

PEGRAM FALLS IN MINE SHAFT

Rescue is Effected After Victim Had Spent Night 35 Feet Below Surface.

When Miles Pegram takes a tumble to the bottom of a 35-foot gold mine shaft again he says he is going to be particular that the mine has not been worked out. He also plans to have some body near at hand to pull him out without his having to stay all night and half a day there with only a snake for company.

Mr. Pegram was pulled from the bottom of the Rudisill gold mine shaft, on the Dowd road, shortly before noon Tuesday. Negroes who heard his calls went to his rescue and sent ropes down and hauled him to the top. Police headquarters was called when a man was found to be at the bottom of the shaft, but the rescue was made just as the officers got on the scene. He was not injured.

Monday afternoon Mr. Pegram was in the vicinity of the old mine, when he stepped into some honeysuckle vines and fell. Before he could recover he had plunged into the hole and went to the bottom. The shaft has caved in consireably since it was abandoned, but the cave-in does not extend to the top. Hence the sides of the shaft make it impossible for a man to get out without assistance.

"That snake was my only company for the night and the part of the two days," said Mr. Pegram, but I kept on one side of the pit and let him have the other side. He did not have to concern himself over me, for I meant no trouble at all. I was thankful enough to hit the bottom without being hurt, much less trying to harm a poor snake."

At police headquarters it was said the entrance to the shaft was so hidden by the growth of vines that it was not surprising than an accident had come. It was thought steps would be taken at once to make the place safe.

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