

*Other Lignite Banks About New Salem.*—Three miles east of Sims and about an equal distance south of New Salem, in Township 138, Range 85, Sections 4 and 5, considerable quantities of lignite are won by stripping. At the first bank visited only the upper part of a seam said to be seven feet thick was visible. A little farther on a second bank was found which showed six feet of good lignite. This seam is about eighty feet below the average upland level. In Township 139, Range 85, Section 32, just south of the banks mentioned above, a large bank of good lignite, five feet thick, is operated, the annual output amounting to 2,000 or 3,000 tons. The coal is won by removing from fifteen to twenty feet of overlying clay. In Sections 34 and 35 of the same township, a seam six feet thick, apparently the same as that exposed in the banks just described, is mined for local use. The seam at the New Salem mine appears to be somewhat higher than the lignite in any of these openings, but the observations made were not complete enough to decide whether it represents an independent seam.