

A new mine is being sunk at Tallula, Menard county, which is intended for the local trade.

Another local mine is being sunk about two miles north of Richland, Sangamon county, it is now down about 100 feet.

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

The Springfield Coal Mining Co. has installed a new homemade fan 20 feet in diameter at its No. 3 mine; also one of like pattern and dimensions at its No. 5 mine, Springfield. At the No. 5 mine the company has also erected a fine new steel tower, and tippie to replace the wooden one which was burned down last March.

The Lincoln Coal Co., Lincoln, Logan county, has retimbered the escape shaft of its mine for a distance of 70 feet from the top. The company has also put in new shaker screens and bins, and are now making four grades of coal.

The West End Coal Co., Springfield, has erected a new frame tower and also put in new Duncan cages, self-dumping.

The Latham Coal Co., Lincoln, Logan county, has replaced its old hoisting engines with a very fine pair of Litchfield engines. These engines are equipped with a steam brake and also with a self-acting attachment to prevent overwinding. The engines are 24 by 40 inches, the drum 8 feet in diameter.

#### CHANGES OF CORPORATE NAMES.

The Peabody Coal Mining Co., Sherman, Sangamon county, changed its corporate name and is now known as the Illinois Midland Coal Co.

The Lincoln Coal Co., Lincoln, Logan county, has changed its title to the Lincoln Mining Co.

#### FATAL ACCIDENTS.

The following gives a detailed account of the fatal accidents which have occurred in the sixth inspection district during the year ending June 30, 1906:

August 17, 1905. Levi Trowe, shot frir, aged 46 years, married, was killed by flying coal from a shot, at the Springfield Coal Mining Co.'s No. 1 mine, Riverton. Deceased thinking the shot had missed fire was returning to relight it when the shot exploded. He leaves a widow and three children.

September 9, 1905. Adam Emig, shot frir, aged 46 years, married, was killed by flying coal from a shot at the Springfield Coal Mining Co.'s No. 1 mine. He was in the act of returning to the shot, which he supposed had missed fire, when the shot exploded, injuring him so that he died in a few minutes. He leaves a widow and nine children.

September 29, 1905. William Krueger, shot frir, aged 45 years, married, was killed by flying coal at the Sangamon Coal Co.'s mine No. 2. Deceased and his partner, Thomas Bambrough, had lighted two squibs, one a gas, the other sulphur, and had withdrawn to a safe place. One squib, afterwards shown to be the sulphur, fired on time, the gas squib hung, and after waiting a time considered long enough to cover any danger, the two men went into the working place. Krueger was ahead, the shot exploding when he was withing a few feet of it. He leaves a widow and one child.

October 11, 1905. Dan Mitchelson, shot frir, aged 50 years, married, was killed by flying coal from a shot at the Wabash Coal Co.' mine No. 2, Athens. He was returning to relight a shot which was supposed to have gone out. When about 30 feet from the face it exploded, with its fatal effect. He leaves a widow and four children.

October 12, 1905. Paul Pouse, shot frir, 36 years old, married, was killed by the premature explosion of a shot in the mine of the Latham Coal Co., Lincoln, Logan county. It is supposed that while tamping the shot he struck some sulphur in the hole causing the ignition of the powder. He leaves a widow and four children.

October 30, 1905. John Green, miner, aged 59 years, married, was killed by falling slate in the coal mine at Salisbury, Sangamon county. It was the first day that deceased had worked in a mine for many years. He leaves a widow and eleven children.