

## COLLIERY ACCIDENT AT MIRFIELD. TWO MEN KILLED.

Yesterday an inquest took place at the Flower Pot Inn, Lower Hopton, on view of the bodies of John William Ellam, aged 21, residing at Chapel Hill, Hopton; and John Walker, aged 21, of Kirkheaton (both unmarried), who were killed on Wednesday by a colliery accident at the Gregory Spring Colliery, Hopton, Mirfield, belonging to Messrs. Howgates, Day, and Holt, manufacturers, Dewsbury and Ravensthorpe. Mr. J. Jarrard, sub-inspector of mines, attended, and Mr. Benjamin Chadwick, solicitor, Dewsbury, watched the proceedings on behalf of the owners of the pit. It transpired that at five minutes past two o'clock on Wednesday morning the unfortunate men were working in the pit and engaged filling a corve with coal when a large stone, weighing about three tons, fell upon them and crushed them both to death. The hole was properly timbered up to within three yards of the face of the coal, and this space was left open. A crack in the roof was heard by two hurriers shortly before the stone fell, and on mentioning the fact to Walker, the latter replied that he thought the noise came from the bottom of the pit, and they continued working without further propping that part of the roof under which they were working. Joshua Hill, one of the hurriers, left them to take away a corve of coal a few minutes after the crack was heard, and on his return he found Ellam and Walker buried under a large stone. He raised an alarm, and John Barker, the deputy-nightviewer, and a number of men were soon on the spot. The dead bodies were extricated from the *débris* and were removed to the Flower Pot Inn. A verdict of "Accidentally killed" was returned.