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Accident.

A severe accident happened at the Hady pits, belonging to the Brimington Iron Company on Tuesday last, by which two men, named Michael Lane and Andrew Mannion sustained fractures of their thighs. They were at work in one of the pits, when a quantity of earth from the roof above fell upon them, by which they were completely buried for some time, having had to be dug out before they could be liberated. They were at once removed to the Infirmary, where they were placed under the surgical care of Dr. England.

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Inquests before Mr. Busby. (part).

On Wednesday, the 3rd. instant, at Somercotes, on the body of Anthony Daws, of Somercotes Colliery, labourer, who died on the previous Saturday, aged 55 years. On the 18th. September deceased was working in a coalpit at Coates Park, near Alfreton, belonging to Messrs. Oakes, with a naked candle; the candle ignited the firedamp which was in the pit, and deceased was severely burnt; he died from the injuries which he then sustained. Verdict, "Accidental Death".

On Friday evening, the 5th. instant, at the White Swan Inn, Chesterfield, on the body of Michael Lane, ironstone getter, aged 22 years. From the evidence of witnesses examined, it appeared that deceased was employed at an open ironstone pit, at Hady, in the parish of Hasland, belonging to Messrs. Knowles and Company, of the Brimington Ironworks. On Tuesday morning 15 or 16 men commenced their labour at the regular hour of six o'clock, and had been at work about ten minutes or a quarter of an hour, when a fall of bind and clay took place, burying deceased and a fellow workman, and inflicting, among other severe injuries, a compound fracture of the right thigh. The ground on which the new pit is being worked abuts on an old working, part of it slipped, in consequence of the holing of the solid mass having slightly penetrated into the fill of the made ground, unnoticed by the workmen. Deceased and Mannion, the other injured workman, were at once removed to the Infirmary, at Chesterfield, and their fractures were reduced between ten and eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning. Deceased continued to progress favourably till Thursday evening, when he rapidly grew worse, and died about half past one on Friday (Yesterday) morning, arising, it is thought, from internal injuries received. After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death".

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Ironmaster's Quarterly Meeting.

Wolverhampton, Wednesday.

The meeting of ironmasters held in the Exchange Room of this town today, was moderately well attended, and in consequence of the anxiety manifested by some firms within the last fortnight for a further advance of 20-0d. per ton, the proceedings occasioned considerable interest among the trade. The advance upon the prices fixed at the preliminary meeting held at Handsworth a fortnight ago had been pretty generally imposed by most of the principal makers of the district, and today, with a few exceptions, the original resolution of £9 per ton for bars, and other descriptions in proportion, was maintained. One or more houses who on one or more occasion have been regardless of the determination of the trade, as expressed at its meetings, and whose makes at all time command the highest rates, have, however, advanced their bars to £9-10-0d., and there is little fear but that the reputation of their manufacture will maintain the increase. It was stated that demand for malleable is not quite so brisk as it was a fortnight ago, but this may be attributed to the languor which usually precedes the quarterly meeting. Pigs were quoted as from £4-10-0d. to £4-15-0d. per ton, being a reduction of 5-0d. from the last quotations of the best makers. This fall, small as it is, would seem to justify the resolution of the majority of the trade to stand by present prices rather than to venture upon a further advance.

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No Headline.

William Weston, an agent to Messrs. Knowles, and Company, of the Hasland coalworks, summoned John Nicholls, collier, for absenting himself from his work without due notice. Defendant admitted the charge, and consented to return to his work and give 14 days notice.

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The colliers at Penywaun took the law into their own hands for the punishment of wife-beater named Dai Dumpkin, on a recent occasion. Procuring a plank, they placed him across it, and he was carried off by four men, while two others walked one on either side, to hold the culprits legs. He himself, stooping forward, laid fast hold of the plank by his hands, and in this manner he was carried from Penywaun down through Tregibbon and Llwydcoed Ironworks, accompanied by about a hundred people, many of whom had small branches of ash from the trees, with which they flagellated the miserable man, amidst tremendous laughter and shouts of "Hurrah", etc., from all sides. Having been well paraded he was taken down from his wooden horse, and compelled to go down upon his knees, and promise never to beat his wife again.

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Alarming Accident.

On Friday last, a very serious accident occurred to two poor labouring men named George Allsop and William Wildgoose, at the chert quarries belonging to Mr. Winson, at Holme near Bakewell. It appears from their own statement that they were "stemming" a charge for a blast, when by some means the gunpowder was ignited, and the shot went off while they were at the work. They were most frightfully disfigured, their faces being perfectly black. Wildgoose was taken off to the Derby Infirmary; he appeared to have lost one eye, and his left hand will most probably have to be amputated. Allsop's left arm was much lacerated, and it is feared that he will lose the sight of both his eyes. Mr. Farnsworth and Mr. Evans, surgeons, of Bakewell, and Mr. Fentem, surgeon, of Eyam, gave prompt attention to the poor men, and everything was done for them that could be done in the circumstances. Wildgoose lies in a precarious state; Allsop is gradually recovering, under the care of Mr. Evans.

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Inquests before Mr. Busby, Coroner. (part).

On the 22nd. inst, at the Railway Station, Staveley, an adjourned inquest was held on the body of Bartholomew Newton, labourer, aged 46, who was killed on the 15th. inst, in the Hollingwood Pit, Staveley, by a train of waggons which was coming up an incline plane on an underground railway. The space between the outer rails and the face of the coal was very small. There was a double line of rails. A boy on the train shouted to the deceased to get out of the way, but instead of going on the vacant line of rails, he went in front of the train, and was either run over or crushed between the train and the face of the coal. Verdict, "Accidental Death".