

# THE MOUNT AIRY NEWS.

## A PROMINENT COLLEGE MAN.

One of Indiana's Useful Educators Says: "I Feel Like a New Man."



MR. JOHN W. MENG.

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### A Defiant Monopoly.

For several days an investigation has been in progress before the Interstate Commerce Commission, in New York, to ascertain what ground there is for the charges made by Wm. R. Hearst, that the anthracite combine and the railroads under the management of President Baer are a combination for the purpose of monopolizing the anthracite coal business, and regulating prices, in the doing of which they practice extortion, and arbitrarily raise or lower prices to suit themselves.

The principal, and perhaps the most important, witness so far produced is President Baer of the Reading Railroad. As a witness he is not only remarkably frank but decidedly defiant. He admitted in his testimony Wednesday that they had not only run the price of coal up, but intended to run it up higher, to \$5 a ton, and if the buyers would not stand that then they would come down in the price, which was practically equivalent to declaring that they would run the price as high as the consumers will stand.

Isn't it apparent on the face that they are enabled to do this by controlling the principal mines, (enough of them to control the coal supply) and the railroads which transport the coal to market? They work together. The coal companies in the combine fix the price of coal at the mine and the dealer and then the railroad combine fixes the charges for transportation, and the so-called "independent" mines can't come in because the coal combine and the railroad combine work together and under the same management, of course look out for each other's interests.

As a proof that the railroads charge excessive rates for transportation it is asserted that coal is hauled for less from the West Virginia mines, a distance of 200 miles, to Philadelphia than from the anthracite mines less than one-fourth that distance. If that isn't extortion what is? The reason Mr. Baer gives for the increase in price, (which he says he will run up as high as the market will stand) is the increased cost of production, but that is a mere pretence, for there is no evidence to show that if there be any increase in cost of production, it is anything in proportion to the increased price of coal. But he gave the whole case away when he said they had run the price up to \$4.50 a ton, intended to run it to \$5.00, and higher if the consumer would stand it, and he expected the so-called "independent" mine managers to do the same thing, because they would not be fools enough to sell coal for \$4.00 a ton when they could get \$5.00 or more.

But if the "independent" miners undertook to build up their trade by selling lower than the cutting would begin and the combine would take them by the throat and force him out of the market, and yet Mr. Baer says that there is competition in the coal business.—Wilmington Star.

### Just Missed Them.

For twenty years persons who frequent the Southern depot about the time trains are due have expected daily to see some one killed at the crossing, yet by good luck, combined in great degree with wise management, it is seldom any one has been hurt.

This morning two young girls working at the cigar factory were coming to work. A train was passing over the crossing and they waited for it to clear the street, when they started over. A car was being shifted on the adjoining track, a trainman standing on the steps. The girls stepped on the track almost in front of the moving car and stopped dead still. The man on the steps of the car saw them as did the shifting engineer and the air brakes were applied, but even then the car could not be stopped and the trainman, with rare presence of mind, leaped over and shoved the two from the track, the steps of the platform touching both of them. It was about as close a shave as one sees. A railway crossing is a bad place and a track is a bad place to stop on.—Greensboro Record.

The Salisbury Sun says: It is reported here and generally accepted as a fact that four engineers in the employ of the Southern on the main line have resigned since the tragic death of Engineer Charles Kinney last week. It is said by some that a large number of railroaders will throw up their positions unless greater precaution is taken by the Southern to insure their safety.

### A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It is infallible for cough, whooping cough, grip, pneumonia and consumption. Try it. It is guaranteed by C. E. Gallaway, druggist. Trial bottles free. Reg. size 50c. \$1.00.

### The Wastes of the Body.

Every seven days the blood, muscles and bones of a man of average size lose two pounds of worn-out tissue. This waste cannot be replenished and the health and strength kept up without perfect digestion. When the stomach and digestive organs fail to perform their functions, the strength lets down, health gives way, and disease sets up. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure enables the stomach and digestive organs to digest and assimilate all of the wholesome food that may be eaten into the kind of blood that rebuilds the tissues and protects the health and strength of the mind and body. Kodol cures indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach troubles. It is an ideal spring tonic. Sold by all druggists. Reg. size 50c. \$1.00. I. W. West, Druggist, Mt. Airy, N. C.

### The Farmers' Day.

This is the farmers' day. Everything that can be grown on the farm is bringing high prices and there is a market, especially in the cotton-milling communities, for everything that he brings to town. With cotton bringing 10 cents and pork, beef and poultry correspondingly high, the farmer ought to be doing better than the merchant and he doubtless is in a good many cases. His stock in trade is by no means confined to the articles named, for he can get good prices for his corn and wheat, hay, fodder, grass and all kinds of vegetables. Even the modest turnip green, or salad, sells readily at 10 cents a handful, where a few years ago a market basket full would go at that price. The farmer with poultry, butter and eggs can laugh at the gold miner. A big crop of spring chickens this year will start a modest bank account. It can be said that the farmer, at all events, is faring better than the manufacturer, for the talk of the campaign orator for that the mill man is making all the money is simply talk. Just the reverse is true. With cotton selling at its present high price it is close shaving for the cotton manufacturer. He is now in a position similar to that of the farmer when he had to sell his cotton at the cost of production. There is very little money in cotton manufacturing at the present time. Outside of the iron and steel mills, upon which a demand is made for material to go into the new territory being developed, nearly all classes of manufacturers are having a comparatively dull time, but with farmers in a prosperous condition the country is bound to be prosperous. The farming prospect for the present year is one of the most encouraging on record from the standpoint of the state of the market, for the indications are that generally good prices will prevail. The rains have retarded early spring work but the farmers have started much later in season and made big crops and there is no reason yet to predict a shortage this year. The cotton mill settlements of Charlotte are of much benefit to the Mecklenburg farmer, as they give him a market for everything that he can produce and enable him to turn some products for which there was formerly no market into productive channels. Charlotte affords the farmer a big market. Conditions have so changed in the past few years that what he used to guard against just now is underproduction. There is no longer any danger of what was formerly known as over-production. With an eager market and splendid facilities for reaching it, the condition of the Mecklenburg farmer must be regarded as peculiarly fortunate.—Charlotte Observer.

### A Postmaster Resigns.

When speaking of office holders it is customary to say that "few die and none resign," and while this is generally true, an isolated case now and then proves the exception to the rule. A case in point is the resignation of the postmaster at Worthville, Mr. F. E. Trogdon, who has just notified the post office department that he wished to be relieved of the duties of his official position at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Trogdon gives up a fiducial office in the quiet village of Worthville to engage in the mercantile business at Coolemees.—Winston Republican.

### W. R. Hearst for President.

The nomination of W. R. Hearst for President by the National Democratic convention in 1904 is one of the possibilities, and we would like to say, one of the certainties. It was W. R. Hearst who started the day of the disaster at Galveston three relief trains with doctors, nurses, medicine, clothing and food from New York, Chicago and San Francisco. Nor did his efforts for the sufferers end with these train loads of necessities. He inaugurated subscriptions in the three cities in which his newspapers are printed, aided in the great bazaar at the Waldorf-Astoria, and sent the proceeds of these, with his own contribution in the shape of a check for \$50,000, to Governor Sayers, of Texas, and the new asylum for the Galveston orphans is the monument of his work.

### A Brooklyn Incident.

The news comes that the fashionable section of Brooklyn, New York, is extremely worried over a social problem. Every resident is excited over the reported sale of one of the most desirable residences in the section to a negro. Since the news has come public the park has been quivering with excitement. It is a restricted district, well built up, with houses of the better class, a tidy grass plot surrounding nearly every one, with a flower garden just now almost ready to burst into bloom. William J. Howden lives in a handsome cottage in the very center of the district. He himself is authority for the statement that he is about to move away and that the place has been sold to a negro, an attaché of William C. Whitney's racing stable.—Charlotte News.

### Miss Guess Attempted Suicide.

It was learned by 'phone here that Miss May Guess, the only daughter of Capt. David Guess, of Lemon Springs, attempted to commit suicide the night before by drinking laudanum. It seems that a young man by the name of Doc Murdock, had been paying her attention with a view to marriage. The parents of the young lady objected to the match. This coupled with a lover's quarrel and indifference on the part of young Murdock caused the young lady to become despondent, hence the rash act.

It was feared for some time after Miss Guess took the drug that the attempt to save her life would prove unsuccessful, but in a few hours time she was pronounced out of danger. When it was found that she had drank laudanum her parents summoned young Murdock, who watched faithfully at her bedside during the trying hours that followed. Miss Guess is a very attractive girl of about 15 years. It is said that some time ago her parents sent her away from home to prevent her marrying Murdock.—Sanford Express.

### Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible, if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. You can get this reliable remedy at I. W. West's drug store, Mount Airy, N. C. Price 25c and 75c.

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