

## Stephen Andrews

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### NEWPORT.

**A LIME BURNER SUFFOCATED.** — Mr. F. Blake, coroner, held an inquest at the Barley Mow Inn, Shide, on Wednesday, on view of the body of Stephen Andrews, of Totton, who was found dead that morning at the limekiln by the road from Shide, leading up to St. George's Down. — Mr. Alfred Lee, landlord of the Barley Mow, deposed that he knew deceased, who lodged in the village with the foreman of the kiln. Last night deceased was one of the company at the Barley Mow. He was there, perhaps, two hours, and had four pints of fourpenny beer, of which some friends partook. He left with his workmate, Cassford, about 10.30, and they were perfectly sober. — George Cassford said deceased was his mate at the limekiln. They walked together up to the kiln to see how the fire was getting on. They shook the fire down into the chalk, and sat down about an hour under the arch or "kiln's eye"; and then deceased, blocking up the entry with a door and some bags to keep the draft out, and lying down on some sacks he placed in front of the kiln's mouth, went to sleep. When deceased had slept about half-an-hour witness roused him, but he seemed very drowsy, and witness said "We will stop another five minutes," and he himself dropped off to sleep alongside of deceased, and he knew nothing more till he was roused by the foreman, and saw deceased lying dead by his side. — Other evidence having been given the jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally Suffocated."

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