

NEW BREAKER OPENED

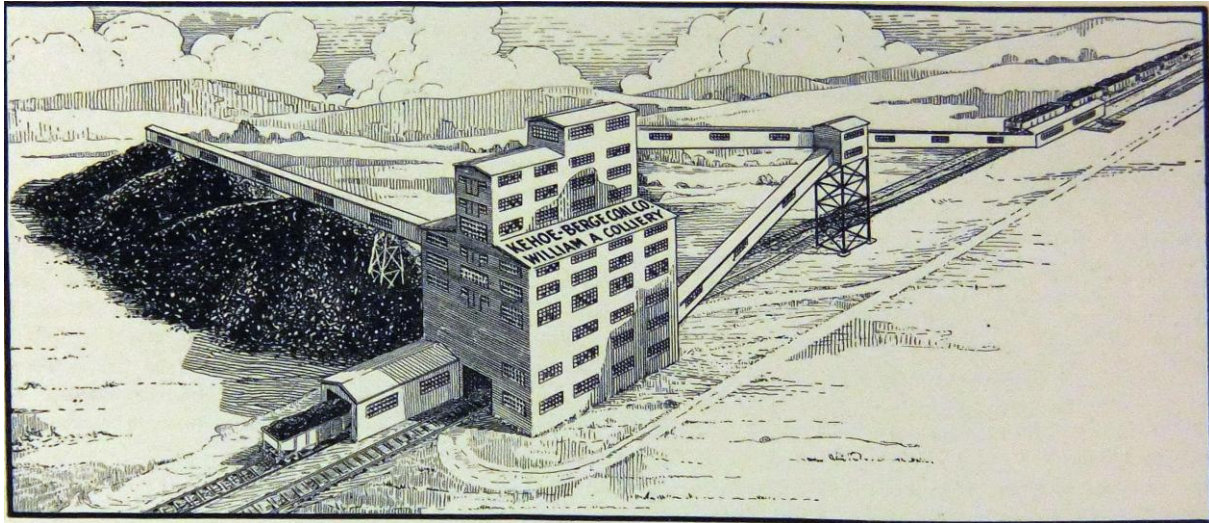
Kehoe-Berge Coal Co. Begins Shipments from Its Plant Near Pittston.

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Shipments of anthracite have just been started from the new all-steel breaker of the Kehoe-Berge Coal Co., of Scranton, Pa. The latest Chance cleaning machinery has been installed and the breaker has a daily capacity of approximately 2,000 tons.

A large ground storage of from 125,000 to 150,000 tons has been arranged for, and in addition there is a track storage of about 10,000 tons that can be utilized in case of emergency. Shipments can be made either via the Lehigh Valley RR., which means low rates to points on the Pennsylvania RR., and also the Central RR. of New Jersey, or off the New York, Ontario & Western Ry., giving low rates to Delaware & Hudson and Erie RR. points.

This high grade anthracite, with its low ash and square fracture, will be distributed by the Anthracite Sales Co., of Scranton.



1New Anthracite Breaker of Kehoe-Berge Coal Co.

Formal exercises dedicating the new breaker were held at the William A colliery in Duryea last Saturday, June 14th, and were attended by many coal men and railroad officials, some of them from New York, New England and other points outside the anthracite region.

Coal was run through the breaker for the first time after Jimmy Tonrey, 3, grandson of John Kehoe, company president, and Teddy Berge, three-year-old grandson of Dr. W. H. Berge, treasurer, pressed buttons which started the machinery. Attorney W. H. Gillespie, former Pittston Mayor, was chairman of the dedication program.

Confidence in the return to prosperity of the anthracite industry was expressed by President Kehoe. He declared that recovery hinges on the operators furnishing to the markets a high grade product and according to labor the fair dealings that labor accords to capital.

"I am certain prosperity will return not only to the anthracite industry but to every business if our leaders will have energy and confidence," Mr. Kehoe added.

Dr. Berge said that he became associated in the mining venture with Mr. Kehoe to help alleviate the misery resulting from the unemployment of hundreds of men when the major operating companies in the Pittston district suspended operations. He explained that he knew most of the workers and their families and that they were honest and hard working citizens who wanted a day's work and had no desire to be recipients of charity.

The cleaning apparatus in the breaker consists of a 15-foot cone and a 10-foot cone. The 15-foot cone cleans the egg, stove, chestnut and pea coal. The 10-foot cone cleans the buckwheat and all smaller sizes. All coal, even the No. 4, is cleaned. The cones are operated automatically by electricity and air so that only one man is required to look after the entire operation of the two cones.

The coal pockets hold 70 tons each. The egg, stove, chestnut and pea coals are loaded into railroad cars by means of a 42-inch belt boom loader. The boom is lowered into the car with an electric hoist so the coal is laid in the cars instead of falling. This prevents breakage.