

Boiler Explosion

Tuesday morning last the engine of Thompson's outfit while at work on the farm of Cowell, four miles west of Ed T. with frightful effect. Ed T. the engineer, was nearly a hundred feet from the boiler and terribly maimed, both legs broken, one of them in two places. Thompson was also hurt about the head and other parts of the body. The injuries were considered at latest accounts it is believed a fighting chance for recovery. Thompson was feeding the engine and was struck between the elbow and shoulder by a piece of the flywheel which completely severed his right arm. Ev Swartout, fireman, was thrown backward about thirty feet. He was scalded about the head and face and injured on the back. He was taken to his home Wednesday afternoon doing as well as could be expected. Henry Swartout was on the engine near the feeder, and the same piece that struck Alfred Thompson is believed to have struck Henry on the forehead, making a painful wound without fracturing the bones. We have been able to learn that he also faken to the home of his father Wednesday, and is recovering. The two men who are seriously hurt, we believe there were others less shaken up. The two Thomsens are men of fine physique and constitution, are in good shape for life, and there is now no doubt both will live although maimed.

The force of the explosion was terrible, nothing being left where they stood but a hole in the ground. The barrels that stood about, entirely disappeared and the various parts of the engine were scattered broadcast. It is a matter of surprise that several men were not killed.

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