

ine, test and adjust as often as occasion demands all scales, beams and other apparatus used in weighing coal at the mines.

Damages
recovered.

SEC. 3. Any person damaged by reason of coal mined not having been weighed and credited to him in accordance with the provisions of this act may recover his damages in a civil action against the employer, but such action must be begun within two years after the right thereto accrued; but his right to recover in such action shall not be barred by reason of his having knowledge of the violation of this act at the time.

Approved April 12, 1888.

CHAPTER 55.

PROTECT WORKMEN IN MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF WAGES.

H. F. 112.

AN ACT to Provide for the Payment of Wages of Workmen Employed in Mines, in the State of Iowa, in Lawful Money of the United States, and to Protect said Workmen in the Management and Control of their own Earnings.

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

Script, checks,
drafts, etc.,
unlawful.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company or corporation, owning or operating coal mines in the State of Iowa, to sell, give, deliver or in any manner issue, directly or indirectly, to any person employed by him or it, in payment for wages due for labor, or as advances on the wages of labor not due, any script, check, draft, order or evidence of indebtedness, payable or redeemable otherwise than in their face value in money; any such person, firm, company or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred (300) dollars nor less than twenty five dollars, and the amount of any scrip, token, check, draft, order or other evidence of indebtedness, sold, given, delivered or in any manner issued in violation of the provisions of this act, shall recover in money at the suit of any holder thereof, against the person, firm, company or corporation, selling, giving, delivering, or in any manner issuing the same: provided that this act shall not apply to any person, firm, company or corporation employing less than ten (10) persons.

Coercion in
matters of
purchase for-
bidden.

SEC. 2. Whoever compels, or in any manner seeks to compel or coerce an employe of any person, firm, company or corporation, to purchase goods or supplies from any particular person, firm, company or corporation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars or imprisonment

in the county jail, not exceeding sixty days or both at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. The county attorney of any organized county, upon complaint being made to him of the violation of any of the provisions of this act within his county, shall cause such complaint to be investigated before the grand jury of the county where such wrong has been complained of, at its next session following the time such complaint is made.

Approved April 6, 1888.

CHAPTER 56.

GREATER SAFETY IN MINING.

AN ACT to Amend Sections 8, 9, 10 and 14 Chapter 21 Acts of the 20th S. F. 227. General Assembly of the State of Iowa.

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

That Sections 8, 9, 10 and 14 Chapter 21 Acts of the 20th General Assembly be and the same are hereby amended as follows

Section 1. That section 8 be amended by adding thereto the following, And Provided further that any escapement shaft that is hereafter sunk and equipped before said escapement shaft shall be located or the excavation for it be begun the District Inspector of Mines shall be duly notified to appear and determine what shall be a suitable distance for the same. The distance from main shaft shall not be less than three hundred feet without the consent of the Inspector and no buildings shall be put nearer the escape shaft than one hundred feet, except the house necessary to cover the fan.

Sec. 2. That section 9 be amended by adding thereto the following; and Provided further that this Act shall not apply to mines where the escape way is lost or destroyed by reason of the drawing of pillars preparatory to the abandonment of the Mine; Provided that not more than twenty persons shall be employed in said mine at any one time.

Sec. 3. That section 10 be amended by inserting after the words "every working place in the Mine" the following: "And whenever the Inspector shall find men working without sufficient air or under any unsafe conditions he shall first give the Operator or his agent a reasonable Notice to rectify the same and upon a refusal or neglect so to do the Inspector may himself order them out until said Portion of said Mine shall be put in proper condition.