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Most Flagrant Case.

Joseph Webster was charged with having negligently and wilfully set fire to the foul air in a pit belonging to R. Barrow, Esq., of the Staveley Works, whereby he had endangered the lives of nearly a hundred workmen.

Mr. Busby appeared in support of the charge.

William Buxton, underground overlooker, stated the case for the Bench, and Thomas Redgate gave evidence of the wanton neglect of the stipulated rules of the collieries belonging to the proprietor of the Works. Witness was with the defendant when the gas was fired, and he felt confident, it was no other person than defendant who had done it.

Mr. Buxton said, The motive for committing this unpardonable act of villainy, was that he might get discharged from the Works, defendant having since gone to work at another colliery.

The magistrates severely reprimanded the defendant, who was about 16 years of age and told him how thankful he ought to be that no calamity had arisen from his malignant conduct.

5-0d. expenses.

Defendant left his work without proper notice, and was informed that a warrant for his apprehension would be issued against him, if he was absent on the following Monday.

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A boiler explosion occurred at a mine in the parish of Illogan, Cornwall, last Friday. A man named John Spargo was killed. It appeared he had charge of the pumping engine, which he had worked for many years. He had, however, allowed the feed to be exhausted, and then suddenly turning on a fresh supply of water when the boiler was hot, an explosion was the consequence. A portion of the boiler weighing about 2 tons, was blown a distance of upwards of 300 feet.

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Etherley Mechanic's Institute.

The ninth annual meeting of the institute was held on Saturday last, in a large tent, erected in the grounds adjoining Etherley House, the residence of Henry Stobart, Esq., coal-owner. The company was, for so small a village, unusually large. About 1200 persons took tea in the tent, of whom 900 were Mr. Stobart's workmen and their wives, who were treated to this festival by that gentleman, who continues his unwearied labours, both by precept and example, for the bettering of the condition of the miners in his employment. Mr. Stobart has patronised the Etherley Mechanic's Institute since its commencement, and every year his presence as chairman of their annual public meeting has gladdened the hearts of the committee and friends of this unpretending but thoroughly useful institution. The present festival has, however, exceeded all former ones connected with this institution, both as to number and the interest taken in the subject of the education of workmen (and more especially pitmen) by all who attended the public meeting, which was held immediately after tea.

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Advert - Marr's Whittington Colliery, near Chesterfield.

The justly celebrated coals from this colliery are not to be surpassed for either household or manufacturing purposes. They produce an intense heat, and being entirely free from white ash, their use is attended with extreme cleanliness.

Coals.	Price,	at the pit, 6-0d. per ton.
		Delivered in Chesterfield, 8-3d. per ton.
Slack.	Price,	at the pit, 2-0d. per ton.
		Delivered in Chesterfield, 4-3d. per ton.

R.W. Hutchinson, Agent to the Colliery.

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On Thursday, a boiler, of large dimensions, loaded on a timber carriage, passed through the town, on the way to the Messrs. Clayton and Company's coal works, where it is about to be erected with a view to supplying with steam, a powerful engine, which is to drain the mines of underground water.

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The enormous quantities of scoria cast aside daily in the blast furnaces of the iron works of the South Wales coalfield are, it appears, about to be turned to good and useful account by the ingenuity of Dr. Smith, of Philadelphia. This gentleman, with a staff of assistant chemists, has for some time been staying at Merthyr with a view of experimenting upon the blast furnace scoria, with the ultimate object of producing therefrom a variety of articles in daily, such as square tiles, paving flags, bottles, and utensils for ordinary domestic use, and we are glad to state that in thus converting the furnace cinder, Dr. Smith has been very successful. Bottles thus made are much tougher, and the anneal butt is more perfect than in the common glass ones, from which, in appearance the new bottles cannot be distinguished. It is a most important invention, and has been taken up by Lady Charlotte Guest and others interested in the ironworks. Huge heaps, containing thousands upon thousands of tons of furnace cinders, have been deposited.

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Advert - Bradwell Dale Lead Works, near Castleton.

Mr. Denham has received instructions from James Mitchell, Esq., to sell by auction, the materials connected with the above works, on Thursday, the 21st. September, 1854, comprising in part, upwards of 20 tons of wrought and cast iron, scrap iron, metal, etc. A portion of this iron is new, in flat and round bars.

A 6 inch force pump, with pipes and bob complete; an excellent blowing fan, 3 feet diameter; air pipes; upwards of 200 yards of metal piping, with wind bore and brass valves from one and a half to six inch bore; 40 yards of wrought iron gas piping, weighing machine, high pressure steam engine, by Hand, of Birmingham, with boiler, nearly new.

Catalogues may be had on Saturday the 16th., of the auctioneer, at the Bulls Head Inn, Bradwell; the George Inn, Hathersage; the Nags Head, Castleton; the Half Moon, Stoney Middleton; the Rutland Arms, Bakewell; and at the Independent and Times offices, Sheffield.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.

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Advert - Griffin Foundry, Brampton, near Chesterfield.

To Foundry Owners, Engineers, Smiths, and Others.

Valuable Stock-in-Trade, Steam Engine, Machinery, Tools, Fixtures, Gas Fittings, etc., etc.

Schofield and Son are instructed by the assignees, W. Waller, to sell by auction, on Tuesday, 19th. September, 1854, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises as above, the valuable effects, including: - a valuable lot of metal; six days hall clock, a one hundredweight spring balance, a quantity of old brass, a large quantity of old iron, miscellaneous woodwork, one pair of twenty inch double blast circular bellows, one double beck wrought anvil, two swage anvils, about 20 pairs of smiths tongs, a large lot of setts, fullers, swages, drifts, etc., metal troughs, tue irons and troughs, bolt moulds, hammers, ??? drills, moulding boxes, small wood crane, and large ditto, pulley blocks and ropes, quantity of wrought and cast iron pipes, metal castings, wrought shafting, pullets, flanges, lot of cast steel chisels, four pairs of vice, copying press, six unfinished ditto, about 60 feet of fitters benches, two stoves, one turnip cutter, grindstone, coal bill with drawing gear, cupboard, three boring rods, five rose bits, lot of drills and wrenches, sundry screwing tackle, screw bolts, lot of old files, bevel, mitre, spur wheels castings, fly wheel castings, lot of wire, sundry grates. A four horsepower high pressure vertical steam engine, 6¾ inch cylinder and reversing gear: a six horse boiler, three inch stop valves: two feed valve, three inch safety valve, water gauge and float, lot of firestone brick, two wood cranes: oven, boiler front, buffer, axle, box, cap, tank plate, and pipe moulding boxes: two cupolas, lot of shovels, sieves, riddles, cramps and wedges, one pair of yard gates, sundry timber, long ladder, ladles, two iron drugs, principals from a large roof, a great variety of wood patterns and numerous other effects. Catalogues may be had on application at the "Times" office, Chesterfield, and of the auctioneer, Sheffield.

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Alfreton.

One of the men employed at sinking a coal-pit, on Mr. Strelley's estate at Oakerthorpe had a narrow escape last Saturday. Having put a lighted match to a shot at the bottom of the pit, he called out to the lad at the "gin" to turn him up. The lad drove the horse at a rapid rate, and it is thought forgot the round. The poor man was drawn up to the headstocks and sadly hurt.

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The Over Haddon Mine.

This mine has now become one of the most promising in North Derbyshire: the ore is extremely rich and abundant, and a portion of it has recently been assayed by a portable machine, and found to contain 4½ ounces of gold and 16 ounces of silver per ton. We had an opportunity of examining one of the nuggets a few days ago, and it had a beautiful appearance. The mine is now being worked very extensively, and is affording employment to a number of miners.

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Mining.

The reports of the lead mines in the Peak of Derbyshire are very encouraging, and hold out great inducements for the extension of mining enterprise. At a meeting of the managing committee of the Brightside Lead Mine, held at Stoney Middleton, held on Friday last, a dividend of £1 per share was declared. The Over Haddon Gold and Silver Mine, Derbyshire, is, we are informed, now one of the most promising adventures in North Derbyshire; the ore is extremely rich and abundant. The undertaking is now being worked very extensively, and is affording a large amount of employment to the miners, and profit to the proprietors.

Mining Journal.

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Staveley.

John Rice, miner of Staveley, working in the Hollingwood Pit, near Staveley, was accidentally killed on the morning of the sixteenth, whilst engaged with others in taking down some dangerous roofing of bind. The man was repeatedly warned to get from under the dangerous place, but persisted, thinking it much safer than it really was, and the consequence was, that a large mass of bind fell upon him and killed him on the spot. He leaves a wife and four children behind.

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On Thursday morning a man named John Jones, whilst working in the Victoria Pit, Staveley, was accidentally killed by the falling of a large quantity of bind. He lived at Wheeldon Mill, and has left a wife and four children.

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Inquest Twenty-six Years after Death.

A most extraordinary occurrence has happened within the last few days at Redruth, in Cornwall. As long ago as the year 1828, a miner, named Williams, was working in the Pednandrea Mine, near Redruth, when he fell, together with his brother, into the shaft. His brother, after falling about 12 feet, contrived to stop his further descent, but the deceased fell further down, and a quantity of rubbish toppled down upon him. Though every exertion to recover the body was made for a period of two months, he could not be found, and the shaft was then closed over. In this state it remained till April last, when a company was formed to resume the working of the mine, and, in clearing one of the levels the other day, the body of the deceased was found, lying on its left side. It had on a blue coat, with metal buttons, a coarse woollen shirt, and shoes and stockings. On his being brought to the surface, deceased's brother, who fell with him into the shaft, and who was then present, was so affected that his conduct for a while was like that of a madman. A jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. The burial of the body was witnessed by upwards of four thousand persons.

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For several weeks past the coal trade of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire has been greatly interrupted by the almost entire cessation of canal traffic. The evaporation occasioned by the unusual rarity and dryness of the atmosphere during the past summer, combined, it is to be feared, with delapidations which competition with the railways has induced the canal proprietors not to remedy so promptly as was desirable, has left the water in the canal lower than it has been for many years, and the result is, that we are now almost entirely dependant on the railways for our coal supply, and this is insufficient. Besides, many collieries are not yet connected to the railways.

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Inquest.

An adjourned inquest was held on Friday last, at the Three Horse Shoes, Staveley, on the body of John Jones, miner, aged 30, who met his death on the 21st. inst., whilst working at the Victoria Coal-pit. A quantity of bind, it appears, had fallen on the unhappy man, and frightfully crushed him, causing instantaneous death. No blame was attached to anyone. Verdict accordingly.