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FRIGHTFUL WRECK

Three Men Meet a Terrible Fate in the Crash.

THREE OTHERS SEVERELY HURT

Three Locomotives, Six Cars of Sheep and One of Merchandise in the Mix-up.

One of the Worst Wrecks in Burlington History.

Not since the frightful accident of the dark night of June 30th, 1895, has this community been so profoundly touched as it has been by the horrible occurrence at Indianola, Wednesday night, just shortly before midnight, when a double-header stock special running as second No. 4, crashed into freight No. 147, just as that train was pulling in front of the depot to unload some freight.

No. 147 had about come to a stand-still when the stock special running at a high rate of speed dashed into it. The impact was something terrible and was plainly heard all over Indianola.

Three men were instantly killed and horribly mangled and three others were badly injured.

The dead are:

ENGINEER SOLOMON BRACE of Holdrege, engineer of train No. 147.

FIREMAN EDWARD WALTERS of McCook, fireman of head engine No. 225 of the stock special, and

HEAD BRAKEMAN WILLIAM McCARL of the stock special, McCook.

The injured are:

ENGINEER FRANK H. ANSON of Hastings, engineer of the second engine of the stock special; severe internal injuries and external bruises.

ENGINEER JOHN R. BURTON, engineer of the head engine of the stock special; serious internal injuries that may prove fatal, and

FIREMAN CHARLES LUMBERG of Hastings, fireman on second engine of stock special; broken arm and bruises.

Fireman William Larue of engine 164 on the regular freight, jumped and escaped injury entirely. Engineer Brace doubtless started to jump but was too late, and perished in his engine.

Those who jumped from the south side of the engines escaped, in whole or in part, but Fireman Walters and Brakeman McCarl doubtless jumped from the north side of the engines and were overwhelmed and crushed to death under the wreckage, which was piled up as high as the Indianola depot for a length of about one hundred feet, just east of the depot building.

The wreckage and the depot both caught fire, but the flames were quickly extinguished by those present, thus averting an additional catastrophe.

Engines 164, 225 and 32 were made fit subjects for the scrap-heap; six cars of sheep were piled up in a promiscuous heap, many of the sheep being killed; and one car of merchandise was added to the general pile-up. In fine the wreck is complete, and is described by railroad men as the worst they have ever seen. It will take the rest of the week to clear away all the wreckage, and the work is now being vigorously prosecuted by the wrecking gang and wrecker. Chief Clerk Frank Harris, Train-master J. F. Kenyon and Master Mechanic Archibald were soon on the scene of the terrible disaster and are pushing the work of clearing away the wreckage with customary vigor.

Passenger train No. 4 had pulled onto the side-track to let No. 147 pull up to the depot to unload some freight and was just leaving the side-track for the east when the collision occurred. The shock sent the freight train back with some force and the tender and baggage car of passenger were slightly damaged by the way-car as the train was entering the main track.

Hundreds of people from all over the county have flocked to the scene of the accident and the expressions of regret and sympathy are deep and wide-spread. Truly this accident again recalls to mind the tragedy, pathos and uncertainty of the railroad man's life.

No. 164, which was reduced to a scrap heap in the Indianola wreck of Wednesday night, was just out of the Havelock shops and on her way here, in charge of engineer Brace, whose own engine had been used up in an accident in the yard at Holdrege, just recently.

Mrs. Anson and Mrs. Lumberg arrived in the city, the following morning, to minister unto their injured husbands. Mrs. Brace was away from home and it was not possible to communicate with her promptly. She arrived, this morn-

ing, from Denver, where she was attending the carnival.

H. A. Rouch was conductor of freight train 146, and Clel Pope and Elmer Engberg were his brakemen. None of them were injured. F. M. Washburn was conductor on the stock special, with W. C. Cox and the lamented William McCarl as his brakeman. Washburn and Cox were uninjured.

Way car No. 15 on freight train No. 147 was turned over and dented, but not much damaged in the accident.

The funeral of Edward Walters will take place, this afternoon, from the St. Alban's chapel, Rev. Howard Stoy conducting the solemn services. The obsequies over William McCarl will be held in the Methodist church, some time tomorrow, hour to be determined upon the arrival of relatives on tonight's train. The remains of Solomon Brace will be taken to Holdrege, this afternoon on 6, and services and interment will take place at Elwood.

Yesterday and last night the condition of Engineer Burton was regarded as very grave, but today he is reported as better and in a much more hopeful and promising state.

Engine 225, head engine of the extra, is the one which went into the washout at Edison on the night of June 30th, three years ago, carrying with it their deaths Roadmaster Haley, Engineer Jeffries, Fireman Rowell and Brakeman Mundy.

Coroner Spotts was on the scene of the wreck, quite promptly, but, we understand, no inquest was held.

The remains of Engineer Brace were mangled to an almost unrecognizable degree; being the worst appearing of the three killed.

The cause and blame can only be determined and placed by a thorough and rigid official examination. Meanwhile all is sympathy and distress over the terrible accident.

The remains of Brakeman McCarl were not recovered from the wreckage until in the afternoon of the day following the accident. He was pinioned under the three locomotives.

The whole community has been simply overwhelmed and stunned by the tragedy and its deadly details.

The Industrial Parade.

One of the most highly creditable features of the reunion, last week, was the industrial parade of Friday evening, and those business men of the city who expended time, means and skill in the preparation of floats are to be congratulated and complimented upon the same, for it added unmistakably to the spectacular success of the reunion. Those having floats in the parade are as follows:

The Burlington took the cake, with two cars drawn by a traction engine. The cars were specially made for the occasion and manned by uniformed men. A limited number of passengers were on board enjoying all the benefits of the great pass system.

The Barnett Lumber Co. showed a house in minute completeness. This was one of the finest and most expensive floats in the line, and was entirely creditable to that enterprising firm.

J. J. Garrard exhibited a full fledged restaurant in operation, people at the tables and waiters in prompt and obsequious attendance. It was quite a hit.

The Brigade band led with inspiring march and the civic societies followed a close second, in great numbers, in uniforms and with banners flying. It was a leading feature, as the numerous societies of the city were represented in large numbers, especially the Star of Jupiter.

William Zint was in line with his tonorial parlor and shoe blacking outfit. The various chairs were occupied and there was a general appearance of activity about the shop on wheels.

S. M. Cochran & Co. made a magnificent exhibit of the "Majestic" range. F. J. Morgan & Co. had a hay-rack full of goods boxes in the procession, with a banner announcing that their new goods had arrived.

The Famous Clothing Co. had a large covered wagon in line, the canvass covered sides of which were lettered appropriately. The interior was illuminated.

The McCook Creamery had a large cow attached to Morgan's float advertising their business.

Clumsy Counterfeits.

A twenty dollar Confederate note was passed on a clerk in McAdams' store, one night during the reunion. The party was followed the next day and made restitution, claiming ignorance.

A fifty dollar Confederate note was presented at the postoffice, first of last week, by a German woman, who claimed that it had been sent her from Germany. She did not seem to be moved when the announcement was made that the flimsy rag was "nix good".

Both cases are not without peculiar and unusual circumstances.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

F. E. DIVINE expects to go to Oklahoma in the near future.

V. FRANKLIN of the Citizens bank was a Lincoln visitor, Sunday.

MRS. PETER ALBRIGHT of Red Cloud has been visiting Mrs. John J. Garber.

MRS. C. M. WILSON expects to leave Tuesday of next week, for Iowa, on a visit.

REV. TEXAS, pastor-appointed for Wauneta, filled the Methodist pulpit, Sunday.

HARRY TROTH was down from Benkelman over Sunday, visiting the family and friends.

GEORGE E. THOMPSON and family have gone to house-keeping in the P.A. Wells residence.

MISSSES EFFIE AND GERTIE TEEL of Indianola were guests of McCook friends, Saturday.

MRS. W. P. GLASGOW from Iowa has joined her husband here. They are Commercial guests.

MISS JOSEPHINE HAPPERSETT was up from Indianola, Monday, the guest of Miss Lulu Beardslee.

MAYOR KELLEY went up to Denver Sunday night, Mrs. Kelley being there and preparing for an operation.

MIKE PETERSON and Charles Custer went down to Omaha, Sunday night, to spend a few days at the exposition.

MRS. D. L. MCBRIDE and a number of the children were down from the Frontier county farm, close of last week.

FRANK DOLAN of Indianola, a member of company "L", Third regiment, was the guest of McCook friends, Sunday.

MISS ONA SIMONS departed for Anderson, Iowa, Monday morning. She will visit the exposition on her way back.

O. B. THORGRIMSON was in Stockville a few days, first of the week, attending the term of district court now in session there.

MISS SELMA NOREN did not leave for Albany, N. Y., until Sunday morning. Mrs. Noren accompanied her as far as Chicago.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. HUPP went up to Denver, Tuesday night, in Supt. Campbell's private car, and took in the carnival, this week.

MRS. D. E. MOORE of Salt Lake City, Utah, is here on a visit to relatives and friends. She is the guest of J. H. Stephens of Box Elder.

THOMAS FOWLER of company "L", departed, Sunday morning, for Florida, to join his company, his furlough of thirty days having expired.

JAMES STEPHENS arrived from Iowa, Tuesday night, and is visiting his brother Joseph of Box Elder. The Stephens family is enjoying a reunion.

MRS. R. A. MATHEWS of LaVeta, Colorado, was the guest of Mrs. S. A. Moore, last week, leaving for her home in Colorado, Tuesday of this week.

MRS. A. CAMPBELL went up to Denver, Sunday morning, and the superintendent followed on 3, Sunday night. They were the guests of relatives of Mayor and Mrs. J. E. Kelley.

REV. T. L. KETMAN occupied the Baptist pulpit at Ashland, Nebraska, last Sunday. Mrs. Ketman left here, Sunday, for Omaha, and they will see the exposition briefly together.

REV. I. W. DWIRE, late of Franklin, Nebraska, has gone to Taos, New Mexico, where Mrs. Dwire has a position in the Indian school at that place, and where he hopes to secure a position.

IRA COLE of the Culbertson Era, arrayed in his best bib and tucker,--Solomon in all his glory couldn't hold a glim to Ira,--sojourned with us, Monday night, on a matter of business moment.

F. S. WILCOX departed for Chicago, last Friday, to be present at the operation to be formed on Mrs. Wilcox. Mrs. H. H. Easterday accompanied him to assist in the operation. Mrs. Easterday will also visit in Illinois and will be gone a few weeks.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID SPENCER lost their little boy baby, last Saturday. The remains were interred in "Longview" cemetery, Sunday afternoon, many friends, especially of the membership of the Brigade band, attending the services, which were conducted by Rev. J. A. Badcon. All sympathize with them in their loss.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CATHOLIC--Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30, a. m., with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.

REV. J. W. HICKRY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL--Sunday-school at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 8:00 p. m. Evening song and instruction on Thursdays at 8:00 p. m.

REV. HOWARD STOY, Priest in Charge.

CHRISTIAN--Bible school at 10 a. m. and Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. each Lord's day. Preaching morning and evening every alternate Lord's day. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.

T. P. BRALL, Pastor.

BAPTIST--The pastor's morning subject, "The Instructive Eagle," evening theme, "The Effects of Sin." Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11. Junior Union at 3 p. m. Senior Union at 7. Gospel meeting at 8. All are welcome.

T. L. KETMAN, Pastor.

METHODIST--Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11; subject, "Greatest Girdle of Character." Class at 12. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8; subject, "How to Get Out of the Mire." Prayer-meeting and Bible-study on Wednesday evening at 8. Stewards' meeting, next Monday evening at the parsonage. All are invited to the services.

J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

The Christian Endeavorers are enjoying the hospitality of the Misses Brinton, this evening, out on the farm.

The Literary club organized on Tuesday evening at the Congregational church with the following officers: Rev. W. J. Turner, chairman; Miss Maude Cordeal, secretary-treasurer; Miss Edna Meserve, L. E. Cann and A. L. Caviness together with the chairman and secretary-treasurer, executive committee. The club will meet on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month. The study of American authors of renown will be prosecuted, beginning with Lowell.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church held its semi-annual election, Monday evening, with the following result: Charles Heber, president; Olive Rittenhouse, vice president and corresponding secretary; Maude Doan, recording secretary; Carrie Frazier, treasurer; Stella Norval, pianist. The following are chairmen of the committees: Prayer meeting, Rev. W. J. Turner; look-out, Addie Doan; social, Minnie Rowell; missionary, Elizabeth Thomson.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

Olive Price entered school, Monday.

Miss Nona Case of the Third and Fourth grades spent Saturday and Sunday at home in Stockville.

It is proposed to use "Our Times" in the literary work of the high school. It is an excellent little paper, issued semi-monthly, and manufactured after the style of the "Literary Digest" somewhat. It deals in the topics of the times briefly put, with numerous illustrations.

October 21st will be Library Day for the public schools of Nebraska, and a program has been suggested by the state superintendent for use of the schools of the state. It is as follows:

Opening Hymn--Battle Hymn of the Republic.....School
Reading--Circular Letter from the State Superintendent.....By teacher or a pupil
Song--Selected.....School
Welcome Address.....Pupil
Paragraphs on Books, Reading, and the Choice and Use of Books.....By the pupils
Song--Robinson Crusoe.....School
Recitation--The Shepherd of King Admetus.....Pupil
Recitation--Selected.....Pupil
Song Selected.....School
Notes on School Libraries in Other States.....By the pupils
Recitation--Piping Down the Valleys Wild.....Pupil
Recitation--Anniversary Ode.....Pupil
Song--Selected.....School
Remarks.....Teacher or Patron
Closing Addresses.....Pupil
Song--America.....School

Struck by a Falling Brick.

During the high wind of Saturday a falling brick from the top of the Babcock building struck Alice Darlington on the head, inflicting quite a painful but not serious injury. Her head was considerably cut and she was severely stunned and had to be taken to a nearby store where medical attention was summoned. She soon recovered from the shock and at present suffers no further inconvenience than might be expected to follow such a blow.

Sheridan coal will be sold at the same price as last winter, \$4.20 per ton.

Friday's Sham Battle.

The sham battle, last Friday afternoon, was, all things considered, a very fine piece of spectacular work and was enjoyed greatly by all. By a peculiar coincidence, the only man injured was Henry Walker, father of Chester Walker, who was hurt on the day preceding in the sham battle. Comrade Walker was quite severely injured, and at first it was thought he would lose the use of one of his eyes, but it will be learned with pleasure by all that his eyesight is improving, with prospects of his regaining the full use of his sight. The most severe wound was made in his mouth by a gun-wad fired at close range, but this is healing up nicely and he will be about as usual in a short time. It is claimed that the wound was an intentional one, and some hard feelings exist over the incident. THE TRIBUNE is not posted as to the facts and in the absence of evidence must consider the accident unintentional. It is hard to think that anyone would so far forget himself and the commonest idea of manhood by taking advantage of a sham battle to vent personal spleen against another, no matter what the provocation might be. Captain A. G. Culbertson of the Rough Riders states that his horse was struck by a bullet fired by one of the Spanish force defending the "Morro". And claims that one of his men has the bullet, which he removed from the horse's body. He also claims to know who fired the bullet; and it is asserted that the person is known who fired and wounded Comrade Walker. Personal enmity and spite are charged in both instances.

THE TRIBUNE is not in the habit of deciding ex parte cases, but if there is any basis for the charges, and we are inclined to think that there is a mistake in the matter, Nebraska better have passed a law similar to that in vogue in Missouri, making sham battles illegal. At all events the accidents are generally regretted and deplored, and the recovery of Comrade Walker and son generally gratifying.

The Postoffice as a Bank.

The order permitting money order postoffices to give orders payable at the office of issue will operate to make each such office a savings bank.

The security of the government would be behind all such deposits, and they would, therefore, be perfectly safe. It is a step toward the establishment of the postal-savings system.

One effect of this step toward the postal savings system will be to place a large amount of money in the hands of the government which formerly was put into banks. To what extent this may become available for governmental uses depends upon the average time that the deposits may be permitted to remain in the post office. But it is probable that the government will be able to use such money as freely as the banks can avail themselves of money placed with them on deposit.

After a Lingering Illness.

Miss Alice Hiskett, daughter of W. J. Hiskett, mail carrier between McCook and Banksville, passed away at an early hour, Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness with consumption. The remains were laid away in "Riverview" cemetery, this morning at 11. Services were conducted in the Christian church by Rev. T. P. Beall. The deceased was comparatively a new comer among us, coming here not long since for her health. It is to be regretted that circumstances made her last days less bright and comfortable than they would like to have been made by those to whom she was dear. A sister arrived from the east a day or two before her death, and ministered to her in her last hours. THE TRIBUNE joins in expression of sympathy for the bereaved ones.

Thurston and Adams.

On Wednesday afternoon, October 19, at two o'clock, Senator John M. Thurston and Captain Claire E. Adams, Republican nominee for congressman in the Fifth district, will address the people of McCook, and vicinity on the questions of the day and of this campaign. Both are men of splendid capabilities as orators and a special effort should be made by all to hear them.

Found Death--Sought Health.

Mrs. Engle, sister of Mrs. T. A. Endsley, who some time since came out from Ohio, for health, being afflicted with consumption, died at the home of her sister, between here and Indianola, Sunday morning. The remains were embalmed and on Tuesday forwarded by express to her late home in Ohio.

Where to buy is the main question. It is easily and readily answered: Where they have the most complete assortment; where a child can buy as well as a grown person; where every article is guaranteed to be just as represented. The only place to buy just right is at The Famous.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

P. Walsh is making an addition to his home.

See McMillen's 5 and 10 cent school tablets.

WANTED--Short-hand pupils. L. W. Stayner.

Purses, pocket books and card cases at McConnell's.

Decorated crepe tissue 35 cts. per roll at McMillen's.

Cold weather is coming on. Buy some Sheridan coal of Bullard & Co.

Bullard & Co. have a large stock of coal. You can get anything you want.

Remember Thurston and Adams at two o'clock on Wednesday, October 19th.

Dr. J. A. Gunn is making quite a large addition to the size and convenience of his new home.

PLAIN SEWING WANTED--See Mrs. Jackson, first dwelling north of St. Charles hotel.

We have just received a nice line of tinted and plain writing papers and tablets. L. W. MCCONNELL & CO.

There is talk that Captain Gus Budig will organize an artillery company, and Captain A. C. Culbertson a company of Rough Riders.

The boilers at the electric light house have been re-set and greatly improved. This is but another step in the general improvement of the plant, such as new and larger poles, etc.

The open house held by the Star of Jupiter, last Friday, was a rousing success and drew a large patronage to the excellent spread. The Stars are winners all around and hard to beat at anything they undertake.

The Ninth regiment of regulars, colored, passed through McCook, Saturday night, on their way from Montauk Point, N. Y., to Ft. Duquesne, Utah, where they will be stationed for the present. They are heroes of the Santiago campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gold mourn the death of their six-months-old baby, which occurred on Sunday. The remains were buried in "Riverview" cemetery, Monday afternoon, after appropriate services at the house. They have much sympathy in their loss.

Dr. J. P. Williams, associated with Dr. W. L. Dayton of Lincoln, Nebraska, will again be in McCook, Friday and Saturday, October 7th and 8th, at the office of Dr. W. V. Gage for the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and the fitting of glasses.

Bullard & Co. have about completed their large and substantial sheds, which are hard to beat anywhere for solidity and convenience. They are prepared to do a large coal business, this winter, promptly and economically for themselves and their customers.

Some of the girls are brave enough to admit that the color line obtains, even when the wearers are dressed in the "royal blue" of Uncle Sam's army, since the ninth regiment of regulars, colored, passed through the city. It was a great disappointment to many of the girls who went down to the depot to see the soldier boys.

Theodore Miller, director of the Second regiment band, passed through the city yesterday afternoon on his way to Omaha, where he will play an engagement with the McCook band at the exposition. The McCook band, twenty-five pieces strong, also passed through on the same train. Mr. Miller says his military band will probably be ministered out next week.--Wednesday morning's Lincoln Journal.

Mahara's Minstrel's quite distracted Colonel Phillips of the Indianola Reporter. And the worst thing about it is that the Colonel could enumerate the unhappy fact that even the hall went to McCook, not even that pitance remained behind. You can't eat your cake and have it, Colonel. There is such a thing as carrying the close corporation idea too far, Colonel. And lastly, THE TRIBUNE wagers a marble that the hall down there could be bought by a local capitalist and the hall vent saved for future use, at any reasonable price. Make us an offer.

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