

CHANGES OF NAMES.

The Bessemer Washed Coal Company was organized September 1, 1907, and took charge of the following mining properties in this district:

The Tilden Coal Company and the Crystal Coal Company at Tilden, Randolph county and the White Walnut Coal Company at Pinckneyville, Perry county.

The Coulterville Coal Company, Randolph county, has changed hands and is now known as the West Mine Coal Company.

The Perry County Coal Company's mine at DuQuoin, has changed its name and is now known as the Anchor Coal Company.

The Imperial Coal Company of Mt. Vernon, Jefferson county has changed hands and is now known as the Mt. Vernon Coal Company.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

The detailed particulars of the thirty-three fatal accidents, which have occurred in the district during the year follow:

July 8, 1907, Geo. Langworth, machine runner, aged 42 years, married, employed at the Moffat mine, Sparta, was killed by falling clod while running a machine. He leaves a widow and two children.

August 2, 1907, Joseph Mayberry, miner, aged 22 years, single, was killed in the Centralia Coal Company's mine No. 4. Deceased was driving a mule and going on an up grade; the tail chain it is supposed became unhooked. Mayberry being behind the car trying to hold it from running back to the face the car running over him.

September 3, 1907, Charles Moore, sinker, aged 24 years, single, employed at mine No. 18 of the Dering Coal Company, West Frankfort, Franklin county, was killed by falling 500 feet out of a hosting tub. The accident was caused by the rope slipping off of the drum.

September 7, 1907, four men were killed this date. There was a gas explosion in the Dering Coal Company's No. 11 mine, West Frankfort. The night shift was putting in a stopping to close off a body of gas and was working under the directions of a certified mine manager; the stopping was nearly completed, causing the gas to back up against the decreasing current of air; the gas was ignited by the lamp of one of the party, burning 22 men of whom the following four men died from the effect of the burns, all being Italians: Joe Caruso, miner, aged 21, single; Peter Gigole, miner, aged 18, single; Joe Perconi, miner, aged 36 years, married. He leaves a widow and four children; B. Trimcoeli, miner, aged 22 years, single. Eighteen others were burned more or less severely; all of whom except five left West Frankfort; I was therefore unable to secure their names and the time lost resulting from the burns endured.

September 10, 1907, Elmer Shinn, miner, aged 19 years, single, employed in the mine of the Odin Coal Company, Odin, was killed by falling top coal dying six hours after the accident.

September 14, 1907, Edward Pool, miner, aged 55 years, married employed in the mine of the Odin Coal Company, Odin, was killed by a shot exploding before he could get to a place of safety. He leaves a widow and four children.

September 20, 1907, William McFadden, driver, aged 28 years, employed at the Beckemeyer mine; owned by the Breese Trenton Mining Company, was killed instantly. Deceased had pulled up two cars of his trip, and went back after another; when he came back with the last car, he ran into the first two he had left on the hill and was crushed to death between two cars. He leaves a widow.

October 2, 1907, Haze Burnett, driver, aged 30 years, married, employed at the Brilliant Coal Company's mine, DuQuoin. Deceased was coming out of an entry with a trip one of the cars jumped the track on the curve; he was