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ACCIDENT NEAR ROCKFORD.

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Disobedience of plain orders by the erew of the freight train caused the wreck on the Illinois Central eight miles east of Rockford, Ill., just before midnight Saturday night. Nine persons were killed and twelve were injured in the debris of crushing steel, flying aplinters and broken glass that resuited from the fearful impact of the two trains. The trains came together on a sharp curve. There was no time for a warning shrick of the whistle. There was the flashing of two headlights, a shock, and both engines were

crushed into shapeless masses of steel. Six passenger coaches and ten freight cars, loaded with merchandise, were piled into one great mass of broken timbers and splintered woodwork. In this mass were buried engineers and fremen of both trains, and at least ave others. This pile of wreckage leaped into flames almost in an instant. Those of the victims who were not fortunate enough to be killed outright were burned to death hours before relief could reach them.

The Dead

David Beehan, engineer of freight train, resided in Freeport. Edward Carey, fireman on freight train; remains taken to home in Freeport. Richard Ormsby, engineer of passenger train; body held at Rockford for conclusion of inquest. James Reardon, freman of passenger train; body taken to home in Freeport. William Reynoids, of Irene, Ill. George Reynolds, in the employ of the company as section foreman, with headquarters at South Addison. Robert Thompson, baggage expressman on passenger train; residence at Dubuque, Ia. Porter, colored man on passenger train. Newsboy on passenger train, believed to Coates of Chicago.

B. R. Ahrent, Chicago; brulsed on face and head. D. J. Canchester, Chicago; bruised about body; left arm cut. Hays Fletcher, Chicago; cut in right arm and head. E. Howard, Chicago; bruised on body and cut over left eye. Jack Lewis, Chicago; bruised on head and left shoulder. P. M. Muier, Chieago; slight cut on left hand; right leg wrenched. J. H. Quinlan, conductor of passenger train; bruised about the chest and severe scalp wound; resides at Chicago; probably fatally injured. E. Traverse, Chicago; cut on head and face. H. B. Wellman, 895 Jackson boulevard, Chicago: left shoulder dislocated; right arm crushed and ampu-

tated; condition serious. Fire Follows the Wreck.

The fire followed so close upon the impact that those who escaped other borrors and suffering were compelled to stand in the open prairie with temperature 20 degrees below zero, insufficiently clad, while the surviving members of the crew of the wrecked trains tramped four mises through the storm to secure relief. The passenger was the regular Omaha train, due in Chi cago at 9:40 p. m. It consisted of baggage and express car, a smoker, coach, parlor car and diner. It was run ning at a high rate of speed, being over three hours late on account of the cold weather. The freight train was running as No. 51 and it was composed of fourteen loaded cars, three empties and the way-car. 2 The freight was running at high speed and the trains came together without warning. slight curve hiding each from the other. Neither engine whistled for brakes nor used the air so far as could be ascertained. The crash was terrific, both engines being reduced to scrap iron. The roof of one car was hurled into a field far from the right of way, while a

The temperature was 20 below zero and an icy wind was blowing across the prairie, the point where the wreck occurred being in a shallow cut, affording no protection. The injured were without hats and wraps and suffered terribly. By the united efforts of the survivors the way car pushed back from the wreckage to escape the flames and the wounded were placed on the bunks inside.

casting weighing 1,200 pounds was

thrown into a field 200 feet away.

Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson of Chicago. who had a narrow escape, said: sight met my eyes that I shall not soon forget. Two whole trains were ablaze, the flames burning with appalling rapidity. Evidently every person who had been confined in the debris was unconscious from his injuries or was dead because I heard no cries."

Clothes Fired by Exptesion. Miss Saran Gehring, aged 38, burned to death at Logansport, Ind., by the explosion of a lamp, her body being burned almost to a crisp within fifteen minutes after the accident occur-Her foster mother, Mrs. Jennie chring, and her uncle attempting to atinguish the flames were severely med. Miss Gehring was sitting at wing machine under a hanging he fastening of which pulled fell on Miss Gehring's g her to the floor and en

UNABLE TO STAND FOR MONTH BECAUSE OF SPHAINED ANKLES.

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Flower Culture.

Flower culture is no longer looked upon as a mere amusement nor is it followed merely for the love of the beautiful, and florists are becoming flower farmers who raise large quantitles of perfumes. The government is excouraging this movement, and the department of agriculture calls attention to the fact that in the southern states are found exceptionally favorable conditions for this profitable industry. California, too, it is thought, could produce the essential oil, or attar of roses on an extensive scale to great advantage. According to official authority an acre of ground will produce 1,500 pounds of rose petals, from which five ounces of the attar may be distilled, and this quantity is worth on the market \$45 to \$85. The rose water which remains amounts to 300 gallons to the acre, which is worth from 75 cents to \$1 a gallon. Lavender gives not profit of \$100 to the acre. Pure lard saturated with the scene of flowerspomade-is worth \$6 to \$7.50 a pound Cologne of the finest quality, obtained by soaking the pomade or saturated lard in alcohol, is worth all the way up to \$17 a pint. Other perfumes are equally profitable,--Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Geronima

Geronimo, who crimes laid to him than any other Indian warrior, is a good Indian these days, and leads a quiet and 'peaceful life. He is now a prisoner at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and the officers allow. him all the privileges possible under the rules governing prisoners of war Although a prisoner he is paid \$35 a month as a government scout, but is not allowed to carry a loaded gun. He has no work to do, and spends much of his time making bead work and other fancy articles, which he sells to white visitors. Out of this trade, it is said. he makes \$2,000 a year. When the old warrior is asked if he has saved any money, he says: "Me no save any money-me spend it on squaws and heap gladness." By squaws he means wives, and he has several, but he does not live with any of them, preferring a tent in summer and a grass wicking in winter. Geronimo is said to be 80 years old. He does not know his age. He was with Victoria when that chieftain went against the Mexicans.-Detroit Free Fress.

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In a letter to the Reed City, Michigau, Clarion, Mr. Jas. G. Armstrong, of Meltford, Saskatchewan, says, writing on 27th May, 1901:

"This is a fine country for a poor man, as he can go out on the hay slews and cut all the hay he needs. He turns his cattle out on the prairie, and when he is not using his horses he turns them out also. There is such an abundance of food, they never wander away. "A lady, who has lived here eight

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Woman Had Business Foresight. When a woman gets married there are many things to be taken into con-

sideration; but not all brides evince such business foresight as the beroine of the following story, told by the Rev. W. F. Sheridan to a writer for the Chicago Tribune.

The bride was large and heavy, and the groom small and meek looking. Everything was regular. After the ceremony the bride explained her position.

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"I just made up my mind that wasn't going to be left in the same fix this summer, so here we are."

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New Care for Rhoumatism.

Hester Mo., Dec. 16,-An unusual case which has recently come to light here is exciting the keenest interest among medical men. Mrs. Ellenor Guardhouse suffered for over forty years with Sciatic Rheumatism so severely and so constantly that her case has been regarded as chronic and absolutely incurable. At times the pain was almost unbearable and she could not rest day or night.

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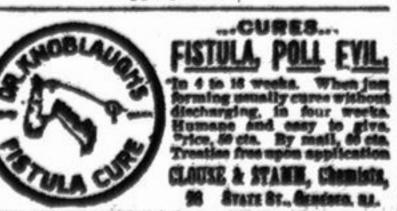
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