

Another explosion disaster

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ter, blown 30 feet from the boiler, could be identified only by his clothing.

Also as in the Ellettsville case, the victims were taken to a nearby house. It was two hours before physicians arrived.

Apart from having a somewhat florid and emotional style, the *Telephone* article contained a number of interesting details. For example, the readers learned that the approximate value of the saw-

mill was \$3,000 and that the Carters furnished lumber for the Showers furniture factory.

It was a couple of weeks before the *Telephone* got around to updating its readers on the aftermath of the explosion. The Aug. 2, 1884, edition contained a stark little item which announced that William Collins "died last Friday." Three other references to the tragedy are noteworthy. "Graves and Reed are getting along tolerably well, and it is thought, may recover."

A week later the *Telephone* reported the death of "young

Graves." "This swells the fatal list to five: John Carter, Wesley Carter, William C. Graves, William Graves Jr. and a man by the name of Collins, making this far the worse accident that ever happened in Monroe County."

But the report of young Graves' death was premature. On Aug. 16, the *Telephone* ran a correction. "We are glad to correct our mistake of last week with regard to the death of the young Mr. Graves, who was injured by the explosion of Carter's mill. Mr. Graves is doing well and will be out in a few days."