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**August 13, 1860; Hoch Colliery (Anthracite),
Forestville, Pa.; 2 Killed**

*(From the Miners' Journal, Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 25,
1860)*

An explosion of firedamp at Forestville on Monday of last week resulted in the instant death of 1 man and a boy and the fearful crushing and maiming of 2 boys. The man was the fireboss at the colliery. One of the boys struck a match in the presence of gas.