

LATEST FAIRMONT COAL REGION NEWS, STATISTICS AND VIEWS

OPERATORS ASSOCIATION WILL FIGHT ASSIGNED CARS IN FEDERAL COURTS

That Course to be Pursued if the Interstate Commerce Commission Cannot Afford Them Any Relief From the Iniquitous System.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE DECIDES UPON THAT POLICY

Assigned cars now being used in the Fairmont region by the railroads are to be fought by the special committee appointed from the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association. The committee decided upon a course of action after conferring with their attorneys at a session held yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the association in the Jacobs building.

The subject was discussed by the members and the conclusion was reached that inasmuch as the railroads have refused to count the assigned cars against the shares of the mines loading them that this course was the proper one to pursue.

After the subject was viewed from all angles the committee decided that it is no action on the assigned cars is taken at the convention of the National Coal Association next week the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association will start proceedings at once not only before the interstate commerce commission, but also in the federal courts. This latter action will come up before Judge Allison, Dayton, in the federal court of Northern West Virginia when the case is tried.

From attorneys from various sections of the Fairmont region were in conference in addition to Geo. T. Wolf, executive vice president of the association, who is a lawyer and the one agreed in their views regarding the status of assigned cars under the law and the rights of the operators in respect thereto.

Atlantic City Meet.
Fairmonters will be well represented at the annual meeting of the National Coal Association at the Traymore, Atlantic City, which will open Tuesday morning. The old board of directors of the association will meet on Monday afternoon. On Monday evening at 5 o'clock the West Virginia coal operators will meet and act upon some matters.

Tonight C. H. Jenkins, secretary and treasurer of The Hutchinson Coal Company, who is a director of the National Coal Association, will leave for Atlantic City. He will be accompanied by John A. Clark, Jr., other Fairmonters expected to attend the meeting are: Tom C. W. Watson, Frank E. Lyon and Frank Wilber, Brooks Fleming, Jr., assistant to the president of the Consolidation Coal Company and president of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association; Samuel D. Brady, of the Brady interests; Everett Drennen, Elkins, president of the West Virginia Coal & Coke Company; Daniel Howard, E. L. Spraker, J. M. Orr, E. L. White and V. E. Gocke, all of Clarksburg.

Daily Car Supply.
While the cars are not adequate today in the Fairmont region there is a better supply on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad than any day since Monday and the West Virginia district of the Monongahela railway has an 85 per cent car supply, the best since May 10, when there were 334 cars placed. The beauty of it is that some of the cars in the West Virginia district has assigned cars, none of the Canadian Pacific's empties having arrived. The car supply on the Helen's Run and Wyatt-Bingamon branches of the Western Maryland railroad, however, is below par, being about a 50 per cent run, which however is a decided improvement over Friday.

Today there are 732 empties on the Monongahela division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and as a result of the shortage there are 60 mines idle. The early morning placement this morning was 732. The cars are classified as follows: Open, 637; coke, 21; P. & R., 5; M. V. T., 53. There were 25 cars left over from the previous day. The mines today ordered 1601 cars of which 21 cars were ordered for coke loading.

Empties on the Monongahela railroad today number 333 in the West Virginia district, while those in the Pennsylvania district total 161. On Friday the Pennsylvania railroad moved 150 loads of coal and coke. Coal movement on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad at Brownsville has again

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