

NEW MINES.

Tyler & Baker have opened a local mine at New Burnside, Johnson County.

George Phillips has opened a mine for local trade at Cambria, Williamson County.

The New Enterprise Coal Company has opened a strip mine near Marion, Williamson County.

ABANDONED MINES.

The Illinois Hocking Washed Coal Company, Henry Reece, W. T. Tarpley, Ranker & Scott, Pittsburg; Big Muddy Coal Company, and T. E. Lewis have abandoned their mines. All these mines are in Williamson County.

CHANGE OF NAME.

J. W. Stalcup to Stalcup & Montsinger.
Charles Young to Young Bros.
Carter & Sims to Montsinger & Sims.
W. E. Connett to A. Montsinger.

MINE FIRES.

On the night of June 29, 1914, fire was discovered in the main east entry of the Consolidated Coal Company's mine at Johnston City, which, it is presumed, was started from a shot in the entry lighting the gas. For some reason the night men did not discover the fire until about 10:00 a. m., when they tried to get to it to put it out, but were unsuccessful. The superintendent was notified and with all the help available, soon reached the mine, but by this time the fire was making great headway and it was impossible to get material down the hoisting shaft, as the hoisting and the haulage-ways were on the return of the air. The rescue station at Benton was notified and asked to assist in fighting the fire. The superintendent then decided to reverse the air and as soon as possible a party of men went down, but could not get closer than 250 feet of the face. After using every effort possible and making no progress, there being several kegs of powder in the vicinity of the fire, and rather than run the risk of losing a man, the superintendent gave orders to wall it up. In the meantime the rescue car had arrived and the men rendered valuable assistance in sealing up the fire. That section of the mine remained sealed until July 11, when it was opened by permission of the inspector. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Carrahas of the Rescue Corps and Mr. J. W. Padier, put on helmets and went to the seat of the fire and found it completely extinguished. The brattice was then knocked down and the circulation restored. No great amount of damage was done to the mine and no accident occurred. I believe this is the shortest time in which a mine fire was opened up; after being sealed up only eleven days.

The tipple-house of the Chicago & Carterville Coal Company was burned and some damage done to the boiler and engine house, on the morning of May 29, 1914.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

August 4, 1913, E. C. Lawrence, laborer, aged 26 years, married, was killed by being caught between two railroad cars at the Big Muddy Coal & Iron Company's Mine No. 7, Herrin. He leaves a widow and two children.

September 3, 1913, William Hernbeck, miner, aged 42 years, married, was killed by falling slate in the Taylor Coal Company's Mine No. 2, Herrin. He leaves a widow and six children.

September 15, 1913, Homer Mason, miner, aged 27 years, married, was killed by falling slate in the Southern Illinois Coal & Coke Company's Oak Ridge mine, Herrin. He leaves a widow and two children.

October 23, 1913, James Tasso, miner, aged 34 years, single, was killed by falling slate in the mine of the Carterville & Herrin Coal Company, Herrin.

October 30, 1913, George Rose, laborer, aged 53 years, married, was killed by falling slate in the mine of the Sunnyside Coal Company, Herrin. He leaves a widow and four children.

December 3, 1913, Ray Vaughn, miner, aged 23 years, married, was killed by pit cars in the mine of the Carterville & Big Muddy Coal Company, Cambria. He leaves a widow and one child.

December 16, 1914, J. T. Swartner, driver, aged 23 years, single, was killed by being caught between the corner of the pillar and the car which had jumped the track in the Johnston City Coal Company's mine, Johnston City.

December 22, 1913, Luther W. Irby, driver, aged 19 years, single, was killed by being caught between trap door and side of car in the McClintock mine, Johnston City. He leaves a mother and two children, dependents.

December 30, 1913, Walter Yates, miner, aged 22 years, married, was killed by falling slate in the mine of the Carterville & Herrin Coal Company, Herrin. He leaves a widow.

January 3, 1914, Dan Rafe, miner, aged 34 years, married, was killed in the mine of the Madison Coal Corporation No. 8, Dewmaine, by premature shot. He leaves a widow.

January 5, 1914, Lee Hull, hoisting engineer, aged 46 years, married, was killed by falling from a ladder, in the No. 8 mine, Madison Coal Corporation, Dewmaine. He leaves a widow.

February 20, 1914, Thomas Tyson, shot firer, aged 48 years, married, was killed by powder explosion, in the Consolidated Coal Company's mine, Johnston City. He leaves a widow and six children.

February 20, 1914, Thomas Liddel, shot firer, aged 45 years, married, was killed by powder explosion in the Consolidated Coal Company's mine, Johnston City. He leaves a widow and one child.

February 28, 1914, John Regoy, miner, aged 22 years, single, was killed by pit cars in the No. 8 mine of the Big Muddy Coal & Iron Company, Clifford, Williamson County.

March 6, 1914, Dial Hastings, miner, aged 37 years, married, died from the effects of burns received on March 3, when he accidentally ignited his can of powder in the Scranton & Big Muddy Coal Mining Company's mine, Marion. He leaves a widow and three children.

March 15, 1914, Charles Smith, miner, aged 21 years, single, was killed by falling slate in the No. 2 mine of the Taylor Coal Company, Herrin.

May 27, 1914, Albert Bishop, miner, aged 56 years, married, was killed by falling slate in the mine of the Pond Creek Coal Company, Herrin. He leaves a widow and one child.

June 26, 1914, Frank Loscoe, miner, aged 29 years, married, was killed by trolley wire in the Big Muddy Coal & Iron Company's No. 8 mine, Clifford, Williamson County. He leaves a widow and two children.

June 28, 1914, Jake Mickoljack, miner, aged 49 years, married, was killed by falling coal in the Johnston City Coal Company's mine, Johnston City, Williamson County.

Respectfully submitted,

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FATAL CASUALTIES, TWELFTH DISTRICT, JUNE 30, 1914.

Date.	Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Married.	Single.	Widow.	Children.	Dependents.	Cause of death.
1913										
Aug. 4	E. C. Lawrence	26	Laborer	Herrin	1	1	2	3		Railroad cars.
Sept. 2	Wm. Hernbeck	42	Miner	Fordville	1	1	6	2		Falling slate.
15	Homer Mason	27	do.	Johnston City	1	1	2	3		Falling slate.
Oct. 22	James Tasso	34	do.	Herrin	1	1	1	1		Falling rock.
29	George Rose	53	Laborer	do.	1	1	4	2		Falling slate.