

# TERRIBLE CALAMITY

## Mrs. G. L. Woodwick and One Child of McHenry Burned to Death by Explosion.

A terrible tragedy took place last Saturday afternoon at McHenry when Mrs. Woodwick and her two children were mixed up in an explosion which caused the life of the mother and a little sixteen month old child and badly burning another boy about four years old who may possibly survive although he is badly injured.

After the accident Dr. Westley of this city and Dr. Truscott, of Binford, were called into consultation and from Dr. Westly we learn that Mrs. Woodwick poured a lot of kerosene on the kitchen fire, this caused the formation of gas and a terrific explosion occurred which was heard all over the town.

The mother and child were stunned by the explosion and before help could reach them they were badly burned. The youngest child died some time after the accident and the mother an hour later. It is an awful calamity to the community and to the stricken husband who is nearly crazed by grief.

The family is a prominent one in our sister city and the calamity is a sad blow to this community. The Courier editor has a personal acquaintance with Mr. Woodwick and we desire to extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in the terrible loss that he has suffered.