

RAILROAD WRECKS.

NARROW ESCAPE AT LANDISVILLE.

TWO TRAINS ATTEMPT TO PASS UPON ONE TRACK, WITHOUT SUCCESS.—The Engines TEELED UP, but NO ONE HURT.

The line of the Pennsylvania railroad from this city to Middletown is Landisville, is a simple one end. The fast passenger trains all ran that way and when two pass each other one of them turns out onto the sidings, of which there are a number. At 8 A.M. m. yesterday the second section of the Day express east and the Harrisburg express west—both fast trains—met at Landisville, where there is a siding a mile long, and a terrible collision ensued, resulting in the destruction of railroad property, though fortunately no person was injured.

There are two differing accounts of the cause of the accident. According to one of these the eastern bound train had orders to take the siding and allow the other to keep the main track; instead of taking it at the western end, the eastern bound train was run down the main track for the purpose of crossing at the eastern end. The Harrisburg express also kept the main track, and as there was a dense fog at the time nothing was known.

Another story is that the Day express took the siding at the west end and ran off at the other, as the engine on account of the fog did not know that he was so near to the switch. The Harrisburg express then came up and struck the engine.

Whatever may have been the immediate cause of the collision, fortunately neither train was running at a high rate of speed or the results would have been terrible. As it was both engines were demolished. Engine No. 925 attached to the Day express was the smaller of the two, and it was smashed to pieces. No. 645 was attached to the Harrisburg express, and although it was badly broken, it was removed to Philadelphia this morning. The other engine is yet at Landisville. As soon as the accident occurred the workers were sent to the scene, and the arrival were put to work at once. It was several hours before the track was cleared.

When the engines struck the engineers and firemen jumped and thus saved their lives. None of the cars on either train was even thrown from the track; and, although the passengers were badly shaken up, none was hurt. New engines were sent for to run the two trains through to their destinations.

Wreck at the Stock Yards.

About 11 o'clock last night the train driven by engine No. 766, which had several car loads of stock for the yards in the eastern end of the city, crossed over from the south track for the purpose of detaching the cars. Owing to a broken frog a loaded car jumped the track. The south track was blocked for about six hours, as all of the wreckers were at work at Landisville the work of clearing progressed slowly. All passenger trains crossed over and ran around so that they were not much affected.

Sun Another.

This morning a bad wreck occurred near Middletown. The engines of the News express, which leaves here at 6:25, and Columbia accommodation collided. Little has been learned as yet of the accident, but both engines were badly wrecked.

All of the men on the engines saved their lives by jumping. It appears that the red signal was down at the tower for the engineer of the news train, but as the glass was covered with frost it looked white.

THE POLICE COURT.

A bad Crowd of Christmas Tramps.

This morning the mayor had no less than thirty three cases before him. Of this party eighteen are tramps of the worst kind. This party was at the county almshouse yesterday, having gone there to remain over Christmas. They occupied the stone building, yesterday they obtained a whiskey in some manner and all got on a big drink. They began fighting and making a great noise and Superintendent McCrory sent to town for assistance. Officers Burns, Weidler, Lentz, Hartman and Morriker went out and secured the whole gang. They presented had appeared when called up by the mayor this morning and there were a number of big eyes and black heads in the crowd. They were sent to jail for terms ranging from 30 to 90 days.

Two other parties were sent to jail for short terms and the remainder, who were either vagrants or common drunks, were discharged.

The town was quiet during the whole of yesterday and the night before. There were a few little lights but none of a serious nature and the police did not have much trouble from town people.

ELECTRIC PHENOMENON.

A Solar Night in the Early Morning.

Between two and three o'clock Monday morning, remarkable phenomena were observed by the police, watchmen and a number of citizens who chanced to be awake. All around the city, especially towards the west and south, white rays of light shot upwards and curving towards the zenith, became dim and indistinct. All observers unite in describing it as the most beautiful display of the kind ever seen, and most of them ascribe it to the electric light. The light on Market street at the old Union house was particularly brilliant, and from the snow beneath it a line of light almost as bright and of the same width passed up through it hundreds of feet straight, and clearly defined against a dark sky. A fine hair was falling rapidly at the time and the flakes passing through the rays were visible at a great height and added much to the beauty of the scene. Several who saw these rays say that they all passed through the electric lights.

Damaged by Water.

George Farnesock, dry goods merchant, East King street, has met with quite a heavy loss by having his goods in one of his front windows damaged by water which leaked in the window through the top of the cornices.

To-morrow evening don't forget the First M. E. Sunday-school entertainment at the opera house.

Amusements.

Tony Denier's pantomime company will appear in the opera house. On this occasion only Joseph Sloan, a performer well known here, will be in the company. He has been with Mr. Denier, but has not been seen in this character for eight years. This being his first appearance in that time, he was considered one of the finest pantomimes by Mr. Denier and George L. Fox.

"A Bunch of Keys."—On Friday evening William Denier's pantomime entitled "A Bunch of Keys," will be played at the opera house, by a strong company, which is to be headed by Miss Flora Moore. This lady is a charming young comedienne and has always been very popular. The piece is very funny.

The Two Orphans.—This charming drama will be presented at the opera house on Saturday evening. Kate Claxton personates "Blind Louise" and the company supporting her is strong.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

The universal verdict, "The Hop Plaster is the best porous plaster ever made." Only 25 cents.

The surest preventive against Small Pox is Darby's Prophylactic Fluid. It destroys contagion.

For Large Pox, Sore or Ulcers, use SHAW'S POROUS PLASTER. Price, 25 cents. Sold by H. R. Cochran, 187 and 193 North Queen street, Lancaster, Pa.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

PHYSICIANS attest: "Golden's Liquid Beef is particularly useful in Diphtheria, Fever, and every depressing disease." 25¢-lyweow&w

TEIN WHAT HE KNOWS.—Best thing for burns I have ever tried. Heals up quickly. L. F. Follett, Marion, Ohio, speaks of "Journal of Education," Oct. 1883, H. B. Cochran, druggist, 187 and 193 North Queen street.

U. S. Surgeon Recommends.—Dr. J. M. G. Phoenix, a U. S. Ex-Surgeon, residing now at Bloomington, Ind., The Dr. writes, to say: "I recommend Romarian Nervous Soothing Syrup. It will relieve you of your pains when you take it three months time when the new house is completed. By order of the board." JOSEPH SAMSON, 25¢-lyweow&w

NOTICE.—THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING of the Lancaster Mercantile will be held at their hall on THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 27, at 8 o'clock. All the members are invited to be present. By order of the board. GEORGE PEPPER, secretary. 25¢-lyweow&w

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