

The Globe Coal Co., of Pekin, Tazwell county, has opened a new mine to replace the old one which it has abandoned.

The South Mountain Coal Co., of Petersburg, has opened a new slope to replace its shaft which was drowned out last August. It is intended for a shipping mine, but has not yet made its railroad connections.

The Kelly Coal Co. has put in an electric plant and machines at its No. 2 mine at Kellyville. It is intended to make this a machine mine.

*Fatal Accidents*—September 30, 1896, Joseph Little, miner, employed by the Catlin Co. at their mine in Catlin, Vermilion County, was instantly killed by a fall of roof in a cross-cut at the face of his room. The deceased was 36 years of age and leaves a widow and two children.

October 2, 1896, Edward Ridding, timberman, employed by the Westville Coal Co., of Westville, Vermilion county, was killed by a fall of roof on an entry which he had been sent to take down and timber. The deceased was 30 years of age and unmarried.

October 21, 1896, Thomas Baskerville, colored, miner, employed by the Himrod Coal Co., in its Pawnee mine, at Grape Creek, was killed by a fall of roof in his room. He had been trying to take it down, but postponed it until he should finish loading his car. It came away killing him instantly. He was 60 years of age and leaves a widow and 19 children six of whom are dependent.

December 9, 1896, Peter Salmon, miner, employed by the Kelly Coal Co., at its No. 3 shaft, Westville, Vermilion county, was instantly killed by a fall of roof at the face of his room, his neck being broken by the fall. The deceased was single and aged about 25 years.

December 19, 1896, Peter Lester, miner, employed by the Kelly Coal Co. at its No. 3 mine, Westville. The deceased was caught by fall of roof while loading a car at the face of his room and had his back and leg broken, from the effects of which he died, 22 days later. He was single and aged 26 years.

January 18, 1897, William Chapman, a miner, employed by the Consolidated Coal Co., at its Fairmount mine, Vermilion county, was hit by a fall of roof at the face of his room while at work. He died three days later. He was 47 years of age and leaves a widow and six children.

February 16, 1897, Frederic Engle, a miner, employed by the Tallula Coal Co., at its mine in Tallula, Menard county. The deceased was killed while working at the face of his entry by a fall of roof; he was 45 years old and leaves a widow and nine children six of whom are dependent.

April 19, 1897, Essie Wright, a miner, employed by the Himrod Coal Co., at its Pawnee mine, Grape Creek, Vermilion county, was killed by a fall of roof in his room. The deceased was about 30 years of age and leaves a widow and one child.

March 12, 1897, Edward Martin, a miner, aged 25 years, employed by the Kelly Coal Co., at its No. 2 mine Kellyville, Vermilion county. The deceased was crushed by a fall of roof in a cross-cut at the face of his entry, from the effects of which he died on March 21. He leaves a widow and one child.