

ments so as to supply that part of the county with coal the coming winter.

Reilly & Doughty have opened a drift mine, south of the Vermillion river, at the Western brick plant, west of Danville; they will employ quite a large number of men the coming year. The entire output is consumed by the Western Brick Company of Danville, Vermillion county.

#### CHANGES IN LOCAL MINES.

The usual changes in local mines took place this year. A great many persons who were engaged in the operation of local mines last year have gone out of business; but others have taken their places, consequently about the same quantity of coal is sold from local mines this year as last.

#### ABANDONED MINES.

The Dering Coal Co.'s No. 1 Mine, Westville, Vermillion county, was abandoned January 9, 1907, when the tower was destroyed by fire, it was an old mine and nearly worked out.

The Economy Coal Company of Danville, abandoned its mine at Hillery, March 1, 1907.

The Kelly Coal Co. of Westville, abandoned its No. 47 mine, which is better known as the Pawnee mine, March 11, 1907.

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

The Decatur Coal Company has ordered a new fan for its mine at Niantic. The Kelly Coal Company of Westville, has been to a great expense fixing up its mines Nos. 42, 45 and 46. These mines were allowed to get into very bad condition by permitting the air courses to become filled with rock and the timbers to be insufficient at nearly all places in the mine. The Company has been hauling the rock out of the mine and dumping it into railroad cars to be carried away; while, at this time, there is a great deal of work to do to make these mines what they should be, yet with a continuation of their present zeal all of the mines will be beyond complaint.

The Dering Coal Company has made great improvements in their mines Nos. 2 and 3; having put in motor haulage in No. 3 and extended the haulage in No. 2. Overcasts are being put in No. 3 mine for the purpose of splitting the air.

The Sharron Coal and Brick Company has sunk an air shaft and connected it with their main shaft, and are now in good shape.

#### FATAL ACCIDENTS.

August 16, 1907, Andrew Mairek, miner, aged 65 years, married, employed in mine No. 42 of the Kelly Coal Company, Westville, Vermillion county, was killed by falling rock. He leaves a widow and one child.

September 5, 1906, Frank Galley, trackman, aged 48 years, single, employed by D. A. Jenkins, Danville, Vermillion county, was killed by being crushed between the rib of the entry and a car.

October 3, 1906, Elbert Roberts, miner, aged 17 years, single, employed by the Dering Coal Company at its mine No. 3, Steelton, Vermillion county, was killed by falling rock.

October 9, 1906, John Vicknot, miner, aged 28 years, single, employed by the Dering Coal Company at its No. 2 mine, Westville, Vermillion county, was injured by falling rock; he died from the injuries October 27, at the hospital in Danville.

November 27, 1906, John Paul Jones, miner, aged 61 years, married, employed by the Oakwood Coal Company, Oakwood, Vermillion county, was killed by falling coal. He leaves a widow and seven grown children.