

A Nitro-Glycerine Horror!

Dr. R. A. Wright and Harry J. Wolfe the Victims.

PARTICULARS OF THE SAD AFFAIR.

Special to the Titusville Herald.

SCURGRASS, Nov. 23, '72. Another of those horrible nitro-glycerine explosions which, so frequently, afford a theme for comment and reflection throughout the Oil Regions, occurred here at 9:30 this morning, and resulted in the instant death and total physical annihilation of Dr. R. A. Wright and Harry J. Wolfe. Like the long list of similar accidents which has preceded it, the cause is shrouded in a mystery which science cannot fathom, and which, in all human probability, was not even known to the victims of the effect. The preceding and following facts and events so far as I have been able to obtain them are these: Dr. Wright, who for about two years has acted as local agent here of the Roberts Torpedo Company, had occasion this morning to visit the magazine in which he was in the habit of storing the nitro-glycerine which furnishes the explosive power of the torpedoes. This magazine, for such is the name these houses of death are dignified with, was a small and unpretentious wooden building, situated at some distance from any dwelling, and upon the flat low land contiguous to the Allegheny river. It was erected for the use to which it was appropriated, and is supposed to have contained about three hundred pounds of the explosive compound. As before stated, Dr. Wright had occasion to go down there this morning, it is supposed, for the purpose of preparing a torpedo, and before going invited Mr. Harry J. Wolfe, a young man, and the railroad company's night operator here, to go with him. Wolfe willingly accepted the invitation; party, it is believed, out of curiosity to see the magazine, and not unlikely anticipating some pleasure from the ride. They drove rapidly out of the village, followed by the Doctor's two dogs, and soon got down on the low land, and in the vicinity of the shanty. Here the accurate record of their movements ends, and deductions and inferences from what was seen afterwards must supply the rest of the narrative. The horse was hitched to a tree close at hand, and both men unduly excited left the sleigh. It is conjectured that both entered the magazine, certainly the Doctor did, and Wolfe, if not inside, must have stood close by. They could not have been there but a very few moments when the explosion took place. The report was deafening, and was distinctly heard at Foxburgh, fifteen miles distant. The force of the shock may be appreciated when the effects are told. Where the building stood a large hole was scooped out in the earth, and dirt and stones were snatched out and hurled eighty rods.

Of the building there was left only pieces and those of the smallest possible description. Of the two men there remained nothing, at least nothing discernible, if I except a few shreds of clothing to which were clinging in infinitesimal particles of flesh and bones. The direction of the force seems to have been toward the river, and what- ever remained of the men was mercifully hid from human eyes, beneath the ice. One dog went with the men; the other had a piece of board driven through him and was found lying dead on the bank. The horse, strange to say, escaped with but the loss of one eye.

Immediately following the catastrophe, there was a rush to the scene of it, but nothing could be done save reflect on the sad event which has so mysteriously and effectually removed from our midst two men with whom we have been thrown in daily contact. A feeling of gloom and sorrow has come over the community, and many an eye fills with tears in thinking of this sad reminder of the truth so forcibly brought home, "that in the midst of life we are in death."

Dr. Wright was favorably and widely known throughout the Oil Regions. He was formerly an extensive operator, but meeting with misfortune, engaged in the business which led to his death. He was about forty years old and leaves a wife but no children.

Young Wolfe was nineteen years of age and had resided in the village about a year. He made many friends while here and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

ROBBERY.—About noon to-day, two young fellows, hailing from Franklin, made a raid on the clothing dealers in general along Washington street. They "cribbed" a hat from Morris Herron, a pair of shoes from Samuels Bros, a pair of pants from Sobel, and other articles. Being detected in the act they started to run. One ran down the alley in rear of the McClintock House, and was captured by Frank Cloud, after throwing the stolen property into a coal house. The other one was caught near the barrel house of the American Oil Works, in Wild Cat Hollow, by officer McHugh. They were placed in the lockup and will be put on trial this afternoon. They will probably secure a winter's lodging in Franklin jail.—Record.

A Border Human Murders a Judge and his Hinnest Killed.

A dispatch from Newton, Kansas, on Friday, says: A very serious shooting affair occurred here to-day. A desperado, named M. J. Fitzpatrick, who has been on a continued drunk for some time past, got wild with whisky, and while in that state picked a fuss with Justice Holliday, which resulted in Fitzpatrick shooting and killing Judge Holliday. The citizens got together and formed a safety committee. After the shooting of Mr. Holliday, Fitzpatrick walked in the middle of the streets towards his saloon, and on arriving there he looked back and saw the city marshal, Jack Johnson coming towards him with a heavy rifle. He immediately turned round, and flourishing his revolver, walked toward Johnson. Johnson demanded him to surrender and throw up his hands. Fitzpatrick replied by leveling his revolver at Johnson's heart. Johnson then shot him through the heart, killing him instantly in his tracks. Fitzpatrick, before the serious fight occurred, had beaten four other persons in the face and over the head with his revolver, and shot a man through the hat. Judge Holliday was respectable citizen, and well liked in Newton. He was shot in the gold room. Several bad characters have had notice to leave town.

FIRE AT BUTLER.—At 4 o'clock Sunday morning flames were discovered issuing from the livery stable of Patrick M'Mamee, in Butler. The alarm was given and soon the engines and a large force of men and buckets were on the ground, and every effort was made to save the burning building but without success. A large quantity of hay and straw was stored in the loft, rendering it impossible to extinguish the flames when well under way. Eight valuable horses were in the stable at the time, all of which were burned to death. A number of carriages and buggies, together with harness, saddles &c., were consumed. Loss, \$10,000.—Independent.

A DEER KILLED BY A LOCOMOTIVE.—Deer are becoming so plentiful in the up-river district that sportsmen find no difficulty in laying in a winter's stock of venison in a few days' shooting, so that deer meat is just now a drug in the market. On yesterday afternoon the engineer of 28 on the Oil Creek road went in for a deer hunt on the rail and a short distance above Tionesta managed to kill a handsome buck by driving the engine over his hind quarters, and from that to Irvington the passengers were regaled by the perfume floating on the breeze, of deer meat roasting in the caboose.—Oil City Telegraph.

Thanksgiving Proclamation. In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, John W. Geary, Governor. Believing in the Lord our covenant God, in whom our fathers trusted, and in His controlling Providence over the affairs of men and nations, a public acknowledgement of His goodness, and our constant dependence on Him, is eminently becoming an enlightened and civilized people: Now, therefore, impressed with these sentiments, in pursuance of a revered custom, and in conformity with the Proclamation of Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States recommending Thursday, the Twenty-Eighth day of November next be set apart as a day of Praise, Prayer and Thanksgiving, I John W. Geary, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do most respectfully request the citizens of this State to observe that day as such, with all due respect and solemnity.

Let thanks be given to Almighty God, that He has bestowed upon us the common blessings of life, given us health, and relieved us from pestilence; that labor is abundantly rewarded; that we have no dread of impending famine, or fear of industrial or commercial distress; that the arts, sciences, general education, and sentiments of peace and good will are steadily advancing. Let us be especially thankful for the great privileges of American citizenship; for the untrammelled expression of opinion, that our political rights still remain safe under beneficent laws, and in the hands of an order loving people, and that "equal and exact justice" is vouchsafed to all. For these, and for other civil, social and religious blessings we enjoy, let us yield the sincere tribute of grateful hearts, and humbly beseech their continuance.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Harrisburg, this twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and of the Commonwealth the ninety-seventh. [L. S.] JOHN W. GEARY, By the Governor, F. JORDAN, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

THE NEW BRIDGE AT PARKER.—The persons who have been instrumental in having the bridge erected at Parker are entitled to the highest praise; for it must prove one of the greatest blessings which could be bestowed on this section and the traveling public. The bridge, by the way, is going to be one of the finest structures which spans the Allegheny this side of Pittsburgh. If no other serious accidents occur, the day is not far distant when the work will be completed. The contractors may rest assured that they have the prayers of all persons in this section, both righteous and wicked—we presume there are some of each class—that no further

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