

## MINE INSPECTOR DIES WHILE DOING HIS DUTY

William Alkison of Murphysboro Succumbs to Gas While Endeavoring to Rescue Miners.

Murphysboro, Ill., April 5 .- William Murphysooro, Ill., April 5.—William Alkinson of this city, who was appointed state mine inspector by Gov. Yates, to take the place of inspector Evan John, was killed in the Zeigler mines while engaged in the work of rescue. Alkinson had gone to the mine with Evan John, Mine Inspector Lindsay of Franklin county and Supt, Forester of Hallidayboro, to help res-

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When they entered the mine through the air shaft they separated, two going in one direction and two in another, with the intention of meeting at some well-known point in the mine.

When Forester and John reached the designated point they waited some time for Alkinson and Lindsay, and then went back in search of them.

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After walking some distance they came to an entry filled with gas. After making a close examination they found Alkinson and Lindsay, both lying dead at the entry. The bodies were dragged away and taken to the surface. Alkinson's body was brought to Murphysboro. His funeral will be held Friday afternoon. All the miners of the Seventh subdistrict of Illinois have been ordered to attend the nois have been ordered to attend the

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The bodies of thirty-seven miners killed in the explosion at Zeigler have been recovered. Several more bodies are supposed to be in the mine, and the exact number of dead will probably not be known for several days, at least not until the mine has been divested of the gas and persons are permitted to enter.

## 1905 State mine inspector William Alkinson dies at Zeigler mine in rescue work

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