

Fatal Accidents.

Constantine Rami, a miner, was fatally injured January 2, in Knob mine, by a fall of slate, while making a place to set a post.

On January 4, Joseph Cabitchie, a miner, was fatally injured in Fayette City mine, by a fall of slate, while making a place to set a post.

At Eclipse (river) mine, January 9, John Balsler, a miner, was instantly killed by being run over by the Dilly trip, while he was on his way out of the mine. He was warned to get into a "shelter hole," but did not do so.

Joseph Colenso, miner, was instantly killed, and Alexander Joback, miner, was fatally injured, January 18, in Tremont mine, by being struck by the Dilly trip, while on their way out of the mine. These men should not have been on the Dilly road, as it was not the travelling way.

At Coal Centre mine, January 20, Giovanni Tayliaferi, a miner, was fatally injured by a fall of slate while knocking coal.

Charles Waschko, a dumper, was fatally injured February 3, at North Webster mine, by being struck by a runaway car from incline.

On February 20, Louis Schraider, a miner, employed at the Bertha mine, was fatally injured by a fall of slate.

About noon on **March 6**, an **explosion of fire damp occurred in the Catsburg mine**, which resulted in the death of five persons: Isaac Eastwood, Robert Howey, James Howey, John Gelder and William McFarland, and the serious injury of James Ternent and a slight injury to John Hager.

On March 3d, an entry had taken fire from a blast, and very little, if any, effort was made by the person who fired the shot to extinguish the flames. When the officials of the mine were informed of the fire it had gained such progress, as to make it impossible for them to reach the scene of the fire. After a hasty consultation it was decided to isolate it by the use of stoppings; these were made of wood and put in. Within 48 hours they concluded that the fire was extinguished and proceeded to remove the boards. While doing this work, the explosion occurred, with the result above stated.

This was a terrible oversight on the part of these unfortunate men, to attempt to remove the stoppings so soon after they had been put up, and I can only attribute it to a case of over anxiousness, as they were all practical men.

On March 8, Frank Kudrick, a loader, was fatally injured in Irons mine, while trying to put a post under a piece of slate, which fell, striking him and resulting as above stated.

Larimer Shook, a miner, employed in the Apollo mine, was instantly killed by a fall of slate, March 15. At the time of the acci-