, at the time of my last visit, was ventilated by a steam-jet and a temporary furnace, but has since been connected with shaft A underground, and both shafts are ventilated by the fan at shaft A. The underground work of the B shaft is managed by Sandy Orr, and is in good condition, and will compare favorably with any mine in the State in regard to the way the works are laid out, with double entries, and uniformity in size of air-ways; and every portion of the mine seems to be under the immediate supervision of the boss; and if they can make the proper divides in the current of air, since they have connected the two mines, there need be no cause for complaint.

The C shaft was in good condition, in every respect, at the time of my last visit; the mine was ventilated by three steam jets in connection with a temporary furnace, and was the only drawback to the mine, although at the time of my visit there was a good current of air in circulation; it was costing more money than a good fan, and not so reliable; the ventilating apparatus is not in keeping with the other arrangements around the mine. They have a stationary engine

placed down in the mine for hauling the coal to the bottom of the shaft, and everything connected with the shaft, except the ventilating arrangement, is in good repair and of improved pattern.

The Muscatine mine has been opened since my last report, and has had a capacity of six hundred tons per day. The mine is ventilated by a furnace, and the ventilation was good when I last visited the mine, there being one hundred and twenty-seven cubic feet per man per minute.

The Rosetta mine was opened about the same time of the Muscatine mine, and is also ventilated by a furnace, and the ventilation was good at the time of my last visit.

NOTE.—Since taking the notes from which this report is written, there has been considerable change in the management of some of the mines at What Cheer. The Starr Coal Company, who were operating the three shafts known as Starr A, Starr B, and Starr C, have now consolidated with the Rosetta, Muscatine, and Little Giant, under the name of Starr Coal Company, with Samuel Gillfof, superintendent, and their headquarters at Cedar Rapids.

Cory Mine.—This mine was in bad condition in every respect. There were no covers on the cages, no gates on the landings, no escape shaft, and no ventilation. The mine was relying on natural ventilation, except when the pump was running, which, at the time of my visit, was no ventilation at all; but the company have since put down an escape shaft, and complied with the law in other respects.

The Broomhall mine, at the time of my last visit, had only one shaft in operation, but since then have sunk another shaft.

There are several other shafts in operation in this vicinity, but as I will not have space in this report to mention all the mines in the State, I will say that all the mines of What Cheer are opened in good shape, with large air-ways, and have good machinery for handling coal.

MAHASKA COUNTY.

This county has the Des Moines river and both the Skunk rivers running through it. North Skunk enters the county from the north at the center of the north line of the county, and passes out into Keokuk county at the center on the east line.

South Skunk enters the county at the northwest corner, and passes out about seven miles north of the southeast corner of the county, while the Des Moines river enters the county a little south of the center on the west side, and passes out at the center on the south side of the county. All three of these rivers have cut their channels through the coal measures in this county, leaving the measures exposed, or thinly covered, along their banks. And the same can be said of all the larger creeks. The coal measures are exposed for a considerable distance up the creeks from their mouths, and for this reason the geology of the county has been pretty accurately determined; and when the old theory is abandoned, that our Iowa coal lays in one continuous bed from one creek or river to another, then will parties who contemplate going into the coal business, have a better understanding what they will have to do in order to test the land proposed to be bought. The prospecting of the Consolidation Coal Company, in the last two years, has done more toward exploding the old theory (that the Iowa coal lays in one continuous bed) than all the other prospecting that has ever been done in the county, as they discarded the drill, and prospected by sinking shafts, and demonstrated, beyond a doubt, that the coal does lay in troughs or pockets, even in Mahaska county, which, by some, is considered to be the best coal county in the State. There are more mines in this county, with large capacity, than any county in the State, for they have better chances of transportation, and the coal is easy of access, and the Central Iowa Railway could carry the coal direct north into a country entirely destitute of coal; and in fact the mines found a market for their coal before they got it out of the county. This county is the largest coal producing county in the State.

The Excelsior Coal Company's mines, located about two and one half miles south of Oskaloosa, are operated by the M. & St. P. Railroad. The mines are operated by shafts, with Benjamin Wightman, superintendent. The A shaft is ventilated by an exhaust fan, eight feet in diameter, with a volume of air of fifty-five thousand feet, but the leakage allowed the current to escape, so that the mine was poorly ventilated; the fault was with the mining boss, as the number of men employed did not require half that amount of air, if it had been properly conducted; the next day after my visit to the mine George Ramsey took charge of the works as assistant superintendent, and made some changes that were strictly necessary. I have

not visited the mine since, but it has been reported to me that the ventilation has been restored, and I have been requested by the superintendents, Wightman and Ramsey both, to visit the mine, and report its condition; but as I felt confident the sanitary condition of the mine was good, and my duties in other directions were pressing, are the reasons I have not visited the mine since.

Number 2 shaft, of the same company, is ventilated by a Murphy fan, but it was poorly set up, and was not giving as good results as it would have done under other circumstances. The full volume of air was fifty-eight thousand and thirteen feet per minute. The mine was well ventilated, with the exception of the first west entry on the north side of the shaft, and they were making improvements in the way of hanging doors at the time I visited the mine. There was one deficiency in the management of this mine I did not like, and that was the manner of turning their rooms; there was not coal enough left to support the road-ways. I called the attention of the mining boss, and of Joseph Ramsey, who was assistant superintendent at that time, but they claimed it was all right; but since that time the mine took weight, and they have had considerable trouble, and lost several rooms and the entry adjoining. Some of the rooms were very poorly timbered, and in one instance I requested the cars stopped from two men until they timbered their room, which was done as soon as timbers could be put in; I measured the distance from the face of this room, where the men had to work, back to the first timbers, and found it forty-eight feet—about three times the distance that it should be under the most favorable circumstances. The hoisting machinery, at this mine, and in fact, all the arrangements around the mine on the surface are good.

Shaft No. 3 was not in operation at the time of this visit.

Standard Mine.—This mine is located just outside the city limits, west of Oskaloosa, W. A. Durfee, superintendent. The company bought this mine, which had formerly been operated by a slope, and known as the Reams bank, and commenced improving the first of April; and at the time of my visit, in October, the mine had a capacity of five hundred tons per day; and in this time the company had built a railroad switch, sunk a shaft, and made the necessary improvements for a first-class mine. The mine is ventilated with a ten-foot exhaust fan; the volume of air was forty thousand three hundred and fifty-six cubic feet; there was considerable leakage of air through

the stoppings in one or two places that could soon be remedied. There were three ways of escape, but the principal one was through an old slope. There was no one allowed on the cages, therefore they were not covered. The mine was in good condition, and all the outside arrangements complied with the law in every respect.

Acme Mine.—This mine is located just outside the city limits of Oskaloosa, on the southwest, and at the time of my visit was in poor condition. The volume of air was three thousand nine hundred and fifty-five cubic feet per minute, ventilated by steam. There was no escape shaft; I gave the company written notice to provide an escape, which they did inside of twenty days. Since my visit the property has changed hands; it is now officered by H. W. McNeil, as president, and George Bentley, superintendent.

Ellida Mine.—The Ellida mine, of Knoxville Junction, is in good condition, ventilated by a furnace, with a volume of air of thirty thousand cubic feet per minute, and had forty-three miners employed. This is a new slope, and bids fair to make one of the best mines in the State. The coal is brought to the surface by steam power; the thickness of the coal is from four and a half to six feet, and of good quality. The company has abandoned the old slope, as the coal can all be taken out the new slope, which is opened with double entry, and every portion of the mine shows good management. This company has bought the mine belonging to the Knoxville Junction Coal Company. This mine is located about one mile west of Knoxville Junction, and is opened by a slope using steam power, with a capacity of one hundred and sixty tons per day. The works are ventilated with a furnace with a volume of air of five thousand and ninety-six cubic feet per minute. This mine was in poor condition in regard to ventilation, and the slope was poorly timbered; the plan of turning the rooms is a poor one, as they do not leave coal enough to support the roadways; and when a weight comes on the mine the coal will crush and give them trouble. The escape is through the furnace shaft, and is situated one hundred and nine yards from the mouth of the slope.

The Anderson Bros. Mining and Railway Company have a mine situated one mile south of Knoxville Junction; R. C. Anderson, of Monroe, president, and James Anderson, of Oskaloosa, superintendent. They have a capital of \$300,000. The opening is by a shaft; the parties in charge of this shaft located it on the old theory, that

if there was coal in one particular locality on some man's farm, there must be coal under the whole farm; and in this case, like a great many others, it failed; for when they sunk the shaft they failed to find any coal thick enough to work, and they then went where they had found coal with the drill, and sunk a single shaft, and are operating it, driving the underground work so as to connect with the first shaft they sunk; but as the coal dips from the shaft they intend using as a hoisting shaft the coal will have to be drawn up hill and will be expensive. The mine was ventilated by a blower, giving a volume of air of four hundred and twenty cubic feet per minute, and at 4 o'clock the powder smoke was still in the working place of some of the men; in fact the ventilation was poor throughout the mine. There were twenty-three men employed; there was no cover on the cage, no gate on the landing, and the rope was not safe to hoist men and was condemned, but the company put on a new rope in a day or two after my visit. As the law allows the company one year to provide an escape, they reduced the force underground in compliance with that portion of the law. The company was advised to test the locality where they intended sinking the hoisting shaft, with a drill hole, in order to prove the coal, but thought it foolishness, and therefore are not entitled to the sympathy that they would be, under other circumstances.

Burdess Mine.—This mine is located one mile west of Oskaloosa, and at the time of my visit was in a better condition than I ever found it before. On a former visit the mine was in a poor condition; every door in the mine was hung the wrong way, and the ventilation was very poor; but at this time the ventilation was good, with the exception of one place, where a room had fallen in and obstructed the air current; the volume of air was four hundred and thirty-eight feet to the man per minute; but in going through the mine I found some of the rooms very poorly timbered; and in two instances in a very dangerous condition, so much so that I had them timbered while I was present; the miners seemed to prefer to take the chances of losing their lives rather than lose a car of coal.

Mine No. 1, of the Consolidation Coal Company, at Muchakinock, had two hundred miners employed; the volume of air was thirty-two thousand and four feet per minute, divided into two separate parts; one of the divides was admitting too much air, as there were nine thousand four hundred and fifty feet on one divide, where there

were only thirty men, and the first entries were the poorest ventilated; but there was a great improvement over what the mines had ever been before while being ventilated by a furnace, as a volume of air of six thousand cubic feet was all they could furnish with the furnace. The last time I visited this mine, while the furnace was being relied on, the superintendent, Mr. Buxton, went through the mine with the boss and myself, and I pointed out to him what was necessary, and he told me that he would have the ventilation of that mine improved, no matter what the cost would be, and wanted to know if I was sure a fan would do the work; I told him I would insure it if he would put in a fan large enough; and now, since the fan has been provided, all parties are satisfied. There need be no complaint with thirty thousand cubic feet of air per minute, and that volume of air could be increased by increasing the speed of the fan; if there is any deficiency in the ventilation of this mine, it will be the fault of the mining boss in not properly conducting the air to the working place of the miner.

Mine No. 3, of the same company, was in poor condition. The mine was almost wrought out; one of the air-ways had fallen in and obstructed the passage of the air so that the rooms on the first west entries were poorly ventilated; they had turned one of the entries into a room, and the whole mine had an abandoned appearance, and looked as though the boss had been on a visit for some time. The condition of the mine, on all my former visits, had been good, and its present condition was a surprise. The volume of air was thirteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-five feet per minute, and as there were only twenty-three men employed in the mine, the ventilation should have been good.

No. 2, slope, of the same company, was working one hundred and ninety-two miners. The mine was ventilated by a 14-foot force fan; at fifty revolutions per minute the volume of air was forty thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight feet, and at one hundred revolutions the volume increased to eighty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-eight feet. The air-shaft is a circular shaft, nine feet in diameter; the air is forced down this shaft and out at the slope; the reason they use the fan as a force fan is to keep the ice from accumulating in the slope in winter. On a former visit I found this mine in a very poor shape, but now the air-ways are of good size, with doors and stoppings promptly provided, and the mine is in good condition

throughout. They have the best machinery of any slope in the State, using friction drums.

There are several other mines in the county, that work more than fifteen men in the winter season, but they only employ a few men in the summer time, and some are entirely idle.

POWESHIEK COUNTY.

This county has some small mines, operated in winter, to supply local trade, but none of them employ fifteen men, and do not come under the provisions of the mining law.

While a considerable portion of the superficial area of the county is underlaid by the coal measures, there is little hope of finding coal in any quantities, as all the developments in the county go to prove that the coal is limited, and no extensive deposits need be looked for.

JASPER COUNTY.

The largest mine in this county is on the South Skunk river, about three miles above Colfax. There have been a few mines in operation in this locality for several years; two years ago D. S. Couch bought quite a tract of land, and now has a railroad switch out to the mines from Colfax, and is shipping coal on the cars. The coal is from four to six feet in thickness, and of good quality.

The other mines in the county have made no great improvements in the last two years. They are all ventilated by a furnace, or rely on natural ventilation, with the exception of one mine two miles south of Newton, which is ventilated by a fan.

A majority of the superficial area of this county is barren of coal; the most of the coal lies in the southwest portion of the county, on South Skunk river and its tributaries, and the tributaries of the Des Moines river, but not more than the superficial area of one township is underlaid with coal of a workable thickness.

MARSHALL COUNTY.

This county is on the eastern edge of the Iowa coal field, and has but one mine in operation, and, in my opinion, will never be much of a coal producing county. Although over one half of the superficial area of the county is underlaid with the coal measures, a large portion of the area is barren of coal, and in fact the pockets of coal are so small, and the cost of prospecting, sinking, and pumping water so great that, in my opinion, the experiment would be a doubtful one.

There is a possibility of finding coal any where west of the Iowa river in this county, by drilling three hundred feet or less, but the pockets of coal being so small, and the territory to be prospected so large, so many holes would have to be drilled before coal would be found, that the cost would over-run the profit, as railroad transportation can supply coal from the mines further south cheaper than it can be mined in this county.

HARDIN COUNTY.

This county has several small mines, located along the Iowa river, but none are operated extensively. Some employ as many as twenty men in the winter season that are entirely idle in the summer time. This county, like Marshall county, will never be much of a coal producing county, for the reason that coal can be brought from the mines further south for less money than it can be produced in Hardin county, except in a few places on the Iowa river in the vicinity of Eldora.

HAMILTON COUNTY.

This county is not a very large coal producing county. All the mines are located along the Boone river, and none of them are operated extensively, and some are entirely idle in the summer season. This county has more coal than Hardin or Marshall counties, but its position in the county is such that railroad transportation could not be had, and the mines have been operated exclusively for local trade. Webster and Marion townships contain some good pockets of coal; in places a thickness of four feet, which is exposed in the bluffs of Boone river in Webster township, a short distance above the confluence of the Boone with the Des Moines river.

WEBSTER COUNTY.

This county is quite a large coal producing county, and has the most mines of any county in the northern part of the State. The seam of coal worked varies in thickness from three to five feet, although in places it reaches a thickness of eight feet.

The Ft. Dodge Coal Company is operating two mines at Coalville, seven miles below Ft. Dodge. Both mines are operated by shafts, and are ventilated by fans. The coal at the new shaft crops out but a short distance from the shaft, and one of the entries driven to day affords an escape for the men, and a traveling way for the mules, in and out of the mine. The outside improvements comply with the

requirements of the mining law, but at the time of my last visit to these mines, I was so troubled with rheumatism, that I was unable to visit the inside workings of the mines.

Craig Mines.—The Craig mines are located at Kalo, on a branch of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad. They have two mines in operation—one slope and one drift. Both mines are ventilated by a furnace, and at the time of my last visit to the mines, the ventilation of the mine was very poor; and as I had given them notice of the condition of their mines prior to this visit, I instituted legal proceedings against the company; but sixty-two of the miners concluded the ventilation was good enough; at least they made oath to that effect, and the judge refused to grant the injunction. I considered the mines in a dangerous condition, especially the slope mine, as there was no place in the mine where there was air enough to turn the wheel of an anemometer; and I found men working where one man had to hold two lamps, with the blaze of the two close together, so as to make a light for his partner to work; and in one instance I could not get within twenty or thirty feet of where the men were working, with a single light, on account of the carbonic acid gas; but sixty-two of the miners made oath that the ventilation was sufficient for all the requirements of the mine. Why men would do such a thing to defeat a law, made for their protection, I shall leave for the reader to imagine.

Standard Mine.—This mine is located on a branch of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad, between the two mines of the Craig Coal Company. The mine is opened by a slope, using steam power for hauling the coal. The mine is ventilated by a furnace, but at the present time the mine is idle.

There are several other mines in this vicinity, that come under the mining law, which only employ a few men in the summer time.

Lehigh.—The Crooked Creek Coal and Railway Company have a mine located on Crooked creek, about one mile south, and down the river, from Lehigh, which they are operating on the long-wall system, ventilated by a furnace. This company own the railroad from Judd, a station on the Illinois Central railroad, to Lehigh, a distance of eight miles. They have been prospecting considerably the past year, and, I understand, intend sinking two shafts to a seam of coal below the one they are now operating.

Reem's Mine is located on Crooked creek, about one half mile above the mine of the railway company. This mine has the railroad track extended to the dump, which will facilitate the shipping of coal. The mine was almost idle at the time of my visit, in June, only employing a few men driving entry.

Cory Mine was only employing a few men, driving entry and preparing for the fall run.

All the other mines were idle.

The Des Moines river runs through this county, entering the county about the middle of the north line, and passing out about two and one half miles west of the southeast corner of the county. The sub-carboniferous limestone is exposed in the river at Ft. Dodge, and for several miles above, which, together with the disturbed condition of the overlying stratas, indicate an upheaval. In passing down the river from Ft. Dodge, the coal measures present a good view, and will lead to the impression that Webster is one of the best coal counties in the State; but, upon careful investigation, that idea will be abandoned, although it contains more coal than Marshall, Hardin, and Hamilton counties combined. The outcropping of the coal in the bluffs of the Des Moines river and its tributaries, on both sides of the river, show a remarkable uniformity in the thickness of the coal at the cropping, and these surface indications can be found at a considerable distance from each other, so that from a surface view, it would seem almost certain that this is but the outcropping of an extensive coal field; but, upon close examination, it will be found that the whole field in this county is confined to the immediate vicinity of the Des Moines river, and is made up of small pockets of coal that do not extend any distance with uniformity. In a great many places, where the coal outcrop is four feet in thickness, on opening a mine the coal will dip, as they advance into the hill, and increase in thickness until, perhaps, a thickness of six or seven feet is reached in a distance of seventy-five yards or less, when the floor of the coal will commence to elevate, and the coal getting gradually thinner until it becomes too thin to work, or is wanting altogether; and as the coal loses its thickness back in the hill, the roof gets poorer, until the clay, and sometimes sand, comes down onto the coal. And every indication about the mines goes to prove that the coal does not extend any distance back from the river or creeks in this county, and should a pocket of coal be found any distance back

from the river, the indications are that the roof would be very poor, or that such a thin strata of slate would be found between the coal and the sand and water that the coal could not be recovered.

BOONE COUNTY.

This county lies within the limit of the coal field, and coal has been mined extensively for several years at Boonsboro and Moingona; and in the last two years there have been extensive developments at Angus, in the southwest corner of the county. The Des Moines river runs through the county from north to south, entering the county two miles west of the center, and passing out about three miles east of the center at the south. There are two seams of coal being mined in this county. The lower seam lays about on a level with the bed of the river at Boonsboro, while the other seam lays above and separated by about eight feet of soapstone. The upper seam is adapted for long-wall work, and should be the first mined, but it is generally left until after the lower seam is wrought out, and in that way both seams are expensive to work.

This county, like Webster, has considerable coal, but it is mostly confined to the locality of the streams; and prospecting on the high lands, between the streams, will be attended with considerable uncertainty, and should coal be found back any distance from its out cropping, there is danger that there will not be sufficient roof over the coal to admit of its being mined.

There are mines in the northeast corner of the county at Zanorsville; these mines are on Squaw creek, a tributary of Skunk river, and have been in operation for several years; relying altogether on the local trade, and doing very little in the summer season.

The mines around Boonsboro and at Moingona have made no great improvements since my last report, but the general security of the mines is good, and the ventilation is gradually improving.

The Northwestern Coal Company have abandoned their old shaft, and have sunk and are operating a shaft about three fourths of a mile down the railroad track from the old shaft; they put in new machinery, and every thing is now in good condition.

Angus.—There has been considerable change at this place in the last two years. In my last report I could only report one mine, but since that time there have been three more shafts sunk, at which they are now hoisting coal, besides one sunk by the Standard Coal

Company; after the shaft was completed, they found that there was not roof enough to admit of working the coal, which was quite a misfortune, as the shaft was put down under disadvantages, they having to contend with about twenty feet of quicksand and water that had a pressure sufficient to raise the water sixty feet above the level of the sand.

The Climax Company sunk their No. 2 shaft about one half mile north of their old shaft, in the same basin of coal, and have been operating extensively, putting more coal on the market than any mine in the county, but have now almost exhausted the basin of coal, so that they are moving the dump, building and machinery of the old shaft to where they intend sinking another shaft, about two miles southwest of the present site; and what coal is left will be taken out at the new shaft. These two mines are ventilated by an exhaust fan, but the ventilation for the past year has been poor. The volume of air at any time has been sufficient to ventilate the mines, but the men in charge underground have not attended to their work; instead of building stoppings and drawing back old stumps of pillars, and finishing the mine as they went along as they should have done, all the old works were left standing open, and the accumulation of gas all through the old was at liberty to mix with the current, until there was poor air all through the mine; but all the machinery, and everything on the surface was in good condition. The volume of air for this mine was thirty-one thousand one hundred and forty cubic feet per minute.

Eagle Mine.—This company has just lately commenced to operate in this locality; it is the same company that own the Excelsior mines of Mahaska county, and their coal is shipped on the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. The railroad has made an arrangement with the Des Moines & Ft. Dodge road, whereby they are permitted to run their cars to within a short distance of their mine, where the coal company start a switch and run to their mine, and extend on into Greene county to the Keystone and Armstrong Bros.' mines. The mine of the Eagle Coal Company was well advanced with the underground work at the time of my visit, for the time they had been working, but the ventilation was not good; they were just putting the engine in place to run the blower for ventilating the mine. They were sinking the second shaft about one half mile east of the one they were operating, and were driving an entry, aiming to have the entry connect with the new shaft by the time the shaft was completed.

GREENE COUNTY.

The Standard Coal Company have a mine at Angus, just west of the county line about two hundred yards. This mine was opened by the Keystone Coal Company, but is now owned and operated by the Standard Company. The coal is shipped on the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad. The mine is ventilated by a fan, so constructed as to be used as a force or an exhaust. There is considerable underground work opened out, and at the time of my visit (although the mine was idle) everything was being put in good shape.

Keystone Mine.—The Keystone Coal Company have two mines. They have, until last spring, been compelled to haul their coal in wagons to the cars, a distance of over two miles, but now they have a railroad switch, put in by the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, to their mines, which will be a great benefit to them, as it is often the case that when the coal trade is good the wagon roads are so bad it is impossible to haul coal; but now that difficulty is overcome, and this coming winter they may be expected to double their former winter output. Their Snake creek mine is located about two miles west of Angus; they have provided an escape shaft at this mine, but are still relying on natural ventilation.

Armstrong Brothers have a mine located about two miles west of Angus, on Snake creek, and about one half mile south of the Snake creek mine; they now have the railroad track to their mine. They have their escape shaft completed, but are still relying on natural ventilation, which is not sufficient for the requirements of the mine.

Carpenter Brothers have a mine still further down the creek, and there are several more about three miles west, on the Coon river, but they are all relying on the local trade, and do not have much work, only in the winter season.

The extension of the railroad switch, out to Snake creek, may open up a good many mines, as there is a great amount of prospecting going on, and the depth to the coal, any place on this prairie, is not much over one hundred feet at most, and the cost of sinking is not very great, provided they do not encounter sand and water.

The Climax Coal Company have had men prospecting in this territory for the last six months, looking for a good location to sink a shaft, so as to have it ready for operation by the time their shaft at Angus is wrought out.

This coal field is made up of small pockets of coal; or rather, it is one large deposit that has, in places, been washed away by an ancient

water channel, which ran over the coal marsh, and which cut down through the accumulation from which the coal is formed, and leaving a deposit of sand in its place. In places it has only washed away the roof, and has left the coal its full thickness, but without sufficient roof between the coal and sand to admit of the coal being worked with any degree of safety to the miner, as there is such a pressure of water that should a fall occur, the water would flood the workings before the underground force could escape.

DALLAS COUNTY.

There have been no new mines of any importance opened in this county since my last report

The mine of the Chicago and Van Meter Coal Company, located at Van Meter, have provided an escape shaft at their mine, and are now working a full force of men. They have put in a fan for ventilating the mine, and have changed their plan of working from room and pillar to long-wall work, which I consider a very profitable change, both for operators and miners, as the coal is about three feet in thickness, and can be worked with more profit by the long-wall system than any other way; and the same can be said of a great many other mines where they are working thin coal by the room and pillar plan.

POLK COUNTY.

The coal product of this county has increased considerably in the last two years, although considerable coal is brought from other localities. Some of the coal mined in Warren county is consumed in the city, while the Red Rock Coal and Mining Company, of Marion county, are making extensive preparations for handling their coal here in the city.

All the mines of any note in this county are concentrated close to the city, and some are within the city limits. There are three seams of coal being mined in this county, but the majority of the mines are working the second seam, which will average a thickness of four feet. The upper seam is about two feet, while the lower seam reaches a thickness in places of six feet.

Pioneer Mine.—This mine, at the time of my last visit, was working forty men, with a volume of air of fourteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-two feet. They have abandoned their furnace, and have put up a force fan to ventilate the mine. Some portions of the

mine were poorly ventilated, as the men were working too far in advance of the air; but they were trying to connect two entries, and when that is accomplished, they would shorten the distance the air has to travel, and have the current at the working place of the men.

Eureka Mine.—This mine had seventy-one miners, with a volume of air of thirteen thousand nine hundred and twenty-six feet per minute. When my last report was made, this mine was working the second seam, but they have since sunk their shaft deeper, and are now working the lower seam. I found the same old difficulty, usually met with in the mines of Des Moines, of small break-throughs between rooms and entries.

Polk County Mine.—This mine was working one hundred and two miners, with a volume of air of thirteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-six feet per minute, and was well conducted to the working place of the men; and, taking into consideration that the air in this mine had to be carried by a board brattice for a considerable distance, there was very little leakage. The boss intends making some changes, so as to do away with the board brattice above referred to; as the mine now stands, it is in the best condition, as regards ventilation, of any mine in the county, considering the number of men employed.

Eclipse Mine was working twenty men, with a volume of air of eleven thousand seven hundred and sixty cubic feet per minute. The mine is ventilated by a fan, and the current of air is divided into separate splits, or divides, by using over-casts, and the men on each pair of cross-entries are given fresh air from the intake. If this plan of ventilation was in general use, it would be more satisfactory to the miners, without being any detriment to the operator.

Giant No. 2 were working one hundred men, with a volume of air of twenty-six thousand cubic feet. The air is divided into two currents at the bottom of the shaft; the west side of the mine had nineteen thousand one hundred and fifty-two cubic feet of air per minute with fifty-seven men employed; the air on this side of the mine is well conducted to the men; while the east side had six thousand eight hundred and forty-eight cubic feet of air, with forty-three men. On the east side of the mine I found the doors and stoppings in poor condition; so much so that the six thousand eight hundred and forty-eight feet of air was reduced to fourteen hundred and sixty-five feet

before reaching the men; the boss gave, as an excuse, that there was one door open which he had forbidden any one going through; that of course, accounts for the door; but if the door had been shut, the full volume for the east side of the mine could not have been taken to where the men were working, on account of the faulty stoppings. The mine is ventilated by a fan, which can be used as an exhaust or force fan, and the impression with a good many bosses is, that if they can only get their company to put up a good fan for ventilation, then their troubles as a mine boss are at an end, and they pay no attention to making stoppings, or looking after the doors to see if they are kept in good repair; and before they are aware of it, the men are as poorly off for ventilation as they were before they had the fan.

Giant Mine No. 1 was working sixty-three men, with a volume of air of fifteen thousand four hundred cubic feet per minute; but the stoppings and doors were poorly looked after, as there was a leakage of air, before any of the men were reached with the current, of seven thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine feet per minute. They have abandoned the second vein, and have sunk the shaft deeper, and are now working the lower seam.

Standard Mine.—This company was not looking for the inspector, and had neglected to build a fire in the furnace. There were forty miners employed. The underground works were in good condition to be well ventilated, if the proper care was given to the furnace. On a former visit to this mine, I found the covers on the cages and gates on the landings, but they had taken them off to make some repairs about the shaft, and had neglected to put them on again; they are now on and the mine is in fair condition.

Miller Mine.—This mine has only been in operation about eight months, and on my first visit I found they were working thirty men without the second opening. They were relying on natural ventilation, which at the time of my visit (which was in warm weather), was no ventilation, as there was no place in the mine where the current of air would turn the anemometer. I notified the company of the condition of the mine, requesting covers put on the cage, gates on the landing, and that the force be reduced to twenty men in compliance with the mining law. And by request of the superintendent I visited the mine again in about ten days, and found they had reduced the underground force to eighteen men and had put a gate on

the landing and a cover on the cage, but had failed to provide ventilation. The superintendent of this mine at that time claimed that a man who could not ventilate a mine working eight hundred men with natural ventilation, no matter about the season of the year, was thirty years behind the times. I asked him to explain to me how he intended to accomplish his object, he said "that is a secret," but I calculated to learn how it was done, and have something for this report that no other mine inspector ever had, but before he got his plans perfected the company employed another superintendent to take charge of the mine, and I am afraid I shall never be able to find out how he intended to ventilate the mine even, with twenty men. There are a great many other mines in the county, some of which employ in the winter season over twenty men, but as they do not have railroad transportation for their coal they are almost entirely idle in the summer time.

WARREN COUNTY.

This county does not produce very much coal, for the reason that the railroads do not run through the county in the right direction to give them a market without coming in competition with other mines, north or south, where the coal is thicker and can be put on the market cheaper than Warren county coal.

Lumsdon Bros. have a mine at Summerset, where they mine considerable coal. They have abandoned the shaft they were operating at the time of making my last report and have sunk a shaft two hundred yards farther down the river. The Watson Coal Company have a mine at Ford, on the A., K. & D. Branch of the C., B. & Q. R. R., opened by a slope, while there are five or six other mines that work considerable force in the winter season.

MARION COUNTY.

This county has not made any great improvement in the last two years in the coal out-put, although the Red Rock Coal & Mining Company are making preparations to have one of the largest mining plants in the State. They have bought about four thousand five hundred acres of land in the vicinity of Dunreath, a station on the Wabash railroad, and are now opening mines, preparing for the winter trade. They have three mines now being opened, two slopes and one drift, and are pushing the work as fast as they can. While at

Swan there is a mine operated by a shaft using steam power, that is shipping considerable coal. Flagler is still the largest producing point in the county, as Flagler, Oak Hill, James mine of Knoxville, and the Swan mine, were the only mines in the county that had railroad transportation for their coal before the Red Rock Coal & Mining Company commenced operations on the Wabash railroad. This county although not the heaviest producer in the State undoubtedly has the heaviest coal deposit of any county in the State. As before stated, Flagler is the largest producing point in the county, although at Marysville, a small town on South Cedar creek, in the southeast corner of the county, there are several mines in operation that haul their coal in wagons to the railroad stations, a distance of two and three miles. All the mines on Cedar creek in this county but two, are operated by drifts, and the two shafts are only about forty feet in depth. On White Breast creek, in the west part of the county, the coal is exposed in the bluffs, and at a point about three miles north of Knoxville, a four foot seam of coal is exposed for a considerable distance, and at Coalport on the Des Moines river, about two miles below the mouth of White Breast creek, there are two seams of coal exposed in the river bank above the level of the river; while on the north side of the Des Moines river the coal is exposed in several places along the bank of the river, and the creeks emptying into the river in Red Rock and Perry townships shows the coal exposed in their banks for a considerable distance up from the river. There are mines in almost every township in the county.

MONROE COUNTY

Produces considerable coal. On the line of the Iowa Central railway are two mines.

Hickory Grove Mine is operated by a shaft; they employ from twenty to sixty men; the mine is ventilated by a fan that gives a good current of air, and if properly conducted, sufficient to ventilate the mine.

Coalfield.—The mines at Coalfield are opened by drifts. The old Black Diamond mines have been in operation for several years, and are about wrought out. The Moss bank is still in good condition, with plenty of territory yet to mine.

Eureka Mine is located at Frederick, a station on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, and is operated by a shaft, ventilated

by a furnace, with a volume of air of five thousand cubic feet. Since making my last report, this company have made considerable improvement in the way of getting their coal to the railroad track, by putting in an incline, which cost considerable money, but will facilitate the handling of their coal.

The Avery Coal and Mining Company have abandoned the shaft they were working at the time of making my last report, and have moved their machinery and railroad track, and are now operating a mine in Smoky Hollow, and are still using the small engine for hauling coal to the side track on the main line at Avery. This mine is now owned by Morgan Bros.

There has been another coal company organized under the name of the Avery Coal Company, that bought and leased quite an amount of land in this locality, but have never done much, as they soon got into a lawsuit with the Avery Coal and Mining Company about the right of way for the road down the hollow, which has been detrimental, not only to the coal companies, but to the locality.

The Smoky Hollow Mine is in good condition, with a good volume of air, and if the litigation above referred to could be settled, and the railroad track extended farther down the hollow, it would be a great benefit, not only to the parties who own the road, but to those who own mines, as there are several mines in the hollow, and often the work depends more on the condition of the roads than on the condition of the market, as some of the coal has to be hauled in wagons a distance of two or three miles.

Albia Coal Company's Mine is located about three miles west of Albia, on the main line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. They employ from fifty to one hundred and fifty miners. The mine is ventilated by a furnace of thirty-six cubic feet capacity, and gives a volume of air of thirty-eight thousand two hundred and twenty cubic feet per minute—the largest current of air of any furnace in the State—a sufficient amount to ventilate the mine, if properly conducted to the working place of the miner.

Great Western Mine is located about one half mile northeast of the Albia mine, and has not been in operation one year. They are now getting in condition to handle considerable coal. The mine is in charge of Martin Hicks, who had charge of the Hickory Grove mine at the time of making my last report, and who provided the best escape shaft for the Hickory Grove mine of any mine in the

State, and has promised to furnish one just as good for the mine they are now working.

At the time of making my last report there were two other mines in this vicinity, known as the Cedar mines, but they are now both abandoned; not because the coal was all recovered, but because the underground works were so poorly managed that they could not work any longer. I believe that one half of the coal, in the territory mined over, is still in the hill, but can never be recovered. And the same might be said of a great many other mines in the State, that fully one half of the coal is left when the mine is abandoned.

LUCAS COUNTY.

There is only one mining town in this county of any importance; that is Cleveland, located seven miles west of Chariton.

No. 1 Mine, of the White Breast Coal and Mining Company, is the first mine that was opened at this place. The mine is ventilated by a force fan that gives a volume of air of forty-eight thousand cubic feet per minute; but the current is not very well conducted to the miner, as there are places in the mine where the ventilation is not good. The company have put in machinery for hauling the coal underground. There is a stationary engine placed on the surface, and the rope extends down the shaft and back into the mine three thousand feet, and is what is termed the tail rope system; it gives good satisfaction, increasing the capacity of the mine, and decreasing the expenses, and doing away with so many mules and drivers at the bottom of the shaft.

B Shaft, of the same company, is located one half mile east of No. 1; is ventilated by a fan; at the time of my visit the ventilation was not good, on account of the current of air passing through a great many old works, and being loaded with carbonic acid gas before reaching the men; if the current of air had been reversed, then the ventilation would have been good; but Mr. Phillips, the superintendent, said he did not like to make the change, as he would soon abandon the old works, and they were compelled to use a force fan in the winter season, and the changing of the doors all through would cause more expense than was necessary, but said he would finish the old works as soon as possible. All the outside improvements, including machinery, are in good condition, and the laying out of the underground works is first-class, as this mine has a daily capacity of about twelve hundred tons.

Chariton Shaft is located at Cleveland, one mile northwest of the White Breast mines. This shaft is three hundred and forty feet deep, the deepest shaft in the State. This property was once owned by a co-operative company, but that company was overcome with water, and about eighteen months ago the Chariton Coal Company bought the property, and have since sunk a new shaft, and are using the old one as an escape and air-shaft. Their engines are run on first motion on a drum seven feet in diameter, which gives their cages the quickest motion of any cages in the State. The mine is ventilated by an exhaust fan, fourteen feet in diameter. They have had considerable trouble to contend with in the shape of water, and the coal, for some distance from the shaft, had a great deal of rock; but they now have their pumps so they can take care of the water, and have driven into good coal, and expect to be able to handle considerable coal this coming winter.

DAVIS COUNTY

Has considerable coal, but it is undeveloped, owing to its position in the coal field; as coal in the counties north and west can be mined as cheaply as in this county, and have the advantage in transportation, as the coal mined in this county is compelled to seek a market west or north. There are not as many exposures in this county as in Van Buren, as almost all the exposures are in the Soap and Salt creek valleys.

APPANOOSE COUNTY

Has a seam of coal averaging about three feet in thickness, and it extends with more uniformity in thickness than the coal of any other county. The coal of this county that is now being mined belongs to the middle coal measures, and is a good quality for domestic purposes.

Centerville is the center of the mining industry of the county. There are several mines in operation in and around the town; within a radius of two miles there are eight mines.

The system adopted in this county of operating their mines is not suitable to the coal, which is the best suited for long-wall work of any coal in the State, and should be worked that way. The trouble of getting plenty of building material, often met with in other localities, would never be met with here, as there are about eight inches of roof that will come with the coal, which would be sufficient for

all building material for long-wall work; but in the present system, this roof is quite a hinderance and expense.

The Cobb Mine has made some improvements since my last report, such as providing a traveling way between the two shafts, and getting a little shape to the underground works; but the most sensible move they have made (and one I recommended two years ago) is in making arrangements to sink a new hoisting shaft, and abandon the old shaft as a hoisting shaft, and use it as an air and escape shaft. The old works are opened without system, and have been operated by so many different persons that no one could tell what he would have to contend with in the advancement of his underground works, as there have never been any surveys made, or measurements kept, of the old works. They had put in a fan for ventilating the mine, but at the time of my visit, the steam connection with the fan engine was broken, and the fan was not running, and the fifteen hundred cubic feet of air per minute was produced by natural ventilation. I hope, when they complete the new shaft, they will profit by past experience.

Henderson's Mine is located about one mile west of Centerville; they had twenty-eight miners employed, with a volume of air of eight thousand eight hundred and eighty cubic feet per minute; but the position of the doors in the mine was such that all the air in America could not reach the east side of the mine, and the ventilation was not good any place in the mine. They were running the mine without a boss, that being considered too expensive. I requested the building of two stoppings, the erection of an extra door, and the changing of the position of another door, which the superintendent said he would have done immediately. The company have put up a fan, and I would like to give a description of it, but am not at liberty to do so, as the inventor has applied for a patent, and does not want the merits of his invention to go before the public until after he receives his patent.

Diamond Mine.—No. 1 mine of this company is located in the east edge of Centerville, and is only employing ten men. There is an injunction on the mine, that was put on two years ago, on account of the company refusing to provide an escape shaft; and the company still refuse to sink one, and as the penalty for non-compliance is a reduction of the force, they have complied with the law; but I can not see that the men who work in the mine are benefitted any by such

compliance. I have been requested by the company to withdraw the injunction, giving as their reason, that they never intend employing over ten men at one time; but this I shall never do until they provide an escape shaft. I consider the mine in its present condition very unsafe in the winter season, on account of the danger from fire, as the building over the shaft is connected with the office, in which is kept a stove, and adjoining the office is the hay barn, and should a fire occur, the combustion would be so rapid that the gin could not be used, and what men would be in the mine would stand a very poor chance to escape suffocation.

Mine No. 2, of the Diamond Coal Company, is a new mine, and is located about one mile and a half east of Centerville, on the line of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, and at the time of my visit complied with the mining law. But the system of opening out the mine will give them trouble in the future, and is no benefit to them at the present time, as they were driving double cross-entries, and could just as well turn rooms off both cross-entries as off of one; they were turning rooms off of the main entry, which should never be done, as it weakens the entry pillar, which is a support for the main entry, and makes an extra expense of keeping the stoppings in good repair, and a great deal of trouble to keep up a parallel airway with the main entry.

Mine No. 4 of the Watson Coal Company is located about one mile south of Centerville, and was not running at the time of my last visit, as the dump-building and engine-house had burned down, but they were rebuilding and were intending to commence operations again soon. The fire at this mine was supposed to be work of an incendiary, as the mine had been idle for quite a while on account of a strike of the miners.

There are several other mines located in the immediate vicinity of Centerville, that work over twenty men in the winter season, but are operated about the same as the mines already described.

Co-operative Mine is located at Brazil, seven miles west of Centerville, on the Shenandoah branch of the Wabash railroad. They employ from ten to forty men. The mine is ventilated by a furnace.

At the time of making my last report this mine was opened by a shaft, but they have since abandoned the shaft and operated by a slope, but the coal is still hoisted by horse power. The inside works

were in better condition than I had ever found them, and the current of air was fairly distributed through the mine.

Walnut Coal Company's Mine is located at Brazil, and is operated by a slope. At the time of my last visit the ventilation was not good; the full volume of air was sufficient to give a good current of air all through the mine, but the doors and stoppings were in a very poor condition. On a former visit to this mine I found it in good condition, with the volume of air conducted to the working place of all the men. They had just completed the furnace, and everything about the mine indicated careful attention, and at that time was pronounced the best ventilated mine in the county; and its condition at the last visit was a surprise. I called the attention of the boss to the deficiencies and pointed out what I considered necessary to make the mine conform to the provisions of the law; and he promised that my suggestions should be carried out.

Rimby's Mine is located about one half mile south of Brazil station; is operated by a drift; ventilated by a furnace, with a volume of air of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four cubic feet. There were twenty-six men employed. The boss was having some changes made in the track, and gave that as a reason for the doors being in such poor condition, and promised to change them as soon as the track was completed.

James Johns has a mine at Numa, employing about twenty-five men. He has abandoned the old shaft as a hoisting shaft and is operating the new shaft, using the old as an air and escape shaft.

There are mines in several other localities that in the winter season come under the provision of the mining law, but are operated about as those above described.

WAYNE COUNTY

Does not produce much coal at present, but will in the near future, as they have lately discovered coal at Corydon, the county seat. The record of the hole can be found by referring to that portion of this report. The largest mine in the county at the present time is the Landers mine, located about half way between Kniffin and Allerton, on the Southwestern branch of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad. The mine is operated exclusively for local trade, and employ in the winter season from twenty to thirty men, but have been

compelled to reduce the force on account of not complying with the mining law, by not furnishing an escape shaft.

□ There was a shaft sunk at Seymour, on the same railroad, in the east edge of the county. The men who done the prospecting reported coal over three feet in thickness, at a depth of two hundred and ten feet, but when the shaft was down that depth they found there was no coal thick enough to work; which shows that men who are prospecting do not always understand their work, and demonstrates the fact that too much care cannot be exercised in sinking shafts for coal in this State.

UPPER COAL MEASURES.

The counties of Page, Taylor, Adams, and Cass have mines operating in the coal of the upper coal measures. Some of the mines are worked room and pillar, but a majority of the mines are worked on the long-wall plan. The coal in this locality is very limited, being confined principally to the Nodaway river and its tributaries, and has a gradual elevation going north, or up the river, corresponding with the elevation of the surface, as coal is about the same elevation above the river in all the counties above referred to.

All the mines in this coal is worked on a cheap plan, the miner pushing his coal to the bottom of the shaft. And some of the companies make their calculations to sink a new hoisting shaft every summer, as the coal is only about eighteen inches thick, and in one winter they advance the underground works so far from the bottom of the shaft, and as the coal in places is so near the surface, they consider it cheaper to sink a new shaft than to take down the roof and make the road ways high enough to admit a mule; the distance is too great, and the height is not sufficient, for men to push a loaded car to the bottom of the shaft.

MINING ECONOMY.

By reading this report it will be found that I have given my views in regard to the mineral resources of the different counties. I am well aware that a great many differ from me, and I admit that both our geological reports advance a different theory from what I do, but future development will settle this question. My conclusions have been formed after careful observations, made while visiting the mines of the different counties, and if my conclusions are correct the duty of mining companies are clearly pointed out, and that it is necessary that *economy* should be practical in the management of our mines. Under our present system not more than one half of the coal is recovered, and it is high time that we abandon our present wasteful system for one of more economy.

Mine economy does not consist entirely in getting the coal mined cheaply. There are several objects to be taken into consideration under this head. The first and most important thing is to ascertain if you have any coal to mine. This may seem to be a statement entirely unnecessary, as no one would be so foolish as to undertake to open a coal mine where there was no coal. Of course no one would commence to open a mine unless he thought he had coal of sufficient thickness to work with profit. But there are several instances in the State where, after the shaft has been sunk, they found that there was no coal. The opinion of a great many are that if A has coal under his farm, that as a matter of fact B must have, as B's land joins A's. Then some reason in this way: There is A, he has found coal on the south side of some creek, and of course B can find coal on the opposite side, on or about the same level on which A found his coal. Then again some reason in this way: A has opened a coal mine on some small creek, and the coal increases in thickness as he advances with his underground operations, and as a matter of fact the coal (according to their theory) extends through under the hill, and as B owns land on the opposite side of the divide, all B has to do is to sink a shaft down near the level of A's coal, and go to work and open a mine of his own. Now, the theories above described should be abandoned, and the sooner they are the better it will be for a great many. This supposing the case is very often expensive business, very seldom profitable, and should never be relied on. Land should be thoroughly prospected before any money is laid

out in hoisting machinery, or in sinking hoisting shafts. This may be done by putting down drill holes, and should the first drill hole strike coal, put down other holes until the limit of the deposit is well defined, and by keeping the level of the different holes, the dip or lowest places in the coal is found before commencing to sink a hoisting shaft; and in no case is it economy to commence sinking a hoisting shaft until after there has first been a drill hole put down on the site where you have located the hoisting shaft.

Some may think strange that I would recommend the putting down of a drill hole when they intend sinking a shaft immediately, but my reasons are these: Our coal measures are subject to faults. Sometimes these faults occur in the coal, and sometimes in the measures over the coal; and a drill hole in any particular locality is no test for a locality fifty feet distant; and it is economy to know just what kind of material the shaft has got to be sunk through, and if a fault is encountered with the drill hole, that site should be abandoned and the company would not be at very much expense; but if the shaft was put down and encountered a fault in the coal, or the measures over the coal at the bottom of the shaft, there would be extra expense; and if the fault should occur in the roof, it would be very expensive timbering away from the bottom of the shaft, where the double width cannot be avoided, and requires large timbers overhead. Several instances of this kind have come under my observation in this State, where the precaution above referred to was not taken, thereby entailing on the company an enormous expense that could have been avoided. And when either of these troubles above referred to are met with, the site should be abandoned, as coal can be mined successfully where it would not be economy to sink a hoisting shaft, but by prospecting until the dip of the coal is found, then the trouble above referred to is never found in this State.

There is another item of economy by sinking in the dip, and that is *mine drainage*, which is of great importance in the economy of mine management, for if the hoisting shaft is located where the mine water will run to the bottom of the shaft, then a sump, or place for its lodgment, can be provided, and the water can be pumped out of the mine whenever necessary; but should the works dip from the bottom of the hoisting shaft, then it is continually in the way of the miner at his working face in the coal, and has to be hauled in water cars to the bottom of the shaft, or some place provided for its lodgment,

and it is more expensive to handle a car of water than a car of coal; it not only takes the same time and the same power to get it to the bottom of the shaft, but it makes a muddy road, which is more liable to get out of repair than if it is kept dry.

Then the hauling of the coal up hill to the shaft is a continual drawback to the mine output, requiring more mules and more drivers, and all this extra expense takes from the profit of the mine. And where the surface is such that a hoisting shaft can possibly be located in the dip of the coal, without too much expense in putting in side tracks and outside improvements, it should always be done; but sometimes the lay of the land on the surface is such that you are compelled to sink the shaft away from the dip; and in that case the underground works should be pushed forward as rapidly as possible until the dip is reached, when a sump or lodgement for the water should be provided, or water shaft should be sunk; and in that way the difficulty with the water could be overcome.

Another trouble often met with in some localities in this State, is sand and water, sometimes a thickness of from five to sixty feet, extending down to within a few feet of the coal. If the sand is fifty or sixty feet in thickness, and only five or six feet of shale between the sand and the coal, it is readily given up that the coal cannot be worked, but if there is only eight or ten feet of sand and water, no matter what the pressure may be, some claim that the coal could be mined without any difficulty. Now, this, in my opinion, is wrong. If in prospecting we find sand and water five feet in thickness, with a pressure that will raise the water in the hole ten feet, it is just as bad as ten feet of sand and water without any pressure. Take for instance two shafts of one hundred feet in depth. In the first shaft it is thirty feet to the sand, sixty feet of sand and water, without pressure, and ten feet of slate between the sand and the coal. Under the above circumstances the coal cannot be mined in this State, because the nature of the roof of our coal is such that it would not stand the weight of that much sand and water. But in sinking the second shaft it is eighty feet to the sand and water and only ten feet of sand, but the pressure is such that the water will rise in the shaft to within thirty feet of the surface, and there is ten feet of slate between the sand and coal, the same as the first shaft. Now I claim that the weight on the ten feet of slate over the coal is the same in the second shaft as it was in the first, although the

first shaft had sixty feet of sand and water, and the second had only ten, and that the coal could not be mined, in either case, under any system now adopted in this State, and if this theory had been adhered to by some of our mine superintendents, the companies they represent would have been thousands of dollars better off. And for this reason land should be thoroughly prospected, before sinking any shafts or buying any machinery, so as to ascertain the thickness of the coal, the quality of the coal, and the nature of the roof, as we have considerable coal in this State that can never be mined on account of the difficulty above described.

The people of the State are imposed upon by men who claim to be practical men. There are some in the State, who are prospecting, that all they know about the business is to keep the drill going, but know nothing about the measures that the drill is passing through, and it is economy to sink prospecting shafts rather than employ such men to prospect with drills. Prospecting should be done by competent men, men who would be responsible for what they represent at all the holes they put down, and if they had to be responsible there would be fewer men in the business.

After the hoisting shaft is located it is economy to get the hoisting machinery in place as soon as possible, for by having the machinery in place the shaft can be sunk sooner and for less money, as the dirt can be hoisted sooner and the sinkers will not be compelled to wait on the machinery to take the dirt out of their way.

The timbers for securing the shaft should all be on the ground before the sinking commences, and some competent person should cut all the timbers, so they would be uniform, and the timbers should be placed in the shaft as soon as the sinking has advanced far enough to admit of their being put in without interfering with the sinkers; and the shaft should be sunk in such manner that the timbers would be perfectly tight when in place. Opening out from the bottom of the shaft is a matter of considerable importance; the object should be to drive the entries a sufficient distance from the bottom of the shaft before cross-entries are started, to give plenty of room on each side of the shaft for all the double track necessary. Many good miners have been compelled to work under disadvantages for years, when it could have been remedied without any great expense at the first opening of the mine. I am often asked the question, "what plan is best to adopt?" and I always answer it in this way:

Employ a practical mine boss, and then let him run the mine. There is no set rule to operate a mine in this State, as there are no two mines exactly the same, and there is often a great difference in different portions of the same mine; and for this reason it requires a practical man to detect these changes, and shape his works accordingly. And I might say that on this one item of the management of the underground operations, more than any other one thing, rests the financial success or failure of every mine. And for this reason coal companies should be careful in selecting a foreman that thoroughly understands his work, and then furnish him men and material sufficient to do the work as soon as it is necessary.

The system of double entry is now generally adopted, but I think a majority of our mine foremen make a mistake in driving their cross-entries too far apart. They are generally driven one hundred and fifty yards, and some as far as two hundred yards apart. They do this thinking it is economy, as it makes less entry driving. But in my opinion it is a mistake, for when two entries are driven one hundred and fifty yards apart, then the rooms have to be driven seventy-five yards, which is too far for good results. Before the rooms can be driven seventy-five yards, where several rooms are being driven abreast, there will be a weight on the pillars, and when they are attacked by the miner he often finds that he cannot recover enough of the pillar coal to make it profitable for him to work. And very often the first fall that occurs (after the pillar is attacked) the whole room falls in, covering perhaps thousands of tons of coal, that the company have bought at the rate of hundreds of dollars per acre, and have paid for having the entries and all narrow work, and are entitled to, and should have, more coal than they have received.

I am confident if the mine foremen would make their calculations on having the rooms driven fifty yards, or less, and draw the pillars as soon as the room is driven to the boundary, they would secure more coal from the territory mined over, and more coal for the amount of narrow work driven. It is certainly mistaken economy to adopt a system of laying out the works so as to lose a large portion of the coal in the territory mined over, in order to save a few yards of entry driving.

COMPLAINTS.

I often have complaints from mine bosses that the superintendent of the mine refuse to furnish the proper material for carrying on the work, and that he knows nothing about a coal mine. Now, this is sometimes the case with new coal companies. They elect some one of the stockholders as their general superintendent, and very often he does not know anything about coal works. But that is all right; a coal company have a perfect right to select whom they please to superintend their works; and it is none of your business so long as he does not meddle with your business, but if he persists in meddling with your affairs to the detriment of the works under your charge, then it is your duty to resign your position. There are instances of this kind in the State, where the general superintendent knows nothing about the underground works, and refuses to get things that are necessary, and gets things that are not suitable, and meddles with things underground that he knows nothing about; and the mine boss continues to work, doing things contrary to his better judgment, losing money for the company at every move, and at the same time injuring his reputation as an underground man. As every bad move under such circumstances will be charged to you, and the good ones you get no credit for, therefore the proper thing for you to do, under these circumstances, is to resign your position, take your pick and make your living until another opening presents itself, which will not be long if you are a competent man; and there is nothing that goes to prove a man's competency more than to see him refuse to run a mine under a false system. When our competent mine foremen show more independence, then will their services be more appreciated and sought after. A mine boss holds the most responsible position about the mine, financially speaking. He has to study the nature of the floor of his mine, and find out whether it is going to admit of the coal settling when the weight comes on; then the nature of the roof and coal has to be taken into consideration before he can determine how to start his works; he has to see that all the airways are kept open and properly timbered; the roads in good condition for handling coal; and look after the entries and rooms, to see that they are going the proper direction, and are being driven the proper width; and when it is taken into consideration that perhaps there are three or four hundred men working in the mine,

the boss has his hands full; and no man, without considerable experience and executive ability, can make it a success. Besides, there obstacles encountered in mining that are not met with in any of the books, and it requires a careful, thinking, practical man to understand them.

NEW VENTILATING FANS.

Since making my last report, seventeen new ventilating fans have been erected in this State, at the following mines:

Cobb and Centerville mines, at Centerville, Appanoose county.

B shaft of the White Breast coal company, and Chariton shaft, at Cleveland, Lucas county.

No. 1 and No. 2 mines, at Muchakinock.

B shaft at Excelsior.

Standard and Acme mines, of Oskaloosa, Mahaska county.

A shaft of the Starr coal company, of What Cheer, Keokuk county.

Pioneer, Giant No. 2, and Eclipse mines, of Des Moines.

Climax mine, of Angus, Boone county.

Standard mine, of Greene county.

Van Meter mine, of Dallas county.

And including the seven that were in operation, makes twenty-four ventilating fans now in operation, which shows an encouraging increase for two years. Nine of these fans are force, and fifteen are exhaust fans. Some of the companies have taken out the furnace and put a fan in its place, and all are well satisfied, as the current of air produced by the different fans ranges from 18,000 to 50,000 cubic feet per minute. There are several other mines where they contemplate putting in a fan soon.

MINE VENTILATION

Has received considerable attention in the last two years. A majority of our coal companies now realize the fact that ventilation is one of the important objects to be looked after in the successful management of our mining enterprises, and are investigating the different systems, to ascertain which is the best plan for them to adopt. They have had the old stove that was placed at the bottom of the air-shaft quietly hoisted out of the mine, and taken away out of sight. The basket that I so often found, on my first year of inspection, hanging in the air shaft with about a hatfull of fire in it, has also gone to keep the old stove company, or has been sold to the dealer in old iron, or laid away as a relic of one mode of torture to the miner; and natural ventilation is not as well thought of as it was a few years ago; while the steam jet (like coffee in war times) is a luxury entirely too expensive for the benefit derived.

As our underground excavations become more extensive, the system of ventilation above referred to becomes wholly inadequate; and as the resistance of the current of air passing through the air-way of the mine has to be overcome by the atmospheric pressure at the downcast shaft, it is therefore necessary to employ some means to overcome as much as possible the atmospheric pressure on the air or upcast shaft, and a majority of our mine superintendents have turned their attention to the fan, or furnace, as the only practical method of accomplishing this object. The furnace has for years been the favorite method of producing ventilation in our mines; but in the last two years the fan has attracted considerable attention, and has always given good satisfaction. The first cost of a furnace is less than a fan; but as the expense of a furnace does not stop with its construction, I consider, for shallow shaft mines, such as we have in this State, that the fan is both cheaper and more effective than a furnace.

I find there are a great variety of ideas in regard to the proper construction of a ventilating furnace, and, like all other debatable questions, considerable argument can be produced by all; but there is one point on which all agree, and that is that the air, in passing through the furnace, should be made as hot as possible.

A thin, wide fire, with a thin column of air passing over it, will more effectually heat the current of air passing than one built with

a high arch, but there are other things to be taken into consideration. We often meet with mining engineers who have their air-ways driven large and roomy, and avoid, as much as possible, all angles, and everything that will cause any stoppage or extra friction to the current of air while passing through the mine — which is all right; but when they build the furnace, they imagine they must build it a certain shape, and very often block up more than one half of the air-way.¹

And there are others who have read somewhere that a furnace in a well regulated mine should be built with two side chambers, one on each side of the furnace; and, in order to have room for the side chambers, they reduce the size of the furnace, in some cases to one fourth the size of the airway. Now, I claim that the air that passes through the side chambers does not come in contact with the fire, but passes into the upcast, to mix with the heated air that has passed over the fire, decreasing its density, and decreasing the ventilation if the furnace is properly constructed.

Side chambers will, under certain circumstances, add to the ventilation; for instance, if the air-ways are large and roomy, and the furnace is four or five times smaller than the air-ways, and there is a tendency to a strong, natural current, then side chambers would be a benefit, as the power would be lost in the passage of the air through so small a furnace, and by opening side chambers you would give vent to the column of air; but if the same space that is exposed for the passage of air, by opening the side chambers, had been left over the grate bars when the furnace was built, the result would still have been better, as the object of a ventilating furnace is to heat the air in the upcast shaft, and the more this air is heated the lighter it is, and the more atmospheric pressure it will overcome at the upcast shaft, and the pressure remaining the same at the downcast shaft the air is forced through the subterranean passages of the mine to the furnace where it should be heated, in order to keep up the density of the air in the upcast shaft; and as the ventilating power is always as the downcast shaft, no matter what kind of ventilation is adopted, whether it is furnace, fan, steam, or natural, as there is no suction in a furnace, neither is there any in a fan. Therefore a furnace should be built so as to heat as hot as possible the whole volume of air, and at the same time offer as little resist-

ance as possible to the column of air while passing through the mine.

Many of the furnaces in this State are too small for good results; the air is too confined in passing through. Roomy air-ways are of little avail with a small furnace. There are instances of this kind in the State, where the air-ways are large and roomy, and the furnace is only about one fifth the size of the air-ways. It is a matter of great importance that care should be taken in building a ventilating furnace for several reasons. Setting the coal on fire must be guarded against, and the furnace should be situated far enough from the upcast shaft to obviate the danger of setting the woodwork on fire, and to avoid as much as possible the friction of the air current at the furnace. The proper place for a furnace is at the bottom of the upcast, because the ventilation depends upon the amount of heat imparted to the column of air, and the larger the column of heated air there is in a shaft the greater the velocity of the ventilating current. The practical power of a column of heated air is in proportion to the depth of the shaft; a deep shaft will give a larger volume of air than a shallow one.

As before stated, fan ventilation is more effective in shallow than in deep mines; but there are a great many drift mines in this State, where they do not use steam power, where the cost of the fan would be greater than a furnace, and the cost of keeping the fan running would be as great as keeping a fire in the furnace, as it requires the constant attention of a man in both cases; but wherever they use steam power, I would recommend a fan, no matter what the distance of the steam from the air shaft, as the fan engine can be placed in the engine house, so that the engineer can look after it, and the power can be transmitted to the fan by an endless rope; this is being done in several places in this State with good results. I would also recommend a fan so constructed that it could be used as an exhaust or force fan; and one of this kind, with the casing put together in a workmanlike manner, will soon pay for the extra expense if there is water in the hoisting shaft; and wherever a fan of this kind has been introduced, mine superintendents and mine bosses say they could not be hired to adopt any other kind of ventilation, and would not go back to the old furnace under any consideration.

There are several different make of fans in use in the State, but those made in the State give as good satisfaction as those that are

brought from the east. Some of the coal companies build their own fans; for instance, the fan at No. 2 slope, at Muchakinock, was made in the blacksmith shop at the mine, is fourteen feet in diameter, is used as a force fan, and gives a volume of air of eighty-three thousand cubic feet per minute when run at one hundred revolutions per minute. There are several manufacturing firms in the State who are making ventilating fans which can be bought cheaper than by sending east for them; by buying of home manufacturers you save the freight charges, which sometimes amount to almost as much as the first cost of the fan.

TABLE OF THE PRESSURE OF AIR AT DIFFERENT HEIGHTS OF THE BAROMETER.

Height of Barometer.	Pressure per square inch.	Pressure per square foot.
27.0 inches.	13.25 pounds.	1908.23 pounds.
27.25 "	13.37 "	1925.89 "
27.5 "	13.49 "	1943.56 "
27.75 "	13.61 "	1961.23 "
28.0 "	13.74 "	1978.90 "
28.25 "	13.86 "	1996.56 "
28.5 "	13.98 "	2014.24 "
28.75 "	14.11 "	2031.91 "
29.0 "	14.23 "	2049.58 "
29.25 "	14.35 "	2067.24 "
29.5 "	14.47 "	2084.91 "
29.75 "	14.60 "	2102.58 "
30.0 "	14.72 "	2120.25 "
30.25 "	14.84 "	2137.92 "
30.5 "	14.96 "	2155.59 "
30.75 "	15.09 "	2173.26 "
31.0 "	15.21 "	2190.93 "

To find the pressure per square inch in pounds, multiply the reading of the barometer in inches by .4908. To find the pressure per square foot in pounds, multiply the reading of the barometer in inches by 70.6752.

GASES MET WITH IN MINES.

The gases generated in coal mines are fire-damp, after-damp, sometimes called choke-damp, black-damp, and white-damp.

Fire-damp is light carburetted hydrogen, and consists of one volume of the vapor of carbon, and two volumes of hydrogen, condensed into one volume. This gas is never met with in the mines of this State.

Black-damp is the carbonic acid gas of chemistry, and is the principal gas met with in the mines of this State. It is composed of two atoms of oxygen and one atom of carbon, and by weight, oxygen 72.73, carbon 27.27, and by volume, one each, and it is rather more than one and one half times as heavy as an equal volume of common air; the specific gravity of common air being 1,000, while that of carbonic acid gas is 1,524.01. This gas is accumulated from several causes: The respiration of men and animals, the combustion of the workmen's lights, the decomposition of timber and small coal in the gobs, the explosion of powder, the excrementitious deposits of men and animals, and it also exudes from the roof and floor of the mine.

Black-damp, in its pure state, is a deadly poison, and will neither support life nor light. When ten per cent of black-damp is diffused through the air of a mine, a light cannot be maintained; but when mixed with a certain portion of pure air, a miner can remain for considerable time after his light has refused to burn; its effect on the miner is such as to produce headache, languor, loss of appetite, and general debility. This gas is mistaken for something else from the position it is sometimes found to occupy in the mines, as a great many miners think that if they are working in a place elevating from the entry, that black-damp will not molest them, as the gas is heavier than common air it would force itself out into the air-way, and would not remain in a room driven at an elevation off the air-way; but this is not the case.

Black-damp is sometimes held in suspension in a room elevating from an air-way; for instance, if a room is turned off the air-way, and the current of air is passing the mouth of the room and has no chance to exert any of its force at any other place in the room, then, if black-damp should accumulate, and no car or anything else to cause a current in the room—under such circumstances, black-damp

will accumulate, and remain until a current of air is brought to bear upon it.

But some claim that as black-damp is one and one half times as heavy as common air, that it is not reasonable to suppose that it can be held in suspension, at an elevation from the air-way, by the passing current of air in the air-way. Let us see. Take, for instance, an air-way five feet wide and five feet high; the sum of its four sides would be twenty feet of resisting surface for each foot in length of the air-way. Now, suppose the room-mouth is five feet wide and five feet high; then, the room-mouth would present the same resisting surface as the air-way; and as the room-mouth is five feet high and five feet wide, it would give an area of twenty-five feet exposed to the pressure of the moving column of air. The atmospheric pressure varies according to the density of the air. For instance, if the barometer reads thirty inches (see table of the pressure of air at different heights of the barometer), the pressure on all surfaces exposed to the air is 2,120.25 pounds per square foot; therefore, on the mouth of the room above referred to there would be a total pressure of 53,006.25 pounds.

But there is another fact to be taken into consideration in connection with air pressure: that if we increase the speed of the air in the air-way, we also increase the pressure in the following proportion: If we double the quantity of air in an air-way, we have four times the pressure, and nine times the pressure will produce three times the quantity, and sixteen times the pressure will give four times the quantity, and so on in like proportion. And if the pressure of 2,120.25 pounds per square foot would give a volume of air of one thousand cubic feet per minute; and if the volume of air is increased to two thousand cubic feet, the pressure would then be 8,481 pounds per square foot, or a pressure on the room-mouth of 122,025.10 pounds; and if we increase the volume of air to three thousand feet per minute, then the pressure would be 19,082.25 pounds per square foot, and at the room-mouth it would be 477,056.25 pounds. And if the volume of air is increased to four thousand feet, we would have a pressure per square foot of 33,924 pounds, and on the room-mouth there would be a pressure of 848,100 pounds. In increasing the volume of air from one thousand cubic feet to four thousand, we have increased the pressure at the room-mouth from 53,006.25 pounds to 848,100 pounds; but as we have made no arrangement for this air

pressure to exert its influence on any other portion of the room only at the mouth, and as this increased pressure is required to overcome the extra friction of the air current, let us look a little further; for instance, if the current of air, when the volume was one thousand cubic feet per minute, traveled one hundred feet per minute, when the volume was increased to four thousand cubic feet it would be compelled to travel four hundred feet per minute, and would meet with four times the friction, or rubbing surface, in the same length of time. But the air traveling at the speed of four hundred feet per minute, instead of coming in contact with the rubbing surface with a momentum gained from a velocity of one hundred feet, as air in the first instance, strikes against the rubbing surface with a momentum gained from a velocity of four hundred feet, and the increased resistance from the greater momentum acquired four times greater than before, and would require the pressure to be increased to sixteen times the original pressure, as shown by the figures above. Therefore, the quantity of air obtained will vary as the square root of the pressure applied, and the pressure will vary as the square of the velocity of the air column, or quantity obtained. And, as before stated, we have not made any arrangement whereby the air can circulate through this room, therefore, in increasing the volume of air from one thousand feet to four thousand feet, we have only increased the pressure in the room four times, while on the entry we have increased it sixteen times. Therefore, if black-damp would force itself out of the room under the above circumstances, it would have to be four times as heavy as common air. This fact should be thoroughly understood by mine foremen, to enable them to more intelligently combat with this deadly enemy of the miner, and if this subject was more thoroughly understood, mine bosses would be more willing to provide ways for the air to circulate through the rooms, and would be more particular to see that cross-cuts were provided at the proper time and in the proper place.

White-damp, or carbonic oxide, is composed of one atom of oxygen and one atom of carbon. By weight, it contains 56.69 per cent of oxygen and 43.31 per cent of carbon. Its specific gravity is 975.195, being little less than common air. This gas is more deleterious to animal life than carbonic acid gas, as air containing a very small per cent of white-damp is unfit for respiration. Black-damp will not support combustion, while white-damp will admit the

miner's lamp to burn amidst a deadly atmosphere. White-damp is produced by imperfect combustion, and can be recognized when burning by its flickering blue flame, which may often be seen in the gob fires of this State. White-damp is frequently met with in the mines of this State, as the refuse of our coal seams are subject to spontaneous combustion; and in some of the mines the coal is blasted off the solid, and a very great amount of powder is consumed, and both, as before stated, produce white-damp.

RECORD OF STRATAS

Passed through in prospecting for coal in different counties.

LOVILIA, March 22, 1883.

P. C. WILSON, *Dear Sir*—We will send you a statement of some of our work done in the last few years in the counties of Davis, Wapello, Monroe, Lucas, Adams, Montgomery, Decatur, Wayne, Jefferson, Mahaska, Marion, Warren, Dallas, and Polk.

Stratas passed through in drill hole No. 1, at Laddsdale, Davis county, for B. W. Ladd & Co.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	32	
Gray lime rock.....	15	
Mixed shales.....	15	
Light blue sandstones.....	1	
Blue clay shales.....	18	
Dark colored shales.....	6	
Light sand shales.....	8	
Dark bituminous shales.....	6	
Coal fault "rock and black jack".....	2	6
Fire clay.....	3	6
Marley shales.....	1	
Coal.....		3
Fire clay.....		6
Light colored shales.....	5	
Impure lime rock.....	2	6
Light colored shales.....	17	
Coal and black jack.....	2	
Argillaceous shales, light colored.....	12	
Black hard rock with sulphur partings.....	3	
Dark arenaceous shales.....	11	
Blue limestone.....		8
Dark carbonaceous shales.....	12	
Fault "impure coal".....	3	
Marl.....	2	
Dark colored carbonaceous shales.....	15	
Coal.....	4	9
Fire clay.....	12	
Fire clay rock.....	12	
Green marl.....	1	
Total.....	166	8

I. P. MCELHANY, *Tester.*

Hole No. 8, for same company, Laddsdale.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	4	
Decomposed sandstone.....	1	
Coal.....		4
Shales "gray".....	2	
Dark colored shales.....	3	
Light arenaceous shales.....	5	
Dark arenaceous shales.....	1	
Light arenaceous shales.....	4	
Dark argillaceous shales.....	6	
Lime rock gray.....	4	
Light colored shales.....	2	
Dark shales charged with coal.....	2	
Dark colored shales.....	7	
Sulphur band.....		4
Fault, "coal and rock".....	2	2
Light clay shales.....	6	
Dark bituminous shales.....	5	
Coal.....	4	
Light sand rock, or hard sand shales, taking the place of argillaceous material, commonly found under coal.....	2	
Total.....	78	

I. P. McELHANY, Tester.

Six other holes drilled in tracing same basin, resulting similar to Nos. 1 and 8, finding in some tests as many as seven stratas, or seams, of coal ranging from 6 inches to 5 feet in thickness.

Strata at Kirkville, Wapello county, for the White Breast Coal and Mining Company, in hole No. 2.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	12	
Buff colored decomposed sand stone.....	10	
Dark fine-grained sand stone.....	10	
Light colored sand shales.....	5	
Dark bituminous shales.....	20	
Coal.....	3	9
Sulphur band at bottom of coal.....		4
Light colored shales.....	5	
Total.....	66	1

D. R. McELHANY, Tester.

Hole No. 3, at Kirkville, for same Company.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	7	
Yellow sandstone.....	14	
Blue sandstone.....	24	
Light colored shale.....	4	
Dark-colored shale.....	10	
Sulphur band.....		6
Coal.....	6	
Fire clay.....		6
Total.....	66	

D. R. McELHANY, Tester.

Hole No. 8, for same Company, at Kirkville.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	29	
Sand shales.....	3	
Light, fine-grained sandstone.....	53	
Dark-colored shales.....	14	6
Coal.....	1	2
Fire clay.....	3	
Gray, marly shales.....	3	
Gray sand shales with sandstone partings.....	18	6
Light, marly shales.....	6	
Red and gray shales, mixed.....	2	
Gray marl.....	2	
Total.....	135	2

D. R. McELHANY, Tester.

Hole No. 15, for same Company, at Kirkville.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	8	
Dark carbonaceous shales.....	13	
Coal (6 feet, with clay parting of 13 inches).....	6	
Sulphur band.....		3
Shales with sulphur.....		9
Argillaceous shales.....	1	
Total.....	29	

D. R. McELHANY, Tester.

Hole No. 16, for same Company, at Kirkville.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	30	
Light-colored sand shales.....	9	
Blue sandstone.....	45	
Light-colored sand shales.....	6	
Bituminous shales.....	9	
Coal.....	4	6
Clay.....	1	
Total.....	104	6

D. R. McELHANY, Tester.

Several other tests in the same county, with like results, showing up an extensive coal basin.

Strata passed through in hole No. 1, at Perlee, Jefferson county, for the Washington & Jefferson Coal and Mining Company, starting below the vein, worked at that place.

	Feet.	Inches.
Mixed clays	18	0
Gray shales	10	0
Sandstone	12	0
Gray impure limestone	8	0
Yellowish laminated fine-grained sandstone, with brown flinty partings	22	0
Bluish fine-grained heavy-bedded sandstone	20	0
Sand shales	10	0
Lime rock "impure"	2	4
Sand shales, gray and fine-grained	8	0
Blue clay shales	3	0
Blue sand shales, with thin irregularly bedded impure sand rock	37	0
Fragmentary buff-colored impure limestone	2	0
Blue marley clays, with small fossils	1	0
Bluish impure limestone	3	0
Light blue sand shales, with sandstone partings	7	0
Compact gray fragmentary and concretionary limestone	2	0
Blue argillaceous shales and limestone	2	6
Gray argillaceous shales	3	6
Compact light gray concretionary limestone	4	0
Gray marl	2	6
Light concretionary limestone, with gray clay partings	22	6
Total	200	0

I. P. McELHANY, Tester.

This hole we sank beneath the coal measures from 30 to 40 feet, passing into the older formation.

Strata passed through in hole No. 1, near Eddyville, in Mahaska county, for J. Mickle & Co.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit	26	0
Black shales	18	0
Limestone	12	6
Sand shales	3	0
Coal	1	6
Dark shales	6	0
Limestone, gray	5	0
Sandstone, with lime partings	4	0
Total	65	0

I. P. McELHANY, Tester.

Hole No. 3 for same company near Eddyville.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposits	22	0
Coal crop	1	6
Sandstone	3	0
Sand shales	5	0
Blue shales	31	0
Sand shales	4	0
Dark colored shales	3	0
Sand shales with flinty partings	10	0
Dark shales with sulphur partings	3	0
Black sandstone charged with coal	4	2
Green marl with lime rock partings	3	0
Total	89	10

I. P. McELHANY, Tester.

Strata passed through in hole No. 1, on the lands of A. Cobb, at Lovilia, Monroe county.

Drift deposits	25	0
Gray shales	3	0
Limestone	1	0
Carbonaceous shales	11	0
Coal	1	1
Gray clay shales	5	0
Impure limestone	3	2
Gray clay shales	17	0
Sandstone	4	0
Gray clay shales	17	0
Sandstone	29	9
Limestone, blue	4	0
Black shales	2	0
Light colored shales	4	0
Sandstone	2	0
Gray shales	4	0
Brown clay shales	5	0
Blue clay shales	7	0
Sandstone	3	6
Blue limestone	2	0
Gray sand shales	1	0
Limestone, gray	1	6
Sandstone	2	6
Light clay shales	5	0
Bluish shales	8	0
Limestone	1	0
Dark shales	8	0
Limestone	8	0
Carbonaceous shales	10	4
Cap rock	6	0
Bituminous shales	1	6
Coal	5	3
Fire clay	1	6
Total	197	3

I. P. McELHANY, Tester.

Strata passed through in hole No. 2, one mile west of hole No. 1, near Lovilia.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	10	
Sandstone.....	13	
Dark sand shales.....	17	
Limestone.....	3	
Blue sandstone.....	15	
Sand shales, gray.....	17	6
Bituminous shales.....	3	
Cap rock.....	1	
Coal.....	2	6
Fire clay.....	2	4
Limestone, blue.....	7	
Light clay shales.....	2	
Red shales, or ochre.....	11	6
Red sandstone with ferruginous partings.....	9	6
Red sandstone, fine-grained.....	15	8
Limestone.....	1	6
Red clay shales.....	20	6
Gray limestone.....	2	
Calcareous rock.....	4	
Total.....	166	

I. C. McELHANY, *Tester.*

The peculiarity of this test is the great amount of red material, consisting of red ochre, sandstone, and iron ore—a thickness of 64 feet 8 inches.

One mile from the above test.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift.....	20	
Blue carbonaceous shales.....	5	
Coal.....		6
Black coal rock.....	4	
Coal.....	6	4
Total.....	35	10

D. R. and I. C. McELHANY, *Testers.*

Strata at Hamilton, Marion county.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	24	
Light shales.....	2	
Fault.....		6
Gray shales.....	2	6
Blue sand shales.....	20	
Dark colored shales.....	15	
Coal and black-jack.....	1	
Impure fire clay.....	3	
Gray sand shales.....	4	
Red ochre.....	1	6
Light sand shales.....	5	
Hard rock marl partings.....	5	
Marley shales.....	4	
Dark shales.....	2	
Limestone.....	1	6
Black carbonaceous shales.....	37	
Light clay shales.....	15	
Dark colored shales.....	10	
Light sand shales.....	15	
Fault, with coal.....	3	
Impure fire clay.....	5	6
Light gray sand shales.....	4	6
Brown sandy shale.....	7	
Marley shales.....	2	
Total.....	210	

D. R. and I. P. McELHANY, *Testers.*

Strata at Davis City, Deatur county, fo the Davis City Coal and Mining Company.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	17	.....
Marly shales.....	11	.....
Shell rock.....	2	.....
Shales, dark colored.....	5	.....
Light-colored argillaceous shales.....	27	6
Gray limestone.....	1	6
Blue shales, arenaceous.....	3	6
Red ferruginous shales.....	6	6
Blue limestone.....	3	.....
Blue shales.....	8	6
Red ferruginous shales.....	2	6
Light-colored seales.....	3	6
Blue limestone.....	12	.....
Light-blue shales.....	3	.....
Limestone.....	9	.....
Bituminous shales, with coaly partings.....	3	6
Bluish shales.....	9	.....
Sandstone.....	3	6
Limestone.....	2	6
Blue and red clay shales.....	3	6
Blue shales, dark.....	6	.....
Sandstone.....	4	.....
Blackjack.....	2	6
Iron rock.....	.....	3
Gray shales.....	4	.....
Sandstone.....	2	.....
Limestone.....	1	.....
Brown-colored shales.....	5	.....
Brown sandstone.....	14	.....
Gray shales.....	9	3
Limestone.....	1	6
Shales, mixed light-red and blue.....	14	.....
Shales, mixed blue and brown.....	22	6
Total.....	205	6

D. R. AND I. C. MCELHANY, Testers.

Leon, Decatur county, hole close to depot, sank to the depth of 200 feet, not reaching the stratified material.

Mixed clays.....	75	.....
Blue clay, or altered drift.....	125	.....
Total.....	200	.....

D. R. MCELHANY, Tester.

Strata passed through in drill at Corning, Adams county, for Corning Coal and Mining Company.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	26	.....
Concretinary limestone.....	12	.....
Blue sand shales.....	5	.....
Blue limestone.....	2	8
Light sand shales.....	19	4
Compact impure limestone.....	1	.....
Dark arenaceous shales.....	9	.....
Dark clay shales.....	12	6
Impure limestone.....	2	.....
Light colored shales.....	7	.....
Limestone.....	3	6
Dark blue shales.....	11	3
Black shales.....	2	.....
Light shales.....	3	.....
Limestone.....	3	.....
Sandstone.....	5	.....
Blue sand shales.....	1	6
Gray limestone.....	6	6
Dark brown shales.....	4	7
Compact gray limestone.....	1	8
Clay shales.....	1	3
Limestone, blue.....	2	.....
Fine-grained shaly sand stone.....	12	.....
Dark colored shales.....	5	3
Gray limestone.....	7	.....
Blue shales.....	19	6
Blue limestone.....	5	6
Brown clay shales.....	5	6
Red colored clay shales.....	2	.....
Blue limestone.....	4	6
Mixed shales, red and blue.....	2	.....
Blue sand shales.....	12	.....
Gray clay shales.....	10	.....
Dark blue sandstone.....	6	.....
Blue shales, "arenaceous".....	45	.....
Gray limestone.....	3	.....
Blue shales, "clay".....	9	.....
Gray limestone.....	12	.....
Light colored sand shales.....	3	.....
Total.....	300	.....

I. P. MCELHANY, Tester.

Strata passed through at Red Oak, Montgomery county, for Red Oak Coal and Mining Company.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	30	
Dark sand shales with clay partings.....	40	
Impure sandstone.....	3	
Light colored sand shales.....	10	
Marley shales.....	10	
Sand shales with sandstone partings.....	13	
Gray sand shales.....	31	
Variagated shales.....	50	
Light blue colored limestone.....		6
Dark agrillaceous shales.....	5	
Limestone.....	3	
Gray clay shales.....	1	6
Gray Limestone.....	5	
Soft, yellowish sandstone with flint partings.....	8	
Bluish marley shales.....	4	
Gray limestone.....	3	6
Clay shales.....	6	
Ferruginous limestone.....	12	6
Gray clay shales.....	3	
Blue motley shales.....	12	
Thin-bedded, fossiliferous, impure limestone.....	3	
Gray, blue and red shales with limestone partings.....	2	
Gray clay shales.....	12	
Dark argillaceous shales.....	12	
Impure lime with fossils.....	1	9
Blue and yellow sandstone with shale partings.....	25	
Light concretionary and fragmentary limestone.....	3	
Light colored sand shales.....	12	
Compact, regularly bedded limestone.....	13	
Dark colored shales.....	10	
Massive light gray limestone.....	3	
Black carbonaceous shales.....	4	
Gray, earthy, clay shales.....	9	6
Blue limestone.....	12	
Light sand shales with sandstone partings.....	6	
Blue marley shales.....	4	
Light, compact, impure limestone.....	2	6
Bluish clay shales with impure limestone partings.....	6	
Bluish, impure, shaley limestone, sometimes compact.....	13	
Gray, clayey shales.....	6	
Dark carbonaceous shales.....	4	
Gray shales.....	3	
Blue shales.....	8	
Light colored marley shales.....	3	
Gray limestone.....	6	
Gray marley shales.....	5	6
Brown or red shales.....	12	6
Blue colored clay shales.....	14	
Light blue, fine-grained shales.....	12	
Dark blue shales.....	12	
Dark limestone.....	2	
Blue sandstone.....	3	
Gray shales.....	4	

Stratas passed through at Red Oak—Continued.

	Feet.	Inches.
Gray limestone.....		7
Light colored marley shale.....		3
Limestone.....		1
Blue sand shales.....		4
Limestone with shale partings.....		5
Blue marley shales.....		6
Shales, green and variegated.....		6
Gray, compact limestone.....		6
Shales, dark and blue.....		14
Gray limestone with green marl partings.....		17
Total.....	3	565

MCELHANY BROS., Testers.

This hole was commenced in the upper coal measure, just below the cretaceous formation.

Strata passed through at Milo, Warren county, for the Milo Coal and Mining Co.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....		8
Gray shales.....		7
Blue clay shales.....		5
Brown sandstone.....		2
Gray shales.....		9
Dark sandstone with shaley partings.....		4
Shales, light blue with bituminous shale at base.....		21
Coal.....		8
Light gray shales.....		1
Thin-bedded, fossiliferous, impure limestone.....		7
Gray indurated shales.....		5
Black fissile carbonaceous shale.....		1
Gray and blue clay shales.....		12
Blue limestone.....		1
Light blue marl.....		1
Bluish clay shale.....		3
Brown and red clay shale.....		3
Shales variegated with thin beds of limestone shales.....		3
Dark carbonaceous.....		8
Bituminous shale.....		2
Coal.....		10
Blue clay shale.....		8
Gray marle.....		10
Blue limestone.....		2
Light blue clay shales.....		4
Fine-grained micaceous shale.....		16
Gray clay shale.....		7
Bluish shales.....		6
Gray clay shales.....		16
Sandstone and sand shales.....		30
Blue shales alternating with thin layers of limestone.....		5
Compact gray limestone.....		7
Bituminous shale.....		6
Carbonaceous shales.....		18
Light colored, silicious shaley marle, with black shaley partings and impure coal and black jack.....		2
Gray limestone with marl partings.....		2
Gray clay shales.....		1

Stratas passed through at Milo—Continued.

	Feet.	Inches.
Black sand shales.....	2	..
Bluish-colored clay shales.....	6	..
Bluish, impure limestone.....	3	..
Black clay shales.....	1	..
Dark-colored shales with lime partings.....	1	8
Blue sand shales with sulphur bands.....	6	3
Blue sand shales.....	5	6
Dark sandstone.....	2	6
Black carbonaceous shales.....	1	8
Gray clay shales.....	6	..
Blue clay shales.....	6	4
Light blue sand and clay shales, with thin layers of fine-grained, micareous sandstone.....	16	..
Compact, gray sandstone, with sulphur partings.....	6	6
Dark carbonaceous sand shale, alternating with thin layers of sandstone of same color, and sulphur.....	7	6
Dark carbonaceous sand shales.....	26	..
Dark blue and black shales.....	12	6
Limestone compact, blue and gray, with sulphur bands.....	17	6
Total.....	368	6

I. C. McELHANY, *Tester.*

Strata passed through at Adel, Dallas county, in hole No. 1, just east of city limits.

Drift deposit.....	60	6
Impure, shaly sandstone.....	1	..
Coal.....	..	9
Bluish sand shales.....	23	9
Light clay shales.....	9	..
Red ferruginous shales.....	6	..
Light clay shales.....	1	..
Impure shell limestone, with sulphur.....	2	..
Dark argillaceous shales.....	8	9
Light marley shales.....	5	..
Light, fine-grained sand shales.....	15	3
Mixed shales.....	23	..
Blue sand shales.....	22	..
Light clay shales.....	10	..
Dark clay shales.....	6	..
Mixed shales.....	4	..
Red ferruginous shales.....	12	..
Mixed shales.....	23	..
Dark bituminous shales.....	3	..
Gray shales with sulphur partings.....	8	..
Light clay shales.....	6	..
Dark shales.....	12	..
Bituminous shales.....	3	..
Marly light shales.....	9	..
Dark shales.....	4	..
Bituminous shales.....	5	..
Light sand shales.....	14	..
Light clay shales.....	1	..
Dark-blue shales.....	1	..
Impure coal and sulphur.....	3	6
Fire clay.....	2	..
Marly shales.....	6	6

Stratas passed through at Adel—Continued.

	Feet.	Inches.
Bituminous shales.....	7	..
Fault coal.....	3	..
Fire clay.....	3	..
Sandy shales.....	12	12
Dark blue shales.....	7	..
Light sand shales.....	4	..
Gray marl "not through".....	12	..
Total.....	339	12

D. R. AND I. P. McELHANY, *Testers.*

Stratas passed through in hole No. 2, at Adel, south of the city.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	80	..
Blue shales.....	6	..
Coal.....	..	10
Fire clay.....	3	..
Blue sand shales.....	11	..
Red and gray clay shales.....	6	..
Impure shelly limestone.....	3	..
Dark colored shales.....	1	6
Bituminous shales.....	1	6
Light marley shales.....	3	..
Impure limestone with sulphur partings.....	4	..
Mixed shales.....	26	..
Blue sand shales.....	20	..
Light clay shales.....	9	..
Variegated shales.....	7	..
Red ferruginous shales.....	6	..
Mixed shales.....	31	..
Gray sand shales with sulphur partings.....	10	..
Light clay shales.....	5	..
Mixed shales.....	15	..
Light argillaceous shales.....	17	..
Dark carbonaceous shales.....	8	..
Bituminous shales.....	5	..
Light sand shales.....	12	..
Dark clay shales.....	10	..
Light sand shales.....	1	6
Bituminous shales with coal.....	2	6
Light clay shales.....	7	..
Dark sand shales.....	7	6
Limestone, gray.....	1	6
Light calcareous shales.....	2	..
Total.....	237	..

I. P. AND D. R. McELHANY, *Testers.*

Strata passed through at Freedom, Lucas County

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	50	0
Thin layer of limestone.....		4
Impure coal.....		6
Gray shales, clay.....	12	0
Arenaceous blue shales.....	25	0
Carbonaceous shales.....	16	0
Gray calcareous shales.....	12	0
Dark carbonaceous shales.....	6	6
Bituminous shales.....	1	6
Coal.....	1	9
Light gray shales.....	2	3
Total.....	127	10

D. R. AND I. C. McELHANY, Testers.

Strata passed through in hole No. 1, southwest of city limits of Des Moines, Polk county.

Drift deposit.....	35	0
Sand shales.....	5	0
Blue clay shales.....	2	0
Blackjack.....	4	0
Gray shales.....	14	0
Sand shales with sandstone partings.....	6	0
Dark colored shales.....	9	3
Black clay shales.....	18	0
Sandstone, dark.....	4	0
Gray shales with dark partings.....	7	0
Blue sand shales.....	4	0
Dark-blue shales with rock partings.....	13	0
Sandstone with shale partings.....	13	6
Gray clay shales.....	7	0
Limestone.....	1	2
Gray clay shales.....	8	6
Blue clay shales.....	13	0
Gray marly shales with rock partings.....	4	6
Black carbonaceous shales.....	12	0
Blue limestone.....	6	0
Blue sandstone.....	8	0
Dark shales.....	5	6
Gray, impure sandstone.....	6	0
Total.....	206	0

I. C. AND D. R. McELHANY, Testers.

Strata passed through in test No. 3, near the city of Des Moines, southeast of city limits.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	5	0
Mixed shales.....	8	0
Buff colored shales.....	12	0
Blue clay shales.....	2	0
Light sandstone.....	18	0
Sand shales, blue.....	3	0
Bituminous shales.....	1	6
Coal.....	1	0
Dark shales charged with coal.....	3	6
Light gray shales.....	4	0
Sandstone with shale partings.....	5	0
Sand shales with stone partings.....	12	0
Dark shales.....	7	0
Black bituminous shales.....	7	0
Coal and rock.....	2	0
Impure fire clay.....	2	6
Fire clay rock.....	1	6
Buff shales.....	2	6
Sandstone.....	11	0
Gray shales.....	14	0
Dark blue and black shales.....	12	0
Black and gray shales mixed.....	2	6
Impure coal and rock.....	5	0
Total.....	142	0

I. P. and D. R. McELHANY, Testers.

Statement of strata passed through in a drill hole for the Corydon Coal and Mining Company at Corydon, Wayne county, Iowa.

	Feet.	Inches.
Drift deposit.....	270	0
Gray argillaceous shales.....	1	6
Gray sandstone.....	1	0
Blue arenaceous shales.....	43	6
Coal.....	1	6
Gray argillaceous shales.....	8	8
Cap rock.....	1	0
Bituminous shales.....	2	6
Coal.....	2	8
Clay.....	5	6
Variegated clay shales with rock partings.....	10	0
Blue and gray clay shales.....	11	6
Blue carbonaceous clay shales.....	12	0
Bituminous shales and blackjack.....	2	0
Coal.....	2	6
Gray clay shales.....	2	0
Shelly limestone.....	2	6
Blue sand shales.....	1	0
Gray limestone.....	2	6
Blue clay shales with rock partings.....	6	0
Limestone, impure.....	1	6
Gray sandstone.....	3	0
Blue clay shales.....	7	0
Light sand shales.....	4	0
Gray sandstone.....	9	0
Light clay shales.....	2	0
Gray limestone.....	1	0
Blue sand shales.....	21	0
Light clay shales with rock partings.....	5	0
Hard, impure limestone with sulphur.....	4	0
Light blue arenaceous shales with impure limestone partings.....	14	0
Light gray argillaceous shales.....	16	0

I. P. McELHANY, Prospector.

Table of elevations from the Des Moines river west on C., B. & Q. R. R.

	Feet.
From Des Moines river to Frederick.....	76
From Des Moines river to Albia.....	295
From Des Moines river to Cedar Creek.....	138
From Des Moines river to Tyrone.....	161
From Des Moines river to Melrose.....	211
From Des Moines river to Russell.....	376
From Des Moines river to Chariton.....	378
From Des Moines river to Cleveland.....	238
From Des Moines river to Creston.....	653
From Des Moines river to Corning.....	458
From Des Moines river to Villisca.....	364
From Des Moines river to Red Oak.....	373

Elevations from Skunk river at Colfax, west on C., R. I. & P. R. R.

	Feet.
From Skunk river to Four-mile.....	5
From Skunk river to Des Moines river.....	9
From Skunk river to Van Meter.....	80
From Skunk river to Adair.....	624
From Skunk river to Atlantic.....	435
From Skunk river east to Grinnell.....	222
From Skunk river east to Newton.....	168
From Des Moines river east to Boone, on C. & N. W. R. R.....	233
From Des Moines river east to Ames.....	15
From Des Moines river east to Nevada.....	93
From Des Moines river east to State Center.....	168

The Iowa river at Marshalltown is twenty feet lower than the Des Moines river at Moingona, and the Skunk river, east of Ames, at the railroad bridge, is five feet lower than the river at Moingona.

And from Moingona to Ogden the elevation is one hundred and eighty-one feet, and to Grand Junction one hundred and forty feet.

Elevation east of Des Moines River on Illinois Central Railroad.

	Feet.
From Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge to Carbon.....	105
From Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge to Judd.....	105
From Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge to Duncomb.....	101
From Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge to Webster City.....	40
From Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge to Boone river.....	25
From Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge to south fork of Iowa river.....	131
From Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge to Iowa river.....	119
From Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge to Iowa Falls.....	109
From Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge to Ackley.....	88

Elevation north, on Central Iowa Railway.

From Eddyville to Oskaloosa.....	183
From Eddyville to Grinnell.....	342
From Eddyville to Marshalltown.....	213
From Eddyville to Eldora.....	392
From Eddyville to Steamboat Rock.....	316
From Eddyville south to Coalfield.....	32
From Eddyville south to Albia.....	259

HAULING COAL BY STEAM POWER.

The Jefferson County Coal Company located their hoisting shaft so that the bottom of the shaft was on a hill, as the coal dipped, going north from the shaft for about fifty yards, and the grade was so steep going up to the shaft that it was hard work for a mule to pull one car; so they arranged the drum at the hoisting engine so the engineer could throw it out of gear, and at the same time throw another drum in gear, to which a three fourth inch iron wire rope is attached, that extends down the hoisting shaft, with which the coal is now hauled out of the dip. The empty cars pull the rope back down into the dip. This simple arrangement saves this company considerable in the line of expenses, and increases the output of the mine, as the hoisting engineer hauls the coal, three cars at a time, up the grade with the hoisting engine without extra expense, saving the company two mules and two drivers, or about four dollars per day.

The Consolidation Coal Company haul all of their coal out of the three mines at Muchakinock by machinery. No. 1 mine has a stationary engine of twenty-two horse-power, with an endless wire rope three fourths of an inch thick, which hauls twelve tons of coal at a trip. This machinery gives good satisfaction, and enables them to load about seven hundred tons per day. The coal is hauled from a station in the mine, about one half mile from the dump. They also have a small engine attached to the slack car by a half inch wire rope, which hauls the slack out of the way, that is of as much advantage as almost any piece of machinery about the mine, taking into consideration the expense in connection with the amount of work accomplished, as taking the slack out of the way is sometimes considerable bother and expense.

No. 3 mine, of the same company, has a stationary engine of fifteen horse-power, with single rope; the empty cars pull the rope back into the mine, and gives good satisfaction.

No. 2 mine, of the same company, has a single engine of one hundred and fifty horse-power, using friction drums. The endless rope from one drum hauls twenty-two tons of coal at a trip; another endless rope, run by a separate drum, runs the revolving screens; another rope, from a separate drum, hauls the slack car out of the slack pit up an incline, where it dumps itself, and is run back into the

slack pit; another endless rope, from a separate drum, running over pulleys for a distance of two hundred yards, and runs the fourteen foot fan for ventilating the mine; while another endless rope, run by a separate drum, furnishes power to run the turning lathe, and blowing the fire in the blacksmith shop. The one large engine keeps everything going in good shape, furnishing plenty of power for all to work at the same time.

The C shaft, of the Starr Coal Company at What Cheer, has an engine placed down in the mine for hauling the coal out of a dip, which they encountered in the south side of their mine. The steam is furnished from the boilers on the surface. The hauling of the coal at this mine with steam power is a great saving to the company, as the grade is very steep, and one car was all one mule could pull up the grade, while the engine hauls up five and six.

The hauling machinery at the A shaft of the White Breast Coal Company, at Cleveland, Lucas county, I gave a description of in the report of Lucas county, and will not repeat it here.

There are several other mines where it would be economy to put in steam power for hauling the coal underground. There are mines where the extra mules needed for handling the coal with mule power if sold, would furnish the money to buy the machinery, and the machinery would do the work better, and the company would save the expense of two dollars per day apiece for mule drivers.

LABOR TROUBLES.

There was no lengthy strike for the first year of this report, although there was considerable dissatisfaction among the miners in the different parts of the State in the early part of the winter, as they expected a raise in the price of mining.

There was a short strike in the Oskaloosa and adjoining districts, but it was of short duration, as most all the companies consented to pay the demands of the miners, if the Consolidation and Excelsior companies would consent to the demand, which they refused to do, and the miners concluded it was better to work at the old price than to take the chances of defeat, and resumed work at the old price of three and a half cents per bushel.

There was a strike at Angus, in Boone county, in the latter part of the winter, that lasted about one month. The real cause I never learned. Both parties claimed the victory.

Last spring the miners at Des Moines come out on a strike against a reduction of one half cent per bushel on the price of mining, which lasted about six weeks. The miners were compelled to give way, and went to work at the reduction. During the time of this strike there was considerable bad feeling among the miners, and about the time they became convinced they were going to lose, some unknown wretch set fire to the dump building in South Des Moines, which burned down, and they also burned a store building in the same locality; and about the same time some parties threw a portion of a keg of powder, with a fuse attached, into a house in East Des Moines, where a negro family were living, and the explosion blew out the end of the house and all the windows, and burned several of the inmates, and one little girl, about ten years old, very badly, but none fatally. And in a day or two, the miners, at a called meeting, passed resolutions denouncing such acts of violence; at the same meeting a majority vote was cast in favor of resuming work.

Miners, like any other class of people, have men among them who are very excitable, and during the time of strikes, when excited, are what might be termed *cranks*, and sometimes commit depredations that are looked down upon by a great majority of their fellow miners; but the general public is not acquainted with these facts, and classes all miners as law breakers when such depredations as the above are committed. For this reason miners should be very careful in their meetings, and advocate moderation and a respect for law, as it will take years to live down the prejudice caused by such acts of violence.

The miners of the White Breast Coal Company came out on a strike, in May last, against the size of the screens, which were one and one half inch mesh; the miners demanded that the screen be reduced to one inch mesh, and the company refused the demand; in June the company brought colored men to take the place of white men on strike, and that is the condition at those mines to-day. Neither party will yield, and when the strike will end is hard to tell, as both miners and operator seem as firm as when the strike was first inaugurated.

Workmen have a right, either individually or in mass, to demand an advance, and to refuse to work if the demand is not complied

with; they also have a right to refuse to accept a reduction in wages, to call meetings and discuss questions affecting their wages, to organize societies for their mutual benefit, and to stop work if they think proper.

The operators have rights as far reaching as those of the miner; they have a right to discharge any man or company of men and to employ men in their places, and where men are on a strike the operators have a right to employ new men, on any conditions they choose, to take the place of the workmen on strike. But the system of strikes in settling disputes is wrong; many a long strike disastrous to both miner and operator, could be avoided if men would allow their better judgment to have control. One great trouble with miners' societies, there are often hot-headed and indiscreet members whom it is difficult to repress, and it has often happened that such societies have been led by them into rash and unjust actions, but a society such as we now have in this State, wisely conducted, will be an instrument of good; it is the exercise of a right that belong to miners as well as operators, the right to combine for the purpose of maintaining or raising the value of their services, and now that there is such a society, it is the duty of all to take part in its deliberations in order that the thoughtful and prudent may govern its actions. The proper solution of the difficulties arising between capital and labor is a subject of great importance, and one that has engrossed the leading minds of the world. Great writers on political economy have given to us their ideas upon the great social problem, with a diversity of opinions equal to their number, and to these are added the carefully prepared and well studied opinions of some of the eminent newspaper editors of the present time, and still the problem is not solved, as the conflict between labor and capital still continues, and with a view of mitigating the evil arising from this warfare prompted the calling of a convention of miners at Oskaloosa, Iowa, July 10-11, 1883, to devise some means of settling disputes, and if possible to settle forever in this State

THE SCREEN QUESTION.

Which is the direct cause of the protracted strike with the miners at the White Breast mines. The following are the

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

of the proceedings of the Amalgamated Association of Miners, of the State of Iowa, held at Oskaloosa, Iowa, July 10-11, 1883.

The convention was called to order at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., July 10, by John Dykes, of Flagler. Mr. James McDiffit, of Lucas, was chosen as temporary chairman, and Mr. A. M. Kirkendall, of Brazil Station, secretary.

On motion, the chair appointed the following committee on credentials: S. H. Dickens, of Angus; J. J. Sullivan, of Excelsior, and Thos. Hunter, of Lucas.

On motion, Chas. Eaden was elected door-keeper.

The committee on credentials reported the following named delegates as entitled to seats in the convention:

NAMES AND MINES.	Number of men.
Wm. Sutton, Lucas.....	53
A. W. Halden, Centerville.....	50
Scott Elsberg, Lehigh.....	50
John Dykes, Flagler.....	50
Wm. Hite, Swan.....	60
Wm. Gordon, Des Moines.....	50
Wm. Carter, Des Moines.....	40
G. M. Dallas, Kalo.....	65
Jas. Keran, Angus.....	75
S. H. Dickens, Angus.....	96
A. Johnson, Angus.....	200
Thos. Pratt, Angus.....	168
John Spears, Boonsboro.....	119
E. O. Bland, Boonsboro.....	119
Robert Fisher, Oskaloosa.....	15
Jas. McDiffit, Cleveland.....	233
Thos. Hunter, Cleveland.....	300
J. F. Reams, Oskaloosa.....	105
Frank Richardson, Excelsior.....	230
Con. Sullivan, Jr., Excelsior.....	75
J. J. Sullivan, Excelsior.....	180
S. Travers, Kirkville.....	20
A. M. Kirkendall, Brazil.....	80
Hugh McDermit, Centerville.....	25
John White, Jr., Van Meter.....	40
J. Davis, Knoxville.....	7
Wm. Williams, Des Moines.....	40
Chas. Eaden, Cedar.....	120
John Naylor, Draper.....	24
G. C. Cooper, Knoxville Junction.....	23
Robert Parker, Hickory Grove.....	75
D. Garrington, Beacon.....	35
Thos. Phillips, What Cheer.....	200
John Reed, What Cheer.....	200
W. H. Browning, Kirkville.....	75
S. E. Murrow, Kirkville.....	60
J. Davidson, Kirkville.....	21
S. H. Dickens, Snake Creek.....	100
Total number of miners represented.....	3,478

Number of delegates, thirty-seven, all of whom were admitted to seats and votes in the convention, according to their respective number of constituents.

On motion, J. J. Sullivan, John Dykes, T. Hunter, A. W. Halden, and T. Pratt were appointed a committee on order of business, which order of business, when submitted, ruled the convention during the session.

A member of the Associated Press desired admission, but was refused.

On motion. Mr. Wm. Hite, of Swan, was elected President of the convention by acclamation, and J. J. Sullivan and A. M. Kirkendall elected secretaries.

On motion, it was agreed to allow all miners a seat in the convention, without voice or vote, but as it was afterward ascertained that their presence retarded business, all were excluded except the delegates.

It was agreed, upon motion of T. Hunter, of Cleveland, that each delegate express his instructions regarding organization, when it was found that a unanimous feeling existed throughout the State in favor of a thorough organization.

After a recess of ten minutes, on motion of J. J. Sullivan, it was agreed to appoint a committee on preamble and constitution, when J. J. Sullivan, W. H. Browning, J. Dykes, J. Spears, and J. McDiffit were appointed.

On motion of William Sutton it was agreed to levy on each member of the association ten cents, to defray expenses of organization.

On motion of J. Reed each delegate was called on to express his views on the screen question, by call of roll. On motion it was agreed to request every mine in the State of Iowa to elect checkweighmen.

Adjourned until Wednesday, July 11, at 8 o'clock A. M.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA, July 11, 1883.

President Hite called the convention to order at 8 o'clock A. M. On call of roll every delegate was found to be present. Minutes of preceding day read and approved.

Committee on constitution submitted articles of incorporation, which were adopted.

Report of committee on preamble and constitution was received. It was resolved to pay the President and Secretary each fifty dollars per month.

On motion, it was also agreed to allow the Trustees \$2.50 per day and expenses while on duty.

On motion, it was agreed that the President and Secretary be instructed to complete the unfinished work on constitution and rules.

On motion, the President and Secretary were ordered to publish in pamphlet form the address submitted by committee on constitution.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to give the proceedings of the convention to the press.

On motion, it was agreed that no place should declare a strike except by a two third vote of all concerned, and with the sanction of the executive board.

Resolved, That all places now on a strike communicate with the different delegates of this convention, and solicit aid for them, and that anything we wished published be given to the Oskaloosa *Messenger*.

A resolution was adopted asking the Illinois miners to restrict, as far as possible, the amount of coal they are sending into the market of Iowa miners now on a strike.

On motion a committee was elected to examine the present mining laws and amend the same where necessary, and present the amendments before the next legislature. A levy shall be laid upon all the members of the association to bear the expenses of said committee.

The following committee on mining laws were elected: President O'Brien, Secretary Sullivan, James Dooley and John Fletcher.

On motion, the President was recognized as general organizer of the association, but every delegate was urged to organize branches in their respective localities, and proceed to collect and forward the ten cent levy to the Secretary.

On motion, the miners of Chariton mine were advised to resume work as soon as they can get terms satisfactory to themselves.

On motion, Knoxville Junction miners were advised to resume work, but to refuse to fill any of the White Breast Coal Company's contracts.

On motion, it was resolved to establish, as soon as possible, the weighing of coal in the same conveyance in which it is brought out of the mines, allowing two thousand pounds to a ton and eighty pounds to a bushel.

On motion, the general office and headquarters of the association was located at Des Moines.

On motion, it was agreed to issue a circular calling a joint convention of miners and operators of the State of Iowa, to discuss the various questions now arising between the operators and miners of the State. J. J. Sullivan of Excelsior, G. M. Dallas of Kalo, and William Carter of Des Moines were appointed a committee to issue said circular.

On motion, the convention went into the election of officers for the association.

F. P. O'Brien, J. C. Thomas, John Dykes, Walter Hunter, and William Hite were nominated for President of the association. John Dykes declined the nomination, and after several ballots, F. P. O'Brien, of Kirkville, received the requisite number of votes, and was declared duly elected. On motion, his election was made unanimous.

After supper the convention was opened by the President, and proceeded with the election of officers.

J. J. Sullivan and J. C. Thomas were nominated for Vice-President. J. J. Sullivan declined the nomination, and J. C. Thomas, of Angus was elected by acclamation. The following were nominated for Secretary: L. M. Powell, J. J. Sullivan, and Thomas Pratt. On the second ballot J. J. Sullivan of Excelsior received the requisite number of votes and was declared duly elected. On motion his election was made unanimous.

The nominations for Treasurer were John Fletcher and William B. Bennett. John Fletcher was declared elected, and his election was made unanimous.

The nominations for Trustees were William Hite of Swan, John

Dikes of Flagler, and William Carter of Des Moines, who were elected by acclamation.

At this time James Dooley, of What Cheer, entered the hall, and was tendered a vote of welcome and invited to express his views on the organization, which he did in a few short but sensible and well-timed remarks; after which he was tendered a vote of thanks for his sympathy with the movement and acceptance of the position assigned him on the committee on mining laws.

On motion, it was resolved to welcome within our fold all colored men who espouse and advocate our cause.

A vote of thanks was tendered the President and Secretary of the convention.

After a session of two days and a part of two nights the convention adjourned to meet again at the call of the President, and the delegates dispersed to their several widely distant homes, with a fixed determination to scatter the seeds of union wider and farther still.

Signed,

WILLIAM HITE, *President.*

A. M. KIRKENDALL, *Secretary.*

J. J. SULLIVAN, *Assistant-Secretary.*

MINERS' AND OPERATORS' MEETING.

On July 25th a conference of coal miners and operators was held and the situation discussed.

The coal miners and mine operators of Iowa met in joint conference at Red Men's hall in Des Moines. Every mine in the State was represented on the part of the miners, presenting about sixty delegates of marked ability and abundance of common sense.

The complete attendance of delegates, together with the mine and the number of men they represent were as follows:

REPRESENTATIVE.	Number of men.
Robert Sutton, Lucas.....	60
R. Williams, Knoxville Junction.....	35
John Gurney, Cedar.....	135
William Lewis, Knoxville.....	10
John Hunter, Cleveland.....	300
B. Baker, Des Moines.....	16
P. J. Conklin, Van Meter.....	40
William Williams, Des Moines.....	38
William Hight, Swan.....	50
J. Davidson, Kirkville.....	50
H. Johnson, Centerville.....	25
P. Staunton, What Cheer.....	300
B. Chaplin, Flagler.....	18
E. Ritcherson, Excelsior.....	500
E. J. O'Callaghan, Coalville.....	125
William Young, Centerville.....	14
R. Corvin, Kalo.....	74
Robert Hill, Boonsboro.....	250
James Maldoane, East Des Moines.....	150
C. J. Evans, Raccoon.....	45
J. Flinney, Brazil.....	100
John Bulger, Eureka.....	49
James McDiffett, Cleveland.....	230
Thomas Pratt, Angus.....	400
John Dykes, Floyler.....	50
S. H. Dickens, Angus.....	100
Total.....	3204

The operators' side did not present as full a delegation, but those who did attend showed by their action and feeling that they proposed to deal fairly and equitably upon all questions that were brought forward, and at the close of the meeting it was quite evident that the miners were more than highly pleased with the conference.

Mr. H. A. Foster, of Angus; Mr. Norman Haskins, of Des Moines, represented his coal interests here and at Elida, the Knoxville Coal

Company, and the Knoxville Junction coal mines; Mr. Thomas Beck, the Swan mines, and also the Etna mine in East Des Moines; Mr. J. E. Stout and J. M. Markham, of Angus, represented mines one and two of the Keystone Coal Company; E. W. Gaylord and Superintendent J. McKee, the Standard mines at Angus; Mr. Martin Hicks, the Great Western mine at Albia; Mr. D. D. Philby represented the Coal Exchange of Brazil and Centerville, eleven companies; Mr. Kenneth McRae, the Diamond mine, East Des Moines; W. D. Townshend, the Pleasant Hill mine, Des Moines; J. A. Flagler, the Union mine at Flagler; W. G. Harvison, the Miller mine, East Des Moines; and H. Miller, the Miller mine, Albia.

F. P. O'Brien, of Kirkham, presided. J. J. Sullivan, of Excelsior, and J. Fletcher, Des Moines, acted as secretaries on behalf of the miners, and A. H. Perry, of Des Moines, secretary on behalf of the operators.

Some discussion arose over the points of difference between the miners and operators. President O'Brien said he wished to state to the operators present that the object of their meeting was to bring about a just settlement that would be favorable to the parties and the strikes could be avoided. Strikes are equally detrimental to miner and operator, and our aim and object is to arrange for the settlement of difficulties by arbitration. If arbitrators, one representing each opposing interest, fail to agree, then a third party shall be called in, whose voice shall be final. While settlements are pending, work can be continued so that the wheels of industry may be kept moving and the interests of all parties the better subserved. Mr. O'Brien concluded by saying that "we are willing and glad to have operators meet with us in order that we may exchange views and have an understanding, and I hope this meeting will bring about results which will be a benefit to us all, and that we may never regret the action or conclusions agreed upon here to-day."

Mr. John Boulger said that the great question separating the interests of laborer and employer was the screen question. He claimed to have had an extensive experience in mining, having worked in mines all the way from Maine to California, and through all that eventful experience the screens had been growing larger and larger, until now they resemble cattle guards on the railways; and everything went through them except the largest lump coal. He favored the abolition of the screen system entirely, and that the miners should

be paid by the ton or by the bushel for what they dug, the companies to screen it to suit themselves. Two thousand pounds should also constitute a ton, and eighty pounds a bushel. This coal which goes through the screens is sold as stock by the operators, and the miner should receive pay for it.

Speeches were made by several others, but the above were the principal speakers.

The address, which the miners have printed and circulated among themselves, shows that they stand ready to be influenced by reason. It is as follows:

"The necessity of an association of miners, and of those branches of industry immediately connected with mining operations, having for its objects the physical, mental and social elevation of the miners, has long been felt by the thinking portion of the miners generally.

"Union is the great fundamental principle by which every object of importance is to be accomplished. Man is a social being, and if left to himself, in an isolated condition, would be one of the weakest creatures; but associated with his kind he does wonders. Man can do jointly what he cannot do singly, and the union of minds and hands—the concentration of their powers—become almost omnipotent. Nor is this all. Men not only accumulate power by union but gain warmth and earnestness. There is an electric sympathy kindled up amongst them, and the attractive forces inherent in human nature are called into action, and a stream of friendly regard for each other binds them together, and emulates the whole.

"To protect ourselves from injustice and defend honest enterprise in the mining business, it is necessary that all stand on a common ground and mutually defend our rights.

"How long, then, will miners remain isolated, antagonistic to each other? Does it not behoove us as miners to use every means to elevate our position in society by a reformation in character, by obliterating all personal animosities and frivolous nationalities, abandoning our pernicious habits and degrading pursuits, and striving for the attainment of pure and high principles and generous motives, which will fit us to bear a manly, useful and honorable part in the world.

"Our unity is essential to the attainment of our own rights and the amelioration of our present condition, and our voices must be heard in the legislative halls of our land. There it is where our complaints must be made and our rights defined. Our remedy, our safety, our

protection, our dearest interests and the social well-being of our families, present and future, depend upon our unity, our duty and our regard for each other.

"In laying before you, therefore, the object of this association, we desire it to be understood that our objects are not merely pecuniary, but to mutually instruct and improve each other in knowledge, which is power; to study the laws of life; the relations of labor to capital, literature, science, or any other subject relating to the general welfare of our class. Have not experience and observation taught us what one of the profoundest thinkers of the day has said, that 'all human interests and combined human endeavors and social growth in this world have, at certain stages of their developments, required organization and labor, the grandest of human interests, requires it now.' There must be an organization of labor; to begin with it straightway, to proceed with it, and succeed with it more and more. Come, then, and rally around the standard of union, the union of States, and the unity of miners, and with honesty of purpose, zeal and watchfulness—the pledge of success—unite for the emancipation of our labor, and the regeneration and elevation physically, mentally and morally of our species."

The convention then adjourned till 3:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Upon reassembling, the operators, through their secretary, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That we are at all times ready to meet the miners to discuss all questions of mutual interest with a view of settling such questions amicably, and that we would recommend that a committee of operators and miners be appointed to confer with the operators and miners of the State to devise ways and means by which the question of weighing and screening coal and all other questions at issue may be satisfactorily settled, and that this committee report at a date not later than August 20.

The miners readily adopted and accepted this resolution, and the following committees were appointed:

On behalf of the operators—S. A. Flagler, H. A. Foster and Norman Haskins.

On behalf of the miners—John Boulger, Des Moines; John Dykes, Flagler; and S. H. Dickens, Angus.

This committee will canvass the State and endeavor to get each

mine operator to attend another convention, subject to the call of this committee.

After several speeches by Messrs. Haskins, Foster, Flagler, Phelly, on the operators' side, and President O'Brien, Sullivan, Dykes and others, on the miners' side, the convention adjourned, both sides pleased with the conference.

At the second convention of operators and miners, held at Des Moines, August 15th, the following business was transacted:

The convention of coal operators and miners took place at the hour named, at Exposition hall. The forenoon was occupied by the miners in secret session, discussing the matters as pertaining to their business, and what course they should pursue relative to the screen difficulty, the question of arbitration, and what was needed in their behalf in a State mining law. The meeting was a pleasant one, and each and all present seemed willing to do almost anything to further good feelings between themselves and the operators. The latter class, or that portion that had taken part at the late joint convention, and those that were here this time to participate, they considered their friends, and would aid them in their competition with outside operators, and do all in their power to make their business successful. They deprecated strikes, because it was a losing affair on both sides, and thought that these meetings between employers and employes had a great effect, and that one understood the other far better than ever before.

On the other hand, the operators also had their conference, and had arrived at about the same opinion as the miners, and thus all had come together in the afternoon with the best of feelings, and there was not, during the entire convention, a harsh word or a word of recrimination used. The main object of this second convention was to confer together and take steps to have the incoming legislature frame some mining law that would be applicable to the whole State, and still not grind either side. The following is a full report of the convention:

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by S. A. Flagler, of Ottumwa, and, on motion, Norman Haskins, of Des Moines, was elected chairman, and A. Perry, of Des Moines, secretary on behalf of the operators, and J. J. Sullivan, of Oskaloosa, secretary on behalf of the miners.

Thirty-two mines and operators were represented by duly accredited delegates, and the coal field generally represented. None of the miners in Mahaska, save Beacon and Knoxville Junction, were represented.

The committee of operators and miners appointed at the last meeting asked for a few moments' more time in which to prepare their report, which was granted.

Mr. Flagler, chairman of the committee, made the following report:

TO THE CONVENTION OF OPERATORS AND MINERS.

Gentlemen—Your committee appointed to devise ways and means by which the question of weighing and screening coal, and all other questions at issue, may be satisfactorily settled, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That in our judgment it is advisable to procure the appointment by law of a State board of labor, to take cognizance of and settle any and all differences which may arise between employes and employers in this State.
2. That we consider that in the coal business, as in all others, such product as is regularly and habitually sold in the trade, is merchantable, and should be so declared by statute, and that such product as cannot be sold is unmerchantable, and should not be paid for.
3. That such portion of the coal products as will pass through a diamond bar, or wire mesh screen, the bars of which are not more than one half of one inch apart, or a flat bar screen, with the bars not over three quarters of an inch apart, is unmerchantable.
4. We suggest to the convention the appointment of a joint committee of operators and miners to prepare a memorial to be presented at the next session of the legislature, asking for the passage of such laws as will secure the above-named results.

SAMUEL A. FLAGLER,
NORMAN HASKINS,
H. A. FOSTER,
For the operators.

JOHN BOULGER,
JOHN DYKES,
S. A. DICKENS,
For the miners.

Numerous letters from operators and miners in different parts of the State were received and read, expressing their hearty approval of the object of the convention, and offering their regrets for not being able to be present. Among the number was the following, from Senator James F. Wilson:

FAIRFIELD, August 4, 1883.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF OPERATORS AND MINERS, DES MOINES, IOWA:

Gentlemen—Your circular of invitation to attend a convention of operators and miners at Des Moines, August 15th is at hand. Other engagements will prevent me from attending the convention, but I can assure you that

the object of the convention, as embodied in the resolution printed in the circular, has my full and active sympathy.

Yours truly,

JAMES F. WILSON.

A motion was made and carried, that the report of the committee be taken up and adopted or rejected, section by section. Mr. Hite, of Swan, on behalf of the miners, and Mr. Miller, of Albia, and Mr. Wilson, of Lehigh, of the operators, spoke in regard to the amount of good to be obtained by arbitration.

The first section was then taken up, and an amendment offered and carried that the work should not cease while the matter was being arbitrated. The section, as amended, was adopted.

After a desultory debate *pro* and *con* on the second, third and fourth sections of the report, lasting fully an hour, a fifteen-minute recess was taken, for the miners to consult as to what action they should take in the matter of screens used. The operators also used the time in talking the matter over. Another half hour was again used in discussion, when, on motion, the operators retired for ten minutes to confer. On re-entering the hall the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The report of the committee was adopted as a whole.

On motion a committee of four from the miners and four from the operators was appointed as a legislative committee to prepare a mining law. The operators named as their committee Messrs. Norman Haskins, of Des Moines, Taylor Ramsey, of What Cheer, James McCaughan, of Des Moines, and S. A. Flagler, of Ottumwa; and for the miners, J. J. Sullivan, of Oskaloosa, John Boulger, of Des Moines, James Dooley, of What Cheer, and James Davidson, of Kirksville.

On motion, a committee of two from the operators and two from the miners, and they to select the fifth, to constitute a board of arbitration until passage of mining law, was appointed. Committee on part of miners: John Boulger, of Des Moines, and W. H. Thomas, of Angus; operators: S. A. Flagler, of Ottumwa, and Thomas Beck, of Des Moines.

The convention then adjourned.

From the foregoing pages, in which I have given the action of the miners and operators in their conventions, it will be seen that the next General Assembly will be called upon to pass a law governing the screens used at the mines for screening coal. The rule at nearly all the mines in this State is to screen the coal before it is weighed. The space between the bars of the screen vary from three fourths of an inch to one and one half inches. There has been a growing complaint among the miners that they should receive pay for their nut coal as well as the lump, as the operators sell both kinds. Some of the operators claim that they pay a larger price for the lump, and in that way pay for the nut; and if they pay separate for the nut they would be compelled to reduce the price on the lump coal accordingly. Both sides of this question will have many arguments in favor of the justice of their claim, and, as the General Assembly will be called upon to investigate and legislate upon the subject, they should thoroughly understand all the circumstances surrounding each mining district and the condition of the market to which their coal is shipped, and the rules governing the screening of coal in the mining districts with which our mines have to compete in the market. And, with a view of obviating hasty legislation, I would recommend that a committee on mines be appointed in both branches of the legislature, and that an investigating committee be appointed to visit the different mining districts to examine personally into the system of weighing and screening coal now in practice.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The requirements of the mining law in regard to the Inspector enumerating all accidents in and about the mines (see section three), demands of the Inspector an impossibility, for this reason: the law does not require the operators of mines to report any but fatal accidents, and those are all the Inspector can enumerate in his report; the serious accidents are not reported to him and he has no way of finding out about them, unless they happen while he is at the mine. I would, therefore, recommend that section 2, chapter 202, laws of the Eighteenth General Assembly, be amended by adding to said section at the end thereof the following: "and the owner or agent of

all coal mines shall report all accidents happening in and around the mines to the Inspector, giving cause of the same. Such notice to be in writing."

There has been some trouble in getting returns of fatal accidents, as the following communication from the coroner of Lucas county will explain:

CHARITON, IOWA, August 14, 1883.

PARK C. WILSON, Esq., *Dear Sir*—With this you will find the transcript of inquest held at East Cleveland, on the 11th instant, a day or so having elapsed after the dead was buried, having no information of the occurrence till the afternoon of the 10th instant, when there was no chance of seeing the corpse; did not go until the 11th, when, after finding superintendent I was somewhat surprised that he entertained the opinion that as the man was not dead when brought up, that there was no necessity of giving me notice. This is two or three times I have been treated in the same manner. On a former occasion I showed him the law, and he has it at his command.

I would be gratified if some one whose advice or opinion would have greater influence than mine, would advise him on the subject. I have had the advice of some of the best lawyers here; all of them say there can be no doubt of my duty to hold an inquest.

On the second occasion referred to, I threatened him with the law; but, to my chagrin, I could find no law fixing a penalty for such neglect.

Now, I see that you have to make report to the Governor, who, I hope, will in his wisdom make to the next legislature such suggestions as he may think proper in the premises.

It is unpleasant for me to have to hold an inquisition concerning the death of one who is already interred; for if the evidence justifies the belief that an unlawful act had been committed, I should feel bound to have the remains disinterred.

Hoping you will excuse this intrusion, and begging that you may be kind enough to favor me briefly with your views on the subject, and oblige,

Very respectfully yours,

H. S. MILLAN,
Coroner of Lucas county.

P. S.—If it is not too much trouble, I would like to have the Governor's attention called particularly to the subject of penalties.

H. S. M.

I would recommend that section seven be amended by adding to said section at the end thereof, the following: "And the owner or agent of all coal mines hereafter wrought out and abandoned, shall deliver the map of said mine to the Inspector to be filed in his office."

And that section eleven be amended by inserting after the words, "and there shall be provided" in the eighth line thereof the following words: "A safety catch of approved pattern and."

And I would further recommend that sections 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 19, of our present mining law be repealed, and an effective law with suitable penalties substituted therefor for the following reasons:

Section 8. The provisions of the law in regard to the second opening will apply to slope or drift openings, where the openings are never covered with buildings, and the only danger arises from caving or falling in of the openings; but where a mine is opened by a shaft fifty feet therefrom is too close for an escape-shaft, because in case of fire at the hoisting shaft the heat from the burning buildings would not admit of any one coming up an escape-shaft situated only fifty feet from the hoisting shaft.

Section 9. I would recommend that it should not be lawful for the operator of any mine opened by a shaft, after the expiration of the time given by law within which to make the second opening, to employ or permit any person to work in said mine until the second opening is made, and that the second opening at all mines opened by a shaft, should not be less than one hundred feet from the hoisting shaft.

Section 10, of the mining law, I have had considerable trouble in trying to enforce, for the reason that the law does not state the amount of ventilation or air that should be furnished each person employed in the mine. My experience in the last three years in trying to provide good ventilation is, that I have met with about as much effective opposition from the miners as I have from the operators, as in every case there has been some men willing to testify that the ventilation is good, and as the law now is it is only a matter of opinion, and no matter how little air there is in circulation if the miners are willing to testify that the ventilation is good, then the judge will refuse to grant the injunction. The law should state the amount of air that should be furnished each man or animal per minute, and then, when the Inspector measured the volume of air and it fell below the amount specified by law there would be no inducement for the operator to force his miners to testify falsely, as the scientific test would then settle the question. I would therefore recommend that the operator of every coal mine shall provide and maintain for every such mine an amount of ventilation of not less than one hun-

dred cubic feet per minute for each person, and five hundred cubic feet for each animal employed in such mine, and that *all* mines governed by the provisions of this act shall be provided with artificial means of producing ventilation such as fans, exhaust, steam, furnaces, or other contrivances of such capacity and power as to produce and maintain an abundant supply of air for all the requirements of the mine.

Section 13 of the law I desire to call especial attention. This section is being continually violated. No boy under twelve years of age should be permitted to work in any mine, and parents or guardians of boys should be required to furnish an affidavit in regard to the ages of their boys, when there is any doubt in regard to the age of such boys; and no person between the ages of twelve and sixteen years should be permitted to work in any mine unless he can read and write; and in all cases of miners applying for work, the agent or owner of the mine should see that the provisions of this section was not violated, and any person neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of this law, should be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof should be punished by fine or imprisonment.

Section 19 should be made to conform to sections 8 and 9, so as to provide the second opening at every mine in the State, as a man's life is just as dear to him, or his family, if he is working where there is only three or four men as if he was working where there was that many hundred, and should be furnished the same protection.

Respectfully submitted,

August 15, 1883.

PARK C. WILSON.

Inspector of Mines.

APPENDIX.

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IOWA STATE MINING LAW.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That there shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, one State Mine Inspector, who shall hold his office for two years; subject, however, to be removed by the Governor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. Said inspector shall have a theoretical and practical knowledge of the different systems of working and ventilating coal mines, and of the nature and properties of the noxious and poisonous gases of mines, and of mining engineering; and said inspector, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall take an oath or affirmation to discharge the same faithfully and impartially, which oath or affirmation shall be indorsed upon his commission, and his commission so indorsed shall be forthwith recorded in the office of the Secretary of State; and such inspector shall give bonds in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), with sureties to the approval of the Governor, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duty.

SEC. 2. Said inspector shall give his whole time and attention to the duties of his office, and shall examine all the mines in the State as often as his duties will permit, to see that the provisions of this act are obeyed; and it shall be lawful for such inspector to enter, inspect and examine any mine in this State, and the works and machinery belonging thereto, at all reasonable times, by night or by day, but so as not to unnecessarily obstruct or impede the working of the mines; and to make inquiry and examination into the state and condition of the mine as to ventilation and general security as required by the provisions of this act. And the owners and agents of such mines are hereby required to furnish the means necessary for such

duty and inspection, of which inspection the inspector shall make a record, noting the time and all the material circumstances; and it shall be the duty of the person having charge of any mine whenever any loss of life shall occur by accident connected with the workings of such mine, or by explosion, to give notice forthwith by mail or otherwise to the inspector of mines, and to the coroner of the county in which such mine is situated, and the coroner shall hold an inquest on the body of the person or persons whose death has been caused and inquire carefully into the cause thereof, and shall return a copy of the verdict and all testimony to said inspector. No person having a personal interest in, or employed in the management of, or employed in the mine where a fatal accident occurs, shall be qualified to serve on the jury impaneled on the inquest.

SEC. 3. Said inspector while in office shall not act as an agent or as a manager or mining engineer, or be interested in operating any mine, and he shall annually, on or before the first day of January, make a report to the Governor of his proceedings, and the condition and operations of the mines in this State, enumerating all accidents in or about the same, and giving all such information as he may think useful and proper, and making such suggestions as he may deem important as to further legislation on the subject of mining.

SEC. 4. Said inspector shall receive a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, to be paid in quarterly installments, and he shall have and keep an office in the State House at Des Moines in which shall be kept all records and correspondence, papers, apparatus and property pertaining to his duties, belonging to the State, and which shall be handed over to his successor in office.

SEC. 5. Any vacancy occurring when the Senate is not in session, either by death or resignation, removal by the Governor or otherwise, shall be filled by appointment by the Governor which appointment shall be good until the close of the next session of the Senate, unless the vacancy is sooner filled as in the first section provided.

SEC. 6. There shall be provided for said inspector all instruments necessary for the discharge of his duties under this act, which shall be paid for by the State, on the certificate of the inspector, and shall be the property of the State.

SEC. 7. The agent or owner of every coal mine shall make or cause to be made, an accurate map or plan of the working of such mine on a scale of not less than one hundred feet to the inch showing the area

mined or excavated. Said map or plan shall be kept at the office of such mine. The owner or agent shall on or before the first day of September, 1886, and annually thereafter, cause to be made a statement and plan of the progress of the workings of such mine up to said date which statement and plan shall be marked on the map or plan herein required to be made. In case of refusal on the part of said owner or agent for two months after the time designated to make the map or plan or the addition thereto the inspector is authorized to cause an accurate map or plan of the whole of said mine to be made at the expense of the owner of thereof, the cost of which shall be recoverable against the owner in the name of the person or persons making said map or plan.

SEC. 8. After six months from the passage of this act it shall not be lawful for the owner or agent of any coal mine operated by shaft or slope to employ more than fifteen persons at one time to work therein or permit more than fifteen persons at one time to work in such mine, unless there are to every seam of coal worked in such mine two separate outlets separated by natural strata of not less than fifty feet in breadth by which shafts or outlets distinct means of egress must be always available to afford easy escape from such mine in case of explosion, cavings or falling in of either shaft. But, in case of mines operated as in this section first provided, if in the judgment of the inspector an additional shaft is deemed necessary then the same shall be provided, subject, however, to the decision of the circuit court of the county in which the mine is situated.

SEC. 9. All mines hereafter opened shall be allowed one year to make outlets as provided in section 8 when such mine is under two hundred feet in depth, and two years when such mine is over two hundred feet, but not more than twenty men shall be employed in such mines at one time until the provisions of section 8 are complied with, and after the expiration of the periods above mentioned should said mines not have the outlets aforesaid they must reduce their number to fifteen persons.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of said inspector to see that all coal mines are well and properly ventilated, and that such quantities of air are supplied to the miners at their several places of working in each mine as is requisite for their health and safety.

The ventilation required by this section may be produced by any suitable appliances, but in case a furnace is used for ventilating pur-

poses it shall be built in such a manner as to prevent the communication of fire to any part of the works, by lining the upcast with incombustible material for a sufficient distance up from said furnace.

SEC. 11. The owner or agent of every coal mine operated by a shaft or slope, in all cases where the human voice cannot be distinctly heard, shall forthwith provide and maintain a metal tube, or other suitable means, for communication from the top to the bottom of said shaft or slope, suitably calculated for the free passage of sound therein, so that communication can be held between persons at the bottom and top of the shaft or slope, and there shall be provided a sufficient cover overhead on all carriages used for lowering and hoisting persons, and on the top of every shaft an approved safety-gate, and also approved safety-spring on the top of every slope, and an adequate brake shall be attached to every drum or machine used for raising or lowering persons in all shafts or slopes, and a trail shall be attached to every car used on a slope, all of said appliances to be subject to the approval of the inspector.

SEC. 12. No owner or agent of any coal mine operated by shaft or slope shall knowingly place in charge of any engine used for lowering into or hoisting out of such mine persons employed therein, any but experienced, competent and sober engineers, and no engineer in charge of such engine shall allow any person except such as may be deputed for that purpose by the owner or agent, to interfere with it, or any part of the machinery; and no person shall interfere or in any way intimidate the engineer in the discharge of his duties; and the maximum number of persons to ascend out of or descend into any coal mine on one cage shall be determined by the inspector, but in no case shall such number exceed ten, and no person shall ride upon or against any loaded cage or car in any shaft or slope.

SEC. 13. No boy under twelve years of age shall be allowed to work in any mine, and it shall be the duty of the agent of such mine to see that the provisions of this section are not violated.

SEC. 14. In case any coal mine does not in its appliances for the safety of the persons working therein, conform to the provisions of this act, or the owner or agent disregards the requirements of this act for twenty days after being notified by the inspector, any court of competent jurisdiction, in session or vacation, may, on application of the inspector, by civil action in the name of the State, enjoin or restrain the said owner or agent from working or operating such mine

with more than ten miners at once until it is made to conform to the provisions of this act, and such remedy shall be cumulative and shall not take the place of, or affect any other proceedings against such owner or agent authorized by law for the matter complained of in such action.

SEC. 15. Any miner, workman or other person who shall knowingly injure or interfere with any air-course or brattice, or obstruct, or throw open doors, or disturb any part of the machinery, or disobey any order given in carrying out the provisions of this act, or ride upon a loaded car or wagon in a shaft or slope, or do any act whereby the lives and health of the persons, or the security of the mines and machinery is endangered; or if any miner or person employed in any mine governed by the provisions of this act, shall neglect or refuse to securely prop or support the roof and entries under his control, or neglect or refuse to obey any order given by the superintendent in relation to the security of the mine in the part of the mine under his charge or control, every such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.

SEC. 16. Whenever written charges of gross neglect of duty or malfeasance in office against any inspector shall be made and filed with the Governor, signed by not less than fifteen miners, or one or more operators of mines, together with a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, payable to the State, and signed by two or more responsible freeholders, and conditioned for the payment of all costs and expenses arising from the investigation of such charges, it shall be the duty of the Governor to convene a board of examiners, to consist of two practical miners, one mining engineer and two operators, at such time and place as he may deem best, giving ten days' notice to the inspector against whom charges may be made, and also the person whose name appears first in the charges, and said board when so convened, and having first been duly sworn or affirmed truly to try and decide the charges made, shall summon any witness desired by either party and examine them on oath or affirmation, which may be administered by any member of the board, and depositions may be read on such examination as in other cases, and report the result of their investigations to the Governor, and if their report shows that said inspector has grossly neglected his duties, or is incompetent, or

has been guilty of malfeasance in office, it shall be the duty of the Governor forthwith to remove said inspector and appoint a successor, and said board shall award the costs and expenses of such investigation against the inspector or the person signing said bond.

SEC. 17. In all coal mines in this State the miners employed and working therein shall at all proper times have right of access and examination of all scales, machinery, or apparatus used in or about said mine to determine the quantity of coal mined for the purpose of testing the accuracy and correctness of all such scales, machinery or apparatus, and such miners may designate or appoint a competent person to act for them, who shall at all proper times have full right of access and examination of such scales, machinery, or apparatus, and seeing all weights and measures of coal mined, and the accounts kept of the same, provided not more than one person on behalf of the miners collectively shall have such right of access, examination and inspection of scales, weights, measures and accounts at the same time, and that such person shall make no unnecessary interference with the use of such scales, machinery or apparatus.

SEC. 18. The owner, agent, or operator of any coal mine shall keep a sufficient supply of timber where required to be used as props, so that the workmen may at all times be able to properly secure the workings from caving in, and it shall be the duty of the owner, agent or operator to send down all such props when required.

SEC. 19. The provisions of this act shall not apply to or affect any coal mines in which not more than fifteen persons are employed at the same time. *Provided*, That upon the application of the proprietors of or miners in any such mine the inspector shall make or cause to be made an inspection of such mine, and direct and enforce any regulations in accordance with the provisions of this act that he may deem necessary for the safety or the health and lives of the miners.

SEC. 20. Chapter 31, acts of the Fifteenth General Assembly is hereby repealed.

Approved, March 30, 1880.

MINING LAWS OF ILLINOIS.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN COAL MINES.

Approved May 28, 1879; in force July 1, 1879; as amended by Acts approved June 18, 1883, and June 21, 1883; in force July 1, 1883.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That the owner, or agent, or operator, of each and every coal mine in this State shall make, or cause to be made, at the discretion of the inspector, or person acting in that capacity, an accurate map or plan of the workings of such coal mine, and of each and every vein thereof, showing the general inclination of the strata, together with any material deflections in the said workings, and the boundary lines of said coal mines, and deposit a true copy of said map or plan with the inspector of coal mines, to be filed in his office, and another true copy of said map or plan with the recorder of the county in which said coal mine is situated, to be filed in his office, both of which said copies shall be deposited as aforesaid within three (3) months from the day when this act shall go into effect; and the original, or a copy of such map or plan, shall also be kept for inspection at the office of such coal mine; and during the month of January, of each and every year after this act shall go into effect, the said owner, agent, or operator, shall furnish the inspector and recorder, as aforesaid, with a statement and further map or plan of the progress of the workings of such coal mine, continued from the last report to the end of the December month just preceding; and the inspector shall correct his map or plan of said workings in accordance with the statement and map or plan thus furnished; and when any coal mine is worked out or abandoned, that fact shall be reported to the inspector, and the map or plan of such coal mine in the office of said inspector shall be carefully corrected and verified. The several coal mine inspectors in this State shall furnish copies of all maps or plans of mines, to be filed with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. [As amended by an act approved June 18, 1883.]

SEC. 2. Whenever the owner, agent, or operator of any coal mine shall neglect or refuse to furnish the said inspector and recorder, as aforesaid, with the statement, the map or plan, or addition thereto, as provided for in the first section of this act, at the times and in the manner therein provided, the said inspector is hereby authorized to cause an accurate map or plan of the workings of such coal mine to be made at the expense of said owner, agent, or operator, and the cost may be recovered by law from said owner, agent or operator, in the same manner as other debts, by suit in the name of the inspector and for his use.

SEC. 3. In all coal mines that are or have been in operation prior to the first day of July, in the year of our Lord 1879, and which are worked by or through a shaft, slope or drift, if there is not already an escapement shaft to each and every said coal mine, or communication between each and every coal mine, and some other contiguous mine; then there shall be an escapement shaft or other communication, such as shall be approved by the mine inspector, making at least two distinct means of ingress or egress for all persons employed or permitted to work in such coal mine. Such escapement shaft or other communication with a contiguous mine as aforesaid, shall be constructed in connection with every vein or stratum of coal worked in such coal mine, which shall be at least three and one half feet high and at least five feet wide, and in no instance shall the height of said roadway be less than the thickness of the vein or stratum of coal through which it is driven; and the time to be allowed for such construction shall be one year when such mine is under one hundred (100) feet in depth; two years when such mine is over one hundred (100) feet in depth and under three hundred (300) feet, and three years when it is over three hundred (300) feet and under four hundred (400) feet, and four years when it is over four hundred feet (400) feet in depth, and five years for all mines over five hundred (500) feet, from the first day of July, A. D. 1879; and in all cases where the working free of one mine has been driven up to or into the workings of another mine, the respective owners of such mines, while operating the same, shall keep open a roadway at least five feet high and five feet wide, thereby forming a communication, as contemplated in this act; and for a failure to do so shall be subject to the penalty provided for in section ten of this act, for each and every day such roadway is unnecessarily closed; each and every such escape

ment shaft shall be separated from the main shaft by such extent of natural strata as shall secure safety to the men employed in such mines, such distance to be left to the discretion of the mine inspector or person acting in that capacity; and in all coal mines that shall go into operation for the first time after the first day of January, A. D. 1880; and in all cases where such mine or mines shall hereafter be put in operation in this State, the owner thereof or the lessee or occupant of the same, shall construct such an escapement shaft as is now required by law in this State at the rate of two hundred feet per annum until such escapement shaft shall have been fully completed: *And provided, further,* that nothing in this section shall be construed to extend the time heretofore allowed by law for constructing escapement shafts in mines going into operation for the first time before said first day of January, A. D. 1880. [As amended by an act approved June 18, 1883.]

SEC. 4. The owner, agent or operator of every coal mine, whether operated by shaft, slope or drift, shall provide and maintain for every such mine a sufficient amount of ventilation, to be determined by the inspector, at the rate of one hundred cubic feet of air per man per minute, measured at the foot of the down cast, which shall be forced and circulated to the face of every working place throughout the mine, so that said mine shall be free from standing gas of whatsoever kind; and in all mines where fire-damp is generated, every working place where such fire-damp is known to exist shall be examined every morning with a safety lamp, by a competent person, before any other persons are allowed to enter. The ventilation required by this section may be produced by any suitable appliances, but in case a furnace shall be used for ventilating purposes, it shall be built in such a manner as to prevent the communication of fire to any part of the works, by lining the up-cast with incombustible material for a sufficient distance up from said furnace: *Provided,* it shall not be lawful to use a furnace for ventilating purposes, or for any other purpose, that shall emit smoke into any compartment constructed in, or adjoining, any coal hoisting shaft or slope where the hoisting shaft or slope is the only means provided for the ingress or egress of persons employed in said coal mines. That it shall be unlawful, where there is but one means of ingress and egress provided at a coal shaft or slope, to construct and use a ventilating furnace that shall emit smoke into a shaft, as an up-cast, where the shaft or slope used as a mean

of ingress and egress by persons employed in said coal mines is the only means provided for furnishing air to persons employed therein. [As amended by an act approved, June 21, 1883.]

SEC. 5. The owner, agent or operator shall provide that bore-holes shall be kept twenty feet in advance of the face of each and every working place, and if necessary, on both sides, when driving toward an abandoned mine or part of a mine suspected to contain inflammable gases, or to be inundated with water.

SEC. 6. The owner, agent or operator of every coal mine operated by shaft shall provide suitable means of signaling between the bottom and top thereof, and shall also provide safe means of hoisting and lowering persons in a cage covered with boiler iron, so as to keep safe, as far as possible, persons descending into and ascending out of such shaft; and such cage shall be furnished with guides to conduct it on slides through such shaft, with a sufficient brake on every drum to prevent accident in case of the giving out or breaking of the machinery; and such cage shall be furnished with spring catches intended and provided, as far as possible, to prevent the consequences of cable-breaking or the loosening or disconnecting of the machinery; and no props or rails shall be lowered in a cage while men are descending into or ascending out of said mine: *Provided*, that the provisions of this section in relation to covering cages with boiler iron shall not apply to coal mines less than one hundred (100) feet in depth, where the coal is raised by horse-power. No person under the age of fourteen years, or females of any age, shall be permitted to enter any mine to work therein. Any party or person neglecting or refusing to perform the duties required to be performed by sections three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), and eight (8), shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by fine in the discretion of the court trying the same, subject, however, to the limitations as provided by section ten of this act. [As amended by an act approved June 18, 1883.]

SEC. 7. No owner, agent or operator of any coal mine operated by shaft or slope shall place in charge of any engine, whereby men are lowered into or hoisted out of the mines, any but an experienced, competent and sober person not under the age of eighteen years; and no person shall ride upon a loaded cage or wagon used for hoisting purposes in any shaft or slope, and in no case shall more than twelve persons ride on any cage or car at one time, nor shall any coal be

hoisted out of any coal mine while persons are descending into such coal mine; and the number of persons to ascend out of or descend into any coal mine on one cage shall be determined by the inspector; the maximum number so fixed shall not be less than four, nor more than twelve, nor shall be lowered or hoisted more rapidly than six hundred feet to the minute.

SEC. 8. All boilers used in generating steam in and about coal mines shall be kept in good order, and the agent, owner or operator, as aforesaid, shall have said boilers examined and inspected by a competent boilermaker, or other qualified person, as often as once every six months, and oftener if the inspector shall deem it necessary, and the result of every such examination shall be certified, in writing, to the mine inspector; and the top of each and every shaft, and the entrance to each and every intermediate working vein, shall be securely fenced by gates properly covering and protecting such shaft and entrance thereto; and the entrance to every abandoned slope, air or other shaft shall be securely fenced off; and every steam boiler shall be provided with a proper steam gauge, water gauge and safety valve; and all underground, self-acting or engine planes, or gangways, on which coal cars are drawn and persons travel, shall be provided with some proper means of signaling between the stopping places and the end of said planes or gangways, and sufficient places of refuge at the sides of such planes or gangways shall be provided at intervals of not more than twenty feet apart.

SEC. 9. Whenever loss of life, or serious personal injury, shall occur by reason of any explosion, or of any accident whatsoever, in or about any coal mine, it shall be the duty of the person having charge of such coal mine to report the facts thereof, without delay, to the mine inspector of the district in which said coal mine is situated; and if any person is killed thereby, to notify the coroner of the county also, or, in his absence or inability to act, any justice of the peace of said county; and the said inspector shall, if he deem it necessary from the facts reported, immediately go to the scene of said accident, and make such suggestions and render such assistance as he may deem necessary for the safety of the men. And the inspector shall investigate and ascertain the cause of such explosion or accident, and make a report thereof, which he shall preserve with the other records of his office; and to enable him to make such investigations he shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses,

and administer oaths or affirmations to them, and the cost of such investigations shall be paid by the county in which such accident has occurred, in the same manner as costs of coroners' inquests are now paid. And the failure of the person in charge of the coal mine in which any such accident may have occurred, to give notice to the inspector or coroner, as provided for in this section, shall subject such person to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), to be recovered in the name of the People of the State of Illinois, before any justice of the peace of such county, and such fine, when collected, shall be paid into the county treasury for the use of the county in which any such accident may have occurred. [As amended by an act approved June 18, 1883.]

SEC. 10. In all cases in which punishment is provided by fine under this act for a breach of any of its provisions, the fine for a first offense shall not be less than fifty dollars (\$50), and not more than two hundred dollars (\$200), and for the second offense not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500), in the discretion of the court, except as specially provided for in section nine of this act.

SEC. 11. This State shall be divided into five inspection districts, as follows, viz.:

The first district shall be composed of the counties of Boone, McHenry, Lake, De Kalb, Kane, Du Page, Cook, La Salle, Kendall, Grundy, Will, Livingston, Kankakee, and Iroquois.

Second district, the counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside, Lee, Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, Mercer, Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Henderson, Warren, Knox, Hancock, McDonough, Schuyler, Adams, and Brown.

The third district, the counties of Fulton, Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, McLean, Ford, Mason, Cass, Menard, Logan, De Witt, Piatt, Champaign, and Vermilion.

The fourth district, the counties of Pike, Scott, Morgan, Sangamon, Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Bond, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Fayette, Macon, Moultrie, Shelby, Effingham, Douglas, Coles, Cumberland, Jasper, Edgar, Clark, Crawford, Clay, Richland, and Lawrence.

The fifth district, the counties of St. Clair, Clinton, Washington, Marion, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, Hamilton, White, Monroe, Randolph, Perry, Jackson, Franklin, William-

son, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski, and Massac.

The Governor shall, upon the recommendation of a board of examiners, selected for that purpose, composed of two practical coal miners, two coal operators, and one mining engineer, to be appointed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of this State, all of whom shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their duties, appoint five properly qualified persons to fill the offices of inspectors of coal mines of this State (being one inspector for each district provided for in this act), whose commissions shall be for the term of one year, but they shall at all times be subject to removal from office for neglect of duty, or malfeasance in the discharge of duty, as hereinafter provided for; and the inspectors so appointed shall have attained the age of thirty years, be citizens of this State, and have a knowledge of mining engineering sufficient to conduct the development of coal mines, and a practical knowledge of the methods of conducting mining for coal in the presence of explosive gases, and of the proper ventilation of coal mines. They shall have had a practical mining experience of ten years, and shall not be interested as owner, operator, stockholder, superintendent, or mining engineer of any coal mine during their term of office, and shall be of good moral character and temperate habits, and shall not be guilty of any act tending to the injury of miners or operators of mines during their term of office. They shall be provided by the State with the most approved modern instruments for carrying out the intention of this act. The inspectors, before assuming the duties of their several offices, shall take an oath of office, as provided for by the constitution, and shall be required to enter into a bond to the State in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), with sureties to be approved by the Governor, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties in every particular, as required by this act; said bond, with the approval of the Governor indorsed thereon, together with the oath of office, shall be deposited with the Secretary of State. The salaries of the inspectors provided for by this act shall be eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum, each, and the Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the treasury in their favor, quarterly, for the amount specified in this section for the salary of each inspector: *Provided*, that the county board of any county may appoint an assistant inspector for such county, who shall act under the direction of

the district inspector in the performance of his duties, and shall receive not less than three dollars (\$3), nor more than five dollars (\$5) per day, for the time actually employed, to be paid out of the county treasury; and he may be removed by such county board at any time. [As amended by an act approved June 18, 1883.]

SEC. 12. The inspectors provided for by this act shall devote their whole time and attention to the duties of their office, and make personal examination of every mine within their respective districts, and shall see that every necessary precaution is taken to insure the health and safety of the workmen employed in such mines, and that the provisions and requirements of the mining laws, of this State are faithfully observed and obeyed and the penalties of the same enforced. They shall also make annual reports to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of their acts during the year in the discharge of their duties, with their recommendations as to legislation necessary on the subject of mining, and shall collect and tabulate upon blanks furnished by said Bureau all desired statistics of the mines and miners within their districts, to accompany said annual report; they shall also furnish such information as they may have obtained on this subject, when called for, to the State Geologist. Upon a petition signed by not less than three reputable coal operators, or ten coal miners, setting forth that any inspector of coal mines neglects his duties, or that he is incompetent, or that he is guilty of malfeasance in office, or guilty of any act tending to the injury of miners or operators of mines, it may be lawful for the Bureau of Labor Statistics of this State to issue a citation to the said inspector to appear, at not less than fifteen days' notice, on a day fixed, before them, when the said Bureau shall proceed to inquire into and investigate the allegations of the petitioners; and if the said Bureau find that the said inspector is neglectful of his duty, or that he is, by reason of causes that existed before his appointment, or that have arisen since his appointment, incompetent to perform the duties of said office, or that he is guilty of malfeasance in office, or guilty of any act tending to the injury of miners or operators of mines, the said Bureau shall declare the office of inspector of the said district vacant, and a properly qualified person shall be appointed to fill the office in compliance with the provisions of this act; and the cost of said investigation by the said Bureau shall be borne by the removed inspector; but if the allegations of the petitioners are not sustained by the final decision

of the said Bureau, the costs shall be paid by the petitioners. The board of examiners provided for in section eleven of this act, shall be appointed at the annual meeting of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and shall hold their offices for one year. They shall meet annually at the State capital on the first Monday in September, in each year, and special meetings may be called at any time by the Bureau of Labor Statistics when the office of coal mine inspector becomes from any cause vacant. They shall receive as compensation the sum of three dollars (\$3) per day, each, for time actually employed in the duties of their office, and actual traveling expenses, to be verified by affidavit; *Provided*, that in no case shall the per diem received by any member of said board exceed the sum of thirty dollars (\$30) per annum. The Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of each member of the board of examiners at the close of their annual session, for the full amount due them for attending annual and special sessions, and expenses, upon vouchers sworn to by them, and approved by the Secretary of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Governor. [As amended by an act approved June 18, 1883.]

SEC. 13. It shall be lawful for the inspector provided for in this act, to enter, examine, and inspect any and all coal mines and machinery belonging thereto, at all reasonable times, by day or by night, but so as not to obstruct or hinder the necessary workings of such coal mine, and the owner, agent or operator of every such coal mine is hereby required to furnish all necessary facilities for entering for such examination and inspection, and if the said owner, agent or operator aforesaid shall refuse to permit such inspection or to furnish the necessary facilities for such entry, examination and inspection, the inspector shall file his affidavit setting forth such refusal, with the judge of the circuit court in said county in which said mine is situated, either in term time or vacation, or, in the absence of said judge, with the master in chancery in said county in which said mine is situated, and obtain an order on such owner, agent or operator so refusing as aforesaid, commanding him to permit and furnish such necessary facilities for the inspection of such coal mine, or to be adjudged to stand in contempt of court, and punished accordingly; and if the said inspector shall, after examination of any coal mine and the works and machinery pertaining thereto, find the same to be worked contrary to the provisions of this act, or unsafe for the

workmen therein employed, said inspector shall, through the State's attorney of his county, or any attorney, in case of his refusal to act, acting in the name and on behalf of the State, proceed against the owner, agent or operator of such coal mine by injunction without bond, after giving at least two days' notice to such owner, agent or operator; and said owner, agent or operator shall have the right to appear before the judge or master to whom the application is made, who shall hear the same on affidavits, and such other testimony as may be offered in support as well as in opposition thereto; and if sufficient cause appear, the court, or judge in vacation, by order shall prohibit the further working of any such coal mine in which persons may be unsafely employed contrary to the provisions of this act, until the same shall have been made safe and the requirements of this act shall have been complied with, and the court shall award such costs in the matter of the said injunction as may be just; but any such proceedings so commenced shall be without prejudice to any other remedy permitted by law for enforcing the provisions of this act.

SEC. 14. For any injury to person or property, occasioned by any willful violations of this act or willful failure to comply with any of its provisions, a right of action shall accrue to the party injured for any direct damages sustained thereby; and in case of loss of life by reason of such willful violation or willful failure as aforesaid, a right of action shall accrue to the widow of the person so killed, his lineal heirs or adopted children, or to any other person or persons who were, before such loss of life, dependent for support on the person or persons so killed, for a like recovery of damages for the injuries sustained by reason of such loss of life or lives.

SEC. 15. Any miner, workman, or other person, who shall knowingly injure any water-guage, barometer, air-course or brattice, or shall obstruct, throw open any air-ways, or carry any lighted lamps or matches into places that are worked by the light of safety lamps; or shall handle or disturb any part of the machinery of the hoisting engine; or open a door in the mine and not have the same closed again, whereby danger is produced either to the mine or those at work therein; or who shall enter into any part of the mine against caution; or who shall disobey any order given in pursuance of this act; or who shall do any willful act whereby the lives and health of persons working in the mine, or the security of the mine or mines, or

the machinery thereof, is endangered, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 16. The owner, agent, or operator of any coal mine shall keep a sufficient supply of timber, where required to be used as props, so that the workmen may at all times be able to properly secure the said workings from caving in; and it shall be the duty of the owner, agent, or operator to send down all such props when required.

SEC. 17. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 18. That all mines hoisting coal by steam power from shaft or slope, having no other means of ingress or egress afforded to persons employed therein than by said shaft or slope, shall, within ninety days after July the first, A. D. 1883, have all engine and boiler-houses roofed and sided with fire proof materials, and they shall be situated not less than fifty feet from the mouth of the said shaft or slope; that the hoisting derricks erected over said hoisting shaft or near said slope, if inclosed, and all the coal chutes, buildings and constructions within a radius of fifty feet of the mouth of said hoisting shaft or slope, shall be covered and sided with fire-proof materials; and the person in charge, the owners or operators thereof, shall provide a steam pump and have the same conveniently situated, and a sufficient supply of water and hose always ready for use in any part of the buildings, chutes or constructions within a radius of fifty feet of said coal-hoisting shaft or slope; and if the person in charge of any such coal shaft or slope shall refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of this act, then the inspector of coal mines for the county in which the said shafts or slope are situated shall proceed, through the State's attorney of his county, or any attorney, in case of his refusal to act, acting in the name and on behalf of the State, against the owner, agent, or operator of said shaft or slope, by information without bond, after giving at least two days' notice to such owner, agent or operator; and the said owner, agent or operator shall have the right to appear before the judge or master to whom the application is made, who shall hear the same on affidavits, and such other testimony as may be offered in support as well as in opposition thereto; and if it be found that the owner, agent or operator of said shaft or slope has refused or neglected to comply with the

provisions of this act, the court, or judge in vacation, by order, shall prohibit the further working of any such coal shaft or slope until the owner, agent or operator shall have complied with the terms of this act. [An act approved June 21, 1883; in force July 1, 1883.]

SEC. 19. That all miners and employes engaged in mining coal shall use copper needles in preparing blasts in coal, and not less than five (5) inches of copper on the end of all iron bars used for tamping blasts of powder in coal, and the use of iron needles and iron tamping bars not tipped with five inches of copper is hereby declared to be unlawful. Any failure on the part of a coal miner or an employe in any coal mine to conform to the terms and requirements of this act shall subject such miner or employe to a fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty-five dollars, with costs of prosecution, for each offense, to be recovered by civil suit, before any justice of the peace; said fines, when collected, to be paid into the treasury of the county where the offense was committed, to the credit of the fund provided for the payment of the county inspector of mines. [An act approved June 21, 1883; in force July 1, 1883.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE WEIGHING OF COAL AT THE MINES.

Approved June 14, 1883; in force July 1, 1883.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That the owner, agent or operator of each and every coal mine or colliery in this State shall furnish, or cause to be furnished and placed upon the switch or railroad track adjacent to said coal mine or colliery, a "track scale" of standard manufacture, and shall weigh all coal hoisted from said mine or colliery before or at the time of being loaded on cars, wagons, or other vehicle of transportation: *Provided*, that in cases where track scales cannot be used, or the product of such mine or colliery will not justify the expense of a track scale, the owner, agent or operator of same shall be permitted to furnish (in lieu of a track scale) a platform scale of sufficient capacity to weigh each box as it is hoisted from such mine or colliery.

SEC. 2. All coal produced in this State shall be weighed on the scales as above provided, and the weight so determined shall be considered the basis upon which the wages of persons mining said coal shall be computed.

SEC. 3. It shall be lawful for the miners employed in any coal mine or colliery in this State to furnish a check weigher at their own expense, whose duty it shall be to balance said scales, and see that the coal is properly weighed, and keep a correct account of same, and for this purpose he shall have access at all times to the "beam box" of said scale while such weighing is being performed. The agent employed by persons mining coal, to act as check weighman, shall be an employe in the mines where the coal to be weighed was produced, and a citizen of the State and county wherein the mine is situated. He shall, on application to the owner, agent or operator of the mine producing the coal to be weighed, be furnished with a written permit that shall entitle him to enter and remain in the room or place where the accounting by him of the weights of coal is to be done, and the said permit shall not be transferable: *Provided*, that the provisions of this act shall apply only to coal mines doing business on and shipping coal by railroad or by water.

SEC. 4. Any person, owner or agent operating a coal mine or colliery in this State, who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act, or any person who shall obstruct or hinder the carrying out of its requirements, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished accordingly.

AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW IN RELATION TO MINES.

Approved March 24, 1874; in force July 1, 1874.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* Whenever any mine or mining place shall be so situated that it cannot be conveniently worked without a road or railroad thereto, or ditch to drain the same or to convey water thereto, and such road, railroad or ditch shall necessarily pass over, through or under other land owned or occupied by others, the owner or operator of any such mine or mining place may enter

upon such lands, and construct such road, railroad or ditch, upon complying with the law in relation to the exercise of the right of eminent domain; and the commissioners of highways of any county under township organization, and the county board in counties not under township organization, may, when the public good requires, cause to be laid out and opened public highways, or private roads or cartways, as the public good may require, in the same way as now is or may hereafter be provided by law for the laying out and opening of public highways or private roads or cartways, and may permit the owner, lessee or operator of any coal mine to lay down and operate a horse or dummy railway thereon, or upon any highway or private road or cartway now or hereafter laid out and opened for public or public and private use, but always in such a manner and way, and upon such place thereon, as not to unnecessarily interfere with ordinary public travel.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 OF THE REVISED STATUTES (1845),
ENTITLED "CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE."

Approved February 13, 1863; in force February 13, 1863.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* If any person shall, by threat, intimidation, or otherwise, seek to prevent any other person from working at any lawful business on any terms that he may see fit, such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars,

SEC. 2. If any two or more persons shall combine for the purpose of depriving the owner or possessor of property of its lawful use and management, or of preventing by threats, suggestions of danger, or other means, an person or persons from being employed by such owner or possessor of property, on such terms as the parties concerned may agree upon, such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding six months.

SEC. 3. If any person shall enter the coal banks of another without the expressed or implied consent of the owner or manager thereof, after notice that such entry is prohibited, such person shall, on conviction thereof, be fined, in the discretion of the court, in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not more than six months.

SEC. 4. If any person shall enter the coal banks of another with intent to commit any injury thereto, or by means of threats, intimidations, or other riotous or unlawful proceedings, to cause or induce any person employed therein to leave his employment, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding six months, or both.

SEC. 5. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

MINING LAWS OF OHIO.

INSPECTOR OF MINES.

(As revised and amended.)

SECTION 290. The inspector of mines shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and shall hold his office for four years; and no person shall be appointed unless he is possessed of a competent knowledge of chemistry, geology, and mineralogy, and has a practical knowledge of mining engineering, and of the different systems of working and ventilating coal mines, and of the nature and properties of the noxious and poisonous gases of mines, particularly fire-damp.

SEC. 291. Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office, the inspector shall give bond to the State in the sum of five thousand dollars, with sureties, to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties; the bond, with his oath of office, and approval of the Governor indorsed thereon, shall be forthwith deposited with the Secretary of State.

SEC. 292. The inspector shall give his whole time and attention to the duties of his office, and shall examine all the mines in the State as often as his other duties will permit, to see that the provisions of this chapter are obeyed; and the inspector may enter, inspect, and examine any mine in the State, and the works and machinery belonging thereto, at all reasonable times, by night or by day, but so as not to unnecessarily obstruct or impede the working of the mine, and to make inquiry into the state and condition of the mine, as to ventilation and general security; and the owner and agent of such mine are hereby required to furnish the means necessary for such entry and inspection, of which inspection the inspector shall make a record, noting the time and all the material circumstances; and the person having charge of any mine, whenever loss of life occurs by accident connected with the working of such mine, or by explosion, shall give notice forthwith, by mail or otherwise, to the inspector of mines, and to the coroner of the county in which such mine is situated, who shall hold an inquest upon the body of the person or persons whose death has been caused, and inquire carefully into the cause thereof; and shall return a copy of the finding and all the testimony to the inspector.

SEC. 293. The inspector, while in office, shall not act as an agent, or as a manager, or mining engineer, or be interested in operating any mine; and he shall annually make report to the Governor of his proceedings and the condition and operation of the mines of the State, enumerating all accidents in or about the same, and giving all such other information as he thinks useful and proper, and making such suggestions as he deems important as to further legislation on the subject of mining.

SEC. 294. The inspector shall have an office in the State house, in which shall be carefully kept the maps and plans of all mines in the State, and all records and correspondence, papers, and apparatus, and property pertaining to his duties, belonging to the State, and which shall be handed over to his successor in office.

SEC. 295. There shall be provided for the inspector all instruments and chemical tests necessary for the discharge of his duties under this chapter, which shall be paid for on the certificate of the inspector, and which shall belong to the State.

SEC. 296. The owner or agent of every coal mine shall make, or cause to be made, an accurate map or plan of the working of such

mine, on a scale of not less than one hundred feet to the inch, showing the area mined or excavated, and the location and connection with such excavation of the mine of the lines of all adjoining lands, and the name or names of each owner or owners, so far as known, marked on each tract, a true copy of which map the owner or agent shall deposit with the inspector, and another copy of which shall be kept at the office of such mine; and the owner or agent shall, every four months thereafter, file with the inspector a statement and plan of the workings of such mine up to that date, which statement and plan shall be so prepared as to enable the inspector to mark the same on the original map or plan herein required to be made; and in case of refusal on the part of the owner or agent to make and file the map or plan, or the addition thereto, the inspector is authorized to cause an accurate map or plan of the whole of said mine to be made, at the expense of the owner thereof, the cost of which shall be recoverable against the owner, in the name of the persons making the map or plan, which shall be made in duplicate, one copy being delivered to the inspector and the other left in the office of the mine; and he shall, on being paid the proper cost thereof, on demand of any person interested in the working of such mine, or owner of adjoining lands, furnish an accurate copy of any map or plan of the working of such mine.

SEC. 297. It is unlawful for the owner or agent of any coal mine worked by a shaft, wherein over fifteen thousand square yards have been excavated, to employ or permit any person to work therein, unless there are, to every seam of coal worked in each mine, at least two separate outlets, separated by natural strata of not less than one hundred feet in breadth, by which shafts or outlets distinct means of ingress and egress are always available to the persons employed in the mine; but it is not necessary for the two outlets to belong to the same mine; the second outlet need not be made until fifteen thousand yards have been excavated in such mine; and to all other coal mines, whether slopes or drifts, two such openings or outlets must be provided within twelve months after fifteen thousand yards have been excavated therein; and in case such outlets are not provided as herein stipulated, it shall not be lawful for the agent or owner of such mine to permit more than ten persons to work therein at any one time. In case a coal mine has but one shaft, slope, or drift, for the ingress or egress of the men working therein, and the owner thereof does not

own suitable surface-ground for another opening, he may select and appropriate any adjoining land for that purpose and for approach thereto, and shall be governed in his proceeding in appropriating such land by the provisions of law in force providing for the appropriation of private property by corporations, and such appropriations may be made, whether he is a corporator or not; but no land shall be appropriated under the provisions of this chapter until the court is satisfied that suitable premises cannot be obtained by contract upon reasonable terms.

SEC. 298. The owner or agent of every coal mine, whether shaft, slope, or drift, shall provide and maintain for every such mine, an amount of ventilation of not less than 100 cubic feet, per minute, per person employed in such mine, which shall be circulated and distributed throughout the mine in such a manner as to dilute, render harmless, and expel the poisonous and noxious gases from each and every working place in the mine, and no working place shall be driven more than one hundred and twenty feet in advance of a breakthrough, or air-way; and all breakthroughs, or air-ways, except those last made near the working faces of the mine, shall be closed up and made air-tight, by brattice, trap doors, or otherwise, so that the currents of air in circulation in the mine may sweep to the interior of the mine, where the persons employed in such mine are at work, and all mines governed by the statute shall be provided with artificial means of producing ventilation, such as forcing, or suction fans, exhaust steam, furnaces, or other contrivances, of such capacity and power, as to produce and maintain an abundant supply of air, and all mines generating fire-damp shall be kept free from standing gas, and every working place shall be carefully examined, every morning with a safety-lamp, by a competent person, or persons, before any of the workmen are allowed to enter the mine.

SEC. 299. The owner or agent of every coal mine operated by shaft, in all cases where human voice cannot be distinctly heard, shall, forthwith, provide and maintain a metal tube from the top to the bottom of such shaft, suitably calculated for the free passage of sound therein, so that conversations may be held between persons at the bottom and top of the shaft; and there shall also be provided an approved safety catch, and a sufficient cover overhead, on all carriages used for lowering and hoisting persons, and in the top of every shaft an improved safety gate, and an adequate brake shall be attached

to every drum or machine used for lowering or raising persons in all shafts or slopes.

SEC. 300. No owner or agent of any coal mine operated by a shaft or slope shall place in charge of any engine used for lowering or hoisting out of such mine persons employed therein, any but experienced, competent, and sober engineers; and no engineer in charge of such engine shall allow any person, except such as may be deputed for that purpose, by the owner or agent, to interfere with it or any part of the machinery, and no person shall interfere or in any way intimidate the engineer in the discharge of his duties; and in no case shall more than ten men ride on any cage or car at one time, and no person shall ride upon a loaded cage or car in any shaft or slope.

SEC. 301. All safety lamps used for examining coal mines, or which are used in any coal mine, shall be the property of the owner of the mine, and shall be under the charge of the agent thereof, and in all mines, whether they generate fire-damp or not, the doors used in assisting or directing the ventilation of the mine, shall be so hung and adjusted that they will shut of their own accord and cannot stand open, and the mining boss shall keep a careful watch over the ventilating apparatus and the air-ways, and he shall measure the ventilation at least once a week, at the inlet and outlet, and also at or near the face of all the entries, and the measurements of air so made shall be noted on blanks, furnished by the mine inspector; and on the first day of each month the mining boss of each mine shall sign one of such blanks properly filled with the said actual measurements and forward the same to the mine inspector.

SEC. 302. No boy under twelve years of age shall be allowed to work in any mine, nor any minor between the ages of twelve and sixteen years, unless he can read and write, and in all cases of minors applying for work, the agent of such mine shall see that the provisions of this section are not violated.

SEC. 303. In case any coal mine does not, in appliances for the safety of the persons working therein, conform to the provisions of this chapter, or the owner or agent disregards the requirements of this chapter, any court of competent jurisdiction may, on application of the inspector, by civil action in the name of the State, enjoin or restrain the owner or agent from working or operating such mine, with more than ten miners at once, until it is made to conform to the provisions of this chapter; and such remedy shall be cumulative, and

shall not take the place of or affect any other proceedings against such owner or agent authorized by law for the matter complained of in such action.

SEC. 304. When written charges of gross neglect of duty or malfeasance in office against any inspector is made and filed with the Governor, signed by not less than fifteen coal miners, or one or more operators of mines, together with a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, payable to the State, and signed by two or more responsible free-holders, and conditioned for the payment of all costs and expenses arising from the investigation of such charges, the Governor shall convene a board of examiners, to consist of two practical coal miners, one chemist, one mining engineer, and one operator, at such time and place as he deems best, giving ten days' notice to the inspector against whom the charges are made, and also to the person whose name first appears in the charges, and the board, when so convened, and having been first duly sworn truly to try and decide the charges made, shall summon any witnesses so desired by either party, and examine them on oath, which may be administered by a member of the board, and depositions may be read on such examinations, as in other cases; and the board shall examine fully into the truth of such charges, and report the result of their investigation to the Governor; and the board shall award the costs and expenses of such investigation against the inspector or the persons signing the bond according to their finding, against said inspector or in his favor, which costs and expenses shall include the compensation of such board, of five dollars per day for each member, for the time occupied in the trial, and in traveling from and to their homes; and the attorney general shall forthwith proceed to collect such costs and expenses, and pay the same into the State treasury, being in the first instance paid out of the State treasury, on the certificate of the president of such board.

SEC. 305. In all coal mines in the State, the miners employed and working therein, the owners of the land or other persons interested in the rental or royalty of any such mine, shall at all proper times have full right of access and examination of all scales, machinery or apparatus used in or about such mine to determine the quantity of coal mined, for the purpose of testing the accuracy and correctness of all such scales, machinery or apparatus; and such miners, land-owners, or other persons may designate or appoint a competent person to

act for them, who shall at all proper times have full right of access and examination of such scales, machinery or apparatus, and seeing all weights and measures of coal mined, and the accounts kept of the same; but not more than one person on behalf of the miners collectively, or one person on behalf of the land-owners or other persons interested in the rental or royalty jointly, shall have such right of access, examination and inspection of scales, weights, measures and accounts at the same time, and that such persons shall make no unnecessary interference with the use of such scales, machinery or apparatus; and the miners employed in any mine may, from time to time, appoint two of their number to act as a committee to inspect, not oftener than once a month, the mine and the machinery connected therewith, and to measure the ventilating current, and if the owner, agent, or manager so desires, he may accompany said committee by himself or two or more persons whom he may appoint for that purpose; the owner, agent or manager shall afford every necessary facility for making such inspection and measurement, but the committee shall not in any way interrupt or impede the work going on in the mine at the time of such inspection and measurement, and said committee shall, within ten days after such inspection and measurement, make a correct report thereof to the inspector of mines, on blanks to be furnished by said inspector for that purpose; and if such committee make to the inspector a false or untrue report of the mines, such act shall constitute a violation of this section.

SEC. 306. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to or affect any coal mine in which not more than ten men are employed at the same time; but on the application of the proprietor of or miners in any such mine, the inspector shall make, or cause to be made, an inspection of such mine, and shall direct and enforce any regulations in accordance with the provisions of this chapter that he deems necessary for the safety of the health and lives of miners.

SEC. 306 (a). The inspector of mines may, with the approval of the governor, appoint an assistant, who shall be a practical miner of not less than five years' experience, and who shall perform such duties as may be required by the inspector, and receive a salary at the rate of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum, and the inspector may, with the consent of the governor, remove such assistant at pleasure and appoint a successor, and may allow the assistant traveling expenses out of his contingent fund.

SEC. 6871. Whoever knowingly violates any of the provisions of sections two hundred and ninety-eight, two hundred and ninety-nine, three hundred, three hundred and one, three hundred and two, and three hundred and five, of the revised statutes, or does any act whereby the lives or health of the persons or the security of any mine and machinery are endangered, or any miner or other person employed in any mine governed by the statute, who intentionally and willfully neglects or refuses to securely prop the roof of any working place under his control, or neglects or refuses to obey any order given by the superintendent of a mine in relation to the security of the mine in the part thereof where he is at work, and for fifteen feet back from the face of his working place, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned in the county jail not more than thirty days, or both.

MINES.

SEC. 4374. A person owning land adjoining a mine worked for the production of coal, ore, or other mineral substance, or a person having an interest in such mine, having reason to believe that the protection of his interest in the mine, or in like minerals on his adjoining land requires it, upon making affidavit to that effect before a justice of the peace or other proper officer, may enter such mine, and have an examination or survey made thereof; but such examination or survey shall not be made until one day's notice thereof is given to the parties in interest, nor at unreasonable times, but in such time and in such manner as will least interfere with the workings of the mine, if the same is being operated at the time.

SEC. 4375. When the affidavit has been made and notice given, the person in charge of such mine shall, on the application of the party giving the notice, transport by the ordinary method in use at such mine for entrance and exit, a surveying party of not more than five persons, furnish to such party a competent guide and supply them with approved safety-lamps; and for every person so transported, he shall be entitled to receive, from the person requesting such survey, the sum of fifty cents, unless the shaft exceeds two hundred and fifty feet in depth, when he shall be entitled to the sum of one dollar for each person, and five dollars per day for the guide.

SEC. 4376. If the parties working or occupying such mine sustain any damage, for which compensation should be made by reason of

such examination or survey having been made at unreasonable times, or in an improper or unwarrantable manner, the person making the same or causing the same to be made, shall be liable therefor.

SEC. 4377. The parties working or occupying such mine shall not hinder or obstruct the examination or survey, when made at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, under a penalty of not less than fifty nor not more than five hundred dollars for each offense, to be recovered before a court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 4378. The party who makes the application for the survey, may, upon refusal of the owner or person in charge of the mine to comply with the foregoing provisions, recover judgment, as upon default, in a court of competent jurisdiction, against the owner of such mine, in such sum as such party may declare, under oath, he believes to be justly due him for coal or other mineral belonging to him, taken by the owner of such mine without his permission; and the statute of limitations shall not be operative as against such claim; but the demand and refusal to enter such mine, shall be first proven to the satisfaction of the court or jury, and the refusal of the party in charge of the mine, shall be held to be the refusal of the owner.

SEC. 4379. The provisions of this chapter shall be available to any person who, on his oath, states that he is the owner or authorized agent of any owner of land which he believes contains coal, or other valuable mineral substance, within one mile of such shaft, although it do not adjoin any mine of the owner of such shaft; the affidavit required shall be sufficient if it state that the lands in which the affiant is interested are in the vicinity of such shaft, and not more than one mile distant therefrom; and service upon any owner or superintendent of such shaft shall be sufficient.

OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY.

SEC. 6881. Whoever, in mining for coal or other minerals, willfully and without lawful authority, trespasses upon the lands of another, shall be fined not more than one hundred nor less than five dollars, or imprisoned not more than ten days, or both; and any continuation of such trespass, for twenty-four hours after the commencement of any prosecution under this section, shall be deemed a separate offense, and all prosecutions hereunder shall be commenced within one year from the time the offense becomes known to any owner of the property injured.

OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH.

SEC. 6925. Whoever throws or deposits, or permits to be thrown or deposited, any coal dirt, coal slack, coal screenings, or coal refuse from coal mines, or any refuse or filth from any coal-oil refinery or gas works, or any whey or filthy drainage from a cheese factory, upon or into any of the rivers, lakes, ponds, or streams of this State, or upon or into any place from which the same will wash into any such river, lake, pond, or stream, shall be fined in any sum not more than two hundred or less than fifty dollars.

FRAUD.

SEC. 7070. Whoever sells and delivers any stone coal, except at the weights and measures prescribed by law, shall be fined not more than fifty nor less than five dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty nor less than five days.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

SEC. 443. A bushel of the respective articles hereafter mentioned shall mean the amount of weight, avoirdupois, in this section specified, viz:

Of coke, forty pounds.

Of bituminous coal, eighty pounds.

Of cannel coal, seventy pounds.

SEC. 444. The standard bushel of stone coal, coke and unslacked lime, shall contain twenty-six hundred and eighty-eight cubic inches; and the lawful measure for measuring such articles shall contain two bushels, and be of the following interior dimensions: Twenty-four inches diameter at the top, twenty inches at the bottom, and fourteen and one tenth inches deep.

SEC. 445. When facilities can be had, all sales of coal shall be by weight, and two thousand pounds, avoirdupois, shall constitute a ton thereof; but, where coal cannot be weighed, it may be sold by measurement.

SEC. 446. Whoever sells stone coal in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to the person to whom the coal is sold and delivered, in treble damages, to be collected in a civil action before any court of competent jurisdiction; if the defendant in such action does not reside in the county where the mine is located, ser-

vice may be had upon him by copy of the summons left at his place of business; and any judgment recovered in such case shall be a lien upon all property of the defendant, in the county, from the day of service; but this section shall not apply to any person or corporation mining or selling less than fifteen thousand bushels of coal annually.

SCHOOL OF MINES.

SEC. 8435. That the trustees of the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College be, and they are, hereby required to establish in said college a school of mines and mine engineering, in which shall be provided the means for studying scientifically and experimentally the survey, opening, ventilation, care, and working of mines, and said school shall be provided with complete mining laboratories for the analysis of ores, coals, and other minerals, with all the necessary apparatus for testing the various ores and coals, and also with the models of the most improved machinery for ventilating and operating all the various kinds of mines with safety to the life and health of those engaged.

(8436) SEC. 2. Said trustees may require one of the professors now authorized to be employed in said institution to give instruction in the most improved and successful methods of opening, and operating, and surveying, and inspecting mines, and in the methods of testing and analyzing coals and other minerals, especially those found in the State of Ohio. It shall also be the duty of such professor to register all experiments made in testing the properties of coals and other minerals, and such results shall be published in the annual reports of said trustees. It shall also be the duty of said professor to preserve in a cabinet, suitably arranged for ready reference and examination, suitably connected with this school of mines, samples of the specimens from the various mines of the State, which may be sent for analysis, with the names of the mines and their localities in the counties from which they were sent, and the analysis and a statement of the properties attached. It shall also be his duty to furnish analysis of all minerals found in the State, and sent to him for that purpose by residents of this State.

(8437) SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars, to be expended in providing apparatus, equipments, cabinets, etc., as mentioned in the first and second sections of this act.

SEC. 4. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PENNSYLVANIA MINING LAW.

AN ACT PROVIDING THE MEANS FOR SECURING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE BITUMINOUS COAL MINES OF PENNSYLVANIA.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted:* That the owner or agent of every bituminous coal mine or colliery shall make, or cause to be made, within six months after the passage of this act, an accurate map or plan of the working of such coal mine or colliery on a scale not exceeding one hundred feet to the square inch, and showing the bearing and distances, which shall be kept for use of the inspector in the office at the mine of said coal mine or colliery; and said owner or agent shall cause, on or before the 10th of January in every year, a plan of the progress of the working of such coal mine during the year past, to be marked on original map or plan of the said coal mine or colliery; and the inspector shall have the right at all times to have possession of any such map or plan at the mines, to draw a copy therefrom for his own convenience. *Provided,* If the owner or agent of any coal mine shall neglect or refuse, or from any cause fail, for the period of two months after the time prescribed, to furnish the map or plan as hereby required; or if the inspector shall find or have reason to believe that any map or plan of any coal mine, furnished in pursuance of the provisions of this act, is materially inaccurate or imperfect, he is hereby authorized to cause a correct map or plan of the actual workings of said coal mine to be made at the expense of the owner thereof, the cost of which shall be recoverable from said owner as other debts are recoverable by law. *Provided,* That if the map or plan which he claimed to be incorrect shall prove to have been correct, then aforesaid expenses shall be paid by the said inspector, and may be recovered from him in like manner.

SEC. 2. It shall not be lawful, after six months from the passage of this act, for the owner or agent of any bituminous coal mine to employ any person at work within said coal mine, or permit any person to be in said coal mine for the purpose of working therein, unless

they are in communication with at least two openings, separated by natural strata of not less than one hundred and fifty feet in breadth, if the mine be worked by shaft or slope, and of not less than twenty-four feet, if the mine be worked by drift: *Provided,* If the mine be worked by drift, two openings, inclusive of air-shaft, shall only be required, if the air-shaft can be used for ingress and egress in case of emergency; that not more than twenty persons shall be employed in the mine at any one time after the expiration of the six months until the second opening shall be reached and made available; and in case of furnace ventilation being used before the second opening is reached, the furnace shall not be placed within forty feet of the foot of the shaft, and shall be well secured from danger from fire by brick or stone walls of sufficient thickness, and the mine while being driven for making and perfecting a second opening; the owner or agent shall provide and maintain a metal tube from the top to the bottom of the slope or shaft, suitably adapted to the free passage of sound, through which conversation may be held between persons at the bottom and at the top of the shaft or slope; also the ordinary means of signaling to and from the top and bottom of the shaft or slope, and an approved safety catch, and sufficient cover overhead on every carriage used for lowering and hoisting persons; and the said owner or agent shall see that sufficient flanges or horns are attached to the sides of the drum of every machine that is used for lowering and hoisting persons in and out of the mine, and also that adequate brakes are attached thereto; the main link attached to the swivel of the wire rope shall be made of the best quality of iron, and shall be tested by weights or otherwise, satisfactory to the inspector of mines of the district, and bridle chains shall be attached to the main link from the cross pieces of the carriage, and no single link chain shall be used for lowering or raising persons into or out of said mine, and not more than six persons shall be lowered or hoisted by the machinery at one time, and only sober, competent and experienced engineers shall be employed.

SEC. 3. When a second opening is made, one opening shall be set apart exclusively for purposes of ingress and egress, and shall not be clogged or obstructed with machinery, pumps, or currents of heated air or steam; if the opening is a shaft it shall be fitted with safe and convenient stairs, at an angle of not more than sixty degrees descent, and with landings at easy and convenient distances; all water com-

ing from the surface or out of the strata in the shaft shall be conducted by rings or otherwise to be prevented from falling down the shaft so as to wet persons who are ascending and descending the stairway of the shaft; if the opening in a slope, it shall be provided with safe and available traveling-ways.

SEC. 4. The owner or agent of every bituminous coal mine, whether shaft, slope, or drift, shall within six months after the passage of this act provide and thereafter maintain for every such mine ample means of ventilation, affording one hundred cubic feet per minute for each and every person employed in said mine, which shall be circulated around the main headings and cross headings to an extent that will dilute, carry off, and render harmless the noxious gases generated therein; and all mines generating fire-damp shall be kept free of standing gas, and every working-place shall be carefully examined every morning with a safety lamp by a competent person before any workmen are allowed to enter.

SEC. 5. In order to better secure the proper ventilation of every coal mine and promote the health and safety of the persons employed therein, the owner or agent shall employ a competent and practical inside overseer, to be called mining boss, who shall keep a careful watch over the ventilating apparatus, the air-ways, traveling-ways, pumps and pump timbers, and drainage; and shall see that as the miners advance their excavations, all loose coal, slate and rock overhead are carefully secured against falling in or upon the traveling-ways, and that sufficient timber is furnished, of suitable lengths and sizes for the places where they are to be used, and placed in the working places of the miners; and it shall also be the duty of the mining boss to measure the current of air at least once a week, at the inlet and outlet, and at or near the face of the headings, and keep a record of such measurement, and report the same to the inspector of his district once in every month; the safety-lamps used for examining mines, or which may be used in working therein, shall be furnished by and be the property of the owner of said mines, and shall be in the charge of the agent of such mine; and in all mines generating explosive gases, the doors used in assisting or directing the ventilation of the mines shall be so hung and adjusted that they will close themselves, or be supplied with springs or pulleys so that they cannot be left standing open; and bore-holes shall be kept not less than twelve feet in advance of the face of every working place,

and, when necessary, on the sides, if the same is driven towards and in dangerous proximity to an abandoned mine, or part of a mine, suspected of containing inflammable gases, or which is inundated with water.

SEC. 6. Any miners, workmen or other persons who shall intentionally injure any shaft, lamp, instrument, air course or brattice, or obstruct or throw open air-ways, or carry lighted pipes or matches into places that are worked by safety-lamps; or handle or disturb any part of the machinery; or open a door and not close it again; or enter any place of a mine against caution; or disobey any order given in carrying out the provisions of this act; or do any other act whereby the lives or health of persons, or the security of the mines or the machinery are endangered, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be punished in the manner provided in the sixteenth section of this act. All machinery about the mines shall be properly fenced off, and the top of each shaft and the entrance of every abandoned slope and air or other shaft shall be securely fenced off; and there shall be cut in the side of every hoisting shaft at the bottom thereof a traveling-way sufficiently high and wide to enable persons to pass the shaft in going from one side of the mine to the other without passing over or under the cage or other hoisting apparatus.

SEC. 7. If any person, firm or corporation is, or hereafter shall be seized in his or their own right of coal lands, and it shall not be practicable to comply with the requirements of this act in regard to drainage and ventilation by means of openings on his or their own land, and the same can be done by means of openings on adjacent lands, he or they may apply by petition to the court of quarter sessions of the proper county, after ten days' notice to the owners, their agent or attorney, setting forth the facts under oath or affirmation particularly describing the place or places where such opening or openings can be made, and that he or they cannot agree with the owner or owners of the land as to the amount to be paid for the privilege of making such opening or openings; hereupon the said court shall appoint three disinterested and competent citizens of the county to view the grounds designated, and lay out from the point or points mentioned in such petition a passage or passages for air and water not more than sixteen feet in diameter by the shortest and most convenient route to the coal of such person, firm or corporation, preferring in all instances an opening through the coal strata where the seam is practicable; the

said viewers shall at the same time assess the damages to be paid by the petitioner or petitioners to the owner or owners of such land for the privilege of making said openings, which damages shall be fully paid before such opening is made; it shall be the duty of said viewers to give notice by at least three written or printed handbills posted on the premises at least five days prior to the time of meeting to attend to the duties of their appointment, setting forth distinctly the time, place and object of their meeting, and also to give personal notice to the parties, their agents and attorneys, where it can be done, and shall, within thirty days after their appointment make report of their proceedings to said court, stating the amount of damages awarded, accompanied by a map or plan of said openings; and if no appeal be taken to said court within ten days after notice to the opposite party in interest of the filing thereof, it shall be marked confirmed by the clerk and the petitioner or petitioners may proceed to make said opening or openings; the pay of the viewers and other costs shall be the same as in road cases, and shall be paid by the petitioner or petitioners.

SEC. 8. As soon as practicable after the passage of this act the persons exercising the office of presiding judge of each of the several courts of common pleas in the fifth, tenth, and fourth judicial districts shall appoint one reputable miner of known experience and in practice at the time (in the fifth district the president, judge of the court of common pleas number one, shall make said appointment), and the Governor shall appoint two mining engineers of like repute and experience and practice at the time, who shall constitute a board of five examiners, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the character and qualifications of candidates for the office of inspector of mines under the provisions of this act. The examiners first appointed in pursuance of this section, shall meet in the city of Pittsburgh on the fifteenth day of May next, and after being duly organized, having taken and subscribed before any officer authorized to administer the same, the following oath, namely: "We, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will perform the duties of examiners of applicants for appointment as inspector of bituminous coal mines to the best of our abilities and that in recommending or rejecting said applicants we will be governed by the evidence of qualification to fill the position, under the law creating the same and not by any consideration of political or other personal favor; that we

will certify all whom we may find qualified, according to the true intent and meaning of the act and none others to the best of our judgment; shall proceed to the examination of those who may present themselves as candidates for said office; and they shall certify to the Governor the names of all such applicants as they shall find competent to fill the office under the provisions of this act, which names, with the certificate and the oath of the examiners, shall be mailed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth to be filed in his office, and shall be valid when recommended by four of the examining board." The qualifications of candidates for said office of inspector of mines to be inquired into and certified by said examiners, shall be as follows, namely: They shall be citizens of the United States, of temperate habits, of good repute as men of personal integrity, shall have obtained the age of thirty years and shall have had at least five years' experience in the workings of the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania and upon the examination they shall give evidence of such theoretical as well as practical knowledge of the working of coal mines and noxious gases as will satisfy the examiners of their capability and fitness for the performance of the duties imposed upon inspectors of mines by the provisions of this act. The board of examiners shall, also, at their said meeting, divide the bituminous coal counties of the State into three inspection districts as nearly equal in regard to the labor to be performed as is possible, taking into consideration the number of mines and the extent of territory; at every subsequent calling of the board of examiners this division may be revised as experience may prove to be advisable. The board of examiners shall each receive five dollars per day and all necessary expenses to be paid out of the State treasury upon the filing of the certificates of the examining board in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as hereinbefore provided.

The Governor shall from the names so certified appoint one person to be inspector of mines for each district, as fixed by the examiners in pursuance of this act, whose commission shall be for four years to be computed from the fifteenth day of May next. As often as vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise in said offices of inspectors of mines, the Governor shall fill the same, by appointment for the unexpired term, from the names on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, until the number shall be exhausted; and whenever this shall occur the Governor shall cause the

aforesaid board of examiners to meet, who shall examine persons that may present themselves for the vacant office of inspector, in the same manner as herein provided and the board of examiners shall certify to the Governor one person to be commissioned by him for the office of inspector for the unexpired term, and any vacancies that may occur in the examining board shall be filled in the district where the vacancy occurred. And every four years the Governor shall appoint two mining engineers as before and shall notify the persons exercising the office of president judge of the courts of common pleas of three of the judicial districts of the State, containing bituminous coal mines, selecting them in such order as to allow each district an equal share of such appointments, each to appoint one miner and the five so appointed shall constitute a new board of examiners whose duties, term of service, and compensation, and vacancies that may happen, shall be the same as those first provided for by this section, and from the names that may be certified by them, the Governor shall appoint the inspectors provided for in this act. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the reappointment of any inspector of bituminous mines, The inspectors of mines shall each receive for their services an annual salary of two thousand dollars to be paid quarterly by the State treasurer, and they shall each reside in the district for which they shall be appointed. Each inspector is hereby authorized to procure such instruments and chemical tests and stationery, from time to time, as may be necessary to the proper discharge of his duties, under this act, at the expense of the State, which shall be paid by the State treasurer, upon accounts duly certified by him and audited by the proper department of the State. All instruments, plans, book memoranda, notes, etcetera, pertaining to the office shall be the property of the State and shall be delivered to their successors in office.

SEC. 9. Each inspector of bituminous coal mines shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars with sureties to be approved by the president judge of the district in which he resides, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duty, and take an oath (or affirmation) to discharge his duties impartially and with fidelity, to the best of his knowledge and ability.

SEC. 10. No person who shall act as a manager or agent of any coal mine or as a mining engineer, or to be interested in operating

any coal mine, shall at the same time act as an inspector of coal mines under this act.

SEC. 11. For any injury to person or property occasioned by any violation of this act or any willful failure to comply with its provisions by any owner, lessee, or operator of any coal mine or opening, a right of action against the party at fault shall accrue to the party injured for the direct damages sustained thereby; and in any case of loss of life by reason of such violation or willful failure a right of action against the party at fault shall accrue to the widow and lineal heirs of the person whose life shall be lost, for like recovery of damages for the injury they shall have sustained.

SEC. 12. The inspectors of bituminous coal mines shall each devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office; it shall be his duty to examine the mines in his district as often as possible to see that all the provisions of this act are observed and strictly carried out, and he shall make a record of all examinations of mines showing the condition in which he finds them, the number of mines in his district, the number of persons employed in and about each mine, the extent to which the law is obeyed, the progress made in the improvement sought to be secured by the passage of this act, the number of accidents and deaths resulting from injuries received in the mines and all other facts of public interest concerning the condition and progress of mining in his district, which record shall, on or before the first Monday of each month, together with all matters and things furnished him in accordance with the provisions of this act, be filed in the office of the Secretary of Internal Affairs, to be by him recorded and included in the annual report of his department; he shall also from the time of his commission make strict and careful inquiry and examination into the condition of the ventilation and drainage of the mines.

SEC. 13. That the inspectors may be enabled to perform the duties herein imposed upon them, they shall have the right at all times to enter any bituminous coal mine to make examination or obtain information; they shall notify the owners, lessees or agents immediately of the discovery of any violations of this act and of the penalty imposed thereby for such violations, and in case of such notice being disregarded for the space of ten days they shall institute a prosecution against the owner, owners, agent or lessee of the mine under the provisions of section sixteen of this act, in any case, however,

where in the judgment of the inspector of either district delay may jeopardize life or limb he shall at once notify the inspectors of the other districts whereupon they shall at once proceed to the mine or colliery where the danger exists; and examine into the matter and if after full investigation thereof they shall be agreed in the opinion that there is immediate danger they shall apply in the name of the Commonwealth to the court of common pleas in the county in which the mine may be located for an injunction to suspend all work in and about such mine or colliery; whereupon said court if the cause appear to be sufficient after hearing the parties and their evidence as in like cases shall issue their writ to restrain the working of said mine or colliery until all cause of danger is removed; and the costs of said proceedings including the charges of attorney prosecuting said application shall be borne by the owner of the mine or colliery: *Provided*, That no fee exceeding the sum of twenty-five dollars shall be taxed in any one case for the attorney prosecuting such case: *Provided*, Further, that if said court shall find the cause not sufficient then the case shall be dismissed and the costs shall be borne by the inspector instituting the proceeding or the county, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 14. Whenever by reason of any explosion or other accident in any bituminous coal mine or the machinery connected therewith, loss of life or serious personal injury shall occur it shall be the duty of the person having charge of such mine or colliery to give notice thereof forthwith to the inspector of the district, and if any person is killed thereby, to the coroner of the county, who shall give due notice of the inquest to be held; it shall be the duty of the inspector upon being notified as herein provided, to immediately repair to the scene of the accident and make such suggestions as may appear necessary to secure the future safety of the men; and if the results of the explosion do not require an investigation by the coroner, he shall proceed to investigate and ascertain the cause of the explosion or accident and make a record thereof which he shall file as provided for; and to enable him to make the investigation he shall have power to compel the attendance of persons to testify, and administer oaths or affirmations; the costs of such investigation shall be paid by the county in which the accident occurred, in the same manner as costs of inquests held by the coroners or justices of the peace are paid.

SEC. 15. The court of common pleas of any county in the proper

district upon a petition signed by not less than fifteen reputable citizens, not less than five of whom shall be miners, owners, or lessees of mines, and with the affidavit of one or more of said petitioners attached setting forth that any inspector of mines neglects his duties or is incompetent or that he is guilty of malfeasance in office, shall issue a citation in the name of the Commonwealth to the said inspector to appear on not less than fifteen days' notice upon a day fixed before said court at which time the court shall proceed to inquire into and investigate the allegations of the petitioners; if the court find that the said inspector is neglectful of his duties or is incompetent to perform the duties of his office or that he is guilty of malfeasance in office the court shall certify the same to the Governor who shall declare the office of said inspector vacant and proceed in compliance with the provisions of this act to supply the vacancy; the cost of said investigation shall if the charges are sustained be imposed upon the inspector, but if the charges are not sustained they shall be imposed upon the petitioners.

SEC. 16. The neglect or refusal to perform the duties required to be performed by any section of this act by the parties therein required to perform them or the violation of any of the provisions or requirements hereof shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars nor not exceeding five hundred dollars at the discretion of the court; and all penalties recovered under this act shall be paid into the treasury of the State.

SEC. 17. The inspector shall exercise a sound discretion in the enforcement of the provisions of this act and should the operator or owner be dissatisfied with any decision at which the inspector may arrive, it shall and may be lawful for such operator or owner to apply by petition to the court of quarter sessions of the county wherein such mine is located and said court shall thereupon appoint three reputable, competent and disinterested persons whose duty it shall be to forthwith examine such mines and hear the proofs and allegations of the inspectors and operators or owner, and make such report under oath, to court, of the facts as they exist together with their opinion thereon; and if said report sustains the decisions of the inspector then the party making application to court shall pay the cost of such proceedings, and if the report is against such decision then the inspector shall pay the costs unless the court order otherwise. The re-

port of said board shall become absolute, unless exceptions thereto shall be filed within ten days after notice of the filing thereof to the owner, operator or inspector, and if exceptions are filed the court shall hear and determine the same and the decision shall be final and conclusive.

SEC. 18. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any mine where ten men or a less number are employed, or to any mine which does not generate fire-damp, black-damp, or other dangerous or noxious gases.

SEC. 19. All laws or parts of laws, inconsistent with any of the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

AN ACT to amend an act, entitled, "an act to provide the means for securing the health and safety of persons employed in the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, etc.:* That the last clause of the eighteenth section of the act of the General Assembly, entitled: "An act to provide the means for securing the health and safety of persons employed in the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania," approved the eighteenth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven. After the word "employed," in the second line of said section, which is as follows: "Or to any mine which does not generate fire-damp, black-damp, or other dangerous or noxious gases," is hereby repealed.

ABSTRACT OF BRITISH MINING LAW.

The following is copied from the last annual report of the State Mine Inspector of Ohio:

Application of Act—Inspectors—Managers—Restrictions as to Employment Under Ground—Restrictions as to Employment Above Ground—Who may be Employed about an Engine—Penalty for Misrepresentation of Age—Wages not to be paid in Public Houses—Weighing—Prohibition of Single Shafts—Fencing Abandoned Mines—General Rules—Special Rules—Dangerous Practices not Expressly Prohibited—Penalties—Miscellaneous—Register, Returns, Plans, Abandonment of Mines, Notices, Coroners' Inquests—Exemptions—Thin-Seam Mine, Saturday Half-Holiday, Ireland, Weighing Provisions, Single Shafts—General Rules.

1. The act applies to coal mines, mines of stratified ironstone, mines of shale, mines of fire-clay.

Definition of mine.—The term "mine" includes every shaft in the course of being sunk, and every level and inclined plane in the course of being driven, for commencing or opening any mine, or for searching for, or proving minerals, and all the shafts, levels, planes, machinery, tramways, and sidings, both below ground and above ground, in and adjacent to a mine, and any such shaft, level, and inclined plane, and belonging to the mine. The term "shaft" includes pit. Where two or more parts of a mine are worked separately, each of such parts may, after notice, be constituted a separate mine for the purpose of the act. A Secretary of State, however, may object thereto, and the owner or agent must acquiesce in such objection, or refer the matter to arbitration.

3. The commencement of the act is, for England and Scotland, 1st January, 1873; for Ireland, 1st January, 1874.

4. Inspectors of mines are to be appointed by a secretary of State, and a district to be assigned to each. The existing inspectors are to continue to act.

5. An inspector may not himself be, or practice, or be the partner of one who is or who practices, as land agent or mining engineer, or as a manager, viewer, agent or valuer of mines, or as arbitrator, in mining cases, and may not be otherwise employed in

or about any mine, whether such mine is one to which the act applies or not.

6. In order to ascertain whether the provisions of the act are observed both above ground and below ground, the inspector is authorized to examine any mine by day or by night, so, however, as not to impede the working thereof; and owners, agents, and managers, and all employed in or about the mine, are bound to render him every assistance in conducting such examination.

7. He is to make to a secretary of State an annual report of his proceedings, to be laid before Parliament, and, when directed, is to make a special report as to any mine accident attended with loss of life or personal injury. Such special report will be made public in the mode, and at the time directed by a secretary of State.

8. *Rule.*—Subject to the exceptions mentioned below, every mine must be under the control and daily supervision of a certificated manager.

9. *Exception 1.*—The rule requiring a manager does not apply to any mine in which less than thirty persons are ordinarily employed below ground, unless the inspector of the district insists upon it.

10. *Exception 2.*—The rule requiring a manager does not apply to any mine, the average daily output of which does not exceed twenty-five tons, unless the inspector of the district insists upon it.

11. *Exception 3.*—In special circumstances, notified to the inspector of the district, a manager may be temporarily dispensed with.

12. The certificate, given by a secretary of State, is either a certificate of service, given only to persons who before the 10th of August, 1872, were acting, and have since then acted, in the capacity of manager of mine, or who since the 10th of August, 1867, have acted in a like capacity for more than twelve months; or a certificate of competency given after examination, and upon proof of sobriety, experience, ability and general good conduct. The examination is conducted by examiners appointed by a district board, and the members of such district board are appointed by the Secretary of State, and consists of three owners, agents or managers of a mine within the district; three persons employed in or about a mine within the district, not being owners, agents or managers; three mining engineers, agents managers or coal viewers within the district, and an inspector of mines. The area of the district is fixed by a secretary of State.

13. The owner or agent may nominate either himself or any other person as manager, but the manager must not be a contractor for getting the mineral, or in the employ of a contractor.

14. A Secretary of State, on a representation made that a certificated manager is, by reason of incompetency or gross negligence, unfit to discharge his duties, or has been convicted for an offense against the act, may order a court of inquiry to be held, and, on the report of the court, cancel or suspend the certificate. He may also restore a certificate canceled or suspended.

15. A register of certificated managers is kept under the directions of a Secretary of State.

16. Women and girls of any age may not be employed at all.

17. Boys under twelve may not be employed at all, unless the mine is specially exempted by the Secretary of State by reason of the thinness of the seam; when subject to certain conditions, stated in the exemption, boys between ten and twelve may be employed.

18. Boys of twelve and under thirteen, and male young persons of thirteen and under sixteen, may be employed not more than fifty-four hours a week, or more than ten hours a day, and are to be allowed an interval of twelve hours for rest between each two consecutive periods of employment, except between Friday and Saturday, when an interval of eight hours will suffice.

19. A week begins at 12 p. m. on Saturday, and ends 12 p. m. the Saturday following.

20. A period of a person's employment begins at the time of his leaving the surface, and ends at the time of his returning to the surface.

21. The immediate employer of any boy of twelve and under thirteen, and of any male young person of thirteen and under sixteen, is not to take him below ground until he has reported his intention so to do to the manager, or to some person appointed by the manager.

22. Children under ten, of either sex, may not be employed at all,

23. Children of ten and under thirteen, of either sex, may be employed, but not for more than six days a week, and not for more than six hours a day if employed for more than three days in a week, and not for more than ten hours a day if employed for only three days, or less than three days in a week.

24. For children so employed, an interval of twelve hours for rest

must be allowed between two consecutive periods of employment, except between Friday and Saturday, when an interval of eight hours will suffice.

25. *Schooling.*—The parent or guardian of, or person having the custody or control of any child so employed, must see that the child attends school (except in the case of there being no school which the child can attend within two miles of his or her home, or of the mine). Such attendance must be for at least twenty hours in every two consecutive weeks of employment; and any attendance is not to count if it is in excess of three hours at a time, or five hours in a day, or of twelve hours in a week, or on Sundays, or before 8 A. M., or after 6 P. M.

26. It will be the duty of the immediate employer, after employing a child for a fortnight, to obtain from the teacher every Monday morning during the continuance of the employment a certificate of the child's attendance at the school during the preceding week, and to deliver the certificate to the owner, agent, or manager, who must keep the same in the office at the mine for six months, for production to the inspector.

27. Also the person who pays the child's wages must, after a single application of the teacher, pay regularly every week the cost of the child's schooling (not to exceed 2d. a week, or one twelfth of the child's wages), and he may deduct from the child's wages any sum so paid.

28. A teacher who is unfit, or who misconducts himself, is liable to be disqualified by an inspector of mines for granting certificates of attendance, subject to an appeal to the educational department.

29. Young persons of thirteen and under sixteen, of either sex, and women above thirteen, may not be employed more than fifty-four hours a week, or more than ten hours a day, and must be allowed an interval of twelve hours for rest between two consecutive periods of employment, except between Friday and Saturday, when an interval of eight hours will suffice.

30. Children of ten and under thirteen, of either sex, young persons of thirteen and under sixteen, of either sex, and women above thirteen, may not be employed between 9 P. M. and 5 A. M., or on Sundays, or after 2 P. M. on Saturdays; also they are to be allowed intervals for meals, namely: half an hour during a period of employment which exceeds five hours; one and a half hours during a period of

employment which exceeds eight hours. A mine in Ireland may be exempted by the Secretary of State from the provisions as to the Saturday half holiday. (See exemption set forth below, paragraph 72).

31. The person who is in charge of any engine, windlass, or gin, howsoever worked, which is used for the purpose of taking persons up or down along any shaft, inclined plane, or level (being either an entrance to a mine, or a communication from one part of a mine to another), or who is in charge of any part of the tackle of such engine, windlass, or gin, must be a male at least eighteen years of age. If the engine, windlass, or gin, is worked by an animal, then, not the driver but the person under whose direction the driver acts, is to be deemed the person in charge; but in that case the driver must not be under twelve years of age.

32. Any parent or guardian misrepresenting the age of any person with a view to procuring him employment in contravention of the act will be liable to punishment.

33. *Not to be paid in Public House, etc.*—Wages are not to be paid on any premises used for the sale of intoxicating liquor, or in any place contiguous to such premises.

34. Payment by day on yardage is allowed, but in any mine, unless expressly exempted, (see below, paragraph No. 73), where the amount of wages depends on the amount of mineral gotten, wages are to be paid according to the standard weight in pounds avoirdupois of the mineral gotten.

35. The weighing machines and weights are subject to the inspection of the inspector of weights and measures.

36. *Check-weigher.*—The persons employed in a mine may if they proper, appoint a check-weigher at their own cost. The check-weigher must be a person employed either in the same mine, or in another mine belonging to the same owner. He is entitled to have every facility afforded to him to take a correct account of the weighing, but he is not to impede the working of the mine, or interfere with the weighing; and in his absence, the weighing may be carried on without him. He is liable to be removed by the magistrate for misconduct, and in that case, another may be selected to fill his place.

37. The weighing provisions expressly sanction agreements to be made between the employers and employed for deductions on account of "dirt" or "shorts," the words of the act being, "Nothing herein contained shall preclude the owner, agent or manager of the mine

from agreeing with persons employed in such mine that deductions shall be made in respect of stones or materials other than mineral contracted to be gotten, which shall be sent up from the mine with mineral contracted to be gotten; or in respect of any tubs, baskets, or hatches being improperly filled, in those cases which they are filled by the getter of the mineral, or his drawer, or by a person immediately employed by him." Such deductions are to be determined by the banks-man, or weigher and check-weigher, or, in the event of difference, by a third person, to be mutually agreed on between the owner, agent, or manager, on one hand, and the persons employed in the mine on the other.

38. *Rule.*—Subject to the exceptions stated below, and to any exemptions specially granted, every mine must have two shafts or two outlets in communication with every seam of work, which are capable of affording distinct means of ingress and egress to the persons employed in the seam. These shafts need not belong to the same mine. They must be separated by natural strata of not less than ten feet in breadth, though openings may be made through the strata for such purposes as ventilation and drainage. Such openings, however, must, in the case of mines where inflammable gas has been found within the preceding twelve months, be only temporary. Between the two shafts or outlets there must be a communication not less than four feet wide and three feet high. At each of the shafts or outlets, or on the works belonging to the mine, there must be kept, for raising or lowering persons, proper apparatus in actual use, or available for use within a reasonable time.

39. *Exception No. 1.*—The rule does not apply in case of a new mine being opened for the purpose of searching for or proving minerals, so long as not more than twenty persons are employed below ground at any one time in the whole of the different seams in connection with the shaft.

40. *Exception No. 2.*—The rule does not apply to any working for the purpose of making communication between two or more shafts so long as not more than twenty persons are employed below ground at any one time in the whole of the different seams in connection with the shaft or outlet.

41. *Exception No. 3.*—The rule does not, in the case of mines which before the passing of the act were not required to have a double shaft, come into operation till the first of January, 1875.

42. In certain cases temporary or permanent exemptions are allowed. (See below, paragraph 74.)

43. Where a mine is abandoned, or the working thereof discontinued (at whatever time such abandonment or discontinuance occurred), the top of the shaft and any side entrance from the surface must be kept securely fenced by the owner of the mine or the persons interested in the minerals thereof.

44. The act prescribes general rules (set forth at length hereunder, paragraph 70), which are to be observed so far as is reasonably practicable, in every mine.

45. In addition to the general rules, but not at variance with them, each mine must have its own set of special rules, framed to meet the special circumstances of the mine.

46. *Object.*—The object of special rules is to prevent dangerous accidents, and to provide for the proper discipline of those employed in the mine.

47. *Force.*—Special rules have the same force as if they were contained in the act.

48. *How made.*—Special rules are prepared in the first instance on behalf of the owner, and are, together with a notice, to be posted up during a fortnight on the premises; such notice to be printed and to be to the effect that at the end of the fortnight the rules will be submitted to the inspector of mines for the district, and that in the meantime any person employed in the mine is entitled to forward any objection to the inspector at his address, as stated in the notice. On the expiration of the fortnight they are to be signed by the owner, agent or manager, and transmitted to the inspector, together with a certificate that the rules and the notice have been posted up as aforesaid.

49. A secretary of State, may within 40 days, object to the special rules if they are insufficient or unreasonable, and require them to be modified. These requisitions must be complied with or else referred to arbitration.

50. After 40 days, special rules, if not objected to, become established, and are to be signed by the inspector of the district.

51. *At what time to be made.*—In mines having special rules in operation on the 1st of January, 1873, proper steps must be taken before the 1st of April, 1873, to submit a new set of special rules to the inspector. Meantime the existing special rules will continue in

force. In the case of a new mine being opened, or the working of an old mine being renewed, the act allows three months within which special rules may be submitted.

52. *Amendment.*—At any time special rules may be amended in like manner at the instance of the owner, agent or manager. Also the Secretary of State may at any time propose amendments, which must be complied with, or referred to arbitration.

53. *Publication.*—A copy at full length of the special rules when made, and also of this abstract, together with the name and address of the inspector of the district, and the name and address of the owner, agent or manager of the mine must be kept posted up on the premises, and a copy thereof supplied gratis on application.

54. Any person who pulls down documents so posted up is liable to punishment.

55. If in any respect a mine is carried on in a manner which, though not expressly forbidden by the terms of this act, or by special rules, is, nevertheless, dangerous, the inspector may require the matter to be remedied, and the owner, agent or manager is bound to comply with the requisition, or else submit to a reference to arbitration.

56. Breach of a general rule by any person, or a special rule by any person bound to observe the same, is an offense against the act. And in the event of such an offense being proved to have been committed, the owner, agent, and manager will also each of them be guilty of an offense against the act, unless he proves that he had taken all reasonable means to prevent the offense by publishing, and, to the best of his knowledge, enforcing rules. A like liability arises with respect to other provisions of the act, the breach of which is declared an offense against the act.

57. The penalty for an offense against the act (except when another penalty expressly specified) is if the offense be committed by a person employed in or about the mine not exceeding £2; if committed by the owner, agent or manager, not exceeding £20, and a further penalty not exceeding £1 per day for every day that such offense continues to be committed, after a written notice from the inspector.

58. Where, however, the court is of the opinion that the offense is one which is reasonably calculated to endanger the safety of those employed in or about the mine, or to cause serious personal injury or

dangerous accident, and was committed willfully by the personal act, personal default, or personal negligence of the accused, and that pecuniary penalty will not meet the circumstances of the case, the punishment may be imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for three months.

59. An appeal lies in case of imprisonment, or half the maximum penalty has been adjudged.

60. An offense can only be prosecuted within three months after the date when it was committed.

61. An offense by an owner, agent or manager cannot be summarily prosecuted, except either by an inspector of mines or with the consent of the Secretary of State.

62. The owner, agent or manager may be sworn and examined as an ordinary witness, if charged in respect of any contravention or non-compliance of another person.

63. Penalties for neglecting to send notices of accident, or for any offense against the act which has occasioned loss of life or personal injury, may be directed by a Secretary of State to be paid to the sufferers, or to relatives of deceased sufferers, but not to any person who has contributed to the neglect or offense.

64. A person who is the owner, agent or manager of any mine in which the coal mines regulation act applies, or the father, son or brother of such owner, agent or manager, is disqualified from summarily adjudicating on any offense committed against the act.

65. *Register.*—The owner, agent, or manager, must keep in the office at the mine a register containing particulars prescribed by section thirteen as to all persons whose hours of employment are regulated by the act; and, also a memorandum of the certificates of school attendance. The register is to be produced to the inspector who may inspect or copy it.

66. Returns are to be sent annually by the owner, agent, or manager of each mine to the inspector of the district, namely: On January 1st, a return in the form of schedule four to the act, and on or before February 1st, a return, in form to be prescribed by a Secretary of State, specifying the particulars mentioned in section thirty-eight of the act.

67. *Plans.*—The owner, agent, or manager is to keep in the office, at the mine, an accurate plan and section, or tracing thereof, showing the workings up to at least six months previously, and is to pro-

duce it to the inspector of mines to examine, but not to copy; and, if requested, is to mark on the plan the workings up to production.

68. *Plans and Abandonment.*—Within three months of the abandonment of a mine, a plan and section, or tracing thereof, showing the boundaries of the workings, are to be sent by the owner to the Secretary of State, as a mining record, not, however, to be seen, until after the lapse of ten years, except by an inspector, or by consent.

69. Notices must be sent by the owner, agent or manager of a mine to the inspector of mines for the district, as follows: Of the appointment of a manager, together with his name and address, immediately after his appointment; and in case of the temporary appointment of an uncertificated manager, the notice shall state the reason for such appointment; of any accident causing loss of life, or serious personal injury, within twenty-four hours after such accident; of any accident from explosion of gas, powder, or steam boiler, causing any personal injury, within twenty-four hours after such accident; of any death resulting from personal injury, caused by an accident previously reported, within twenty-four hours after the death comes to the knowledge of the owner, agent, or manager. The following is to be made within two months after the event to be notified: Of the commencement of any working for the opening of a new shaft; of the abandonment of a shaft; of the recommencement of the working of a shaft after an abandonment of more than two months; of any change in the name of the mine, or in the name of the owner, agent, or manager; of any change in the officers of any incorporated company owning a mine. Notice must also be given, by the owner or agent (not by the manager), of the fact that two or more parts of a mine are worked separately, with a view that each may be deemed to constitute a separate mine for the purposes of the act.

70. *Coroner's Inquests.*—In the case of an inquest being held concerning a death being caused by a mine accident, unless the inspector or some other person on behalf of a Secretary of State is present, the coroner is to adjourn the inquest, and to send to the inspector four days' notice of the time and place of the adjourned inquest. If, however, only one life has been lost, by the accident, and forty-eight hours' notice of time and place of holding the inquest has been sent to the inspector, the inquest need not be adjourned if a majority of the jury think it unnecessary. At the inquest the inspector of mines may examine any witness subject to the order of the coro-

ner. If the inspector is not present, and evidence is given of any neglect having caused or contributed to the accident, or of any defect in or about the mine appearing to require a remedy, the coroner is to send to the inspector notice thereof in writing. In the event of a fatal accident occurring in a mine and an inquest being held, no person who is employed in that mine, or is concerned in its management or has a personal interest in that mine, is qualified to serve on the jury.

71. *Employment of Boys in Thin Seam Mines.*—A Secretary of State may exempt a thin seam mine from the provisions (see above paragraph No. 17) prohibiting employment, below ground, of boys under twelve. In a mine so exempted, boys of ten and under twelve may be employed under ground, but not for more than six days a week; not for more than six hours a day, if employed for more than three days in a week; not for more than ten hours a day, if employed for only three days or for less than three days in a week. An interval of twelve hours rest shall be allowed between each two consecutive periods of employment, except between Friday and Saturday, when an interval of eight hours will suffice. The period of such employment of a boy is deemed to begin at the time of his leaving the surface and to end at the time of his return to the surface. The week is deemed to begin at 12 P. M. Saturday, and to end at 12 P. M. on the Saturday following. The immediate employer of any boy of ten and under twelve is not to take him below ground until he has reported his intention so to do to the manager or to some person appointed by the manager; boys of ten and under twelve are subject to the same provisions with regard to schooling as are prescribed (see above paragraphs 25, 26, 27, 28) for children under thirteen employed above ground.

72. *Saturday—Half-holiday—Ireland.*—A Secretary of State may exempt any mine in Ireland from the provisions (see above paragraph 30) prohibiting the employment below ground of women, young persons or children, after two o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

73. *Weighing Provisions.*—A Secretary of State may grant exemption the from weighing provisions (see above paragraph 34) or postpone their operation with respect to any mine or class of mines, as to which he is satisfied that such exemption or postponement is requisite or expedient by reason of the exigencies of the case. In any mine so exempted, wages may be paid according to measure or gauge,

and local measures and gauges may be adopted, subject, however, to inspection by the inspectors of weights and measures. A check-measurer may be appointed in like manner as a check-weigher.

74. *Single Shafts.*—A Secretary of State may exempt a proved mine from the provisions (see above paragraph 42) prohibiting single shafts if satisfied that the quantity of mineral proved is insufficient to repay the outlay of the sinking or making of a second shaft or outlet. In a mine so exempted, there must not be employed below ground at any one time in the whole of the different seams in connection with the shaft or outlet, more than twenty persons; or, if the mine is not a coal mine or mine with inflammable gas, more than such other large number as the Secretary of State may allow. If the mine is not a coal mine or mine with inflammable gas and the Secretary of State is satisfied that sufficient provision has been made against danger from other causes than explosion of gas by using stone, brick or iron, in the place of wood in the lining of the shaft and construction of the side-wall; in a mine so exempted there must not be employed below ground at any one time, in the whole of the different seams in connection with the shaft or outlet, more than the number of persons the Secretary of State may allow. If satisfied that the workings of a seam have reached the boundary of the property, or the extremity of the mineral field, and that it is expedient to work away the pillars already formed in the course of the ordinary workings, notwithstanding that by so working away the pillars one of the shafts or outlets may be cut off. In a mine so exempted there must not be employed below ground at any one time, in the whole of the different seams in connection with the shaft or outlet, more than twenty persons; or if the mine is not a coal mine or a mine with inflammable gas, more than such larger number as the Secretary of State may allow, if satisfied by reason of an accident one of the shafts or outlets has become unavailable for the use of the persons employed in the mine; a mine so exempted may only be worked subject to the conditions specified in the exemption. In the case of a mine not at the time of passing the act required to have two outlets provided that an application is made in England or Scotland within six months after the first of January, 1873, or in Ireland within six months after the first of January, 1874, and the Secretary of State is satisfied that the mine is nearly exhausted; if the Secretary of State refuse to grant such exemption the matter may be referred to arbitration.

75. Also in the case of a mine not at the time of the passing of the act required to have two outlets, a Secretary of State may grant an extension of time (see above paragraph 41) for providing an additional shaft or outlet if an application is made to him within six months preceding the first of January, 1875. In the event of the Secretary of State refusing such extension of time, the matter may be referred to arbitration.

76. The following are the general rules: An adequate amount of ventilation shall be constantly produced in every mine to dilute and render harmless noxious gases to such an extent that the working-places of the shafts, levels, stables, and workings of such mine, and the traveling roads to and from such working places shall be in a fit state for working and passing therein. In every mine in which inflammable gas has been found within the preceding twelve months, then once in every twenty-four hours if one shift of workmen is employed, and once in every twelve hours if two shifts are employed; during any twenty-four hours a competent person or competent persons, who shall be appointed for the purpose, shall, before the time for commencing work in any part of the mine, inspect with a safety-lamp that part of the mine, and the roadways leading thereto, and shall make a true report of the condition thereof so far as ventilation is concerned, and a workman shall not go to work in such part until the same and the roadways leading thereto are stated to be safe. Every such report shall be recorded without delay in a book which shall be kept at the mine for the purpose, and shall be signed by the person making the same. In every mine in which inflammable gas has not been found within the preceding twelve months, then once in twenty-four hours a competent person or competent persons, who shall be appointed for the purpose, shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, immediately before the time for commencing work in any part of the mine, inspect that part of the mine, and the roadways leading thereto, and shall make a true report of the condition thereof so far as ventilation is concerned, and a workman shall not go to work in such part until the same and the roadways leading thereto are stated to be safe. Every such report shall be recorded without delay in a book which shall be kept at the mine for the purpose, and shall be signed by the person making the same.

All entrances to any place not in actual course of working and extension shall be properly fenced across the whole width of such en-

trance, so as to prevent persons inadvertently entering the same. A station or stations shall be appointed at the entrance to the mine, or to different parts of the mine, as the case may require, and a workman shall not pass beyond any such station until the mine, or part of the mine beyond the same, has been inspected and stated to be safe.

If, at any time, it is found by the person for the time being in charge of the mine, or any part thereof, that, by reason of noxious gases prevailing in such mine or such part thereof, or of any cause whatever, the mine or the said part is dangerous, every workman shall be withdrawn from the mine or such part thereof as is so found dangerous, and a competent person, who shall be appointed for the purpose, shall inspect the mine or such part thereof as is so found dangerous, and if the danger arises from inflammable gas, shall inspect the same with a locked safety-lamp, and in every case shall make a true report of the condition of such mine or part thereof, and a workman shall not, except in so far as is necessary for inquiring into the cause of danger, or for the removal thereof, or for exploration, be readmitted into the mine, or such part thereof as was found dangerous, until the same is stated by such report not to be dangerous. Every such report shall be recorded in a book which shall be kept at the mine for the purpose, and shall be signed by the person making the same. In every working approaching any place where there is likely to be an accumulation of explosive gas, no lamp or light other than a locked safety-lamp shall be allowed or used; and whenever safety-lamps are required by the act, or by the special rules made in pursuance of the act, to be used, a competent person, who shall be appointed for the purpose, shall examine every safety-lamp immediately before it is taken into the workings for use, and ascertain it to be secure and securely locked, and in any part of a mine in which safety-lamps are so required to be used, they shall not be used until they have been so examined and found secure and securely locked, and shall not, without due authority, be unlocked; and in the said part of a mine a person shall not, unless he is appointed for the purpose, have in his possession any key or contrivance for opening the lock of any such safety-lamp, or any lucifer match, or apparatus of any kind for striking a light.

Gunpowder, or other explosives or inflammable substance, shall only be used in the mine under ground, as follows: It shall not be

stored in the mine; it shall not be taken into the mine except in a case or canister containing not more than four pounds; a workman shall not have in use, at one time in any one place, more than one of such cases or canisters; in charging holes for blasting, an iron or steel picker shall not be used, and a person shall not have in his possession; in the mine under ground, any iron or steel picker; and an iron or steel tamping rod or stemmer shall not be used for ramming either the wadding or the first part of the tamping or stemming on the powder; a charge of powder which has missed fire shall not be unrammed; it shall not be taken into, or be in possession of any person in any mine except in cartridges, and shall not be used except in accordance with the following regulations, during three months after any inflammable gas has been found in any such mine, namely: A competent person, who shall be appointed for the purpose, shall, immediately before firing a shot, examine the place where it is to be used, and the places contiguous thereto, and shall not allow the shot to be fired unless he finds it safe to do so; and a shot shall not be fired except by or under the direction of a competent person, who shall be appointed for the purpose. If the said inflammable gas issues so freely that it shows a blue-cap on the flame of the safety-lamp, it shall only be used either in those cases of stone drifts, stone work and sinking of shafts, in which the ventilation is so managed that the return air from the place where the powder is used passes into the main air-course without passing any place in actual course of working, or when the persons ordinarily employed in the mine are out of the mine, or out of the part of the mine where it is used.

Where a mine is divided into separate panels, in such manner that each panel has an independent intake and return air-way from the main air-course and the main return air-course, the provisions of this rule, with respect to gunpowder or other explosive, inflammable substance, shall apply to each such panel in like manner as if it were a separate mine. Where a place is likely to contain a dangerous accumulation of water, the working approaching such place shall not exceed eight feet in width, and there shall be constantly kept, at a sufficient distance, not being less than five yards in advance, at least one bore-hole near the center of the working, and sufficient flank bore-holes on each side. Every underground plane on which persons travel, which is self-acting or worked by an engine, windlass or gin, shall be provided (if exceeding thirty yards in length) with

some proper means of signaling between the stopping-places and the ends of the plane and shall be provided in every case at intervals of not more than twenty yards, with sufficient man-holes for places of refuge.

Every road on which persons travel under ground where the load is drawn by a horse or other animal shall be provided, at intervals of not more than fifty yards, with sufficient man-holes, or with a space for a place of refuge, which space shall be of sufficient length and at least three feet in width between the wagons running on the train-road and the side of such road.

Every man-hole and a space for a place of refuge, shall be constantly kept clear, and no person shall place anything in a man-hole or such space to prevent access thereto.

The top of every shaft which for the time being is out of use, or used only as an air-shaft, shall be securely fenced.

The top and all entrances between the top and bottom of every working or pumping-shaft shall be properly fenced, but this shall not be taken to forbid the temporary removal of the fence for the purpose of repairs or other operations if proper precautions are used. Where the natural strata are not safe every working or pumping-shaft shall be securely cased, lined or otherwise made secure.

The roof and side of every traveling-road and working-place shall be made secure, and a person shall not, unless appointed for the purpose of exploring or repairing, travel, or work in any such traveling-road or working-place which is not so made secure.

Where there is a downcast and furnace-shaft and both such shafts are provided with apparatus in use for raising and lowering persons, every person employed in the mine shall upon giving reasonable notice have the option of using the downcast-shaft.

In any mine which is usually entered by means of machinery, a competent person of such age as prescribed by the act, shall be appointed for the purpose of working the machinery which is employed in lowering and raising persons therein, and shall attend for the said purpose during the whole time that any person is below ground in the mine.

Every working-shaft used for the purpose of drawing minerals or for lowering or raising of persons, shall, if exceeding fifty yards in depth and not exempted in writing by the inspector or the district, be provided with guides and some proper means of communicating

distinct and definite signals from the bottom of a shaft and from every entrance for the time being in work, between the surface and the bottom of the shaft, to the surface, and from the surface to the bottom of the shaft and to every entrance for the time being in work between the surface and the bottom of the shaft.

A sufficient cover overhead shall be used when lowering or raising persons, in every working-shaft, except where it is worked by a windlass, or where the person is employed about the pump or some work of repair in the shaft, or where a written exemption is given by the inspector of the district.

A single-linked chain shall not be used for lowering or raising persons in any working-shaft or plane, except for the short coupling chain attached to the cage or load.

There shall be on the drum of every machine used for lowering or raising persons, such flanges or horns, and also, if the drum is conical, such other appliances, as may be sufficient to prevent the rope from slipping.

There shall be attached to every machine worked by steam, water, or mechanical power, and used for lowering or raising persons, an adequate brake, and also a proper indicator (in addition to any mark on the rope) which shows to the person who works the machine the position of the cage or load in the shaft.

Every fly-wheel, and all exposed and dangerous parts of the machinery used in or about the mine, shall be, and be kept, securely fenced.

Every steam boiler shall be provided with a proper steam gauge and water gauge, to show respectively the pressure of steam and the height of water in the boiler, and with a proper safety valve.

After dangerous gas has been found in any mine, a barometer and thermometer shall be placed above ground in a conspicuous position near the entrance of the mine.

No person shall willfully damage, or without proper authority remove or render useless any fence, fencing, casing, lining, guide, means of signaling, signal, cover, chain, flange, horn, break, indicator, steam gauge, water gauge, safety valve, or other appliances or thing provided in any mine in compliance with the act.

Every person shall observe such directions with respect to working as may be given to him with a view to comply with the act or the special rules. A competent person or competent persons, who shall

be appointed for the purpose, shall once at least in every twenty-four hours examine the state of the external parts of the machinery, and the state of the head gear, working places, levels, planes, ropes, chains, and other works of the mine which are in actual use, and once at least in every week shall examine into the state of the shafts by which persons ascend or descend, and the guides or conductors therein, and shall make a true report of the result of such examination, and such report shall be recorded in a book to be kept at the mines for the purpose, and shall be signed by the person who made the same.

The persons employed in a mine may from time to time appoint two of their number to inspect the mine at their own cost, and the persons so appointed shall be allowed, once at least in every month, accompanied, if the owner, agent or manager of the mine thinks fit, by himself or one or more officers of the mine, to go to every part of the mine, and to inspect the shafts, levels, planes, working places, return air-ways, ventilating apparatus, old workings and machinery, and shall be afforded by the owner, agent and manager, and all persons in the mine, every facility for the purpose of such inspection, and shall make a true report of the result of such inspection, and such reports shall be recorded in a book to be kept at the mine for the purpose, and shall be signed by the person who made the same.

The books mentioned in the General Rules, or a copy thereof shall be kept at the office of the mine, and any inspector, under the act, and any person employed in the mine, may at all reasonable times, inspect and take copies of, and extracts from any such books.