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## CHAPTER XIV.

## COAL MINES.

AN ACT TO COMPEL OWNERS OF COAL MINES TO FENCE THEIR SLACK PILES AND ABANDONED PITS.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado :*

Slack piles to be fenced.

137. SECTION 1. That the owner or operators of coal mines from which fine or slack coal is taken and piled upon the surface of the ground, in such quantities as to produce spontaneous combustion, shall fence said ground in such manner as to prevent loose cattle or horses from having access to such slack piles.

Abandoned coal pits or shafts to be filled or fenced.

138. SEC. 2. All owners of lands having abandoned coal pits, or shafts on the same, of sufficient depth to endanger the life of cattle, horses, or other stock, shall fence or fill said pits or shafts in such a manner as to afford permanent protection to all such stock endangered thereby.

Penalty for violation.

139. SEC. 3. Every person violating sections one (1) and two (2) of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in a sum not less than twenty (20) dollars, nor more than one hundred (100) dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected, and shall be further liable to any party injured thereby, in the amount of the actual injury sustained.

Approved, February 2, 1877.

## CHAPTER XV.

## COMMISSIONER OF MINES.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF MINES, AND TO REPEAL AN ACT, ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TERRITORIAL ASSAY OFFICE," APPROVED JANUARY 10, 1868; ALSO, "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ASSAY OFFICES IN COLORADO TERRITORY," APPROVED FEBRUARY 8, 1872; ALSO, "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ASSAY OFFICES IN COLORADO TERRITORY," APPROVED FEBRUARY 10, 1874; ALSO, "AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ASSAY OFFICES IN COLORADO TERRITORY," APPROVED FEBRUARY 11, 1876.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado :*

Office established.

141. SECTION 1. The production and reduction of ores being a leading industry of the people of Colorado, and