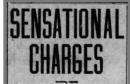
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INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE IN-TO THE DISASTER AT LICK

The Charleston Mail of January

The Charleston Mail of January Lth says:
A searching invest gation will be demanded of the recent mine explosion at the Lick Branch Mine in McDowell county where fifty men were killed, when the legislative mining o amultice meets in Charleston on January 14th to-complete its report to the state legislature.

MUCH CRITICISM.

Much criticism has been heaped upon the verdict of the coroner's jury at the ill-lated mine, which absolved the company from all bame in connection with the explosion and yet at the same time confessed its

in connection with the explosion and yet at the same time confeared its ignorance of the causes of the explosion. The faiture of the jury to make an attempt to asceptain the cause of the explosion by placing the four diputies and Chief Laing on the sand, after they had made a 'horough inwestigation of the mins, has also been sewerely criticised.

CALLED FARSIGAL

"Farsical" is the word used by stude in referring to the corner's virulet. The jury was assembled and several witnesses were examined the majority being those who escaped from that portion of the mine which was not affected by the explosion. The fact, however, that the jury did not examine the mine is spectors who were sent to the time to ascertain the causes of the explosion and then returned a vertice stating they did not know the function and the returned a vertice stating they did not know the function and the returned a vertice stating they did not know the function and the returned a vertice stating they did not know the function and the returned a vertice stating they did not know the function and the returned a vertice stating they did not know the function and the returned a vertice stating they did not know the function and the returned a vertice stating they did not know the function and the returned a vertice stating they did not know the function and the returned a vertice stating they did not know the support of the proposition of the proposition and the returned a vertice of the proposition and t heruy
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The reports of the four deputy
mine inspectors, the chief mine inspector and that of Mr. J. W. Paul,
tx-chief mine inspector, are anxiinsily awaited to shed whatever light
possible on this recent explosion.
These reports with not be made pubtic for several days at least.
CONDITIONS AT LICK BRANCH
It is said that the conditions at
the Lick Branch mine will warrant
a thorough examination of the mine,
supectors and other witnesses by
the mining legislative committee.
This committee meets in Charleston
on January 14th to complete its report to the legislature and it is expected that witnesses wil be summoned before the committee to tell
what they know of the conditions
in that deid. Senator T. P. Gartian
of Wood county is charleman of the
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The mining laws were not observed at the Leke Branch mine, it is said by some who are said to be intended with the conditions at 'he u.ne. The mine was a model mire cally for large production and small cost of production, they assert. The excessive use of powder, which is and to be mainly responsible for the explosion, was noticiable at the mine. Shooting out the solid is said to have been practiced while in the mine, was quantities of powder were found in holes drilled into the coal.

oal. The general condition of the mine he dangerous practices observed and the causes of the explosion can ill be brought out by the mining in-wilgating committee and it is ex-venely likely that a sweeping in-extigation will be demanded of that

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