

A terrible explosion occurred at Pratt Mines last Friday. Eleven men were killed. The explosion occurred at shaft No. 1, in Rock slope. This shaft is about 325 feet deep, and from the front of the shaft down the slope to where the explosion took place measures about 4000 feet. There were six negroes and five whites among the dead. All were convicts except one, Mr. Thomas Moore, a white free laborer. The whites were: Thomas Moore, Ed Conley, W. D. Mayfield, A. M. Hayes and J. G. Davis. The negroes were: Phil Page, Bob Clayton, Thomas Hare, Joe Hall, Thomas Hamilton and Charles H. Robinson. The disaster was occasioned by a gas explosion.