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A HAIR'S BREADTH

Escape Made by a Car-load of Passengers at Benwood.

THE DEADLY GRADE CROSSING

Nearly Responsible for an Awful Accident—The Several Death Traps at Benwood, and the Pressing Need for Their Immediate Obliteration—A Death a Month is the Appalling Record, and Many Escapes Daily.

By the breadth of a hair, twenty people escaped becoming the victims in an awful accident at one of the several extremely dangerous grade crossings at Benwood yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock. Almost miraculously not a person received the least bodily injury. The motorman at fault was discharged, but the deadly grade crossings at Benwood remain, and even without the neglect of employes the danger to pedestrians and street car passengers is not done away with.

Car 23, of the Wheeling Railway Company, carried about twenty people on its first trip from the city to Benwood yesterday morning, most of the passengers being persons employed in the mills at Benwood, who live in Wheeling. The car was in charge of Conductor Foster, and the motorman was Herman Cross.

All went well until the grade crossing over the main tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio at Schad's crossing, Benwood, was reached. As is well known, there is a sharp curve and a down grade here. As was customary, when the car approached the crossing, it was stopped, and the conductor stepped ahead onto the crossing and near the derailing device which is intended to be used in emergencies. The car was ordered across by the conductor, and was started down the grade by the force of gravity, which, however, was only sufficient to send the car partially across. At this point, the Columbus and Cincinnati express on the Baltimore & Ohio was heard approaching, and the motorman made frantic efforts to get his car across. He lost his head, forgetting that he had switched off the power. A panic ensued, but before anybody could do anything the express train was upon the seemingly doomed car. On account of the snow and freeze, the derailer would not work.

That an awful tragedy did not ensue seems nearly miraculous. The car was struck by the train with terrific force, the fender torn off and the car itself thrown off the track and turned at right angles with it. Provisionally, the fragile street car rested about a foot away from the great express train as it swayed and thundered past at the rate of forty miles an hour. Although the passengers on the car were thrown indiscriminately, not one was injured in the least, and was indeed a most remarkable escape.

The officials of the Wheeling Railway Company at once investigated the accident. The motorman entered the claim that the power was off, but it was soon shown that the power was on all right, but he had turned it off before going down the grade onto the crossing, and had failed to turn it on again. The motorman was discharged.

Yesterday's remarkable escape is a lesson that should not be difficult of understanding, and the problem it presents should not be difficult of solution. At Boggs' Run and at Schad's, in upper Benwood, there are two crossings of the Baltimore & Ohio and the electric road which can never be anything but death traps so long as they are grade crossings. But these are not nearly so dangerous as the crossings of the Moundsville electric line at the lower end of Benwood. A gentleman who is employed at the Wheeling steel works, and who sees the cars cross there many times every day, is authority for the statement that not a day passes during which there isn't one or more narrow escapes on these crossings. There should be some solution of this problem that will give to passengers on the electric roads a reasonable degree of safety when they go to Benwood or Moundsville. The Intelligencer would suggest that the corporations directly interested, the two electric street car companies, the Baltimore & Ohio company and the city of Benwood, get together and endeavor to devise some plan of improvement that will obliterate the fearful danger that is now encountered on these crossings. If something is not done, one of these days there will be an awful accident, with enormous loss of life, and the corporations named, or some of them, will pay out more in damage suits than would be required to put in twenty crossings comparatively safe.

These crossings are not the only death traps at Benwood. There is the long stretch of tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio, through South Wheeling, upper and lower Benwood, used every day by hundreds of mill employes, and on which there have been twelve deaths during the past twelve months. For this there is apparently no relief so long as the public insists upon using these tracks as a public highway.

A ROCK AVALANCHE

At Steubenville Yesterday Injured Three Persons.

With a rush and a roar, heard a mile away, two monster rocks, weighing 100 tons each, broke loose from the hill north of Steubenville about 6:20 o'clock yesterday morning and rolled down the hill a distance of 400 yards, clearing a wide path as they bounded along. One rock struck a loaded gondola on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh siding, and crushed one end, and continued on and struck one end of Daniel Burns' house, crushing the part it struck and cutting the house in two.

Mr. Burns, who was in the part left standing, was knocked down by debris and badly cut on the head. Mrs. Burns, who was in bed and not up when she heard the rocks coming, started for the door and was knocked fifty feet away and badly injured. She was dragged out from under a pile of debris by her husband, Daniel Burns, Jr., who was sleeping in a second-story room, was carried with his bed along with the roof eighty feet away and injured some. The other rock landed on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh track.

To Prevent War.

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Jan. 25.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who has been visiting Chinese ports, sailed for the United States to-day on his way to England. In an interview previous to his departure, the admiral laid emphasis upon the necessity of an understanding between Japan, Germany, the United States and Great Britain in order to prevent war in the Far East.

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TWO HUNDRED children in "Midgets" to-night.

Charles H. Watkins is an expert accountant, and those who vote for him will vote for their own interests.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Both of the Local Park Associations Preparing for the Coming Season. Contemplated Improvements.

As the winter advances and the days begin to grow longer thoughts of outdoor amusements and parks fill the minds of the managers of summer resorts; and as usual Wheeling's amusement caterers of this class are not behind the times. The coming season at the local parks promises to be better and more attractive than ever before, and, while no definite action has been taken by the directors of either Wheeling or Mozart parks, many improvements are contemplated.

Wheeling park, as usual, will be under the management of Colonel August Roif, with Mr. F. Riester looking after the amusement end. Many changes will be made about the pleasure resorts, and when the management is ready to announce them the public at large will be surprised. Mr. Riester is negotiating with a number of attractions for the Casino, and promises something better than was ever before attempted, and beside this there will be more time taken up with amusements than heretofore. The cheap fare of the electric cars and the improvement in the Elm Grove line, with its half-hour service, will lend greatly to the attractiveness of the park.

At Mozart park many changes will take place, but as the annual stockholders' meeting has not yet been held Secretary W. C. Handlan, Jr., was not prepared to state the extent of the improvements to be made, but admitted that numerous suggestions had been made and many of them were considered favorably by the directors. It is said that among the improvements suggested is the erection of a mammoth pavilion theatre wherein theatrical attractions may be played. It is the intention to make it one of the most complete of the kind in the country, and it may be set down as an assured fact that if the Mozart people go into the matter it will be done right.

Gossip has again revived the story that Seibert's Garden will be converted into a pretty and attractive pleasure resort, but the report could not be confirmed.

AMUSEMENTS.

Dressed up in new scenic embellishments, with beautiful and dainty costumes, "Vanity Fair" comes to the Grand for a half week's engagement, beginning to-night, with new faces, unique novelties in profusion and with a splendidly arranged programme. The curtain raiser is suggestive of the Ice palace at Montreal and is entitled "A Winter Carnival." During the skit, George Topack will introduce his famous menage act (a la Madame Doek-rilly) Pauline Mayhew, the champion female bag puncher, will give an exhibition of her skill. In the olio, that clever singing soubrette, Ruth Ward, will present her catchy laughing songs. The great Sparrow, the comedy juggler, will offer some new tricks and Topack & Steel, the eccentric merry-makers, will try their skill at exciting the risibilities of the audience, while Morrissey & Rich follow with a most entertaining sketch. Pauline Mayhew, next in number, sings coon songs in a most fetching manner, and the charming Darling Sisters will introduce their singing specialty. Last, but not least, of the olio, will be a European novelty, "The International Bicyclists" in a hotly contested three-mile race. This takes place in full view of the audience. The burlesque "Creme de Menthe," which is the finale of the excellent programme of mirth and melody, is a satire on the army.

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"NATURAL GAS."

In "Natural Gas," which comes to the Opera House next Saturday, January 28, matinee and night for its record engagement this season, Edward Givard has a part created to suit him and furnishes unlimited scope for the display of his humorous talents, which have made him a favorite everywhere. The company supporting Mr. Givard has been selected with care, all members being remarkably adapted to their respective parts. Plenty of singing, dancing and humorous dialogue and situations are introduced, and all who may attend the performance will be sure of seeing a new and, above all, a clean entertainment.

Hate old Age.

Preston County Journal: "Mr. John S. Murdock was eighty-nine years old last Sunday. On Saturday night about twenty of his neighbors composed a surprise party to call upon Mr. Murdock and offer congratulations. After tea Mr. Murdock had gone to the store of L. M. Albright to have his usual evening chat. Returning to his home at 7:30, he was met by his friends and completely surprised. T. I. Murdock, of Ironton, Ohio, had sent his father a nice little check, to be cashed in gold, and presented to his father with his love. Prof. Holden made the presentation speech in his usual eloquent style. Mr. Murdock replied in a most touching manner telling how good his children had always been to their parents and the comfort they had given him in his declining years. At the conclusion of Mr. Murdock's remarks the guests were invited to the dining room, where bountiful refreshments were served. The long table looked beautiful with its center piece of eighty-nine burning tapers, representing the figures eighty-nine. The table was also decorated with carnations and smilax. After spending a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. Murdock, the guests departed wishing Mr. Murdock many happy returns of the day."

Mrs. Arkle's Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Barbara Arkle, widow of the late R. V. Arkle, took place from the family residence on South Jacob street, yesterday morning. The services were held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rev. Father Joseph Mullen, officiating. The funeral was largely attended. The interment took place at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

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"TO-NIGHT," "Mystic Midgets."

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OPERA HOUSE CONCERT

And Ball Last Night Drove a Very Large Assemblage to Arion Hall. Was a Most Successful Function.

One of the largest assemblages in the history of Arion Hall was there last night, the occasion being the annual concert and ball of the Opera House orchestra. It was practically a full dress affair, and was attended by the elite of the city and surrounding towns.

The interior of the building was tastefully and appropriately decorated for the occasion, and the scene presented from the gallery during the early part of the evening was an animated one.

The orchestra numbered twenty pieces, and never did it render sweeter music than that of last night. The first-part of the evening was given up to the concert portion of the programme, and it was one of the best ever given in the city. It opened with Scouton's march, "The President's Flag," which was beautifully rendered. The concert consisted of seven numbers, interspersed by a vocal solo, "I Love You Well," by Mr. S. Emerson, piano solo, by Miss Amanda Spell, and violin solo, by Miss Grace Summers. All of these were received with the most enthusiastic applause, and each soloist was encoored several times.

At the conclusion of the concert, the floor of the auditorium was cleared for the dancers, and while this was being done, supper was served in the dining hall. The feast prepared was of an extraordinary character, and was enjoyed by all present. The dancing programme consisted of fourteen numbers, and was indulged in by the young people generally, but the older persons present were not slow to participate for a few "sets" at least.

The affair, taken as a whole, was the most successful in the history of the Opera House orchestra, and that it was the most enjoyable will be attested to by all who attended.

In Memory of Mrs. Baird.

The regular meeting of Elizabeth Zane local chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, was held on January 19, and was a memorial of Mrs. Laura Updegraff Baird. After suitable resolutions of respect and regret for the loss sustained, the meeting adjourned without the usual social programme. No election was held to supply her place as regent of the chapter. Miss Julia Wilson will preside as vice regent until the annual election, March 16.

Men's \$2.50 Pure Gum Boots for \$2.35 at McFadden's, 1322 Market St.

DIED.

WYLLIE—At Grezsville, Ohio county, on Wednesday, January 19, 1899, at 2:29 o'clock p. m., MISS ELIZABETH B. WYLLIE, in her 28th year.

Funeral services Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Stone Church cemetery.

HOE—At family residence, No. 172 Seventeenth street, on Wednesday, January 19, 1899, at 6:20 o'clock p. m., MRS. MARY, wife of Michael Hoe, in her 29th year.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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