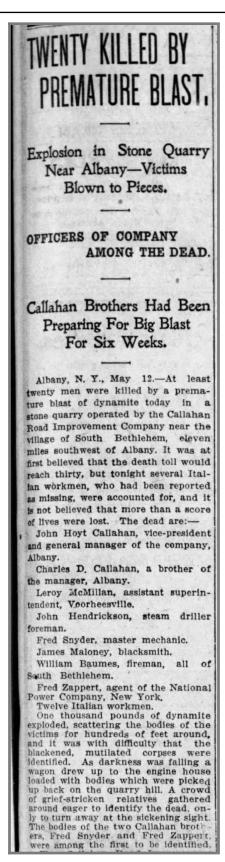
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## 1909 Callahan Stone Quarry explosion NEWS

Clipped By: usmra\_rob Jun 8, 2025 The Callahan Road Improvement Company does a large business, furnish crushed stone for road building, and preparations for today's blast, which was scheduled to take place at 5 o'clock this afternoon, had been going on for six weeks. Thirteen holes, five inches in diameter, and about seventy-five feet deep, had been drilled at points about twenty feet back of the face of the big quarry. The displacement was expected to amount to nearly 40,000 tons of rock and over 8,000 pounds of dynamite were to have been used.

The workmen had placed 500 pound charges in six of the holes and were working on the seventh when, a few minutes before 2 o'clock, there was a terrific explosion which was caused by the premature discharge of a percussion cap. Houses in the vicinity were shaken and windows shattered.

A gang of men at work at the foot of the quarry fled and it was not known definitely at nightfall whether any of them met death as a result of the shower of rocks hurled down on them. The foreman in charge said tonight that he thought two of them were killed.

Soon after the explosion fire was discovered in the woods in which the dynamite storehouse was situated and it was feared for a time that the flames might reach the building in which a carload of explosives were stored, but the fire was extinguished before the danger was reached.

Five of the great charges of dynamite remained unexploded in the quarry. This rendered somewhat difficult the search for bodies, the workmen fearing further explosions. The Callahan brothers were well known in Albany. They maintained the company's office here during the winter, but moved to South Bethlehem when the season's work opened.

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