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Wreck Yesrday Near Melrose.

nse. (Via Tryon) N. C., Aug. 13 ugh freight train, third, No. 62. asheville to Spartanburg, ran n Saluda Mountain at 2:15 p. m. The engine and thirteen coal ere wrecked near Melrose at the lace where Engineer Tunstell's as wrecked several years ago. eine and eleven cars are a total piled up in a cut, demolished.

neer J. H. Averill, Jr., of Ashend Fireman Hair, of Asheville, led, and are under the wreckage. r bodies cannot be found until

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neer Averill was a bright young wenty-three years of age, a son J. H. Averill, of Charleston,

father, mother, wife and two hildren, brother and sister are ng the sammer at Saluda and all title three miles of where he suntainely death.

rill stayed on his engine with his il fireman, doing all he could to the speed of the train until the buried him.

be runaway train passed Melrose erator, J. W. Heatherly, ran our station house and Fireman Hair unhis hand and smiled. Heath-

neter Howie and his flagmen, and Ward were unhurt .-

following particulars of the have been made publict

Saluda the train held up about utes and took things easy. The are always inspected at Saluda, ig at the top of the mountain and winsing of the steep grade down ountain. Yesterday the inspector articlicularly thorough. Engineer ll and his brother, who works in g store near the depot, were with spector as they began at the enand looked over each car in turn ill's brother remarked on the fine tion of the cars and brakes and take shoes. . 'nother cause of the at Saluda was waiting for the main brakesmen." There are six ese brakesmen and every time a goes down the mountain two of are taken on to help twist the brakes. Yesterday there were ains ahead of the one wrecked and chind it, and they were waiting the brakesmen to come back up. these men showed up the train

is always the case, the brakes applied from the start and the enhad to pull, despite the down All went well for a mile and a but what took place after that was ther story. Cars began to slip along rand faster and the brakesmen the coal cars twisting on their sneks as hard as they could. At metch near the 33 mile post, the had taken on a dangerous speed. his point the crew engineer reverse and give the her, the train rushed at a steadily night. leasing speed, estimated at 60 to 75

cars piled of top of it it, making sior e of wreckage 30 feet high and fillthe cut. All the train crew behind How to Live a irst train had escaped with a severe ing up. They landed on the ground le the cars. They got together imreyes. High up at the top of the kage, 30 or 40 feet in the air, was ain Hand Sherrill, both his legs heddown by timbers, while he was ^{liging} head downwards. Sherrill suffering horrible agony, and as his ow trairmen came up he begged en to cut his legs off and release him." le of the men ran to the cab and bother." ought an axe, with which they work-

ed desperately to release Sherrill, but it was about thirty minutes before they Jeffries Flays Corbett succeeded.

Nothing whatever was seen of the engineer and fireman. It is presumed they were buried under the veck of the engine. Sherrill had been caught between the tank a coal car.

The wreck took place one half mile from the big slide that took place some weeks and beyond the scene of the wreck ago of about a month ago.

There were fifteen cars in the train. All jumped the track and piled up except the four last cars and caboose on rear, which though damaged, stuck to the rails. Sher rill was put in the cab which was rolled to Saluda and the injured man taken to the Mountain House. Bithlegs were amptuated below the knee. The trainmen lea him in good condition and there did not seem to be any reason why he should not get well. The crew, besides those mentioned. consisted of Flagman M, B. Trapp, Conductor Howie and Trainmen Chas. Ward, Perry Bishop and one other.

The wreckage will take sever 'days to clear away. No. 10, from the South last night transferred to No. 13 at the wreck and the latter came in considerably behind time.

any explanation to offer of the cause ment in both speed and skill. Corbett, of the wreck. The brakes held all during the first part of the fight was alright and every possible effort was most outpointed and the few blows that he made to stop. It was raining, but landed on Jeffries were apparently without heavy trains have gone down the sting, Jeffries was never in better condition mountain many times before with the He looked lighter than usual and the way

It is said that possibly a brake beam under one of the coal cars may have dragged the track or a brake chain may have broken.

All the train crew were out on the cars going down the mountain, no one was in the caboose.

DIED AT THEIR POSTS.

Buried under the wreckage of sixteen cars, and hundreds of tons of coal lie two heroes who passed into eternity in the disastrous wreck at "Slaughter Pen" cut a quarter of a mile east of Melrose yesterday afternoon. They lived in Asheville and their names are J. H. Averill, engineer, and Charles D. Hair, fireman. Will Sherrill, brakeman, lost both his legs. Of Hair, it is said that he met his death with a fortitude worthy of the fearless soldier who dies at his post of duty. As he passed through Melrose, knowing that he was rushing to certain death he waived his hand and smiled at the frightened operator. Twelve seconds later the crash came and the brave men who did not flinch from duty died at their posts.

Engineer Averill had a wife and two sons. He lived on the corner of French Broad avenue and Phillips street. He had only been married a little over three years. Sherrill, who came here from Swannanoa, boarded at the Philips boarding house near the depot. Hair also boarded at the same place.

Engineer Averill and his crew left Asheville yesterday morning. Averil was a passenger on Conductor Padgett's car on his way to the depot. "He was in the best of spirits," said the conductor last night and judging from his conversation and manner he had no presentiment of his untimely fate."

It was stated last night that Mrs. Averill and the children were visiting at Saluda, and are now at that place awaiting the recovery of the bodies .-

Victims of The Wreck.

Saluda, N. C., Aug. 15.-Special-The bodies of Engineer J. H. Averill, jr., and Fireman Chas. Hare, who were buried in the wreck on Saluda Mountain is known as the "33 miles straight", on Thursday afternoon, were recovered yesterday afternoon. Trains are now passing over this death trap undisturbed.

The body of the brave engineer was ne sterm, but the train did not found about 9 o'clock, between the enken a moment. A drizzle was fall- gine and the embankment where it the time, making the rails wet stopped. It was not very badly mangppery. From this point on to led. Fireman Hare's remains were disaughter Pen Cut" a mile and a half covered a little before 12 o'clock last

Brakeman W. B. Sherrill, whose legs were cut off in the wreck died this the cut there was a terrific crash morning. The remains were taken to he engine left the track and the his home at Swannanoa for intermis-

Hundred Years Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper McIntyre di d in Philadelphia recently at the age of liately and ran to the front of the 102 years, and we buried at Woodland tek, where a horrible sights met Cemetery. Her it ler for living, in her own language, were:

"Be honest and don't worry." "Marry early and save money." "Love breeds happiness."

"Keep at work and don't drink." "A rich girl can be happy with a poor hysband if she really loves him.'

"Eat plenty, sleep long and don't "When you feel like crying-laugh. of Kentucky, express similar views.

In Ten Short Rounds

San Francisco, Aug. 14.-James J Jeffries, champion heavy weight of the world, played with Jim Corbett for nine rounds and a half tonight and then Corbett's seconds motioned to Referee Graney to stop the fight in order to save their man from needless punishment.

The end came shortly a ... r the bigirning of the tenth round when Jeffnes planted one of his terrific left swings on Corbett's stomach. The men who conquered John L. St livan dropped to the floor in agony and the memorable scene at Carson City, when Bob Fitz in mons landed his solar plexus blow, was a most duplicated. This time, however, Corbett straggled to his feet and aga'n faced his gigantic adverse'y. With hardly a moment's hesitation, Jeff ies swang his right again landed on Corbett's stomach. Jim dropped to to the floor and then it was that Tommy Ryan, seeing that it was all over, motioned to Referee Graney to stop the punish-

ALONE IN HIS CLASS.

The fight tonight demonstrates beyond all doubt that Jeffries stands alone in his None of the railroad officers have class. He showed remarkable improvehe moved about on his feet and the frequency with which he count red Corbett's lear a astonished ever body. Corbett, in comparison with the big man opposed to him, looked very light but was really heavier than ever befor. He appeared to have lost some of his old time speed and skill during the early part of the fight, but this may have been due to Jeff. ies' ma: /elous improvement. Corbeti's physical 'condition appeared to be all that he had ele med for it. He stood many of Jeffries' terrific blows without vincing and came back swinging left and rights landing .. equently, but his blows hardly stung Jeffries. Jeffries was not only stronger, faster and cleverer than ever before, but he used his head to better purpose, and although Corbett wor'd hit him hard enough to huit on ordinery man, Jeffries would bore right in without noticing the blows and would deliver telling hits that materially heiped in deciding the result of the fight.

At first Corbett wis very cautious and apprently was outpointed by Jeffiles, but later in the fight he warmed up and showed ome of his old time eleverness. From the first, however, it was generally regarded as a hopeless case for Corbett. He made a gallant fight, but he never stood a show to win.

Progress in the South.

This is a part of an editor al in the New

York Son: "In a letter to a Richmond, fr.n. Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, edit or of Tae Pal timore Manufactures' Record, gives some important and cheerful statistics in regard to Southern prosperity. He estimates that this years cotton and cotton seed crop within the next twelve months will bring the Southern farmers at least \$600,000,000 and that other Southern agriculture products will amount to not far from \$900, 000,000,' a total of about 1,500,000,000 for one year's farming; and the manufactuing product exceeds in value the agricultural, While the cotton crop represents only about 40 per cent, of the total value of the agrice!tural product of the South, it is the great money crop. For a hundred years high cotton has been accompaided with

general prosperity. "Between 1900 and 1902, years of South ern industrial activity and fair prices for Southern property was \$460,000,000 an an nual average of \$230,000,000 as against an average of \$79,000,00) for the preceding ten years. In spite of the princ of 1893, the industrial depression and the low price of cotton, the South has eastablished its credit and accomulated capital and put its manufactures on a solid basis."

QUESTION WILL BE ISSUE

Prominent Democrat Declares it Will be Factor in Campalgn of 1904.

Washington, Aug. 12.-A prominent Democrat who has been regarded as a presidential nomination in 1904, declares that the race question will be a prominent issue in the next national force bill" will be one of the most po-

tont battle cries of the Democrat-

The Recent Smash.



LIQUIDATION. When the Flesh-Pot Boils Over.

Carolina's Capital to be Modernized.

Raleigh, Aug. 11.-M". Frank P. Mil burn of Columbia, S. C., today presented hin plan for enlarging and modernizing the present state capitol. The special committee to which these plans were presented were greatly pleased with the work. A bill was incroduced by Judge A. W. Gra- for this purpose the tax would be 'only a hem in the last house and passed the legislature naming Chief Justice Clark, Governor Aycock and two representatives and Senator-Judge Graham, Mr. J. C. ew y and Senator Harris, being afterwards named by the governor-as a committee to consider the question of enlargng the capitol, have plans and specifications made a report to the next general assembl". Mr. Milburn presented a drawing of the capitol modernized according to his plan. It preserves the present architectoral beauty of the building. On the north and south side wings, 60 by 100 feet, are added. On the west the present portico will be removed and a wing, 45 by 75, added for the accommodation of the state north and south will contain adequate base ments and the first floor will be utilized by offices for the governor and state treasurer on the north and the secreatry of state and the superintendent of public instruction on the south. 'The first floor of the old building will be devoted to the state auditor, insurance comissioner and corporation com-

missioner. The second floor of the wings will contain the senate and the hall of representatives, while the present chambers will be utilized for committee rooms and other necessary offices. The third floor will be devoted to galleries, committee room, a hall of painting and statuary and offices. The details of the interior arrangments are of course to cage and the committee today considered mainly the general exterior effect. strong candidate for the Democratic The committee was delighted with the apper ance of the building as provided by Mr. Mibuin's plan and requested, him to place the drawing of the modernized capicampaign. He says the slogan "No tol in the governor's office, where it can be will be held early in September and a re-President Roosevelt, this gentleman port formulate land a statement given out. says, has effectively inised the ince Ine notable point about Architect Milissue, and it will be met squerely. burn's plans is that the present arehitec-Representatives Livingston, of Geor- to al stancture of the capitol will be pregia, Swanson, of Virginia, and James, served, the building will be in even more beautiful erchitectural proportions; com-

rangements for the reservation of the the pope in reply. state archives. This modern up-to date capitol can be built at a cost of less than \$300,000, and will answer every purpose and be a credit to the stat: for nearly a hundred years, it is believed. If \$300,000 four per cent ten year bonds were issued 1-2 on every \$1000 now on the tax books The necessity for more room and fireproof place for preserving records carnot be long deferred. Every state in the union has bailt a new capitol or enlarged its capitol within the past ten years except Kentucky, Virginian and North Carolina, and the former, have sures now pending for enlargements of their capitols.

Big Lumber Deal,

Asheville, Aug. 12.-Lumber dealers are interested in the fact that the Scottish Land and Timber Company, a British corporation that for a number of years did a vast business in this of its holdings. It was stated this brary on the first floor, the Supreme court morning that Judge Council and others cotton, the gain in the excessed value of libre you the third. The wings on the had just purchased a large tract of timber land through an agent of the guilty, and fix their punishment at im British corporation, and would soon prisonment in the penitentiary for life." begin to turn out lumber on a large scale. Judge Council, it is understood. came to Asheville yesterday afternoon and left this morning for Tennessee to inspect the timber tract, which is lecated on the Pigeon river. It was further stated that the deal involved something like \$40,000, and that the ference and canness. We'te, who has land acquired was considered very agricultural purposes after the timber shall have been removed.

> It was stated in lumber circles that big deals in timber land are few and f between now, as there is con paratively little timber land left on the m rk et at any reasonable price.

Condition of the Pope.

Rome, Aug. 12,-The pope left his apartments for the f's, time s'ice his it spected by visitors. Another meeting fainting fit yesterday, going for a drive and welling in the Vatican garden "is morring. He remained in the open aiabout two hours and returned to the palace feeling much better. All that remains of vesterday's collapse is a slight feeling of lightness in the head.

Drs. Lapponi and Davanezia visited

modious halle for legislation will be pro- Pius today and, though they found him vided; fire proof rooms for the state library at most recovered, they continued to say both of which are now very much exposed that he chould take a rest and abstential on will be provided; two elevators w run from all work. "But this will mean such from the first floor; there will be record an a rummation of work that it will kill rooms in the basement and adequate ar. him afterwards to catch up with it, "said

C. E. Convention in Tryon.

The annual convention of Western North Carolina district of Christain Endeavors will be held in Tryon, Aug. 19-20. Rev. Ira Landrith, of Nashville, Tenn., a speaker of national reputation, will be present and address the convention. Mr. E. H. Stockton, of Winston-Salem, will represent the State Board at the convention.

A deligthful program has been pre pared for the occasion including a picnic dinner on the grounds. All Endeavors will be entertained free. Tryon extends a most cordial invitation. See progam elsewhere.

Kentucky Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty.

Cynthiana, Ky., Aug 14,-The jury mountain section, is rapidly disposing brought in the following verdict in the feud cases:

"We find Curt's Jett and Thomas White

The crime with which Jest and White were charged was the murder of Attorney Marcum in the court-house at Jackson.

The verdict was returned when 'but few persons were in the court room. Jett received the verifict with comparative indifbeen apparently under a severe stain durvaluable, as it well may be used for ing the tria, floring up and his eyes fined. w 'i tea . At or ey Golden, for the deferse, stard "at a mot on for a new tral

would i - made as .oon a possibile. The verded on the whole is regarded as a victory for the defense as the prosecution reked that no middle ground be taken.

There have been 27 1 703 ost within the past two years in the H g's Cockrell feud in Breathiti count and this is the first convictor. No s. es s. or inc et ments had b n made, un 1 a May, when the troops were ordered to J. I on to prot et the and jury and afterward the trial jury and wine

Jett is it'll under indictment for murder in the first deg ze fer hing Town Marshal Crockreil. His f. ands say he will have a new 'rial and even if he fails in that efforts will be made to have him pardoned in the course of time.