

ENGINE CAUGHT UP WAGON AND RIDERS. Strange Accident at a Railroad Crossing at Stelton Village, N. J.

Four Persons Were in the Vehicle, Which Was Struck Squarely, but Only One Was Killed.

OTHERS PICKED UP AND CARRIED ON. Mournful Ending of a Happy Evening Passed by Country Folk at a Reception in the Baptist Parsonage.

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 27.—The people of the Stelton Baptist Church, two miles from here, gave their pastor and his wife a reception at the parsonage, a cozy little place, just opposite the church, last evening. Folks in the country always arrange for these affairs on moonlight nights, as far as the weather went the auspices could not have been more favorable. Pretty nearly everybody in the congregation went, and the heart of the Rev. W. T. Dorwood and his wife, who are new comers in peaceful little Stelton, were gladdened by the joyous welcome given them.

In the gathering were a quartet of young people, who were conspicuous for their light-hearted gaiety. They were J. Nelson Dunbar, aged twenty-two, and his brother, Ralston, aged eighteen, and the acknowledged belles of the township, Laura and Bertha Giles, aged twenty and eighteen years respectively. The Giles girls are the daughters of Nelson Giles, a prosperous farmer of New Market.

Nelson Dunbar had hitched his brown mare to an open two-seated carriage, not very elegant, but comfortable and the right thing for bad winter roads, and with Ralston drove over for the Giles girls. They knew everybody at the reception, and had a merry time until midnight. Then Nelson unhitched his horse from the post in front of the parson's door and his three companions bundled into the carriage for the five-mile drive home in the clear, frosty moonlight. He urged his horse on down the New Market turnpike toward the Pennsylvania Railroad crossing, about 200 yards from Pastor Dorwood's house.

Laura Giles set out and seated with Nelson, and they were chatting gaily when they arrived at the crossing. They forgot to look up and down the tracks, as farmers generally do, but Dunbar let the horse go on unchecked. There are four tracks at this crossing, and approaching from the north side is a very fast train to see an approaching train. If any of them had given a thought to their danger none realized it until the engine had stopped on the first track. Then they saw the glare of a locomotive's headlight right beside them, and in another instant there was a crash. The carriage had been struck on the side square between the wheels.

Edward Leonard, a farmer, is an old and experienced man, but he says he never had such a shock. He had no time to give them a warning, but the first thing he knew he was carrying the wagon and three of its occupants on the pilot of his engine. He slowed down and Conductor George Mount and the train crew went in search of the victims. Soon other parties returning from the reception helped them, among the searchers being the first to find the young people. None knew how many had been killed, and few even hoped to find them alive. The engine stopped on the pilot, wedged in by the broken wagon, along with her sister and Ralston Dunbar. Laura was dead when extricated, but Bertha and Ralston were conscious. The top of the wagon was in a curious tangle. It was apparent that the locomotive had been struck at an angle, and the wagon would not have clung to the pilot. Nelson Dunbar was found on the track.

The Dunbar boys were taken to the waiting room of the little station. Laura Giles's body was carried to the home of her granmother, Mrs. Nicholas Williamson, and her sister was taken to the home of E. J. Drake. Drs. Nicholas Williamson and A. L. Smith soon arrived, but it was too late. They found that Bertha Giles had several scalp wounds and a fractured pelvis. The other boys were dangerously hurt, but they were removed to a train to the Wells Memorial Hospital at New Brunswick. Each had several scalp wounds and one of the boys, Ralston Dunbar, sustained a fractured jaw. He was still in a semi-conscious state today. Laura's body was in a fractured skull, but no broken bones. The signs were that death had come to her almost instantly.

When Bertha Giles regained consciousness she asked for her sister and the Dunbar brothers. She was told that they were about 10 o'clock this morning she became so persistent in her inquiries it was thought best to tell her, as she was slowly drifting into a fever in her anxiety. When told her sister was dead, she exclaimed: "Mother be gone, now, I am not a doctor, but I am a mother." She cried bitterly for a time, but finally quieted down, and after that grew brighter and more cheerful. The doctors cut away a part of her hair about the injury, but she did not flinch under the operation, although conscious all the time. She says she knows nothing of the accident, but she remembers that her father, but nothing more until she came to.

The father of the girls, Nelson Giles, was not informed until this morning, and his fatal results until this morning. He broke down completely when he heard that his daughter had been killed. He is now seventy years old, and has several other children, some of whom are married. When he recovered sufficiently he was taken to his father-in-law, and there saw the body of his dead daughter. He then wanted to see Bertha, but he was excited that it was his best not to allow him to do so. Later in the day, after the girl knew of the death of her sister, and had been in a state of unconsciousness, the father was allowed to see her. He kept his promise to the doctors not to excite her. The Dunbar brothers lay half-conscious at the hospital all day. Both rallied after a couple of hours' treatment, but up to a late hour had not become anything like clear-headed. Their mother spent a long time at their bedside to-day, and although both appeared to know her, Nelson was not able to talk to her. Ralston was revived in the afternoon for a short time and did not remember his mother having been at the hospital. Dr. Donohue, who attends the boys, fears the effect of the accident on Ralston, but he is confident that Nelson will recover. In Ralston's case it is feared the blow which broke the bone caused concussion at the base of the brain.

Saloon Keepers' Sentences Suspended. By pleading insanity and paying the costs, \$30 in each case, twelve liquor dealers accused of violating the Sunday law, got a suspension of sentence from Judge Hudson in the Court of General Sessions, Jersey City, yesterday. The judge also suspended sentence in the case of George Mausmann, against whom two indictments had been found. Mausmann had a \$500 fine.

Pondered a Synagogue. Newark, N. J., Feb. 27.—The police were notified to-day that thieves had broken into the Prince Street Synagogue and stolen three silver candelabra, two robes and the contents of two poor boxes.

CRAZY FRENCH POSTERS. Strange fancies of strange, weird artists, whose diseased minds have contrived posters that have lately electrified Paris. The strangest, the latest, the craziest! In Sunday's Journal. Order now or you will miss it!

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CONTRACTS' PILOT SPOILED. BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET. Gathering of Eminent Jerseyites in the Elizabeth Opera House.

Four Mercer County Jail Prisoners Had Planned a Dash for Liberty.

One of the Sixteen Inmates of a Wing Betrayed the Conspiracy to a Keeper.

They Intended to Accomplish Their Escape During the Hour Allowed for Exercise in the Corridors—Manager the Leader.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 27.—The Board of Trade of Elizabeth gave its first banquet to-night in the Opera House. More than two hundred guests were present. On the stage were seated, at a handsomely decorated table, the president, Peter Eganoff, and the following gentlemen, most of whom were to respond to toasts: H. V. Isham, H. Campbell, of Newark; H. H. Isham, of New York; Hon. F. C. Marsh, Robert

Trouton, Feb. 27.—But for the exposure of a partially carried out jail breaking plot by one of those who would have benefited by its success, sixteen prisoners in the Mercer County Jail would probably now be at liberty. The plot was conceived by James McGrath, one of the prisoners. He was assisted in the attempt, so far as it was carried out, by James Matoney and Daniel Holdron, now awaiting sentence for the

burglary of a "Tusculum" store, and William Curtis, about to enter upon a two-years' term in State Prison for chicken stealing. The four who made the dash for liberty cut a hole in the ceiling of the jail, yesterday afternoon, during the absence of Deputy Jailer Naylor, and it was their plan to accomplish their escape by subsequently cutting another hole through the state roof, immediately over that made in the ceiling. This would have enabled them to reach the street by jumping from the top of the jail, which at this point is not over fifteen feet from the ground. The aperture in the ceiling was just above the landing surrounding the upper tier of cells, and was made while these four prisoners and the other twelve inmates of the wing were allowed the freedom of the corridor for purposes of exercise. After the opening in the roof had been made a fear of the return of Deputy Naylor caused a cessation of their work, and the four who were in the room covered over with a coat of whitewash, so as to correspond with the appearance of the remainder of the ceiling. It is quite probable that had the other prisoners of the plot to escape, the hole in the ceiling would have been made in the corridor, and the prisoners were permitted out of their cells for exercise, the escape would have taken place.

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