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Family Murdered.

St. Louis, March 22 .- A family of five persons, who lived near Centreville, St. Clair county, Ill., were murdered last week. The names of the victims are Fritz Stelzenriede, aged 80 years, his son and daughterin-law, and two small children, one an infant. The dead bodies were discovered about 6 o'clock on Friday evening. The throats of the two men were cut, and the skulls of the woman and children were crushed in.

Yesterday Sheriff Hughes of St. Clair county went to the scene of the tragedy, but obtained no clue to the assassins. The house is some distance from any other dwelling. It is believed that the murders were committed on Thursday night, as the bodies of Mrs. Stelzenriedo and her children were in bed when found, and that of her husband on the floor beside a lounge on which he slept. The heads of the men were nearly severed from their bodies, while those of the mother and children were crushed with some blunt instrument. The Courty Court has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the murderers.

At the inquest yesterday afternoon held by Coroners Ryan of East St. Louis, several witnesses were examined, and facts elicited which led to the belief that Fredcrick Boeltz, husband of a sister of Mrs. Stelzenriede, committed the horrible deed. He was present but refused to testify until forced, and then his answers and general conduct were such as to excite the strongest suspicion of his guilt. He acknowledged that he had been on bad terms with the murdered family some months, that he entertained feeling of enmity toward them, and was in the old man's debt several hundred dollars. The fact that the house was not ransacked nor pillaged, and that the old man's money was untouched, established beyond a doubt that the murder was not committed for plunder, and tended more strongly to fasten the suspicion upon Boeltz.

Steamboat Explosion.

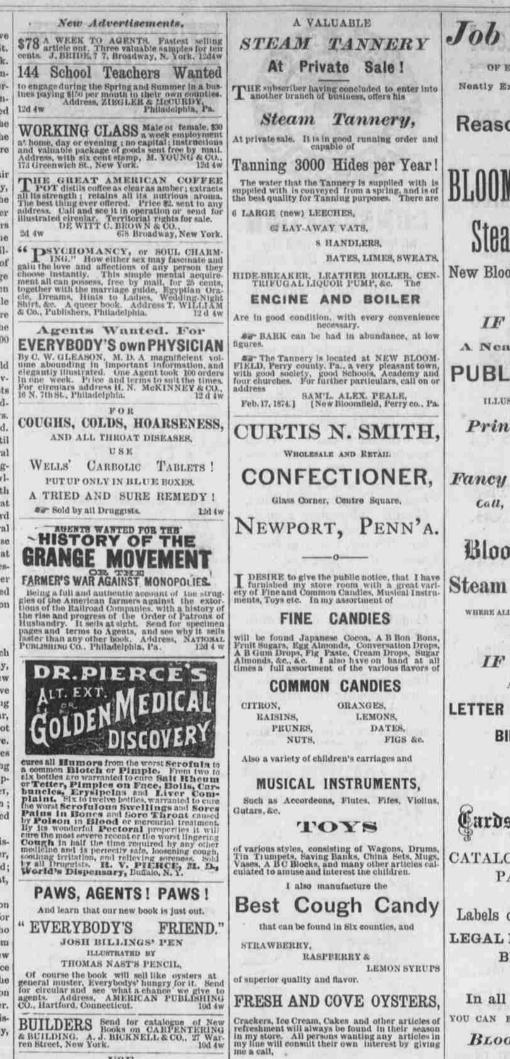
Memphis, March 24 .- A special dispatch to the Appeal from Helena, Ark., to-day, says the towboat Crescent City from New Orleans for St. Louis, having in tow five freight barges, one fuel barge and trading boat, laden with thirteen tons of sugar, blew up at 8.30 A. M. to-day, at the foot of Montezuma island, ten miles below here. The boat was blown to atoms. The barges were all consumed by fire. The following is a list of the lost. James Dawson, captain ; Henry Gessler, mate ; John Ostrader, pilot and wife ; Dan Mettle, watchman ; cabin boy, name unknown, three colored tiremen.

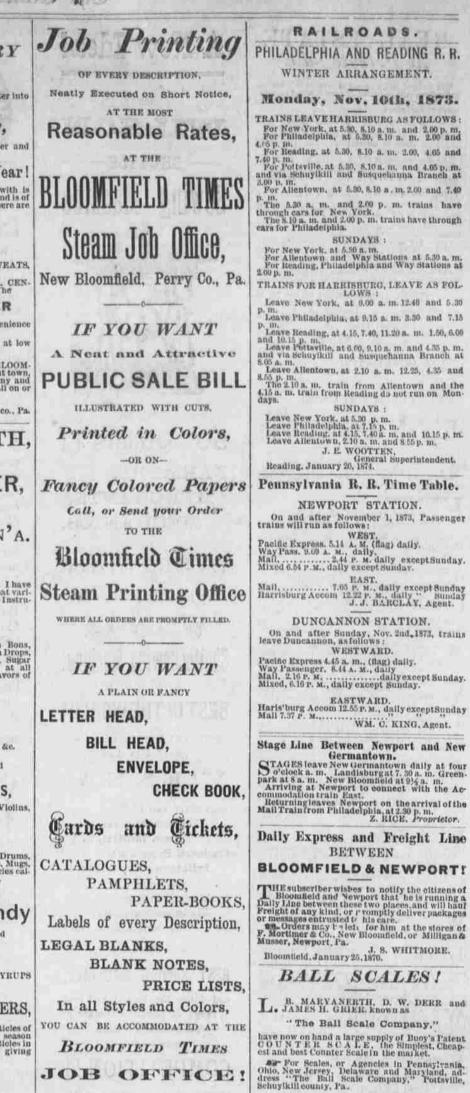
Wounded-George Van Houton, leg dislocated ; Patrick Bacon, second engineer, bruised ; Wm. Dunn, second cook, scalded; Peter Hall, proprietor of the trading boat, badly bruised.

Hall's family were all saved, and are on board the steamer, Phil. Allen, bound for Memphis, as are also the wounded, who are under treatment of physicians from Friar's Point. The remainder of the crew are with them, rendering all the assistance they can. The Phil. Allen arrived at the scene a few moments after the explosion and rendered every assistance in his power. The Cresent City was owned by the Mississippi Valley Transportation Company, and valued at \$70,000.

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A Part of London Inundated. London, March 21.-The extraordinary CAMPHORINE ! gise in the tide of the Thames vesterday caused great damage along the river. Lambeth and Rotherhithe were inundated. Sewers burst, and the floors of many houses were forced up by the water. Several children and a number of horses were drowned at these places. At Wapping the lower story of the houses were filled with water, and business on the wharves was suspended. Numerous families were compelled to abandon their houses. At the Woolwich Arsenal the fires in the gun factories were extinguished, and the contents of the store sheds were flooded. Another high rise of the tide is feared to-day, and temporary embankments have been erected to prevent a repetion of the inundation.





A Sorry Joke.

A young man named Mullen, who lived near Winameg, Ohio, had been in the habit of going to the store in the evening for his mail, and had on more than one occasion been annoyed by a certain dog howling near his house. On leaving the house the other night he made the remark in the presence of a young man by the name of Bird R. Flemming, who was living there, that he was going to the store and if that dog made that noise again he was going to shoot him. Flemming got in advance of Mullen some way, and for the purpose of scaring him imitated a dog, when Mullen drew his revolver and fired, killing the boy almost instantly.

17 The Nashua (N. H.) Telegraph says the familiar sentence " One touch of naturn" was beautifully illustrated by three little girls who not long since lost their mother by death. Hearing that a lady friend of the family was dying, these three tittle children went to their grandmother, called her aside and whispered in her ear: "Mrs, ---- is dying and we want you to go to her and tell her to give our best love to. our mother. That



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