

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 firer, 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 firer, 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 firer, 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 firer, 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 firer, 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.

November 10, 1905. George Thomas, miner, aged 45 years, married, was killed by falling slate in an old room in No. 8 mine of the Illinois Collieries Co., Springfield, Sangamon county. He leaves a widow and two children.

November 18, 1905. Bert Hurley, driver, aged 19 years, single, was killed in the Standard Washed Coal Co.'s mine, Bissel, Sangamon county. He fell from the car and was run over.

December 2, 1905. William Walker, cager helper, aged 19 years, employed at the Madison Coal Co.'s mine, Divernon, was caught between loaded cars at the bottom of the shaft, breaking his leg, from the effects of which he died in about two hours.

January 10, 1906. Alexander Tarkeas, miner, aged 43 years, married, was killed by falling slate while drilling a hole in his room in the Illinois Midland Coal Co.'s mine, Pawnee, Sangamon county. He leaves a widow and four children.

January 29, 1906. Thomas McGee, shot firer, was killed in the Illinois Midland Coal Co.'s mine at Sherman, by an explosion of gas and dust, caused by a blown-out shot. The hole was not properly placed. He leaves a widow and one child.

January 29, 1906. Fred W. Casey, shot firer, aged 25 years, married, was killed in the Illinois Midland Coal Co.'s mine at Sherman, by an explosion of gas and dust from a blown-out shot. The shot was not properly placed. Casey and his partner, McGee, were found dead on the entry at the mouth of the room in which the explosion took place. He leaves a widow and one child.

March 7, 1906. W. C. Parsons, shot firer, aged 44 years, married, was killed in the Springfield Coal Mining Co.'s mine No. 2 at Riverton; by flying coal from a shot. He and his partner had separated so it is not known whether he was returning to the shot or not. He leaves a widow and four children.

March 27, 1906. Thomas Archer, miner, aged 49 years, married, was killed in the Wabash Coal Co.'s mine No. 1, at Dawson, Sangamon county. While loading his car a large lump of coal fell over on him, smashing his head. He leaves a widow and five children.

May 15, 1906. James Harrison, shot firer, aged 50 years, married, was killed in the Middletown Coal Co.'s mine at Middletown, Logan county. He had lighted a shot in room No. 11 and then went to room No. 12. While preparing a shot in room No. 12 the shot in room No. 11 exploded, blowing through the rib and hit him. He leaves a widow and three children.

Accompanying this will be found the tables of the fatal and non-fatal accidents, as well as the county tables.

Respectfully submitted,

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