

shall be suspended in such a manner that they will close of their own accord.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the owner, lessee or agent of every mine in operation in the said counties of Alleghany and Garrett shall furnish at their own expense all props and all the requisite timber that may be used in the working of said mines, and as the miners employed at work therein proceed with the working of their excavations, it shall be the duty of the owner, lessee or agent of said mines to furnish a sufficient quantity of timber at the place where the miner is at work, and whenever the said workmen engaged in the said excavation shall deem it safe and proper to have any of the props or timbers removed from said excavations, it shall be the duty of the person or persons so employed by the owner, lessee or agent to remove the said props or timbers to whatever point or place the workmen engaged therein may require, but no props or timber whatever shall be removed that might endanger the lives of any of the workmen engaged therein by such removal.

Shall furnish.

Duty of owner.

Deem it safe.

No props or timber.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any gases or impure air is known to exist in any of the mines in the said counties of Alleghany and Garrett, and which is likely to endanger the lives of the miners employed therein, it shall be the duty of the mine inspector, upon the same being made known to him, to proceed at once to make a careful examination of the ventilating apparatus of the said mine, and if he shall find that the gases and impure air existing in said mine was the cause of the bad condition of the ventilating apparatus connected therewith, he shall immediately notify the owner, lessee or agent to expel from the said mine all noxious gases and impure air existing therein, and to properly ventilate the same.

Whenever any impure air.

Careful examination.

Notify owner.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the mine inspector shall also be an inspector of weights, at all the mines, now or hereafter operated in said Alleghany and Garrett counties, and shall have power to weigh the coal mined therein, from time to time, on the scales at the different mines in said counties, and to test the accuracy of said scales, and to do any other

Inspector of weights.