

NEW MINES.

The following are the new or reopened mines:

Marshall County.—Davis & Colwell and Nelson Hogley, Sparland.

Menard County.—Athens Coal Co., No. 2 mine (reopened).

Peoria County.—Ed. Slane, Thomas Stear, Edwards; Fred Martin, Martin Coal Co., Peoria.

Tazewell County.—Halley & Blackburn, Harry Turner, Eastern Coal Co., (reopened) East Peoria.

ABANDONED MINES.

The following mines have been abandoned or temporarily closed:

Marshall County.—William Baugh, William Lopeman, Harvey Neisauger.

Peoria County.—Peoria District Colliery Company, John H. Smith, Harding & Doubit, William Johnson, Charles Dawson, Ernest Largent.

CHANGE OF NAME.

Ewing & Colver to John P. Grosball; Zipprich Mine to Colvin Bros.; Seffer & Strong to Seffer & Barneywalt; Fred Appleby to Edwards Coal Co.; Abe Lonsdale to Albert Warren; Herman Durant to Bert Tucker; Square Deal Coal Co. to Frank Harlin; Enoch Snider to Fred Snider; Champion Coal Co. to Pekin Coal Co.

MINE FIRES.

July 20, 1915, the tippie of the Groveland Mining Company's mine, Wesley City, was destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown. Since that time the entire top works have been remodeled and rebuilt. Among the most important changes has been the erection of a new steel head frame, the raising of the shaker to accommodate larger cars, the installation of a new dirt dump and three car retarders, under the tippie. One ten-ton haulage motor has been added to the underground equipment.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Four electric mining machines have been placed in the mine of the Crescent Coal Company, Peoria, Peoria County.

The Tazewell Coal Company, Pekin, Tazewell County, built an addition to the boiler room and engine house, erected a sand house and dryer, and added two steam boilers and one 100-kilowatt generator and two five-ton haulage motors to the power plant.

John W. Mallegren, Jr., Petersburg, Menard County, has built a new fan house and installed a fan and a centrifugal pump. The pump and fan will be electrically driven.

The McKinley Coal Company, Elmwood, Peoria County, has sunk a new air shaft at the mine.

The Winters Coal Company, Bartonville, Peoria County, made a new road to the escape shaft, also put new stairs in escape shaft.

The Colliers Cooperative Coal Company, Bartonville, Peoria County, installed a new fan at the mine, which greatly improves the ventilation.

The Wenona Coal Company, Wenona, Marshall County, installed a new high speed fan at the mine and considerable work in cleaning air courses has been done. The ventilation is much improved at this mine.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

September 30, 1915, Martin Perret, miner, aged 40 years, single, received burns from the explosion of powder in the Logan Coal Company's mine, Hanna City, Peoria County, from which he died about five hours later. It is the general opinion that deceased was making up his powder, when, in some unknown manner, it became ignited.