

DASTARDLY

Attempted Made to Wreck D. S. & U. Traction Car

MISCREANTS SOAP THE TRACK

OFFICIALS SAY SPITEWORK WAS THE MOTIVE FOR THE CONTEMPTIBLE WORK.

Recent Raise in Passenger Rates Believed to be the Animus—Passengers Carried Sand from Roadway.

A serious accident which in all probability would have resulted in great loss of life and much property damage but for the direction in which the car was going, was narrowly averted on the Urbana end of the Dayton, Springfield & Urbana traction line Sunday evening shortly after 10 o'clock. The track for a distance of 300 yards had been soaped by some unknown miscreants who it is hinted were seeking vengeance on the railroad company in return for the recent raise in passenger rates.

The car which runs between Springfield and Urbana, with Thomas Haldeman as motorman, was approaching Springfield shortly after 10 o'clock, being due there at 10.30. When the car had crossed the Big Four tracks at the foot of the Sulzbach hill, about three miles north of the city, an attempt was made to ascend the heavy grade, but the progress of the big coach, loaded with 35 passengers, suddenly became retarded and finally stopped when near the top of the hill. All power available was turned on, but it proved of no value, for as soon as the car stopped it started backward down the hill and slid for a distance of several hundred yards, stopping immediately upon the derailler which guards the Big Four tracks.

Was Not Derailed.

Fortunately the car did not become derailed, and upon stopping, the motorman and conductor made an examination of the tracks, only to find that they had been soaped while the car had made the run to Urbana and return. The passengers aboard the car became alarmed at the delay and strange actions of the car and they, too, got off to take a look at the soapy tracks.

There was not enough sand carried in the car to pour upon the rails, and the crew, as well as many of the passengers, went to the public road nearby and carried handfuls of dust and dirt and put it upon the rails. The soaped track extended for about 300 yards, commencing a short distance above the hill and reaching down almost to the Big Four tracks. After a half hour's delay the car finally managed to climb the hill and went on into the city.

Arriving there the officials of the road were notified and Superintendent Loftus issued orders to the power house employees at Medway to supply the Urbana end with all power possible so that the last run could be made. A fresh supply of sand was obtained before starting back, and on this trip there was little delay experienced in climbing the hill, although much caution had to be exercised by Motorman Haldeman in making the descent toward Urbana.

A Piece of Spitework.

What motive the miscreants may have had in placing soap upon the tracks had not been learned, although it was freely stated by those who were directly interested in the occurrence that it had the appearance of spitework by parties who are not in sympathy with the recent raise in rates on the line. The Appleyard people have had the same experience to deal with on the Columbus end of the C. L. & S. line and have succeeded in placing eight or ten persons in persons in jail on strong substantial evidence of having committed the felonious act.

Regard Matter Seriously.

The officials of the road regard the occurrence with much seriousness, as it is plain to be seen that had the car been going northward instead of the other way, nothing could have prevented it from plunging down the hill at lightning speed and jumping the track at the derailler near the Big Four tracks. With the 35 passengers aboard it would indeed be a difficult matter to estimate what the

loss of life and injury would have been.

Superintendent Loftus stated that the officials would take the matter up at once this morning and all efforts possible will be made to detect the guilty parties. The penalty for interfering with a railroad train in any manner is an extremely heavy one and carries with it a maximum fine of \$500 and imprisonment in the penitentiary for ten years.

TWO AGED RESIDENTS

Kingscreek Are Critically Ill, One With Paralysis.

Randolph Tritt, a prominent retired farmer living at Kingscreek, is critically ill at his home in that village and small hopes are entertained of his recovery. Mr. Tritt is one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Salem township and is well known in this city, being an uncle of I. O. Tritt of the Citizens' bank.

Henry Coleman, a venerable citizen of the village of Kingscreek, was stricken by paralysis Saturday afternoon and is in a critical condition. He had gone out into the yard and when found was vainly endeavoring to crawl to the house. His children have been summoned to his bedside.

FIGHTS

MAD DOG IN AN ENGLISH RAILWAY CAR.

London Dentist Has Terrible Experience With a Large and Savage Boarhound.

Presentation of Diplomas

London, June 12.—A more strange yet terrible position can scarcely be imagined that that in which Dean Wray, a London dentist, found himself while on a journey from Colchester to London.

Mr. Wray, who has a country residence in Essex, possesses a big boarhound, which recently showed symptoms of savageness, and he decided to take it to London for treatment.

The guard of the express by which he traveled refused to have the animal in his van, and Mr. Wray took it alone with him in a carriage. Scarcely had the train started, when the dog ferociously attacked its master, who, climbing on to the hattrack kept it at bay for some time.

Its ferocity increasing, Mr. Wray lowered himself from the rack, and, baffling the dog by a lucky kick, opened the carriage door. The door swung out over the line, carrying the dentist with it.

He clung to the door tenaciously, and to his horror it swung back again, carrying him toward the dog.

Once more it swung outward, and this time he was able to grasp the handle of the door of the next compartment, whose passengers regarded him with some alarm and considerable suspicion when he commenced to chamber through their window.

Mr. Wray, however, quickly explained the situation.

The big hound was allowed to follow its own devices, and when the train reached Liverpool street it was found to be dead. There was indication of rabies.

BURGLARY

AND HOLD-UP ATTEMPTED AT LEWISBURG.

Burglar Turned Out to be Well Known Man About Town With a Family.

North Lewisburg, June 12.—A case of attempted robbery was made on Saturday night. When Mr. N. C. West went home shortly after retiring he discovered a man in the house and drawing a revolver threatened to shoot. But the fellow pleaded "for God's sake don't shoot." Mr. West soon realized that his burglar was none other than a man with a family, about town, and one who had been in trouble before, and allowed him to go unmolested, and unpunished.

ATTEMPTED HOLD-UP.

A hold-up was attempted on Will Curl, proprietor of the barber shop, when going home Saturday night, by some miscreant who escaped. No arrests have been made so far.

Ned Burke, of Muncie, Ind., accompanied by Miss Mayme McNally, of Springfield, was here Sunday evening. Mr. Burke is the advertising manager of the Muncie Star.

TWELVE

Graves Containing Twelve Members Were Decorated

BY A BOQUET OF CARNATIONS

CLASS NO. 8 REMEMBERS ITS DEPARTED BROTHERS ON SUNDAY.

Prosecutor Zimmer Makes the Address on the Subject of Loyalty—Pretty Ceremony for the Dead.

Class No. 8, of the First Baptist Sunday school, observed its memorial day Sunday morning when it marched in a body from the class room to Oak Dale cemetery and there strewed flowers upon the graves of its departed members. Twelve graves were decorated and the twelve clusters of carnations were carried by the twelve smallest boys in the class.

With Blossoms Sweet.

The start from the church was made at exactly half past nine o'clock and there were 69 members and sustaining members of the class in line. After strewing the graves with flowers the class formed in a circle around the grave of Frank Gurnea, the first member of the class to die and the last grave to be decorated in conformance with the custom, and listened to a short address by Prosecutor Zimmer.

Talked on Loyalty.

His talk was of the loyalty of the members of the class and the devotion to the organization which characterized those who have departed and the admonition was to the living to draw increased devotion from the lesson of the lives of those departed. At the close of his address the class hymn "God be with you 'Till We Meet Again" was sung and the pretty ceremony was at a close.

Outside Members.

Among the former members present from a distance were: Louis Sunkle, of the O. S. and S. O. Home; Xenia; Dennis Thorne, of Dayton; and George I. Leonard, of Pittsburg.

The graves decorated were those of Edward and Will Thomas, Harry Bell, Charles G. Lafferty, Mark C. Briney, Howard and Frank Skeen, Harris P. Shofstall, Dr. Isaac P. Owen, Frank Gurnea, Linn Steinberger and Christie Emerick.

"AND HE SAID

SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME."

Appropriate Celebration of Children's Day on Sunday by Urbana Churches.

Children's Day services were held yesterday in many of Urbana's churches and those who were on the streets early in the forenoon were greeted by the sight of hundreds of children trooping to their respective churches and with nappy faces and carrying flowers and emblems. Despite the threatening weather the exercises were largely attended and they were of unusual interest.

At Grace Church.

At the Grace Methodist church the following members of the Sunday school took part in the service: either with song or recitation: Edna Williams, Reynolds Ross, Anna Belle Powell, Ola and Dora Turner, Bonita Huston, Cecil Shook, Harold Patrick, Gladys Weirman, Florence O'Rourke, Robert Patrick, Gladys Amerine, Edith Dunning, Phillis Ireland, Ethel Zebring and Helen Pickering.

First M. E. Church.

At the First Methodist church recitations were given by Harold Stadler, Helen Cheney, Ross Stoner, Ruth Arrowsmith, Irma Abrams, Louise Smith, Dale Northrup and Margaret Valentine.

First Presbyterian.

At the First Presbyterian church the program included a welcome by Ethel Moles, Dorothy Boal and Margaret Vance, a solo by George Leaming, and exercises by the classes of the primary department. The feature of the program was the graduation exercises of Mrs. W. M. Rock's class, consisting of Lucy Brown, Marie Dunlap, Elizabeth Harriman, Coroline Hayes, Hazel Calvert, Audra

Sidders, Addie Girard and Helen Mumper.

A very interesting service was also held at the West Side chapel in the afternoon.

REAR-END COLLISION

On the Pennsy Causes Some Inconvenience on Columbus Line.

All eastbound Pennsylvania trains on Sunday and Monday were using the westbound track from Hayden Junction to Columbus. This program was necessitated by a wreck which occurred at Marble Cliff Sunday morning.

At that point there is considerable work in progress and a number of Italian laborers are engaged upon the same. An eastbound freight on Sunday morning crashed into the work train and completely demolished a few freight cars. As a result of the accident one Italian laborer was hurt and the eastbound track was blocked.

As soon as the wreck occurred word was sent to Columbus for a wrecking crew and it is still a work clearing away the debris.

TROLLEY ROAD

WILL TAKE UP MATTER OF IRON POSTS

Says Receiver Schmidlapp in Answer to Council's Action Relative Thereto.

Section 10 of the ordinance which grants the D. S. and U. people a franchise in this city provides that all posts belonging to said company within the corporate limits of the city shall be replaced with iron posts after the first of January, 1905. At the last meeting of the council Mr. McCracken brought up this matter and also that of requiring the company to keep its poles painted which is also a provision of the ordinance.

Receiver Replies.

Acting under instructions received from the council at that time the city clerk wrote to the receivers of the Appleyard lines, Messrs. Schmidlapp and Wilson, calling their attention to these provisions. On Monday morning the clerk received a communication from the receivers in which the assurance was given that the matter had been referred to the general manager, Mr. Stebbins, at Columbus, with instructions to give the same his prompt attention.

It is hardly probable that the company can replace its wooden poles with iron one by centennial week but the company can work a decided improvement along Main street by painting the posts and this will likely be done.

JOCKO AND GUS

Participated in a Game With the Idlewilds.

"Jocko" Chamberlain and Gus Toohey, of this city, joined seven members of the old Springfield Red team Sunday and journeyed to Newark where they played Walter Snodgrass' Idlewild team of that place. As was to be expected they played under the name "Urbana" and the following is the result:

Urbana 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 —1

Idlewild 0 0 3 0 1 2 0 2 *—8

Batteries—Urbana, Chamberlain and Dunn; Idlewild, Purcell and Doyle.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER.

M. N. Monheimer, of Findlay, spent Sunday in this city. He was here to inspect the Russell stock with a view to purchasing. It is understood that if the deal is closed Mr. Monheimer will open an up-to-date dry goods house.

WILL ATTEND COMMENCEMENT.

Clerk of Courts M. R. Talbot and son, Verne, will leave Tuesday morning for Granville to attend the Denison University commencement. They will be guests of a relative, Mrs. Mary Talbot Herrick, wife of Prof. Judson Herrick, a professor in the institution.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl S. Hanna entertained at dinner at their hospitable home near Eris the following relatives and friends: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Minnich, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hanna of Eris, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Offenbacher, of Urbana, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Heath, of Peabody, Kas.

100 YEARS

Has the Johnson Family Occupied One Farm.

CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARY

OF LOCATION OF ANCESTORS ON THE PARENTAL HOME PLACE NEAR MINGO.

Descendants Plant a Monument on the Site of the Original Habitation—Events of the Family's Reunion.

Cable, June 12.

The reunion of the pioneer Johnson family at the old homestead near Mingo on Saturday the 10th inst. is an event that not only the family, but everybody else, have reasons to be proud of. It was not only the celebration of the centennial settlement of the farm by the family but also the 89th anniversary of the birth of Alfred Johnson, the only surviving member of the original family. Jacob Johnson with his father made a tour of the state in 1798, coming from Pennsylvania. In 1804 the family floated down the Ohio river to Cincinnati, and wended their way up to the Kingscreek valley, and stopped temporarily on the south bank of the stream, east of the Ludlow. Sometime after his arrival he bought what has ever since been known as the Johnson farm, consisting of more than four hundred acres.

Succeeded Indians.

At the time of the purchase the farm was occupied by an Indian family, who had lived in a small cabin standing a few yards west of the present house, and near an excellent spring of water. Jacob Johnson and family moved into this cabin three days after its evacuation by the Indians. The cabin was occupied but a single season when they moved into a newly erected log house. Prior to the removal of the cabin, a walnut bush came up in the old fire place, which was carefully preserved when the cabin was removed. The tree, emanating from that bush is now nearly three feet in diameter, and it surrounded by the stones forming the chimney of the Indian cabin.

Erected a Monument.

Prior to the celebration the family had erected a monument on the site of the old cabin consisting of a huge granite rock, standing four or five feet above the ground, with a solid stone foundation beneath. On the side of this monster rock facing east is an inserted tablet, bearing the following inscription:

"1805-1905. This memorial is in memory of Jacob and Martha Boggs Johnson and marks the spot where the Indian cabin stood, into which they moved April 1st, 1805. With other pioneers they came as the Indians departed and worthily bore their part in subduing the wilderness."

Occupied Land for a Century.


They and their direct descendants have occupied this land for a century and this memorial is placed in grateful remembrance.

The work on the monument was done by E. D. Hutchison, of St. Paris, and is highly creditable to his skill as a workman.

Eighty-eight persons came to do honor to the occasion and after a magnificent dinner which we have never seen surpassed, the photographer came next, in the person of a Mr. Wallace, a grandson of Squire Wallace, once a familiar school teacher in Urbana. First came the pictures of two groups of five generations, each in the families of Hiram and Alfred Johnson. Then followed a picture of the whole audience.

Family History Read.

Order being called by Mr. Tom C. Johnson, of Cleveland, T. S. McFarland was designated as chairman. Following the introductory remarks of the chairman, Mr. Johnson read an extended history of the family commencing with the great great grandfather—William Johnson in 1742. This was listened to with much interest, a letter by the pioneer Mary Guthridge was read by Mrs. Anna E. Johnson, after which brief and pertinent addresses were made by Dr. Charles E. Herron, of Bellecenter, Will Harris, of Degraff, Warren D. Sibley, of North Lewisburg, and E. S. McClellan, of Kennard. At the close of speech-making the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Joseph



THE WEATHER
Ladies' Summer Underwear 10c to 25c. Summer Hose 10c to 15c. and 25c.
THE SYNDICATE,
Opp. Court House.
Partly cloudy tonight; fair Tuesday.

Townsend, of Urbana. It was a day long to be called up in the future by all present.

Object of Interest.
The viewing of the monument was the principal feature of the occasion, every member of the guests, availed themselves of the opportunity to visit it. Many doubtless, for the last time, as well as the first. Long live the Johnsons is the wish of SPECS JR.

HOSPITAL OF MASONIC HOME
Now in Operation With Fourteen New Inmates.

The new hospital at the Ohio Masonic Home is now in use with fourteen inmates. There was a new arrival Saturday at the home. He is Charles Wydman, of Cincinnati. The total number is now 160. The next meeting of the trustees will be held in August.

WROTHY

Are Royal Arcanum Members Over Increase of Rates.

PROTEST TO SUPREME BODY

LOCAL MEMBERS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WILL PAY OR DROP OUT.

One Member Denounces the Increase As Outrageous—Older Members Only Are Touched Up.

In an unofficial way the news has reached this city that there will be an increase of rates in the Royal Arcanum within the very next few weeks and that those not between the ages of 21 and 25, will be compelled to pay the increased rate or lose the protection which they have enjoyed so far. Secretary John W. Crowl wrote Monday morning to the secretary of the supreme council for information relative to the proposed change.

Members Are Wrothy.

The 150 local members of the Royal Arcanum are considerably wrought up over the new rates instituted by the supreme council, but as the same condition has general application it is not possible for the members of Urbana council to do other than register a protest or withdraw from the order, thus losing the protection for which they have paid. The new rates will not affect members between the ages of 21 and 25, but will work serious hardship, it is claimed, upon the older members. "What do you propose to do?" asked a Times Citizen representative of one of the older members of Urbana council.

"Just what other councils can do," was the laconic reply. "All that can be done so far as the outrageous increase in insurance rates is concerned, is to complain. It won't do any good, though, and besides it will lead to many members of the order getting out, especially the older members."

Council Will Determine.

It is not possible to tell just whether or not the older members of Urbana Council will accept the raise or drop out and that cannot be determined until the council meets again which will not be for two weeks from next Friday evening. It is expected that at that time official word will have been received and the matter will be brought before the council officially.

THREE MINUTES AHEAD AT N. Y.

Special to the Times Citizen.
New York, June 12.—The Pennsylvania's flyer, eastbound arrived from Chicago three minutes ahead of time.

Mrs. John Burchard and children are here from St. Paul, Minn., to spend most of the summer.