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BAD EXPLOSION CLAIMS THREE VICTIMS

A WORKING MODEL OF ROTARY ENGINE

HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED BY THE SHERIDAN IRON WORKS.

IS PLACED UNDER STEAM

Messrs. O. Sonners and S. Bassett of Cody, are the inventors, who Enlisted Services of Sheridan Firm.

A working model of the Sonners & Bassett rotary engine, embodying several new principles heretofore unknown to the builders of engines, has recently been completed by the Sheridan Iron Works, and taken to the power house of the Electric Light company and placed under steam.

After several trials under the direction of the inventors, Messrs. O. Sonners and S. Bassett, the engine has been found to work admirably, and while yet incomplete in some of the minor details, promises to supplant all over engines of this type in point of efficiency.

Mr. Sonners and Mr. Bassett, who live at Cody, have been working for four years embodying their ideas into plans from which the working model was constructed. The contract for the building of the engine was given to the Sheridan Iron Works during the month of August and that firm has been at work almost continuously since that time working out the intricate details for the inventors. Every part of the engine has been manufactured in the shops on Grand avenue.

One of the chief features of superiority over other classes of rotary engines claimed by the inventors, is the dividing of the rolling members in such a manner that they are extended into contact automatically making the steam joints. Over the reciprocating types of engines, the Sonners & Bassett has many distinct advantages. Some of the advantages claimed are, first as in other engines of this type, all moving parts travel continuously in the same direction; second, that this machine uses the steam expansively to advantage even over the reciprocating type, whereby the inventors expect considerable fuel economy. The small amount of floor space and the absence of vibration are other advantages noted.

The engine is to be equipped with an automatic governor which works along the same general lines of other automatic governors but over which the inventors claim several points of superiority.

BIG INCREASE IN COAL PRODUCTION

Washington, Jan. 7.—According to Edward M. Parker of the United States geological survey, the production of coal in the United States during 1910 was between 475,000,000 and 485,000,000 short tons—a considerable increase in the output of 459,715,704 short tons in 1909, and approximately within one per cent of the maximum previous record of 480,363,424 tons produced in 1907. The 1910 figures are based on reports received from miners and operators to the geological survey.

"The most important factor influencing the coal mining industry in 1910," according to Mr. Parker, "was the prolonged strike in Illinois and the southwest—a period of almost six months when the mines affected were making no output.

PROMINENT OIL MAN KILLED.
Casper, Wyo., Jan. 7.—J. D. S. Neely, president of the Wichita Pipe Line company, and president of the Lima, Ohio, Trust company, and head of several large oil companies, was shot and killed at the Palace hotel this morning by Al O. Truskette, a prominent business man of Casper. The quarrel was the result of litigation over an oil lease.

ARE DIRECT HEIRS OF SENATOR ELKINS

S. D. AND P. D. ELKINS ARE RESIDENTS OF RANCHESTER, IN THIS COUNTY

UNASSUMING YOUNG FELLOWS

Are Interested With V. C. Shickley in Management of the Fuel Products Company.

It is probably known to few Sheridan people that two of the direct heirs at law of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, are residents of Sheridan county.

S. D. and P. D. Elkins, nephews of the senator, are residents of Ranchester, where they are interested with V. C. Shickley in the management of the Fuel Products company, operating the Riverdale coal mines.

The boys are unassuming young fellows, following in the footsteps of their illustrious uncle as coal operators.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN CITY CHURCHES

Special services at the Methodist church will be continued all next week. Miss Eleanor Hand, deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal church, will assist the pastor. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all the services.

Presbyterian.
The midwinter communion will occur at 11 o'clock.

At half past 7 in the evening Dr. Ong will speak upon the theme, "The Man and the Vision."

Baptist.
Special services both morning and evening at the Baptist church. Also special music for both services.

Congregational.
Regular services, both morning and evening, at the Congregational church. Morning subject, "An Important Call to the Church." Evening subject, "How." Special music. A special invitation is extended to all.

Episcopal.
Next Sunday services will be held as follows:

Morning prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock.
Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 o'clock.

Regular session of the Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Special lecture on the Bible to the confirmation class, immediately after the evening service. Any person interested is invited to remain after the service.

At the evening service the sermon will be on the subject, "Causes and Effects." Special instrumental music. Strangers and those without any church home are cordially invited.

KILLS TWO PEOPLE AND THEN HIMSELF

Omaha, Jan. 7.—Walter Osgood, of 412 1/2 South Twenty-third street, shot and killed his wife, and fatally shot his own brains, on the street in front of the residence of J. J. Parrotte, 1328 Park avenue, where his wife's mother is housekeeper, at 11 o'clock today. Osgood was married a year ago. He had been having trouble and Mrs. Osgood went to stay with her mother this morning. Osgood went there and his wife ran out screaming. Johnson went to her assistance and the shooting occurred.

WOMAN IS FREED.
Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 7.—A jury today freed Mrs. Pearl Barna, who shot and killed George O'Malley. Self-defense was her plea.

Engineer Zum Brunner and Brakeman Jones Are Instantly Killed and Fireman Goodwater Injured

Due to some unknown cause, the boiler of engine 3152 exploded last evening on the Burlington right of way, two miles east of Ranchester, being responsible for the deaths of Engineer J. L. Zum Brunner and Head Brakeman C. M. Jones. Albert J. Goodwater, the fireman, had a most miraculous escape and is severely scalded, and now lies at the state hospital in Sheridan in a precarious condition. His ultimate recovery is doubtful.

The disabled engine is one of the D-4 class, and is of monstrous size. It was being used in the make up of No. 46, a regular freight train, running south and east of Billings, and had only lacked thirteen miles of reaching its destination when the fatality occurred.

The lives of the two men were snuffed out in a jiffy, and it is doubtful if they knew what had occurred. Without the slightest warning a low rumbling sound was heard and all at once the internal parts of the steam monster seemed to give way, hurling hot water in all directions and bodily lifting the huge boiler, cab and its contents into the air. The force of the explosion was sufficient to carry the de-lapidated boiler, rent in twain in several places, high into the air and depositing it seventy-five feet from the track. Only the front pair of drivers were left on the track.

The bodies of the dead men were found lying several feet from the track with their faces badly scalded and the steam was still rising from their wet clothes. Fireman Goodwater was discovered a minute or so after the explosion wandering in an adjacent field, and was in a deluded condition. How he got there he could not explain nor were his senses clear enough to give any particulars of the accident. His face and body were badly burned and he was otherwise wounded by the flying particles of metal coming as a result of the explosion.

The watch of Engineer Zum Brunner stopped at 7:52, indicating the exact hour and minute of the terrible disaster.

No. 46, the eastbound freight, left Billings on its regular schedule and was in charge of Conductor Frank V. Van Auker. Robert Morris, the rear brakeman, was in the caboose with Mr. Van Auker at the time of the explosion. Neither men heard the slightest commotion ahead when the train suddenly stopped. They thought some little minor trouble had occurred ahead and were horrified at the sight that met their gaze when the true condition of affairs was learned.

A special containing Burlington officials was following No. 46 to Sheridan, with forty-five minutes difference in their time. The rear brakeman was sent back to Ranchester to flag this train. The special had been on a trip of inspection into the Basin country, and took the main line at Toluca. Aside from the Chicago officials who were aboard, there were the Sheridan railroad men, Division Superintendent F. G. Robbins, Trainmaster A. E. Wallace and Master Mechanic Felix E. Kennedy. Upon arrival at Ranchester the special was hurried to the scene of the accident and the gruesome sight that met their eyes was the same as had occurred only a few minutes before.

From that time until the bodies were deposited in the morgue in Sheridan the wires were kept hot. Engineer Elwood D. Goodson, who was stationed at Ranchester to help all the freight trains up the east side of the Parkman hill, was ordered to pull the eight cars and their contents back to the Ranchester siding and a special was sent out from Sheridan in charge of Yardmaster T. J. Bokshaw, with Engineer L. J. Tiernan. The wrecker also ordered out but at the last minute it was found the main line could be cleared without its assistance. Passenger train No. 44 was held up at Parkman and the west bound train No. 43, was held at Sheridan until the main line could be cleared, which was accomplished in a short time.

Engineer Zum Brunner was horribly scalded about the head and neck. There was not a particle of cuticle left on his face and his hands and wrists were also badly scalded. Cruel marks on his face showed where flying particles of metal had struck him, and in two of these places the effect might have produced death without any other cause. His right leg was broken, presumably from his being hurled so violently to the ground.

Brakeman Jones was riding in the cab with the engineer at the time of the explosion, but did not receive the full force of the shock as did the man at the throttle. His face was badly scalded from the mouth up and extending from ear to ear. Two indentations in his chin showed where some metallic article had struck him a stunning blow and a wound in the left temple would have been sufficient to cause instantaneous death. The bodies of the two men were not damaged, the full force of the explosion coming directly to the exposed parts of their bodies, their heads and their hands.

Much pathos is injected into the disaster inasmuch as both men have families dependent upon them.

The residence of C. M. Jones is at 835 North Main street, where his surviving wife and six year old daughter reside.

J. L. Zum Brunner's residence is at 827 North Sheridan avenue, though his young wife and their two months old baby were in Newcastle visiting relatives last evening and had to be apprised of her husband's death by telegraph. She is expected to return to Sheridan on No. 41 westbound passenger train this afternoon.

So far as known, funeral arrangements of either man have not been perfected, though it is said the remains of Mr. Jones will be interred in Mount Hope cemetery in Sheridan. Mr. Zum Brunner has relatives in the southern part of the state and it is barely possible his remains will be shipped there for interment. Both men belong to their respective railroad orders and the services will be conducted under their auspices.

Coroner's Inquest.
At 1:15 this afternoon Coroner Geo. Levi Smith held an inquest over the remains of the two dead railroad men, at his undertaking establishment on South Main street. Miss Lena Stover took stenographic notes. The jury is composed of Messrs. G. G. Carroll, S. B. Crandall and E. Anderson.

Van Auker's Testimony.
Conductor Van Auker was the first witness to be examined and he freely related what he knew of the circumstances.

According to his testimony, the first intimation he had of anything wrong was when the train stopped and acted "the same as if an emergency brake had been applied at the front end. He got out of the way-car and started to the front end, walking on the right side, and about the middle of the train he found several pieces of the engine. He heard a groaning on the other side of the train and crawled through the cars and found Fireman Goodwater standing in a dazed condition. He went back to the caboose to get a cot and blankets and returned with two passengers from Parkman and Mr. Kirby, a stockman from Billings, who were riding on the train. The body of the brakeman, Jones, was found lying three carlengths west of the explosion and the remains of Engineer Zum Brunner were picked up some twenty carlengths away. Conductor Van Auker then went back to flag the oncoming special containing the Sheridan officials and others higher up in authority. They had already left Ranchester and were flagged by Van Auker a half mile east of that station. Mr. Van Auker stated the engine was leaking a little at Wvola station but that the boiler was filled with water at Parkman and he had no idea of the cause of the explosion. At the time of the disaster they were going at the

rate of eighteen miles an hour with a heavy train and were under 195 pounds of steam.

Other witnesses who were examined late this afternoon were Superintendent F. G. Robbins, Trainmaster A. E. Wallace and Brakeman Robert Morris.

WYOMING HONORED BY THE SHEEPMEN

BY THE SELECTION OF DR. J. M. WILSON AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

SELECTION IS UNANIMOUS

The National Woolgrowers Association at Portland Concludes Session by Choosing Omaha as Next Meet.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 7.—The National Woolgrowers Association will conclude its annual convention here today.

Dr. J. M. Wilson, of Wyoming, will probably be elected president for the ensuing year. There is no sign of a contest, all delegates appearing to be practically unanimous for him.

Omaha seems to have no opposition for the 1912 convention. That city has a large delegation here and it has been working to bring the next gathering of the woolmen to the Nebraska metropolis.

ROYALTY AWAITS THE STORK.

Rome, Jan. 7.—The royal family has made no preparations to celebrate the 38th birthday anniversary of Queen Elena tomorrow, though the people throughout the kingdom will observe the day as usual with much popular rejoicing. The king and queen are spending the winter quietly at the Quirinal, where a visit of the stork is expected in the early spring.

OFFICIALS TO TOUR SOUTH.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—More than one hundred prominent railroad officials, representing many of the principal lines of the United States and Canada, left Chicago on a special train today for an extensive tour of the south. The objective point of the tour is Tampa, where the railroad men will take part in the annual convention of the National Association of Railway Agents.

LANGFORD AND JEANETTE.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 7.—The two big black heavyweights, Sam Langford and Joe Jeanette, are under agreement to come together for a twelve round bout before the Armory A. A. in this city at weekly show next Tuesday night. Ever since Jeanette received his latest beating from Langford he has stepped several opportunities to face the "Tar Baby" again, but his manager has assured the club that he will be on hand for the coming bout. A decisive contest between Langford and Jeanette is awaited with considerable interest in sporting circles, for the reason that the winner will probably be matched sooner or later to fight Jack Johnson for the championship.

TO ERECT MEMORIAL.

Lexington, Mass., Jan. 7.—Governor Foss of Massachusetts, Mayor Guerin of Montreal and a number of other noted guests attended the opening of the Lexington winter carnival today. The object of the carnival is to raise funds for a memorial armory in honor of the Lexington Minute Men.

ELECTRICAL SHOW IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Cooking by wireless and cooling the refrigerator by electricity are among the many novel demonstrations to be seen today at Chicago's sixth annual electrical show which opened in the Coliseum today for a two weeks engagement. The exhibition is believed to be the largest and most complete affair of the kind ever given in the west.

THE APOLLO CLUB AT KIRBY JAN. 20

THE EVENT PROMISES TO BE ONE OF EXCEPTIONAL INTEREST.

ALL SHERIDAN MUSICIANS

Have Been Practicing Weekly for Some Time Past and Getting into Fine Shape.

The Apollo club, composed of the premier musicians of Sheridan, will give their initial concert at the Kirby opera house Friday evening, January 20, and the event promises to be one never before equaled in Sheridan.

Aside from playing a class of music to be appreciated by good music lovers, the Sheridan musical club will be assisted by leading singers of Sheridan.

An admission of 50 cents will be charged for reserved seats and for this first performance every chair in the house should be occupied. This Sheridan musical organization has been practicing weekly for several months past and are now getting worked into fine shape.

The personnel of the Apollo club is as follows. Joe Vanuto, violin, director; Fred Decker, violin; Mrs. Fred Decker, pianist; Al Hamy, clarinet; Millard Kelsey, cornet; Frank Campbell, trombone; L. L. Sherrard, stringed bass; T. C. Diers, cello; Tommy Sherwood, drums.

JUDGE VANDEVANTER TAKES UP DUTIES

Washington, Jan. 7.—For the first time since Justice Brewer's death last spring, the supreme court of the United States has a full bench of nine members, the arrival of Judge Willis Van Devanter of Cheyenne completing the bench. Justice and Mrs. Van Devanter arrived in Washington in time to attend the president's New Year's reception, and are the guests of Justice J. A. Van Orsdel of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia.

REFUSE TO ATTEND SENATORIAL CAUCUS

Des Moines, Jan. 7.—Fifty-three out of 104 Republicans in the Iowa senate and house of representatives signed a refusal to attend the organization of the senatorial caucus called for today, the senate in the forenoon and the house in the afternoon. Of the fifty-three refusals, twenty-six are stand-patters and twelve Kenyon progressives, in the house, and thirteen stand-patters and two Kenyon supporters in the senate.

The caucus today was for organization purposes only. The senatorship will probably not be brought up by the stand-patters today. They began digging up a bill for a special senatorial primary March 1, to be introduced when the legislature convenes on Monday.

Standpatters Bolt Caucus.

Des Moines, Jan. 7.—Fourteen stand-patter senators bolted a caucus of the Iowa senate today when Senator Van Law, of Marshalltown, an insurgent, moved that the caucus name a caucus committee. After the bolt the remaining seventeen named a committee of standpatters, declaring they will not bound by the caucus action and will attend no more caucuses. The house caucus meets at 2:30 this afternoon. Paul Stillman will probably be the speaker.

Yields to Demand.

Des Moines, Jan. 7.—Late this afternoon the insurgent Republicans yielded to the demand of the standpatters that the caucuses today take up the organization only. After which the latter consented to attend the caucuses.

BUYS INTEREST IN BECKWITH AGENCY

F. B. SNIVELY BECOMES OWNER OF THE BUILDING AND LOT.

BECKWITH HOLDS INTEREST

Mr. Snively, a Resident of Sheridan for Many Years, is Known for Business Integrity.

A deal was made yesterday by which F. B. Snively becomes the owner of the building and the lot occupied by the Beckwith real estate and labor agency, and a half interest in the business. Mr. Beckwith retains his interest.

Mr. Snively has been a resident of Sheridan for several years during which time he has been identified with several business ventures all of which have been a marked success. His last business connection in Sheridan was as a member of the firm of Snively & Snively, who conducted a retail grocery business. This business was sold during the early part of last year.

Mr. Snively's connection with the Beckwith agency means that the business will be conducted along lines which will insure success.

A TRUST COMPANY IS CLOSED TODAY

Capitalized at \$1,500,000 and Deposits of \$10,000,000—Carnegie has No Connection With It.

New York, Jan. 7.—The Carnegie Trust company was closed this morning by State Superintendent of Banks Cheney. Its capitalization is \$1,500,000, and the deposits about ten million dollars.

The institution was in serious trouble in 1907 and has never fully recovered. The late President Dickinson, who died last year, left the institution under peculiar circumstances. It was organized in 1907, and after retirement from the treasury department, Leslie M. Shaw became president. He left the company a few months later on account of differences with other officers. The name "Carnegie" was applied to the institution without the authority or approval of Andrew Carnegie. It is understood Mr. Carnegie never even had any stock in the concern.

No Knowledge of Bad Condition.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Leslie Shaw, formerly president of the Carnegie Trust company, and now a resident of this city, said that he had no knowledge of the company's condition. All the paper was good when he left the institution.

ATTEMPT KING'S LIFE.

Malaga, Spain, Jan. 7.—During the brief visit of King Alfonso here Thursday a small explosion occurred in the crowd which greeted him. The police claim it was an accident but the general belief is that it was an attempt on the king's life.

BOY BANDITS CAPTURED.

Bluth, Minn., Jan. 7.—William Muzzard and Algot Johnson, the boy bandits, were lodged in jail here this morning. They were captured in a lumber camp twenty-two miles to the north.

AVIATOR LOST IN MOUNTAINS.

Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—Didoid Masson a French aviator who left here early today in his biplane to deliver newspapers to Pomona and San Bernardino, sixty miles distant, is lost in the mountains. He stopped at Rochester, twelve miles east of San Bernardino, at 9 o'clock, to repair his biplane and replenish his oil supply.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Sandusky, 205 Coffeen avenue, yesterday morning.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McIntyre is ill with pneumonia.