

Cluskey & Simmons, Monica, Peoria county, have put a new stairway in their escapement shaft and repaired the air course.

Oscar Graves, Duncan, Peoria county, has put a new gin and hoisting ropes in his mine.

Howarth & Taylor, Edwards, Peoria county, have greatly improved their mine by opening communication between the drift and the new air shaft.

Walschlag Co-operative Coal Co., Peoria, Peoria county, has shot down its slope and regraded the incline from the mouth of the slope to the end of the haulage road.

The Royster & Ziegler mine, Peoria, Peoria county, has been purchased by the C. Clark Coal Co., Peoria. The mine has been very much improved by the erection of a new shaker screen, also by replacing the track scales and the rearranging of the top works. The ventilation of the mine has been much improved by the erection of a new 12-foot fan. The bottom of the shaft has been retimbered.

S. Reents & Son, Kramm, Peoria county, have replaced the furnace at their mine with an eight-foot fan, thus improving the ventilation of the mine.

The German Coal Company, Mapleton, Peoria county, has repaired and cleaned up the return air-way in its mine, thereby increasing the volume of air circulating through the mine.

Newsam Bros., Peoria, Peoria county, have very much improved their Star mine by retimbering the bottom of the shaft, cleaning out the air-course and traveling way to the escapement shaft.

The Manhattan Coal Company, East Peoria, Tazewell county, is sinking a new escapement shaft. It is now down 98 feet and will connect with the face of the workings, when completed.

The dump at Doring & Co.'s mine, East Peoria, Tazewell county, was washed away by the heavy rain of June 10, 1902. The dump has been rebuilt and the mine is again working as usual.

Gustave Giebelhausen, East Peoria, Tazewell county, put in a new dump, platforms and screens.

The Progressive Coal Company, East Peoria, Tazewell county, has replaced the old boilers at its mine with two large new ones.

A. G. Cumming, East Peoria, Tazewell county, has improved the inside workings of his mine by retimbering the bottom of the shaft, grading the roadways, retimbering the main entry and cutting off the old works with a new cross-entry.

The Ubben Coal Company, Pekin, Tazewell county, has put in a new Litchfield hoisting cage.

King & Groosweiler, Pekin, Tazewell county, have sunk their shaft 60 feet deeper to seam No. 5. They have driven the entries to a point beneath the old escapement shaft, and are now driving upward to connect with the escapement shaft.

Ed Little, Wesley City, Tazewell county, has enlarged and retimbered the traveling way to the escapement shaft of his mine and has put in new steps to the stairway in the escapement shaft, and added hand rails to the stairway.