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occured, the group meeting death by
suffering broken bones and severe
burns. The remaining three, on the
west slope, were cut off from their
air supply, and their death was attributed to "black damp." Men said
to be on the west slope were Murray,
Herndon, Gilbert and Mayo Johnson.
The Johnson men were brothers.
Those on the east slope were Whatley,

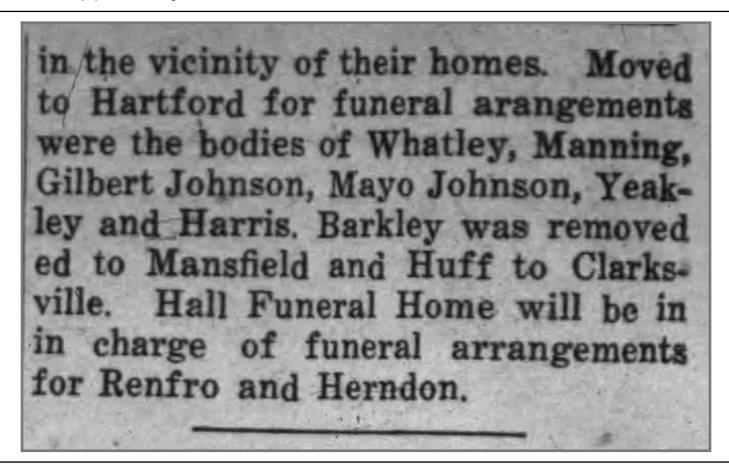
All ten of the men were brought to Heavener by Hall Funeral Home soon after the removal of their bodies. Later, however, several of the group were moved to funeral establishments

Renfro, Barkley, Yeakley,

Huff, and Manning.

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