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NEGRO WOMAN SEVERELY BURNED

Fannie Metlock Dangerously Burned
While Kindling Fire Last Fri-
day—House Destroyed

Fannie Metlock, 60, a negro woman living in a tenant house upon the James Thompson farm east of Fayette, was dangerously burned in an explosion which resulted when she threw coal off upon a newly kindled fire shortly before noon last Friday.

The presence of mind of her husband, Sam Metlock, who threw a blanket around her and smothered the flames of her blazing garments, probably saved her from being burned to death on the spot.

Metlock was in another room shaving when the explosion occurred. He carried his wife from the building and saw that two grandchildren living at the house, a boy of eight and a girl of three years, were safe. The woman was the only one injured.

The flames resulting from the explosion destroyed the tenant house, the barn and a number of the adjacent sheds. All of the implements, furniture and clothing in these were destroyed. A bundle of clothing left there to be washed by a family in the neighborhood was also lost.

The value of the property destroyed in the blaze was between six and eight hundred dollars, of which three hundred was covered by insurance.

Friday afternoon Fannie was brought to the home of her daughter, Alice Ashcraft, in Fayette, where she could be cared for by relatives.

Metlock
(black)
sent
to
Marleta
Childs