

## JOPLIN'S WORST MINE DISASTER.

### Former Jasper Man Among The Dead in Friday's Accident.

Falling forty feet from the roof at the Keystone mine at Joplin, last Friday night a huge slab of rock and dirt thirty feet in width and several feet in thickness and weighing approximately 100 tons, descended upon the heads of seven men who were at work below, killing five of them outright, crushing one other so that he died next day and severely injuring another. Of the entire night shift of eight laborers only one, Ray Irwin, was fortunate enough to be "standing from under" when the slab fell and he alone of the eight escaped unhurt. Mine Superintendent Wm. Owen was in the mine and he also escaped without injury.

Harry Ritter, Joseph Morrison, Gilbert Ritter, Robert Warren and Asa Griffin were killed outright.

Robert Ritter, whose back was broken, died at St. John's hospital after nearly 24 hours of suffering.

Frank Owsley suffered a broken leg, but will recover.

The men had gone to work at 9:30 o'clock and at the time of the accident were engaged in building a "crib" to strengthen the very portion of the roof that fell. All of the six men whose lives were lost were caught inside the

crib. Owsley was several feet away and was only partly covered by the cave-in. Irwin was shoveling dirt several yards away; Owen had just left the crib and was approaching it when the accident came.

The three Ritters were brothers.

Asa Griffin was formerly a resident of Jasper, having moved to Joplin about ten years ago. It is said that Griffin had a premonition of his approaching fate and had decided to quit work on the day before the accident. He was persuaded to continue and finally consented to work the week out. He is a cousin of Harve Griffin of this city.

### More About That Railroad.

Mr. W. Hawkins, Chief Engineer of the Pawhaska & Golden City railroad, arrived in our city this morning, and reports that more officials of the road are en route for Golden City. This begins to look like business. In fact everything looks favorable for the early commencement of work on the road, and when the dirt begins to fly, a new era of prosperity will dawn, not only upon Golden City, but all along the line, Nature has done her part toward making the route a feasible one, so now to work, every mother's son of you, and push along this great work to a speedy completion.—Golden City Herald.

### Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate of C. A. Little please settle at First National Bank.

S. A. DOUGLAS.