

SHORT WEIGHT SHIPMENTS

Retail Coal Dealers Protest Against the Prevalent Practice. MINE INVOICES ARE NOT ACCURATE. Cars Weighed at Destination Show a Great Shrinkage and the Move Now on Foot to Secure Protection.

LE MARS, Ia., Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: The evil of short weights on coal has assumed such alarming proportions in the middle west that the coal associations, in order to save many of the retail coal dealers from financial ruin, have had to take hold of the matter and seek a remedy. The Iowa and Nebraska association has been the pioneer in this movement for reform, and at its last meeting 26 Omaha passed resolutions favoring legislative action to remedy the evil. That this evil has always existed to more or less extent goes without saying, and that there is a natural shrinkage on soft coal by evaporation is an established fact. A further fact that coal when being transported in open cars is subject to stealage while in transit is well known to the general public. The writer believes that on the average the loss from natural shrinkage would not be more than 1 or 2 per cent by evaporation is an established fact. A further fact that coal when being transported in open cars is subject to stealage while in transit is well known to the general public. The writer believes that on the average the loss from natural shrinkage would not be more than 1 or 2 per cent by evaporation is an established fact.

Mine Weighing a Faree. The writer has devoted much time and study to this problem. First he made a careful examination of the cars contained in a mine on arrival, and in the statistics M. A. Moore & Co. has not included a car that showed signs of having been rolled in transit. On the contrary, the cars showing these large shortages were as full as they would hold on arrival. His conclusions are that the mine is the nearest force and the railroad companies take these weights without question. The guessing at the mine is based upon the marked capacity of the car, and as the writer knows absolutely from his investigations, it is not possible to estimate the weight of these open cars up to their marked capacity, more especially with the fine sizes, such as egg and nut. The result is that the guessing is always high and the retailer is compelled to suffer enormous losses. How much, he does not know unless he weighs out every car on arrival, which entails a large additional expense. The railroads, notably the Illinois Central, have issued positive instructions to

GAME NEAR DYING

From an Awful Skin Humour. Scarcely Tilt Blood Ran. Wasted to Skeleton. CURED BY CUTICURA. One Application Soothed Him to Sleep. Cure Speedy and Permanent.

"When my little boy was about three months old his head broke out with a rash, which was very itchy and ran considerable yellow fluid. We tried everything we could, but he got worse all the time till it spread to his arms, legs, and then to his entire body, and he got so bad that he came near dying. The rash would itch so that he would scratch till the blood ran, and a thin yellowish stuff would be all over his pillow in the morning. I had to put mittens on his hands to keep him from tearing his skin around his wrists. He got so weak and run down that he took fainting spells like we would think him dying. He was all wasted to a skeleton and his little hands were thin like claws. "He was bad about eight months when we tried Cuticura Remedies. I had not laid him down in his cradle in the daytime for a long time. He had not got so that he just slept in our arms all the time. I washed him with Cuticura Soap and put on one application of Cuticura Ointment and he was so soothed that I put him in the cradle. You don't know how glad I felt when he felt better. It took one box of Cuticura Ointment, pretty near one cake of Cuticura Soap, and about half a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent, to cure. I think our little boy would have died only for the Cuticura Remedies, and I shall always remain a firm friend of them." Mrs. M. C. Maitland, Jasper, Ontario.

No return in 14 years. Mrs. Maitland writes, under date of Feb. 24, 1903, that the cure is permanent. "It affords me much pleasure to inform you that it is fourteen years since my boy was cured of the terrible skin disease from which he suffered. "He has been permanently cured and is healthy and strong."

No poisonous drugs, no injurious decoctions are used in Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills. A pure herb remedy for the Liver and Kidneys of the highest merit.

Dr. Crossman's Specific For Blood Disorders. A pure herb remedy for the Liver and Kidneys of the highest merit.

DR. DURKHART'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND. WILL POSITIVELY CURE. Kidney and Liver Troubles, Rheumatism, Headache, Dizziness, Neuralgia, Catarrh, Indigestion, Nervousness, Nervousness, Dyspepsia, Spleenitis, Dropsy, etc. Sold by all druggists.

HOUSE CUTS EXPENSE BILL

Amendments to Naval Appropriation Bill Offered in Profusion. FIGHT OVER NAVAL TRAINING STATION. Chairman Foss in His Remarks Includes Mr. Fitzgerald in Class Who Believe in Land Navies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Although the house devoted the entire day to consideration of the naval appropriation bill under the five-minute rule, small progress was made. Amendments were offered in profusion for the perfection of the measure from a democratic standpoint, but all save an appropriation for the Charleston navy yard were rejected. This matter, advocated in a forcible manner by Judge Legare of South Carolina and amounting to a total of \$665,000 to carry on the work of existing contracts, was agreed to after Chairman Foss had stated that the only question was whether the appropriation should be made this year or next. The fight over the proposed Great Lakes naval training station was begun during the last half hour of the session, and promises a lively debate tomorrow. A point of order is hanging over the head of this item in the bill, and if it is rejected by Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin, who promises to make it, the Ohio delegation will see that it is pressed. Just before adjourning the house authorized the printing of 10,000 copies of a few directions for destroying mosquitoes.

Statistics of Short Weights. In the following table I give the date of receipt, the car number, the way bill weight and the weight of coal actually received at the yards of M. A. Moore & Co., which shows the shrinkage in weight actually experienced by this firm during the last year:

Table with columns: Date, Car No., Invoice Short, Invoice Actual. Rows include dates from Jan 24, 1903 to Feb 19, 1904.

EVENTS ON RUNNING TRACKS

Four Actual First Choices Together with an Opening Favorite Successful at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—Four actual first choices together with an opening favorite were successful at San Francisco today. The six and a half furlong handicap resulted in a race that was one of the best of the season. The first race, seven furlongs, selling: Hard Burr won, Pierce J. second, Arthur third. Time: 1:30.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Results at Ascot: First race, five furlongs for maiden 2-year-olds: El Bernardo won, Pon Casta second, Mistlede third. Time: 1:24.

BASE BALL MEN IN SESSION. No News Given Out Except the Appointment of a New Umpire.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 23.—Delays characterized the meeting of the base ball managers today. The class A men of the National League were in the lobby of the Nell hall, without any action. The only news of importance was that the American association, as an umpire in the eastern league, will go into national board meeting this afternoon favoring the bringing of the California league into organized base ball.

A Good Thing for Mother. If she is tired out, sickly, run down, Electric Bitters will give her new life, or there is no charge. Try them. See For sale by Kuhn & Co.

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NEW MEXICO FEELS SHOCKS

People of Socorro Alarmed Over Repeated Seismic Disturbances in that Vicinity. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 23.—The people living in the vicinity of Socorro, south of here, are becoming alarmed at the frequent recurrence of earthquake shocks there.

YESTERDAY MORNING THE THIRD SEVERE SHOCK IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS WAS FELT, AND RELATED REPORTS RECEIVED HERE AS TO THE EFFECT THAT BECAME KNOWN AS THE MATAPIS, OR BAD LANDS, HAVE BEEN DISTURBED BY THE SHOCKS.

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SORES AND ULCERS

SHOW A BAD CONDITION OF THE BLOOD. When the blood is in bad condition a bruise, cut, scratch, or any slight injury to the flesh, is apt to become an ugly-looking sore or ulcer.

A common boil appeared on the calf of my right leg. I used the simple home remedies but the place refused to heal. The physician I consulted did me no good. My leg was a solid sore from calf to ankle, and I then began to feel ill. I improved rapidly, but an attack of typhoid fever settled in the original sore, causing a backset. I began it again as soon as I was over the fever, and was completely and permanently cured.

SSS sore discharging, and must be gotten out before it will heal. Washes and salves, while cleansing, soothing and helpful, will not do it, because they do not reach the poisoned blood; but S. S. S. enters into the circulation and cleanses and purifies the diseased blood, and when this is accomplished the place heals.

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Shows the location of Russia, Japan, Corea, Manchuria, China, etc., also the principal cities and sea ports in each along with the population of same. Shows the different seas and bodies of water upon which the sea fights will probably take place.

Given a complete list of all the vessels in both navies, showing their armament, speed and comparative strength in war. Also tells all about both armies, how many men in each, the number of Russian soldiers now in the far east, etc.

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