

NEW WAGE SCALE IN EFFECT IN THIS FIELD

Fourteen Per Cent Increase Is Granted, Adding About 56 Cents Daily to Lowest Man's Wage—Many Idle.

Monday, December 1st, in the New River district found a new wage scale in effect, giving miners and day men a 14% increase in wages as decided upon by the Federal Fuel Administrator, Dr. Harry Garfield.

Notices of the new wage scale, showing the increase and comparing it with the former scale, were posted at practically all of the mines in the county, yet the day found a very small per cent of the miners at work on Loop Creek and places along the river were similarly affected. The mines were running well the first of last week, but the Thanksgiving holiday put a stop to labor and on Saturday it was announced that the field was out on strike, demanding the check-off.

The New River Company had been in at all its mines on Monday and coal was being loaded. The McKel and subsidiary operations were going with larger working forces except at Klayth, where a slight reduction in the working force was noted.

The mine of the Sugar Creek Coal and Coke Co., where about 30 men are employed, was running on Monday, as were also the mines at Dewitt and Pemberton. Six mines and the mines at Minden have granted the check-off in addition to the increase and are reported as having full forces at work.

The new wage scale, with comparative increases, is as follows:

	Old Rate	New Rate
PICK MINING		
Room and pillar work, mine run, per ton of 2000 lbs.	5911	6791
ALL MACHINE CUTTING		
All machine cutting, per ton 2000 lbs.	1071	1200
LOADING AND SCRAPPING		
Rooms and pillars, mine run, per ton of 2000 lbs.	4722	5483
Loading and scrapping, rooms and pillars mine run, where loaded outside the cars to and from the face and ways track, per ton	5178	5929
YARDAGE:		
Where 7 ft. in width is taken, per inch, per lineal yard	94	10912
Where 8 ft. width is taken, per inch, per lineal yard	99	11372
Where 9 feet width is taken, per inch per lineal yard	10	11640
Where 10 ft. width is taken, per inch per lineal yard	11	1254
Where 11 feet width is taken, per inch per lineal yard	12	1268
Room yardage, top, room width, when taken down, loaded or gobbed, per inch, per lineal yard	965	10741
Room yardage, bottom, road width, when taken up, loaded or gobbed, per inch, per lineal yard	1023	1169
INSIDE DAY WAGE SCALE—		
Motormen and machine runners, per day	4.81	5.78
Truckmen, per day	4.27	4.97
Trip rider, rope haulage, per day	4.27	4.97
Skilled wiremen, per day	4.68	5.38
Wiremen's helpers, per day	4.24	4.90
Tracklayers, per day	4.52	5.25
Tracklayers' helpers, per day	4.15	4.81
Gate shooters, per day	4.79	5.05
Blatemen, per day	4.15	4.81
Brattlemen, per day	1.58	5.21
Timbermen, per day	4.25	5.25
Pumpmen, per day	4.20	4.84
Bottom engers, per day	4.25	5.05
Drivers, single mule, per day	4.15	4.81
Drivers, two or more mules	4.27	4.97
Couplers, where men are employed, per day	4.10	4.74
Couplers, where boys are employed, per day	3.65	4.07
Greasers, where men are employed, per day	4.10	4.74
Greasers, where boys are employed, per day	2.85	3.02
Trappers, per day	2.45	2.97
Pipemen, per day	4.55	5.24
All other inside day labor, per day	4.14	4.74
OUTSIDE WAGE SCALE		
Dumppers, per day	4.15	4.77
Top Tippers, per day	4.05	4.65
Transfer operators, per day	4.00	4.58
Trimmers, per day	4.00	4.61
Drum runners, per day	4.60	5.24
Car Cleaners and Car Droppers, per day	4.00	4.54
Blacksmiths, per day	5.00	5.78
Blacksmiths' helpers, per day	4.20	4.80
Car Repairmen, per day	4.50	5.20
Greasers, where men are employed, per day	4.00	4.50
Greasers, where boys are employed, per day	3.50	3.85
Couplers, where men are employed, per day	4.00	4.54
Couplers, where boys are employed, per day	2.50	2.85

The above increase, and the new scale are subject to such corrections as shall become necessary, if any rulings of the United States government or any changes in the amount of any corresponding increases allowed by the Central Competitive Field.