TRAINMEN'S BLUNDER COST MANY LIVES

Town of Logan, Ia., the Scene of a Terrible Railway Wreck.

TWENTY-FIVE DEAD IN A ROW BESIDE THE TRACK

Homes of the Citizens Thrown Open to the Wounded-Every Effort Possible Made by Its People to Alleviate the Suffering-Sad Ending of a Pleasure Excursion.

-It was only this morning, after the frenzied zeal to aid the suffering had passed. that the awful extent of the dire calamity that befell the Union Pacific Pioneer Emure realized to the people of Logan, the Northwestern officials and even the members the association themselves who escaped erious injury and were able to stop and view the results of the wreck and appreciate the awful cost in human life of the mistake of a train crew. It was only efter the good citizens of Logan and Missouri Valley had found time to pause from their labors and gaze awestricken upon the thirty mangled forms that had been taken from the wreck and were lying upon the grass pear the fence and the half hundred bruised cursionists had been taken to the homes of the citizens of Logan that the full force of the horror was manifest; and it was only when every possible means of transportation had been employed by the people of the vicinity and the hundreds and 'housands of friends of the members of the excursion party to reach the scene of the wreck that the "public be damned" officials of the Northwestern realized, apparently, their brutality, off not their criminality, in trying to suppress information concerning the wreck that had resulted in such a sacrifice of ruman

There was no sleep in Logan last night and this morning, after the work of letter ing human suffering and trying to save human life had ended, the citizens of the place were in a position to recount their experiences of the night before and contribute their share to the history of the horror. The celebration of the Pioneer Employes' association had been the most sucressful ever held by the organization, a fact that was unanimously asserted by the members. The beautiful park in the center of the pretty little town of Logan had been handsomely decorated with flags and banners by the citizens of the town and turned over to the of one to help make the occasion a gala day program of the regulation picnic kind and piculckers and their entertainers.

BID THEM GODSPEED. It was a few minutes after 5 o'clock when the excursionists started for their special enmasse to escort them to the depot. There moth special train of seventeen cars, and considerable time was naturally occupied in getting the happy excursionists into order and ready for the home going. Unfortunately there was not enough delay. Had there been a few more stragglers the story of a horror would not have to be written and the there been a delay of but two more minutes had the right of way and death's harvest of horror would not have been garneral.

The excursion special was lying on the sidetrack at Logan. Its crew was composed brakeman, and A. L. Reed of Boone conbound passenger, passes Logan. Following it at 6:42 comes No. 38, a freight running on passenger schedule. This train is regularly scheduled. It is usually composed of two or three cars of fruit and the empty mail cars that are returned to Chicago to come orders issued to the crew of the excurzionists' train except to run to Council Bluffs as special and that order meant to regard all scheduled trains and to use any other time. When the passenger train for the east shot through the little town the conductor of the excursion train accepted that as a clearance against No. 2. Both apparently forgot to wait for a clearance for No. 38. The signal was given and the train pulled out at 6:43. One minute later, exactly, and the horrible collision followed.

SAW THE DANGER TOO LATE. William Shaffer, the agent of the Northpulling up. He supposed at first that the that the train would stop before it left the siding and wait for the passing of No. 28. He was horrified to notice that instead of slacking up at the switch end the reached. Twenty-five dead bodies were train was rapidly taking on more speed. He rushed down the platform and asked an employe if the special had pulled out and received an affirmative reply. "Then, God Logan. pulled out without orders and No. 38 is due the catastrophe or to even attempt it. All from Logan and Missouri Valley, and then the excursionists and the excursionists had ner of carrying on the rescue work. There all of the victims. With this understanding operator from making anything but a feeble

LOGAN, In., July 12.-(Special Telegram.), just joined in an offer of three cheers for Logan and her people. The echo of the last hurrah had not died away when the crash came. No. 38, with a full head of steam, one minute behind time, dashed around the curve at a forty mile an hour gait and no human power could avert the

> The collision took place within a few hundreds yards of the Logan station, and in the sight of hundreds of the citizens of the town. Instantly the rush was for the scene of the disaster. The scene of the collision was on a short trestle bridge at a curve. While the slaughter of human innocents was great, two things prevented a greater loss. No. 38 was drawn by a small express engine while the excursion special was pulled by an ordinary freight locomotive of the older pattern and was moving slowly. Had both trains been going at a high rate of speed, with heavy engines, the loss of life would have been more than

ENGINE CREWS JUMPED.

The engine crews of both trains saw the danger and jumped. All of them escaped unhurt, except Engineer Montgomery of the special, who sustained a badly damaged hand. When the engines met the force of the collision almost completely demolished both of them and telescoped two cars on each train. The first car on the excursion special was a baggage coach and the collision turned it into a machine of death. The car was thrown back and in such shape that the floor was shot through the first passenger coach, cutting it in two lengthwise just at the height of the car seats. So great was the force that the floor of the baggage car was forced almost the entire length of the passenger coach, breaking off every seat except the last in the car and cutting the passenger coach off at the window bottom line as completely and almost as neatly as carpenters could have done the job. There were nearly a hundred passengers in this coach and every head that was above the level of the car seats was a target for

the day's festivities. There was a splendid alarm, but a moment later the shricks of the when the time for leaving the place arrived to a realization of the horror of the situathere had not been the slightest thing that tion. There was a rush for the front of had marred the day's pleasure both for the the train, but the presence of mind of some of the train men and the citizens of the town, who were within a few yards of the accident, saved adding further agony to the other coaches of the train were prevented from approaching the car in which their husbands and friends were either killed or horribly injured and the male mem-

SET ABOUT THE RESCUE.

the baggage car was found wedged so tightly into the coach that all efforts to remove it were futile, although a thousand willing hands were joined in the attempt their missing children. Every home in Loto lift the cover that was concealing the dead and imprisoning the injured in a livand a section of the car floor cut away. The sight revealed was beyond the power of words to portray. The first object that atwas the upright body of a man, whose head had almost been severed from the trunk. So recent had been the accident that the blood from his wounds had hardly started to flow, and his skull, stripped of its covering, glistened like a polished billiard ball. The body of the man was drawn from the ruins and was seen identified as that of John Kinkel, an Omaha musician, who had been playing with the band at

The next bodies to be drawn from the ruins were those of Mrs. Bradley and her babe, a child about a year old. The baby's her arms a pretty doll that was as unthe space in the car between the floor of the coach and the floor of the baggage car ity. Groans and agenizing appeals for help came from the injured and spurred the rescuers to their greatest efforts. As soon workers climbed inside the coach and the work of passing up the bodies of the dead seemed that the end would never be

taken out and laid in a row on the grass

alongside the railroad track and the in-

jured were at once taken in carryalls to

in a minute." But it was too late to avert had been answered by all the physicians

sent from Logan and the injured were house, the New Moon hotel, the opera house and the Odd Fellows' hall were turned into emergency hospitals and the injured cared for as well as possible

Then the dead were taken and removed to the undertaking establishment of Case & Webber and faid out on improvised cooling boards for identification. Twenty-five bodies were taken to that place. There was no room for them in the part of the store set aside for the undertaking department and their bodies were placed about in the salesroom. There had been no preliminary preparation of the remains. They been taken out of the wreck. The bodies mangled beyond recognition. Their blood covered the floor of the store until the place looked like a slaughter house. But the excursionists had become accustomed to the sight and touch and smell of blood and the work of identification was kept up. It was after midnight when the work was finally completed.

ROLL OF THE DEAD.

The roll of the dead belonging in Omaha numbers eighteen names, the complete list being as follows:

JOHN MIDERMOTT, Sixteenth and Nicholas streets; machinist at the Union Pacific shops.

JOHN KINSEY, 4603 Cuming street. ROBERT CLAIR, 1839 North Eighteenth treet; son of John Clair, ex-assistant boller inspector.

JOHN H. JACK, Sixteenth and Webster; newsboy employed by the Omaha News empany on railway trains. JOHN LARSON, 1113 North Eighteenth

treet; aged about 16 years; was employed s a carrier for the World-Herald. FRED NIELSON, 222 South Thirty-third street; son of Andrew Nielson, who is in St. Joseph's hospital.

JOHN B. KILKER, 880 South Seventeenth street; member of Seventh Ward with the surroundings which had changed OWEN CAVANAUGH, 1502 North Eigh-

teenth street; aged about 18 years. HUGH DODSON, 4314 Emmet street ged about 12 years.

MRS. KATE BRADLEY and BABY, 1410 Sorth Eighteenth street. MRS. P. J. CARROLL and BOY, the lat-

ter aged about 6 years. PATRICK SCULLY, 2524 Center street;

MISS MARY TRACY, 1107 North Eigheenth street.

JOHN COSGROVE, IIII North Eighteenth treet; aged 18 years. WILLIAM COSGROVE, same address: uged 14 years.

MISS MARGARET COSGROVE, same iddress; aged 24 years.

In addition to these the following resi-

ue. Council Bluffs MISS OLLIE WILSON, 1511 Ninth averue, Council Bluffs.

MRS. TAYLOR and BABY, Council

THREW OPEN THEIR HOMES. But the work of caring for the injured the people of Logan. There were at least who were separated from their parents train was run out from Missouri Valley and the excursionists who had escaped injury

Pacific, with a corps of assistants, reached They came prepared with stretchers and the injured. It was promptly decided by Dr. Galbraith that the injured could not sible the maimed and bruised and mangled ers and taken in carryalls to the scene of

discussion and changes of plans. The order have all of the bodies of the dead embalmed

f wearing apparel were confiscated for sheet and taken in carryalls to a car sent to operator, who was kindly disposed, started the purpose. Wagons and carryalis were convey them to Omaha and Council Bluffs. to send it. The opening sentences were not The remains of Walter Jennings. George brought here for treatment. The Lusk Wininger, Charles Heiman and John Me-Dermott were left in charge of Case & Webber and the others were sent to Omaha. The remains of Heiman and Jennings will be sent to Missouri Valley. The body of Brakeman Wininger will be sent to Morrison, Ill., and the remains of John McDermott have been held on instructions from his Council Bluffs relatives. bodies will be used and the evidence ad-

> INSPECTING THE WRECK. When the dead had been taken from Logan the citizens turned out and made anthat presented itself to the spectators. On engines. The smaller engine, that of the freight train, was almost a complete wreck. The entire front was torn away and the boiler broken in. The trucks and drive wheels were broken and twisted out of all semblance of their former symmetry and the machine was simply fit for the scrap pile. The engine of the excursion train, Union Pacific engine 774, came out of the great, ragged hole in the boller head, large enough to put a man through, and the cowcatcher was gone. The front axie was bent,

of the national colors were still draped around the stack and the flagstaff. On either side was the wreathed inscription: of the decorations being sadly out of tune so woefully. The first freight car of No. of the track and the baggage car and first passenger coach of the excursion special where they had been dumped after having been relieved of their dead and injured. Not a seat had been left in the passenger coach. All were broken off near the floor There were lunch baskets, shoes, hammocks,

with blood. cap was covered with blood and badly

SOME PECULIAR FEATURES. There were some peculiar features con out of the wreck one of the most seriously was taken to the Lusk bouse and was aft-Bert Fackler and Walter Jennings of

Missouri Valley were riding rext to the came Fackler was shot like a catapult upor the tender. His clothes were literally stripped from his body, but he escaped with a mere scratch. Jengings was caught between the cars and his life crushed

Charles Heiman and Mike Garven, both of the front passenger car. Garven saw the same time calling to Heiman to do the same. Garven escaped, but Heiman's neck was broken by the shock.

Two Omaha boys, whose names could lision could not be averted. They sprang through the windows and rolled into the ditch and escaped with but slight bruises.

The people of Logan are most peaceably ties at Logan, but the town might as well the means of communicating with the outto notify their friends of their safety, and was secured from him and the local officials at home, who were wild with terror and take under the circumstances. It was finally cally no satisfaction. The messages were decided that an inquest should be held, if filed for future reference and accumulated deemed necessary, on one body, and the by the hundreds, while the plea of "com-Logan was on the platform cheering for some system was introduced into the man-evidence admitted as applying to each and pany business" was sufficient to keep the

curt order from Boone to stop the message Stoddard of the Western Union arrived here and cleared up the accumulated busi-

Superintendent Hallenbeck, Assistant Su Northwestern officials arrived from Boone at midnight and superintended the work of clearing away the wreckage. While they were doing the work, with the presence of twenty-eight dead and fifty wounded be fore them, the Chicago officials were mak ing affidavits that there had been no wreck on the Northwestern at Logan.

Coroner MacFarlane will impanel a jury omorrow and hold an inquest as to the cause of the disaster and the source of its

BRINGING HOME THE DEAD ONES. Saddest Scenes of All the Ones that Came Latest.

The train which carried the dead arrived at the union depot at 8:30 o'clock. It had fact that only a few of the relatives of the collision in better shape. There was a lost were there to receive their bodies, But even then there was enough of heartbreaking woe to touch the sympathies of those who saw the pitiful spectacle.

The police had stretched ropes across the train men, assisted by a posse of police, as majestic as when it was pulled out of tenderly lifted the bodies from the train and deposited them in a long, ghastly row on happy load of merrymakers. The wreaths the floor in the baggage room. Each was covered by a sheet, and when the line was complete a passage was cleared, and those who had friends among the dead were al-"1869, Union Pacific Employes, 1896," all lowed to pass through the improvised morgue. One by one they passed down the line, lifting the coverings from each bruised and blackened face as they went along. Some of them failed to find the face they carried in their hearts. Others found it, but too soon, and their sufferings as they were piled up on the north side of the track | beheld the terrible certainty that killed all hope were pitiful to see.

One father bent over a sheeted form that lay near the middle of the row. The light that filtered through the breathstationary engineer at the Union Pacific and the cushions and upholstered work had less crowd fell on the still smiling features been used as litters for the injured. A great of his little boy. The body was horribly mass of debris was found under the car. crushed, but the face was untouched and for a moment the father stood as if he exhats, articles of clothing, drinking cups and pocted that the bright eyes would open all the articles that go to make up a pic- to assure him that it was not death but nicker's outfit. All were covered with sleep. Involuntarily he lifted the shroud a blood and the matting that had been laid little further until the mangled body was in the center of the car was still dripping disclosed, then uttered a cry of agony that brought tears to the eyes of many an on-

tors who went to the scene from Omaha nearly new and apparently uninjured, of the scene. At one end of the row lay and the other at twenty-nine. The list, so in the pile was a stiff hat, new, that held other. Finally the body of the child was fully a quart of clotted blood, and lying laid beside that of its mother, and they were taken away together.

together. Only a part of them were identified, during the half hour that they lay ments to be prepared for burial. The friends of Charles McDermott claimed that his his work and went anyway. He was rulled to be certain that he saw the body of one sible to allow them to remain longer withmay not be positively identified until they are prepared for burial.

LONG WAIT FOR THE WOUNDED

Broken by Pathetic Realization. Those who had not found their loved in the time waiting impatiently for the following one, which, it was announced contained the wounded. It was at first announced it would arrive at 5 o'clock. Later it was stated it would be 6. Finally the word was passed around that the train was possible for the injured and it would be 8 o'clock before it would arrive. The amnight, to get some feed. The train came police stretched ropes from the door of the baggage room to the train to keep the crowd back and willing helpers lent a hand to carry the sufferers from the cars to the

The strain upon those who had been watching and waiting all the night through by this time had become intense. Women who had borne up bravely through the hours of waiting broke down and sobbed hysterically and strong men wept as the had left them in no condition to withstand gaze. Men, women and children who the day before had bid them goodbye full of life and pleasant anticipations were carried out limp and helpless, in several instances only

Tenderly strong arms bore them along and they were placed in the awaiting ambulances and driven to the hospital. Friends gathered around with anxious inquiries as to the extent of the injuries, and for the first time

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was a great lack of material for binding the order was given to remove the dead the wounds of the injured and pocket hand-kerchiefs, lunch towels and linen articles a board and closely wrapped with a cotton bunch of copy filed for his paper and the

Many Omaha Homes Darkened by the Railroad Wreck at Logan,

TRAGEDY THE ONE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION EVERYWHERE

perintendent Lytton of Boone and other Heartrending Scenes at the Depot When the Trains Bearing the Dead and Injured Arrive-Morgues Besieged by Anxious Friends.

> Saturday morning there were many happy were allowed to get over their attacks as homes in the city of Omaha into which best they could. the death angel came in the evening with a suddenness which has cast a gloom over

the entire city. When the excursion train when they alighted from the trains they containing the Union Pacific Pioneers' association and their friends started out from although their limbs were sound and their the depot with its sixteen coach loads of happy people there were many who re- required the assistance of friends to lead mained behind who longed to be in the party. Their inability to attend spared ble sight to see strong men as weak as any been given out that it would not arrive them the witnessing of a terrible calamity woman. until noon, and this was responsible for the and possibly from being victims of it, as

It was just after the dinner hour in the evening when the report was circulated on the street that the train had met with trucks of the tender were broken, but in platform to keep back the crowd, and the been killed and others injured. There was news was received and this was steadily gaping wounds that caused men and women fort to obtain any information of the diswere besieged with inquiries and people hours of the morning the telephones in by anxious inquirers, but it was well along in the night before any information was forthcoming.

The local telephone line to Logan, where the accident occurred, was kept constantly employed by the friends of the excursionthose who had attended, carrying messages, but the facilities were necessarily inade quate to the emergency.

WAITING FOR THE TRAIN.

Early in the evening it was stated that the train bearing the survivors would arregated at the depot. As time wore on and no train and very little information came the crowd became almost frantic All night long the throng of anxious friends and relatives of the excursionists kept up their vigil, and when along toward daylight the trains carrying the survivors, the injured and finally the dead arrived for the physicians to pass from one little alive and uninjured there were others from and screams filled the car from one end of which came up the sobs of the heartbroken who had learned of the terrible fate which

Yesterday all day the streets were filled ing the terrible affair, and it was the alidead and injured, coming as they do from many years, leave an unusually large circle to which the loss comes as a personal besieged with inquiries as to their condilying were overwhelmed with applications to view the remains. All the latter requests were refused except in the case of imme-

While the injured were receiving every care at the hospitals the friends of the afflicted ones were doing everything possible to soften the blow which had fallen families. In times like these, however, the only serve to sharpen the grief which time

Very little has been done as yet toward but today they will probably all be arranged community is brought home with crushmajority who met their death in the wreck.

Serious Injuries Sustained.

It contains at least thirty-four names of persons who were seriously hurt, dan- given below. In addition to these there gerously so, to a greater or less degree. greater number, who received injuries of a fingers, etc., but these made their way to minor nature. These consisted of bruises their homes as quickly as possible, and it and cuts, or slight disfigurements, which was impossible to locate them. The folwill practically amount to nothing.

A considerable number also were shaken injured: ap severely, but beyond this were uninjured. This was especially the case amongst the passengers who occupied the cars immediately behind the one which was demoltshed. The incidental fright, combined into hysterics, but owing to the work that the desperately hurt, such individuals re-

The condition, however, left its effects

upon great numbers of the passengers, and were all of a tremble, and many of them, general physical condition was unimpaired. them away to their homes. It was a pitla-

WORK OF THE SURGEONS.

It took much time to prepare the injured for their journey to this city. It was necessary to transport them a considerable disto the number, it took still more time for the physicians, even though they worked as hard as their hearts could for them, to adjust the bandages and to tenderly dress the and children to scream in the loudest tones

Thus it was that hours elapsed after the departure of the first section of the return train, which carried the unhurt, before the second section was started. The latter carried all the wounded whose hurts were of any magnitude. It had also on board such friends of the injured as would not be torn away from or forced to leave the sides of their suffering loved ones.

The section consisted of two coaches, a baggage car and a Pullman. They were alnost crowded to an uncomfortable degree in order to hold the great number that boarded it. The baggage car was used for those who required cots and stretchers for the journey. The other was for those who

were able to sit up or were less injured. The scenes which were presented within the two cars were such as to never be forgotten by those who witnessed them. They were seenes such as made the strongest heart grow weak and sick. They were scenes that caused the tears to well up, even though every one of the participants was a stranger. They were scenes of the

TOUCHING SCENES AT THE DEPOT. The interior of the baggage car presented the most pathetic sight. Here were ranged end to end the cots which bore the most seriously injured. They filled the car to its fullest capacity. Room was hardly allowed bed to another in their efforts to alleviate mortal powers would permit them. Groans

Beside each cot and bending over the bundle that occupied it knelt or lay the attendants, the parents or children, the brother or sister, the husband or wife. Tears to the wants of the suffering one, fanning with hat or fan, lifting the glass to the Hearts were silently breaking as they watched the quiet or the mogning form, which in many cases was struggling with

The sight in the other car was as pitiable a one. In this the injured were stretched upon the soft seats, swathed in bandages. character to force away thought, nor were the attentions they required sufficient to prevent their attendants from dwelling upon the disaster. Almost without exception they had been passengers in the car of death and had lost some one in the crash. The thoughts of the dead caused some to weep silently, others to stare stolidly and stupidly as if they had been struck dumb by the blows, others to shrick aloud in their anguish.

LIST OF THE INJURED.

The injured who were in such condition as to require medical attendance were taken to St. Joseph's hospital. There were twentynine of these and the hospital force was of the calamity which has befallen the kept on the jump by the sudden influx, but by noon all had been attended to and the ing force. Some families have been prac- physicians reported that all of the victims to follow to their last resting place the internally the doctors said at least two or three days would be required before their fate would be determined, but all of the LIST OF THE SORELY WOUNDED, others were said to be doing well and several were expected to be able to leave the hospital within the next day or so.

The list of those in the hospital, together with a few others who were severely injured but able to get to their homes, in injuries, such as bruised heads, mashed lowing list includes all who were seriously

ROBERT BUCHTEL of 622 North Seventeenth street; his left leg is fractured.

MRS. BUCHTEL, wife of the above; sustained a number of severe contusions in the face and forehead, her nose is broken

and her arm badly injured. KATE COSGROVE of 1111 North Eighteenth street; sustained a contusion over the right eye, and was generally and badly

WILLIAM J. SUMMIT of Missouri Valley; mained without medical attendance, and