

BURIED ALIVE.

Five Boys Suffocated by the Collapse of a Cave They Were Digging.

St. Joseph (Mo.) Special.

The Crosby school house in this city is near the outskirts, on the corner of Richardson street and Savannah avenue. Back of it is a small hill with precipitous sides, and two blocks away. That hillside was the scene of as heartrending a eight as St. Joe ever witnessed. It has been learned that during some days past a large number of boys belonging to the neighborhood have been engaged in secretly didding a tunnel into the hill for a boyish purpose, and that they took turns in working at it in small parties. The tunnel, which was five feet high and eight wide, had been pushed into the hillside about ten feet. Some of the boys then went away and left at work on the tunnel Mike Garish, aged 17; Allen Falls, 9; Sam Montgomery, 8; Jack Montgomery, 14, and Nicholas Kell, 13.

When some of the companions of these five returned, they found the mouth of the tunnel closed by a heavy mass of earth. Their cries to their companions brought no answer, and hastily they began to dig into the spot in which they had left them. Two feet from the entrance the protruding hand of young Falls was encountered. Then the alarm was spread, and in half an hour a hundred had gathered on the spot.

The frantic parents of the missing boys hurried there only to find, as sturdy arms removed the the earth, their lifeless bodies buried within. Garish alone gave evidence of life by a faint pulsation of the heart which ceased almost as soon as his body was exhumed. A sadder picture than the outcrying anguish of the mothers and sisters of the ufortunate lads could not be painted. As the lifeless bodies were recovered one by one their grief found vent in pathetic wailings, which moved the hearts of the thousand people who had learned of the calamity, and the silent simpaty of the crowd was in inself a touching tribute to their grief. All of the boys belonged to respectable and well-to-do families. The peculiar circumstances render improbable the discovery of any further facts than the few now known.

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