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THEIR DEATH RIDE!

(Continued from 1st page.)

Louis Harnick, conductor, severely injured in the back.

C. C. Hempell, with Henry H. Medlay & Co., Detroit, shoulder badly hurt and cut about the face and limbs.

A. E. Robertson, W. Buick Oakland Co., shoulder and head hurt and leg cut.

Mrs. F. H. Smith, 291 John R. street, Detroit, leg injured and badly bruised.

John Reigal, a German residing in Pontiac, compound fracture of left leg and right leg cut and bruised. Mr. Reigal has a brother living at 455 Leland St., Detroit.

Thos. Maddock, a stone mason, of Pontiac, was badly injured and cut about the face and head and his right ear is nearly severed. The right eye is believed to be injured and internal injuries are feared. He may not recover. He has a family.

Andy Rosenbaum, residing at 105 Howard street, Pontiac was injured on the legs, face and head. Two ribs are broken, but he will recover.

Albert Nash, 7 years old, also residing at 105 Howard street, Pontiac, was injured on the head and face, but will recover.

Mr. Lawrence, going from Birmingham to Pontiac, enroute to his new home at Clarkston, had his right knee strained, and was bruised and cut about the face and legs, but will recover.

Drs. H. S. Chapman and F. B. Galbraith, of Pontiac, together with Dr. Shaw of this place, amputated the left leg of Mrs. Pratt, of Pontiac. She was one of the most badly injured and was immediately taken to Pontiac, accompanied by Dr. Shaw, who was one of the first physicians on the ground. The other leg is injured, and because of her age, Mrs. Pratt's recovery is doubtful. She nearly bled to death before assistance arrived.

Ina Smith aged 10, of 230 Oakland Ave., left leg badly bruised, teeth knocked out and jaw injured. She was on her way to Harrison Business College.

Joseph Meldrum, of Pontiac had a shoulder dislocated, but is not badly hurt.

BEAR CHARMED LIVES.

Motorman Ira Groover and Conductor Warren Brown have worked together and were some of the very first employees when the electric opened for business. They changed cars at Log Cabin Park with Motorman Camp and Conductor Beavis at the time Mr. Camp lost his leg. Last Saturday they changed, turning the fatal car over to McHugh and Beavis which sped on its death-way, and again the working pair missed what might have been the end.

TERRIBLE SCENES.

A. E. Robertson, of No. 7 Church St., Detroit, was looking out of the window at which he sat, when of a sudden everything was blank to him. He had been knocked unconscious by the force of the blow. When he finally came to his senses, after a lapse of several minutes, he told this story:

"I have no remembrance of a blow, or noise, or jar of any kind. When I came to my senses I was lying on the floor of the car, with the seats piled on top of my body.

LOUIS HARNICK,
Conductor on the Car Bound for Detroit, Seriously Injured.

"Perhaps it was due to the suddenness of the whole thing, which did not give my imagination a chance to frighten me, but at any rate I was not in the least scared when I came to. Though feeling very sore and stiff, I managed to clamber out of the debris and there, right in front of me, lay a little girl all doubled up and moaning in her agony. She was 10 years old, and her face was badly battered; I think her jaw was broken. I pulled her out as gently as I could, and then merciful hands took her and carried her away. Close to her lay a small boy about 7 years old, whose face was also cut up, though not so badly as was hers. He also was removed.

"One old lady I saw hanging out of one window. She was pinned down by the broken timbers, and under her arms were the stove and hot water pipes. Soon the woodwork caught fire from the dislodated hot coals, but men quickly rushed for pails of water, and had it out before it could burn her.

"The woman was badly crushed, and she kept calling out for several minutes: 'Get me out of this; oh, do get me out.' She was finally released and taken to Pontiac."

JURY IMPANELED.

Before three hours had elapsed Chauncey Brace, an Oakland county coroner, had impaneled a jury consisting of the following well known residents of Birmingham: Alanson Partridge, Herbert A. Poppleton, Albert W. Campbell, Warren D. Clizbe, Merritt Randall and Matthew McBride. The remains of Mr. Kelly, who was brought to the morgue at Birmingham was first viewed, then Supt. Savage and Motorman Whitehead, after which the scene of the wreck was visited. The inquest was then adjourned until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

JOHN BEAVIS,
The Conductor Who Escaped With a Sprained Shoulder and Bruises

STRANGE PRESENTIMENT.

Supt. Savage had a presentiment of his fate during Friday night. Shortly after midnight he arose from his bed and looked nervously at his watch. He did this more than a dozen times in the next two hours. Once he exclaimed, "O, my God!" I wonder what is wrong now" and told this wife that he felt as if there was to be a terrible accident on the road. Mrs. Savage quieted her husband as best she could and he finally went to sleep. Saturday forenoon Mr. Savage was talking with a prominent Birmingham man who is interested in the road. He stated that he intended resigning his position, but after conversing a few moments he said that he would wait until the first of the year before handing in his resignation.

He had both his legs crushed and died almost instantly. When the body reached Birmingham one of the legs was missing, but it was afterwards found.

A BIRMINGHAM BOY IN IT.

Roy Blakeslee, son of F. Blakeslee, dry goods man of our village, says "At twenty minutes to one o'clock I boarded the car at the Maple Ave crossing. There were

ROYAL BLAKESLEE,
Thrown from One End of the Car to the Other and Hurt but Little

four other passengers aboard. Frank McHugh was in the vestibule with Mr. Savage at the controller and brake. I sat at the rear of the car, the third seat from the end. One gentleman sat behind me, one gentleman ahead and a lady who sat on the third seat from the front. I first saw Mr. Savage turn as if to come into the car, and looking ahead saw the coming card, as the next instant came the awful crash. The seats all broke loose and flew to the front end of the car. Mr. Savage's body fell at my feet on his back, the stubs of his legs being cut off as with a big pair of shears. I could not realize what had caused it, all was dazed of course. The poor lady was covered with seats and begged to be released. She told us a fire was beginning to burn near her. We got her out and extinguished the fire. After doing all I could I walked home. My coat was torn by the glass and I am very much bruised on my shoulder and legs, but extremely thankful that I escaped so easily."

THE HORROR OF IT.

Walter Lockwood, of Bloomfield Center, was the first person to arrive at the scene after the collision between the two cars.

"I was at dinner when the crash, sound, ing like that of a cannon's boom, startled me, and I jumped up with the exclamation, 'The car has gone through Trowbridge's bridge,'" said Lockwood.

"It took less than a minute for Dick Blue, Will Beach, John Patchet and myself to reach the wreck, although the fog in the valley was so thick that you couldn't see across the road.

"I first saw Motorman Whitehead hanging out of a car window with outstretched arms, face upward, and quite dead. The bumpers on the Detroit-bound car had cut off Supt. Savage's legs as clean as though a pair of shears had done the work. He had been rendered unconscious by a blow on the head and had bled to death.

"Motorman McHugh had jumped from the car. He was sitting by the fence where he had struck and was in a dazed condition. He failed to realize what had happened and wanted me to tell him why he was not on his car.

"Mrs Pratt, the Carleton passenger, was pinned down by the car heater. A maudlin drunken fellow knelt at her feet and claimed she was his aunt. The old lady said she didn't know him and asked that he be taken away and prevented from annoying her. Mrs Pratt had considerable money in her hand satchel and a roll of bills in one of her stockings.

John Kelly was mangled in a terrible manner. His kidneys and liver lay on the frost-crusted snow.

"I picked up little Inez Smith of Pontiac and when I saw she was bleeding at the mouth I carried her to my home.

"After Supt. Savage's remains had been removed to Birmingham I returned to the scene and picked up one of his legs from the wreck.

"Motorman Whitehead had evidently made a brave attempt for his life. After shutting off the power, he had tried to escape through the vestibule, but he was caught in the crash, and his limp, cold body hung through the first car window with a look of appeal, mingled with horror, on his features."

In two wagonloads of wreckage which had been gathered up, the News correspondent was unable to find a piece of wood as large as a man's hand which had not been smeared with blood.

Car No. 8 was burned. It was a total wreck with no chance for repairing. Wm. Cobb and family, living on the Conklin place, next to the Trowbridge home, knew nothing at all of the affair until they saw the light of the burning car.

MRS PRATT'S STORY

Mrs. Chas. Pratt, aged 71, mother of Mrs. John Doty of Pontiac gives a vivid description of the wreck. She is a very bright old lady and appears to be wide-awake.

MRS. CHARLES PRATT
Sustained Fatal Injuries.

After car No. 7, on which she was riding left Birmingham she heard considerable talk between Supt. Savage and Motorman McHugh. The car was going very slowly. Suddenly, with pretty emphatic language, she saw a man whom she believed to be Supt. Savage seize the crank, while the motorman stepped back. The car then went much faster. Mrs. Pratt understood from the talk that the car was running on another car's time, and that it was the intention to take the siding into the electric opened for business, at the collision, and let the car from Pontiac pass.

An attempt will be made at the inquest to learn whether Conductor Baldwin, of car No. 5, which preceded No. 7 had orders to carry a flag to notify No. 8 that another car was coming.

THOSE WHO MISSED THE CAR.

The list of our dead and injured might have been still greater had not several of our citizens missed the fated cars both here and in Pontiac, including several, who were anxious to either go to or return from Pontiac on those very cars, but were detained for various reasons, some of whom only missed it by just two minutes and their delay seemed almost providential. Among those who missed their car were: Mrs. Grace McKinney and daughter Verna, Morris and Jennie Toms, Nathan Fall, Jack Purdy, Frank Young, Rev. A. H. Orr Fred Stephens, Frank Hagerman and Herbert Poppleton.

INEZ SMITH,
The Little Pontiac Girl Who Was Seriously Injured.

JOHN REGAL'S CONDITION.

On going to press we are informed that the condition of John Regal, who has been cared for at the National hotel since his serious accident, is in a very critical condition with little or no chance of recovery. He is still unconscious and it is feared that he has sustained internal injuries. His brother of Detroit, is caring for him. He is attended by Dr. Raynale.

ADJOURNMENTS OF INQUEST.

The coroner's inquest was again adjourned from 10 a. m. to 1:30 p. m., Wednesday and finally, without accomplishing anything, postponed until today, (Friday) at 9 a. m. sharp. The cause of the last adjournment was owing to the fact that so many of the jury men, clients and witnesses wished to attend the funeral of Mr. Savage at Mt. Clemens. The result will be given in our next issue.

OUR LODGES.

Birmingham Lodge F. & A. M., 44.

At the annual Communication of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., the held Thursday evening, Dec. 2d, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

W. M.—Daniel M. Johnston.
S. W.—Mac A. Randall.
J. W.—Elmer Monroe.
Treas.—M. K. Taber.
Sec.—J. B. Hunt.
S. D.—M. B. Dennis.
J. D.—Peter McKay.
Stewards—Ellsworth Randall, Isaac N. Baker.
Tyler—Samuel Jarvis.

Chapter 93, R. A. M.

At the annual convocation of Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M., held Monday evening, Dec. 6th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year

H. P.—Mac A. Randall.
K.—D. M. Doty.
S.—M. K. Taber.
C. of the H.—A. Whitehead.
P. S.—M. B. Dennis.
R. A. C.—F. Allen Bigelow.
M. of the 3 V.—W. H. Smith.
M. of the 2 V.—H. E. Daniels.
M. of I. V.—Walter North.
Treas.—F. Hagerman.
Sec.—A. Partridge.
Sent.—S. Jarvis.

THE STAGE.

AT THE LYCEUM

H. A. DAS sucket's amusing farce "My Friend From India," received a hearty welcome from an audience that filled the Lyceum to overflowing Sunday evening. The theosophical barber, the retired pork packer and the German maid-servant are as laugh-producing as ever, and the various complications that are stirred into the plot, like plums in a Christmas pudding, keep the fun moving at a furious rate. As an example of farce writing "My Friend From India" has no superior on the stage.

Next week—"The Isle of Champagne"

AT WHITNEY'S

Sutton Vane's well contrived drama of incident, entitled "The Span of Life," revived at Whitney's this week. That it still has its old time drawing power is attested by the crowds that flocked to see it, and that it has lost none of its interest may easily be gathered from the enthusiasm—amounting at times to a kind of fury—with which its sensational climaxes are received.

Next week—Joe Flynn as "McGinty, the Sport."

AT THE EMPIRE.

Another section of Primrose & West's minstrels will occupy the stage of the Empire theater Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Early this season we had one of the P. & W. companies with W. H. West, Carrol Johnson and Ezra Kendall, as the stars. This week the band will be headed by George H. Primrose, who will have George Thatcher and other celebrated performers by his side.

Columbia Calendar for 1898.

An Exceedingly Acceptable and Useful Memorandum Pad, which has Come to be a Necessity in Thousands of Offices and Homes.

For the thirteenth year the Columbia Pad Calendar makes its appearance promptly on time for 1898, and while its general style is of the same familiar character, the many bright thoughts it contains contributed by its friends in many parts of the country, as well as abroad, are new, and will be appreciated by all who take an interest in bicycling, healthful exercise and good roads.

The 1898 Columbia Pad Calendar contains a convenient arrangement of dates that will prove useful to busy men, and as plenty of space is reserved for memoranda, the pad may be used as a diary and as a reminder for business appointments and obligations. It is neat in appearance, takes up but little room and is both ornamental and useful for the desk, while its stand is of such character that it may be used either upon the desk or hung upon the wall.

The moon's phases are indicated in the Calendar for the benefit of those who wish to have this information. The calendar is ready for distribution and all orders for it will be filled upon the day of receipt. It can be obtained by mail pre-paid for five two-cent stamps by addressing the Calendar Department of the Pope Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn.

Puny Children

Who would prescribe only tonics and bitters for a weak, puny child? Its muscles and nerves are so thoroughly exhausted that they cannot be *whipped* into activity. The child needs food; a blood-making, nerve-strengthening and muscle-building food.

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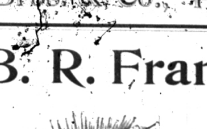

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WONDERLAND.

The Haunted Swing, a New Optical Illusion that Beats the Beater.

"The haunted swing," is the latest addition to Wonderland's many attractions. For over a month the swing has been in process of construction. It is in a room by itself that has been specially built to contain it. The swing will hold 18 or 20 people, and is suspended from an iron cylinder that runs clear across the room. The novelty consists in the fact that it appears to swing not only back and forth, but entirely over, and the occupants stand on their heads without falling out.

In company with a friend we enjoyed a swing before it was public property, and to say the sensation was startling, bewildering and delightful, is only drawing it very mild. We were very fortunate in meeting its promoter, originator and builder, in the person of Prof. C. W. Oswald, of Philadelphia, a gentleman of pleasing and suave manners, who seemed pleased to give us a taste of his ingenuity. This is the fourth "Chamber" he has manufactured, made or set up, don't know just what to call it, as we can hardly tell what did happen after our instructor pressed the button.

It seemed to us that we swung out and back, then again at an alarming height,—then back, when Mr. Oswald sang "here we go now—way over," and over we went, but, strange to say, altho' downside up we did not spill out. We don't know that we did really go clear over, but we think we did, for a big heavy Detroit safe (about a three tonner) with a plug hat carelessly on top of it remained undisturbed, and if we stayed still and the room revolved why didn't the hat fall off; the thousand little ornaments in the room mix up? Say you tell after you try it. The swing is now open for public use; in the afternoon it is free, in the evening a small fee is to be paid. Wonderland never was more popular than now and its manager, I. H. Moore, is in close touch with his patrons. Courteous attendants in all departments make this a wonderfully popular resort.

FOOLS WALK WHERE ANGELS WOULDN'T.

A Citizen of this Village Pays $250 and Gets—NIT.

Six years ago a man in this town in moderate circumstances and enjoying the respect of his fellow-men, wrote a letter to a most estimable citizen of our village, charging him with gross and criminal conduct, and in connection therewith named two of our most respectable ladies; ladies who are without reproach, there being none higher, in character or public estimation, saying in his letter that he was an eye witness to the act and that fifty dollars would silence all. This letter passed through the mail and to the United States district attorney in Detroit and the result was the writer begged on his bended knees for forgiveness and mercy, signed a libel to the fact that he lied, that he never saw anything of the kind, etc., etc. Paper was witnessed and laid aside. One experience like this should have been sufficient, but it seems it was not. Inside of a month ago he wrote to a married woman an anonymous letter, purporting to come from a woman, which was vile, obscene and insulting. Lawyer called. Settlement made for $250, which about takes all the man is worth. The question is will he stop writing now or keep it up?

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