

PROSPECTIVE MINES.

The LaSalle County Carbon Coal Co., LaSalle, LaSalle county, is sinking a new shaft at Cedar Point, about five and one-half miles from LaSalle; it will be known as No. 5 mine. The tower, engine house and boiler room will be of steel, and all other buildings will be built of brick.

The hoisting shaft is now down 136 feet; it is expected to reach coal at a depth of 525 feet; this will be No. 2 seam of the geological section. Both shafts are being sunk at the same time; the hoisting shaft is 16 by 12 feet and three inches; the cages will be 15 feet long. The intention is to hoist two cars on one deck, end on. The shaft when opened will have a capacity for hoisting 2,000 tons in eight hours. This mine is located on a new railroad now being built by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, from Oglesby to Granville; when completed this will be one of the largest coal shafts in Illinois.

Oscar Kimes is sinking a shaft two and one-half miles northeast of Streator, LaSalle county.

FIRES AT MINES.

Early in the morning of February 17, 1905, fire broke out in the top works of the No. 6 mine of the Wilmington Coal Mining and Manufacturing Co. at Torino, Will county. The tower, shaker screen, railroad scales and fan house at the escapement shaft were destroyed; the fire also extended down both shafts burning out the curbing from top to bottom; the timbers on each side of the bottom, for sixty feet, were also burned out; six mules were suffocated by the smoke. The estimated loss was \$30,000.00.

June 25, 1906, the tippie of the LaSalle County Carbon Coal Co., LaSalle county, was destroyed by fire. The tippie was located on the C., B. & Q. railroad, about 750 feet from the hoisting shaft. The pit cars run down an incline, by the endless chain system, where the coal is dumped into the railroad cars. The loss is estimated at \$4,000.00.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

July 5, 1905, John Madison, night watchman, aged 60 years, married, employed at the LaSalle shaft of the LaSalle County Carbon Coal Co., was instantly killed at the coal chutes of the Illinois Central railroad, about 300 feet from the shaft. It was the duty of the deceased to coal the engines during the night, but it could not be ascertained how the accident occurred. It is supposed, however, that, while waiting for an engine to coal he fell asleep, leaning over the railing at the top of chutes, and fell to the railroad track below, a distance of 30 feet; his body was found sometime afterwards, his head having been severed from the body. He leaves a widow and two children.

July 17, 1905. Désire Herroton, driver, aged 24 years, single, was seriously injured in the No. 1 mine of the LaSalle County Carbon Coal Co., LaSalle county. Deceased was coming out with loaded trip, and was sitting on the front end of the car; his head was caught between the roof and the loaded car, fracturing his skull. He was removed to the hospital where he died the following day.

August 14, 1905. John Underko, driver, aged 30 years, married, was severely injured by being crushed between two pit cars, in the No. 1 mine of the Chicago, Wilmington & Vermillion Coal Co., Streator, LaSalle county. He was removed to the hospital where he died the third day after the accident. He leaves a widow and three children.

September 1, 1905. George Plasko, miner, aged 39 years, married, was seriously injured by falling rock in the No. 2 mine of the C. W. & V. Coal Co., Streator, LaSalle county. Deceased was removed to the hospital where he died October 14. He leaves a widow.

September 9, 1905. Charles Bendeno, miner, aged 28 years, married, was instantly killed by falling rock at the face of his working place in the No.

3 mine of the Big Four Wilmington Coal Co., Eileen, Grundy county. He leaves a widow and one child.

September 28, 1905. William Brewis, miner, aged 57 years, married, was seriously injured by falling coal at the face of his working place in the No. 2 mine of the C. W. & V. Coal Co., Streator, LaSalle county. The deceased was sitting down, mining, when a piece of coal fell, striking and knocking his head against the building, fracturing his skull. He died about an hour after the accident occurred. He leaves a widow and eight children, three dependent.

September 29, 1905. Joseph Lessay, Jr., miner, aged 17 years, single, was instantly killed by falling rock at his road head, in the No. 6 mine of the Wilmington Coal Mining and Manufacturing Company at Torino, Will county.

October 17, 1905. Matthew Murray, top foreman, aged 48 years, married, was seriously injured about the body; he was caught between two railroad cars at the Rockwell mine of the LaSalle County Carbon Coal Co., LaSalle, LaSalle county. Deceased was removed to the hospital in LaSalle, where he died three hours after the accident. He leaves a widow and two children.

December 30, 1905. John Pulternawitch, miner, aged 45 years, married, was seriously injured by falling coal in the Rockwell mine of the LaSalle County Carbon Coal Company, LaSalle, LaSalle county. Deceased was preparing to set some sprags in the coal when it fell on him breaking his back. He was removed to the hospital in LaSalle, where he died January 11, 1906. Deceased leaves a widow and four children.

January 13, 1906. John Gruber, miner, aged 63 years, married, was killed instantly by falling rock in the Union mine of the LaSalle County Carbon Coal Co., Peru, LaSalle county. Deceased was sitting down mining when a mass of rock fell on him, with the result as stated. He leaves a widow and seven children.

January 26, 1906. Ludwig Kelner, miner, aged 46 years, married, was instantly killed in the Acme shaft of the Acme Coal Company, Streator, LaSalle county. The engineer was letting the men down in the morning, deceased and seven other men were on the cage; the engineer lost control of his engine, letting the men down very fast, when the cage struck the bottom he reversed the engine, the cage was raised about six feet; the head of the deceased struck against the door, breaking his neck. None of the other men were injured. He leaves a widow and two children.

February 12, 1906. John Prouchio, miner, aged 43 years, married, was instantly killed by falling rock on his road head in the No. 5 mine of the Big Four Coal Company, Carbon Hill, Grundy county. Deceased was loading a car, when the rock fell without warning, with the result as stated. He leaves a widow and four children.

February 26, 1906. Louis Pelletto, roadman, aged 24 years, single, was killed instantly by falling rock in the Deer Park mine of the Illinois Zinc Company, LaSalle county. Deceased and his partner, Charles Blow, were brushing a cross-road; the night boss told them to take down the loose rock on the switch before firing the shot in the brushing. Pelletto went to take down the loose rock, his partner told him to stand to one side where the roof was good; deceased replied that it was nothing to be afraid of and stood directly under the rock, knocking the prop out; the rock fell on him with the result as stated.

March 15, 1906. David Frances, driver, aged 26 years, single, was seriously injured by being caught between the roof and a loaded car in the No. 4 mine of the Wilmington Coal Mining and Manufacturing Company, Braidwood, Grundy county. He died one week after the accident occurred.

March 17, 1906. Frank Slipicka, miner, aged 17 years, single, was killed instantly by falling rock at the face of his working place, in the No. 6 mine of the Braceville Coal Company, Braceville, Grundy county. Deceased neglected to properly secure his place with props; he was throwing coal out from the right hand side of his roadway, when the rock fell with the result as stated.

March 23, 1906. Pacific Burns, miner, aged 24 years, single, was seriously injured at the face of his working places by falling rock in the Rockwell