

ABANDONED AND CLOSED MINES.

Joseph Taylor, R. P. mine, O'Fallon; Silver Creek Valley Coal Co., Belleville; Edgemont Coal Co., East St. Louis; Pistor & Son, Millstadt.

CHANGE OF NAME.

Joseph Taylor, Taylor mine to International Coal & Mining Co.; Joseph Taylor, St. Ellen mine to Fisher Fuel Co.; Cluly-Miller to H. E. Miller; Victoria Coal Co., Freeburg mine to New Freeburg Coal Co.; Forsyth Coal Co. to Dozow Valley Coal Co.; White Coal Co., Massie mine to Abend Coal Co.; Cooperative Coal Co. to Wm. C. Fullmer; McGouch & Kuntz to J. W. McGouch; Thos. J. Derr to Aug. C. Stalheber; Lippert Bros. to A. Marxer, Jr.

MINE FIRES.

On November 5, 1915, the Southern Coal, Coke & Mining Company's fan house, at No. 4 mine, was completely destroyed by fire.

The fan house at the Dozow Valley Coal Company's mine at Marissa, was completely destroyed by fire on August 6, 1915.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The Southern Coal, Coke & Mining Company has made the following improvements: Four storage battery gathering motors, and a car haulage to elevate and transfer the empty cars around the shaft bottom, were installed at No. 8 mine. Another nine ton gasoline motor was added to the haulage equipment at No. 7 mine, and a fire proof fan house was put up to replace the one destroyed by fire at No. 4 mine.

The Abend Coal Company has added another fan to its ventilating equipment, is housed in a fire proof building and is located at the hoisting shaft of the Old Hortmann mine, which is connected with the Abend mine. The ventilating system now consists of two tandem fans, and the ventilation of this mine has been greatly improved.

A concrete fan house was put up to take the place of the one destroyed by fire at the Dozow Valley mine.

The following shafts were retimbered during the year: Main shaft, Valley mine; main shaft, Superior mine; main shaft, Prairie mine; main shaft, Summit mine; main shaft, Highland mine.

The Kolb Coal Company has erected a new steel tippie at No. 1 mine.

The Columbia Coal Company has installed an eight ton gasoline haulage motor at the Royal mine.

The St. Louis & O'Fallon Coal Company has put electric coal cutting machines in No. 2 mine to take the place of the air machines; the last work with the air machines was done April 1. This mine is now fully electrically equipped.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

September 5, 1915, Ernest Abent, operator, age 46 years, married, was killed by falling down the shaft of the Abend Coal Company's mine, Swansea, St. Clair County. He leaves a widow.

October 27, 1915, William Bodman, miner, age 53 years, single, was killed by falling coal in No. 2 mine, St. Louis and O'Fallon Coal Company, East St. Louis, St. Clair County.

December 29, 1915, John Charlwood, miner, age 27 years, single, was killed in St. Louis and O'Fallon Coal Company's No. 2 mine, East St. Louis, St. Clair County, by falling slate.

January 17, 1916, Willerd Sells, driver, age 26 years, married, was killed in No. 2 mine, St. Louis and O'Fallon Coal Company by getting caught between pit car and coal rib. He leaves a widow and one child.