



*A preliminary report upon
the coal resources of Wyoming*

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tween the Platte River and Elk Mountain to the south of the Union Pacific railroad, and in fact coal may be expected almost anywhere in the county where erosion has exposed the Laramie rocks. Probably time and search will show many unsuspected areas of coal exposed at the surface.

CONVERSE COUNTY.

This county has been more fortunate in the matter of railroad facilities than have some of her sister counties. As early as 1888 this county was producing 31,000 tons per year from two mines, the old Deer Creek Company's mine at Glenrock and the Inez mine at Inez.

At present two companies are producing for shipment. They are both on the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railroad. The Cole Creek Coal Company (postoffice Big Muddy) is operating in Secs. 25 and 26, Tp. 34 N., R. 77 W. Their vein is five feet four inches thick at 17 degrees to the N. E. Besides this vein, there are at least two others in the field. Mr. J. D. Woodruff, the manager of the company, reports a production of 15,708 tons during 1904, which was sold in Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota. This company has been carrying on prospecting and new development work which will result in a much increased production.

The Glenrock Coal Company is operating at Glenrock, a few miles to the east of Big Muddy. The coal inspector's report for the year ending September 30, 1904, gives the production at 60,440 tons.

Besides these shipping mines, coal is being dug for local consumption at several of the smaller towns and ranches, but we have been unable to get any information from the owners. The total annual output of the county is probably about 80,000 tons.