

**COAL DUST EXPLOSION.**

**The Cedar Mines Suffer Seriously  
—Jos. Gallagher Killed.**

ALBIA, Feb. 15.—A frightful explosion occurred in the Chicago and Iowa mine at Cedar last evening, killing one man and injuring more or less several others.

The mine is two hundred feet below the surface and employs one hundred men, all of whom were below when the explosion occurred. It is the custom to fire the shots in this mine at 12 o'clock and a few minutes before 6, just as the men are leaving. It was at the latter time of the day that the accident occurred.

Most of the men were near the shaft preparing to ascend or the results would undoubtedly have been more disastrous. As it was eighteen or twenty men were burned and one man killed outright.

Joe Gallagher, the victim of the explosion, was frightfully mangled. His head was blown off and his trunk fearfully lacerated. The following were badly burned on the face and hands:

Harry Long,	Chas. Long,
John Robinson,	Al Anderson,
Geo. Abbott,	Tom Irwin,
R. H. Lorrigo,	H. H. Wopier,
Gabe Johnson,	Mike Hopkins.

A number of others are burned but not so seriously.

There was great excitement at the mines when the explosion occurred. One woman, whose husband was below, was restrained by force from throwing herself down into the shaft, and the anxiety depicted on her face and in the cries of the relatives of the missing was touching.

Drs. Powell, Glenny, Gray, Starr and Bartram were called immediately to the scene and did not return till every man's wounds were properly dressed. It is not thought that any more fatalities will result, although some of the victims inhaled the fire, which may have affected their lungs seriously. Everything is quiet at the mine and running as usual.

SETTLED.—The case of ouster against Constable Crickett was decided in his favor by Judge Wilkinson—and costs assessed against plaintiffs who brought the charge.

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