A COSTLY GAS EXPLOSION.

It Wrecks a Two-Story Building on Tenth Street.

SAMUEL NEWMAN INJURED.

The Accident Ascribed to a Leaking Pipe Which Had Been Imperfectly Attended by the Inspector.

A Basement Blast.

Yesterday afternoon about 3:40 o'clock a loud report startled the residents for a half mile south of the Union depot. It was like the boom of a gun or the noise made by the explosion of a boiler.

In the grocery of Newman brothers, southwest corner of Tenth and Centre streets, Sam Newman, the elder member of the firm, stood near the front door. Richard Cunningham, a clerk, stood on the doorstep. Simultaneously with the report the floor upon which they were standing shot upward, sending them forward through the doorway into the street. As Sam was making his hasty exit a heavy piece of glass struck him on the head and cut a slice of scalp four inches long from his head. When he reached the sidewalk he was covered with blood and a surgeon was immediately required to dress his injuries. The upheaval of the floor lasted for but an instant and was followed by its sinking into a trough, which rested on the floor of the basement. Down went the partition wall which separated the Newman store from H. L. Leaming, 1804 South Tenth street. The next instant flames like those from Tartarus rushed from beneath and filled the interior of the structure in a moment. So instantaneous and complete was this seizure by the flames that had there been a human being within the store, he could not have escaped with his life. As a consequence, everything that remained in the store was destroyed. The flames extended to the upper story and burst from the walls in a dozen places.

The engines responded to an alarm from box 13 and in a comparatively short time had the flames under control.

In the second story over the grocery resided J. Newman. All his furniture was destroyed by either fire or water. Over the market resided B. Ferguson, an employe of Carey & Harvey. His furniture was also destroyed. His loss will be about $300.

Leaming's market escaped the flames, but the floor dropped out of it and his ice box rack, blocks, everything are in a heap in the cellar. He has, he thinks, but $,00 insurance. Newman Brothers had a stock estimated at $3,000, upon which they have policies aggregating, they think, about $1,500.

The building was a double two-story frame owned by Joseph Smith who lives adjoining on Centre street. It cost $4,000 and was insured for $3,000.

The building is a perfect wreck. There is scarcely a pane of glass left intact, the walls are out of plumb, the sides are burned through in a number of places and the basement walls of brick, so great was the force of the explosion, are bulged and cracked and in some places dismantled.

The wreck was undoubtedly caused by an explosion of gas. For several days it has been known that the gas pipes in the basement have been leaking. On last Saturday the gas company was notified of the leak, and that night Newman brothers closed up their store because the leak had not been stopped and no light could be had.

Yesterday the gas company sent a man to repair the pipe. He, it is said, took a little water out of the metre, applied a match to a jet, lighted the latter, and said that he thought everything was all right and went away.

The odor of gas, however, continued to pervade the almosphere and Mr. Leaming, yesterday afternoon, went to the gas office to tell the representatives that their man had not stopped the leak. When he returned the building, including his store, was a wreck.

In the basement in which the leak took place was stored a quantity of potatoes and apples, and there also the Newman brothers slept. They have lost all their wearing apparel, some watches and the receipts for the last two days, which they had not banked. How the gas became ignited is a mystery, as it was not known that anybody had been in the basement for some time before the explosion.

Dr. Birney, practice limited to catarrhal diseases of nose and throat. Rooms 248 to 250, Bee building.

COOK & COOK.

Latest Developments in the Mysterious Suicide Case.

The remains of "E. G. Cook" still lie unidentified at Heafey & Heafey's, and daily some person calls for the purpose of endeavoring to discover his identity. Sunday, about a dozen people, who claimed to have known H. H. Cook in life, for whom the body of the deceased has been mistaken, called, but all of them stated positively that the body was not that of the Oklahoma man. Among the callers were Mrs. Cook, the wife of the missing man. She was still unable to recognize the dead man as her husband. The others who were acquainted with H. H. Cook and who failed to identify the remains were John Wallace, 1623 Burt street; J. M. Taliaferro, 2112 Burt street; William Coulson, Tremont house; James Woodman of Leavitt & Woodman, insurance agents, and Carl Nelson, 1415 South Sixth street.

The coroner has telegraphed G. W. Coulton, a real estate man of Kingfisher, Oklahoma. H. H. Cook is known to have acquired some property at that place. The agent above mentioned has been requested to state whether or not Cook is in that part of the country or if he has been there recently.

Yesterday a stranger viewed the remains and said that they looked like those of a friend of his, a Chicago photographer, who had overworked himself for several weeks before Christmas.

It was announced that the deceased was a traveling man for the firm of Burt, Simmonds & Co., hatters, Monroe street, Chicago.

The firm was telegraphed and replied that they had a traveling man in their employ whose name was G. E. Koch. The same firm telegraphed the Millard stating that they had heard that a traveler of theirs named G. E. Cook had died at that house and asked particulars. Whether the name of the drummer got mixed in transmission is unknown, but it can not be understood why the firm should at one time inquire for a man named Koch and at another Cook. The man Koch, it is reported on Saturday last, was in Beatrice.

Horsfords Acid Phosphate

For Impaired Vitality and weakened energy, is wonderfully successful.

Goodman's Anxiety.

Mr. C. F. Goodman has just recovered from an aggravated attack of la grippe. He violated the doctor's instructions yesterday morning and left his bed. His first act was to telephone to Secretary Nason and anxiously inquired whether or not Omaha had secured the state fair.

"No, we haven't got it yet," replied Mr. Nason.

"When will we or can we get it," was Mr. Goodman's next query.

"O, not for a long time now, good bye," and the secretary wearily hung up the 'phone and Mr. Goodman went back to bed.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething produces natural sleep. 25 cents a bottle.

Fifty Days More.

Tom Scott, a loafer and suspicious character, assaulted an old man named George Hyde in a cell at Central police station Sunday night after being locked up for vagrancy. He was sent to jail for fifty days for his brutal conduct.

Dunno's Catarrh Snuff.

When suffering with catarrh, cold in the head, nervous headache, etc., use Dunno's Snuff, it will relieve you at once. Price 25c at druggists.

IN THE ROLE OF A BULLY.

A. J. Hanscom Makes a Disgraceful Exhibition of Himself.

A meeting of property owners on Douglas street, between Sixteenth and Twentieth streets, was called at the real estate exchange room yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called to consider the subject of grading the street, the grade adopted at a meeting a short time ago not having proved satisfactory.

The property owners were well represented and the meeting organized by choosing W. G. Maul for chairman and Andrew Rosewater for secretary.

Mr. Rosewater was called on for an expression of his views on the question before the meeting and responded by saying that if it was the intention to make Douglas street a business street it would be best to adopt the most practical grade which could be made. If it was not the intention to make a business street of it there was no necessity for making any change. This fashion of making temporary grades to suit temporary buildings on the street had been tried in the case of Farnam street, and the result had proved most unsatisfactory. He proposed a grade which would make a cut of six feet at Seventeenth street, and extending from that point in an air line to the established grade at Twentieth street. This would give a grade with an incline of 6.4 feet for 100 between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, and 4 feet per 100 between Seventeenth and Twentieth. Mr. Rosewater stated that several of the property owners had said they would not waive damages if the street is cut, and they might as well get a good street while they are about it.

While Mr. Rosewater was talking A. J. Hanscom was manifestly very uneasy. He twisted about in his chair and gave other signs of being excited. As soon as Mr. Rosewater had finished Mr. Hanscom jumped to his feet and gave vent to a stream of foul invectives. He said the whole movement was gotten up for the purpose of injuring his property. He charged Mr. Rosewater with being a corruptionist, a thief, a puppy, and several other vile names. He charged that the grade of the city had been fixed to serve Mr. Rosewater's private ends, and said that during the time Mr. Rosewater was city engineer he had made fraudulent reports on the Nineteenth street grade and had opposed the grading of St. Mary's avenue. Mr. Hanscom continued in this strain for about fifteen minutes, until he had apparently vented his spleen, and then he sat down.

Mr. Rosewater arose quietly and said that all these charges had been repeated before, but when he demanded an investigation and the matter came before the grand jury, this man Hanscom had testified under oath that he believed them to be false. He referred to his record during his term of office for a refutation of the charges, and said he had always favored the most radical changes of grade.

During Mr. Rosewater's reply Hanscom interrupted him continually with insulting remarks.

A committee was finally appointed to present a petition for a change of grade to the property owners for their approval, and then the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Hanscom followed Mr. Rosewater to the door and attempted to apologize for his unwarranted assault, but Mr. Rosewater refused to accept any such overtures.

Dr. Grossman, in speaking of Hanscom's action and utterances, says:

"So unprovoked an attack I have rarely seen. Hanscom acted like a western bully, and Rosewater like a gentleman. The property owners on Douglas street, from Sixteenth to Twentieth, had met to amicably discuss the feasibility of lowering the grade of the street between the points mentioned, and to decide whether the cut made should be a moderate or radical one.

"Mr. Andrew Rosewater arose and stated that he believed the best course would be to make a cut of six feet at the Seventeenth street crossing and then make an air line to Twentieth street.

"Then Hanscom, in the most unprovoked manner, got up and commenced to call Mr. Rosewater an insignificant little pup and a thief. It reminded one of the old Hanscom in the lawless days of 1855.

"Of course Mr. Rosewater resented this ungentlemanly attack and retaliated by pronouncing Hanscom a mean man and assassin of character. He further told him that the time of bullying in Omaha was long since past. That the place was no longer a village, but a city. It would be an offence to talk this way to a gentleman, but as he was answering a bully he was not making any breach of good breeding.

"Hanscom then, for want of argument, asked Rosewater to come out and settle the affair in the contemptible manner of the slugger.

"Just picture the situation! A meeting of wealthy citizens in one of the grandest buildings in the west, and one of the richest of them so far forgets himself and insults the dignity of the gentlemen present as to decry fairness and free speech and attempt to substitute the contemptible methods of the bully. A man in Hanscom's position should be above such actions.

"Hanscom's foresight is about as long as his nose, and that is very short. It seems strange that he cannot look far enough ahead to see what benefit this proposed cut of grade is sure to be to his property. The street is sure to become a business one sooner or later, and it will be too valuable for residence property then.

"Because Hanscom once gave a ravine to the city for park purposes, and which, by the way, was unfit for anything else, he imagines that he should be a dictator to everybody else, and all the citizens should consult his whims in all public improvements.

"I called the meeting yesterday myself," said Mr. D. T. Mount. "I found that the property owners who were opposed to the grade agreed upon at the meeting last week were in favor of a more radical cut. Another meeting was suggested to talk the matter over. When we got together we found that a majority of the property owners favored a grade which will make a cut of eight feet at Seventeenth street, twenty-seven feet at Eighteenth street and thirty-one feet at Nineteenth street. Mr. Andrew Rosewater in reply to some objections to such a cut, said that with the experience we had on Farnam, Dodge and other streets the property owners should make no mistake. He strongly favored a very radical cut and explained the benefits that will arise from the adoption of such a grade. His remarks were timely. As a property owner he had a right to speak in the meeting. Mr. Hanscom then made a wholly uncalled for attack on Mr. Rosewater, called him some very vile names and threatened to strike him with his cane. Mr. Rosewater replied in a very gentlemanly manner, refusing to stoop to abuse in reply to abuse. A majority of the property owners favored the radical grade and I guess we will get it."

The License Board.

The license board held a short session yesterday afternoon. The bond of Michael Walenz, 1302 Pierce street, was refused, as it was signed by the applicant's wife. Remonstrances were received and taken under consideration in the cases of Charles Walker, 2030 Sherman avenue, and Adolph Foster, 1201 South Eleventh street. The case of Bernard Kapold, 622 South Tenth street, was laid over for future consideration. No licenses were granted.

The board spent considerable time looking into applications for druggists' permits, but took no final action on any of them.

District Court.

Harrison Brown, an old man of seventy years, has filed a lengthy petition in the district court, charging John J. Suttles with fraud. The petition alleges that Brown is paralyzed and almost helpless, and that he was the owner of the west ½ of the northeast ¼ of section 18, township 15, range 10, in Douglas county. This land and a small lot of stock, with harness, implements, etc., constituted his entire earthly possessions. The land was occupied by himself and wife as their home. John J. Suttles is charged with prevailing upon the old man, last August, while he was sick and helpless, to convey to Suttles the title to the land and all the stock, etc. A contract was entered into between Brown and Suttles, whereby the latter was to take care of Brown and his wife for the rest of their life in consideration of this transfer. Mr. Brown now charges that Suttles has entirely failed to comply with the terms of the contract, and is selling the stock and devoting the proceeds to his own use. The petition asks for an injunction restraining Suttles from selling or disposing of the land or stock. An injunction was issued on the order of Judge Clarkson and the hearing for a permanent injunction set for February 10.

Colpetzer & Guiou have brought suit to recover $50.69 from Ida H. Bechme et al on a mechanics' lien.

The Mutual investment company has commenced suit against Joseph Dworak et al to recover $300 on notes secured by second mortgage on the south 42 feet of lots 1 and 2, block 3, Campbell's addition.

HISTORY'S REPETITION.

The Union Depot Question Twenty Years Ago.

There is nothing particularly startling in the intelligence that work is soon to be commenced on a union depot. The news is about twenty years old. The following editorial might have been written yesterday, but it is really taken from THE DAILY BEE of July 2, 1872:

"We are gratified to be able to announce definitely that the Union Pacific railroad company is making preparations for complying with the contracts entered into by its officers with our city and county authorities some months ago. The plans for the great Union Pacific depot are being prepared—in fact have, as we learn, been adopted—and the work of construction is to commence in a few days. All croaking and doubting will soon be at an end and temporary device will give way to unquestioned permanency. With the completion of the depot, which we doubt not may be looked for by next spring, if not before January, 1873, a new era in the commercial prosperity and progress in Omaha will be inaugurated. Confidence once restored and re-established capitalists will seek this city for profitable investments, and manufactures are sure to be developed where the market for the manufactured article is as remunerative and inviting as it will be in Omaha within the next three years."

WILLIS WAS FOULED.

He Is Severely Injured by a Batting Glove Artist.

Last night Ted Willis, the well known baseball player, put on the gloves at the Athenæum, on Douglas street, with a young man known as "The Butcher." The first round resulted in favor of Willis, who treated his antagonist to some lively face-warming blows. In the second round "The Butcher" deliberately fouled Willis, striking him with his knee near the groin, butting him with his head on the left breast and thus pinning him to the brick wall. Willis became faint immediately, vomited and was compelled to leave the ring. He was placed in a hack, carried to the house of a friend and a doctor summoned. It was found that the peritoneum had been injured, probably ruptured, and that he had sustained other injuries, the effects of which couldn't be foretold.

The fight, notwithstanding the palpable foul, was awarded to Willis' opponent.

AIMED AT THE JUGULAR.

A Woman's Throat Cut by a Frenzied Companion.

Annie Ford and Sadie Briggs of No. 213 Davenport street, had a row over the possession of some clothing. After some lively words the Ford woman whipped out her razor and made a desperate slash at the Brigg's woman's throat.

The gash was a shade less than fatal. The blade of the weapon slashed the flesh at the base of the ear and was drawn across the throat a distance of several inches.

The blood spurted like a fountain and the other inmates of the dive were so frightened that some ot them ran away.

A physician was called and took eleven stitches in the wound.

Both of the women were then conveyed to central police station.

FIGHTING HELFENSTEIN.

Residents in E. V. Smith's Addition Defending Their Homes.

The persons owning lots in the E. V. Smith addition are determined to fight John P. Helfenstein who claims a title to the property in that addition.

Yesterday nineteen of these property-holders filed replies to Helfenstein's petitions for possession of that property and deny that he has any legal claim whatever to the same. Those filing answers are as follows: Josie T. Comstock, Thomas H. Dailey, Michael Gillen, Lizzie J. Nelson, Mary Sweeney, John Sheridan, Daniel Brosius, Margaret Brown, William Brown, Patrick J. Price, John H. Price, Hobart Williams, Thomas Kinney, Thomas Enright, Bertha B. Fry, Bertha B. Fry et al., Austin M. Collett, Jacob T. Sellner and John D. Howe.

Mortuary.

The remains of Alfred Swanson were received by Drexel & Maul yesterday morning. The deceased was a son of Charles Swanson, 115 Pine street, and was killed while working in a coal mine at Harlem, Mo.

Charles Kingsley, son of J. J. Points, died yesterday morning, age 9 months. The funeral will take place from the residence, 1218 south Twenty-eight street, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Laura L., the infant daughter of W. E. Tunnicliffe died at home, 3745 Orchard street, Sunday. The remains were interred at Forest Lawn yesterday afternoon.

George H. Cowles, a former resident of Omaha, died in Toronto, Canada, on Thursday of peritonitis. The remains arrived in Omaha yesterday morning, and were buried by Drexel & Maul in Forest Lawn cemetery at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The deceased was forty-two years of age.

Miss Carrie Heinzman, wife of William Heinzman, died Sunday at her late home, 1809 Burt street. Mrs. Heinzman was the daughter of Fred Kessler and has been married about a year. She was just twenty-two years old. The remains will be interred today at Laurel Hill.

Little Mary Jenner, the two-year-old daughter of George C. Jenner, recently secretary of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association, died Saturday. Mr. Jenner, who has gone to Georgia, has been apprised of his bereavement by telegraph and is on his way to Omaha to attend the funeral.

Royal Arcanum Musicale.

Attia council, Royal Arcanum, gave a musicale at their lodge room in the Continental block last night. The attendance was large and select, and a most delightful programme was presented. The Madrical club, consisting of Mrs. J. W. Cotton, Miss Elizabeth Pennell and Messrs. W. H. Wilkins and Thomas J. Pennell, with Mmo. H. B. Young as accompanist, sang eight numbers, consisting of solos, duets and quartettes, in an entrancing manner. The names of these singers are sufficient to give an idea of the high grade and general excellence of the entertainment.

A Barn Burned.

A barn at Thirty-fifth and Cuming streets, belonging to a butcher named Myers, was burned at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Loss $300.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Dedicated to the Lord.

The pastor, officers and members of the Methodist Episcopal church association have as much cause to be proud of the dedication of the new church Sunday as they should be delighted over the successful ceremony. Much of the credit is due to the indefatigable labors of the pastor, Rev. David Marquette, while the labors of Prof. C. W. Lee, who conducted the musical part of the services and the considerate services of Miss Jessie Carpenter of Chicago added much to the success of the occasion.

At 11 o'clock Bishop John P. Newman, accompanied by the reception committee, entered the room. By this time not only every seat was taken but every available foot of standing room was occupied. The ladies had appropriately decorated the auditorium, the pulpit being rendered very attractive and tasty. A communion set of solid silver, the donation of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Richardson was conspicuous on the communion table. The tasty carpet, the neat and comfortable opera chairs and the stained glass windows gave evidence of luxury while the electric lights and other furnishings showed that good sense had guided and no expense had been spared in the completion of the neatest and most elegant auditorium in the city.

The building is a frame, two stories high, new and modern in design, with a lecture room on the ground floor and the auditorium above. The cost of the edifice was $4,570.

Furnished with heaters, electric light, kitchen with its fixtures, it is complete in every particular.

The auditorium will accommodate 450 persons. The accoustic properties are very good.

Bishop Newman announced the opening exercises immediately after the organ voluntary and Rev. J. B. Maxwell, D. D., led and the audience joined in the Lord's Prayer. This simple devotional exercise was exceedingly appropriate and touching. After the Rev. Robert L. Wheeler read the first psalm, Bishop Newman read from Paul's Epistle to the Romans, 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." The bishop then gave a history of the bibles or "the books" of the religions of the world. First the books of the dead of the Egyptians, the manuscript of which is now in the museum at Turin, Italy, the Zendivesta, the Bostenian compilation of the Parsees made by Zoroaster about twelve hundred years before Christ; the five kings of the Chinese or the compilation of Confucius and the Koran but all of them were esthnic while the bible of Christ alone was universal and adapted to all mankind; and, of the three hundred and fifty languages spoken by man, the word of Christ is read by the people of 250 of them. In an interesting and appropriate way Bishop Newman then recounted some of his experiences with Christians of every race, in many countries and in every part of the globe, and closed with a glowing tribute to the universality, the power, the good and the necessity of the religion of Jesus of Nazareth.

Rev. David Marquette then read a statement of the board, showing that the edifice cost $4,570, and that $1,300 was needed before the dedicatory services would be performed. In less than half an hour nearly $1,400 had been subscribed with the delay of a minute.

The liberality shown by the congregation was as much a surprise to Bishop Newman and the visiting ministers as it was a source of delight and satisfaction to the Rev. Mr. Marquette and the members of the church. A smile of evident satisfaction and delight settled on every countenance as hand shaking and congratulations were indulged in by nearly all present.

The Cut Rate Question.

The local railroad and stock agents have received notices of reduction on through stock in car-load lots originating west of this city and destined to Chicago, ranging from 1 cent to 4½ cents below the old schedule. Thus far, there has been no cut on the much-talked of Kansas City rate of 12½ cents. The uncertainty of freight rates makes buyers change and the cattle market is visibly affected.

On the other hand, there is much uncertainty among the railroad agents in regard to the construction of the new schedules. Heretofore, Kansas City has had an advantage of some 2 to 5 cents over Omaha; and, when the reduction was made, it was left uncertain whether the new schedule was to put Omaha on an equality of freight rates with Kansas City or only the rates from each place were to be reduced.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is receiving stock, and a current rumor has it that it is receiving stock today at 12½ cents from this city or Council Bluffs to Chicago plus the local rate from the point of origination to this city. Agent John B. Morris on being questioned in effect denied the story, stating that he would not quote rates till the misunderstanding in regard to the new schedules was settled. He admits that his road is now open to receive stock shipments.

Montana, Oregon and Washington.

A correct map of the northwest will show that the Northern Pacific railroad traverses the central portion of Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Washington for a distance of nearly two thousand miles; it is the only railroad reaching Jamestown, Bismarck, Miles City, Billings, Livingston, Bozeman, Missoula, Cheney, Davenport, Palouse City, Sprague, Ritzville, Yakima, Ellensburg, Tacoma, Seattle, and in fact nine-tenths of the northwest cities, towns and points of interest.

The northern Pacific is the shortest trans-continental route from St. Paul and Chicago to Helena, Butte, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Spokane Falls, Walla Walla, Dayton and Portland, and the only one whose through trains reach any portion of the new state of Washington. Land seekers purchasing Pacific coast second class tickets via the St. Paul and the Northern Pacific have choice from that point of free colonist sleeping cars or Pullman's tourist furnished sleepers at charges as low as the lowest.

For the benefit of settlers the Northern Pacific also gives a ten day stop over privilege on second class north Pacific coast tickets at Spokane Falls and each and every point west, including over 125 stations in Washington, thus enabling persons seeking a home to examine this vast territory without incurring an expense of from $5 to $25 in traveling on local tickets from point to point.

Insure for yourself comfort and safety by having the best accommodations afforded, thereby avoiding change of cars, re-checking of baggage, transfers and lay overs en route. Money can be saved by purchasing tickets via St. Paul or Minneapolis and the Northern Pacific.

For maps, pamphlets, rates and tickets inquire of your nearest ticket agent, any district passenger agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, or Charles S. Fee, general passenger and ticket agent, St. Paul, Minn.

WITH A CORPSE IN HER ARMS.

A Poor Mother Turned Into the Street With Her Dead Child.

A poorly clad little woman carrying a dead child in her arms stood for a few minutes on the corner of Twenth-sixth street and Lexington avenue yesterday afternoon and then mysteriously disappeared, says the New York Evening World. She was weeping when seen by Mr. Love, of the drug store under the Ashland house, who was on his way to dinner with a friend, and was altogether such an unusual spectacle of misery that the two men stopped to inquire what her trouble was. On closer inspection that trouble appeared to be poverty, and they slipped two silver quarters into her hand. Mr. Love caught sight of the infant's face and was startled by its pallor.

"Why, your child is sick," he said; "it must be looked after immediately."

"Yes," said the woman, "she is very sick," and she hugged it to her breast.

Mr. Love placed his hand on the child's head and found that it must have been dead for several hours. He told the woman so kindly and asked her where she lived.

"No, no," she answered weeping, and clasping the dead infant tightly in her arms. "She is not dead but she is very sick. No, she is not dead—not dead.

The woman's words were very incoherent, but Mr. Love managed to gather from what she said that she was a house servant who had been turned away.

"They said she might go out and take my dead baby in my arms," she said; "but she is not dead."

While he was endeavoring to ascertain the address of the place where the woman had worked, Mr. Love and his friend were hailed by an acquaintance on a neighboring doorstep. They turned and exchanged a few words with him, and then excused themselves, with the intention of looking after the woman and her dead child. But to their surprise she had disappeared, and no trace of her could be found. The hospitals were visited and the police notified, but nothing further was learned of the strange case. The woman was diminutive and poorly clad in dark clothes. The child appeared to be several months old.

THE VERY FIRST ENGINE.

Horatio Allen Set Up and Ran the Earliest Locomotive in America.

Horatio Allen, the well known civil engineer, under whose direction the first locomotive brought to America was built and ran, died at his home in Montrose, N. J., recently, says the New York Tribune. He entered Columbia college in 1821, and was graduated near the head of his class in 1823, taking especially high rank in physics.

In September, 1823, the first successful locomotive was put in operation on the Stockton & Darlington railroad, in England, by George Stephenson. The news of its success reached this country early in 1826, and so greatly interested Mr. Allen that he decided to go to Europe and study the motive power. He received an appointment from the Deleware & Hudson company as contracting agent, to purchase in England the railroad iron required to build ten miles of road from the company's mines in the Lackawanna valley to the Lackawaxen, a tributary of the Deleware, and also authority to purchase three locomotives for the new railroad, to be built on plans to be decided on by him.

Mr. Allen on arriving at Liverpool make the acquaintance of George Stephenson, with whom he consulted in the carrying out of his plans. Two of the locomotives were ordered from Mr. Stephenson and one from Foster, Rastrick & Co. of Stourbridge. It was the latter—the Stourbridge Lion—that was the first locomotive ever run in America. The locomotives were received in New York in the winter of 1828-29, set up and tested while suspended in the air, and it was not until August, 1829, that they were taken to the road for which they were built. This road terminated at Honesdale, Pa., and ran about six hundred yards in a straight line, then crossing Lachawaxen creek by a sharp curve of 750 yards radius. When the Stourbridge Lion was swung in the air preparatory to being placed on the track it was discovered for the first time that the axels had an unyeilding parallel position, and that there was no truck with kingbolt that would permit of the engine accommodating itself to the curve of the road. Further, the road had been built of green timber in long lengths and the timbers had warped considerably in places. Nevertheless, Mr. Allen was confident that all would be well. He tried in vain, however, to get an engineer to run the locomotive, and no official of the road would risk his life in the apparently foolhardy enterprise. Mr. Allen then acted as engineer himself, and ran the locomotive three miles down the track and returned in safety.

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