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LOW WATER THE CAUSE OF ENGINE EXPLOSION

But For the Quick Action of Conductor Van Anken the Special Might Have Been Wrecked Also

Many Sheridan railroad men and others interested in the boiler explosion of engine No. 3152 which occurred last Saturday evening one and one-half miles east of Ranchester, killing Engineer Zum Brunner and brakeman C. M. Jones, visited the wreckage yesterday. The large boiler had been placed aboard a flat car and another car of similar make had been used in transporting other parts of the engine which had been destroyed or damaged. The unanimous opinion of all who saw the large hole rent in the top of the fire box was that the explosion had occurred from lack of water. The theory advanced was that the leaking flues had drained the boiler to a very low depth and in running back had covered the hot parts which would otherwise have been immersed had the boiler been full of water. Something had to give way then and the immense hole extending downward in funnel shape, bore mute evidence of the awful force. The boiler was lifted bodily from the engine trucks and hurled over a near by telegraph pole. After striking the ground once it rebounded into the air and in striking again, the "nose" ploughed through the ground, cutting a furrow in the frozen earth a foot deep. The machinery of the engine was not damaged to any great extent and is now being overhauled in the local shops. The boiler will be sent to the Havelock shops for repair, the damage to it being estimated at \$5,000.

The death of Engineer Zum Brunner and brakeman C. M. Jones is a most pathetic one. Both have families in Sheridan and besides are mourned by a large circle of friends. The funeral services of C. M. Jones will occur tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Christian church and will be under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. Interment will be in Mount Hope cemetery. The remains of Engineer Zum Brunner will be shipped to Newcastle on the eastbound passenger train this evening for interment in Greenwood cemetery at that place.

Fireman J. A. Goodwater is still alive and doing nicely at the state hospital. His face, arms and head were terribly scalded at the time of the explosion. He was standing in the gangway, in the act of heaving more coal into the firebox when the disaster occurred. The brakeman was sitting on his box, opposite the engineer's station, and received almost the same violent shock. His injuries were not sufficient to cause immediate death, and it is said that though unconscious he lived for an hour after being so terribly bruised and scalded. The death of the engineer was instantaneous.

Inquest Proceedings. Robert Morris, the rear end brakeman on No. 46, who was riding in the cupola of the way car when the explosion occurred, stated he did not leave the rear of the train until Conductor Van Anken had investigated the cause of the trouble at the front end. He had heard of no complaint regarding any serious condition of the engine. George P. Kirby, of Billings, Mont.,

GOLF T. PINEHURST Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 9.—The eighth annual winter golf tournament under the auspices of the Pinehurst Country Club opened under conditions that promise one of the most successful events of its kind ever held off here. The tournament will conclude Wednesday and on the following day the annual tournament of the Advertising Golf association will be opened.

TO SELECT COMMITTEES Des Moines, Jan. 9.—The only important incident of the opening of the Iowa legislature today was the introduction by Representative Dabney of

who had a shipment of live stock in a train's make up, destined from Billings to Omaha, was also riding in the caboose, together with two other passengers. He did not hear any remarks of the condition of the engine excepting that it was stated the engine was leaking, and thought that the trouble was of small importance.

F. C. Robbins, superintendent of the Sheridan division, who was riding on the special of Assistant General Manager Byram, just returning from a trip of inspection of the construction work in the canyon, south of Thermopoli, was the next witness. He found the conditions practically the same as had previously been explained by Conductor Van Anken and related the same story. The injured fireman was in the way car when the special arrived on the scene and nothing was done with the dead bodies until a physician arrived. There was a slight down grade at the location of the explosion and there was no occasion for the engine to be working hard at that place.

A. E. Wallace, trainmaster of the Sheridan division, was likewise on the officers' special and was present only a few minutes after the explosion occurred. He did not take notes of the affair and only saw the results of the explosion as everyone else had done. Asked if he knew the condition of the engine, he said he did not, and if there had been and defect or trouble, it would have been reported to the spatcher's office, instead of to him. He did not know how much steam the engine was carrying and was unaware of the number of times the engines were tested. His testimony as to the condition of things after the explosion were in effect the same as had been previously related by Conductor Van Anken. As soon as the train was pulled back to Ranchester, the bodies of the deceased were loaded into a way car and brought to Sheridan.

The type of the engine was known as a "D-4," and had lost time from Billings to Sheridan. Dr. C. E. Stevenson, the company physician was next examined and he stated he was called immediately and accompanied the special from Sheridan to the scene of the explosion. Brakeman Jones was dead and was lying on one side of the track, wrapped in quilts. The injured man was taken to Ranchester after he arrived. He did not examine the condition of the bodies at the time.

The Jury's Verdict. As a result of the inquisition held at the chapel of Coroner George Levi Smith late Saturday afternoon, over the bodies of J. L. Zum Brunner and C. M. Jones, then lying dead, the following verdict was rendered: "That the above named parties, J. L. Zum Brunner and C. M. Jones, came to their deaths on January 6, 1911, at about 7:50 p. m., at about one and one-half miles east of Ranchester in said county and state, on the C. B. & Q. R. R., from the effects of a boiler explosion."

The above verdict was signed by G. C. Carroll, E. Ederson, S. B. Cran dall.

Davis county, Democrat, of a resolution providing for a committee to select the standing committees. This was put over for further consideration. Representative Stillman was selected as speaker of the house. Both branches announced that they would hear Governor Carroll's annual address tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

FAIL TO AGREE. Washington, Jan. 9.—The senate committee on judiciary this morning failed to agree on the report of the resolution for direct popular election of United States senators. Another meeting will be held today.

Government to Press Criminal Prosecution Of the Indicted Beef Trust Magnates.



Edwin W. Sims, United States district attorney in Chicago, will push the criminal prosecution of the beef trust, the official name of which is the National Packing company. The indicted packers made an effort to have the criminal proceedings held off until a civil suit covering much the same ground had been tried, whereupon the government discontinued the civil suit so that it could expedite the criminal proceedings. The packers are accused of conspiracy under the anti-trust law, and the supreme court recently decided that as a conspiracy was a continuing offense the statute of limitations could not be raised as a bar. John S. Miller is the leading attorney for the beef trust.

COPPER PROJECT BIG HORN BASIN

T. G. Smith and wife of De Pass, Mont., have been recent arrivals in Sheridan. They departed yesterday for Buffalo, where they will visit with friends and relatives before returning to their home. Mr. Smith is heavily interested in the new copper mine near Shoshone, already invested many thousand dollars for improvements and in opening up the mine. The shaft is 840 feet deep, at the bottom of which is a tunnel extending for a distance of 1,000 feet. His mine is one of the biggest copper projects in the state and all indications point to a successful campaign the coming year.

JEFFERSON GORDON DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Aged Colored Man of Sheridan Known to Almost Everybody—Formerly a Slave.

Jefferson Gordon, a colored man, familiarly known as Jeff, died yesterday about 1 o'clock, in a house at the corner of Gould and Brundage streets. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia. Jeff was a former slave, and was about seventy years old. He had long been a familiar character on the streets of the city, coming here many years ago. He had been employed as a janitor in various places about the city, and because of his quaint wit and ready repartee was popular with all who knew him. The funeral services will be conducted at the A. M. E. church on Water street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

H. M. White, A. S. Heuman and C. C. Diers of Buffalo were Sheridan visitors yesterday.

VALUABLE WITNESS COMMITS SUICIDE

J. H. LOUGHER TAKES DOSE OF LAUDNUM WITH DEADLY EFFECT.

CONNECTED IN GARMEN CASE

Was Present in a Rooming House Last April When James McCoy Was Shot and Killed.

O. H. Lougher, the principal witness for the state in the impending trial of Jessie Garmen, which comes up for a hearing in Buffalo at the March term of court, committed suicide in Maryland, Mont., a few days ago, by swallowing a dose of laudanum. It is said Lougher became most despondent immediately preceding his irrational act, that his state of mind was brought on by losing his entire monthly wage in a gambling house.

THE NEW OFFICERS IN JOHNSON COUNTY

The new county officers were all sworn in Tuesday, and are now attending to the duties of their various positions like veterans, says the Buffalo Bulletin.

A. L. Brock, the Democratic hold-over county commissioner, has been chosen as chairman of the board, and the new board met Tuesday and were sworn in and have been in session since. Charles Hall, who was elected for the four year term, has found that his business interests demand his whole time and that a change of residence has become necessary and at the session of the board Tuesday presented his resignation, which was accepted, and J. L. Lowe was appointed in his place. Murray Patch has been chosen county clerk Watkins as his deputy, and Sheriff Neal has appointed John Nolan his deputy at Kaycee and Frank Chandler as under sheriff, which appointments have been confirmed by the board.

FARMERS IN SESSION

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 9.—Leaders in all branches of the agricultural industry in Virginia rounded up in this city today for their annual "Farmers' Week" conference. Among the organizations that will hold their annual sessions during the week are the state Farmers' Institute and the state associations of dairymen, horticulturists, corn growers and swine breeders.

CAPTURES A MAN OF MANY ALIASES

Edward Smith, alias Dick Stanley, alias George Stine, was captured in Sheridan yesterday by the local police force upon information received from Gillette. The man of many names was wanted for several wholesale petty larceny acts committed in Gillette, such as the alleged thefts of a shepherd's bed, fur lined coat, etc. He escaped to Sheridan and proved to be easy pickings for the local police. Deputy Sheriff Sullivan of Crook county, stationed at Gillette, arrived in Sheridan yesterday and returned on the evening train with his man, and today they will go over to a place where the prisoner will be placed in jail to await trial.

THE SHEEPMEN ADJOURN TO MEET IN OMAHA NEXT

Wyoming Delegation Is Disappointed Because Name of Wilson Is Not Presented For President

Portland, Ore., Jan. 9.—After a session extending over four days the delegates to the National Woolgrowers' Association convention finally got down to business today and adopted resolutions endorsing Schedule K of the existing tariff law and elected officers for the ensuing year. Omaha was named as the next meeting place of the association.

The last day of the convention did not produce the excitement which some delegates anticipated. Instead, the proceedings took on the appearance of brief "cut and dried" and the new officers were elected with little opposition, though the Wyoming delegation were disappointed because the name of Dr. J. M. Wilson of Wyoming was not presented as president. They have recognized that it would be impossible to stem the tide in favor of Frank Gooding, governor of Idaho, and gave their support to his candidacy. On motion of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Gooding was elected.

The other officers elected are as follows:

Western Vice President—George Austin, Salmon City.

Eastern Vice President—A. J. Keel, Chicago, incumbent.

The executive committee appointed Frank D. Miracle, of Helena, Mont.; to succeed Lewis Penwell, also of Helena, as treasurer.

The following executive committee was elected:

Washington, F. M. Rotherock; Oregon, J. P. Doby; California, Fred Ellenwood; Arizona, F. W. Peruniss; New Mexico, H. F. Lee; Nevada, Thomas Nelson; Idaho, Frank W. Hagenbarth; Utah, Peter Clegg; Wyoming, William Daley; Montana, J. B. Elliott.

States which did not elect executive committee men will be served by present officers unless charges are authorized hereafter.

There was no contest on other elective officers.

The statement is made that "the growers of wool need and deserve protective duties equally with the manufacturers of wool." The resolutions adopted ask for a report from President Taft's tariff board before judgment is passed by congress.

The appointment of a committee to handle matters pertaining to the tariff or the association, to be termed a tariff board and a national advisory board to confer with the chief forester are asked.

Protest is made against the Parsons bill. The speed limit bill is endorsed and investigation of freight rates is asked.

The principal resolution submitted for adoption to the convention by the resolutions committee is the one affecting the tariff. The committee favors presenting a united front by the manufacturers and growers in defense of the present schedule. The resolution says:

"We affirm our belief in American protection and unequivocally endorse the application of its principles as embodied in the present arrangement of

Schedule K as applicable to wool duties and recognize that every time departure has been made from the principles therein contained, serious disaster has befallen the industry of wool growing. The wool growers need and deserve protective duties equally with the manufacturers of the wool.

"Both classes feel the competition of the cheap labor of foreign countries and both are dependent upon the tariff for their prosperity, and indeed for their existence, and we call upon our senators and representatives in congress to present an unyielding front against foreign invasion of our market and resist to the utmost all attacks against the protection that shields this industry.

"Pending the investigation by the tariff board appointed by President Taft the tariff agitation should cease until the findings of the board are published. We commend and heartily support the work being done on the American tariff question."

For his part in drafting Schedule K the convention recommends that Senator F. E. Warren of Wyoming be enrolled with "those champions of the wool growing industry represented by Haine, McKinley and Dingley."

The report recommends a resolution favoring the appointment of a committee to represent the association in matters pertaining to tariff legislation and this committee also to collect and compile data on the cost of producing wool and submit it to the board, and in general to submit information to the tariff board and legislative committees.

The report says that it appears that the forest service wishes to improve conditions for the sheep raiser and the committee is for investigation and criticisms on the forest service and to confer with the secretary of agriculture and the chief forester before the next grazing season opens, so that they may adjust any differences.

The report opposes the surrender of congress of the power to create forest reserves and the conferring of his power on the president.

The bill now before congress establishing a speed limit law of sixteen miles an hour in transporting stock is favored, and the work of W. O. Stillman, president of the American Humane society, in his efforts to secure humane legislation is endorsed.

The report recommends that the legislative committee be instructed to investigate present freight rates on sheep, wool and mohair, and where they are found to be unnecessarily high, to report the same to the interstate commerce commission. Maintenance of the bureau of animal industry of Washington and the establishment of a botanical laboratory in Denver are both heartily endorsed.

The report concludes with a tender of thanks to the industrial and fraternal organizations which have made the stay of the delegates in Portland a continuous pleasure.

CHARLTON CASE UP AGAIN

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 9.—The habeas corpus proceedings instituted with a view to preventing the extradition to Italy of Porter Charlton, who confessed to having murdered his American wife at Lake Como last summer, came up for hearing today before Judge Reilstab in the United States circuit court.

ELECTION IN ECUADOR.

Guataquil, Jan. 7.—A president of the republic is to be chosen at the general elections in Ecuador tomorrow. The leading candidates for the presidency are Alfredo Baquerizo Moreno, the choice of the Liberals, and Emilio Estrada, the choice of the administration.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The stamp tax on the sale of future delivery of stocks and grain and other commodities may be imposed by the states without violation of the federal constitution, according to a decision today in the supreme court, passing on the Missouri law.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR

Salem, Ore., Jan. 9.—The inauguration of Governor Oswald West as the chief executive of the state of Oregon today was attended by the pageantry and pomp which are usually made a part of the ceremonies on the occasion of the administration of the formal oath of office to the first magistrate of the Commonwealth.