

The Milf Brothers' mine at New Douglas, Madison county, will be known as the Big Mound Coal Company. The Hartman Brothers' mine at Millstadt will be operated by D. Muskoff. The John Spencer mine at Bethalto, Madison county will be operated by the Wolf Bros. The local mine at Smith-ton, St. Clair county known as the Grossman mine will be operated by T. Quirin and Son.

NEW MINES.

A new company has been formed in St. Clair county. The company is sinking a shaft near St. Laboria, about 20 miles east of Belleville. The company will be known as the St. Laboria Coal Company; a branch railroad is being built to connect the mine with the Illinois Central Railroad at a point two miles south-east of Freeburg.

A new Coöperative Company has been formed at Freeburg known as the Star Coal Company. A shaft has been sunk on the line of the Illinois Central Railroad at a point one mile southeast of Freeburg.

A new mine, the Pioneer Coal Company, a local mine, has been opened during the year.

ABANDONED MINES.

The Vulcan Coal Company's No. 1 mine, near Belleville on the line of the Illinois Central Railroad has been abandoned. The local mines of August Elbe, Jas. Taylor, Arthur Johnson and Geo. Schmidt have been abandoned. The mine at Smithsboro, Bond county which has been abandoned for several years has again been put in operation, under the name of the Mississippi Colliery Company. A new tower, engine and boiler house has been erected, shafts retimbered, and new pumps installed.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

The following is a detailed list of the fatal accidents during the year ending June 30, 1909:

August 8, 1908, Frederick Menze, miner, aged 54 years, single, was injured in the Breese-Trenton Coal Mining Company's mine at Trenton, St. Clair county. He was in the act of cutting a hole on the rib to put a cross bar in the face of an entry. The shale above where the coal had been taken out was very loose and he failing to secure the shale by setting temporary props under it before working under it, the shale fell on him breaking his back, from which he died August 15, 1908.

September 4, 1908, McHenry Brooks, miner, aged 34 years, married, was injured in the Cluly-Miller Coal Company's mine near O'Fallon, St. Clair county. He was working down a standing shot, under about an 18 inch thickness of draw slate; the slate was full of slips; he had props under it and from appearances he thought it was safe; the slate fell between the props which caught him, bruising his body. The pick he was working with was driven through his jaw; he was removed to St. Elizabeth Hospital, Belleville, where he died in 48 hours. He leaves a widow and two children.

October 3, 1908, John Hickman, miner, aged 18 years, single, was killed by falling slate in room No. 4 in the east entry, on the south side of the mine; the timbering in the place was good; there was a bad slip in the slate close to the face; the slate fell away suddenly and caught him; the accident occurred in the Royal Coal Company's mine, near Belleville, St. Clair county.

October 9, 1908, Wm. Lewis, shot frirer, aged 34 years, married, had lit a shot in a cross cut which was being driven from room No. 20 to room No. 21; when walking up room 21 and when opposite the cross cut coming from room No. 20 the shot blew through the pillar killing him instantly. The accident occurred in the St. Louis and O'Fallon Coal Company's mine No. 1 near French Village, St. Clair county. He leaves a widow and two children.

October 14, 1908, Chris Klitz, miner, aged 37 years, married, was loading coal at the working face of a room, when a fall of slate occurred, which caught him, killing him instantly in the New Staunton Coal Company's mine, Livingston, Madison county. He leaves a widow and one child.

October 19, 1908, Chris Harris, miner, aged 62 years, married, was killed in the Donk Bros. Coal and Coke Company's No. 3 mine, Madison county, at the working face of a room by falling slate. He leaves a widow and one child.

November 12, 1908, Joseph Samanick, trip rider, aged 18 years, single, was killed in the Mt. Olive and Staunton Coal Company's No. 2 mine, New Staunton, Madison county. He jumped off the front end of the motor to throw a switch; he fell and the motor ran on to his body, killing him instantly.

November 19, 1908, John Otreombo, miner, aged 25 years, single, was killed in the Madison Coal Corporation Company's mine No. 4, Glen Carbon, Madison county by falling coal. The place had been cut by the machine, and nearly all the coal loaded out; about 2 tons of coal was hanging up next to the rib; this coal was undermined; his body was found under this coal which had fallen; it is not known how he came to be under the fall of coal.

December 9, 1908, Michael Neisweitz, miner, aged 69 years, single, was killed by falling slate, in White and Son's mine, Belleville, St. Clair county. He had taken down some top coal and had failed to prop up the slate after taking the coal down; there were plenty of props, and cap pieces in the place; he was loading coal when the slate fell and caught him.

December 15, 1908, Mike Stifter, machine helper, aged 28 years, single, was killed in the DeCamp Coal Company's mine of DeCamp, Madison county. The electric machine was undermining the coal; Stifter was shoveling away from the machine, when a large body of coal fell which caught him, killing him instantly.

December 28, 1908, Wesley Jarvis, miner, aged 38 years, single, was killed by a fall of slate, in the Donk Bros. Coal and Coke Company's No. 3 mine at Troy, Madison county; the slate fell at the working face and caught him, killing him instantly.

January 4, 1909, James Orr, miner, aged 23 years, single, was killed by falling slate at the working face of a room in the Fullerton Coal Company's mine, near Belleville, St. Clair county. From an observation of the place, it seems that the deceased had pushed an empty car into the room to load it, and that he had observed the slate becoming loose; he had one prop under the slate and seeing that the slate was giving away on account of a bad slip at the face, he was in the act of trying to put another prop under it, when the slate gave way swinging the one prop out. The slate caught him, injuring him so that he died that night.

January 5, 1909, Geo. Kozma, miner, aged 23 years, single, was in the act of taking down some top coal in room No. 13 in the Interstate Coal Company's mine of Worden, Madison county. The coal fell away very suddenly and caught him, killing him instantly.

January 8, 1909, Geo. Kelly, machine helper, aged 36 years, was killed in the St. Louis and O'Fallon Coal Company's No. 2 mine, near French Village, St. Clair county. He was shoveling after the machine; part of the room had been undermined the day before, and the blasters had shot one shot; each corner of the room was ahead of the center; the machine had just started to cut, when about 15 tons of coal fell, and caught him, killing him instantly. He leaves a widow.

February 15, 1909, J. Chudrone, miner, aged 28 years, was killed in Donk Bros. Coal and Coke Company's No. 1 mine at Collinsville, Madison county, in room No. 12, the 6th north entry, by a premature blast. He leaves a widow and two children.