

COMPANY USED AN AUTO

RUSHED THEIR APPARATUS TO FIRE BEHIND TOURING CAR.

AT THE HOME OF E. C. ADAMS

Noon-hour Alarm Calls the Department—Alarm Was Caused by Exploding Coal Oil Stove—No Damage to Residence.

An oil stove used for cooking purposes exploded in the basement of Conductor E. C. Adams' home at 603 South Sixth street, resulting in a noon-hour alarm being turned into the fire department. No damage resulted from the fire.

Mrs. W. H. Ellenwood, an old lady who makes her home at the Adams residence, was about the stove when the explosion occurred. She was not burned by the flames which dashed out from the stove and helped put out the fire. Beyond the house being filled with smoke little or no damage resulted.

The services of the fire department were not needed despite the fact that one of the hose companies pressed a passing automobile into service, making a spectacular dash to the scene of the fire with the hose cart trailing along behind the powerful touring car.

Railway Notes. The Baltimore & Ohio is to experiment with natural gas as an illuminant for its passenger coaches.

The Canadian Pacific will spend \$125,000 in improving the line of the Esquimaux and Nanaimo this summer.

Missouri Pacific officials declare that the report of an enforced resignation by A. W. Sullivan, general manager, is absurd.

Shops for the Idaho & Washington Northern, are to be built at Spirit Lake, Idaho, the buildings and equipment of which will cost \$200,000.

Merchandise traffic of the Reading during the month of March decreased 33 per cent, anthracite coal traffic, 19 per cent, and bituminous coal traffic 18 per cent.

The National Express company has displaced the United States Express on the Alton, between Chicago and St. Louis, and all the Illinois branches of that road.

New York Central officials are said to be figuring on steel passenger car equipment. Specifications for additional cars of that character are said to have been proposed by the Pennsylvania.

Transcontinental rates on ground iron ore for paint-making from Chicago and defined territory west to Portland and Pacific coast terminals have been fixed at 69 cents per 100 pounds.

Powers & Brewer, of Woodstock, Ont., have been awarded heavy concrete contracts on the Grand Trunk Pacific between Grand Falls and the Tobique river. It covers about 75,000 cubic yards of concrete, and will be worth \$350,000.

Agreed judgments have been entered for \$100 each against the Texas & New Orleans and Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio, for violation of the Texas railroad commission's order requiring passenger trains to be operated within thirty minutes of schedule time or stub trains run.

CAMPBELL CIRCUS ACCIDENT.

Young Man Employed in Dining Car Burned by Gasoline Explosion.

Sioux City, May 12.—While Harry Wallace, aged 18 years, was filling the tank of a gasoline stove in one of the Campbell Bros.' dining cars between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday the stove exploded and so seriously burned the young man that he has since died.

As the victim of the accident in his fright rushed out of the car into the open air, the flames were fanned into greater fury, but companions overtook him and covered him with clothes and rolled him on the ground, extinguishing the flames, but not before the entire upper part of his face, neck and arms had been burned.

The victim lives at Fairbury, Neb., the headquarters of the Campbell Bros.' show, and he has been with the circus some time. He is an employe in the dining car. Wen Wallace, a brother, is one of the principal clowns.

FRED H. FREE AS ORATOR.

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BACKED BY BUSINESS MAN.

Plainview Base Ball Team is Getting Ready.

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"Our Wives and Sweethearts," Col. R. J. Woods.

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