

LIVE NEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

MAKE UP OF THE D. L. & W. BOARD FOR TODAY.

Important Work That Falls to the Lot of the Inspector of Cars—Railroad Companies Growing Timber to Cut Ties from—Compelled to Do This in Some Parts of the Country Owing to the Scarcity of Timber. The Age Limit on Railroads.

Following is the make-up of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western board for today:

- WILD CATS, SOUTH. 12.30 a. m.—O. Kearney. 12.30 a. m.—A. G. Hammett, with J. P. Stevens' men. 2 a. m.—P. Gilligan. 2.30 a. m.—T. McCarthy, with F. E. Seaton's men. 4 a. m.—J. McCue. 6 a. m.—P. J. O'Malley. 6.30 a. m.—M. G. Kelly. 8 a. m.—J. Glinley. 9 a. m.—W. H. Bartholomew. 10 a. m.—P. Hallett. 11 a. m.—C. Townsend. 1 p. m.—R. Bennett. 1 p. m.—James McLean. 2 p. m.—R. G. Murphy, with Wanda's men. 5 p. m.—P. Cavanaugh, with A. Polhan's men. 6 p. m.—O. Miller. STIMMITS. 6.30 a. m.—north—G. Froosfeller. 10.30 a. m.—north—McLaine, with Warwick's men. 1 p. m.—south—H. Bush. 5 p. m.—south—S. Flattery. PULLER. 10 a. m.—Peckins. PUSHERS. 6.30 a. m.—south—Homer. 11.30 a. m.—south—M. Moran. 7 p. m.—south—M. Murphy. 10.30 p. m.—south—F. Wall. PASSENGER ENGINES. 7 a. m.—Widener. 6.30 p. m.—McGovern. WILD CATS, NORTH. 5 a. m.—2 engines—C. Kingsley. 5 a. m.—2 engines—T. Fitzpatrick. 6 a. m.—2 engines—T. Murphy, with O. Randolph's men. 7 a. m.—2 engines—John Gaharan. 11 a. m.—2 engines—W. H. Nichols, with J. E. Maate's men. 4 p. m.—2 engines—G. Hill. 7 p. m.—2 engines—H. Costner.

Car Inspector's Work.

It is interesting to watch the trained car inspector examining a long freight train which has rolled along into the yards. He moves along the side of the car and notes all the wheels, brackets, bolsters, rods, etc. He uses a hammer, but has his eyes open for defects. He will stop suddenly, look carefully at a crack running, perhaps, from the flange to the center. Such a wheel is condemned at once and the car is shifted off until a new pair of wheels can be placed under it. If there be a flat spot on a wheel which measures more than two and a half inches across, that wheel must go too. Then there may be a sharp flange, and that must be looked after. A coupling may have faults, a brake rigging may have given, or any of all these things the inspector must take note of. He must be an honest man, as thousands of dollars worth of property and many lives might be lost in case of negligence. Box car doors he looks at carefully. They are dangerous things if they are loose. Many an engineer or fireman has met his death by having the cab strike a loose car door. It may be hanging in place in the yard, but when it reaches a point where a strong wind catches it out it goes, and a passing engine strikes it. In such cases there is a shower of splinters, a broken cab and it is lucky, indeed, if there is no one killed. Engineers have a dread of loose doors and are always glad when a freight train is past them when they are running at full speed. Another thing the inspector must watch is the hopper bottom dump car. If the fastenings get loose and let a load of ore down on the track while the train is in motion it means a bad wreck. Taking all things into consideration, the car inspector is a very important man in the railway service, and efficiency on his part comes only from long experience and careful training.

Will Grow Timber for Ties.

The increasing difficulty in obtaining suitable material for cross ties has induced the officials of the Big Four road to make the experiment of growing trees for this express purpose. A large tract of land between Brightwood and Ingham, Ind., belonging to the company, has been selected for the experiment. The company has selected catalpa as a tree affording the best class of timber, and which is of rapid growth, and a trainload of trees have been brought from Kansas for planting.

Age Limit on Railroads.

Within the past few years it has been the policy of many of the railroads to establish an age limit in the employment of new men. On most of the roads the limit has been fixed at forty and forty-five years. It is understood the object of limiting the age of employees is to prevent the service from being over-crowded with old men.

Recently an order was issued by the Pennsylvania railroad that after January 1, 1900, no new men will be employed in, other than the train, roadway or shop departments who are over thirty-five years of age.

The question naturally arises, what will be the effect of this order?

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FORESHADOWED BY DREAMS.

Disasters That Have Been Indicated During Sleep.

Strange and inexplicable as it may seem, it is an indisputable fact that dreams do foreshadow or denote disasters, and such cases are of much more frequent occurrence than is generally supposed.

An extraordinary instance was brought to light at an inquest held at Birmingham, England, four years ago, on the body of a girl who was found drowned in a canal near Spring Hill. In that town, she had been away from home on a visit to her aunt, and as she did not return her absence was reported to the police.

The night after hearing of the girl's disappearance the aunt dreamed that she was on the bank of the canal referred to, and that while passing along she tripped the water with her umbrella, on which the body of her niece at once rose to the surface. Next morning she visited the spot that had figured in the dream, and finding the police dragging another portion of the canal, she suggested that they should try the part she had dreamed of. This they at once did, with the startling result that the body was immediately brought to the surface.

The sensational Dreyfus affair was last year productive of a similar dream during M. Zola's presence in London. One night Miss Vigezotti, daughter of the well-known publisher, whose guest the famous French writer was at the time, dreamed that she was in the fortress that formed the prison of Henry, one of the notorious characters in the affair.

On the floor she saw a man lying in a pool of blood, the spectacle somewhat seeming to make her feel glad. Next morning she related her dream to her father's guest, and a short time afterwards newspapers were brought in announcing the suicide of Henry. It then transpired that while the lady was dreaming of it the rash act was actually being committed.

Not long since there was a fatal shaft accident at a colliery at Grisle, Derbyshire, England. It happened on a Monday, and the night before a collier employed in the pit where the disaster occurred had a dream. In this he was horrified to see the cage in which the miners descend to their work dash down from the top to the bottom, killing all the men.

The dream made him feel quite ill, and, waking his wife, he related it to her. She persuaded him not to go to his work in the morning, and very fortunately, too, for an accident did happen, and to the very cage by which he would have gone down the shaft.

There was a less satisfactory sequel to a somewhat similar dream which came to light at the inquest on the three men killed a short time ago by a fall of stone in the Kellow pit. One of the victims, named Davison, lived with his mother, who the night before the accident dreamed that she saw her son brought home lifeless. She implored him not to go to work next day, but he lightly replied that if he had to be killed, it might as well be that day as any other. And that day it was, as foreshadowed in his widowed mother's dream.

Between four and five years ago a Benhar miner, of the name of McFarlane, disappeared from his home, all efforts to trace him proving fruitless. A day or two afterwards a brother-in-law of the missing man fell asleep and dreamed that he saw his lost relative at a certain part of the Almond Water, several miles away.

On learning this the searchers proceeded to the spot and soon found footprints in the snow, following which they came upon the body of the man standing upright in the water, which was frozen all round him. The dream that denoted this disaster caused quite a sensation in the neighborhood.

Imagine a woman dreaming that she was going to be murdered, and the manner in which the foul deed was to be done! Such was the experience of Mrs. Eggleston, of Antelope Valley, Mono county, California, whose dream was fulfilled to the letter a few days later.

A week or so before the event took place she told several neighbors she had dreamed that, as she was about to open the oven door in her kitchen one morning, a man named Watkins suddenly appeared with a knife in his hand and stabbed her several times.

The neighbors were rather perturbed at this, and when the poor woman was found dead in her house, wounded in the manner indicated, a short time afterwards, her dream was brought back vividly to their minds. The man who had figured in it as the assassin was at once apprehended and his name was proved up to the hilt.

A case arose too, out of the recent holiday season. A young man, resident of King's Lynn, was drowned while bathing at Scarborough, when he was spending his vacation. Two or three nights before his sister at home had a dream in which she saw him drowning, and so real did it seem that she woke up with loud cries. It affected her so much that next day she wrote to her brother entreating him to exercise the greatest care.

"You need not tell me—I know he is drowned!" was the remark with which she astonished her notice when they went to apprise her of the sad occurrence.

Some eighteen months since news reached New York of a terrible dynamite explosion which had taken place in the Coney mine, near Skylesmish, a case arose too, out of whom was named Robinson. At the time of the accident the latter's young wife was asleep in bed at the house of her parents at Renton, several miles away. Just at the moment that took place she had a very realistic dream, in which her husband was killed in an explosion at the mine.

Awakening in great agitation, she aroused her mother and related what she had seen in her sleep. The old lady essayed to reassure her, but nothing would convince her that her husband had not been killed, and in the midst of her lamentations a messenger arrived to apprise her of the accident.

Last year an engine driver, named Edward Jones, fell off his locomotive at Wrexham, England, and was killed. It was disclosed at the inquest on his body that the night before the accident the unfortunate man's wife dreamed that this event had taken place. To ease her mind she got up and went to the works to ascertain whether he was safe. She found him all right, but shortly after his husband had returned home the accident took place and her strange dream was fulfilled.

A similar experience recently befell the wife of a Leeds cab proprietor. Among her friends was an old lady of sixty of the name of Higgins, and a few nights ago she paid her a visit and dreamed that her friend was dead. This induced her to take the first opportunity of seeing the old lady again, and next morning she proceeded to the house in which her friend resided alone. Getting no response to her repeated knocks, she summoned one of the old lady's relatives, who, with a doctor and a policeman, forced the door and found the aged occupant dead in her bedroom.

A remarkable instance of a dream that denoted disaster occurred in Paris in connection with the death of a well known English gentleman jockey, who was killed there by a fall from his horse. According to his own testimony, a confidential friend of the unfortunate man was troubled with a very disquieting dream the night before the accident took place. In it he saw a horseman wearing a cherry-red coat, which was his friend's particular color, crushed to death by a fall.

Much impressed by this singular occurrence he mentioned his dream to several acquaintances next morning, but not one of them would regard it in at all a serious light. Before long, however, it had been fulfilled to the letter, and the skeptics changed their views. All the foregoing instances are strictly authentic, and conclusively show that there are some things dreamed of in our beds which cannot yet be accounted for by our philosophy.

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The Right Word. Mrs. Wickwire—Our washerwoman always talks about "wrenching" the clothes, instead of rinsing them. Mr. Wickwire—Maybe she says what she means. She has wrenched all the button-holes out of half my shirts.—Indianapolis Journal.

Clocks of Bygone Days. From the New York Herald. In the town of Schramberg, in the Black Forest district of Wurtemberg, Germany, where one of the chief industries is that of clock making, there has recently been established an interesting museum of timepieces. The collection displays the gradual development in the making of clocks for many centuries.

Among the curiosities are many of great historical value. There is an alarm clock constructed in the year 1850 for the use of travelers. In form it resembles a lantern, and the interior is designed to hold a lighted candle. The candle is slowly pushed upward by a spring, which also controls the mechanism of the clock. A little pair of gears at the top of the candle automatically every minute to regulate its light. The lantern is inclosed within movable slides, so that the sleeper is

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