

TERRIBLE RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Train Goes Through a High Trestle, Kills Four Men and Wounds Others.

Butler, Pa., Jan. 25.—Saturday afternoon, one-half mile east of Shippensburg, Clarion county, occurred one of the most frightful wrecks in the history of the Pittsburgh and Western railroad, in which four trainmen lost their lives and many passengers were seriously injured. The dead and probable dying are as follows: Ruth—Daniel J. Moriarty, Foxburg, engineer; Ira Beatty, Foxburg, fireman; William S. Copeley, Butler, mail agent. Injured—Thomas Palmer, Foxburg, bargegaster, arm broken; James Tonks, Foxburg, conductor, injured internally; Ned Clark, Foxburg, trainmaster, arm broken; Charlie Carruthers, Butler, newsboy, injured on head; twelve passengers, names unknown. The remaining passengers marvelously escaped with slight injuries.

It was discovered later that Brake-man George Wise, of Foxburg, was also killed. Conductor Tonks is not expected to live. The only names that can be learned of those among the passengers who were injured are: Walter Johnson, shoe salesman, of Pittsburgh, cut about face and head; F. A. Knox, hurt internally; Miss C. B. Hellock, of Allegheny City, ankle broken; Griff Clark, of Clarion, cut about head, and Miss Annie McCarthy, of Tylerdale, head and face cut.

This terrible accident occurred immediately at the sharp curve upon the high trestle which spans Paint creek at this point. The train was composed of baggage, mail and three passenger coaches—all went down. At the fatal curve, without a moment's warning to the fireman and engineer, the whole trestle gave way, precipitating the load fully seventy feet to the depth below.

Chicago Cycling Show Booming.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—The national cycle show is now in full operation, and arrangements are perfect for the comfort of visitors at the Coliseum, where it is being held. Every nook and corner of the big structure is properly heated, and the frosts and wintry blasts without are soon forgotten as visitors follow the hundreds of interesting displays.

Lowest in Many Years.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 26.—Sunday night the temperature fell to the lowest point in this country recorded for years. Fifty below zero was generally reported from the Red river to Banff in the mountains. The weather is now moderating considerably. William Tisdale, a farmer near Morden, was frozen to death in Friday's blizzard.

Transportation for Bicycles.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—The Grand Trunk railway has put in force a new regulation regarding bicycle fares. In future wheelmen will be charged a tariff for transportation of their wheels varying according to distance, in proportion to the rate paid for the passenger's ticket, no fee being less than 25 cents.

Fire in a Boy's Orphanage.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Jan. 25.—Fire yesterday morning partially destroyed the boy's dormitory of the Christian Home orphanage. One hundred boys were rescued. The firemen had a terrible combat with the cold.

Beet Sugar in Wisconsin.

Madison, Jan. 25.—In the senate last evening a bill was introduced to give half a cent state bounty on beet sugar per pound, a quarter to go to the grower and a quarter to the maker.

Fifteen Places, 3,500 Aspirants.

Springfield, Ills., Jan. 26.—Governor Tanner has fifteen appointments to important positions to make. To fill these fifteen places there have been up to date upward of 3,500 applications.

Lutheran Church Burned.

Hartford, Wis., Jan. 26.—The Lutheran church burned here at 12 o'clock Sunday night. The fire caught from the overheated furnace. The loss will be heavy.

THE MARKETS.

New York Financial.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. Money on call 12½ per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 3½ per cent.; sterling exchange was easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 480/487 for demand and 484/486 for six days; posted rates, 480/485; commercial bills, 483/4.

Unit 3. States government bonds firm; 4's registered, 12½; do. coupons, 12½; 5's registered, 13½; do. coupons, 11½; 4's registered, 11½; do. coupons, 11½; 2½ registered, 9½; Pacific 6's of '98, 10½.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25. Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—January, opened and closed nominal; May, opened 8½¢, closed 7½¢; July, opened 7½¢, closed 7½¢; Corn—January, opened nominal, closed 2½¢; May, opened 2½, closed 2½¢; July, opened 25½¢, closed 25¢. Oats—January, opened 15½¢, closed 15½¢; May, opened 18¢, closed 17½¢. Pork—January, opened and closed nominal; May, opened 85¢, closed 80¢. Lard—January, opened nominal, closed nominal; May, 80¢, closed 80¢.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25. Live Stock—Prices at the Union Stock yards today ranged as follows: Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 25,000; sales ranging at \$1.20 @ 3.75¢ pigs, \$2.35 @ 3.15¢ hogs, \$3.35 @ 3.05¢ rough packing, \$3.35 @ 3.55¢ mixed, and \$3.35 @ 3.50¢ heavy packing, &c., &c. Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 15,000; quotations ranging at \$1.00 @ 1.40¢ choice to extra choice steers, \$1.45 @ 1.90¢ good to choice, \$1.00 @ 1.40¢ fair to good, \$2.00 @ 2.05¢ common to medium, \$1.50 @ 1.90¢ butchers' steers, \$1.00 @ 1.40¢ stockers, \$3.50 @ 4.05¢ feeders, \$1.75 @ 2.00¢ cows, \$2.42 @ 2.15¢ heifers, \$1.75 @ 2.75¢ bulls, oxen and steers, \$1.80 @ 2.2¢ Texas steers, and \$2.75 @ 3.00¢ veal calves.

St. Louis Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 70½¢; No. 1 northern, 70¢; May, 70½¢. Corn—No. 3, 20½¢; Oats—No. 2 white, 18½¢ @ 19½¢. Barley—No. 3, 33½¢ @ 35¢; samples, 24½¢ @ 25½¢. Rye—No. 1, 38¢.

St. Louis Grain.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25. Wheat—No. 2 red cash elevator, 85¢ per bushel; May, 85¢ bid; May, 85¢ asked. Oats—No. 2 cash, 10½¢ asked; May, 21½¢ @ 25½¢. Oats—No. 2 cash, 10½¢; May, 10½¢ asked. Rye—34¢ per bushel.

Detroit Grain.

DETROIT, Jan. 25. Wheat—Cash white, 90½¢ bid; cash red, 90½¢ bid; May, 91½¢ bid; July, 70¢ asked.

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ELECTRICITY'S POWER.

With Its Aid the Strongest Safe Can Be Opened In Ten Minutes.

A few weeks ago I printed in this column a statement made by a Chicago burglar to the effect that electricity could be utilized for opening safes and that the work could be done quickly, quietly and safely.

This hint evidently set the electrical experts to thinking and the safe manufacturers to experimenting, for it has been practically demonstrated in this city within the last ten days that no safe is "burglar proof" providing the burglar can utilize electricity in his work.

Several of the best safes in the market, guaranteed to be "burglar proof," have been entered by means of the electric carbon within ten minutes, and those who have watched the experiment are in unit in declaring that the application of electricity to burglary means the practical abolition of heavy safes. It is declared that the safe of the future will be built just heavy enough to protect against fire, and here its mission will end.

Since this matter has attracted so

much attention, it may not be amiss to name the man who discovered that it is possible to melt a hole through several inches of solid steel and iron in a few minutes with an ordinary stick of carbon. The credit for this discovery rests with Chicago's own peculiar criminal puzzle, "Sleepy" Burke.

One day in 1893 Burke was going

through the Electrical building at the

World's fair and saw an experiment

there which immediately interested him.

An exhibitor was burning holes through

various metals by electricity. He explained to the intensely interested Mr. Burke that the heat generated by the electricity almost instantly took the "temper" out of the hardest metals—even case hardened steel—and that the softened metal could then be melted almost as easily as lead. "Sleepy" thanked him and passed on. That little experiment, however, marked a new era in safemaking and in the development of crime.—Frank S. Pixley in Chicago Times-Herald.

AN EIGHT TON MOLLUSK.

The huge mollusk ashore on the beach of Anastasia island continues to attract the attention of scientists. Dr. De Witt Webb has received instructions to spare no expense in obtaining a series of photographs of the carcass, and with this end in view he engaged four heavy horses, a dozen men, and with three sets of tackle went to South Beach for the purpose of raising the heavy object from its bed in the sand and placing it upon a board platform so that it could be photographed and examined on all sides.

When the party reached the mollusk,

the tide was found to be favorable for

work, and after several hours of labor

the great mass was hauled from the sand

in which it was imbedded and placed

on a platform of boards. The men at

work, who are in the habit of handling

heavy weights, state that the carcass

weighs fully eight tons. What it weighs

when alive must be imagined, but it

must have been great, for it weighed

as much when it was ashore for only two mo-

ths. It is true that it floated from the arctic regions it lost its tentacles and shell on route. The shape of that part of the mollusk that was imbedded in the sand is similar to that which was exposed from the time it came ashore, but another series of photographs will be taken, as a view of the entire mass can now be obtained since it has been placed on the platform. These photographs will be sent to the Smithsonian Institution and to Yale College for the purpose of classification.—Florida Citizen.

YOUR HAND ON YOUR HEART.

New "Secret Sign" of the Metal Polishers and Buffers Union.

Though the labor unions are getting tired of the old grips and passwords which used to hold them together, they are still in favor of signs to identify members at meetings. Among the organizations which have abolished grips and passwords and still stick to the signs is the International Union of Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Brass Workers. This organization has established an entirely new sign to be used by members when they are entering union meetings and leaving them. It has issued a statement giving the sign to be used in future. The statement says:

"The proper sign to be made in the future on entering or retiring from a room where there is a meeting is by placing the left hand over the heart and raising the right perpendicularly over the head. The president will answer by placing the left over his heart. All signs made previously will be discontinued."

Nobody is supposed to know anything

about these signs except the members of

the union, and they are not supposed to give them away.

The meetings are secret, and only those who can give the sign will be admitted.

Each member is to carry his duesbook to the meeting.

If they have not their duesbooks, unless

they are vouchered for by the financial

secretary.—New York Sun.

Grand Central to Be Rebuilt.

The Grand Central railroad station at New York is to be practically rebuilt at a cost of \$500,000. Plans for the reconstruction are almost completed, and work