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LOCOMOTIVE EXPLOSION.

Body of the Engineer Thrown up the Mountain Side.

Engineer E. Bennett Mitchell was killed and fireman Jno. R. Cawley seriously injured Monday morning by the explosion of a locomotive on the North-Central railway, at Georgetown, a few miles north of Harrisburg, Pa. The victims were both residents of Harrisburg, and had been in the passenger service of the company for many years.

Mitchell was thrown up the side of a mountain a distance of sixty feet, and was dead when found. Fireman Cawley was hurled in an opposite direction, almost to the edge of the Susquehanna river. He was so badly scalded that it is thought he will die.

Mitchell's body was taken to his home in Harrisburg. The wrecked locomotive came out of the shops Saturday after an overhauling, and the railroad officials cannot account for the explosion. The trucks were thrown into the river and the tender along the bank. All the cars, except the rear Pullman sleeper, were derailed. None of the passengers were injured, although several were badly shaken up. The explosion occurred opposite a watch box, which was reduced to kindling wood, and the watchman badly hurt.

The wires and tracks for a distance of 150 yards were torn up and telegraphic communication and travel was suspended for several hours.

FIEND OR MADMAN?

An Iowa Farmer's Deed Leaves The Question in Doubt.

KILLED HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

After Completing His Horrible Work he Took His Own Life.

The slaughter of a mother and her six children occurred at the home of John Boecker, a farmer living eight miles northwest of Carroll, Iowa, Sunday night. Afterward the fiendish or demented husband and father, at whose hands they died, completed his bloody work by sending a bullet into his own head, inflicting a fatal wound. The family were prosperous Germans and as far as is known lived happily. No motive for the tragedy has been disclosed.

Boecker's victims are his wife and these children: Caroline, aged 14; Christine, aged 9; Henry, aged 8; Lizzie, aged 6; John, aged 3; an infant.

Boecker had an engagement to help a neighbor thresh, and on his not putting in an appearance, his brother Henry, who lives about 20 rods away, went about 7 o'clock to see why he did not come. The doors of the Boecker house were locked and there were no signs of life about. Henry tried to get in the house, but met no response, and finally he kicked open the door and came upon a horrible scene. Boecker, with his wife and baby, slept in a back room, and the three corpses lay on a bed. The wife had been shot in the neck with a shot gun, which stood in the corner; the baby had been shot and its head crushed with the butt of a revolver. The man, still breathing, a bullet hole high up on the forehead, and by his side was a Smith & Wesson six shooter, with two chambers empty. The Boecker home is a story and a half frame house and up stairs Henry and Lizzie lay on a bed with bullet holes in the forehead, the latter dead, the boy still breathing. In the opposite corner of the same room Caroline, Christine and John were dead, each with a bullet hole in the forehead, though Caroline had two.

The indications are that Boecker first dispatched his wife with a shot gun then used the baby, first shooting it and then knocking its brains out with the butt. Boecker then went up stairs where the five children were sleeping and killed them. He must have used a light, for his aim was effective, each victim being shot in the forehead. All but two children met with instant death, for the blood clots were under their heads, and two of them lay as calmly reposed as if in sleep. Boecker had reloaded the weapon while up stairs, and evidently sent the second bullet into the eldest girl's brain just before leaving the room. Going down stairs he stretched himself beside the corpse of his wife and shot himself. His right hand was burned by the powder, showing the rapid use of the revolver. The weapon he had borrowed from his brother Henry, remarking that he wanted it to kill rats in the cellar. He afterwards practiced at target shooting with it. Boecker was thirty-four years old, and for over twenty years lived in the same neighborhood, in fact, on the same farm. He was married eleven years ago, and after living a year with his parents, moved to the scene of the tragedy, which is almost within hailing distance of his old home. He has been regarded as a prosperous farmer, and had only recently bought a 200 acre farm a few miles from his old homestead. The family were visited on the fatal evening by a neighbor, who says they seemed to be happy. Members of his father's family say he had no family troubles, his financial affairs were in good shape, and they can assign no motive for the terrible crime.

Negroes Back From Liberia.

Otley Waite and five children and G. W. Farmer and wife, all colored, who belonged to a party of 315 emigrants who left Savannah for Liberia by the steamer Labrador, in March, 1896, have just arrived at Liverpool from Liberia. The Farmers are destitute and the Waites have only enough money to enable them to reach the United States. All the adult members of the party described the conditions of those whom they left in Liberia as being most pitiable. They say the land promised them by the Liberian agent in the United States turned out to be absolutely no good; they claim there is no gold or diamonds there; they assert that more than half the Labrador's party are dead and that the rest of them are trying to reach the United States.

The Waites and Farmers say in conclusion that the Liberian government did nothing for them and that the climate of the republic of Liberia is most unhealthy.

HER FIGHTING ABILITY DOUBLED

Cruiser Chicago Remodeled and Fitted With Modern Engines.

The United States cruiser Chicago was relaunched from the dry dock in the Brooklyn Navy Yard Sep. 22. The vessel, since being put out of commission, more than a year ago, has been dismantled and the boilers and engines removed to make room for those of more modern design. The masts, with their yards, have been unstepped, and their places will be taken by military masts fitted with fighting tops of an improved design. The bowsprit has also been removed, and a "straight up" bow put in.

The new engines, four in number, and of the most modern pattern, have been constructed by the bureau of steam engineering at the navy yard. They will not be put in until the ship is in deep water. They are of the quadruple-expansion type, and it is believed will drive the ship at a rate of twenty knots an hour. It will be some months before the Chicago will be ready for service.

The alterations to the ship will cost about \$300,000. When they have been completed the vessel will be one of the best cruisers in the service. Her speed will be increased and the fighting ability of the ship will be more than double that when she was put into commission more than ten years ago.

Be Square With Your Paper.

Probably no one thing has done more to retard the progress of the newspaper in North Carolina than the credit system attached to its subscription list. With few exceptions the newspapers published in this State have been issued week after week and sent out to its readers, who strangely enough are set down as "subscribers," and with no thought that these "subscribers" will pay any time before the year ends.

In fact, with many newspapers, the "subscriber" who has within, or at the end of a year, is regarded as good pay.

It is no unusual circumstance for newspapers that have been running ten or twenty years to have names of persons on their books who have been receiving these papers during the entire existence of the paper, and who have never paid a dollar towards their support.

The newspapers in North Carolina that are run upon the strictly pay in advance plan—whose subscribers are cut off with the last issue paid for—are so few that they would make a small list, if published.

And yet, with this shiftlessness, this is no way of publishing newspapers, this unlimited credit system, it is surprising that the newspaper business, from a financial standpoint, is a failure in this State?

In marked contrast with the above style of issuing newspapers, is the method pursued by the thousands of publishers of newspapers who pour their editions into North Carolina every week.

Is there an outside daily newspaper sent into North Carolina to any subscriber who has not paid for it in advance?

How many weekly or monthly publications are sent to readers in this State for which the subscription has not been paid?

And yet North Carolinians will pay cash in advance for newspapers published in Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore or New York, Atlanta or Charleston, and make no protest, while at the same time, if their own home newspapers ask for their subscription in advance, they will consider it a hardship, and make a protest against such a system.

Is this a just or a fair treatment of the home newspaper, which courageously upholds its town, county and State with all their interests?

The press of North Carolina to day is hardworking, liberal towards its patrons, patriotic in all matters pertaining to its State, yet it must almost beg for its maintenance.


Is it exacting when a newspaper demands cash in advance for its paper? Surely not.—*Greenville Reflector.*

BARK'S CREW RESCUED.

The Carrie L. Tyler Abandoned Off Cape Hatteras.

The British tramp steamer Egremont Castle has arrived in New York from Fernandina, with the captain and crew of the lumber laden bark Carrie L. Tyler, from Savannah for New York, which was abandoned about fifty miles south-southeast of Frying Pan Shoals lightship on September 24, in a dismantled and waterlogged condition. On Monday, September 20, a north-east gale was encountered, with enormous seas, which swept over the vessel fore and aft, causing her to plunge and labor heavily. The bark sprang a leak and on Wednesday morning she became unmanageable. The water gained in the hold until the bark was waterlogged, and captain Jayne ordered the masts cut away, leaving the vessel in a helpless condition. The next day the steamer Egremont Castle hove in sight, and captain Jayne, with his crew, seven in number, took to their boats and abandoned the wreck. The Carrie L. Tyler was built at Northport, L. I., in 1874, and was of 538 tons burden.

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Swallowed a Hat Pin.

A delicate surgical operation was performed at the German Hospital at Newark, N. J., Friday, when a pin five and one-half inches long was removed from a child's stomach. The subject of the operation was Lena Strippe, of Harrison. She was playing on the floor Monday, and found the hat pin which she put in her mouth. It slipped down her throat. A woman in the room tried to grasp the point of the pin, which still protruded from her throat, but the child in breathing drew the pin down into her stomach. The little girl was taken to the German Hospital, where the location of the pin was determined by means of the X rays. The pin was shown upright in the esophagus, the point only a short distance from the heart. A slight change in the position of the pin would have caused it to pierce the heart. On this account the utmost caution was necessary in the operation for its removal, which is pronounced entirely successful.

Biggest Watermelon Yet.

The biggest melon yet heard of in this State is that sent by express from Charlotte to Mrs. Russell. It weighed 74 pounds just 6 pounds less than the one recently sent to President McKinley from Georgia. It came wrapped in dollar wheat, and nobody knows who sent it. It was 3 feet 8 inches in circumference, 4 feet 6 inches long. It was cut open with a sword. It was perfectly ripened and of most delicious flavor. Mrs. Russell has saved the seed and will next season have them planted on her plantation in New Hanover county.—*News & Observer.*

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They Need Prayers.

When the oystermen of New River hold their Thanksgiving Day services in November, we presume they will remember the fusion legislators who passed the law taxing them two cents on every bushel or gallon of oysters they offer for sale. Those legislators need the prayers of some one.—*Onslow Times.*

As Others See Us.

At Elizabeth City the contract has been let to the J. O. White Company, of New Jersey, to put in a complete system of water works. The town will be furnished with hydrants at an annual rental of \$40. A sewer system will necessarily follow. The new opera house, which will have a seating capacity of 900, will be opened January 1, 1898. All over town new buildings are going up, but there is no boom, only a steady growth. Elizabeth City has doubled its population since 1887, and now has about 8,000 inhabitants. When the Great Dismal Swamp Canal is finished, which will be fifteen months, boats drawing fifteen feet of water will be able to enter the Pasquotank river. This river has a sixty foot channel, but boats drawing more than nine feet are kept out by the shallow sands.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

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