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SERIOUS FIRE AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday morning a fire broke out in the extensive premises of Messrs. Chinnock, Bradford-street, Birmingham, bellows manufacturers. The fire raged for ten hours, but was got under at four o'clock. A large building and a heavy stock of goods of various kinds have been consumed. The damage will amount to several thousands of pounds.

DRIVEN TO SUICIDE.

At the Salford Police Court, on Saturday, Elizabeth Dodd was charged with attempting to drown herself in the river Irwell, and her husband, aged 23 years, was charged with assulting her. It was proved that the male prisoner had systematically ill-treated his sister, and that this was the cause of her endeavoring to commit suicide. He was committed to prison for six months, while the woman was ordered to find sureties for her good behaviour during the next six months.

THE MANCHESTER FARMERS' CLUB AND THE AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' LOCK-OUT.

A meeting of the Manchester Farmers' Club was held on Saturday for the purpose of considering the agricultural labour question, more specially from the farmers' point of view. Mr. Henry Nield in opening the proceedings said that at present attention seemed to be confined to the condition of the labourer upon the farm, but there was a very serious question beyond that, and that was the cost of production. He ventured to say, and he challenged anyone to contradict it, that the cost of production upon a farm at the present time was 33 per cent above what it was two years ago. Their products had not increased in price to any material extent, while the wages of labourers had increased from 13s. to 17s. per week. The discussion was adjourned until the 15th inst.

THE EXPLOSION AT OUTWOOD COLLIERY.

ALLEGED IMPROPER TREATMENT BY MEDICAL MEN.

Mr. Elgie, coroner, held an inquest on Saturday at the Royal Oak Inn, Radcliffe, respecting the death of George Nuttall, a collier, who died on the 22nd ult. from severely burnt by an explosion of gas at Mr. Thomas Fletcher's colliery, Outwood, on the 22nd ult.—Sarah Nuttall, widow of the deceased, said when her husband was brought home to their residence in Water-lane, Radcliffe, immediately after the occurrence, he was quite sensible, and during the course of conversation he told her that there was no one to blame but himself. He was in the act of putting a prop in, when a fall of roof took place. The pent-up gas escaped and ignited; and he was burnt all over his body, the worst parts being his legs. Dr. Sellers, of Radcliffe, attended him, as well as that gentleman's assistant, Mr. Chisholm. Up to Tuesday last her husband seemed in a good way, but on that day Mr. Chisholm brought some ointment, which he spread on some cloths, and after they were applied to deceased he became very ill, and his agony was such that he begged for the cloths to be taken off. He afterwards became delirious. Some of the ointment got on her hands and blistered her.—James Olive said he assisted to take the cloths off the deceased, and as some of the ointment got on him it blistered his hands also. Dr. Sellers was then sent for, as was also Mr. Chisholm.—Dr. Sellers said the ointment was the same as had been prescribed for burns by Dr. Smith, of Manchester, as well as Dr. Lund. It contained a little carbolic acid, which was put in to keep down the stench from the wounds, and would not produce the effects deposed to by Mrs. Nuttall and Olive. It was largely used in cases of burns at the Manchester Royal Infirmary. The ointment was made up by his assistant. Mr. Chisholm produced the pot of ointment sent for use in Nuttall's case, and said it was composed of seratum resina, oxide of zinc, and two drachms of carbolic acid. There was no mercury in it, which would produce blisters on the flesh of a healthy person. The use of such ointment was the proper treatment in cases of burns. He had no opinion as to the men hand to be covered with it in the presence of the jury.—Mr. Dickinson, the Government mine inspector for the district, applied some of the ointment to his first finger, but it did not produce any prejudicial effect.—In answer to the coroner, Mr. Chisholm said he was quite sure that the ointment was made up according to the proper formula, and that no mistake occurred in making it.—Peter Valentine and the deceased was his mate. The colliery was very well managed, and it made such a small amount of gas that the men worked with safety lamps. The fireman in the colliery, said he was about fifty yards away from the spot when the explosion occurred, and he did not hear it. The deceased told him that the explosion occurred through his having knocked the brattice cloth down.—Mr. Dickinson: He knocked the brattice cloth down, that caused the gas to accumulate, and he going to the place for a hammer, knocked the top prop in with fired it!—Witness: Yes, sir.—After some further evidence the inquest was adjourned to Wednesday next, in order to admit of a post-mortem examination being made, and the Coroner ordered the medicine and ointment used in the treatment of the deceased to be analysed in the meantime.

HORRIBLE MURDER OF A CHILD BY ITS MOTHER.

On Saturday afternoon at Sibsey, about seven miles north of Leicester, the body of a child about two years old, was found with its throat cut, in a ditch near the village. The supposed murderess is a single woman, named Sarah Newby, and she is the mother of four children, three of which, including an infant of recent birth, are unable to walk. The deceased child, Mary Newby, is one of twins, and is stated to be nearly three years old. Shortly after midnight on Monday the prisoner made a complaint to the policeman Allen stationed at the village that it had been stolen out of the bed. She stated that about eight o'clock she went to the house of her children safely to bed, and went out, leaving them in the house alone, and on her return about midnight the child was missing from its bed. A search was made, and was followed by the police describing the child and the night-clothes it wore, and on Saturday afternoon its body was found covered with some hay in a ditch in a field about 250 yards from the prisoner's house. Its throat was frightfully cut, the head being almost severed from the body, and the body was shockingly mutilated. Suspicion rested upon the prisoner, and she was apprehended, and conveyed to the Loughborough police-station. On the house being searched traces of blood were perceptible in the bedroom in which the children slept, and it is supposed the child's throat was cut as it lay in bed, that an attempt was afterwards made to disembowel it, and otherwise dispose of the body, but that afterwards the murderess altered her mind, and in the night threw the body into the ditch where it was found.

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