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Mine entrance with loaded coal cars coming out

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If you've ever thought "Wouldn't it be nice to step back in time?". But then when you consider the advancements from times gone by, you may be glad to be in the present. Such is the case with the following article from April of 1910, entitled "Mine Accident at Murray".

"Shortly after 9 o'clock Saturday morning while at his work in the Murry mine, Frank Cox was seriously injured by a fall of coal. His rib bones were all cracked from the breast bone and the lungs were pierced by the sharp points of the broken bones. Besides, his back was injured and he was bruised otherwise.

"He had finished boring one hole in which he was going to fire and was digging out under a large lump of coal where he intended putting another charge, when the slate loosened and the coal fell. A chunk of coal weighing about 300 pounds fell on Mr. Cox, pinning him down.

"A hurry call was sent for a physician and the other miners set to work in releasing Mr. Cox. Shortly after noon he was removed to his home where the physicians took him in charge and began their task of dressing his wounds.

"At first it was thought that his chances for recovery were small but he is now resting easily and gaining slowly."

From the obituaries we have on file, there is a Frank Cox who died at his home in Cherry Twp. in March of 1915 of stomach cancer. He was survived by his mother, his widow, one son, one daughter and three brothers. Burial was at Bahr Hill Cemetery.

Much has changed in the safety procedures in all walks of industry but reading about one near catastrophe does tend to give us pause.

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Connell mine entrance, Bernice #6 drift on July 4th, 1921 with Mrs. Ed