

VENTILATION.

The West Leisenring Mine Disaster.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Feb. 23.—Coroner Batten this morning commenced his investigation into the cause of the explosion on Wednesday morning at the West Leisenring mine, in which nineteen men were killed.

Morgan Richards, the fire boss, said he had not examined the mine for fire damp since Monday morning, but had been through it with a naked lamp on Tuesday. The air shaft had been covered up, but was not so on Monday.

Thomas Jenkins, the mining boss, said he had gone all through the mine on Monday with a naked lamp, but had not looked for fire-damp since the previous Thursday. He had not measured the air current for three weeks.

Several miners testified that the fire boss had warned them on the 14th instant not to go through the trap-door between numbers 3 and 4, saying he would not do it for all the money in the world.

Charles Conner, the mining boss at the Leith shaft, testified that the ventilation at Leisenring was ample, and that with some modifications he would consider it a model mine.