

The Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Explosion at the Chesterfield Coal Pits.

On Thursday last an explosion took place by the ignition of gas in the "Raccoon Pit," in the vicinity of Clover Hill, about twenty-nine miles from Richmond, resulting in the death of some sixteen men, and the fatal injury of three others. The accident occasioned a tremendous explosion, and the flames from the hissing gas ascended some hundreds of feet above the orifice of the pit. There were about sixty other hands in the pit at the time of the explosion, but they escaped injury. The overseer, Mr. RARITAN, was among the dead. The negroes were mostly the property of the company. It is not known how the gas became ignited. The damage to the pits was not so extensive as might be supposed.—*Enquirer, Dec. 16th.*

The Clinton Republican.

WILMINGTON, OHIO:

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☞ The Richmond Whig of December 15, says on Thursday last an explosion took place at the Chesterfield coal pits, from the admission of gas into the room from Raccoon Pit, near Clover Hill. Twenty-nine mules from Richmond and sixteen men were killed, and three injured. The accident occasioned a tremendous explosion. The flames from the hissing gas ascended some hundreds of feet above the orifice of the pit.