

## NEW AND REOPENED MINES.

*Franklin County.*—The Hart-Williams Coal Company's mine at Benton was closed in February, 1915, and reopened in August, 1916, by the Taylor Collieries Company and known as No. 6. The Western Coal and Mining Company has put in operation No. 2 mine at Royalton.

*Gallatin County.*—Wm. M. Strong, Shawneetown; Jones and Martin, Junction; James T. Colbert, Spitzner and James, Equality.

*Saline County.*—Harrisburg Colliery Company, Harco; Jess Allen, Equality.

## CLOSED AND ABANDONED MINES.

*Gallatin County.*—George Brinkley, Crescent Coal Co., Equality; T. H. Clark, E. P. McCabe, Shawneetown.

## CHANGE OF NAME.

Christopher Coal Mining Co., No. 1, to Old Ben Coal Corporation, No. 10; Christopher Coal Mining Co., No. 2, to Old Ben Coal Corporation, No. 11; United Coal Corporation, No. 1, to Old Ben Coal Corporation, No. 12; United Coal Corporation No. 2, to Old Ben Coal Corporation, No. 14; Middle Fork Mining Company to United States Fuel Co., No. 1; Producers Coal Company No. 18, to By-Products Coke Corporation, No. 18; Producers Coal Company, No. 19, to By-Products Coke Corporation, No. 19; Eldorado Coal & Mining Co., to Dering Mines Company No. 3; Gallatin Coal & Coke Company to Northern Coal Co., No. 4; Harrison Bros. to Sisk, Flanders and White; Wm. H. McLean to Frank Genor & Son; W. R. Henshaw to W. J. Fife; Almon Russell to Davis & Hanald; Mag Sisk to John Reynolds.

## PROSPECTIVE MINES.

The Franklin Coal Mining Company, a new company of Franklin County, is sinking a mine about one mile northeast of the center of Benton. Ground was broken on July 1, 1917. The hoist shaft is 11 feet 4 inches by 17 feet 2 inches, to be equipped with self-dump cages. The air shaft is 11 feet 4 inches by 15 feet 2 inches. The shafts will be 600 feet deep to No. 6 coal. The mine is to be modern and is designed for an output of 4,000 tons daily. The immediate railroad connections to this mine will be the C. & E. I. and I. C.; later, connections will be made with the C., B. & Q. and St. L., I. M. & S.

The Modern Coal Company, a new company of Franklin County, is sinking a mine one-half mile north of Sesser on the C., B. & Q. R. R. The hoist shaft is 11 feet 4 inches by 17 feet 3 inches, to be equipped with self-dump cages. The air shaft is 11 feet by 15 feet. The shafts will be 660 feet to No. 6 coal. The coal at this location is 9 feet thick. The mine is to be modern and will be equipped for a daily production of 4,000 tons.

**The Bell & Zoller Mining Company is sinking a new mine in Franklin County, located 2 miles south of mine No. 1; the new mine will be known as No. 2. The hoist shaft will be 21 feet 8 inches by 12 feet with concrete lining and steel "I" beam buntins, equipped to accommodate a 5¼-ton car. The air shaft will have three compartments: airway, stairway and cageway. It will be 22 feet 8 inches by 12 feet with concrete lining and steel "I" beam buntins. Material will be handled through the cageway of the air shaft. The tippel will be a 3-track steel structure, equipped with shaker screens. Coal under two inches will be resized in a rescreener. Mine and equipment are planned for a capacity of 5,000 tons per day. Railroad connections are C., B. & Q., St. L., I. M. & S. and I. C.**

The Valier Coal Company, a new company of Franklin County, is sinking a mine one mile north of Valier on the C., B. & Q. R. R. The hoist shaft is 15 feet by 22 feet 6 inches over all, and will be equipped with self-dumping skips, the coal to be dumped into the skips on the shaft bottom by means of a rotary dump. The air shaft is 17 feet by 33 feet 2 inches over all. It will be divided into three compartments, airway, stairway and cageway.