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A TRAIN EXPLODES

A Score Killed and 200 Injured.

A DIRE DISASTER.

A Train of Naphtha Cars Catch Fire and Explode With Disastrous Results to Life and Property.

Pittsburg, Pa. May 13.—Monday evening the Sheraden yard of the Pan Handle railroad was the scene of one of the most disastrous explosions and fires known in this section for many years. A score of lives were lost and about 200 persons were so badly burned that, according to the judgment of physicians in attendance, 75 per cent. of them will die from the effects of their injuries.

The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars which were being switched at the yard, and in the switching the rear car telescoped the car forward. The leaking naphtha ignited from a switch light, causing an explosion which threw the flames fifty feet high. Much of the escaping naphtha ran through Croks run to Esplen borough, a distance of one and one-half miles, and caused another explosion, blowing to atoms the Seymour Hotel and the Collins House, on River road, and badly wrecking a frame building near by, in which were congregated two hundred or more sports from Pittsburg and vicinity, betting on the races, baseball, etc. Few of the occupants of this building escaped injury.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.

Elizabeth City, N. C., May 5, 02.—The board of County Commissioners met today.

President, George M. Scott; chairmen, T. E. Palmer, W. J. F. Spence, S. N. Morgan and George D. Sherlock.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. E. M. Connor apeeared before the board and asked for the reward offered by said board for the recovery of the body of Miss Ella Maude Cropsey. Moved and seconded, That it is the sense of this board that Mr. E. M. Connor is not entitled to any portion of the reward offered by this county, Motion carried.

Henry Walker, colored, appeared before the Board and asked to be relieved of Poll Tax for 1901 on account of a broken leg.

On Motion, It is ordered, that Henry Walker be not relieved of Poll Tax because his leg was not broken until February 1902 and his Poll Tax for 1901 should have been paid before that time.

On Motion, it is ordered, that the widow of J. N. Ives, deceased, be relieved of the Poll Tax of her husband for 1901, he having been permanently relieved of Poll Tax previously on account of infirmity.

On Motion, it is ordered, that J. B. Fearing be relieved of tax on $2500 overvaluation, error in listing.

On motion, it is ordered, that Jesse Hughes be relieved of tax on $650 overvaluation, error in in listing.

On Motion, It is ordered, that C. W. Brite be allowed a rebate on his delinquent Poll Tax for 1901, on account of being out of county at listing time.

On Motion, it is ordered, that John L. Simpson be relieved of tax on $360 too much money listed.

On Motion, it is ordered, that Geo. H. Sexton be relieved of tax on $250 overvaluation, error in listing.

On Motion, it ordered, that A. Huckabee be relieved of $2 Income Tax, he not being subject to said tax.

On Motion, it is ordered, that Ed Davis, colored, be allowed a rebate of 43c on his tax, error in listing.

On Motion, it is ordered, that Mrs. Albertson be placed on the County Pension List at $2 per mo.

On Motion, it is ordered, that C. R. Vickers' bid to paint the county house for $115 be accepted.

The committee appointed to ascertain the liabilities of N. G. Grandy, Sheriff, upon the various Tax Funds of 1901, submitted their report to the board, which was read, accepted and ordered recorded. A synopsis of which is as follows:

Balance due	School fund,	$ 618.58
" "	Gen. Co "	1304.25
" "	Alms House "	1349.07
" "	State Pension fund,	868.04
	Total balance due,	$5139.93

The Sheriff failed to settle.

Dr. J. E. Wood, health officer, made the following report:

Elizabeth City, N. C., May 5.

To the Hon. Board of Comm.

Gentlemen: Home in very good condition and inmates in good health. There are now in the home 31 inmates as follows: White males, 3; white females 6; colored males, 8; colored females 9. Total 31.

Three (3) prisoners in jail.

Respectfully,

J. E. Wood, H. O.

The Clerk of the board was instructed to notify the magistrates that at the meeting of the board of magistrates on Monday, June 2, 1902, the board of County Commissioners will submit to them the question: Whether or not the public roads of the county are to be worked and kept in order by taxation.

Total amount of bills allowed.....$542.35.

There being no further business, the board adjourned.

G. M. Scott, Chm.

J. C. Spence, Clerk.

Cremated in Mid Air.

Paris, May 12—In the presence of his wife and seven children. and hundreds of spectators, Senor Augusto Severo, the rival of Santos Dumont, met a horrible death this morning through the explosion of his airship "La Pafx," in mid air. The balloon of the air ship caught fire and then blew up. Severo was dashed to pieces below. The engineer was burned in mid-air and was dead before his charred body reached the earth.

Train Held Up.

Train robbers held up one of the St. Louis and San Francisco trains near Jonesboro, Ark. Saturday.

STREET RAILWAY.

Fare to Norfolk, Fifty Cents.

GLAD TIDINGS WE HERALD

A Street Railway and Electric Car Line to Norfolk is Now Assured—A Great Reduction in Transportation Rates.

The travel between this city and Norfolk, Va., is something immense notwithstanding the fact that the esteemed Norfolk & Southern charges a higher rate of transportation than any other road within our knowledge. Now suppose the fare from this city to Norfolk, Va., was fifty cents instead of one dollar and fifty cents? We predict that the road would handle five times its present traffic.

Men with brains have seen this point long, long ago and have been solving the problem. Of course the only solution was a trolley line. That was the conclusion arrived at and the project is now being vigorously pushed.

Hon. C. M. Ferebee having secured the co-operation of moneyed men in both this city and Norfolk has secured a franchise from the city to lay tracks on streets. In order to secure franchise Mr. Ferebee was required to give $1.000 bond, said bond to be forfeited if one mile of proposed track has not been layed within one year of date.

Mr. Ferebee was to have given bond at last meeting of the town Commissioners but Hon. Geo. W. Ward of an opposing company conferred with Mr. Ferebee in regard to the combination of interests. An extension of time was granted and at the next meeting of the town Commissioners either Mr. Ferebee or Messrs. Ward and Ferebee will give the required bond.

When the bond is given it is a case of "Katy Bar the Door." These men would not forfeit a sum of $1,000 for a mere bluff. They mean business and before the Tar Heel is two years old Elizabeth City will boast its Street Railway and Eastern North Carolina will have cheap transportation to the tidewater section of her sister state.

In an interview with parties concerned we learned that the proposed line will also extend south of here and embrace Hertford and Edenton and all intermediate points.

With the acquisition of the trolley line the rural shopper can for a few pennies, enjoy the same advantages of the city cousin and we will reap the reward.

Frightened to Death.

Ismer James, aged forty-eght, a farmer, died at Winamac, Ind., from snake fright. While at work in one of his fields he unearthed a nest of vipers. A snake to him was his greatest horror, and when he saw the snakes he hurried to his home, and before medical aid could arrive was dead.

Major Keech Drowned.

Belhaven, N. C., May 12.—Major Keech, an oysterman and boat captain was drowed here yesterday. He was on a float used in raising logs tied to a raft that was being towed by a tug. Getting in a row boat he started for the tug by pulling along the tow line. Suddenly the line slackened and got under the rowboat, then became taut again, capsizing the boat. Keech being no swimmer was drowned. The coroner after an inquest said death was the result of accidental drowning.

Mobbed the Circus.

Barnum's big circus struck a large city in France last week, and were unable to accomodate the crowds. Nearly a thousand angry frenchmen made a rush upon the tent and broke up a show.

Snakes Capture City.

Here is a snake story. Frankford, a suburb of Philadelphia, is wild with excitement. For several days scores of hissing reptiles have over run the streets and many people have been attacked.

Starved Cattle.

A rich English farmer bought up all of the cattle in his neighborhood and starved them to death. He is now in an insane asylum.

Wanted a Man.

Mrs Mary S. Adams of Webster, Mass., advertised for a husband, in a marriage paper. She received a reply and the result was that Mrs. Adams left for Nebrska, yesterday, to marry her man.

Turned Black.

Robert Elliott, a four years old boy of Washington, Pa. drank a bottle of furniture polish. In a few hours he dad changed to an inky black color. He may live, though tis hoped that "his color will fade."

Frog in Her Bed.

A Kansas City boy hid a frog in his sisters bed. She became frightened into a fit and may die.

Slept with a Snake.

Miss Carrie Schoettlin, of Evansville, Ind. found a snake in her bed the other morning. She went into hysterices and is, at present, very ill.

Balked at $3.00.

Morris Hickey of Wilmington, N. J. postponed his marriage to a prominent young lady because the marriage license cost $3.00. He said he could get them for fifty cents.

McLaurin in Luck.

President Roosevelt is considering the advisability of appointing Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina to a place on the bench of the court of claims made vacant by the death of Judge John Davis.

Mr. R. B. Etheridge, of Manteo, was in the city this week. Mr. Etheridge is the Superintendant of the public schools of Dare County, and he enjoys the unique distinction of being the youngest man in North Carolina who holds such a position. To a Tar Heel reporter he said that he hoped to have a big educational rally on Roanoke Island this summer. He hopes to secure Supt. Joyner, Gov. Aycock and other distinguished educators. If he carries out the plans outlined to us it will be a great occasion for old Dare.

30,000 PERISH.

Volcanic Eruption Brings Death and Distruction.

50,000 HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

City of St. Pierre Martinique Swept by Whirlwind of Mud, Fire and Steam. Hell Depicted on Earth.

On the island of Martinique in the sunny Carribean seas has occurred a disaster that has caused the world to shudder. A city of nearly 50,000 inhabitants has been submerged in a baptism of fire and molten lava. Over 30,000 souls have perished and 50,000 men, women and children are rendered hungry and homeless.

Thursday morning of last week the people of the West Indian city of St. Pierre awoke to find the crater of Mount Pelee shrouded in heavy threatening clouds. All day Wednesday horrid detonations had been heard. These were echoed from St. Thomas on the north to Barbadoes on the South. On Wednesday night the cannonading ceased and fine ashes fell like rain upon the city of St. Pierre. The inhabitants became alarmed and only by the concentration of all reasoning power did wise heads allay the panic.

The ashes continued falling on Thursday. The inhabitants were watching the falling ashes when, with a frightful roar and terrific electric discharges, a cyclone of fire, mud and steam swept down from the crater over the town and bay, sweeping all before it and destroying the fleet of vessels at anchor off the shore.

There the accounts of the catastrophe so far obtainable cease. Thirty thousand corpses are strewn about, buried in the ruins in in St. Pierre, or else floating, gnawed by sharks, in the surrounding seas.

This is pronounced the greatest disaster of modern times. The damage to life and property cannot be estimated.

Streams of molten lava engulfed the thickly populated city and buried its inhabitants in their very homes.

The rain of ashes from the crater of Mount Pelee fell upon the decks of ships hundreds of miles away. The burning rocks, mud, molten lava and clouds of steam descended in unrelenting torrents and left the entire north end, of the isle of Martinique, devast of life and vegetation.

The few survivors to escape tell tales of horror of which even Dante in his most vivid flight of imagination, never dreamed.

Imagine a whirlwind of mud, steam and fire descending in terrific torrents and destroying thousands of terror stricken humans ere they could escape. Picture the dead bodies piled in endless confusion and being buried 'neath the falling rain of red hot mud and ashes and you can but realize the horrors of a veritable hell on earth and such it seemed, to those who live to tell the tale.

WINFALL.

Winfall, N. C., May 13.—Correspondence of the Tar Heel.

Miss Lena Barber spent Saturday in Elizabeth City, shopping. She was accompanied by her sister Miss Mae, who will spend some time with friends and relatives at Elizabeth City and Rosedale.

Quite a number of young people from here and surrounding country, went to Elizabeth City Monday, to attend Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show. Some of the ladies took advantage of the reduced rates, and spent the day shopping.

Rev. H. M. Jackson left Monday for Beaufort, N. C., where he will assist Rev. Hornaday in revival services.

Miss Amelia Baker, who has been teaching school in Hyde county, for several months, returned last week, and will spend sometime with her sister, Mrs. James L. Skinner. Her many friends are glad to have her home again.

Mrs. Annie Twine returned Saturday after a visit of several weeks to her daughter, Mrs. John White, of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Esther White left last week for Portsmouth, to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Joe White who is very sick.

Mr. C. C. Basnight returned home Saturday after a short business trip to Roanoke Island and other places down the sound.

After spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Tom Hoskins, at Edenton, Mrs. E. A. Leigh and children returned home yesterday.

NORFOLK MARKETS.

Norfolk Va., April 24, 1902,

GRAIN, HAY, ETC.

Market—Firm.	
CORN—White, per bu., car lots	73 and
Mixed, per bu., car lots	71 and
So. white, per bu, car lots	75 and
From store, No. 2 white	73 and
From store, No. 2 mixed	73 and
HAY—Car lots.—	
No. 1 Timothy	16 50 and
No. 2 Timothy	14 50 and
No. 1 Mixed	14 50 and
No. 2 Mixed	14 00 and
Clover	13 50 and
OATS—Mixed from store—	
No. 2, per bushel	54 and
White, No. 2, per bushel	52 and
BRAN—from store	22 00 and
Middlings, per, ton	23 00 and
EGGS—Quiet	14 and
POULTRY—Live good	
Chickens, old hens, large	35 and 40
Spring chickens	30 and 50
Ducks, mud	25 and 30
Ducks, mongrel	30 and 35
HAMS—Firm.	
Smithfield, new	16 and 18
Va. com. to choice, per lb. new	14 and 16
North Carolina new	13 and 15
PEANUTS—Fancy	3¼ and
Strickly prime	3 and 3⅛
Prime	2⅝ and 2¾
Bunch	3½ and 3¾
Spanish	72 and 75
PEAS—Blackeye, per 120-lb.	2 50 and 3 00
Black. per bushel	1 40 and 1 50
Clays	1 10 and
Mixed	1 25 and
Garden Peas. per bu.	1 25 and 1 50

TRUCK, FRUITS, ETC.

IRISH POTATOES—per bag	2 50 and 3 00
SWEET POTATOES—Haymans, per bbl.	3 00 and 3 15
Yellows, per bbl	3 00 and 3 25
TRUCKS—	
Native cabbage, bbl	1 25 and 1 50
Onions, yellow, bag	3 50 and 4 00
Onion et	75 and
MEAL—	
Choice roller ground.	
Per bag of 100 lbs., bolted	1 50 and
Unbolted, 100-lb. bag	1 48 and

WANTED.—A colored man with small family whose wife is capable of doing general house work, to work on my farm on Linkhorn Bay near Virginia Beach. Residence and wood furnished and reasonable salary paid to right parties. Apply at once to

Box 104. T. J. Richardson,
Virginia Beach, Va.

WANTED:—To purchase second-hand desk, either flat or roller top. Apply at Tar Heel office.