BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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TWENTIETH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, ECEMBER 10 1897. NO. 32. WHOLE NO. 1022.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

TIME TABLE.

IN EFFECT

November 17, 1897.

WESTWARD

†Morning Express.....7:42 a. m.
†Night urban.....9:20 a. m.
†Mail.....12:14 p. m.
†id Rapids Express.....4:50 p. m.
†Suburban.....6:20 p. m.
*Chicago Express.....9:12 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Chicago Express.....6:30 a. m.
†Suburban.....7:18 a. m.
†Detroit Express.....11:05 a. m.
†Suburban.....1:18 p. m.
†Mail.....3:10 p. m.
†Evening Express.....8:30 p. m.

E. H. HUGHES, Trav. Pass. Agent, Chicago, Ill.
BEN FLETCHER, Trav. Pass. Agent, Detroit, Mich.

GEO. F. ALDRICH, Local Agent.
*Daily.
†Daily except Sunday.

PONTIAC, OXFORD & NORTHERN R. R.

TIME TABLE.

Trains Run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH.
Fr't Pass. Mx'd No. 5 No. 3 No. 1		Mx'd Pass. Fr't No. 2 No. 4 No. 6
A.M. P.M. A.M.	D. G. H. & M. Mich Cent.	P.M. A.M. A.M.
4 05 6 05		9 25 11 50
7 00 5 15 8 10	PONTIAC	8 05 10 40 4 00
10 05 6 00	Lv 8 55 Oxford Arr	7 10 10 05 2 00
10 50	9 15 Oxford Dp	7 25 3 00
7 00 9 25 1 00	Clasevill	3 00 6 45 6 15
p.m. p.m. p.m.	m. Ar.	Lv. p.m. a. m. p.m.

CONNECTIONS: Pontiac with Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry., and Michigan Air Line Division of Grand Trunk Ry. Oxford with Bay City Division Michigan Central Ry. Imlay City with Chicago & Grand Trunk Ry. Clifford with Flint & Pere Marquette Ry. Pigeon with Saginaw, Tuscola & Huron Ry.

W. C. SANFORD, Gen. Supt.

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Home Made Bread, Pies, Cakes, Etc.

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Parks & Son.

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in

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Architect,

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IT IS TIME

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Birmingham, - Michigan.

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Seasonable Specials

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Sells.

Cameras--all Styles for all Tastes and Purses:

Zar, perfect pocket camera with half dozen plates at 95c.
Dexter Camera, at $3.25. Quad Camera at $4.50—takes pictures 3 1-2 by 3 1-2 inches.
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Large assortment of Men's 50c and Women's 25c Rubbers.
Felt Boots and German Socks, all grades.

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PONTIAC, MICH.

Birmingham Car stops on our Corner.

THEIR DEATH RIDE!

Appalling Accident on the Trowbridge Hill near Bloomfield Center on the Electric Railway.

Cars No. 7 and No. 8 Collide, Crashing into Each Other from the Top of Opposite Hills

Icy Rails, Foggy Atmosphere and a Fatal Mistake the Cause.

Supt. of the Road, John Savage, Motorman Charles M. Whitehead and John Kelly, a Passenger Instantly Killed.

Mrs Charles Spratt, of Carleton, Monroe Co., Mich., Fatally Injured, Frank McHugh, Motorman, Louis Harnick, Conductor, Seriously Injured, John W. Bravis, Conductor, Injured.

Nearly a Score of Others Received Wounds More or Less Severe.

THE DEAD.

JOHN SAVAGE, Birmingham.
CHAS. WHITEHEAD, Birmingham.
JOHN KELLY, Detroit.

THE INJURED.

MRS. CHAS. PRATT, Carleton, Monroe Co., Mich.
FRANK McHUGH, Birmingham.
LOUIS HARNICK, Birmingham.
JOHN BEDELL, Pontiac.
A. E. ROBERTSON, Pontiac.
MRS. E. H. SMITH, Detroit.
JOHN HEDGE, Pontiac.
THOMAS MADDOCK, Pontiac.
W. CHAPLIN, St. Clair Co.
GEORGE WHITEMORE, Birmingham.
LEE ROSE, Pontiac.
JOHN F. MORDEN, Leonard.
ANDY BOWELL, HAMMOND, Pontiac, Mich
WARNER GOODALE, Lapeer.
MRS. WARNER GOODALE, Lapeer.
INA SMITH, age 20 years, Pontiac.
FRED LAWRENCE, near Birmingham
JAMES MONTROSS, Pontiac
GEORGE ZAHN, Pontiac.
ALBERT NASH, age 7 years

Never, since the close of the war, has such crowds of excited citizens gathered upon our streets as they did last Saturday afternoon immediately upon receipt of the awful accident that had taken place on the Electric Railway, about three miles north of our village at Bloomfield Center. The excitement was intense, the sympathy and consolation for the bereaved and suffering was earnestly expressed while there seemed all the time to hang a pall over the whole place.

Immediately on receipt of the terrible catastrophe which was brought to the village by Satterlee Trowbridge, who drove like mad to give the alarm, a wrecking car with the necessary tools for clearing the wreck away started from the power house. Following that closely was another special car that carried Drs. C. M. Ryan, N. T. Shaw and J. L. Campbell to the scene of disaster. They did noble work in caring for the victims of the disaster.

WITH TERRIFFIC FORCE.

The accident as near as can be ascertained happened exactly before one o'clock Saturday afternoon. Two new electric cars that were recently put in commission collided in the little valley near Bloomfield Center, three miles north of Birmingham. From opposite hills the two motors approached

JOHN SAVAGE,
The Superintendent who gave up His Life Because of an Error.

each other with passengers; the car bound down had the larger load. The car bound for Detroit was in charge of Conductor Louis Harnick and Motorman Charles Whitehead, while the other car was in charge of Conductor John Beavis and Motorman Frank McHugh. When the cars collided John Savage, superintendent of the Oakland Railway, was in the vestibule with McHugh and acting as motorman. The cars came together with terrific force. The motormen were unable to control them on account of the icy condition of the rails.

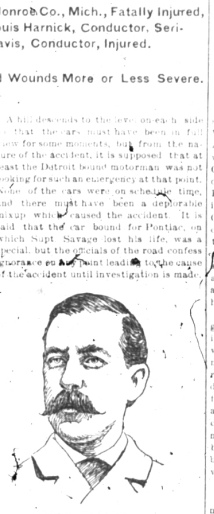
As the cars approached each other John Kelly, of Detroit, was seen to rush to the front of the car apparently hoping to escape the impending crash, but was caught and crushed to death instantly. When rescuers arrived on the scene his head was hanging out of the window. All of the passengers were in a tumult, and several others tried ineffectually to escape before the cars collided. Eye witnesses of the casualty state that Supt. Savage stood bravely at the brake and made determined efforts to stop his car. Some of the passengers did not discover their danger until it was too late for them to attempt to escape.

After the accident the passengers who were injured were cared for by friends or residents along the line. Some were taken to Pontiac, some to Birmingham while others were able to return to their homes in Detroit without assistance.

A DEPLORABLE MIX-UP.

Both motors were running at a high rate of speed, being behind time owing to the icy rails, and they plunged into each other before either motorman could get his car under control. The most inexplicable part of the catastrophe is that the motormen did not see the danger in time to avert it, and under the circumstances it is miraculous that more of the passengers were not killed, which is only explained by the cars were stoutly built and were able to withstand the terrific jamming.

A hill descends to the scene on each side so that the cars must have been in full view for some moments, but from the nature of the accident, it is supposed that at least the Detroit bound motorman was not looking for such an emergency at that point. None of the cars were on schedule time, and there might have been a deplorable mixup which caused the accident. It is said that the car bound for Pontiac, on which Supt. Savage lost his life, was a special, but the officials of the road confess ignorance as to what leading to the cause of the accident until investigation is made.



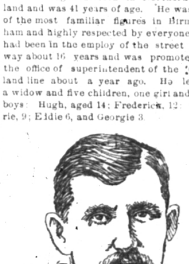
CHARLES M. WHITEHEAD,
Motorman who Was Killed on the Car Bound to Detroit.

Both vestibules were crushed like sheets and the cars telescoped for a distance of nearly twelve feet. The shock had torn the seats from the fastenings and thrown them upon the stunned passengers. Both cars suffered almost alike. Motorman Whitehead, on the splound car, meeting death at his post, but Motorman McHugh, on the other car, escaped with his life, owing to the fact that he was standing back of Savage and did not receive the full force of the blow. Those of the passengers that were not badly injured made their escape as soon as possible and began assisting others out of the cars. In many instances rescues were effected with much difficulty, as all of the men at the scene were more or less injured and had not recovered sufficiently from the shock to do any heavy work. Fortunately the collision was heard throughout the surrounding district and brought a large number of people to the scene. Both cars were stripped as soonas possible and preparations made to take care of the injured at the nearby houses. Messages were sent to Birmingham, Pontiac and to the power house, and a relief car was started as soon as possible. Doctors were also sent out to attend to the injured, but it was impossible to take care of them properly and they were sent to the two nearest points. Manager Strathern Hendrie and Supt. John Grant, of the Citizen's Company, of Detroit, were notified and they spent the afternoon taking care of the injured and dead. It was 5 o'clock before the last of them was sent away.

THREE OF THE DEAD.

JOHN SAVAGE, SUPERINTENDENT.

Mr. Savage was born in Northern Ireland and was 41 years of age. He was one of the most familiar figures in Birmingham and highly respected by everyone. He had been in the employ of the street railway about 16 years and was promoted to the office of superintendent of the Oakland line about a year ago. He leaves a widow and five children, one girl and five boys. Hugh, aged 14; Frederick, 12; Carrie, 9; Eldie 6, and Georgie 3.



JOHN KELLY,
The Book Agent Who was Killed in the Wreck.

For about a year John Savage, genial, courteous, kind, always-the-same John Savage, has been the Superintendent of the Detroit & Pontiac Electric Railway, loved by everybody, and enjoying the respect and confidence of every man under him. His pleasing manner and his hearty good will towards his fellow-men made him the friend of all. We miss him. We miss his stalwart form on our streets, and the feeling is possessed by all. His funeral services were held at his late home Wednesday forenoon at 10 o'clock, Rev. Allen officiating, after which his remains were taken by special electric car to Mt. Clemens for burial. The pall bearers were of the Masonic fraternity, and were: Frank Blakeslee, Eugene Brooks, Hiram F. Daniels, Daniel M. Doty, Isaac N. Baker and George H. Mitchell. Other cars followed, carrying the acquaintances and friends of the family. Services were held at the grave by the Masonic fraternity, of which society Mr. Savage was a member. He was also accompanied by the United Friends, another society of which he ceased was an honored member.

Before 50 o'clock a large throng had congregated near the Savage residence awaiting the arrival of the special car which was to convey all that was mortal of the man esteemed superintendent to his last resting place. Words are inadequate in describing the numerous and exquisite floral tributes, so varied in design, chief among which was a beautiful little trolley car, marvellously constructed and composed mostly of white, red and pink carnations, bearing the inscription "No. 7," that being the number of the ill-fated car on which the victim met his death.

CHARLES M. WHITEHEAD.

Charles M. Whitehead, the head motorman, was 40 years of age. He was a brother of A. W. Whitehead, cashier of the Exchange bank, and Mrs. J. Allen Bigelow of Birmingham; also of N. H. Whitehead, of Lansing. Charles M. Whitehead was born in Waterford township and his boyhood days were passed at his farm home on the banks of Elizabeth Lake. A few years ago he went out to South Dakota, bought a farm and lived there through a number of years of discouraging farm life. He returned last spring a little before the Electric Railway had been finished to Pontiac. When the road was finished he began work and only a short time before his death told his brother that he had "just begun to live." So different from his privations and sufferings out West—He had a fine job, lots of friends, and was "perfectly happy." His funeral services were held at St. James Episcopal church, in this village, and was largely attended, the church being crowded to its utmost capacity. The floral contributions sent in by loving friends were numerous, the electric employees contributing a beautiful floral pillow with the word "Comrade" neatly exhibited in flowers. The pall-bearers were his comrades. Frank Springsteen, Charles Thomas, Warren H. Brooks, Ira Crevier, Noble C. Travellin and Clyde Burgess. Rev. Sidney H. Woodford, Rector of St. James, officiating. His remains were laid away forever in Greenwood Cemetery.

JOHN KELLY.

John Kelly was the oldest son of the produce dealer of that name at 402 Grand River, Ave., Detroit, with whom he lived, and whom he assisted in the store at times. He was born in Detroit 40 years ago and after leaving school he learned the butcher's trade. Later on he went into the cattle business and since then he followed the joint occupation of butcher and drover. Eleven years ago Kelly married Miss Jeannette Brown, who died three years ago, leaving no children. After his wife's death he went to live with his aged parents. Three sisters and one brother survive him. Mr. Kelly has recently been engaged in selling ledgers and account books and had been to Pontiac for that purpose on the fatal day and was on his return home when he met his death.

FRANK M HUGH,
The Motorman Whose Place Was Taken by Supt. Savage.

THE INJURED.

The names of most of those that were injured are as follows:

Frank McHugh, motorman, one leg broken, ribs broken and injured internally. His chances of recovery are fair. He is attended by Dr. C. M. Rayale.

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Skirts,
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Ladies' Umbrellas,
Crockery,
China Wares,
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Patterns,
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Etc., etc., etc.

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