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THREE FREIGHT TRAINS HAVE WRECK IN LOCAL RAILROAD YARDS

Several Trainmen are Slightly Injured as the Result of a Tail-End Collision Early This Morning.

From Friday's Daily.

Brakeman Stratton, on extra 1980, very severely bruised and contused about the body. No bones broken and no internal injuries. Not serious.

Brakeman H. T. Brown, extra 2202, head cut and lacerated and severe bruises on body. Not serious.

One of the most peculiar wrecks to take place in recent years was that which occurred this morning about 4:30 a. m., when three freights crashed together at the west end of the local yards. The wreck was an expensive one from a monetary standpoint but quite fortunately no lives were lost, although several of the trainmen received severe cuts and bruises.

The wreck occurred about one hundred yards west of the point where Earl Blish was injured in the wreck of last July, the same curve seeming to be in some manner connected with the all-fated event.

The crash which tore up so much property for the Burlington occurred almost opposite the pumping station of the Plattsmouth Water company and it was accompanied by circumstances which render it one of the most unusual and peculiar in local railway annals. At the point where the accident occurred the tracks are protected by semaphores, the outer or distance signal being located at a point perhaps a half mile west of where the accident occurred and the inner or home signal being almost opposite the point where the wreck happened.

These signals are supposed to form an almost perfect guard against accident and if they are observed, they unquestionably do this.

Last night the semaphores worked all right and showed the train which started the trouble a clear track. In the earlier part of the night the yards at Pacific Junction and this city were blocked and extra 1980 which was run into, had laid outside the local yards for some five hours waiting for the block to be cleared. It came east from Oreadopolis at about 12:30 a. m., while the train which ran into it No. 76, a regular east bound freight train, did not pass Oreadopolis until after 4 a. m. The operator at Oreadopolis presumed from the time which had elapsed that the tracks at Plattsmouth were clear and let the regular past. Just before it showed up the block was cleared and the semaphore showed white to No. 76. The extra 1980 had just started to move when it was struck.

The accident resulted in three freight trains being tangled up and all three suffering more or less. The trains involved were an extra west bound, engine 2202, Engineer Connors and Conductor Coman; extra, east bound, engine 1980, Engineer Carlson and Conductor Lewis; train No. 76, east bound, with Engineer Roasner and Conductor Dunn.

Of all the trainmen involved in the wreck, only two were injured sufficiently to need the services of a surgeon. The wreck which was of the tail end variety resulted from the collision of the engine of train No. 76 and the caboose of extra 1980. The regular train which had been cleared at Oreadopolis as stated above and was also cleared according to the semaphore outside the local yards, was making good time after passing the distance signal dashed around the curve and engine 2202, plunged into the caboose of the extra. Brakeman Stratton of the extra 1980, was on the caboose at the time of the wreck and his first warning of danger was when the engine came tearing into the caboose and he found himself pinioned in the wreck of the caboose. At the time the engine struck the caboose, the latter was tilted sharply over to the east directly in front of engine 2202 which was west bound. The caboose was almost lifted bodily from its trucks by the impact of the monster engine in the rear and hardly had the one struck it when the cupola of the caboose was struck by the smoke stack of engine 2202 and the demolition of the caboose completed.

At the time of the accident Stratton was watching the oncoming west bound train on the other track and did not observe the approach of train 76 which came so near being the cause of his death.

As engine 2202 was going at a fast rate of speed when it struck the caboose, this train continued to roll along, the remnants of the caboose grinding and splintering the sides of the west bound freight for almost its entire length, this process assisting in the destruction of the caboose. The latter also was forced by the impact of the locomotive behind it into a refrigerator car just ahead of it and this too, was practically demolished. The refrigerator car was filled with oranges and this luscious fruit was scattered to the four winds by the force of the collision.

When the caboose struck the engine 2202 of the west bound extra its resisting power was so great that it almost stripped the engine of its upper works. The headlight, smoke stack, steam and sand domes and cab were torn off almost completely and the engine looked as if it had been shot to pieces by a cannon ball. The damage, however, is not nearly so great as would appear and did not interfere with the ability of the engine to move.

The engineer and fireman of engine 2202, west bound, when they saw the caboose of extra 1980 tilt sharply toward them and heard the crash of the engine and caboose, promptly leaped from their engine just in time to save themselves from probable death as the cab was torn off the engine almost as they left it.

The other cars which were demolished in the crash were in the east bound extra, several empty coal cars being driven into one another by the force of the impact of the trains and being so badly telescoped that they will virtually have to be rebuilt.

The engine on train 76 also was somewhat damaged in the collision, although not enough to put it out of commission and it was able to move with its own steam after the wreck had been cleared away, even assisting in the process. The headlight was knocked off it, the pilot partially demolished and the running board on the side of the boiler partly broken down and the number plate on the front of the boiler was slightly burned.

The enginemen of this train also promptly jumped when they saw the tail-lights of the caboose show up and escaped without injury.

The most serious feature of the wreck was the catching of Brakeman Stratton in the caboose. He was caught beneath the wreckage and held down by the car timbers while the train still moved on into the yards. Fortunately the trains were brought to a stop as quickly as possible and steps were immediately taken to rescue him from his perilous position. At this time it was seen that coals from the caboose stove had set the wreckage in which he was pinioned on fire, and hurried efforts were made to stop the flames and save him from a horrible death. This was done by water which was carried in buckets from the several locomotives. Stratton was drenched with water while this work was in progress and afterwards suffered severely from the cold as the cold air struck him. He was rescued from his critical position in about an hour and a half after the wreck and hurried to the office of the company surgeon, his condition being thought critical at that time. He will go to his home at Creston, Ia., this evening.

At the office, however, an examination showed his injuries to be painful but not serious.

Brakeman Brown of the west bound train sustained his injuries by being struck by the projecting parts of the refrigerator car and the caboose and he was not seriously hurt, cuts and bruises from contact with the moving and flying boards and splinters being the extent of his injuries.

Responsibility for the wreck seems to be on the operator at Oreadopolis for letting No. 76 into the block before it was clear.

According to the rules the train had

no right in the block as long as the extra 1980 was in it but it entered the block just the same and as a result struck the extra. An investigation will be held by the railroad company to fix the responsibility for the disaster.

The wreck resulted in blocking both the east and west bound main lines although no damage to speak of was done to the tracks. As a result of the blocking, train No. 6, due here at 7:52, for Chicago, was detained via Council Bluffs. Train No. 15 for Omaha was held at Pacific Junction for forty-five minutes and left this about one hour late, the train being cleared about 9:15 a. m. The loss to the company from the wreck is placed by good judges at from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

BRISSEYS ENTER 'PLEA OF GUILTY'

Andrew Gets a Light Sentence of Twenty Days in Jail While the Wife Gets Five Days.

From Friday's Daily.

Before Judge Archer this morning Andrew Brisse and his wife were arraigned and asked to plead to the complaint filed by Peter Claus charging them with grand larceny and with obtaining money under false pretense. The case was noticed at length in Wednesday's Journal and arose from their having disposed of some household goods, the property of a Mrs. Tagg, to Mr. Claus.

When arraigned this morning the parties agreed to enter a plea of guilty to petit larceny, this action being taken by the consent of the county attorney. It was also understood that Mrs. Brisse should be let off with a light sentence on account of the children which the parties had. Judge Archer therefore sentenced her to five days in jail, the time to date from her incarceration last Monday. This let her out with no further detention. The husband received a sentence of twenty days which is to date from Monday and which give him about fifteen days longer to serve.

The money which was taken from the Brisses was ordered returned to Peter Claus from whom it was obtained. This money had been held by the sheriff pending an order for its disposal.

It appears that the defendants were much put out over the action of Judge Archer in letting the woman off so lightly and that they wanted her to remain in the jail until the time of the husband had expired. The court could not see it in that light nor could the county attorney, each of whom thought it best to have her where she could give the children her attention. It was said after the trial that she was destitute and that she would likely become a county charge, although arrangements may be made to prevent this unhappy consequence.

Have Big Time.

Last Saturday night, the member of the Degree of Honor lodge at Cedar Creek quietly got together and proceeds to give Mrs. Laura Wallinger, one of their beloved members a surprise party. Mrs. Wallinger intends to depart in a few days for Pekin, Ill., where she will make her home and this party was arranged to express to her the high appreciation which her lodge friends felt for her and the esteem in which she is held. As a memento of their feeling, they presented her with a very handsome Degree of Honor pin, the joint gift of those present that evening. The feature of the evening aside from greeting Mrs. Wallinger was a splendid supper which was tendered her, a table being spread with every delicacy of the season and the several guests doing full justice to the repast. It was a late hour when the merry party broke up and the guests had bid Mrs. Wallinger a good-by and extended their best wishes for a happy time in her new home.

Those attending included Messrs. Ault, W. H. Seybert, G. G. Meisinger, Andrew Thomsen, Mrs. C. G. Mayfield of Louisville, Mrs. Bertha Ahl of Louisville, Mrs. Mary Duff, Mrs. Geo. Lutz, Mrs. Bertha Lohnes, Mrs. H. Inhelder, Mrs. George Horn, Mrs. Geo. E. Sayles, Mrs. J. J. Schneider, Mrs. Wm. Nessen, Miss Cora Meisinger, Miss Edna Meisinger, Miss Tillie Dugan, Miss Verla Schneider.

Mrs. Kate Minor is a visitor today with friends in Omaha, going to that city this morning.

UNITED IN BONDS OF WEDLOCK

Miss Annie Johnson and Mr. O. A. Nystrom Married at Swedish Mission Church.

From Saturday's Daily.

One of the handsomest weddings held in this city for some time was that last evening at the Swedish Mission church when Rev. J. E. Swanson of Wahoo, united in marriage Miss Annie Johnson of this city and Mr. Oscar A. Nystrom of Omaha. For the occasion the church had been handsomely decorated in green and white, the aisles of the church having been especially prepared for the occasion by white carpeting laid down them. The decorations at the altar before which the young couple were to plight their troth consisted of handsome white wedding bells suspended from a large candle studded arch, an effect artistic in the extreme.

The ceremony took place promptly at eight o'clock, the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march sounding for at that hour, Miss Esther Thoren, a cousin of the bride, presiding at the instrument.

The bridal party entered the church to the strains of the music, the way being led by the little ribbon bearers, Misses Elsie Hallstrom and Augusta Wallengren who were followed by Miss Svea Johnson, a sister of the bride who acted as flower maiden. Miss Johnson was charmingly gowned in a handsome silk princess, which quite effectively displayed her beauty. After the flower girl came the groom and his best man, Mr. E. M. Thoren of Stromsburg, Neb., both of whom were dressed in the conventional black.

Immediately following the groom and his groomsmen came the bride's maids, Misses Ida Johnson, a sister of the bride, and Miss Elizabeth Shea, a close personal friend, both of this city. The bridesmaids were charmingly attired in gowns of real lace. They were accompanied by Messrs. E. Beckstrom of this city and Mr. Paul Thoren of Stromsburg, both of whom were also groomsmen and who were attired in the black costume of custom.

The maid of honor, Miss Josephine Nystrom, a sister of the groom, came next in the party, Miss Nystrom being handsome in an exquisite empire gown of old rose silk, which well accentuated her blonde beauty.

Immediately behind the maid of honor came the charming bride upon the arm of her father, Mr. Gust Johnson. The bride was exceedingly handsome in a white spangled silk princess gown, wearing the white tulle veil, and carrying a large and handsome bouquet of bride's roses.

The party met at the gate of the altar where the words which were to unite them as one for life were pronounced by Rev. J. E. Swanson who had come to the city especially for this auspicious occasion from his home at Wahoo, Neb. The ceremony which united these two young souls took place beneath the wedding bells which are spoken of above as one of the striking portions of the decorations.

The bridal party immediately after the close of the ceremony, were taken in carriages to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson in South Park, where a reception was tendered the newly wedded pair. The handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had been tastefully decorated for the occasion in the same colors which had been used at the church—white and green. The dining room especially was handsome where the color scheme was given full play. During the progress of the reception which was largely attended by the many friends of the couple, luncheon was served, this being a three course affair. One striking feature of the luncheon was the bridal cake. This was a magnificent representation of a flower studded bower in the background of which were delineated miniature reproduction of the bride and the groom. The reception was also marked by the production of a splendid program which had been arranged by Miss Ida Johnson, a sister of the charming bride.

There were a very large number of handsome and expensive presents given the bride and groom, an especially fine token being presented to the happy couple by their friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Nystrom departed this morning on the Burlington train for Omaha where they will be the

guests of Dr. J. O. Nystrom and family for several days, after which they will leave for the west on a bridal trip of several weeks, and will be at home to their friends at North Platte, Neb., where they will make their future home, after March 15th.

The contracting parties to this happy marriage are quite well known in this city, especially the bride who is a Plattsmouth product and one of its fairest flowers. She is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson of this city, a young lady of much personal charm and rare attainments. Having lived here for so many years, she has made herself a great many friends who regret exceedingly to have her leave this city but who wish her all the good fortune possible in her venture upon the seas of matrimony.

The groom is a son of Dr. Nystrom of Omaha, a young man of much ability and great personal worth, and one who stands very high with all who have the pleasure of knowing him. He has quite a number of personal friends in this city as well as in Omaha, all of whom unite in wishing him a long and happy married life. The happy couple will make their future home at North Platte where the groom will enter business life.

Will Hold Hearing Here.

The state railway commission have notified Attorney C. L. Graves that they will come here on next Wednesday to hold a hearing upon his complaint filed against the Missouri Pacific. The complaint was filed several weeks ago, setting for the condition of affairs in and about the depot and asking that the railway commission order the company to provide necessary and proper facilities. The company, through its attorney, J. W. Orr of Atchison, filed answer alleging that "Union is not a growing or progressive town," and that "the building used as a station is ample for all business done at said station." These seem to be the principal points on which the case will be contested.

The case will be heard by the three railway commissioners, beginning at 1 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, and it is probable that a number of witnesses will be called to testify, and no doubt the hearing will attract many who are interested or have a desire to hear the matter threshed out after the form of court procedure.—Union Ledger.

Real Estate Transfers.

Register of Deeds Snyder today filed several transfers of real estate which show that this branch of property keeps on the move in Cass county.

A warranty deed from John and Mary Shoumal to Jos. and Mary Raack conveying lots 8 to 15 inclusive in block 5, Duke's addition to Plattsmouth for the consideration of \$800 was filed.

A mortgage deed was filed from Charles H. and Martha S. Lewis to Sakris Lindholm covering the east half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 11, and the east half of the east half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 14, all in town 12, range 13, for the sum of \$1,065.

A warranty deed was filed conveying the north half of the northeast quarter of section 32, town 10, range 9, for the consideration of \$8,320 from Otto Lubber and wife Etta F., to John T. Lyell.

A mortgage deed covering the above premises was also executed by J. T. Lyell and his wife Estella to Otto Lubbers for the sum of \$4,000.

Death in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lindholm of this city a few days since received word from Boise, Idaho, of the death of their daughter, Mrs. Stella Nagel at that point. Mrs. Nagel was married in this city several months ago and had been a resident of Boise but a short time. She is to be buried tomorrow at Valparaiso, Neb., whether her brother Elmer and Ernest and her sister Mabel went this morning. The message did not state the cause of death although Mr. Lindholm understood it to be the effects of an operation which was recently performed upon the lady. They have the deep sympathy of all in their behalf.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. society were most delightfully entertained at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Glenn yesterday afternoon. The weather being most ideal, there were a large number of the ladies present who spent a most enjoyable afternoon. During the afternoon a delicious luncheon was served.

CHAS. H. NELIGH IS ACQUITTED

So Say The Jury After a Very Brief Deliberation.

From Friday's Daily.

In district court yesterday afternoon the trial of the State vs. Chas. H. Neligh was completed. One or two witnesses were examined on the minor phases of the case including Mrs. Charles A. Peterson who testified to some conversations with Mrs. Neligh, in which the latter expressed herself as wishing for a final separation. After the conclusion of the testimony the counsel argued and submitted the case, County Attorney Ramsey arguing for conviction and Matthew Gering making a strong argument for acquittal, dwelling largely on the plaintiff being here with her folks instead of living in Cuming county with her husband. The jury retired after supper and after a brief deliberation returned a verdict of acquittal of the defendant who was thereupon released.

This morning the case of Propst vs. Waggoner was taken up and tried to a jury in district court. This is a case on appeal from a decision of Justice Archer. It involves the prices of a cream separator sold the defendants by the plaintiff. The trial in the justice court resulted in a decision in favor of the plaintiff. A. L. Tidd represents the plaintiff and Matthew Gering the defendant. The case is a short one and probably will go to the jury this evening.

Plans of M. Fanger.

M. Fanger and son Bennie, are spending several days in Omaha with relatives, going up this morning. If the plans which Mr. Fanger has under consideration go through, Plattsmouth will shortly receive an acquisition in the shape of several expert millinery trimmers and also receive the establishment of a millinery and trimming house. Mr. Fanger has determined if he can make the proper arrangements to have all the millinery work for his Omaha house and the local house done here. His entire force of trimmers will be brought to this city where the work will be done and the finished product turned out. This will be shipped from here to Omaha and the latter point will become merely the selling and distributing point. This means the expenditure of quite a tidy sum of money here and is a distinct move in advance. It is believed by Mr. Fanger that he can secure the trimmers and have them in this city by the middle of the coming week when work can be started up.

Broomstick Causes Injury.

Charles Martin, the barber, yesterday afternoon received a severe bruising up by a fall down his cellar stairs into the basement. Mr. Martin started down the stairs after a scuffle of coal and in the darkness did not perceive a broomstick which was lying across one of the steps. Stepping upon it, it turned with him and precipitated him to the bottom of the steps. He was painfully bruised in the fall but fortunately did not sustain any broken bones. The fall injured him so badly that he was obliged to close his shop yesterday afternoon. It is to be hoped that he will be able to be back at his work within a very few days. Mr. Martin has no idea as to how the broomstick came to be in the position it was, and it had not been left standing on the steps at any time in the past.

Colored Woman Insane.

The commissioners of insanity today investigated a complaint filed before them charging Mrs. Emma Allen, a negro woman, living in the third ward with insanity. After an investigation the commission found the woman to be insane and she will be taken to the asylum at Lincoln very shortly. The commission present were Clerk of the Court Robertson, Attorney Dwyer and Dr. B. F. Brendel of Murray. Sheriff Quinton investigated the case yesterday afternoon, the party living in his neighborhood, and manifesting signs of violent insanity yesterday.

It is learned that an aunt of Mrs. Ida Brisse, the woman whose husband is spending several days in jail for disposing of property which he had no title to, has taken the woman and her children to her home in South Park and will give them a home, a highly charitable and christian act.