

Lancaster Intelligencer.

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DEADLY EXPLOSION.

GREAT DISASTER IN A STEEL MILL. Five People Almost Instantly Killed and Ten Heavily Injured.

In Pittsburgh on the 19th and 20th of last week, a shock was felt throughout the city which shook many buildings to their foundations, smashed windows and terribly frightened the residents of the south side, who rushed from their homes in terror.

The news of the disaster spread rapidly and soon thousands of people were on their way to the scene. Upon their arrival a terrible scene was disclosed. A boiler department, a brick structure, was a complete wreck, and also a number of passenger and freight cars, and the master mechanic's shop of the Lake Erie railroad, while a row of dwellings on the opposite side of the carriage, had been blown down.

The time that elapsed before the ruins could be searched was terribly distressing to those who had relatives or friends employed in or about the mills. Men and women, pale faced and crying, rushed through the streets, seeking their husbands or friends. Children of all ages pleaded for information concerning their parents, and the whole presented a scene of dismal and awe inspiring confusion which was sad and sickening.

When the accident occurred four children named Douglas were on a high board fence surrounding the engine house. The oldest was eight years of age. A heavy piece of iron struck the wooden gate of the mill, knocking it off the fastening. It fell directly on the heads of the children. A portion of the brick wall fell on it, holding the children down. The gate took fire. Steam and scalding water also poured in under the gate, and the little ones were being roasted alive when they were discovered.

Although the fire that followed the explosion was quickly extinguished, there was considerable loss of property. Many were trying to assist those who were injured, other hundreds were compelled to make great exertions to stay the flames. The buildings in which the explosion occurred took fire immediately. A heavy piece of red brick fell from the mill yards and set fire to the supply warehouse of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad.

The building in which the explosion occurred, a substantial two story brick structure, was used as the engine department of the mill. It was a main part of the complex was thrown into the river, a distance of 200 feet, and another large piece struck the round house of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, several hundred yards distant. A large iron tank weighing a ton was thrown 100 feet from the mill. Another large tank was blown high in the air and came crashing down through the slate roof, through a ton of hay and lodged on the floor, wrecking the building completely.

The boiler which caused this destruction of life and property was an upright cylinder of unusual proportions and capacity. It was manufactured six years ago, and was six feet in diameter. It was engaged in the mill by a superintendent and five inches between the bricks and iron. The proprietors of the mill say they considered the boiler entirely safe, and cannot assign any cause for the explosion. Practical engineers who have examined the pieces of iron are of the opinion that the explosion was caused by a super-heated boiler.

The names of the killed are John Wallen, Charles Douglas, John McGarrigan, Louis Hoase, Wm. Stewart and C. Miller. Seven others were very seriously hurt. A terrible hurricane occurred at Nassau on the 19th. Many houses were blown down. Fifty vessels were wrecked and sixty lives lost. A terrible hurricane occurred at Nassau on the 19th. Many houses were blown down. Fifty vessels were wrecked and sixty lives lost.

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THE STATE FAIR.

LIST OF PREMIUMS AWARDED. Treats of Speed-Trotting and Racing-Fifty thousand People in Attendance.

Never before were there so many people in Mettrams' park at one time as on the 19th of September. From early morning until 3 p. m., there was a constant stream of people pouring into the grounds and at the time the races commenced it is estimated that 15,000 were present.

Below will be found a list of premiums awarded by the committees in charge of the several departments of the Independent state fair.

Best herd, 1st, M. L. Greider, Mount Joy. Cow, 1 year old and over, Dandak & Bro., Lancaster. Bull, 3 years old and over, 1st, Lemuel Zook, West Earl. 2d, B. J. McGarran, Lancaster.

Stallion 4 years old and over, 1st, C. H. Robinson, Lockville. 2d, A. C. Mylin, Rockville. 3d, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 4th, D. Carter, Woodstock. 5th, V. A. Stallion 2 years old and over, D. D. Carter, Woodstock.

Carriage and harness, 1st, D. Carter, Woodstock. 2d, W. A. Moore, Woodstock. 3d, W. A. Moore, Woodstock. 4th, W. A. Moore, Woodstock. 5th, W. A. Moore, Woodstock.

Black Bantams, 1st and 2d, Chas. Lippold, Lancaster. Seabright Bantams, 1st and 2d, Chas. Lippold, Lancaster. Light Brahma, 1st, Dr. J. H. Mayor, Willow Street. 2d, J. O. Seidminger, Ephrata. Black Cochins, 1st, Dr. E. H. Witmer, Neffsville. 2d, W. A. Schoenberger, Bull Coombs, 1st. 3d, Grosh, Lancaster Valley. 4th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 5th, B. J. Lehigh, Lancaster. 6th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 7th, J. O. Seidminger, Ephrata. 8th, W. A. Schoenberger, Bull Coombs, 1st. 9th, Chas. Lippold, Lancaster. 10th, W. L. Hughes, 1st. 11th, Samuel Goutner, Egg Harbor. 12th, Brown, Lehigh, 1st. 13th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 14th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 15th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 16th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 17th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 18th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 19th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster. 20th, J. H. Schaefer, Lancaster.

There was no court yesterday afternoon and to-day the cases in common pleas court will be called for trial. The court ordered a view by the jury of the place where the accident occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad in which Philip Schum and wife lost their lives some years ago, as their case for damages is coming up.

In the case of Smith v. Pennsylvania for the use of Harris Brothers & Co., vs. B. A. Malone, a rule was granted and made returnable October 1, to show cause why judgment of non suit should not be entered in favor of the defendant.

On Tuesday last, Adam Bueh was running for groundhogs near Binkley a dam on the Conestoga. While watching a hole he was startled by a loud flapping of wings and started squeaking. Looking up he saw a large bald eagle in his talons. He was a good sized snaking pig. He fired at the eagle and broke its wing, and both it and the pig fell into the Conestoga. Mr. Bueh waded into the water, killed the eagle and rescued the pig, which belonged and was turned over to Henry Zook, Lancaster, who hurt either by the bird or the pig, was not much hurt. The eagle, which measured five feet, eleven and three quarter inches from tip to tip, is preserved by Mr. Bueh as a trophy.

The state convention of the Young Men's Christian association came together in York this morning, and upwards of two hundred secretaries and lay delegates are in attendance. Secretary Taggart says the outlook of the work in this state is of the most promising nature. There are constant calls for organization, and young men to enter the ranks and lead them. The associations of Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Lancaster, York, Gettysburg, Easton, Germantown, Carlisle, Pittston, Hazleton and Bellefonte are the leading ones whose secretaries and delegates take part in this convention.

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