

THE BURNING MINE.

The Coroner's Inquest—No Opinion Expressed.

[Correspondence of THE BEACON]

RAVENNA, O., July 8, 1872.

I send at your request the verdict of the coroner's jury in the Atwater mine disaster. The verdict, as you will see, covers seven men. There were ten killed in the mine and the three had not been recovered at the time of the inquest and it was impossible to keep the bodies until all were removed. The other three bodies were recovered at 2 A. M. Sunday morning, July 7th, and were found at the foot of the slope in the main entry. R.

CORONER'S VERDICT.

The State of Ohio,)
Portage County.)

We, the undersigned, jurors, empaneled and sworn on the 5th day of July, in the year 1872, at the township of Atwater, in the county of Portage, by Lyman Bryant, Coroner of said county, to inquire and true presentiment make in what manner and by whom the death was caused of Richard Roberts, William Roberts, Robert Roberts, John Williams, Thomas Means, John Howells and Joseph Evans, whose bodies were found in the slope leading to the coal mine operated by the Atwater Coal Company, at Atwater, Portage county, Ohio, on the 4th and 5th days of July, in the year 1872, after having heard the evidence and seen the bodies, we do find that the deceased came to their death by suffocation from fire and smoke in the slope of said mine, communicated to the timbers of the slope from a fire arch or furnace located near the foot of the slope, for the purpose of ventilating the mine. The furnace was constructed by Richard Roberts, one of the deceased, who was "Pit Boss" of the mine. From the evidence we are unable to say whether the fire was communicated to the wood work by gas or by the furnace being in too close proximity to the timbers of the slope.

Given under our hand at the time and place of said inquisition, above mentioned.

Signed

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JOHN WHEELOCK,
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