

DEATH BY AN EXPLOSION.

Buried Powder in the Fifth Ward Ignites

WHILE A RESIDENCE IS BURNING.

Henry Friday and Henry Depebrock the Victims—Timbers Were Hurled Squares Away.

Henry Friday, a machinist, aged 53 years, and Henry Depebrock, a gardener, aged 71 years, both living near Montgomery road in the Fifth ward, within a stone's throw of the city limits, are at the undertaking establishment of Ross & Wright, dead from the effects of an explosion.

The explosion was from a large quantity of powder supposed to have been buried near the house of Dr. H. B. Horner, situated in the same locality. The house and barn adjoining it had burned to the ground a few minutes prior to the disaster.

Dr. Horner has been confined in the county jail on an indictment charging him with having burglarized the powder magazine at the upper end of Main street, and no one was compelling his house at the time of the fire.

Mr. Friday was struck in the face by a huge block of wood and killed almost instantly. Mr. Depebrock came in contact with the same falling piece. The top of his head being almost knocked off. He lived about two hours. Both men were killed between forty and fifty feet.

An alarm was turned in last night at a place of business on Montgomery street, calling the department to the scene at Montgomery. The burning house was about a mile further north and the distance returned to the city.

Timbers were hurled in all directions, people flying about the city, and Montgomery street covered with a mass of burning timbers. The house was on fire, and in the morning, the fire was still burning, and the timbers were still falling.

When the house was about half gone there was a small explosion from the side of the fire, as near as the firemen could tell, and it went the timbers some distance in the air. These fell without effect, and forest of further results the crowd fell back some distance.

Around the house were several large trees, which, through a dense thicket, almost entirely the property from view from Montgomery avenue.

When the crowd stopped away from the fire, Mr. Friday and a young man named T. C. Herron, of Tyler, stood about the feet from the house, the latter holding on a fence post, with the old gentleman on his side.

While in that position Mr. Depebrock stepped up and, saluting Mr. Friday, grasped the hand, and made some remark with reference to the fire's origin. The words had hardly fallen from his lips when there was a terrific explosion and a large block of timber shot by young Herron's head, striking both Friday and Depebrock at the same time, knocking them some distance back. Fire was sent in all directions. A large tree was split sky high in the air and crashed back onto the burning chimney. Pieces of wood were sent as far as Houston street, a half mile away, and several of the firemen's measured their length on the ground from the force of the explosion.

The body of Mr. Depebrock was carried to his home, his head bleeding profusely, and a corps of physicians summoned. Mr. Friday lay on the ground where he fell and died without speaking.

The supposition is that the powder was buried at the foot of the tree which was blown up, although nothing positive is known about it. The house had burned to the ground before the explosion took place, and no disturbance was the setting of some powder in the burning building had occurred prior to that time.

The fire's origin is not known. No one was living on the property, and the neighbors think that it was fired by some one sleeping in the barn.

Mr. Friday was a machinist, and until recently employed at the Houston Road and West Texas shops. He had a son Henry living in Smithville and a large family residing here. Two of his sons were recently drowned in the bayou. The funeral had not been decided upon last night.

Mr. Depebrock leaves a family of three sons and three daughters. One of his sons, Henry Depebrock, is a member of the police force, and Alderman W. J. Kohlhauff is his son-in-law.

The funeral will take place today at 4 p. m. from the residence.

Before the Board. It is learned that a petition, numerously signed by citizens of the Sixth ward, protesting against the thirty-five-foot pavement on Washington street, has gone before the board of public works, asking for a reconsideration of their recommendation to the council and an amended report.

Change of Knights. Commenting tonight, for the remainder of the summer the Houston Glee club will meet on Thursday nights, and during the absence of Mr. W. B. Mason, the musical director, Mr. Aldrich Kidd will act in that capacity. These midsummer meetings will partake largely of a social character.

Officers Installed. Lone Star lodge, O. N. I. I. O. O. F., installed the following officers Tuesday night: E. Friedenhaus, noble grand; R. W. Blodgett, vice grand; Jerome B. Cochran, secretary.

Was Cured of Sea Sickness. Major E. W. Cave calls in an interesting story on himself that proves that

mal-d-mer can be cured instantly in spite of the general belief to the contrary. The major was one of the passenger-passengers on board a ship bound from the mouth of the Rio Grande to Galveston. A frightful storm hit the vessel, and Major Cave had a dose, in fact an overdose, of sea sickness, the horrors of which have never been described by any other writer than Mark Twain. At a time when the major had forgotten that there was any happiness on earth and had about convinced himself that he did not care whether he lived or not, he looked out from the open door of his cabin. There stood the old seafaring pale with fright. She had been in many storms. The major watched her closely. She fell on her knees, assumed an attitude of prayer. Major Cave heard those words: "My God, will I never see my children again?"

Every thought of sea sickness vanished; the major's stomach had actually been scared into good condition. In relating the story Major Cave says there is no charge for the prescription. Among well-known people who were on the ship were Captain Charles Fowler of Galveston, Commodore Morgan and A. C. Hochstetler. Commodore Morgan slept through the storm.

That Narrow Roadway. The people of the sixth ward, or at least those who reside beyond Houston avenue, continue to be troubled by the street which crosses over the bridge. The city has decided to place on that street a carriage and an effort will be made to have the matter recommended at the next meeting of the council.

The fact that the property owners themselves are not paying for this pavement, as formerly, and that the curbs of the street are simply in the interest of the city, is a matter which the city should consider as far as possible in other directions. Several compromises have been suggested, among them that, instead of a thirty-five-foot wide pavement, a narrower pavement the full width of the street could be placed for about the same price.

Again it is suggested that the property owners along that part of the street where the thirty-five-foot pavement has been decided upon pay the difference between a thirty-five and forty-foot roadway, or the cost of the pavement, this fee on each side of the street, which is a fair one, would be a good compromise with the benefit of the property owners would probably rather pay than see the thirty-five-foot roadway laid.

The New Monument. The Houston Electric Street Railway company today plans to erect a new monument to Mr. H. E. MacGregor, succeeding Mr. A. J. Hill, who died several months ago. The monument will be a large one, and will be erected on the corner of the street and the city hall. The monument will be a large one, and will be erected on the corner of the street and the city hall.

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SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT

Over Matters Connected With Greenwood Cemetery.

LOT OWNERS MUST PAY OR BE SUED.

A New Map to Be Made of the Cemetery Ground Before Fixing a Rate at Which Lots Are to Be Sold.

In the case of O. C. Drew et al vs. the Houston Cemetery company, of which Wm. Christian is receiver, A. C. Allen, an special master, submitted to the district court yesterday two separate reports, as follows: 1. 1896 O. C. Drew et al vs. Houston Cemetery company—In district court of Harris county, Texas.

Now comes A. C. Allen, special master in this cause, and files his report on the matters and things referred by your honor. The master having heard and considered the exceptions and objections filed by the respondents in this cause, to the reports of the receiver referred to him by your honor, is of the opinion same are not well taken, except that part raising the right to sell in bulk certain land bought by the company from W. R. Baker, and as to this the receiver is sustained, and the receiver's report and recommendations are approved as contained in paragraph No. 2 of receiver's annual report.

2. The master finds the annual report of the receiver for the year ending April 30, 1897 correct, and recommends that same be adopted, except as hereinafter reported.

3. As to the item of \$1500 mentioned in third paragraph of receiver's report, as to the receiver's annual report, the master finds that the receiver is instructed and ordered to once to bring suit on same and to foreclose the vendor's lien against same on which said balance is owing.

4. The master recommends that suit be instituted against lot owners in the cemetery for all unpaid assessments without regard to time when assessments were made. The master also finds and recommends to exhibit C of receipts and disbursements for the year ending April 30, 1897, showing cash balance of \$129.25 correct, and also exhibit D showing \$741.50 accumulated as trust fund.

5. As to enforcing collection of the items and amounts named in sixth paragraph of the receiver's report full recommendations concerning these are made in the master's first report.

6. The master recommends that sales of lots made by the receiver and reported by him, as the master is of the opinion that the receiver's report is correct, and that the receiver is instructed and ordered to once to bring suit on same and to foreclose the vendor's lien against same on which said balance is owing.

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10. The master asks that in case this report is adopted that he be allowed to file a supplemental report as to the valuation of the lots and a re-survey of the cemetery grounds and a correct map shall have been made.

11. As to the intervention of J. T. Mahoney, the same is a claim for costs in suits before said Mahoney as a Justice of the Peace in Harris county in which the Cemetery company was plaintiff and in which the costs were taxed against the Cemetery company, and the same being unpaid, it is the opinion of the master that said claim should be allowed together with the costs of intervening, but the master is of the opinion that the same is not a lien.

12. The master further recommends that the sum of \$10 be allowed J. A. Carley as stenographer in taking testimony on the hearing, which amount the master is of opinion is the reasonable value of said services. All of which is respectfully submitted, A. C. Allen, Special Master.

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THE LOCAL MILITARY. ACTIVITY OVER THE TRIP TO SAN ANTONIO.

Lieutenant Torrey Resigns From the Light Guard—Sword Presentation to Captain Towles.

The local military is a-going with excitement and activity over the near approach of the time for their departure for San Antonio to participate in the school of instruction and in the prize drill for which some very handsome trophies are offered.

In order to get things in readiness for their respective commands the quartermasters of the different local companies did last night, among them being Quartermaster Ingram Roberts of the Light Guard, while heading of the troop of cavalry and Charles Dumber of the artillery.

They will be followed by their respective commands today or tomorrow. The local military contingent, comprising the Houston Light Guard and Blount's company will leave tomorrow morning and depart to be joined here by the Morton Cadets of Washington, D. C., accredited as the crack cavalry company of America and the probable cup winner.

The troop of cavalry under Captain Towles and the battery of light artillery under Captain Bohl will leave this evening at 5 o'clock, going via the Atlantic Coast. The artillery will take forty-five men and thirty-two horses.

At a meeting of the Houston Light Guard last night, Lieutenant George N. Torrey, one of the oldest members of the Guard, whose name has been continuously on the company roster since 1857 and who has been a lieutenant since 1857 and a participant in each of the grand victories of the company, tendered his resignation as first lieutenant, and tomorrow will be the first of the Light Guard to ever leave Houston without Lieutenant Torrey being with him. He does not return from the Light Guard, but simply from the Houston Light Guard from active company work.

At New Orleans, in an individual contest, Lieutenant Torrey won a handsome medal as the best drilled soldier at that interstate contest.

The resignation of Lieutenant Torrey, whose name was ordered placed upon the roll of honor, caused the following promotions: Second Lieutenant Charles Peary to the first lieutenantcy, and First Sergeant Robert Burns to the second lieutenantcy.

The following temporary assignments were made: W. W. Thomas, second sergeant; Ed H. Wilson, third sergeant; W. A. Richards, fourth sergeant; Sam McIlhenny, first corporal; E. A. Hudson, second corporal; J. W. Lockett, third corporal; J. A. McKee, fourth corporal.

In the individual drill for the chaplain's medal J. W. Lockett was the victor. A very pleasant incident occurred last night at the armory of Troop B, Houston cavalry, when the troop presented their commander, Captain C. Towles, with a magnificent sword, the presentation being made by the former captain of the company, E. E. Maher. Captain Towles responded pleasantly, and the event was concluded with the usual jubilation.

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