

A FATAL EXPLOSION.

THE HOUSE AND STORE OF GEORGE FARMER WRECKED AND BURNED.

Mr. Farmer Trapped Upon a Match Which Ignites a Keg of Powder—His Children Injured—Deaths of His Wife and Daughter.

On Saturday afternoon, about ten or twelve well built log cabins and frame houses and a substantial school house, in situated four miles northwest of the White Horse, and in the home of a number of hardy, honest mountaineers, who, by their thrift, perseverance and honest industry, have succeeded in accumulating a comfortable fortune. Among these is George Farmer, who in conjunction with a young son conducts a small general store. A shooting match was held in the immediate neighborhood of Farmer's store on Saturday afternoon, and during the early part of the day he was kept busy supplying customers with powder. In dealing out the explosive article a small quantity of it was spilled on the floor behind the counter, around the place occupied by the powder keg. The keg contained about twenty pounds when the explosion occurred. THE EXPLOSION AROUND THE VILLAGE. Shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon the villagers were startled by a terrific explosion which shook their houses and shattered the panes of glass in the windows. The report came from the direction of the store, and in a few moments a dense, black, suffocating cloud enveloped in clouds of smoke. The keg of powder had exploded. The walls of the house were forced outward, letting the floor of the second story fall, and the roof, splintered into kindling wood, was scattered over a radius of twenty rods. Broken bottles, crockery and torn bedding were found quite a distance from the scene of the disaster. A horrible spectacle greeted those who were among the first to arrive. Farmer had miraculously made his exit from the ruins and was rushing toward the scene, completely saturated with blood and enveloped in flames that were consuming his clothing; while his wife was frantically imploring the crowd to rescue her children, who were imprisoned among the smoking debris.

THE INMATE'S RECORD.

Several men removed the clothing from the unfortunate man and took him to the place of shelter, and then devoted their efforts to rescuing the three children who were known to be in the smoking ruins. After considerable exertion on the part of the people, the children were rescued and taken out badly injured. They were found in the kitchen and on the second story. One was lying in flames, and one long the whole of the ruined building was a roaring, crackling mass of flame and smoke. Only a charred spot now remains to mark what was but a few hours ago a thriving store and the home of a happy family.

BERTHA, A LITTLE GIRL OF SEVEN YEARS, WAS KILLED BY A FALL FROM THE SECOND STORY. HER SKULL WAS BADLY CRUSHED, AND THE BRAINS WERE CRUSHED FROM THE CRANIAL CAVE.

Mabel, aged eight years, was found lying on her back, near her sister, with a heavy log resting upon her head and neck, and the neck broken. Her body was taken from an adjoining room. The latter was sleeping in a cradle in a room on the second floor at the time of the explosion, and it is a question how she escaped being killed, for the cradle was shattered to splinters, and she had fallen from the second floor to the first.

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HE DROWNED HER WHILE RICH.

NEW LIFE IS FOUND IN BOOTHING HIS DAUGHTER'S

Alexander R. Laird, once a prominent and wealthy lumber merchant of Kalamazoo, Mich., reached Huntington, Pa., on Saturday forenoon from a trip around the State. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Alice Laird, who is a student at the Pennsylvania State Normal school. Five years ago Laird was considered a millionaire property owner, but a disastrous conflagration swept away his property, and by succeeding misfortunes he was left penniless. The past three years he has been wandering aimlessly through the Western States, living on the charity of strangers, until infirmities of body have forced him to seek for support at the hands of his daughter, who was established from home and recognized her.

In 1884 his only child and daughter, Alice, married a young man named John W. Williams, who was a student at the Pennsylvania State Normal school. The marriage was a happy one, and in a moment of passion, drove his daughter from his side and returned to his home. The daughter, who was a student at the Pennsylvania State Normal school, was left penniless. The past three years he has been wandering aimlessly through the Western States, living on the charity of strangers, until infirmities of body have forced him to seek for support at the hands of his daughter, who was established from home and recognized her.

THE WILLIAMSON SCHOOL.

L. V. Williamson, of Philadelphia, the aged philanthropist, who has decided to devote \$50,000 of his fortune for the establishment of a school for the education of boys, has completed his arrangements, and on Saturday took the first step in the execution of his plan. The plan is to select a board of seven trustees, all of whom are well known business men. A meeting between Mr. Williamson and the trustees was held on Saturday afternoon. The plans were discussed in detail, but they were not given to the public. The trustees will have charge of the plans, as Mr. Williamson's plan is to have a school for the education of boys, who are well known business men. A meeting between Mr. Williamson and the trustees was held on Saturday afternoon. The plans were discussed in detail, but they were not given to the public. The trustees will have charge of the plans, as Mr. Williamson's plan is to have a school for the education of boys, who are well known business men.

THE YOUNG'S BROTHERS ON BOARD.

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END OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

A NUMBER OF OBJECTION AND SURETY OF FINANCIAL CASES DISPOSED OF.

The Court Decides That a Case Has Been Made Out Against the Currency Appointees Pledged by the K-Yeans Standard Watch Co.—Sentence Suspended.

Saturday Afternoon.—Christian Warfe and Elmer Herschok, who had brought cross motions against each other, concluded to settle their surety of the peace case by each paying their own costs. Forfeiting concealed deadly weapons, of which he was convicted early in the week, Warfe was sentenced to pay a fine of \$20 and costs. Counsel for Mrs. Henry F. Swental made return of the proceedings before Alderman Barr and Deen and their finding that Henry F. Swental pay \$25 per month for the maintenance of his wife and child. Counsel for the Swental estate asked that the order of the court fixing the amount to be paid be not made until it is more definitely known what the share of Henry F. Swental is in his father's estate. The court took the papers and will make an order next week.

A PASTOR ON POLITICS.

Rev. J. R. E. Gray's Miscellaneous Exhibition of Principles or Ignorance.

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SOLD OUT BY THE WIFE.

A Married Man in Pennsylvania Can No Longer Borrow Money from His Wife with Impunity.

The question of the judgment in this case has been before the court, and is reported in 118 Penna. 81. The sole question was whether an execution may issue at the instance of the wife without the consent of the husband. The law is reasonable and progressive. There is no stronger evidence of this than the statutes of this commonwealth which give the wife the right to sue for the maintenance of herself and her children. If the curious wish to verify this, it may be found in the reasoning of Agnew, C. J. in Williams v. Appeal, 47 Pa. 326; Trunkley, J., in Ross vs. Leitaw, 90 Id. 230; and Williams, J., in the case between these parties, cited above. Where we see many reasons, there is the logic of the law that might be found in the facts of this case. The bond on the holder of the judgment was given in consideration of the plaintiff's promise to marry the defendant and live with him as his lawful wife; that she did marry and live with him as his lawful wife, and she gave up her husband's property, and she gave up her husband's property, and she gave up her husband's property, and she gave up her husband's property.

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FIFTEEN MEN DROWNED.

STORM DRIVES A FISHING SHOONER UPON THE SHORE.

The Crew Lost Their Lives—High Winds Along the English Coast Strands a British Ship—The Damage Created Along the Atlantic Coast on Saturday.

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On Saturday Superintendent J. M. Neff, of the Cornwall railroad, came to Lancaster with a special train and met a large number of his friends, most of whom are officials of the Pennsylvania railroad. The whole party left this city at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on a tour of inspection over Mr. Neff's road. The party consisted of T. B. Hinkley, Jersey City; J. H. Murphy, Philadelphia; S. C. Long, Lancaster; W. H. McCaleb, Middletown; C. W. Mayer, Millville; F. Rosenberg, Huntington; J. L. Christian, Lock Haven, all supervisors of the Pennsylvania railroad; and the following: R. C. Mercer, Philadelphia; J. G. Humes, assistant supervisor of the Cornwall railroad; S. W. Huston, master mechanic of the Cornwall railroad, W. S. Corcoran, Pittsburg; W. G. Christian, supervisor of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, at Lebanon; J. G. Humes, chief clerk of the Cornwall railroad; J. L. McClellan, clerk of the Cornwall railroad; J. C. Coleman, Boy's assistant superintendent of the Cornwall Ore Railroad company; E. C. Wiley and Robert B. Riak, of Lancaster.

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