

## Explosion of Gas in High Street

Last night (Sunday) about a quarter to nine o'clock, an explosion of gas took place in the "Times" boot and shoe warehouse, High street. So far as we have been able to gather information relative to the affair, the facts of the case appear to be theses:- At the above-named hour an escape of gas was discovered in the show room of this establishment, which seemed to issue from the bottom of a chandelier. The room having been closed all day had become densely impregnated with the explosive matter. A young man connected with the establishment, whose name we have not learnt, very incautiously made use of a lighted candle in examining the chandelier, and the result was an instantaneous explosion resembling the report of a piece of ordnance. The young man was thrown down, most seriously burnt; the back window (a very large frame) was all but blown out; some squares of glass were shattered in the front, as well as a plate glass door opening into the room where the explosion occurred. The building was more or less damaged, but singular to relate, two other parties were who were in the room at the time of the explosion, along with the man who was injured, escaped unhurt. The managers of the fire brigades were on the spot in a few minutes after the accident, but fortunately their services were not required.