

BURIAL AND RESCUE.—*The Cleveland Plain Dealer* of Saturday gives the following account of an interesting incident that occurred recently in a coal mine at, or near Hubbard, Trumbull county:

It appears that the Hubbard mine is entered from the river bank, the entrance is guarded by a dam. This dam gave way while all the miners were at dinner except the four unfortunate ones who were only rescued yesterday morning. The four men comprehending their situation fled to the highest portion of the mine, at about a half mile from the entrance. Their fellow workmen outside, supposing they would seek this point, commenced boring immediately over it, as near as they could judge, and after penetrating sixty eight feet fortunately struck the pit in close proximity to two of the half famished men. By means of a tube they were enabled to communicate with them and give them food. Of the other two no information could be obtained. The scene about the pit until, and at their rescue was very affecting. All were married and their wives and children never left the pit till their deliverance. Yesterday morning the water in the river had so fallen as to admit a small boat half a mile, found two of the men speechless with exhaustion, and a few rods further they found the other two, and brought all safe to the open air. The scene can better be imagined than described. About two thousand people were present at the time. The men were with difficulty resuscitated, but are now doing well.

## 1865 Four miners rescued from flooded Hubbard mine



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## Buried Alive.

### RESCUE OF FOUR MINERS FROM A HORRIBLE SITUATION.

The Mahoning (Ohio) papers contain the particulars of the rescue of four men, named JOHN TURRILL, THOMAS BOWEN, JACOB MILLER and THOMAS MILLER, who were imprisoned in a coal mine at that place by water which poured into it during a flood on Saturday, the 21st ult. It was found that an immense volume of water had poured down the slope, but from the fact that two of the men were known to be in the highest part of the mine, it was hoped that they were still alive. On Saturday the work was begun of drilling a hole through the rock, a distance of fifty-six feet, to the place where TURRILL and BOWEN were supposed to be. Great crowds of anxious people congregated from the neighboring country. On Sunday noon the shaft reached the interior of the mine, but there were no signs of the men until Monday, when a voice called up the shaft, "Who's there?" It was found that TURRILL and BOWEN were alive, but knew nothing of their two comrades. Conversation could be easily carried on with them, and pieces of food and small bottles of brandy were lowered through the narrow aperture. They stated that as soon as they saw the flood coming they endeavored to join their companions, but were unable to do so, the water coming up to their necks in that part of the mine. They heard distinctly the sound of drilling on Saturday, and mined through a column to reach the place where the drill came through. Such quantities of water came through the drill-hole that they corked it up, fearing that it would drown them, but on Monday, the flow of water ceasing, they made themselves known. On Tuesday evening the water had lowered rapidly, but there was no news of the missing men, and attempts to reach the place where they were supposed to be failed. We copy the remainder of the story of the rescue from the Mahoning Courier of the 2d inst.:

"On Wednesday evening, about 4½ o'clock, the water being deemed sufficiently low in the mine, it was entered by several miners, who made their way, through water almost up to their necks, to the room where the two men, TURRILL and BOWEN, were, at the drill-hole. They were then conducted to the mouth of the pit, and one of them was strong enough to walk out alone. Attention was then turned to the brothers MILLER, and several attempts were made to reach them, but without success. It was the prevailing opinion that they were dead, and this led some who had been working faithfully to give up hopes of their recovery alive, and, consequently, efforts in behalf of the unfortunate men began to abate. However about 11 o'clock an engine, with several cars, arrived from Youngstown, and a couple of railroad men, Mr. JAMES MURRAY, foreman of the railroad yard, and the conductor of the Hubbard Branch Railroad, Mr. H. BURNET, resolved on finding them, dead or alive. In company with a lad as guide, who, when the flood came, was driving a mule team, cut the traces, and escaped with them, they entered, and were soon making their way, neck-deep in water, dragging a small boat, made for the purpose, after them. Their progress was slow, but in time they reached a very narrow place through which they must pass. The two men found they could not carry, alone, the unfortunate MILLERS through this place without assistance. Returning to the surface, they received reinforcements, but on reaching the same place it looked so dismal all but two backed out. Again more men were called to their assistance, this time with better success. Ropes had been provided, and one man taking one end of it, took the lead, the others following at the distance of two or three yards, in single file. In this way they reached the room where the men were supposed to be, and were rejoiced to hear the barking of a dog that was known to be with them. The men were found alive in a sitting posture, the water up to their waists, almost completely benumbed, and scarcely able to speak. Afraid to expose them too suddenly to the fresh air, they were placed in the boat, taken to a higher room, wrapped in blankets, and retained there about an hour, when they were brought out, after being in that terrible room five days and six nights. It was now daybreak, nearly 4 o'clock, and the men being cared for, the excited company left for home. How the men kept themselves alive was learned as soon as they sufficiently recovered to speak. It appears that the men who were first released got through their work and started to come out, but, surprised to soon find themselves in water, continued, suspecting something went wrong; they waded till they could see the water almost touch the roof, and here they turned to go back. The room where the MILLERS were working was low, the water rushing in compelled them to retreat, but, before so doing, they made an effort to escape. At this time the four men were approaching at right-angles, could hear each other wading in the water, and interchanged a few words. Finding all retreat cut off, each party retired higher up, each supposing the others were dead. The MILLERS went to the room where they were found, the water rising even there within about three inches of the roof, compelling them to throw their heads back to keep their faces out of water. Their position will be understood when we state that the ceiling was but four and a half feet from the floor. Both men slept alternately, and waked the other by vigorous shaking, until the water fell sufficiently to allow them to sit down. The men are now fast recovering, and some of them are able by this time to resume their business."