Seven Killed and Thirty-two Injured in a Santa Fe Wreck

Keokuk, May 6—The Chicago limited express on the Santa Fe road plunged through a trestle fifty feet to the bed of a dry ravine, near Medill, Mo. Seven persons were killed and thirty-two injured. The killed are:

MRS. G. BEST and Infant child, San Bernardino.

LOU MARKER, Kansas City.

Three of the 32 are seriously hurt. About 2:45 the relief train reached Fort Madison and the injured were carried by ambulances and carriages to the Santa Fe hospital. It was a mournful procession. Many of the women were weeping and many of them bore frightful wounds made by falling against car seats and broken windows.

Buried by a Falling Wall

New Orleans, May 6—Seven workmen were buried by a falling wall at the corner of Canal and Bourbon streets, the scene of the Schwarz fire sometime ago. The wall which tumbled down was left standing by the fire and workmen were engaged on a new building next to it. Two of the workmen were seriously injured. One will probably die. The others are severely bruised.

The Contractor Responsible

New York, May 6—A section of the cellar floor in the fourteen story Havemeyer building fell. Two workmen were killed and two others injured. The section of the floor which fell was eighty feet long by fourteen wide, supported by six steel beams resting on an iron girder. The contractor Michael Powers is held responsible for the accident.

Dynamitors’ Victims

Paris, May 7—M. Very succumbed to the injuries received when his wineshop in the Rue Magenta was blown up. The government will defray the expenses of his funeral and give a pension to his widow. The expenses of Hammond’s funeral also will be paid by the government.

Run a Gauntlet of Train Robbers

Belton, Tex., May 7—A desperate attempt was made to rob the passenger train on the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas. The conductor discovered two masked men on the platform of the express car. The train was stopped and them put off. The train proceeded on its journey, but after going two miles the engineer saw a number of men with masks. As the train passed the men fired several volleys, but not one of the passengers was injured.

Shot Her Slanderer

San Angelo, Tex., May 7—In June last I. T. Wilson was arrested and jailed for slandering a Mrs. Louie Taylor, the wife of a Sherwood barber. As Julia Williams was taking dinner to the prisoners, she slipped in behind him, she sent a bullet through I. T. Wilson killing him instantly.

Farmers Get the Elevators

The Northwestern Farmers Make Terms With the Railway Companies.

Grand Forks, N.D., May 7—Thomas Ulven, secretary of the Northwestern Farmer’s Protective association, has secured from the Northern Pacific and Great Northern officers an agreement to lease the association lands for the erection of elevators, warehouses and platforms, or to lease existing warehouses and platforms to the association under the following conditions: The warehouses and platforms shall be public; application for leases must be made by at least 20 members of the association, who shall state the number of acres they have under cultivation; if more land is needed than the railway company can furnish the association must by it, and also pay for laying all extra tracks. The officials of the Great Northern have made the same agreement with the association.

No Train Since Wednesday

Rock Island, Ills., May 7—In consequence of the rain and washouts, there have been no trains from the cast on the Rock Island road since Wednesday night. It is the longest period of suspension of traffic in the history of the road.

Spiritual Devotions Interrupted

Hollidayburg, Pa., May 7—The spiritual devotions at the Salvation Army hall of this city were interrupted and worshipers panic stricken by a man rushing forward from the rear, mounting the stage and endeavoring to murder Capitan David Mains with a dirk knife. Several persons were knocked down in the melee and the man was arrested only after a lively tussle. He was crazy drunk.

Snow in the Black Hills

Oelrichs, S.D., May 8—Yesterday morning at daylight about three inches of snow lay on the ground with a heavy snow falling, which continued more or less all day with considerable wind. About six inches now lie on the ground, although had that fell today has melted. “Old timers” say that this beats the record for May snowstorms in the Black Hills.

Ordered To Leave

Buffalo, Wyo., People Order a Returned Cattleman to Leave.

Denver, Colo., May 8—A special to the news from Buffalo, Wyo., says Charles Carter, a partner of Fred Hese, one of the invading cattlemen, arrived here yesterday to take charge of Dr. Harris’ “A” ranch, which was the scene of the recent fight. The ranchmen invariably claim that Carter was with the cattlemen who attempted to kill the rustlers and for this reason have ordered him to leave town, which he will do at once.

The Fire Record

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 8—The mill and salt works of the Butlers & Peters Salt and Lumber company burned between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. today. It cost about $500,000. Five hundred men are thrown out of employment.

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South Front Street Railroad Town, Neb.
A Kansas Duel
Wichita, Kan., May 9—A shoot- ing affair at Marion between James E. McCarthy and Ed Gross resulted in the death of the latter. The two men were old time enemies. Saturday afternoon they met in a saloon, exchanged a few complimentary remarks, and then Gross invited McCarthy to arm himself and meet outside town. One shot was exchanged when Gross fell dead.

Neck Broken by a Flying Brick
Altoona, Pa., May 9—Pinkney Marks went into a tenement house on Ninth avenue and raised a fight. He defended himself with an ax and the other men used bricks, Joe Paile, one of the other men, was trying to affect a settlement when his neck was broken by a flying brick, death ensuing in a few minutes.

Death in a Drowning
Berlin, May 9—Six member of a family named Nieditz have died at Zeitz, Sazony, from the effects of some poison administered to them in a dumpyard in which they partook at dinner. A servant who is suspected of the poisoning has been arrested.

Craffon Indicted for Murder
Des Moines, Ia., May 10th—On the evening of April 12, Mabel Swartz was shot by Fred Craffon and died instantly. They were at a questionnable resort and all present insisted that the shooting was accidental. The grand jury has returned an indictment against Craffon for murder in the first degree.

Murder and Suicide
Syracuse, NY, May 10th—A saloon quarrel ended in a murder and a suicide. Jack Brehannah, a well known character about town, was shot dead by J. Crouch of Jackson ville, Fla. The men had been drinking together and had got into a dispute. As they were leaving the saloon, Crouch said “If you follow me any further I will kill you.” Despite the threat Brehannah followed and the stranger shot him in the stomach. Then put the revolver to his own head and fired again. Both shots proved fatal within an hour.

A Murderess’ Work
Scranton, Pa., May 10—Mrs. Martin Scanlan ended a quarrel some existence with her husband by beating in his head with a hammer. He was so intoxicated at the time that he could offer no resistance. The murderess also attempted to kill her son because he attempted to interfere in behalf of his father. Her mind is believed to be affected.

Cyclone in Arkansas
Morrillton, May 10—A cyclone passed over this section doing considerable damage to property. Two men are reported killed in the southern part of the county. The cyclone passed from south to north, and it’s track was over half a mile in width and four miles in length. Trees, houses and outbuildings were overturned and crops were badly damaged. The cyclone was followed by a heavy rain which has continued up to the present time.

Electric Light Plant Burned
Hayward, Cal., May 10—The hayward Electric Light and Agricultural works burned. Loss $100,000.

Fifty Men Perish
An Awful Catastrophe in a Washington Coal Mine.

Not One of the Force Left to Tell the Story—Heavy Damage by Floods and the Situation Growing No Better in Many Places.

Roslin, Wash., May 11—At one o’clock p.m. a most terrible explosion occurred in the slope of mine No. 2 of the Northern Pacific coal company, in which the loss of life exceeded in number that of any other disaster that has ever been chronicled in the northwest or on the pacific slope. The exact nature of the explosion, or the circumstances that led to it was not and is not known, as it is believed that every miner that was working in the slope at the time has perished. It is not definitely known as to the number of men who were in the vicinity of the disaster, but it is believed that between 45 and 50 men were in the three levels affected by the explosion. Large force are reported killed in the explosion, and ten bodies have been recovered.

Two Drowned
Houses Carried Away
Toledo, O., May 11—Two men and much livestock have been drowned. George Girldham was washed out of his wagon while trying to drive across Swan creek and drowned. David Markley, a wealthy and prominent Defiance county citizen, was standing near the river when the bank caved in carrying him with it. Numerous small buildings have been carried away along the riverbanks.

Rescued with Ladders
Cleveland, O., May 11—A report reached this city that a cloudburst at Bedford, a small place south of here had filled a creek with an immense volume of water and caused much damage to dwellings and farm buildings. In some places the occupants of the houses were rescued with ladders. No lives were reported lost.

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Lincoln is flooded and the water is still rising. The coal yards of the Rock Island are submerged, and at one point 300 feet of grade is gone. Crews are out doing everything possible to prevent loss of communication to the outside world.

Lincoln, Neb., May 11—Lincoln is in the state league no longer, having sold her franchise to Kearney. How do you like that? The cause was a lack of support at Lincoln.

St. Paul, May 11—The Lutheran society of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church will give a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fuehrman tomorrow night and a fun time is anticipated.

**Murder at Lincoln, Neb.**

Lincoln, Neb., May 12—Myron Quilling was killed and intended to have baseball. Mean processions move unmolested by nothing dead about Kearney. The fun time is anticipated.

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**The Annual Meeting of the State's Sportsmen's Association Opened**

The red cars were crowded this morning with eager shot gun artists on their way to the fair grounds. Among their number were some of the best shots in the county. The organization consists of clubs in Lincoln, Sutton, Syracuse, Omaha, Columbus, Kearney, Staunton, Fremont and several other towns.

The Philharmonic society an organized and well trained singing club, composed wholly of local talent, under the management of Prof. Volk, will give a concert at the Bartenbach town that will be worth hearing.

Opening concert and ball for the summer season at Ham's Park Saturday evening. In case of bad weather it will be held indoors. Music by Prof. Bartling's band.

It is Hall Co's interest that the opening of the so called Stolley road should not be paid by the county but by the township, in which this road is to be operated. The county has not a bit of interest in this measure and the court has decided that there is no law compelling the county to pay for this superfluous opening of a road.

The case of the Grand Island Banking Co. vs. James A Costelo et al, also know as the Wroe case, was before district court this afternoon.

**The Grand Island Team Wins the Team Shoot Badge**

The two principal events were the Winchester shoot for a $60 Winchester Repeating gun, and the state association team shoot. The state team badge shoot was won by Grand Island. The shoot consisted of five live birds, six singles and two pairs targets for each man.

Manager Rohrer said that the Hastings and Grand Island teams are the fittest in the state league and that if all the other teams flunked out the two teams would play the season out.

Lincoln J Carter's "Fast Mail" companies will give over one hundred and thirty benefits this season to letter carriers of the different cities visited by the various companies. At the Bartenbach tonight.


For Sale—Three milch cows. Inquire at Leschinsky gallery.

Boehmke and Mrs. Brown of Akla, a twelve pound boy. Mother and child doing well. Go to Wallichs for furniture.
**RAILROAD TOWN NEWS**

The General Mercantile Emporium is crowing about their new line of goods and stock on hand.

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The old Taylor place is starting to look quite nobby as repairs continue on the exterior.

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The comrades of Railroad Town’s Grand Army of the Republic, Horace Greeley Post No. 126 have chosen W. S. Hunt to take over as the Commander of the post to fill the void left by the death of Commander R. L. Dack last February. Commander Hunt wasted no time calling for all comrades to begin plans for the Memorial Day observances on May 30th. The Post will be supported this year by members of the Sons of Veterans. Mrs. G. L. Cynova will deliver the oration. Details for the services will be in next week’s issue.

Sour Cherry candy at the Mercantile.

It appears that preparations are under way to repaint Mrs. Nelson’s house on the corner of Depot and College street. It should be amusing to watch considering how particular Mrs. Nelson is about how things look.

All citizens are advised to inform this editor of any out of town visitors, vague rumors and idle gossip in order to help fill these pages with all items of interest.

The Railroad Town Literary Guild has chosen the book *The Black Cat* by Edgar Allen Poe as their pick of the month. Mrs. Kuta, president of the Guild reminds everyone that the book is available for purchase at the Mercantile. A schedule of Guild meeting dates and times will be published in the next issue.

The May 27th issue of *The Platte Valley Independent* will be a special issue for Memorial Day. All advertisers are asked to take note.

Street caucuses will be the order from this time until after the election.

The baseball season opened up this year too soon, on which account base ball weather failed to connect.

Base Balls available at the Mercantile.

The *Weather*

Washington, May 9. — For Nebraska—Showers, slightly warmer, north gales. For Iowa—Rain, slightly warmer west; east gales.

The Union Pacific will sell tickets from Grand Island to Helena and return at one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale June 7th to 14th, inclusive, limited to 30 days from date of sale.

For any additional information apply to H. L. McMeans, agent UP system in Grand Island.