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Mine Explosion.

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GOLD HILL, Nev., Sept. 20.—At 3 o'clock this morning, as the workmen were eating lunch, a fire broke out in the blacksmith shop belonging to the Belcher company, situated on the 1,300-foot level in the Yellow Jacket mine, a short distance north of Jacket shaft. The timbers being very dry, the fire spread rapidly, and soon filled the Yellow Jacket, Crown Point, and Belcher mines with smoke and gas. About a quarter past 3 an explosion occurred, which put out the lights in all the mines. The men were hurrying from the the Crown Point and Belcher shafts, very rapidly. All escaped but six whose bodies have since been recovered. Communication between the Imperial on the north, and the Crown Point on the south has been cut off. There is no danger of the fire spreading. The firemen can do nothing toward extinguishing the fire, but it is in a place where there is not much timber, and consequently will soon die out. Work will be probably commenced in Belcher and Crown Point tomorrow. None of the mines have sustained much damage. The following were killed and their bodies recovered: Louis Louiselle, James B. Waters, W. S. Broadwater, James E. Niles, Tom Cusic, George B. Mudd. A number of others are very sick from inhaling gas and being burned, but none are considered dangerous. People are greatly excited. It is rumored that others are still missing. The cry now is, 'No more blacksmith shops in the mines.'