SPECIAL NOTICES.

SPIRITUALISM—MISS MAGGIE GAULE OF BALtimore, the wonderful medium, every FRIDAY during day for private sittings, 905 H st. n.w. Every FRIDAY NIGHT, Wonn's Hall, 721 6th st. je18-2t*

WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE 15, 1896.—TO WHOM it may concern: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, jr., has this day ceased to be a member of Wilkinson's Electric Advertising Display Company, and that the name of the company has been changed to Columbia Advertising Company (limited). All money due said company must be paid to the undersigned. Very respectfully, WM. EDWARD HORTON, Treasurer and Attorney Columbia Advertising Company (Limited), late Wilkinson's Electric Advertising Display Company. je18-3t

BRICKLAYERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a special meeting of Bricklayers' Union, No. 1, will be held in Bricklayers' Hall on FRIDAY EVENING, June 19, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance will be considered. By order of the union.
je17-3t J. B. DOWELL, Rec. Secy.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Commercial Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia will be held at the office of the company, No. 525 11th street n.w., ON THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1896, for the election of fifteen trustees to serve the ensuing year. Polls open from 12 to 2 o'clock p.m. Transfer books will be closed from June 18, to 25 inclusive.
je16-tf JOHN W. SCHAEFER, Secretary.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13, 1896.
A special meeting of the stockholders of the American Printing Press Company is hereby called to meet at the office of Mr. Robt. O. Holtzman, 10th and F sts. n.w., MONDAY, June 22, 1896, at 7:30 p.m.
SAM'L M. BRYAN, Pres't.
Attest: W. V. COX, Sec'y. je13-14t

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Transfers of Real Estate.

Allan DeC. Mueller to Howard W. Silsby, part lots 78 and 79, sq. 750; $3,500.

Wm. H. Winters to Delphia Winters, part lot 1, block 21, Effingham place; $400.

Philip H. Christman et ux. to Harry P. S. Keller, part lots 112, 113, 114, Long Meadows; $10.

Wm. H. Baden to the Washington Real Estate Company, lots 51, 52, 53, sq. 1036; $5,000.

Rezin W. Darby et ux. to Ida M. Bowie, lot 157, sq. 151; $10.

Frank Heine et al., trustees, to Ocila Chappel, lot 58, sq. 911; $5,000.

Manassas Oppenheimer et ux. to Katherine O'Keefe, lot 14, sq. 957; $10.

Stephen F. Ryan, executor, to Wm. O'Donnell, lots 20 and 21, sq. 305; $6,918.27.

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Hugh Masterson, trustee, to Alice Masterson, lot 31, sq. 302; $8,000.

Brainard H. Warner et al., trustees, to Thos. W. Smith, lot 199, block 27, Long Meadows; $100.

Brainard H. Warner et ux. et al. to Harriet Butler, lot 106, Garfield; $200.

Naval Orders.

Lieut. T. G. Dewey has been assigned to the Massachusetts; Ensign W. W. Gilmer and Lieut. H. C. Poundstone have been ordered to examination for promotion.

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STILL ON THE STAND

Cross-Examination of Expert Hagan Lasted All Morning.

LITTLE NEW IN THE HOLT WILL CASE

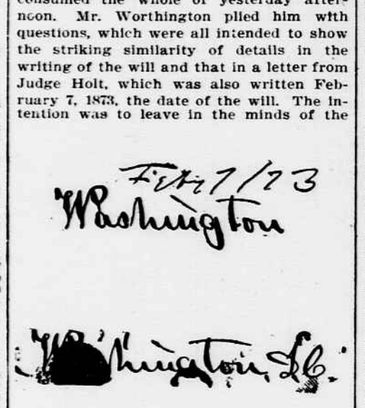
Testing Signatures With a Transparent Photograph.

DISCUSSING LOOP LETTERS

The Holt will case is rapidly drawing toward a close, and it is evident that neither side has much in the way of testimony left to introduce.

The attorneys for the caveatees are now devoting their attention mainly to the production of expert testimony in support of the genuineness of the alleged will. Mr. E. B. Hay was on the stand as an authority when court adjourned Tuesday afternoon, but his evidence was interrupted yesterday so that Mr. W. E. Hagan of Troy, N. Y., might give his testimony.

The cross-examination of Expert Hagan consumed the whole of yesterday afternoon. Mr. Worthington plied him with questions, which were all intended to show the striking similarity of details in the writing of the will and that in a letter from Judge Holt, which was also written February 7, 1873, the date of the will. The intention was to leave in the minds of the



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jury the impression that the resemblance of the signatures was too pronounced to admit of any other conclusion than that the one on the will was traced directly from the one in the letter. His questions were also worded on the theory that whole words in the disputed document were traced or copied bodily from the admittedly genuine letter. Mr. Worthington had a reproduction of Judge Holt's signature in the letter made as a transparency, so that it could be placed directly above the signature to the will.

"If that were traced by an amateur forger, don't you think it was a pretty good job?" asked Mr. Worthington.

"Yes, I think it was."

Mr. Worthington then summed up all these striking similarities, and asked:

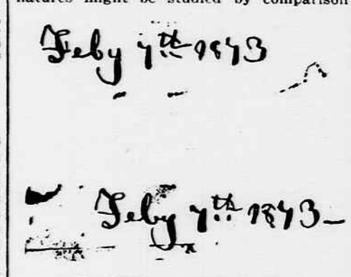
"Now, what do you think the chances are that the writings of a man on the same day would exhibit all these similarities?"

"It would be improbable, even with a man writing under the same nervous condition on the same day; but it might occur. It is not impossible, although it looks as if the chances were against it."

"So it does begin to look a little improbable, even to your mind," was Mr. Worthington's reply.

Mechanical Features.

A remarkable feature of this long-drawn-out trial is the frequency with which both sides resort to mechanical aids to assist them in proving their points. To an outsider it would look as though the attorneys must have endless bank accounts to draw upon for the expenses of the case. Whatever they want they get without delay. In every case where photographs might be of service they have been made, reproductions in miniature or enlargements which make the handwriting of Judge Holt look about a foot high. Yesterday afternoon, in his cross-examination, Mr. Worthington ran in a big rack, made especially for the purpose, on which to display at once all the scores of Judge Holt's letters which have been put in evidence. This was done so that the signatures might be studied by comparison



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with each other and with that in the will. A transparency of the signature which is in dispute has also been made, so that it can be placed above any other, and even the letter of February 7, 1873, has been reproduced by a mechanical process, so that lawyers and jury may each have a copy of that important paper. The letter itself is an affectionate epistle which was sent to Mrs. Throckmorton at a time when she was in great distress for her husband, who was at the time on an Indian campaign. It is a kindly and encouraging letter of quite a personal nature, but it has been read aloud in court so often, either in full or by piecemeal, that it has almost lost its meaning to the regular attendants on the trial.

The Expert Continues.

When court opened this morning the cross-examination of Mr. Hagan was continued. He was peppered with questions by Mr. Worthington as to his reasons for believing that the same hand that wrote the genuine letters undoubtedly penned the disputed will. He said that he noticed in Judge Holt's writing a tendency to write the same words with a closeness of similarity that he had never noted in any one else's writing. In other words, the same words frequently showed the closest resemblance to each other. For this reason he was not surprised that some words in the alleged will were exact reproductions of words in the letters.

"When did you make this discovery as to the duplication of words, Mr. Hagan?"

"Last evening during an investigation that ran late into the night."

"But yesterday morning you expressed the same opinion as to the genuineness of the will."

Mr. Hagan said that he did, and then he went on to enumerate the various points upon which he had based his first conclusion.

In reply to a question from Mr. Worthington, Mr. Hagan said that in his opinion the testimony of non-expert witnesses on the subject of handwriting is of little or no value. Forgeries, to be worth considering at all, must be so well done that they can deceive those who are merely familiar in a general way with the person's handwriting. Forgery is such a fine art that it takes an expert and a microscope to discover it. When wills are forged, he said, the work is sometimes done by experts in the business, who become parties to the crime and share in the benefits, but as a rule it is the work of amateurs.

Loop Letters.

Mr. Worthington then led the witness into the field of letters and directed his attention to the matter of final "t's" in the Holt letter of 1873, getting him to point out those that were looped. In it there were fifteen without and four with loops. In a number of letters that were examined in this way it was found that the proportion of the looped final "t's" to the unlooped was sixty-nine to five. Mr. Worthington called attention to the discrepancy between this condition of affairs and that in the will, where the proportion is one to eleven, with four where the loops are filled in solidly.

This is but a fair sample of the minuteness with which Mr. Worthington conducted the cross-examination. Then the formation of the figures 8 in the date lines was gone into at length, Mr. Worthington's contention being that the 8 in the will is an exact fac simile of that in the letter of the same date, but unlike any 8 to be found in any of the other letters. The cross-examination was not concluded until 11:20 o'clock.

On redirect, the witness reiterated his opinion as to the genuineness of the will, pointing out that even as late as in a letter of February 11, 1888, the judge wrote the word "Washington" almost precisely as it is in the will, the differences being no more marked than between the same words in the will and the letter of the same date.

The transparent gelatine film photographs of the will, the letter of February 7, 1873, and the one of 1888 were arranged side by side on the big table in front of the jury and then in such a way that the films could be placed upon the letters, and the jury, two by two, were called out of the box to make an inspection and comparison for themselves. It was slow and rather tedious work at best. Mr. Hagan stood beside the exhibits and pointed out the details that showed similarity. Mr. Worthington followed the proceeding with a watchful eye. The other lawyers had nothing at all to do, there was nothing for the spectators to hear, the stenographers took a rest and Judge Bradley spent the time in conversation with Lawyer Mattingly.

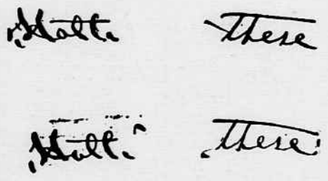
Mr. Worthington called the witness' attention to the word "standard" in the will and the same word in one of the letters. Mr. Hagan said that one was a very fair representation of the other. Mr. Worthington explained that it was one of their contentions that the word in the will, which was at any rate superfluous, had been traced or copied bodily from the word in the letter.

Other features were gone into at length in the same way, this sort of testimony occupying the attention of the court until recess.

Comparing Words.

The redirect examination was continued after recess. The witness again said that he was satisfied that the will was not made by tracing, but that it was written by Judge Holt. He said that he did not think it was possible for a person to copy one letter from one word and another from another word, and so make new words. It would be evident on the face of it, and there would be marks of slowness in the result.

Mr. Worthington asked him if it might not be possible for a person to trace part of a word, and copy or write in the balance. He said that it might, but that it would be easy to detect it. Mr. Worthington asked the witness whether he had



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noticed that in the letter of February 7, 1873, and in the will, there were phrases containing the same group of words, only differently combined. In the letter Judge Holt spoke of Blackstone, the legal authority, as a "standard of the highest character," while the will, speaking of Mr. Devlin, contains the words, "whose character I believe to be of the highest standard."

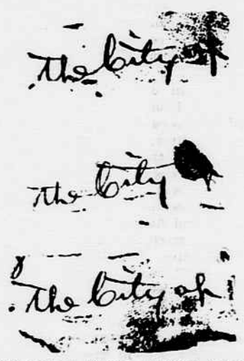
The witness said that he had not noticed it, and when his attention was called to it he said that, in his opinion, there was not a sufficient similarity of writing to prove anything. Mr. Worthington then took the transparent photograph of the will and superimposed it over the letter, so "that the words "character" came together, but even so the witness could not be made to admit that one was a fac-simile of the other. The jury were called upon to look for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

Mr. Worthington asked the witness if he had noticed that there was but a single word of more than one syllable in the will which could not be found in the letters from Judge Holt to the Throckmorton family. Mr. Hagan said that he had not.

This was followed by more comparisons of words in the will with corresponding words in other letters.

Mr. Worthington then called the witness' attention to the name "Hynes," which appears twice in the will, but Mr. Hagan insisted that, in his opinion, there were no more features of resemblance than one would ordinarily find in the case of a man writing the same word twice so near together. He did not regard them as identical, by any means. Again the jury was called upon to compare the two words by means of the will and the transparent reproduction, so that they might observe the close similarity.

Mr. Hagan was a witness years ago in the Morey case, and refers to the famous Morey letters in a book he has written on the subject of disputed documents. Mr. Worthington has evidently read at least portions of that book, for he asked Mr. Hagan this afternoon if he did not pronounce those letters a forgery on account



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of the fact that a letter "J" corresponded too exactly with a particular "J" in "James A. Garfield." Mr. Hagan said that it was for that and other reasons.

Mr. Worthington asked him if he did not notice a more marked resemblance between "D's" in the alleged will than between the "J's," which had led him to pronounce the Morey letters forgeries. He said that he did not.

After some further questions on minor details Mr. Hagan was excused, and Mr. Edward W. Sohon, a local lawyer, was called as the next witness.

Other Witnesses.

Mr. Sohon testified that he saw the alleged will on the morning it was received at the register's office. He said that, according to his recollection, the upper two-thirds and lower third of the will were not completely separated at that time.

Mr. Worthington at this point asked for the will which Miss Hynes, earlier in the week, testified that Judge Holt drew up for her in January, 1886. It was produced, and after Mr. Worthington and Mr. Wilson had read it carefully the former announced that he most certainly did desire that it should go in evidence. The matter, however, was allowed to go over until tomorrow morning and Mr. E. B. Hay was then recalled to the stand for further examination as an expert on handwriting.

He gave additional testimony to prove the genuiness of the will. He was still on the stand when The Star's report closed.

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SHOT HER PISTOL.

It, However, Proved to Have No Bullet in It.

Mrs. Anna Wade came here from Virginia some time ago to look after a claim, and she says she is going to return to her Virginia home before long. She lives on B street in a house adjoining the home of Joseph B. Jones, the colored sexton of Dr. Talmage's church. Last night she made an effort at a premature Fourth of July celebration, and the result was that she was given a trial in the Police Court today.

Janitor Jones was the chief witness against her, and he said that last night she came to the window, referred to him and his company as "niggers," said if they did not keep their mouths shut she would shoot, and following this he saw a flash and heard the report of a weapon.

Mrs. Wade referred to them as "niggers" in court, and Judge Kimball promptly told her that such language would not be permitted. When he said she had called them out of their name she was very much surprised, and said she was not aware that she had done such a thing.

"Job couldn't stand everything," she said, "and certainly I haven't the patience of Job."

She said that the noise in front of Jones' house had proved very annoying. "And," she said, "I did just what he said."

"And you may have killed somebody," the judge told her.

"I pointed the pistol in the air," she said, by way of explanation.

"That makes no difference," said the court. "What goes up must come down."

"But there wasn't any bullet in it."

"That makes a difference; but because of your manner here I had concluded to fine you. Mr. Jones, however, asks that I not fine you, and because of his request I will take your personal bonds."

She was warned not to repeat the offense.

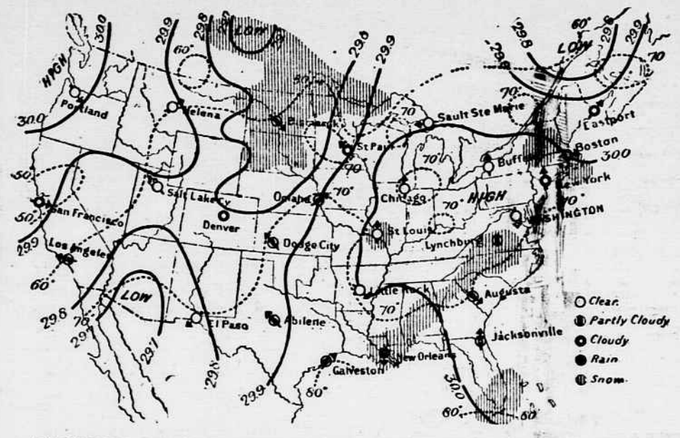
Convicted of Assault.

John H. Butler, a young colored man, was convicted in Criminal Court No. 1 today of assaulting John Clancy, an elderly white man, on the avenue in front of the Center Market, the 18th of last month, with intent to kill him, by stabbing him in the face with a knife. The government's testimony showed that the assault was wholly unprovoked. The prisoner was remanded by Judge Cole to jail to await sentence.

A Washingtonian Honored.

St. John's College, at Annapolis, Md., one of the oldest and most conservative institutions of learning in the United States, has conferred the degree of doctor of laws on Thomson Jay Hudson of this city.

THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are isobars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind

GENERALLY FAIR.

The Kind of Weather Predicted for Tonight and Tomorrow.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Friday.—For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, generally fair tonight and Friday; light variable winds.

For Virginia, generally fair tonight and Friday; variable winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast.—The pressure is relatively high in all districts east of the Mississippi river, and generally low throughout the Rocky mountain districts, but with no well-defined storm center. The barometer has fallen slightly on the Rocky mountain slope and in New England, and remains stationary in other districts.

It is slightly warmer in New England and the lake regions, also on the middle Rocky mountain slope.

Showers have occurred in southern New England, the middle Atlantic and east gulf states, and the middle Mississippi and upper Missouri valleys.

Generally fair and slightly warmer weather is indicated for New England, the lower lake region and the middle Atlantic states, but showers and possibly thunder storms will occur in the east gulf states tonight. The weather will continue fair in the west gulf states.

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) was reported during the past twenty-four hours: New York city, 1.10; Norfolk, 1.24; Jupiter, 1.12.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 71; condition, 1; receiving reservoir, temperature, 74; condition at north connection, 1; condition at south connection, 3; distributing reservoir, temperature, 73; condition at influent gate house, 5; effluent gate house, 5.

Tide Table.

Today—Low tide, 7:30 a.m. and 7:50 p.m.; high tide, 0:57 a.m. and 1:20 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 8:33 a.m. and 8:48 p.m.; high tide, 1:55 a.m. and 2:16 p.m.

The Sun and Moon.

Sun rises, 4:34; sun sets, 7:28. Moon sets, 0:13 a.m. tomorrow; moon reaches first quarter at 6:40 a.m. today.

The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 9:04 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 2:58 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named. If clear, less lighting may be ordered.

Naphtha lamps all lighted by 9:04 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 3:13. The moon schedule does not apply to naphtha lamps.

Range of the Thermometer.

The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau today: 8 a.m., 64; 2 p.m., 79; maximum, 82; minimum, 64.

WERE NOT TO BLAME

Coroner's Inquest on the Grade Crossing Tragedy.

THE TRAINMEN WERE EXONERATED

Some Conflicting Evidence as to the Whistles.

WITNESSES HEARD

Deputy Coroner Glazebrook held an inquest at 11 o'clock today over the remains of Willie Jenkins and Freddie Smith, who were killed on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, just north of the Florida avenue crossing yesterday, as published in yesterday's Star. At the inquest Mr. S. W. Curriden of the Hygienic Ice Company represented the family of the Jenkins boy, as Mr. Jenkins is employed by the ice company. Among those attracted to the station were a number of boys, playmates of the deceased, and one of them, although only five years old, was present as a witness to tell of the sad fate of his two companions.

Edward McCauley, gateman at the Florida avenue crossing, witnessed the sad accident and was first to reach the dead bodies. He told the jury that he saw the boys when they went out in the country about an hour before the accident happened. There was another boy with them. Witness heard the fast train whistle for the target, and then he heard the danger whistle. He looked up the track and saw the two boys walking along the south-bound track. Presently he saw the incoming train strike one of the boys, and both of them were hurled into the ditch. He thought only one boy was struck.

Witness was questioned about the speed of the train, but he said he had no idea of the speed. He is there to attend to the gates, and he takes no notice of the speed of trains, nor could he tell how many trains pass there a day.

"How long have you been in charge of the gates?"

"About three months."

"Ever had an accident?"

"No, sir."

He is not required, he said, to keep a record of trains passing the crossing, nor is he furnished with a time schedule to give him an idea of the time trains are expected.

Saw the Tragedy.

William A. McDonald, a track hand in the employ of the railroad company, was at his work on the track yesterday when he witnessed the accident. He only saw one boy. His attention was attracted to the train by the unusual whistling, and he looked just in time to see the boy struck and thrown in the ditch. According to his notion the train was going at the rate of about forty miles an hour.

Engineer Henry B. Davis, who lives at 1623 South Charles street, Baltimore, testified that when he was about thirty yards from the place where the accident happened he saw three boys walking next to the track, and he watched them until within twenty-five or thirty feet of them, when one of the boys stepped upon the ties. Witness then blew his whistle all he could, but the engine struck and knocked him against the other boy. His train left Baltimore at noon, and was due here at 12:45. The train was on time at the time of the accident.

Fireman C. Burns gave similar testimony. He was on the left side of the cab, and saw the boy (Jenkins) when he stepped from beside the track to the end of the ties. The engineer blew the whistle, and witness rang the bell when the boy stepped on the tie, and had the boy heeded the warning the engine would not have struck him. Witness said the train was running at the rate of about twenty miles an hour at the time the accident happened. The engineer did all he could to prevent the accident.

Heard No Whistle.

Travers McIntosh, a colored painter, who had been out as far as Ivy City to see about a job, was called, and told to tell what he knew of the accident.

"The same train that killed the boys came near killing me," he said.

He was with John T. Stewart, and they were walking along the track. The train, he said, was coming so easy that he could not near it, and he thought it was running uncommonly fast.

"Did the train whistle?" he was asked.

"If it did I didn't hear it," he answered, "but my friend said he heard the whistle after the boys were killed."

The train, he said, was only a short distance from him when he discovered it was there, and he jumped just in time to save himself.

John T. Stewart, also colored, testified that he was badly frightened when he saw how near the train was to him. He had not heard any whistle, but was naturally frightened, because he was on the track and looked back only to see the train about 100 yards behind him.

"Did you hear a whistle at any time?" the witness was asked.

"Not until after the boys were killed."

Witness said he did not see the boys on the track, and after the train had passed the gateman called him to where their bodies were found, and said, "My God, look here." The boys were dead.

Heard Whistles.

Sidney Tapscott and Cook Nickings, colored men, who were working in the field at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, testified that they heard the train whistle near the round house, and later they heard the danger signal whistle. They had no idea about the rate of speed at which the train was running.

Edward Durks, colored, was in the field east of the track feeding his horse when he saw the boys walking on the track. They were walking on the outer ends of the ties west of the tracks. He saw a train going out in the direction of Baltimore and presently the incoming train appeared. He could not see them at the instant the train struck them, but he did see their legs as they were thrown down the embankment. Witness heard the train whistle some distance up the track.

Was With Them.

Theodore Schnaebele, five years old, who lives in Brewer's court, and was a companion of the dead boys, told an intelligent story of the accident. He had been told yesterday morning by the dead boys that they were going out in the woods to gather flowers, and so he went out and they met him out on the track. They were on their way home when a railroad man told them to get off the track.

"And what did you do?" queried the coroner.

"I got off the track, but they didn't."

He saw the train strike them, he said, and then he called to them, but they didn't answer, and when he went over to them they were dead. Theodore said he heard the train whistle once, but just when he could not tell.

Officials Exonerated.

The jury after a few minutes' deliberation returned a verdict exonerating the railroad employes who were on the train.

The Zion Conference.

The session this morning of the Zion conference began at 10 o'clock, Bishop Hood presiding. The full corps of officers of the conference was announced as follows: Presiding bishop, Right Rev. Dr. C. C. Petty; secretary, Prof. William Howard Day, Harrisburg, Pa.; transcribing secretary, Rev. W. H. Marshall, principal of Sixth Ward Public School, Harrisburg, Pa.; recording secretary, Rev. J. H. McMullen, Louisville, Ky.; statistical secretary, Rev. Logan Johnson, District of Columbia; marshals, Revs. B. H. Freeman, J. T. Coles, Franklin Pierce; postmaster, Rev. A. C. Washington; correspondent of Star of Zion, Rev. G. S. Adams.

Reports of the committees on rules and lay delegates were submitted and adopted, and, the hour for lunch having arrived, the conference took a recess until 3 p.m.

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UNITED WHEELMEN.

Mr. B. H. Warner Elected President by Acclamation.

The United Wheelmen were organized last evening at 510 11th street with about a membership of 200. The attendance was large, and considerable interest displayed. On account of it being a purely local organization of all wheelmen, it was decided to have a man at the head who would represent the bicycling fraternity of the city. Accordingly, the name of Mr. B. H. Warner was placed in nomination, he being in entire sympathy with the movement of the organization. He was elected by acclamation, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Offley, Larrimore and Pratt was appointed to inform him of his election.

Mr. W. M. Offley was elected first vice president, and Mr. William Hayden Henshaw second vice president. Mr. F. E. Pratt was selected to fill the secretaryship, and Mr. William E. Gettinger, president of the Arlington Wheelmen, was elected treasurer. There still remain several other offices to be filled by election, including four directors and several committees. This will be done at the next meeting, which will be held Wednesday next at 8 o'clock at the same place.

The matter of participating in the proposed bicycle parade, which will be held under the auspices of the League of American Wheelmen, was brought up. Considerable enthusiasm was aroused, and it was decided to turn out and help make the affair a success. Mr. W. H. Henshaw was elected as a representative of the association to attend the public meeting of the committee in charge of the parade, which will be held Monday evening. It is probable that the United Wheelmen will make an excellent showing, and have several distinctive features in the parade.

Private Holmes' Sentence.

Private Albert Holmes, Troop H, 6th Cavalry, who was convicted by court-martial, at Fort Myer, of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, has been sentenced to confinement at hard labor for a period of two months, and to forfeit $20 of his pay.

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