

# DOVE OF DEATH.

## WHITE DOVE SETTLED ON HEADS OF MARKED MEN.

### Few Days Later Both Were Killed in Mine Disaster—A Strange Story.

Mat Mitchell of Stone City was a visitor in this city yesterday afternoon and while here told of a peculiar circumstance connected with the burial of a miner on Sunday, December 16th, at the Cherokee cemetery. The incident at the time was not given much thought but since the death of L. W. Edwards and Frank Brenner from burns received in the Stone City powder explosion, the incident has been brought back to many of those present at the funeral services as either a warning or some unaccountable manifestation.

Mr. Mitchell in telling of the incident related the following story: "Frank Brenner, L. W. Edwards, a Frenchman and myself were four of the six pall bearers that afternoon and had gone to the cemetery together in a surrey. I was reading the burial ceremony of the Mine Workers and we were all standing with uncovered heads around the grave of the departed member, when a beautiful white pigeon circled around us several times and lit on the uncovered head of Edwards. It was apparently not afraid and flew from Edward's head to the shoulders of Frank Brenner, where it remained for an instant before flying away. From his shoulder it lit on our surrey and from there to the hearse.

"The incident was discussed at some length by us on our road home but none thought that within the next ten days there would be two of us buried. I almost believe it was some kind of a warning for Edwards and Brenner have both died from the burns received in the Fidelity mine explosion.

"I am not superstitious but I know that there are lots of miners who believe in different signs, but this came as near coming home to me as anything I have ever noticed."