

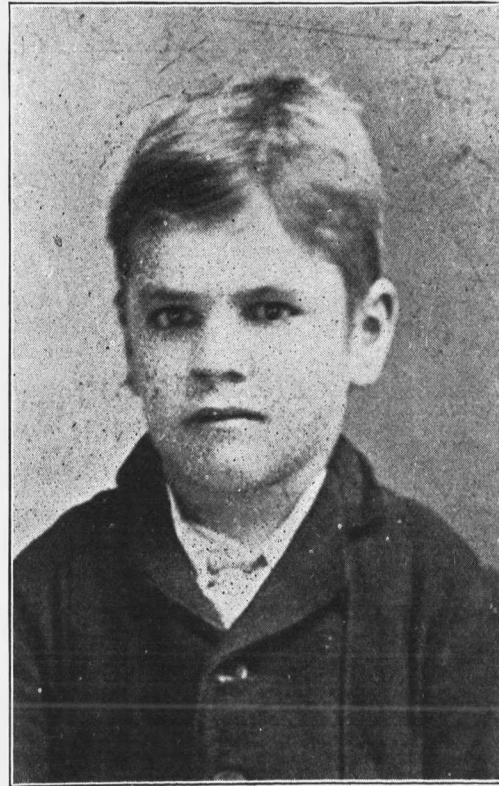
ond part of the section, leads me to the conclusion that the legislature did not consider a mine a dangerous place within the meaning of that act, and did not intend to entirely exclude children under sixteen years of age from working in a mine.

Trusting that this fully answers your inquiry, I am,

Yours truly,

"F. S. JACKSON, Attorney General."

As a result of his decision boys of fourteen are working in the mines and again the miners' union is helpless. William Lasier was fourteen years old. He is another of this year's victims. His brother, sixteen years old, worked in the mine at Mulberry. One day his ear was torn off while he was at work. It was at the time of the Christmas vacation and when this accident happened to the older boy the younger one went into the mine to work. When school began he still continued at the mine. His teacher says he was one of the brightest boys in the Mulberry schools. Near noon one day the mining engineer told him to come out of the mine. He brought the boy to a mine near Pittsburg, a drift mine in a strip pit. Electrical wires used in the mine were insulated but were wet. The boy in his work came in contact with one of these wires and was instantly killed. When the mining engineer took the boy from the Mulberry mine to the mine at Pittsburg it was near noon. His mother asked that they wait before taking him until the boy had his dinner but they refused to wait and the boy went to the second mine and to his death without the dinner his mother wanted to prepare for him. Yet mining is not a dangerous occupation says the attorney-general of the state and boys of fourteen may work in the mines.



WILLIAM LASIER
fourteen year old boy killed in mine

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