

Simon Imirie

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Serious Accident in South Washington

Four Youths Injured by a Powder Explosion

Between ten and eleven o'clock yesterday morning, while several youths were spending their holiday near the southeastern end of Armory Square, between 6th and 7th streets, South Washington, one of them, named Simon Imirie, whose father resides on 6th street, near Maryland avenue, fired a pistol at an old canteen cover, which ignited the canvas covering and scattering some of the fragments into a cigar box, about one-third full of powder, caused an explosion and serious injuries to himself and three other youths, named Alfred Wright, Peter Coleman, and Charles Riley. Wright and Coleman are shockingly, if not fatally burnt about the head, arms and body; but the other two though suffering severe pain, are not considered in a dangerous condition. The escape of young Wright from instant death is miraculous, as, besides the concussion and scorching which the powder produced, his linen clothes took fire and almost entirely burnt off his person. He is the son of Mr. George Wright, of the Arsenal, where he was employed. At the parties are residents of South Washington, and were seated around the box of powder, when young Imirie so recklessly fired near it. Dr. R.C. Croggen was first in attendance upon the unfortunate boys, and rendered all the assistance in his power.

Imirie. At 5:30 a.m., on Thursday morning, October 4, 1883 after a painful illness, Simon Imirie, oldest son of John and Ellen Imirie in the 28th year of his age.

Past his suffering, past his pain
Cease to weep for tears are vain
Calm the tumult of thy breast
For he that suffered is at rest.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his father's residence, No. 182, 6th street southwest, Sunday, October 7 at 2:30.

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Sunday Funerals

The funeral of Simon Imirie, son of John Imirie, a well-known grocer of South Washington, took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, No. 184 6th street southwest. Rev. Dr. Sunderland, of the First Presbyterian Church, conducted the funeral services and delivered an address. The floral offerings were very handsome. The interment took place at Congressional Cemetery.