

RETURNED VERDICT.

A Compromise Verdict is Returned by the Coroner's Jury in Regard to the Sandoval Mine Disaster.

A coroner's jury, composed of C. F. Drew, foreman; W. J. McNally, C. W. Nelson, Wm. McClelland, G. Kiefer and John L. Robertson, returned a verdict in the Sandoval mine disaster after being out two hours.

The verdict was the same for each of the six men killed, and finds that the miners "came to their death by force of an explosion in Sandoval mine March 31; said explosion was caused by a 'windy shot' on face of fifth west entry fired by Giovanni Grachina, and further find that said fifth west entry had not been sprinkled since March 1, 1903."

It was a compromise verdict, part of the jurors desiring to report more fully on the condition of the mine.

The chances for the recovery of Charles Lewis and Al Newhouse, who were injured in the explosion, are very slim, and their death is expected momentarily.

A meeting of the miners' local union was held, at which arrangements were inaugurated to aid those affected by death or injuries.

In addition to local aid, it is likely that district and State funds of the organization will be used. Provision has been made for such requirements, and much suffering has been relieved in the distribution of these funds.