

Letter From Bonanza.

A correspondent from Bonanza, in a letter regarding the recent explosion in Mine No. 20 of the Central Coal & Coke Co. at that place, says:

"The explosion occurred in entry K at 12:10 o'clock. This entry was occupied by twelve men. It was noon hour. One of the men had gone on top for some tools, which was for him

very fortunate; one of the remainder of the eleven was standing at the mouth of the entry when the explosion occurred and made his escape without a scratch, while the other ten perished in the flames, without any means of escape. The report spread like wild fire that No. 20 was blown up, and in a few moments great throngs of weeping women, men and children were at the scene, and clamoring for information as to the fate of their loved ones. In a short time a rescue party was made up, which descended in the shaft to rescue, if possible, their less fortunate brothers. When they reached the scene of the explosion they found all dead with one exception, and he died before the top was reached. Owing to the confused mass of ruins, it required nearly six hours work to recover the bodies of all the men, during which time some noble work was done by many of the rescuing party."

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