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A BAD WRECK AT WEEPING WATER.

Passenger and Freight Collide in Yards With Serious Results.

Monday evening a little past five o'clock the west bound passenger train on the M. P. branch from Union to Lincoln collided head on with a freight train standing on the main line in the Weeping Water yards, the passenger engine being almost demolished and great damage done to the equipment besides injuring some twenty odd people, several seriously. The accident was caused by the freight train switching in the yards and occupying the main line upon the passenger train's time. The road from the east comes into the yards around a high hill or bluff and when the passenger rounded this bluff it was running at a high rate of speed and it could not be stopped in time to prevent the very serious wreck. Engineer Hoover on rounding the curve discovered the train immediately in front of his train shouted for fireman Hoffmann to jump; at the same time applying the air and reversing his engine. After he had done all he could to stop the train he, too, leaped and escaped without dangerous injuries. Hoffmann, the fireman who jumped was more seriously injured than any of the crew or passengers. He sustained a broken arm and shoulder. Smith, the brakeman, was taken from the wreck unconscious and thought to be badly injured but later it was found he had escaped practically without serious mishap. The crew on the freight discovered the approaching passenger in time to get into the clear and were uninjured.

The Lincoln train was usually crowded with passengers and yesterday was no exception. There was a large number of Methodist ministers on board returning from the conference at Auburn and many of these sustained injury. The most seriously injured of the passenger is probably Rev. Harrison Presson, Auburn, who was hurt about the head. Rev. Presson is ninety years of age and is reported to be the oldest minister in the state. It is doubtful if he will recover owing to his great age.

The passengers for Lincoln and the west were taken on into Lincoln by a switcher stationed at Weeping Water and three cabooses which were pressed into service. No arrangements were made by the railroad company for caring for the injured and when those of them who went through to Lincoln arrived there, they found no ambulances, carriages or other vehicles waiting them, but was forced to take street cars or walk to their destination.

The passengers were loud in their praise of the conduct of the engineer of the passenger, and in fact of the whole train crew who did all in their power to avert the catastrophe and protect the passengers after it occurred. There seems no question as to where the blame for the disaster lay, as the freight train was plainly on the main line on the passenger train's time.

The list of injured as near as compiled as follows:

George Hoffman, fireman, 744 North Tenth street, Lincoln, shoulder broken and arm injured.

Joe Smith, brakeman, 2330 Q street, Lincoln, eye, head and hand injured.

J. H. Hoover, engineer, 1026 H street, Lincoln, leg sprained and badly shocked.

Harry Trumbull, Fort Morgan, Col., back and spine hurt.

E. Holland, Denton, Neb., face bruised.

Francis Rizzo, Lincoln, head badly damaged.

Mrs. J. R. Gettys, University Place, nose broken.

Rev. Harrison Presson, Auburn, badly hurt about the head. Mr. Presson is ninety years old and is said to be the oldest preacher in the state.

Ev. Mr. Nichols, University Place, face bruised.

Rev. Mr. Holland, Emerald, Neb., nose cut.

Rev. Mr. Seidel, Rising City, Neb., hurt about head.

Rev. H. Smith, Seward, Neb., hurt in face and back.

Agnes Lococo, Lincoln, face bruised.

Mary Lococo, Lincoln, injured about face.

Jimmie Lococo, Lincoln, head badly injured.

Edward Childs, 1533 R street, Lincoln, ankle bruised.

Rev. E. M. Reed, Kenesaw, Neb., hand and body bruised.

W. B. Eastham, Broken Bow, Neb., hurt in elbow.

J. W. Wade, Kenesaw, Neb., badly scratched.

W. H. Shoaf, Pauline, Neb., finger sprained.

Fresh oysters "R" now in season. Perry's Quick Lunch room, Gund bldg.

In Police Court.

Saturday evening Leslie McKinney and Geo. Taylor became involved in an altercation in Giese's saloon resulting in much profanity and obscene language on Taylor's part and a right hook or something that way to the nose by McKinney as a result of the lurid language. The trouble started because McKinney wanted Taylor to recompense him with twenty-five cents he owed him. Chief Fitzgerald took judicial cognizance of the embryo riot and complained to Police Judge Archer of the matter. The judge promptly brought out the celebrated Archer brand of justice and when the gentlemen were arraigned before him, he gave Taylor five dollars and costs worth and McKinney one dollar and cost, holding that the latter was more sinned against than sinning. Taylor asked some time in which to make arrangements looking to keeping out of the donjon keep while McKinney promised to swell the city treasurer's balance by Saturday night if let go that long. The judge allowed both requests.

Coates Block Attached.

The Clerk of the District Court Monday filed an attachment suit involving the Fitzgerald block in this city and other property included in the deal between W. W. Coates and Isaac K. Wilson. The title of this case is Asa C. Landon vs. Isaac K. Wilson and the case is a suit for commission upon the trade. The petition sets forth that Landon, as agent of Wilson, sold some 2150 acres of land in Henry County, Mo., to W. W. Coates of this city for the consideration of \$85,750.00 upon which Landon claimed commissions amounting to \$2168.75. That Wilson had paid the sum of \$467.09 and that there was a balance due of \$1701.66, with interest from Feb. 1, 1908, at 6 per cent per annum. An attachment is levied upon the Fitzgerald block as Wilson is a non-resident of the state, living at Des Moines, Ia. The attorney bringing the case is Jas. D. Lindsey of Henry County, Mo.

Important Case Filed.

Clerk of the Court Robertson late Saturday evening filed an important case in his office. The title of the case is Stella Henton et al vs. The Sovereign Camp of the Woodmen of the World, and it is a suit to recover upon a beneficiary certificate issued by Evergreen Camp of this city on May 7, 1906 to W. E. Henton, husband and father of the plaintiffs. The certificate was numbered 24318 and called for fifteen hundred dollars to be paid, one thousand dollars to the widow and five hundred dollars to the children of the deceased, besides a monument fee of one hundred dollars. The petition alleges that Henton died on March 7, 1908, after having paid all premiums, dues and assessments and while a member in good standing. The camp was notified and proof of death made, but no settlement had been had as yet. Judgment for fifteen hundred dollars and costs is asked.

Caught with the Goods.

Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker has been troubled for sometime past by men passing liquid fire or red eye through the meshes of the county jail windows to the prisoners within and Monday he succeeded in landing one of the culprits. One John Holland was detected trying to convey some bug-juice into the jail to some of his friends who were enjoying an enforced rest therein, and he was promptly sent to join them by Mr. Manspeaker who informed the county attorney of John's scandalous conduct. This morning County Attorney Rawls filed a complaint against John under the state law for being intoxicated and he plead guilty. Justice Archer fining him the statutory amount of ten dollars and costs. In default of the where with all to settle, John was hurried away to the donjon keep where the jailer will endeavor to keep liquor from him for several days to come.

Captured the Prize.

It is always a pleasure to the Journal to refer to former Cass county people who have removed from town to another section, especially if they are worthy of note. In this instance it is a little girl born in Plattsmouth, that we desire to refer to—Muriel, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Cummins, who at present reside near Sedgewick, Col. She is a bright little girl, and her former schoolmates will be pleased to learn that the little lady captured the first prize at the county fair at Julesburg last week for the best specimen in penmanship, the premium being \$3.00 and we imagine Muriel is feeling very proud. She is only in the 8th grade at that. The Journal says good for Muriel.

MORE ABOUT THE FIRE

Oscar Gapen's Loss Confirmed—Spontaneous Combustion.

The fire at Oscar Gapen's Monday afternoon was still burning at noon today. The loss is still placed around the neighborhood of three thousand dollars. The origin of the fire is generally considered as being spontaneous combustion, the flames being discovered first in the hay loft of the large horse barn where Mr. Gapen and Will Jean had a total of some sixty tons of new mown hay stored. Of this amount Mr. Gapen owned some forty tons and Mr. Jean some twenty odd tons. There was no insurance upon this and both Mr. Gapen and Mr. Jean are losers.

As told in the Journal last evening the flames destroyed the large horse barn, the wagon sheds and the large double crib completely. The personal property included in the loss was a number of sets of harness, several wagons and buggies and considerable farm machinery.

Owing to the large amount of hay stored in the barn, the flames burned fiercely all night, some fifty men being engaged in fighting them throughout the night. Owing to the calm weather there was little danger of the flames spreading but a high wind would have endangered the remaining property.

The entire sympathy of the community is with Oscar Gapen in his loss. Mr. Gapen is one of Cass county's best citizens and, while he was insured it is understood to some extent upon the buildings, he must suffer severely in his loss. It is to be hoped that his fortune changes and that henceforward he has only the best of luck and speedily recovers from this stroke.

He was in Omaha yesterday and returned last evening on the flyer learning of the disaster. He accepted the situation philosophically and has shown true Nebraska grit in preparing to win everything back.

IN JUDGE ARCHER'S COURT

The Boys Get a Taste of the Judge's Brand of Justice.

James Duffy and Sam Beverage were two early morning victims of the celebrated Archer Brand of Justice. It seems Jim had been frequently in the toils of Chief Fitzgerald and Officer Rainey but had been allowed to wend his way as soon as some of the snake bite in his system had died out, but last night patience ceased to be a virtue with the officers besides which it was suspected Jim had some coin of the realm which he might be induced to part with to the public welfare, therefore he was hauled in. From James' own version of the happenings of the day before he didn't just for sure know where he was at, and the Judge after gravely listening to his plea for a chance to leave the city, fined him five plunks and costs. In the case of Sam, the atrociousness of the offense of becoming tangled in his reckoning was augmented by Sam's pouring some red eye through the bars of the city jail to the prisoners. In addition Sam taxed the hospitality of the hotel to excess, being put in during the afternoon and let out at seven o'clock only to be back again by eleven. Considering the dreadful nature of his offense, the Court turned a deaf ear to Sam's appeals to be allowed to walk out of the village and likewise dealt him five and costs. Both these fines were to be worked out on the public highways and by-ways under the able supervision of John Janda, street commissioner and policeman ex-officio.

After administering the fines to the two men, Judge Archer made out commitments and stepped out of the court room for a few moments. Chief Fitzgerald had also stepped out into the corridor leaving the men without a watchman over them. They instantly seized the opportunity and without saying adieu to the Chief or Judge rushed out the back door and down the stairway, making their escape. Chief Fitzgerald came into the room a few moments after they had left and learned from the spectators the fact of their decamping. He instantly gave fierce and vigorous pursuit but Alacka day the individuals were so where to be found. Up to the hour of going to press they had not been located and they are doubtless still fleeing into the wilderness rather than locate in the confines of the county jail.

For Sale—A 4 month's scholarship in Boyle College. Will sell cheap. Inquire at this office.

Almost Another Plattsmouth.

E. D. Stokes, after spending several days in the city with his parents and brothers, returned this morning to his home at Plainview. Eddie is greatly delighted with the country up around his new home and says that the hills of old Cass make him tired and he prefers the broad, fertile plains of Knox county. However, he admits that he likes to come back to the old home and put in a part of the year visiting with friends and having a little reunion with the family. Yesterday he and his three brothers got together and had a picture taken as a memento of this trip. And it can be said to their credit that the picture is a fine one as they are a good looking set of men. It is possible he may return during the winter for a brief visit, although this is not assured. He says that Plainview is almost another Plattsmouth, there being so many families from this city and vicinity living there. He estimates that there are seventy-five families from this section located in that vicinity.

Enjoying a Visit.

Levi Rusterholtz and wife of near Murray, have been entertaining for the past several weeks, F. L. Jewell and wife, Mrs. Rusterholtz's brother-in-law, of Waterloo, Ia. Mr. Jewell in company with Mr. Rusterholtz has taken occasion to travel over a good part of the eastern end of the county, and has inspected the corn crop. He finds that it is a very disappointing yield and does not believe that corn in this county will average thirty-five bushels to the acre. He states that he has been in many fields and carefully examined them with the result as stated above. He considers the heavy washing rains of the early spring as responsible for most of the loss. Mr. Jewell and wife and Mr. Rusterholtz and wife departed Tuesday morning for Ansley, Neb., where Mr. Jewell has a brother living and where they will visit for some time, after which Mr. Jewell will return to his home.

New Farmer's Automobile.

H. Krause with the International Harvester Company at Council Bluffs, Ia., was here Wednesday, having in charge a fine new farmer's automobile, recently purchased by Will Sargeant of Elmwood. Mr. Sargeant accompanied Mr. Krause, the two gentlemen going in the machine from Council Bluffs to Elmwood, where the machine will be turned over to Mr. Sargeant. It seems to be a fine machine, being a double seated one with fourteen horse power engine which tested at twenty horse power. It is rated at fourteen however. The gentlemen departed at noon and will make the run to Elmwood in a few hours. The use of the auto among the farmers is becoming quite general and is proving of great value to them.

Returns From Washington.

L. A. Patton who has been absent from the city for a number of months past, came in Monday from Yakima, Wash., where he has been engaged in working. Mr. Patton is a well known Plattsmouth boy of much ability, and a good and honest, hard-working one. He has followed the painters trade for a long time and made that his business most of the time while in Washington, finding it remunerative in that country. The country is booming and he greatly likes the country. He is looking fine and states that he feels better than that. He will remain for a visit with his folks for some little time.

With the Union Pacific.

John Chapman departed today on the mail train for Buford, Wyo., where he has taken a position in the signal service of the Union Pacific Railway. John has been employed at Havelock with the Burlington and severed his connection with the Burlington to accept a much better place. He is a good, steady, conscientious and hard-working young man and in his new employment will make himself a mark with his employers. He visited overnight with his mother and folks before departing.

Conference Appointments.

At the conference of Methodists just closed at Auburn, appointments for the coming year were made, these for Cass county being as follows: Eagle, J. W. Davis; Elmwood, J. R. Woodcock; Louisville, G. M. Jones; Murdock, Samuel Kiser; Mynard, L. F. Gillespie; Nehawka, E. H. Hinkle; Plattsmouth, A. A. Randall; Union, D. B. Take; Weeping Water, H. W. Cope.

Of course you will make arrangements to attend the fall opening days at M. Fingers Friday and Saturday. You will miss something great if you fail to attend.

CAPT. BOGARDUS IN PLATTSMOUTH

Where the Champion Shot Delivered One of the Most Telling Speeches Ever Made Here.

For an independent and unattached speech, the one delivered last night at Sixth and Main streets by Capt. A. H. Bogardus was one of the best ever delivered in this city. This is viewing it from a democratic standpoint. It is to be regretted that the meeting was so inadequately advertised, as the crowd was not nearly so large as the speech deserved. However, several hundred heard the Captain and there were no disappointed listeners in the audience. As an evidence that he is a powerful and convincing speaker, the fact can be cited that the audience stood in the open air for more than two hours and listened with unabated attention to the presentation of facts on the issues of the campaign.

The speech of the Captain covered much ground including virtually every issue of the campaign save tariff upon which he touched very briefly. In opening he paid his respects to the causes of the panic and its attendant effects, and he cited his hearers to the charges which the republicans had made in 1893 when the democrats were in power, and reiterated the identical charges now that the republicans were in power. He, however, explained that neither party was responsible for either panic with the hard times, low wages and reduced hours that followed. One of the prime causes of the crises was the bank failures and he pointed out wherein the democratic idea of security for bank deposits would prevent bank failures and consequent panics. His argument in favor of the bank deposit guaranty was convincing and logical and met with popular favor. He spoke of the value of preventing failures to the business men of the city, citing the fact that a bank failure which did not directly involve a merchant who deposited in some other bank would involve him as it might start a run upon the bank he did deposit in or it would involve some of his debtors who deposited in it. It was such an argument in favor of deposit guaranty as to be unanswerable.

He enlarged upon the charges which had been made in past campaigns concerning dishonest money and called the attention of the public to the fact that last fall they had been compelled to accept clearing houses certificates which were merely individual promises to pay instead of real money. He spoke of the inability to send these promises abroad and compared this "money" with the money of the government. On this he scored a telling hit.

He touched upon the question of election of United States senators by the people and showed them wherein it was to their interest to have the parties who administered their government chosen from as close to them as possible. He also favored an elective judiciary. This portion of his speech was also well received.

Upon the question of the publicity of campaign funds, he scored heavily, explaining the radical difference between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft. In the one case Mr. Bryan advocated the publication of the amount and source of the funds before the election while Mr. Taft on the other hand favored publicity after the election when the damage had been done and there was no remedy for the people if an immense slush fund had been raised. He spoke of the oil trust as contributing one million dollars to the success of the republican ticket and contrasted the fact that the twenty-nine million dollar fine against this corporation had never been paid but the case had been reversed and there was little prospect of the trust ever having to pay it. His remarks upon the publication of the contributions elicited much applause.

He dealt with trusts in general at the opening of his address and gave a clear and lucid account of their workings by citing his own experience in trying to market his cartridges. In connection with this he showed the workings of the scheme of watering the stock of corporations and how they evaded their just proportion of taxes, giving as an example his own factory which he incorporated as a stock company and upon one-half the stock of which he was enabled to borrow money which he couldn't borrow when he offered the whole plant as collateral. Afterwards the corporation was dissolved so as to escape corporation taxes.

The explanation was so lucid and clear that a man would have to be awful dense to fail to grasp it.

Capt. Bogardus also dilated at length upon the cordiality with which the republican press hailed the reconciliation of Taft and Foraker, and the suddenness which they changed their minds when Hearst's revelations of Foraker's relations with the Standard Oil Company came out. He referred particularly to the cartoon which was displayed the country over showing Taft and Foraker upon the platform shaking hands, and evoked great laughter by his sarcastic references to the touching scene.

He also referred very briefly to the tariff, speaking of the increased cost of railroads on account of the tribute exacted from them by the steel trust buttressed by the tariff, and showed wherein it affected the men in the shops and other railway employes.

In concluding his speech, Capt. Bogardus declared that he was not going to tell his audience whether he was a democrat, republican, populist, prohibitionist or socialist, but he intended to vote for W. J. Bryan. This sentiment was loudly applauded by the crowd which in fact, lost no opportunity to show their appreciation of Col. Bryan by demonstrating whenever his name was mentioned. He paid several tributes to the great Commoner, one of which was that he was the best industry Nebraska had ever produced and had done more for the state than any other industry.

There were a number of other points touched upon all in succinct fashion, and in an impressive manner which space forbids quoting at length. The Captain is a very rapid talker and covered great ground in his address.

At the conclusion of the speech he produced a general receipt book which he sold and soon disposed of a number of copies. From the sale of this book he derives quite an income and this is the means he uses to defray his expenses. After selling his books he gave the crowd a little example of rapid target practice which took well.

He was to have spoken in the afternoon but owing to inadequate advertising and a lack of farmers in the city as well as excessive heat, he contented himself with a short exhibition of fancy shooting on the sand bar at the foot of Main street. This exhibition which was witnessed by quite a crowd was a good one, he making a number of marvelously rapid and accurate shots.

Capt. Bogardus is one of the most entertaining and instructive talkers who has visited Nebraska for a long time and wherever he goes he is sure to interest and please an audience even though they may differ with him. He speaks today in Ashland and tomorrow in Wahoo where he should have large audiences.

To Young Men Leaving Home.

The Young Men's Christian Associations of Nebraska extend to the young men and boys of this community a most cordial invitation to visit the Association building or rooms upon their immediate arrival in any of the following cities: Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont, Hastings, Beatrice, York, Crete, South Omaha, Central City, Columbus, Chadron, Grand Island, North Platte and Exeter.

If they are looking for work or a place to board or room, or assistance of any kind, the Associations stand ready to do all in their power to assist them.

The Young Men's Christian Associations organized at the following Schools are most desirous of assisting new students: State, Westeyan and Cotner Universities, Bellevue, Hastings, Doane, Grand Island, York, Nebraska Central, Fremont Colleges, Wayne Normal, State Normals at Peru and Kearney, Chadron, Franklin and Gates Academies, Aurora Business College, and Agricultural School at State University.

Clock Stopped Again

The court house clock on Tuesday morning stood at 12:59 having become tired again after running for three or four days, and laid down on the job. The clock is highly ornamental and a splendid investment for the county from a picturesque and artistic point of view but for all practical purposes, the commissioners could do better by taking it out and selling it for junk, as it has actually ceased to be of any value whatever as a time piece. If it is to be repaired and put to some use, the job should be done at once and done right. If it is not worth keeping, then take it out entirely.