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# **TERRIBLE MINING ACCIDENT.**

## **Fall of a Cage in a Shaft—Six Miners Instantly Killed, and Six Wounded.**

A terrible accident happened yesterday afternoon at the Colliery of Messrs. Glassmire & Hines, near Middleport, this county. At 4.30 o'clock, as a cage on which were twelve miners, was coming up the shaft, which is 110 yards deep, and when nearing the top, the pinion wheel at the engine broke, precipitating the cage, with its precious freight of human lives, to the bottom, tearing the drum to pieces, and demolishing the engine house.

Six of the men were instantly killed ; four terribly injured, and two slightly.

The names of the killed and wounded are as follows :

*Killed.*—Thos Quigley, Geo. Stouch, John Roper, Jacob Kline, David Jones and John Matthews.

*Wounded.*—John M'Ginley, severely, Elisha Manuels, do., Hugh M'Anulty, do., Albert Koch, William Matthews, slightly, Patrick Day, do.

Matthews and Day were able to walk out of the mine to their home, but the killed and severely wounded were compelled to remain in the mine, at the bottom of the shaft until a new rope was procured and a temporary cage constructed to hoist the dead and mangled bodies to the surface. Mr. Glassmire had to come down to Palo Alto for the purpose of getting a new rope.

We have not heard positively in regard to the condition of the severely wounded, but the impression was that from the terrible nature of their injuries, some, if not all of them, would die.

This sad catastrophe, bringing as it does distress and misery into many households, should be an inducement to the region to place under way as soon as possible and bring to successful completion, the proposed Miners' Hospital, as authorized by law. Accidents of this character seem to be inseparable from our mining operations, and an imperative duty on the community to see that an institution to which the maimed miner can be conveyed and be skillfully treated and carefully nursed, shall be erected as speedily as possible. In the interest of humanity let this thing be done.