

## **THE ORREL MINE DISASTER.**

**WHEELING, West Va., Jan. 28.**—Coroner Jones, of Preston County, to-day began taking testimony in the investigation into the death of the 39 miners who lost their lives in the explosion in the Orrel coal mine at Newburg a week ago. Superintendent Saxton admitted that the State Mine Inspector had ordered him to put weights on the air doors to prevent them being accidentally left open, which was not done. Mining Boss John Bratt testified that Saxton several times was rendered unfit for duty by intoxication. The inquest will not be concluded before Saturday.

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