

5 AUSTRIANS KILLED.

Illinois Central Train Runs Down Loaded Handcar.

EVERY MAN WAS KILLED.

Bodies Knocked as High as Telegraph Poles. Coroner's Jury Attaches no Blame.

On Thursday afternoon a hand-car on which were five Austrians, employees of the railroad on a surfacing gang, was run down by the fast west-bound train Number Five on a curve of the track near Ells. The accident was one of the most complete and terrible of railroad catastrophes. Not a man escaped to tell the tale. The skulls of all were crushed and life was extinct before any help could reach them. Racing against time at a speed conservatively estimated by the engineer at sixty-five miles an hour, the iron monster, pushed by the heavy cars, literally plowed its way through the flesh and bones of the five unfortunates. There was a crash and the five bodies were hurled through the air as high as the tops of the telegraph poles, and left maimed, broken and dead along the right of way. Railroad men who have seen many accidents, turned away, sick and unmanned at the gruesome sight. The story of the accident is as follows:

Thursday was a bad day, there was wind and snow and cold. The surfacing gang, working near Ells was laid off for the day and the enforced idleness tempted five of the men to take the hand car which had been left unlocked on the side track, go to Boyer, buy a keg of beer and return with it for the enjoyment of the whole camp. The foreman was at dinner at a farm house and did not know that they were gone. They went to Boyer, made their purchase and were on their return journey when the fearful accident occurred.

The evidence is a trifle conflicting, but it appears that at least four of the men had their backs to the approaching train, while the other man was bending down helping to pump the car. The noise of the storm, the rattle of the car and doubtless the noise of their own conversation as they went merrily along on their little holiday, drowned the sound of the ap-

proaching train. They evidently did not hear the whistle sounded for the near-by crossing and if they heard the warning whistle given by the engineer the moment the car was sighted, it was too late. A train going at the rate of 65 miles an hour covers a hundred feet every second. The fireman states that the hand car was eight hundred feet distant when first seen by him. The engineer puts the distance at nine hundred feet. Thus it would be between eight and nine seconds from the time the men were first sighted until the car was struck. Even had they heard the warning whistle it would have been impossible for all of them to have escaped, and as it was not a man was seen to jump and all were hurled in a twinkling into eternity.

The train was stopped as soon as possible but at that high rate of speed it had gone half a mile before the wheels were at a stand-still. Assistance was immediately sent but it was all too late and nothing remained but to take the mangled remains back to the camp of their comrades. The hand-car was stuck fast to the pilot of the engine by the fearful impact. The keg of beer which was the indirect cause of the whole affair was hurled through the air. It fell on the roof of the second coach and rolled to the ground without being damaged in the slightest.

The bodies were brought to Denison on the evening train and the Denison undertakers used their utmost skill to restore them to some semblance of naturalness so that their friends might have one look at them before they were laid to rest forever among strangers in a strange land.

The victims of the accident were: ISO DRAGOSAVAC, aged sixty, married man with a family in Austria and one son who was a member of the surfacing gang and who was at the camp when his father was killed. Dragosavac seems to have received all the violence of the blow. His skull was crushed so that the skull cavity was empty, one leg was nearly cut in two and the other leg was broken in two places.

DAMJAN BOBIC, aged thirty-two, was also married and leaves a family in Austria. His skull was crushed, his head cut, his leg broken and his chest crushed in by the blow.

ZOWAN UZELAC, a single man, aged 27, skull crushed, arm broken, leg badly cut at knee.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Successful Convention Held Saturday and Sunday.

PROF W R MANNING PRESENT

Manilla Chosen as Place for Holding Next Meeting. New Officers.

A successful county Sunday school convention was held in the M. E. church in this city on Saturday and Sunday last. The sessions began at 2:30 P. M. and were presided over by Prof. Van Ness of the Normal who was vice-president of the association. Although Saturday is a busy afternoon there were quite a number of people out. Representatives could be seen, not alone from Denison but from Manilla, Dow City and other points in the county. After a little getting acquainted and singing the program was taken up and an address made by Prof. W. R. Manning who is representing the state work. With a blackboard to make clear his points he first spoke of the duty of the pastor to the school. He called attention to the fact that the mass of the conversions in the church came from those taught in the Sunday schools, of the help the children were to the church, and urged that the pastors magnify the work of the schools and help them along. He spoke of the necessity of interesting the grown people in the schools as with these in attendance the children came, there was better order. The importance of the Home department was touched upon. It was the line of work which took the bible to the people in the homes where the people could not come out because of sickness or household cares. This department had shown itself blessed of God and should be part of every school. Mrs. Voss on behalf of the committee on entertainment was present and the out of town friends were given assignments for supper and lodging. After some handshaking the assembly disbursed until the evening.

Saturday Evening Session

The Saturday evening session was well attended. There was some good music, Mrs. Lou Martin being on the program. Prof. Manning spoke for nearly one hour telling in a most

earnest way the things needed for a successful teacher. The strong address of the evening was given by Rev. Lacey of Manilla. He told of the fruits of the Sunday school. Under his master touch the subject grew into great proportions. He called attention to what the school had accomplished. He congratulated the press of the land and of this county which was devoting so much space on Sunday school topics. The schools were a great agency for temperance and were saving thousands yearly. While having no antagonism to secular schools he criticised any which did not try to help the morals of the pupils.

Sunday Afternoon

The delegates and friends were ready for another feast of good things on Sunday afternoon. The music of the opening was in charge of Leon Cassaday. The first business was the reports from the heads of the departments. Mrs. E. W. Pierce spoke as to the Home department. She is an enthusiast in this work and told of the great good it had accomplished. She asked that every school have this branch of work. The request is that the person study the lesson for a half hour each day. Her statistics showed that some schools are doing good work. Mrs. Sears McHenry spoke as to the Normal department or the training of teachers for their work. Some progress had been made but there was need of much more. Mrs. Penney made quite a hit with her report on the Primary department by insisting that she had done nothing. She gave reports however from eleven schools of the county which showed that the little ones were being cared for in the schools. Mrs. Hope had no report to make as to the temperance work, but a good discussion followed as to how to present the pledge. In this Sears McHenry, Prof. Manning and Rev. Lacey took part. After some beautiful singing by Mrs. Glenn's class of girls the secretary and treasurer Mr. Hoffman made his report as follows:

County Secretary and Treasurer's Report for 1907 by F. L. Hoffman
The number of Sunday schools in the county at this date is 19, just two less than a year ago and 12 less than there were 13 years ago. The great increase in foreign population and the removing of many American families results in a decrease of mem-

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FIERCE LAUNDRY FIRE

Wilcox Laundry Has Gasoline Explosion

DAMAGE WAS NOT GREAT

Fire Had Good Start but Excellent Work of Firemen Prevents Loss.

An explosion of the carbonator at the Wilcox Laundry started a fierce blaze in that establishment on Saturday forenoon. Considering the character of the fire and the length of time that elapsed before the alarm was sounded and the fire companies were on the scene, it is little short of miraculous that the building and contents together with other buildings on Broadway were not a total loss. The splendid work of the firemen confined the fire to the laundry building and extinguished the flames with a loss of less than \$300 to the building and plant. The fire started when W. W. Smith started to fill the gasoline tank for the ironing machine. No sooner was the tank opened when an explosion followed like the report of a gun. The burning fluid flew all over, the rear of the building, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith went to work in a very cool headed way to extinguish the fire. The alarm was sent in, the doors were closed to prevent a draft and water and hand fire extinguishers were used. In spite of this the fire gained steadily, and the alarm did not sound.

Thought it False Alarm

It now transpires that the "system" worked all right, but the "human element" prevented prompt service. The indicator at the city hall was being fixed so that hereafter the last company out to a fire can return the index back to zero, so that the apparatus will be ready for another alarm. J. M. Fisher was doing the work, the alarm was sounded from "central" but Mr. Fisher thought he had sounded it himself and promptly stopped it.

Thus it was that no alarm was sounded until excited men rushed to the city hall and pulled the bell. Within three minutes the fire companies were at the laundry and at work but at least ten precious minutes had been lost. Mr. Wilcox is loud in praise of the work of the fire

men but states that the chemical engine proved the most effective. The loss to the building was between \$150 and \$200, with another \$100 loss to fixtures and for loss of time. The laundry is now being completely overhauled and will be ready for business the last of this week or the first of next.

GOES TO SOUTH DAKOTA

M. A. Harding Will Leave Denison to Take up Soldier's Claim.

M. A. Harding has filed up a claim in the vicinity of Rapid City S. D. taking well-earned advantage of the liberal federal laws in favor of the Union veterans. He has decided to close his blacksmith shop, and to rent his handsome home in North Denison and to live on his claim in good earnest. Mr. Harding is a fine workman and has done a good business here. He is also a splendid citizen and has a host of friends, especially in those lodge circles in which he has been active. Mrs. Harding and Miss Ella have also many friends who will miss them greatly. All unite in wishing the family good fortune and happiness in their new home.

BACK FROM COAST TRIP

W. J. Scriver Returns From Three Weeks in the Far West.

W. J. Scriver returned on Monday from a business trip of three weeks, buying and inspecting lumber in Idaho and Washington. He says he had a good time and enjoyed it as much as a two months' vacation at the lakes. The roads he found were the worst ever. He never dreamed roads could be so bad. At Nez Perce where Mr. Scriver says, they have danger signals on the main street to keep teams out of sink hole where they would go down out of sight, he met Mr. Parker, our former bridge builder, who is prospering in the lumber business. Mr. Scriver's description reminds one of Secretary Shaw's bad roads story. An Illinois farmer was working near the highway fence, looking out he saw a human head moving along in the middle of the road. At first he stood aghast then he called out to offer assistance. "Oh love me alone" answered the head, "I'll get along all right, I'm on horseback." While in the west Mr. Scriver met a brother whom he had not seen for thirty-six years and the two had a most happy reunion.

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