

Belleville, is now owned and operated by the Fullerton Coal Company; the Valley Coal & Mining Company, East St. Louis, is now being operated by the Kolb Coal Company of Mascoutah, the Marissa Coal & Mining Co., Marissa, is a new corporation and are now operating what was known as the Zildorph mine, also the White Oak mine at the same place, which is now designated as the Oak Ridge mine; the Madison Coal Company has changed the name of its No. 7 mine at Belleville and are now operating it under the old name, that of the Crown Coal & Iron Company No. 4, which originally opened up this mine.

The mine of the Belleville & O'Fallon Coal Company, Belleville, has been sold to the Humboldt Coal Co., but is being operated under the name of the old company. The principal owner of the old company is now deceased, and I was unable to get from the administrator of the estate a report of the coal produced by the company; the report of the mine in the table only shows the coal mined by the Humboldt Company.

The Richland mine at Belleville, owned by the Consolidated Coal Company, has been leased to Herman Pfuhl; this company has also leased its Gartside mine No. 4, Belleville, to the Johnson Coal Co.

MINES ABANDONED DURING THE YEAR.

The Consolidated Coal Co. has abandoned its mine at Trenton, Clinton county, also its mines Schurman and Rose Hill, at Belleville; two mines have been closed during the year, the Ruby mine, operated by William Ratican, at Caseyville, and the Dutch Hill Coal Co.'s mine at New Athens; both of these mines are in St. Clair county.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

The following is a detailed account of the fatal accidents occurring in this district during the year:

July 21, 1904, Alexander McLean, sinker, aged 30 years, married, employed in sinking a shaft for the New Staunton Coal Co., Livingston, Madison county, was killed. McLean was being lowered, with other men employed, to the bottom of the shaft, the engineer lost control of the engine, the bucket falling suddenly to the bottom caused his death; the others were slightly injured. He leaves a widow.

July 25, 1904, George Bohlkamp, miner, aged 36 years, married, employed in Frank Sergeant's mine, near Belleville, St. Clair county, was instantly killed by falling slate. He leaves a widow and two children.

September 8, 1904, Jacob Reed, miner, aged 52 years, married, employed in the Crown Coal Co.'s mine No. 4, Belleville, St. Clair county, while mining off loose coal was instantly killed by falling slate. He leaves a widow and four children.

September 12, 1904, James Schneeberger, miner, aged 38 years, married, employed in Fred Murphy's mine, Belleville, St. Clair county, was instantly killed by falling slate. He leaves a widow and four children.

September 16, 1904, Eugene Kidd, mine examiner, aged 43 years, married, employed in the Mentor mine, operated by Joseph Taylor, O'Fallon, St. Clair county, was making an examination of the mine, before the men commenced work, and was instantly killed by falling clod. He leaves a widow and four children.

September 29, 1904, H. R. Manley, miner, aged 47 years, married, employed in Donk Bros. Coal & Coke Co.'s mine No. 1, Collinsville, Madison county, was instantly killed by falling clod. He leaves a wife and seven children.

October 1, 1904, Andrew Billpauch, machine runner, aged 29 years, married, employed in the Madison Coal Co.'s mine No. 4, Glen Carbon, Madison county, was instantly killed by falling slate. He leaves a widow and one child.

October 1, 1904, Thomas Funderburk, dumper, aged 25 years, married, employed at the Mt. Olive & Staunton Coal Co.'s mine No. 2, Staunton, Madison county, was killed by falling down the shaft. He was engaged in dumping coal at a temporary landing; in going back with the empty car to the cage he went to the wrong side of the shaft, and, as there was no protection, the car went down the shaft, dragging him with it. He leaves a widow.