

TRAINS COLLIDE.

A BAD RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Three Men Killed; Six Injured—

No. 26, the Fast Mail, and No. 11, Local Passenger, of the Southern Railway, Telescope

Each Other at Harrisburg, Thirteen Miles from Charlotte

Postal Clerk Benton, Fireman

Donaldson and John Endy Killed—Conductor Kinney Fatally Injured—Five Others

Wounded—Accident Occurred at 11:15 O'Clock Sunday.

Charlotte Observer, 12th inst.

The difference of a minute in

watches or train orders yesterday,

caused the loss, on the Southern, of

three lives, injuries to six people,

and the loss of thousands of dollars

to the railroad.

The most frightful railroad accident

that has started this section or

State since the great disaster at

Boston Bridge, near Statesville,

Aug. 1891, occurred yesterday morning

at Harrisburg, a small town

about 13 miles north of this city.

Train No. 36, the north-bound

fast mail, on the Southern, and train

No. 11, the south-bound local passenger,

collided, killing three persons

and wounding six. The killed are:

T. Clingman Benton, of Charlotte,

aged 50, postal clerk on No. 11.

Titus Eady, of Forest Hill, Concord.

Will Donaldson, of Lynchburg,

fireman on 36.

Wounded:

W. B. Tunstall, of Danville, engineer

of No. 36, badly scalded about head,

arms and face.

J. C. Kinney, of Thomasville, engineer

of No. 11; scalded about chest,

back, arms and neck.

James Lovell, of Richmond, conductor

of No. 11, cut in the face.

Fitzhugh Lee, colored, porter on

No. 11; leg hurt.

William Clemens, of East Durham,

N. C.; slightly hurt.

R. E. Gallagher, express messenger

hurt about head and arms; also

bruised.

The accident occurred at 11:15

o'clock.

The track for a mile or so approaching

Harrisburg is perfectly straight,

except at one point, where there

is a small curve and a considerable

cut.

The side-track at Harrisburg can

be plainly seen for more than a mile,

approaching from this side.

Captain Tunstall, who was of

course on the look out for No. 11,

kept his eye on the distant siding,

expecting every minute to see No. 11

run into it, but, seeing that the

track was clear, and no train

approaching, and having the right of

way, he steamed ahead at the rate

of 45 miles an hour, losing sight,

by reason of the topography of the

country, of the siding, as he neared

it.

No. 11, the local passenger, left

Concord late. It was manned by

Engineer J. C. Kinney, Fireman Alex

Lee, and Conductor James Lovell.

It was a wagon, banker and wood

worker and it was believed generally

that he had saved considerable money

and stored it away in secret

places, and on last Tuesday, while

several parties were engaged in

playing off the widow's dowry, a search

was made. The dirt floor in the

wagon shop was dug up and a small

block of wood thrown out. Being

in a state of decay, the block fell

apart, and it was found to contain

\$405 in gold. A two-inch hole had

been bored in it and the money

stored there. Further search was

made and in the old farm house was

found \$100 in gold and silver.

A Little Boy's Tragic End.

October 20th.

Accidents happen all through life

and some are of a very serious

and sad mishap that befall

little 4-year old son of Mr. Harris

Richardson on last Wednesday the

most appalling and heart-rending

Mr. R. hauls pine logs to a saw mill.

On the day mentioned he had his

little son with him on the large log

carriage as he was making a return

trip with a heavy load. A sudden

jar of the cart in running over a

root caused the child to fall to the

ground with his head in the rut just

in front of the large wheel that was

grinding the earth under its broad

fire and weighty load. Before the

part of the head from just over the

reaching around the forehead, was

severed from the body and mashed

flat. The father was alone and had

to gather up the remains and carry

them home and place the dead child

in his mother's arms.

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Ohio but had lived in Indiana since

infancy. He was 76 years old last

September. His public life began

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