VALENTINE. - NEBRASKA

STRIKERS ARE UGLY

CLEVELAND FEARS TROUBLE THIS WEEK.

A Well Founded Rumor to the Effect that the Strikers are Arming and Drilling Creates an Uneasy Feeling-Wreck in Illinois.

Strikers are Arming.

A startling piece of news in connection with the Brown strike at Cleveland, which comes from an apparently reliable source, is to the effect that the strikers are arming themselves and drilling. It was said that forty of the strikers had organized a company, elected a captain and purchased revolvers. The company drilled Saturday evening and it was announced that the purpose of the men was to avenge the death of the two men who were shot at different times in conflicts between union and non-union men.

Four companies of militia are on duty at the works and a large force of police will be on hand to guard against trouble when the non-union men go to work.

TWO KILLED, TEN INJURED.

Carelessness of Trainmen Causes a

Bad Wreck in Illinois. Through the carelessness of trainmen a frightful wreck occurred on the curve just east of Birkbeck, a small station on the Illinois Central, five miles northeast of Clinton, Passenger train No. 504, going south, and passenger train No. 501, going north, collided while going at full speed. Both engines are a complete wreck, and one mail car was reduced to splinters, and the other mail car and both baggage cars were badly damaged.

Engineer Burchnaugh leaves a widow and three small children. He was a man of iron nerve, and when advised to jump by his fireman, Swartwood, he said: "No; I will stick to her to the last," and he did. He had been in many collisions and was in the Chattsworth, Ill., wreck. William Baker, mail agent, was also killed.

OVER 90 MILES AN HOUR.

Remarkable Time of an Engine with a New Friction Gear.

The tremendous speed of over ninetyfour miles an hour was reached at the trial of the Holman friction geared locomotive drawing a train on the tracks of the South Jersey railroad. The speed did not, however, meet the expectations of Inventor Holman, who is bent upor, sending the engine along at the rate of 100 miles an hour. He declares that any good, well built engine can be made to go at the rate of masrly two miles a minute if equipped with the friction gearing.

FOUR THOUSAND PERISH.

Tidal Wave Inundates a Section of the Chinese Coast.

A tidal five miles long swept in from the sea and inundated the coast of Hayehau, in the province of Kiang Su. China. Many villages were destroyed. At least 4,000 people were drowned. An immense number of cattle perished. The rice fields were totally destroyed. A famine is feared in that district.

A Million Dollar Failure.

The business community of Columbus, Ohio, was shocked by the announcement that the Columbus Buggy Company, one of the oldest concerns of the city, had made an assignment. In the statement sent out the cause of the assignment is given as due to the general business depression, slow sales, collections, a curtailment of the company's line of credit, numerous failures among their customers and the inability of customers to meet paper at maturity.

It employs about 1,000 men when running full force and about 600 were at work at the time the failure occurred. The firm had branch houses in a dozen of the leading cities of the country and was recognized as among the foremost buggy companies of the country. No statement of assets and liabilities has been made, but they will each approximate nearly \$1,000, -

Nearly Cuts His Head Off.

Frank Davis killed Robert Pickett at Cripple Creek, Colo., cutting his head nearly off with a razor, and also cut May Rivers so badly that she will die. He then cut his own throat, but it is not thought the wound is fatal. The woman was an inmate of Pickett's dance hall, and the jealousy of Davis, the porter of the place, caused the tragedy.

Ten Per Cent, Reduction. An order has been issued at the Valentine Iron Company's works, at Bellefonte, Pa., that, commencing with Aug. 1, a ten per cent reduction of wages will be. Over

500 men are affected by the reduction. Walkerton Firm Fails.

T. J. Reece & Co., hardware dealers at Walkerton, Ind., have made an assignment, with liabilities of about \$4,000 and assets near \$3,500. Cause of the failure, hard times and slow collections.

Buggy Makers Fail. Emerson & Fisher Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, manufacturers of buggies and carriages, have failed. The liabilities are \$390,000:

assets, \$450,000. Silk Merchants Fail.

Dreyfus, Kuhn & Co., silk commission merchants of New York have assigned to Levi D. Haus and Oscar E. Rosenheim, with preferences. The amount involved is reported to be about \$300,000. They have been in business about twenty-eight years.

Crop Failures in Southern Russia An Odessa dispatch to the London Times announces that official reports are to the effect that the harvest has been a failure throughout the most fertile grain

Better Prospects, but No Improvement to Speak Of.

R. G. Dnn & Co.'s Weekly Review of The signing of a compact to control for- Democratic national convention there orn are still excellent.

Wheat is already going out with more freedom than is usual for the season, and Atlantic exports have been 1,901,119 bushels, flour included, for the week, against 900,248 bushels last year. Western receipts are also remarkably heavy, and if part is old wheat, so much the greater must have been the surplus from previous crops. Lower railroad rates helped corn to make a new record at 301% cents.

and prospects are generally favorable. Sales of wool now reported are less than a quarter of a full week's consumption, for the week being only 1,619,700 pounds against 6,072,450 last year. Leather is stubbornly held without change in prices, but hides have turned downward sharply at Chicago, declining 5 per cent, for the week, with heavy accumulatiods.

QUEEN VIC TO RETIRE.

Rumor that the Prince of Wales

Will Go On the Throne. A rumor that Queen Victoria intends to retire in favor of the Prince of Wales is again current in court circles. Much the weight of her years, and is quoted as having remarked on the occasion of the marriage of Princess Maud and Prince Charles of Denmark: "This is my last visit to London."

NINETEEN TO DIE.

Rand of Austrian Murderers and Robbers Sentenced.

The trial at Agram, Austria, of the Stenjeve band, numbering thirty-six, charged with eighteen murders and numerous assaults and robberies, resulted in workmen. the condemnation of nineteen, including two women, to death, sentence of nine to imprisonment, and the acquittal of eight.

Fatally Wounds a Minister. At the Cotton Belt Railroad depot at

Texarkana, Ark., Col. John Hallam, a well-known Arkansas attorney and author of "The Dairy of an Old Lawyer," shot and fr'ally wounded Rev. W. A. Forbes, one of the most prominent Baptist ministers in the state, and who is at present pastor of a church at New Lewisville. Mrs. Hallam recently obtained a divorce from her husband. Hallam charged Forbes with alienating his wife's affections and bringing discord into his

Accident at a Summer Resort.

A terrible fatality occurred at Lake Ottozee, a summer resort five miles from Knoxville, Tenn. A Sunday School picnic was in progress and the recently erected chutes were doing a good business. As one of the boats came down the chutes having aboard thirteen small children, a row boat crossed its path as it struck the water and four occupants of the row boat were killed or injured.

Young Maceo to Join Cubans. Among the passengers that arrived at New York by the steamer Caracas, from Laguyara, was a son of Jose Maceo, who was killed in Cuba recently. The young man, it is said held the post of chief of police in Port Limon, Costa Rica, and is, together with ten other young Cubans, on his way to the island to join the rebel army. He learned of his father's death on

Americans Killed in Peru.

A man named Cooper, an American citizen, has been lost in the forest at Carabarary, Peru. Two Germans, who were members of his party, have arrived at the San Domingo mine. The remaining four, said to be gold seekers, have been killed by Indians. It is said that the San Domingo mine has just been purchased by Americans and that it is producing immensely.

Met Death in the Flames. Christ Heller and wife, living in the northern portion of the city of Ottawa, Ill., received burns from which the woman died and the man may not recover. Fire broke out in their home, and in seeking to quench it the woman's clothing took fire. Her husband attempted to extinguish the flames burning about her, and was terribly burned also.

Woman Bicyclist Arrested. Angelina Poopel, a typewriter girl, and Bert Fish, a clerk in the Nickel Plate Railroad office, Chicago, were arrested. Miss Poopel is alleged to be the woman bievelist who ran into William Klink recently, resulting in his death. Fish is said to have been with Miss Poopel at the ime of the accident.

Boy Stolen by Tramps Reclaimed Albert Br. Igeman, the 8-year-old boy who was taken from tramps at Logansport, Ind., last winter and since kept in the Orphans Home there, has been reclaimed by his grandfather, Samuel Bridgeman, of Morehouse Mo. He was found by means of an advertisement.

German Cruiser Lost. The German cruiser Itlis was lost in a typhoon on July 23 about seventy-five miles southeast of here. Ten of the crew were saved. All the others including the officers, perished. The number of men on board is unknown.

Five Killed and 100 Injured. The explosion of a fire works factory magazine at Fuenfkirchen, Austria, resulted in the death of five persons, the injuring of 100 others and the wrecking of

the town hall and other houses. Fatal Shooting in Springfield. During a quarrel between Richard Shepherd, a farm hand, and Gue, an emigrant mover, at Springfield, Ill., the former was

TRADE FOR THE PAST WEEK. THE NOTIFICATION OF BRYAN

Will Take Place August 12 at Madison Square Garden.

Upon receipt of intelligence from New Trade says: Business conditions have York that the hall at Madison Square clearly improved, though business has Garden could be secured for that date, not. It is now the torpid season, and Mr. Bryan announced that he would rebetter prospects have little effect as yet. | ceive the notification committee of the eign exchange by a syndicate, pledging August 12. It is known that Mr. Bryan the use of \$750,000,000 for that purpose, is now preparing his speech of acceptmay render it unnecessary to use the gold, ance of the nomination, and it is further and has given 'some stocks a slight ad- known that it will contain much that will vance. Gold exports have been stopped more thoroughly challenge attention and and foreign trade is more promising of criticism than did his utterances in the an early demand for our product. The Chicago convention, He expects to lay, prospects for large crops of cotton and in his New York speech, the ground work for the campaign.

MAIL TRAIN DITCHED.

Remarkable Escape of Passengers

on the Chicago and Alton. The Chicago and Alton fast mail train No. 33 was wrecked near Cazenovia. The tender, baggage and mail cars and the coaches were derailed, the two rear coaches being overturned. The escape of all the passengers seems miraculous. They were all in the smoker, which did not turn over. The track was torn up for a distance of 100 yards and one rail was forced clear through a coach within a few feet of the passengers. The accident is attributed to the rails spreading.

HIS LAST RACE.

Joseph Greibler, the Crack Minne-

apolis Rider, Instantly Killed. Joseph Greibler of Minneapolis, one of the crack bicycle circuit riders, was killed at Lima, Ohio, on the 29th. Greibler was probably overcome by the heat, for he left the track, ran straight into the crowd and was thrown upon a fence, receiving auxiety is felt regarding the condition of injuries which resulted in his death a half Queen's health. She seems to feel greatly | hour later. Greibler was in the lead in the half mile open race at the time the accident occurred.

VICTORY FOR UNION WORKMEN

A Pittsburg Iron Mill Signs the Amalgamated Scale.

The Oliver's Tenth Street iron mill at Pittsburg, which has been nonunion since 1892, has signed the amalgamated puddlers' and finishers' scale, and 450 men will be put to work. The Oliver's signature is considered as a big victory for th,

RAILROAD LINE WIPED OUT.

Flood Destroys the Catskill Branch

of the Union Pacific. The fact has just become known that the recent flood entirely destroyed the Catskill branch of the Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf Railroad, forty miles in length running from Trinidad, Colo., to the Maxwell land grant in New Mexico.

Young Ohio Woman Missing.

Five weeks ago Miss Luella Emrie of Walnut Hill, Cincinnati, living at 27 Gilbert Avenue, left that city for Petoskey, Mich., and has not been heard from since. She has spent several summers with Mrs. J. B. Gage, who keeps a fashionable boarding house at Petoskey, and was expected for this summer. Replies received from inquiries addressed by Mrs. Gage to Cincinnati indicate that Miss Emrie left there, as she had intended to, and that nothing had been heard of her at Indianapolis, where she intended to visit friends. A trunk, unclaimed, at the Chicago and West Michigan depot, Petoskey, is undoubtedly hers. She was an attractive woman, 20 years of age, and of excellent reputation.

Yellow Fever in Mexican Cities. A telegram from the United States consul at Vera Cruz to the surgeon general of the United States marine hospital service. announces the existence of yellow fever at Vera Cruz. A report also has been received from the United States consul at Acapulco, Mexico, announcing the appearance of yellow fever in that city.

Killed in a Runaway.

A hack at Buffalo, Minn., was overturned, the team running away. Miss Winnie Meginn, a passenger, was killed.

California Fruit in London. The second annual shipment of 5,000 boxes of California pears and a few boxe; of plums have arrived in London.

Death by Poison.

Mrs. John Black of Niagara, N. D., committed suicide by taking poison. Domestic trouble is the supposed cause.

MARKETS. Sioux City.

Hogs	\$2	85	@	2	9216	
Cattle—					3.55	
Cows and Heifers	2	75				
Stockers and Feeders	3	25		170		
Veal Calves	4	50			8	
Sheep	3	40				
Wheat		44	0		45	
Corn		15	0		191/2	
Oats		15			347	
Hay	4	00	a	5	00	
Butter		10	a		13	

Eggs..... 10 Chicago. Hogs.....\$2 65 @\$3 50 Beeves...... 3 15 @ 4 40 Stockers and Feeders.... 2 25 @ 3 60 Vheat..... 58%@ 61% Corn..... 2514@ 25% Oats...... 18½@ 20½ Rye..... 31 Timothy Seed.... 3 10 @ 3 15 Flax Seed 73½

South Omaha. Hogs.....\$2 75 @\$3 05 Steers...... 3 00 @ 4 00 Cows...... 1 25 @ 3 25

Feeders..... 2 50 @ 3 40 Kansas City. Hogs......\$2 60 @\$3 10 Cattle-Beeves..... 3 00 @ 4 00 Feeders 2 45 @ 3 65

Sheep...... 2 25 @ 5 00 Minneapolis. July\$0 55% September 55% December..... 57% Flax..... 68

A GREAT STATE

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF at an early hour Sunday morning at a NEBRASKA.

A Deal Involving the Transfer of 100,000 Acres of Land and the Bringing Into the State Money to Improve it Consummated at Omaha.

Big Deal in Real Estate.

A deal involving the transfer of about 100,000 acres of land and also the bringing into the state of a large amount of money to improve it, which has been the subject of negotiations for over a year, was closed up at Omaha recently. The land is that owned by the Equitable Live Stock Investment Company, and includes some of the finest land in Keith and Lincoln counties. The purchasers are Turple Brothers | player. of Toledo, Ohio, and the price was

FOUND NO GOLD IN ALASKA.

\$250,000.

Two Nebraska Men Return from a

Long Journey. H. G. Crissey and F. D. Rothell, two Crab Orchard young men who left Johnson County the first of last March for the gold fields of Alaska, have returned. They tell anything but inspiring stories of that supposed gold abounding country and express satisfaction at being able to reach home alive. The gentlemen joined a company of four friends at Seattle, Wash., last March. The company was fitted out with camping equipment, tools, etc., and made the trip to Cook's Inlet, a point about 1,400 miles northwest of Sitka,

by water. Discouraged at their luck the party left Cook's Inlet the middle of last month, the Johnson County members reaching home just forty-two days thereafter, and were continually on the road. They return home much richer in experience, but somewhat poorer in wealth, satisfied with the opportunity to re-embark in business in a country more favored by the elements.

HURT IN A RUNAWAY.

Capt, Beck, His Wife and Two

Other Persons Injured. As Capt. W. H. Beck, Indian agent on the Omaha and Winnebago reservations, accompanied by his wife, daughter, Mrs. Wales, of Fort McPherson, Ga., little son and Mr. Hillis, secretary to the superinagency, the neckyoke broke and the ing able to pay, they were jailed. Both horses started to run, overturning the car- are believed to be professional crooks. riage, throwing Mr. Hillis about twenty feet and injuring him slightly, Capt. Beck and wife were thrown under the carriage and injured more or less seriously. Mrs. Wales was injured in the lower limbs. Her little boy escaped without a scratch. The captain's injuries are internal and very painful.

Reunion Was a Success.

The Grand Army of the Republic reunion at Falls City was a great success. Judge Harback of Kansas City spoke Wednesday and the campfire was presided over by Captain Henry on Thursentertained the crowd with their oratory. The reunion was a success in every sense day being at least 6,000 people.

Boy Terribly Mangled. Quite a sad accident happened near Holstein lately. Young Munson, the 9-year-old son of H. C. Minnix, while riding one of the head horses on the harvester was thrown to the ground, and before the horses could be controlled the gulp of spavin cure. He still chews. harvester passed over the boy's body. He was horribly cut up and it is almost certain that one arm and one leg will have to be amputated.

Fine Team of Horses Poisoned.

A son of Zachariah Schrader, who lives in West Rock Bluffs precinct, attended church in Murray Sunday evening, driving in with a team of fine horses. On the journey home the animals began to show signs of physical weakness and one of them suddenly dropped dead in its tracks. The other horse succumbed the next morning and Mr. Schrader is satisfied that the animals were poisoned.

Mailed Obscene Literature. William Warner was arrested near York by Postoffice Inspector D. J. Sinclair. Warner is charged with sending obscene matter through the mails. A letter mailed by him at Wahoo, addressed to C. R. Greene of Hedrick, Ia., is in the hands of the officers. Warner has a divorced wife at Hedrick, and once served a year for larceny in the penitentiary at Michigan City, Ind.

\$4,390,000 Shortage. State Auditor Eugene Moore has com-

oleted the abstract of assessment of the state, and has given it out to the press. In round numbers there is a decrease in the assessed valuation of \$4,390,000 for the past fiscal year. At the rate of assessment of 7 mills this would result in a decrease in collections for state purposes of £307,300.

York Boy Missing.

Carl Olson of York left for Denver several weeks ago in search of work. He has not been heard from for some time. and the police authorities have not vet succeeded in locating him. Investigation shows that a postoffice money order sent to Carl by his parents was cashed by a stranger. The matter is a mystery.

Fruit Tree Swindler Abroad. A fruit tree fakir is getting in his work in this state. He sells fruit trees on the installment plan and takes fruit in pay when the trees begin to bear. He takes

lectable note. Women's Art Palace.

Among the features of the state irrigation fair at North Platte will be the women's art palace. It will be constructed of carved stone, 28 by 56 feet in dimen-

Air Full of Grasshoppers. The air in the vicinity of Columbus was full of grasshoppers on the 29th passing south and southeast. They were visible for several hours.

Drugged and Robbed by a Tramp B. D. Delebar, a German painter, residing at Tecumseh, is minus a horse and buggy, all on account of taking a tramp into his confidence. The tramp wanted to ride with him and he consented. On the trip the tramp gave him a drink of whisky and Delebar remembers nothing after having taken it.

Waterworks Bonds Floated. Bancroft city bonds of \$5,000 for waterworks were successfully sold by the electpushed.

Shot by a Brothel Keeper.

John Ricker, a young man aged 22 and an employe of the packing bouse at Nebraska City, was shot and instantly killed house of ill repute in the lower bottoms near that city. It seems that Ricker and some companions had been drinking all evening, and toward midnight called at the house conducted by Mrs. Anna Sopher, under the name of Anna Smith. One of Ricker's companions states that they rang the bell, but were denied admittance by the Smith woman, who was at the window of an upper room. She ordered them to leave, which they refused to do, upon which she opened fire on them with a 32-caliber revolver, firing five shots, one of which struck Ricker in the back just below the neck, lodging near the spinal

column. All the inmates of the house were placed under arrest. The Smith woman denies the killing, but states that it was done by a man named Spencer, a piane

Robbed by an Ex-Convict.

One Melroy World, a former convict at Lincoln, who came to Schuyler Thursday and left Saturday morning is suspected of robbing E. T. Hodson of \$10 and Albert Jenkins of an unknown amount, but presumably a large one, as he displayed a large roll of bills around town and was known to have received about a \$1,000 loan upon land in Butler County. Hodson lost his roll from his vest pocket. Jenkins was drinking, but went home before midnight. Later his father heard a noise upstairs, and on going to his son's room met World, who remarked that he might seem an intruder, but he had brought Al. home. Noticing Albert lying in the room, nothing was suspected.

Skull Fractured in a Fight.

Some time ago William Schroeder, a farmer living four miles southeast of Fairmont, was appointed guardian of the estate of Alexander Frye, deceased, and since that time he has been having trouble with Samuel Davis, who married the widow Frye and has lived on the farm with a lease from year to year. The two men met in a store and had some words, when Davis picked up an iron nail puller and struck Schroeder on the head, cutting a gash three inches long and fracturing the skull.

Thieves Quickly Caught. John Jones and James Sullivan stole a dozen studs and pins from a traveling man named Lowenshein, while he was displaying the same in a clothing store at Grand Island. They were apprehended tendent of Indian schools, were driving five minutes later with the goods in their down a hill from his residence to the possession and fined \$50 and \$20. Not be-

Young Man's Neck Broken.

Robert Spencer, son of R. J. Spencer, living near Plainview, was thrown from buggy and killed. In company with Tremnes Hawk he was out driving when the horse suddenly turned throwing them both out. Spencer was picked up and carried into the Commercial hotel and died in a few minutes. The doctor pronounced his neck broken.

Robberies Are Numerous.

Petty burglaries are getting to be numerous about Fails City lately. Several day. Church Howe and T. J. Majors houses were entered during the week, either at night or while the families were attending the rennion, among them being of the word, the average attendance each | the homes of A. F. Lewis and Nap De-Meis.

Still Chews.

R. P. McCutcheon of Grand Island purchased a bottle of stuff guaranted to wean him from the use of tobacco. He kept it in the barn. The other night he go hold of the wrong bottle and swallowed a big

Salt as Moth Exterminator.

Grand Island has been successfully worked by a smooth young man who selis small packages of fine salt for 50 cents a package by asserting its superior qualitie; as a moth exterminator. Banner County Treasurer Short

Examiner N. Fodrea has just completed

the examination of the books of Hender-

son L. Graves, county treasurer of Banner

County, and made a report of a cash shortage of \$1,026.98.

Death from Poison. At the inquest held at Wymore over the body of Maud Eaders, the jury decided that she came to her death by poison, but it was unknown to the jury who admin-

istered the same.

Valuable Team Stolen. A valuable team was stolen from the stables of Ed. Hughes, on Rock Creek, near Fairbury. The harness and nets were taken. There is no clew to the thief.

Prospecting for Oil. H. A. Barney of Kearney is boring for oil. He has been bothered with oil in his well, and is sinking it still lower to find

if there is oil there. Injured in a Runaway. A runaway accident near Western resulted in the serious injury of Minnie Witt, Rosa Cummings and Mary Wahl.

Struck by a Rattler. An infant child of a Mr. Smith at Mitchell was struck by a rattlesnake. Its life was saved with difficulty.

Nebraska News Notes. Nelson Stone's residence at Juniata was struck by lightning, but every member of

the family dodged the bolt. Rev. A. D. Wolfe, pastor of the Seward Presbyterian Church, has resigned to aceept a pulpit in a Missouri church. D. H. Price of Elwood lost a finger while trying to run a corn sheller and

look the other way at the same time. The Old Settlers' Association of York, an order and it turns up in the bank a col- | Seward, Butler and Polk Counties will abandon its annual pienie this year. Charles Ayres of Ashland nearly lost

his scalp because he happened to be stand. under a heavy meat ax which fell from a The physicians of Seward County have organized an association, with Dr. D. D.

Potter president and Dr. F. A. Marsh secretary. Lightning struck the barn of Joseph Ellenberger, nine miles from Lincoln, and burned it, entailing a loss of \$1,300 on the building and contents.

A party of eastern real estate men, 200 in number, are expected to make a tour of Nebraska during the month of August. Platte County people are enthusiastic over a young woman evangelist, Miss

Martha Johnson, whose eloquence has attracted marked attention. One of the largest real estate mortgages ever filed in Red Willow County was placed on record at McCook. It covers a 2,000-acre farm and is for \$25,000.

The Elkhorn railroad is ballasting its track with gravel, using twenty-four carors of Bancroft and work will be speedily loads a day. The track gang is now working between Scribner and Crowell.

OVER FORTY DEAD.

FLYING EXPRESS CUTS EXCUR-SION TRAIN IN TWO.

Awful Disaster Occurs at a Crossing Near Jersey City-Reading Express Catches a West Jersey Excursion Broadside-Sixty Are Injured.

Scores Are Killed.

A flying express train on the Reading and Atlantic City Railroad crashed into a West Jersey Railroad excursion train at the crossing of the two roads Thursday night. At least forty people were killed outright and about sixty injured. Of the killed twelve were women, twentyfour men and four children. The crash was the most disastrous in the history of

eastern railroad traffic. The accident was the result of a collision between the 5:40 p. m. express train from Philadelphia over the Reading and Atlantic City Railroad and an excursion of Red Men from Bridgeton, N. J., and vicinity, returning from Atlantic City, over the West Jersey Railroad, at the crossing of the two roads a short distance out of

Atlantic City. At the second signal tower the tracks of the two roads cross diagonally. The Reading train was given the signal, but it either failed to work or the speed of the express was too great to be checked in time. It caught the excursion train broadside and plowed through it, literally cleaving it in twain. The engine of the Reading train was shattered to pieces.

Every car was jammed to its fullest ca-As soon as the news reached Atlantic City the utmost consternation prevailed. Relief trains were dispatched to the scene, loaded with cets and bearing staffs of surgeons. As fast as the bodies were recovered they were carried into the local hospitals and undertakers' shops. A general fire alarm was sounded, and the department promptly responded and aided

in the work of digging for the victims. The worst fears were realized as the vigorous work of the relief gangs revealed the awful extent of the disaster. The first. Reading relief train bore into the city twenty-seven mangled corpses, men, women and children. The next train, not an hour later, carried fifteen of the maimed and wounded, and two of these died soon after reaching the city.

Hospitals Overtaxed. * As train after train was hurried to the scene of the wreck and came back with its ghastly load the sanitarium which does duty as the city hospital quickly found its capacity overtaxed. Meanwaile others of the dead and injured were being carried to the private hospital at Ocean

and Pacific avenues. Edward Farr, engineer of the Reading train, was killed outright, as was another road man who rode on the engine with him. This man saw the collision coming and leaped from the cab an instant before the crash. Almost at the same instant the engine cut its way through and caught him directly in its path. His body and that of Farr were found under a heap of debris, but the engineer lay in what remained of the cab and his right hand still grasped the throttle. He had been faithful unto death and met it at his post. The fireman on the train had leaped a few seconds before and escaped with trifling

injuries. Not Known Who Is to Blame.

The excursion train was made up of fifteen cars, the foremost of which was a baggage car. This and the next two coaches caught the full force of the crash and were utterly demolished. What remained of the third car was tumbled into a ditch at the roadside. The responsibility for the accident cannot now be

Charles C. Rynick, of Bridgeton, who was in the excursion party, was in one of the rear cars. "When we saw that a collision was unavoidable," he said, "the scene in our car was terrific. Women fainted and men rushed in mad panic for the door. But it came almost before we had time to think. One car was cut right in two and the lower portion of it lifted bodily from the track and tumbled over. The roof of one of the cars fell in a mass and everybody in that car was buried under it. It simply dropped on top of the people. I don't know who is to blame. When we were about two miles out from Atlantic City, N. J., we came to a stop out in the meadows and stayed there for several minutes, but I do not know why. I think there must have been fully eighty or 100 killed. The only person with me was my 6-year-old son, and he was not

hurt." Fourteen of the injured are reported to have died at the sanitarium. Superintendent L. N. Swigard, of the Philadelphia and Reading Company, places the number of dead at thirty-seven and the injured at about the same num-

William Thurlow, the operator at the block tower situated at the crossing, has been placed under arrest by order of the

Scene at the Fatal Place. An Associated Press reporter was on one of the first relief trains sent out by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The train was in charge of a number of railroad officials and Prosecutor Perry of Atlantic County. It drew up in the darkness a few feet this side of the fatal point. Staggering in and out of ditches and stumbling over masses of broken timber, with only a few lanterns, the rescue gang set bravely to work. Axes and shovels were niled with the greatest vigor, and almost at every half a dozen strokes a mangled form was brought up and laid tenderly on the pallets. It was a terrible task, and the strongest of men turned aside, faintfrom the revelations of the workers.

A heap of blood-stained timbers, turned aside by one of the rescuers, brought tosight a woman's arm. It had been wrenched off at the shoulder.

Not five minutes later a chance blow from a pick revealed a human heart.

Her Troubles. He-What are you looking so wor-

ried about, darling? She-Oh, I was thinking what a dreadful thing life would have been if we had never met.-Illustrated Month-

It Is. "That affair on the end of my tail,"

said the rattlesnake, "may not seem handsome, but-" He skillfully threw a coil. "It's a rattling good thing.

Yes."-New York Press.