

KILLED BY GAS IN ABANDONED MINE

One Dead, Another in Serious Condition From Making Whisky Under the Earth

Gadsden, August 27.—(Special.)—Tobe Strickland dead and John McDaniel near death's door from the effect of gas in an abandoned coal mine at Slight are the net results of the operation of a small still and making moonshine whisky. Strickland and McDaniel left their homes at 6:30 Thursday morning for the mine and when they did not return by noon the next day Mrs. McDaniel became alarmed and sent her son Carl to look for her husband.

The boy returned home in a short while with the statement that he went to the mine and found the men in the mine, and that he thought both of them were dead. Mrs. Daniel gave the alarm and her neighbors found Strickland was dead and McDaniel in an unconscious condition, but he was revived soon afterwards.

According to a statement made to the officers by McDaniel they had made several runs before without experiencing any trouble and it is thought that on account of the extreme coolness Thursday night the smoke from the furnace was driven back into the slope fouling the air and overcoming the occupants.

McDaniel said that Strickland was overcome first and that he caught him as he fell and got water and began to bathe his face, not realizing what the trouble was, and while trying to revive him was overcome in the same manner.

When found the body of Strickland was lying across McDaniel.

While McDaniel is in a very serious condition it is not very likely that he will die.

The rescue was made near midnight last night and the officers found a 50-gallon copper still and about eight gallons of whisky in the mine. The outfit was located about 50 yards from the entrance to the slope.

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