

FIRE IN WRECKED MINE DELAYING THE WORK OF BRINGING OUT BODIES

127 Bodies Had Been Removed From Castle Gate Mine Up to 4:30 This Morning; 100 Graves At Castle Gate Await the Bodies of Explosion Victims; Several Sons Died With Fathers.

[By Associated Press.]

Castle Gate, Utah, March 12.—At 4:30 o'clock this morning 127 bodies had been recovered from the Utah Fuel company mine No. 2, but a small fire at 7:30 o'clock hindered the work of bringing out the bodies.

Castle Gate, Utah, March 12.—Funeral arrangements for the miners who perished in the Castle Gate mine disaster are being made by company officials. Death certificates, the first formality, are being made out by attending physicians as soon as posi-

tive identification has been made on each body.

A large force of undertakers from Salt Lake City and near-by towns is working in the morgue preparing the
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bodies for burial. Company officials are notifying the immediate relatives of the dead men and asking their desires as to disposition of the bodies. Many requests have been received from various parts of the state that bodies be shipped to family homes for burial.

Miners whose homes and families are in Castle Gate will be buried in the local cemetery, where more than 100 graves already have been prepared. The local cemetery will be divided into plots for the various nationalities at the request of relatives, and a number of requests have come from the relatives of Greek miners that they be buried in Price.

Funerals for local miners who have been removed from the mine thus far will be held here, and they will be buried in the City cemetery. Ministers of various denominations have volunteered their services and will conduct the funerals held here. The company has made arrangements for getting the required number of caskets, and two-car loads have already arrived here. More will be brought here as they are needed. The funerals will be held as soon as possible to avoid congestion, as the facilities here for taking care of bodies are limited. The company officials have decided that, while it will be impossible to bury all the local men at one time, large funerals will be held, taking care of as many as possible.

The searchers found one body in the clothes of which was a watch that was running. The time of the discovery shows that, unless the time-piece was started again by the movement of the body by searchers, the watch had run 52 hours. The theory that the man had lived and wound the watch was scouted by medical men, who say that the condition of the air in the mine would not permit the man living any such length of time.

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Castle Gate, Utah, March 12.—Youths, born and raised in Castle Gate, sons of coal miners all, together with their fathers, perished in the explosion that snuffed out 173 lives in mine No. 2 of the Utah Fuel Company Saturday. Records of the company kept in the company offices a mile and a half away from the scene of the catastrophe reveal the fact that in seven instances fathers and sons perished. In two instances the deadly explosions, followed by the accumulation of death-dealing gases, claimed as their victims a father and two sons.

The youths in many instances were scarcely out of their teens, but they had taken their places at the side of their fathers and with them went to their death.

William Morrison and his two sons, Dan and James, are recorded as missing, while in the second instance the bodies of George and Norman Harrison have been reclaimed from the death chambers, while that of their father is still carried on the company roster as missing. The body of George Harrison was the first removed from the mine, while that of his brother was the eighth.

Other fathers and sons were Thom-

as Pelly, Sr., and Thomas, Jr.; David Evans and his son Frank; Basil Gittins and his son Brinley; Robert Dodd and his young son, Harry, and Horace Simpson and his son Clarence.

Simpson went through the Winter Quarters disaster in 1900, which cost 200 lives. He had served in that property as a fire boss and also as a mine boss. Because of his advanced age he was employed in the ill-fated mine No. 2 as a track man. Rescuers entering the mine found his small tin pail, in which he carried rail spikes and tools, along the side of the track in the main entry, but were unable to find any trace of his body. It is believed that it is buried beneath a pile of fallen coal.