

State inspector of coal mines reports

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These reports of the Kansas State Mine Inspector mostly concern coal mining, though by 1929 the scope of the reports broadens to include metal mines. The content of individual reports will vary. The reports address mining laws and mining districts; industry production and earnings; fatal and non-fatal accidents; accident investigations and transcripts of oral interviews; labor strikes; mine locations; mining companies and operators; and proceedings of mining conventions. The reports document the political, economic, social, and environmental impacts of more than seventy years of mining in southeastern Kansas.

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PRODUCTION, EMPLOYEES, DAYS WORKED, EXPLOSIVES USED AND ACCIDENTS FOR MINES IN OSAGE COUNTY, 1935

Office number.....	NAME OF COMPANY.....	Production.					Employees.					Explosives.			Accidents.	
		Number days worked.....	Tons lump coal.....	Tons nut or slack.....	Tons mine-run.....	Total tons produced.....	Number of miners.....	Underground daymen.....	Total underground.....	Top men.....	Total men employed.....	25-pound kegs powder.....	Pounds dynamite.....	Pounds pellet powder.....	Fatal.....	Nonfatal.....
1	A. & G. Coal Co.....	100			7,461	7,461	18	5	23	1	24					2
2	Atchison Coal Co.....	40			80	80	2		2	1	3					
3	Bell Coal Co.....	151			10,178	10,178	30	9	39	1	40		800			
4	Blankenberger Coal Co.....	80			350	350	4		4		4					
5	Bloomquist Coal Co.....	70			230	230	4		4		4					
6	Cable Coal Co.....	60			350	350					5					
7	Carbondale Coal Co.....	68			5,068	5,068				10	10					
8	Central Coal & Mining Co.....	126			5,068	5,068	19	5	24	1	25		400			
9	Coffman Coal Co.....	40			500	500				6	6					
10	Cole Coal Co.....	110			350	350	3		3		3					
11	Davidson Coal Co.....	80			1,000	1,000	15		15		15		100			
12	Dodson Coal Co.....	40			250	250				5	5					
13	Eastern Kansas Coal.....	85			480	480	6	1	7	1	8		150			
14	Goff Coal Co.....	95			600	600	6	1	7	1	8		100			
15	Graham Coal Co.....	95			320	320	3		3	1	4		100			
16	Graham & Daniels Coal Co.....	90			300	300	3		3	1	4					
17	Green Coal Co. (J. B.).....	100			1,100	1,100				10	10		600			
18	Green Coal Co. (G. B.).....	100			600	600				5	5					
19	Griffith & Jones Coal Co.....	30			150	150				4	4		100			
20	Hammon Bros. Coal Co.....	110			1,550	1,550				9	9		550			
21	Hotchkiss Coal Co.....	145			5,936	5,936	16	5	21	1	22		750		1	
22	Jones Coal Co.....	110			1,200	1,200				8	8					
23	Kansas Coal Co.....	115			3,300	3,300	18	5	23	1	24		700			
24	Kilgore Bros Coal Co.....	65			320	320	6	1	7	1	8					
25	King & McLeod Coal Co.....	140			900	900	8	1	9	1	10		300			
26	Larson & Johnson Coal Co.....	95			340	340	4		4		4					
27	Lewis Coal Co.....	135			1,100	1,100	8	1	9	1	10		350			
28	Miners Fuel Co.....	154			6,114	6,114	16	5	21	3	24					

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PRODUCTION, EMPLOYEES, DAYS WORKED, EXPLOSIVES USED AND ACCIDENTS FOR MINES IN OSAGE COUNTY, 1935—CONCLUDED

Office number.	NAME OF COMPANY.	Production.					Employees.					Explosives.			Accidents.	
		Number days worked.	Tons lump coal.	Tons nut or slack.	Tons mine-run.	Total tons produced.	Number of miners.	Underground daymen.	Total underground.	Top men.	Total men employed.	25-pound kegs powder.	Pounds dynamite.	Pounds pellet powder.	Fatal.	Nonfatal.
29	Morgan Coal Co.	85			856	856	4		4		4					
30	Murray & Puncher Coal Co.	140			1,530	1,530	8		8		8					
31	Mute Creek Coal Co.	125			500	500	4		4		4			400		
32	No. 7 Coal Co.	75			2,025	2,025	14		14		14			350		
33	Oneal Coal Co.	145			710	710	5		5		5			250		
34	Osage City Coal Co.	75			3,279	3,279	18		18		18			360		
35	Osage City Labor Exchange.	90			4,561	4,561	18		18		18			750		
36	Peterson Bros. Coal Co.	90			450	450	5		5		5					1
37	Pierce Coal Co.	95			270	270	3		3		3					
38	Reading Coal Co.	185			1,308	1,308	4		4		4					
39	Red Top Coal Co.	80			1,500	1,500	8		8		8			325		
40	Rogers Coal Co.	130			750	750	8		8		8			425		
41	Serant Burr Coal Co.	140			1,100	1,100	7		7		7			500		
42	Seranton Coal Co.	130			1,060	1,060	7		7		7			400		
43	Seranton Labor Coal Co.	120			3,500	3,500	8		8		8			250		
44	Segelquist Coal Co.	35			100	100	2		2		2					
45	Small Bros. Coal Co.	80			600	600										
46	Small Coal Co.	95			800	800								200		
47	Smith Bros. Coal Co.	90			350	350	4		4		4			300		
48	Standard Coal Co.	190			4,277	4,277	20		20		20			450		
49	Sunflower Coal Co.	135			1,949	1,949	12		12		12			200		
50	Ure Coal Co.	100			570	570	5		5		5			150		
51	Western Fuel Co.	150			3,442	3,442	12		12		12			300		
52	Williams & Davis Coal Co.	95			475	475								150		
	Totals.	5,304			91,177	91,177	358	64	422	125	547		10,660	500	1	3

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COAL PRODUCTION, DAYS WORKED, EMPLOYEES, EXPLOSIVES AND ACCIDENTS, BY COUNTIES, 1935

Office No.	COUNTY.	Production.					
		Total number of mines.	Total days worked.	Average days worked.	Tons of lump coal.	Tons of nut or slack.	Total tons produced.
1	Atchison.....	2	190	95			380
2	Bourbon.....	5	725	145	1,141	50	19,161
3	Cherokee (deep).....	43	4,323	101	15,337	18,980	69,882
4	Cherokee (strip).....	7	780	111	16,702	127,194	427,925
5	Crawford (deep).....	62	7,486	121	294,238	176,556	878,990
6	Crawford (strip).....	28	3,100	111	194,991	578,473	1,311,635
7	Coffey.....	4	250	62			2,495
8	Douglas.....	1	55	55			150
9	Franklin.....	9	1,355	151			23,979
10	Jefferson.....	1	80	80			150
11	Labette.....	4	617	154			15,507
12	Leavenworth.....	4	612	153			104,712
13	Linn.....	14	1,805	115	9,484	3,418	11,905
14	Neosho.....	14	1,750	125			1,000
15	Osage.....	52	5,304	102			91,177
16	Wilson.....	6	750	125			1,500
	Totals.....	256	28,982	113	531,893	904,671	1,336,886
							2,773,450

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COAL PRODUCTION, DAYS WORKED, EMPLOYEES, EXPLOSIVES AND ACCIDENTS, BY COUNTIES, 1935—CONCLUDED

Office No.	COUNTY.	Employees.					Explosives.			Accidents.	
		Total number mines.	Under-ground daymen.	Total under-ground.	Top men.	Total men employed.	25-pound kegs powder.	Pounds of dynamite.	Pounds of pellet powder.	Fatal.	Nonfatal.
1	Atchison.....	5		5		5					
2	Bourbon.....				37	37		185	1,000		1
3	Cherokee (deep).....	147	35	182	47	229	3,090	3,461	23,327		
4	Cherokee (strip).....				204	204	314	41,150	119,035		29
5	Crawford (deep).....	1,224	227	1,451	130	1,581	16,091	115,017	667,150	6	189
6	Crawford (strip).....				786	786	5,496	226,460	366,380	2	101
7	Coffey.....	7	1	8	16	24		450			
8	Douglas.....	4		4	1	5					
9	Franklin.....	50	15	74	19	93		1,750			
10	Jefferson.....	3		3	1	4		150			
11	Labette.....				25	25	35	220	2,900		
12	Leavenworth.....	297	113	410	95	505		3,400			
13	Linn.....	69	9	78	55	133	448	1,115	39,973		1
14	Neosho.....	43		45		45					
15	Osage.....	358	64	422	125	547		10,660	500	1	3
16	Wilson.....	26		26	4	30		500			
	Totals.....	2,244	464	2,708	1,545	4,253	25,474	404,518	1,220,265	9	324

FATAL ACCIDENTS DURING YEAR 1935

1. FRED FEATHERSTONE was fatally injured in the Cherokee Coal Company's mine, near Cherokee, about 9:30 a. m., January 14, 1935. He was riding on the front end of the haulage motor when the motor ran into an open room switch. He was crushed between the front end of the motor and the brushing. Mr. Featherstone was taken to a hospital in Pittsburg, where he died at midnight, January 15, 1935. He is survived by a wife and son. (Investigation by Shaw.)

2. JOHN ZELESNIK, miner, was seriously injured at Mine No. 24 of the Western Coal and Mining Company on February 1, 1935, about 10:30 a. m., by a fall of rock. Mr. Zelesnik suffered a fractured spine and broken ribs. He was taken to the Mt. Carmel hospital, where he died February 5, 1935. (Investigation by Delplace.)

3. ALBERT HERBECK, foreman, was electrocuted at the Kelly-Carter Coal Company's strip mine on March 10, 1935, at 3 p. m. The accident occurred at the transformer at the top of the pit where it connects on the high line. Mr. Herbeck came up to the tipple to get some light bulbs to make a test for a short. When he went over the fence to get to the transformer he pushed the fence against the bare electric wire, causing a short. Mr. Herbeck is survived by his wife and five children. (Investigation by Delplace.)

4. JOE BROCK, miner, was severely injured at Mine No. 24 of the Western Coal and Mining Company on October 5, 1934, about 1:30 p. m., by a fall of rock. Mr. Brock suffered a broken back and was taken to a hospital, where he died June 19, 1935. (Investigated by Delplace.)

5. ANTON LESJACK, miner, was severly injured at Mine No. 22 of the Western Coal and Mining Company on August 31, 1935, about 12:30 p. m. A shot had been missed and Mr. Lesjack was drilling it out, when for some reason the shot went off, burning Mr. Lesjack about the face and arms and upper part of his body. He was taken to a hospital, where he died September 5, 1935. (Investigation by Glennon.)

6. VALENTINE GARTNER, motorman, was severely injured at Hamilton No. 9 mine near Cherokee, September 9, 1935, about 11 a. m. Mr. Gartner had lost an empty car off his trip on the way into the first south entry. When coming out with a loaded trip he ran into the empty car, knocking it off the track. One end of the car wedged against the gob. The motor also jumped the track and wedged against the rib. Mr. Gartner was caught between the car and motor, suffering a broken pelvis bone and internal injuries. He was taken to a hospital, where he died September 24, 1935. (Investigation by Glennon.)

7. ESPEL BOSTROM, of Scranton, was electrocuted in the Hotchkiss Coal Company's mine near Burlingame on October 4, 1935, about 4 p. m. Mr. Bostrom was running the mining machine, and it appears that he became over-balanced when he was replacing in the machine a steel bar, which had just been handed him by his helper, and threw out his hand to catch himself,



striking the switch blades while he still held the steel bar in the other hand. He is survived by a wife and two children. (Investigation by Miller.)

8. GILBERT BALDELLI, engineer at South Radley Coal Company's mine, was instantly killed on November 20, 1935, about 11 a.m. Mr. Baldelli was putting belt dressing on the fan belt, when his clothing caught in the belt and pulley wheel and he was whipped around the drive shaft. Mr. Baldelli is survived by a wife and two children. (Investigation by Delplace.)

9. KENNETH NEAS, age 27, employed as electrician at the Eagle-Cherokee strip mine, was electrocuted on December 29, 1935. He had been cleaning the collector rings on the electric drag-line with the cut-off switches out, and when he left his work to go to the tippie for more coal-oil to clean the rings he threw the switches in for some reason and then returned to work without throwing the switches, and was electrocuted. Mr. Neas is survived by his wife. (Investigation by Glennon.)



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METAL MINE REPORT FOR 1935

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Summary of Metal Mine Report

The total production of lead and zinc from the metal mines and tailing mills in the state of Kansas for the year 1935, was 116,143 tons, an increase of 29,769 tons over the previous year's production.

There were thirty-four mines operating during 1935, which produced 84,348 tons of zinc and 12,375 tons of lead, a total of 96,723 tons. These mines worked an average of 112 days and employed 1,335 men. Total amount of explosives used was 1,108,700 pounds of dynamite. One fatal accident occurred during the year. There were 548 nonfatal accidents reported, 106 of which were lost-time and 442 lost-no-time accidents.

There were eight tailing mills which operated during the year, producing 19,344 tons of zinc and 76 tons of lead, a total production of 19,420 tons. These mills employed 209 men and worked an average of 216 days. Twenty-six non-fatal accidents were reported. Total amount of explosives used was 3,625 pounds of dynamite.

Three tailing mills listed—Bilharz Mining Company, Prairie Chicken Mining Company and Youngman & Youse Mining Co.—are new mills and did not start producing until after January 1, 1936.

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METAL-MINE DIRECTORY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY FOR 1933

Office No.	NAME OF COMPANY.	Mine name or number.	Name of superintendent.	Address.
1	Ace High Mining Co.	Silver Fox.	R. K. Harris.	Picher, Okla.
2	American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.	Robinson.	R. E. Calhoun.	Galena.
3	B. & H. Mining Co.	Cherokee.	John Hicks.	Picher, Okla.
4	Black Eagle Mining Co.	Black Eagle.	W. M. Garred.	Miami, Okla.
5	Blue Circle Mining Co.	Blue Circle.	C. F. Dike.	Joplin, Mo.
6	Commerce Mining & Royalty Co.	Wilbur.	P. T. McLaughlin.	Miami, Okla.
7	Denning & Lewis Mining Co.	D. & L.	Paul Denning.	Asbury, Mo.
8	Dines Mining Co.	Mound.	J. P. Dines.	Galena, R. R. 1
9	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Bendaleri.	S. S. Clark.	Baxter Springs
10	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Big John.	N. E. Ritter.	Baxter Springs
11	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	No. 86.	N. E. Ritter.	Baxter Springs
12	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Black Eagle.	N. E. Ritter.	Baxter Springs
13	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Grace B.	N. E. Ritter.	Baxter Springs
14	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Tulsa-Quapaw.	R. K. Stroup.	Picher, Okla.
15	F. & J. Mining Co.	Beck.	O. Kepner.	Baxter Springs
16	F. & J. Mining Co.	M. & H.	O. Kepner.	Baxter Springs
17	F. & J. Mining Co.	3-H Lense.	W. J. Richards.	Baxter Springs
18	Federal Mining & Smelting Co.	Jarrett.	L. G. Johnson.	Baxter Springs
19	Iron Mountain Lead & Zinc Co.	Empire.	John Reigart.	Baxter Springs
20	K-O Mining Trust Co.	Hunter.	W. L. Barnett.	Baxter Springs
21	Lawton Mining Co.		G. L. Simms.	Joplin, Mo.
22	M. & F. Mining Co.	Commonwealth.	Otis Wade.	Galena
23	Mid-Continent Lead & Zinc Co.	Lawyer.	Leon Childress.	Joplin, Mo.
24	New Blue Mound Mining Co.	New Blue Mound.	Jack Teague.	Baxter Springs
25	Peru Mining Co.	Peru.	L. A. Kenney.	Baxter Springs
26	Robob Mining Co.	Keith.	C. C. Keith.	Baxter Springs
27	Rumsey Mining Co.	Redskin.	Jess Rumsey.	Picher, Okla.
28	St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co.	Ballard.	H. H. Utley.	Baxter Springs
29	St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co.	Clark.	H. H. Utley.	Baxter Springs
30	Texas Mining Co.		E. E. Cook.	Webb City, Mo.
31	Vinegar Hill Zinc Co.	Barr.	J. L. Nelson.	Baxter Springs
32	W. & S. Mining Co.	Hunter No. 2.	A. H. Mathis.	Baxter Springs
33	W. & S. Mining Co.	Mine No. 3.	A. H. Mathis.	Baxter Springs
34	Little Kathleen Mining Co.		V. O. Bennett.	Webb City, Mo.



METAL-MINE DIRECTORY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY FOR 1935—CONCLUDED

Office No.	Location of mine.	Depth of mine.	Railroad connections.	Kind of hoist.	Remarks.
1	Treeco.....	278	None.....	Gas.....	
2	Treeco.....	340	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	New mine.
3	Treeco.....	305	N. E. O.....	Air.....	
4	1 mile north of Treeco.....	260	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	
5	2 miles northwest of Baxter.....	135	None.....	Air.....	
6	1/4 mile west of Treeco.....	300	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	
7	1 1/4 miles northeast of Lawton.....	90	None.....	Gas.....	
8	Treeco.....	365	None.....	Steam.....	
9	Treeco.....	300	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	
10	1 1/4 miles northwest of Treeco.....	270	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	
11	2 1/4 miles northwest of Treeco.....	295	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	
12	2 miles north and 2 miles west of Treeco.....	356	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	
13	1 mile northwest of Treeco.....	278	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	Operated by Mid-Continent
14	1 mile northwest of Treeco.....	307	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	during last half of year.
15	1 1/4 miles northwest of Baxter.....	107	Frisco.....	Gasoline.....	
16	1/4 mile west of Baxter.....	140	Frisco.....	Gasoline.....	
17	1 1/4 miles northwest of Baxter.....	170			
18	Treeco.....	290	Frisco.....	Electric.....	
19	2 miles southwest of Baxter.....	287	Frisco.....	Electric.....	
20	1 mile south of Baxter.....	175	SW. Mo.....	Air.....	Not worked since March.
21	1 mile south of Lawton.....	56	None.....	Gas.....	
22	1 1/2 miles south of Baxter.....	180	None.....	Gas.....	
23	1 mile west of Treeco.....	265	Frisco.....	Electric.....	
24	1/4 mile east of Treeco.....	260	Frisco.....	Air.....	
25	3 miles southwest of Baxter.....	281	Frisco.....	Electric.....	
26	3 1/4 miles northeast of Baxter.....	222	Frisco.....	Electric.....	Not worked since May.
27	1 1/4 miles east of Treeco.....	264	None.....	Gas.....	
28	3 miles southwest of Baxter.....	343	Frisco.....	Electric.....	
29	3 miles southwest of Baxter.....	320	Frisco.....	Electric.....	New mine.
30	1/4 mile south of Lawton.....	57	None.....	Air.....	
31	7 miles southwest of Baxter.....	295	N. E. O.....	Electric.....	
32	1 mile south of Baxter.....	174	None.....	Gas.....	
33	1 mile south of Baxter.....	147	None.....	Gas.....	
34	Lawton.....	42	None.....	Gas.....	

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TAILINGS-MILL DIRECTORY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY FOR 1935

Office No.	NAME OF COMPANY.	Mine name or number.	Name of superintendent.	Address.
1	Bailey Mining & Milling Co.	Mine No. 1.	M. C. Bailey.	Joplin, Mo.
2	Baxter Chat Co.	Hartley.	S. A. Smith.	Baxter Springs
3	Beck Mining Co.	No. 3.	R. H. Beck.	Baxter Springs
4	Bilharz Mining Co.	Barnsdall.	O. W. Bilharz.	Baxter Springs
5	Commerce Mining & Royalty Co.	Chubb.	T. F. Lennan.	Picher, Okla.
6	Commerce Mining & Royalty Co.	Webber.	A. S. Malacasy.	Picher, Okla.
7	Cortez-King Brand Mines Co.	King Brand.	W. K. Landrum.	Picher, Okla.
8	Prairie Chicken Mining Co.	Prairie Chicken.	H. D. Youngman.	Baxter Springs
9	R. H. & G. Mining Co.	Early Bird.	John Reynolds.	Joplin, Mo.
10	Semple Mining Co.	West Side.	C. Y. Semple.	Baxter Springs
11	Youngman & Youse Mining Co.		H. D. Youngman.	Baxter Springs

TAILINGS-MILL DIRECTORY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY FOR 1935—CONCLUDED

Office No.	Location of mine.	Depth of mine.	Railroad connections.	Kind of hoist.	Remarks.
1	2 miles northeast of Lawton.				
2	1 mile west of Baxter.				
3	1½ miles southeast of Baxter.				
4	1½ miles northwest of Baxter.				No production in 1935.
5	¼ mile west of Trece.				
6	¼ mile north of Trece.				
7	Trece.				
8	1½ miles north of Trece.				No production in 1935.
9	Lawton.				
10	Trece.				
11	¼ mile north of Picher.				No production in 1935.



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NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED, PRODUCTION, EMPLOYEES, EXPLOSIVES AND ACCIDENTS IN METAL MINES, 1935

Office No.	NAME OF COMPANY.	Mine name or number.	Number days worked.	Tons of zinc.	Tons of lead.	Total tons lead and zinc.
1	Ace High Mining Co.	Silver Fox	261	960	236	1,196
2	American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.	Robinson	100	1,498	17	1,515
3	B. & H. Mining Co.	Cherokee	150	1,707	13	1,720
4	Black Eagle Mining Co.	Black Eagle	233	4,766	901	5,667
5	Blue Circle Mining Co.	Blue Circle	30	16	25	41
6	Commerce Mining & Royalty Co.	Wilbur	222	5,811	1,304	7,115
7	Denning & Lewis Mining Co.	D. & L.	60	40	5	45
8	Dines Mining Co.	Mound	111	2,324	399	2,723
9	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Bendaleri	199	7,068	414	7,482
10	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Big John				
11	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	No. 86	198	5,759	1,614	7,373
12	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Black Eagle				
13	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Grace B.				
14	Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Tulsa-Quapaw	72	3,739	790	4,529
15	F. & J. Mining Co.	Beck	50	1	7	8
16	F. & J. Mining Co.	M. & H.	25	11	3	14
17	F. & J. Mining Co.	3-H Lease	60	25	5	30
18	Federal Mining & Smelting Co.	Jarret	86	1,800	32	1,832
19	Iron Mountain Lead & Zinc Co.	Empire	126	1,068	5	1,073
20	K-O Mining Trust Co.	Hunter	72	122		122
21	Lawton Mining Co.		90	15	3	18
22	M. & F. Mining Co.	Commonwealth	60	73	19	92
23	Mid-Continent Lead & Zinc Co.	Lawyer				
		Grace B.	189	12,217	1,100	13,317
24	New Blue Mound Mining Co.	Tulsa-Quapaw				
25	Peru Mining Co.	New Blue Mound	277	3,095	183	3,278
26	Robob Mining Co.	Peru	217	3,792	129	3,921
27	Rumsey Mining Co.	Keith	90	1,500	10	1,510
28	St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co.	Redskin	80	104	33	137
29	St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co.	Ballard	225	6,290	2,929	9,219
30	Texas Mining Co.	Clark				
31	Vinegar Hill Zinc Co.		5	25	2	27
32	W. & S. Mining Co.	Harr.	251	20,412	2,154	22,566
33	W. & S. Mining Co.	Hunter No. 2	134	83	39	122
34	Little Kathleen Mining Co.	No. 3	60	16	3	19
			28	11	1	12
	Totals		3,816	84,348	12,375	96,723

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NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED, PRODUCTION, EMPLOYEES, EXPLOSIVES AND ACCIDENTS IN METAL MINES, 1935—CONCLUDED

Office No.	Employees.			Explosives. Pounds of dynamite.	Accidents.			Remarks.
	Under- ground.	Surface.	Total employed.		Fatal.	Nonfatal.		
						Lost time.	Lost no time.	
1.	10	2	12	8,600		1	6	_____
2.	34	14	48	28,500		4	8	_____
3.	20		20	14,000		1		_____
4.	46	20	66	101,200		7	16	_____
5.								_____
6.	50	26	76	18,800		4	8	All prospect work.
7.	2	2	4	1,000		1		_____
8.	111	14	125	50,000		3		_____
9.	74	6	80	84,300		3	65	Idle May 8, to June 20th.
10.								Idle May 8, to July 23d.
11.								Operated only last half.
12.	88	8	96	118,550		2	62	Operated only last half.
13.								Operated January 1, to May 8th.
14.	148		148	66,950		1	26	Operated January 1, to May 8th.
15.	2	1	3	150				Operated January 1, to May 8th.
16.	5	3	8	600				_____
17.	6	3	9	100				_____
18.	53	19	72	39,750		6	13	_____
19.	25	20	45	15,000		3	12	Haven't worked since May 8th.
20.	7		7	3,400				_____
21.	4	1	5	350				_____
22.	3	2	5	1,050				_____
23.	91	12	103	120,200		15	27	Leased from Eagle-Picher during last half of year.
24.	36	17	53	38,400			16	_____
25.	38	12	50	27,200		8	12	_____
26.	17	3	20	13,500	1	6		_____
27.	7	5	12					Haven't worked since May 8th.
28.	94	32	126	199,700		17	111	_____
29.								No production; new mine.
30.	4	1	5	500				_____
31.	88	37	125	155,100		23	60	_____
32.	4	1	5	1,050		2		_____
33.	3	1	4	150				_____
34.	2	1	3	600				_____
Totals.	1,072	263	1,335	1,108,700	1	106	442	

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NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED, PRODUCTION, EMPLOYEES, EXPLOSIVES AND ACCIDENTS IN TAILING MILLS, 1935

Office No.	NAME OF COMPANY.	Mine name or number.	Number days worked.	Tons of zinc.	Tons of lead.	Total tons lead and zinc.
1	Bailey Mining & Milling Co.	Mine No. 1.	310	2,173		2,173
2	Baxter Chat Co.	Hartley	116	988		988
3	Beck Mining Co.	No. 3	211	2,672		2,672
4	Bilharz Mining Co.	Barnsdall				
5	Commerce Mining & Royalty Co.	Chubb	283	2,933		2,933
6	Commerce Mining & Royalty Co.	Webber	277	4,550	76	4,626
7	Cortez-King Brand Mines Co.	King Brand	219	2,350		2,350
8	Prairie Chicken Mining Co.	Prairie Chicken				
9	R. H. & G. Mining Co.		165	1,000		1,000
10	Semple Mining & Milling Co.	Early Bird	145	2,678		2,678
11	Youngman & Youse Mining Co.	West Side				
	Totals		1,726	19,344	76	19,420

Mine Inspection Department

NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED, PRODUCTION, EMPLOYEES, EXPLOSIVES AND ACCIDENTS IN TAILING MILLS, 1935—CONCLUDED

Office No.	Employees.			Explosives.	Accidents.			Remarks.
	Under- ground.	Surface.	Total employed.	Pounds of dynamite.	Fatal.	Nonfatal.		
						Lost time.	Lost no time.	
1.		20	20					
2.		18	18					
3.		19	19			2		
4.								No production in 1935.
5.		24	24			1	10	
6.		32	32			2	5	
7.		42	42				6	
8.		18	18					No production in 1935.
9.		36	36	3,625				
10.								No production in 1935.
11.								
Totals.		209	209	3,625		5	21	



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FATAL ACCIDENT, METAL MINE, YEAR 1935

1. MELVIN JONES, 54 years of age, employed as trackman at the Peru Mining Company mine, 2½ miles southwest of Baxter Springs, was fatally injured about 12:40 p.m., Tuesday, October 29, 1935.

Two levels are worked in this mine, and for a distance of 50 feet back from the shaft the levels have been connected, leaving a ceiling of about 60 feet. Mr. Jones was laying track on the lower level, when a boulder fell from the side of a drift in the upper level and glanced off the apron. It must have struck Mr. Jones at an angle, as both legs were fractured a little below the hips. He was lying about ten feet clear of the rock when he was found. (Investigation by Glennon.)



PART III

REPORT OF MINE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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PERSONNEL OF STATE MINE RESCUE
DEPARTMENT

Arma Rescue Station

WILLIAM HISLOP Arma

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Activities of Mine Rescue Department

More interest was taken this year in first-aid work than there has been for several years. Mr. Hislop's services were very much in demand for organizing and conducting the first-aid classes and assisting with the various safety drives that have been conducted throughout the state the past year.

Mr. Hislop also trained a first-aid team and accompanied them to Topeka, and put on a demonstration of first-aid work before the State Safety Council, which was highly appreciated by all members present.

Classes in first aid were held in the following cities: Pittsburg, Burlingame and Arma. There were 138 certificates issued and additional training given to 21 during 1935.

Those who received first-aid certificates during the year 1935 are as follows:

Albert, John P.; Mulberry	Hartman, Orval; Arma
Allen, J. W.; Burlingame	Helm, Lon; Arma
Arabia, Angelo; Girard, R. R. 3	Hotchkiss, Alex; Burlingame
Arabia, Louis; Girard, R. R. 3	Hotchkiss, Edward; Burlingame
Arbogast, A. E.; Pittsburg	Hotchkiss, Harold; Burlingame
Augart, Frank, Jr.; Girard, R. R. 3	Hughes, Edward; Girard
Augart, Frank, Sr.; Girard, R. R. 3	Irvine, James; Frontenac
Austin, Andrew; Arma	Jaubert, Samuel; Arma
Barnes, James; Arma	Karns, Roy; Englevale
Bean, Taylor; Arcadia	Kermashek, Ralph; Arma
Bixler, Robert; Arcadia	Kiefer, J. Emory; Arma
Brimblecom, Leon; Pittsburg	Kotzman, Antone; Frontenac
Brick, E. F.; Girard	Lane, Edgar; Arcadia, R. R.
Bornhouser, Fred; Pittsburg	Lamberson, Earl; Arma
Bousfield, James, Jr.; Arma	Lindahl, Oliver; Osage City
Bousfield, James, Sr.; Arma	Link, Charles; Osage City
Boyne, Arthur; Pittsburg	Loop, Charles; Englevale
Boyne, O. W.; Pittsburg	Manion, Thomas; Arma
Burgin, William; Arma	Marchiano, Pete; Arma
Cinotti, Joe; Arma	Maisereoule, Henry; Frontenac
Cordary, John; Pittsburg	Martin, D. E.; Englevale
Chalmers, Andrew; Burlingame	Mayberry, Amos; Arma
Chance, Arthur; Pittsburg	McDonald, Harry; Arma
Cole, Howard; Burlingame	McPherson, R. E.; Frontenac
Coleman, John B.; Arma	McAfee, Thomas; Mulberry
Coleman, Leo F.; Pittsburg	Menchetti, Baldo; Arma
Campbell, A. L.; Pittsburg	Menzie, Walter; Scranton
Cann, Floyd; Burlingame	Miller, W. J.; Burlingame
Croucher, Everett; Burlingame	Minns, Edward; Arma
Crites, Ray; Arcadia, R. R. 1	Minnis, Melvin; Arma
Culler, John; Arcadia, R. R. 1	Miller, Antone; Pittsburg
Durkin, Ellsworth; Arma	Morgan, Lynus; Pittsburg, R. R. 1
Dalton, Rolland; Englevale	Morris, Don; Pittsburg
Dawson, Thos.; Englevale	Moore, Ira; Pittsburg
DeBoth, Geo.; Mulberry	Mussatto, Raymond; Burlingame
Druart, Andrew; Frontenac	Minnis, Aubrey; Arma
Druart, Arthur; Frontenac	Neil, Sam; Pittsburg
Duncan, T. J.; Mulberry	Newell, Alfred; Arcadia
Dunn, Thos.; Burlingame	Nizzia, Tony; Frontenac
Eagleton, Earl; Mulberry, R. R. 1	Nolan, John; Frontenac
Elliot, Clarence; Burlingame	Oblock, August; Arma
Evans, C. M.; Pittsburg	O'Donnell, John; Arma
Farrar, M. D.; Burlingame	Parker, Earl; Burlingame
Fauvergue, George; Arma	Peroo, Reno; Burlingame
Fields, Elmer; Pittsburg	Peterson, Fred; Pittsburg
Feterly, A.; Pittsburg	Perdue, Curt; Englevale
Fitzgerald, Lelo; Girard	Pittser, Ervin; Arma
Gardner, William; Arma	Poore, Lloyd; Pittsburg
Garigletti, Barney; Girard, R. R. 3	Prine, Henry W.; Pittsburg
Gatti, Don; Frontenac	Puckett, Orville; Mulberry
Green, Jas. W.; Pittsburg	Rench, Marcus; Arma
Grisolano, John; Girard, R. R. 3	Rendaci, Ernest; Arma
Hallman, Eugene; Pittsburg	Reichelt, William; Pittsburg
Hallman, George; Pittsburg	Riggs, Guy; Pittsburg
Hanson, Robert; Osage City	Richardson, John W.; Arma
Haslam, John; Arma	Robinson, Joseph; Arma
Haslam, Sam; Arma	

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Ross, William; Arcadia
Saia, Vincent; Frontenac
Saia, D. J.; Frontenac
Sartore, John; Arma
Shoup, Lorenzo; Arma
Silvers, Rollie; Arcadia
Skinner, Bert; Girard
Smith, Dan; Arcadia
Stephenson, Thomas; Osage City
Stultz, Ernest Lee; Pittsburg
Stockinger, Joe; Arma
Tolliver, Herbert; Arma
Turner, John D.; Mulberry, R. R. 2

Turigliatto, Joe; Frontenac
VanNorsdall, W. W.; Arma
Watson, Arthur; Pittsburg
Williams, Arthur; Girard, R. R. 3
Williams, George; Mulberry
Wilson, Fred; Frontenac
Windsor, Omar; Pittsburg
Whitter, B. W.; Pittsburg
Worlop, Cyril C.; Arma
Worlop, Jules; Arma
Young, Joe; Englevale
Youvan, John; Frontenac

Additional training was given to the following persons:

Allister, Thomas; Gross
Booth, J. W.; Pittsburg
Bousfield, James, Jr.; Arma
Cinotti, Joe; Arma
Coleman, A. E.; Arma
Dawson, Thomas; Englevale
Delplace, John; Arma
Delplace, George; Arma
Devoss, Herbert; Arma
Fast, Roy; Pittsburg
Fleming, John; Arma

Fowler, Charles; Mulberry
Gardner, William; Arma
Grace, Charles; Arcadia
Gray, Robert; Pittsburg
Gustin, Charles; Pittsburg
Hartman, Orval; Arma
Helton, Ora; Pittsburg
Hunter, James; Arma
Massa, Victor; Mulberry
Minnis, Aubrey; Arma

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## PART I

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### REPORT OF COAL MINE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, 1936

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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COMMISSION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY,  
TOPEKA, December 31, 1936.

*Hon. Alf M. Landon, Governor of Kansas, Topeka, Kan.:*

SIR—I have the honor to submit herewith the 1936 annual report of the coal- and metal-mining industry of the state of Kansas; also, report of the Mine Rescue Department.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. BLAKELEY,  
*Commissioner of Labor.*

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PERSONNEL OF COAL MINE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF KANSAS

*Chief Mine Inspector*

WILLIAM GLENNON ..... Pittsburg

*Deputy Mine Inspectors*

JOHN DELPLACE ..... Arma

ERNEST SHAW ..... Weir City

W. J. MILLER ..... Burlingame

*Statistical Clerk*

HELEN DOTY ..... Pittsburg

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### EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR 1936

|              |                                                                         |             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Fund No. 7.  | Salary of chief mine inspector.....                                     | \$2,200.40  |
| Fund No. 8.  | Salary of statistical clerk.....                                        | 1,140.00    |
| Fund No. 9.  | Salary of mine rescue superintendent.....                               | 1,500.00    |
| Fund No. 11. | Salary of three deputy mine inspectors.....                             | 4,140.00    |
|              | Traveling and incidental expense of chief mine in-<br>specter .....     | 864.80      |
|              | Traveling and incidental expense of mine rescue<br>superintendent ..... | 416.70      |
|              | Traveling expense of deputy mine inspectors.....                        | 1,511.05    |
|              | Mine inspection department equipment.....                               | 84.70       |
|              | Mine rescue department equipment.....                                   | 530.00      |
|              | Total .....                                                             | \$12,387.65 |

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### REPORT OF COAL MINE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

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The total coal production for the state of Kansas for the year 1936 was 3,147,225 tons, an increase of 373,775 tons over the 1935 production. Of this amount, 2,181,466 tons were produced from strip mines and 965,759 from deep, slope and drift mines.

There were 181 deep, slope and drift mines and 59 strip mines in operation during the year, a total of 240 mines. These mines gave employment to 4,206 men and worked an average of 113 days. There were 1,224 men employed in the strip mines and 2,982 in the deep mines. The total amount of explosives used was 24,485 kegs of powder, 429,596 pounds of dynamite and 1,465,941 pounds of pellet powder. Eight fatal accidents occurred during the year. The total number of nonfatal accidents reported was 357.

The Crawford county strip mines produced 1,639,547 tons, an increase of 327,912 tons. These mines rank first in coal production for the state. There were 24 mines in operation which worked an average of 126 days, and employed 799 men. The amount of explosives used was 9,492 kegs of powder, 256,970 pounds of dynamite and 327,690 pounds of pellet powder. There were two fatal and 36 nonfatal accidents during the year.

The Crawford county deep mines produced 653,488 tons, a slight decrease from the previous year's production. There were 53 mines in operation, which worked an average of 148 days and employed 1,393 men. The amount of explosives used at these mines was 10,622 kegs of powder, 112,073 pounds of dynamite and 976,675 pounds of pellet powder. There were four fatal and 245 nonfatal accidents.

Cherokee county strip mines produced 477,496 tons, which is an increase of 49,571 tons over the previous year's production. The five strip mines in this county worked an average of 138 days and employed 184 men. The amount of explosives used was 1,258 kegs of powder, 40,208 pounds of dynamite and 106,980 pounds of pellet powder. There were 36 nonfatal accidents reported.

The coal production from the 38 deep mines in Cherokee county was 76,038 tons. These mines worked an average of 104 days and employed 239 men. They used 2,511 kegs of powder, 1,900 pounds of dynamite and 16,650 pounds of pellet powder. One nonfatal accident was reported.

There were six strip mines and one deep mine in operation in Bourbon county, which produced 21,726 tons, worked an average of 128 days and employed 41 men. They used 21 kegs of powder, 700 pounds of dynamite and 1,900 pounds of pellet powder.

Coffey county had two strip and two drift mines which produced 1,245 tons. These mines worked an average of 59 days, employed 18 men and used 18 kegs of powder and 225 pounds of dynamite.

Franklin county produced 22,010 tons from 14 deep and one strip mine. The mines worked an average of 92 days and employed 136 men. The amount of explosives used was 1,910 pounds of dynamite.



Labette county produced 13,703 tons from five strip mines which worked an average of 117 days and employed 34 men. These mines used 48 kegs of powder, 525 pounds of dynamite and 5,750 pounds of pellet powder.

The three deep mines in Leavenworth county produced 111,509 tons, worked an average of 179 days and employed 518 men. They used 2,750 pounds of dynamite. There were seven nonfatal accidents reported.

Linn county produced 36,636 tons from 15 deep and three strip mines. These mines worked an average of 121 days and employed 136 men. They used 360 kegs of powder, 4,510 pounds of dynamite and 30,296 pounds of pellet powder.

There were 12 strip and 37 deep mines in operation in Osage county during 1936. These mines worked an average of 93 days and produced 89,865 tons. There were 638 men employed at these mines. Amount of explosives used was 155 kegs of powder and 7,175 pounds of dynamite. Two fatal accidents occurred and three nonfatal accidents were reported.

There were 10 drift mines in Neosho county which produced 500 tons and employed 35 men. These mines are worked by individuals who pay from 75¢ to \$1.00 per week to the landowner for the privilege of mining and selling the coal. The mines are only worked during the fall and winter months.

There were five drift mines and one strip mine in Wilson county, which produced 2,162 tons and employed 20 men. These mines are worked in the same manner as the Neosho county mines.

There were two small mines in Jefferson county and one in Cloud county which produced 630 and 670 tons respectively. There were 15 men employed at these three mines.