

Coroner's Inquest at Newburg.

WHEELING, W. VA., Jan. 28. — Coroner Jones, of Preston county, today began the investigation into the death of thirty-nine miners by explosion in the Orrel coal mine at Newburg a week ago. Superintendent Saxton admitted that the State mine inspector had ordered him to put weights on the air doors to prevent them being accidentally left open, which was not done. Mining Boss John Bratt testified that Saxton several times was rendered unfit for duty by intoxication. There is need of much more aid than has yet been extended the twenty-four widows and forty-two orphans. Comfortable clothing is scarce.

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