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ELECTRIC BELLS.

Modern Safeguards at Railroad Crossings—How They are Constructed.

The question of protection at highway crossings has been a source of considerable annoyance to railroad officials on account of keeping watchmen and gates at dangerous crossings, but by the use of electricity, the inventive mind has been able to construct an instrument that will give an audible warning at dangerous and obscure highway crossings; and it has remained for the Southern Railway to put such an instrument at the Southern crossing here.

The instrument is manufactured by the Railroad Supply Company of Chicago, and is called the Chicago Crossing Signal. It consists of separate circuits in such a way that when the train's coming towards the station in either direction it will cause the bell at the crossing to ring. To do this, it is necessary to bind each rail joint for a distance of three thousand feet each side of the crossing. The binding consists of drilling small holes near the end of the rail and running wires from one rail to the next. At the limits each way from the crossing insulated joints are put on the rails; also at the crossing where wires are run to a relay, which in turn, closes a circuit to the bell when a train approaches the crossing and gets within the signal limits.

There is also on top of the bell pole, at the crossing, a small electric flash light which gives a visible signal, as well as an audible one, at night when the train approaches.

We are informed that the Southern Railway intends to put up others at different points along these lines.

COLLISION ON THE SEABOARD.

A Freight and Passenger Train Come Together Near Savannah—Postal Clerk Killed.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 3.—Through a misreading, or misunderstanding of order, a fast passenger train and a through freight train collided head-on at Limerick, 20 miles from this city, on the Seaboard Air Line, early this morning.

The trains had orders to meet and pass at Burroughs, 12 miles out. The freight engineer ran past his meeting point and met the passenger hurrying to make the siding. The freight train was laden with rock for jetty work, and smashed the passenger body. Both engineers and firemen jumped and escaped with injuries not necessarily fatal. Mail Clerk J. A. Rice, of Jacksonville, Fla., was crushed so that he died in an hour. The wreck caught fire but was extinguished.

THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

Biggest One Yet—Comparative View of the Giant Show.

DEAR SIR:—In order that you may have a general idea of the magnitude of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, 1903, I beg leave to place before you a few tersely stated facts.

The St. Louis World's Fair will be approximately twice as big as any former international exposition.

The Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia covered 236 acres, the Paris Exposition of 1889-1900, 336 acres, the Columbian Exposition at Chicago 633 acres, the Pan-American at Buffalo 350 acres.

The St. Louis World's Fair will cover 1,200 acres.

The estimated cost of the St. Louis World's Fair will be \$30,000,000. This, as a man of practical affairs, you know will mean \$40,000,000 by the time the work is completed.

Before the Exposition gates are open May 1, 1903, the City of St. Louis will have expended the enormous sum of \$20,000,000. Of this amount \$5,000,000 was appropriated for the Fair through the Municipal Assembly, her citizens raised \$5,000,000 additional by private subscription, and by popular vote at a special election October 22d, the Charter Amendments were carried, which will enable the city to expend \$10,000,000 for street paving and other public improvements. Yours truly,

CHAS. M. REEVES.

Long Case Compromised.

A Statesville special of the 3rd to the Charlotte Observer says:

The noted case of Long vs. Railroad, which has been twice tried before and which was set for trial today, was amicably settled, without evidence or argument before a jury, the terms of compromise having been agreed upon by attorneys on both sides. By the compromise a consent verdict of \$6,000 is rendered in favor of plaintiff, and by agreement an additional sum of \$1,850, the defendant railroad company to pay all costs of action and all three cases are dropped from the docket.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

His Honor, Judge Starbuck, in the Temple of Justice Dispatching Business.

Superior Court adjourned today. Quite a number of cases went over for another term.

In the case of J. W. Wilkinson vs. George Lee, judgment was given in favor of the defendant.

In the case of W. G. Means vs. the commissioners of Concord, plaintiff obtained judgment for \$200.

In the case of W. A. Foil vs. the Southern Railway Company, the plaintiff was non-suited.

In case of Thursa Plyler vs. Rob't. Plyler, prayer for divorce was granted.

In case of Alice J. Parlier vs. W. J. Parlier, prayer for divorce was granted.

In the case of Rob't. S. Young, administrator of Alfred Litaker, deceased, vs. Miss Mary E. Brachen, judgment was given in favor of the defendant.

Dogs Kill a Highwayman Who Attacked Their Master.

Late last night, as Burley Wyandotte, a wealthy farmer living northeast of here, was driving home, a highwayman stepped from the roadside and stopped his horses. The highwayman drew a revolver and demanded his money. Wyandotte had three large dogs in the wagon and set them on the man. Before he could defend himself the robber was thrown down and the clothing was torn from his body. Wyandotte then called off his dogs, and, being alone, drove home. He returned a few hours later with a searching party and found the body of the robber. His identity is unknown.—Tipton, Ind., Dispatch.

Encouraging Missionary Meeting.

The newly elected president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church, Mrs. N. D. Fetzer, had reason to be very much encouraged on Monday evening by the increased attendance and by the animated interest in the Society's work. Several very interesting papers were read and items of missionary news freely contributed. Miss Lizzie Young read the letter from Rev. J. Mercer Blain, in the Presbyterian Standard on "A Year's Work in Mid-China."

Mrs. Blain, who is an efficient assistant in her husband's missionary labor, is well remembered as Miss Claude Grier of this county.

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