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Advert -

Wanted, 20 to 30 steady coal miners, at very liberal wages, and regular employment.

Apply at the North Tupton Colliery, Whittington, near Chesterfield.

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Advert - Hasland Colliery.

The very superior coals from this colliery are well adapted for either household or manufacturing purposes.

Price, at the pit, 6-8d. per ton, delivered in Chesterfield. Coals, 7-6d., Cobbles, 6-0d., Slack, 3-6d. per ton.

Coals delivered in Chesterfield from the pits at Newbold, 6-6d. per ton.

Orders received at the pits, or at Mr. Weston's, manager, Eyre Street.

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

On Tuesday last, at Clay Cross, on the body of John Barker, of Ashover, colliery labourer, who was killed on the previous Saturday, aged 49 years. Deceased was ascending the shaft of a coalpit at Clay Cross. He had both his feet on the chair, but had not hold of it with his hands, when the jerk of the chair rising threw him off his balance, and he fell to the bottom of the pit. Verdict, "Accidental death".

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

On Monday the 10th. instant, at Clay Cross, on the body of James Berresford, at Clay Cross Colliery, labourer, who was killed on the previous Thursday, aged 16 years. Deceased was run over by two laden wagons, which were being drawn up an incline at the works of the Clay Cross Company; the chain attached to the waggons broke, and let the wagons run down the incline. Deceased lost his presence of mind, and ran before the wagons as they were descending. Verdict, "Accidental Death".

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A fearful explosion of one of the boilers belonging to the engine of the Clay Cross Company's main pit took place soon after two o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday last, though a large number of men were about, and bricks and other materials were blown about in every direction, we are happy to say that no lives were lost nor any personal injuries sustained of any serious consequence. The stoker was almost buried under bricks, yet him, though injured more than any other, escaped with a few slight bruises. The engine was put out of order, and the other boilers were thrown from their beds by the force of the explosion. The men had therefore to be drawn out of the pit by an engine belonging to another pit, and it was near 11 o'clock before all the men were got out. The damage done is estimated at £300. The pit will, however, be at work again in a few days. The cause of the accident is not known. The boiler had been examined the same morning, after having undergone some repairs, and was considered quite safe. It is therefore thought to have arisen from a deficiency of water.

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No Headline.

R. Barrow, Esq., of the Staveley Works, was summoned by Robert Pearce, for the sum of 16-9d., alleged to be due for wages. The case being gone into, it was found that only 9-9d. was actually due, which was ordered to be paid.

Willoughby Thickett and James Crossland summoned the same, for 8-0d. wages. The claim broke down, however, from the fact that the parties had received their pay from the sub-contractors, in whose employment they had mainly been.

Charles Beevers and Timothy Kinnair were charged by William Buxton, agent of R. Barrow, Esq., with having absented themselves on the 10th. instant from their employment, without having given due notice. Fined 1-0d., with 11-0d. expenses each.