

**A Miner's Romance.**

At Amherst College, in the class of '53, there were two chums, who had stuck together ever since they had first entered college. They were fast friends and no trouble had ever disturbed their friendship.

One was the son of rich parents and the other of a country minister. When they graduated, the rich man's son went into business with his father in New York and took his friend with him as an employee. Things went smoothly for some time, when that common accident of life happened—they both fell in love with the same girl. The fight in the heart of the employee was long and bitter, but contrasting his position with that of his friend, the difference in the advantages he could offer the woman, he yielded, and with scarce a word of parting, with none of explanation, he left New York and went West. A year afterwards found him in San Francisco, and he soon joined the gold diggers. His fortune was varied—at times rich, at times poor. Afterward in Nevada he followed silver mining, and when the silver craze struck Leadville he went there. There he was successful, and this spring, a rich man, he determined to return East for the first time in twenty-four years. Yesterday, as he got off the southwestern train at Wilton, Iowa, and went to get on the main line train, which was to carry him to Chicago, a lady who was trying to turn a seat attracted his attention. Stepping forward to help her, he first looked with wonder, then, joy, to see that it was the woman he had run away from so long ago, a woman now past forty, but handsome yet. He talked to her timidly at first, and uncertain. When he learned that she was yet unmarried his questions came faster yet, and her present condition was soon known to him. Her parents had died, and depending on her own exertions for support, she had taught school, and at present was principal of a school in Western Iowa. The old love still lived in the miner's heart, and he soon found that he had not been entirely forgotten by her. To make a long story short, it was a very happy-looking couple who got off the train here last night, looking for a minister, and a still happier one which registered at the Sherman as Mr. and Mrs. Shearburn, Leadville, Colorado.—*Washington Post.*

**The Worst Railroad Accident on Record.**

CITY OF MEXICO, June 27.—The following additional facts are learned touching the accident on the Morelos Railway. A temporary bridge over a chasm near Malpais, on the recently-opened Morelos Railway, was washed away, and a train carrying the Third battalion of Infantry plunged down the abyss. For some time past the district where it occurred has been swept by fierce storms, swelling the creek into torrents and laying waste many fertile fields. The bridge spanning the river at the point mentioned, although known to be unsafe, was still in use when the fated train bearing a battalion of soldiers attempted its passage. The result was a crash as the undermined supports gave way, and the engine and cars were hurled headlong down the chasm. In the freight vans, comprising a portion of the train was a consignment of alcohol. This took fire, and the consequent explosion contributed much to the loss of life. The few who escaped uninjured at once applied themselves to the rescue of their unfortunate comrades, but it was some hours before the exact extent of the disaster became apparent. It is now known that thirteen officers and one hundred and ninety-two privates were either killed outright by the fall or roasted to death, while fifty others sustained hurts of more or less serious character. The train was entirely consumed.

The latest accounts of the disaster on the Morelos Railroad report that 17 officers and 197 privates were killed. This list does not include the railroad officials and employes or the women and children of the soldiers, many of whom were on the train. Only sixty persons in all were saved alive, and of those forty are more or less injured.

**A Maniac's Terrible Deed.**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—The steamer Newbern brings the crew of the schooner Eastree from Mazatlan and the particulars of the killing of her Captain and the firing of the vessel by a maniac cook. The cook, who had showed signs of insanity, suddenly stabbed the Captain as he entered the cabin; he then ran into the closet where the axes were kept. The crew closed the cabin doors. The cook continued walking about the cabin for several hours and threatened to fire the vessel. The crew got out the boats and soon after smoke began arising from the cabin and the crew left hastily, as the vessel had twenty three hundred kegs of powder on board. Soon afterward she blew up, the maniac perishing in the explosion. The crew reached Mazatlan, after a pull of sixty miles, in a heavy sea.

Perhaps we may not go to the dogs to learn the lesson of religious truth, but when the dog has any devotional habits he follows them with such persistent regularity as to be an example to human beings. Instance the case of a British poodle belonging to a gentleman who lives near

quint old Chester. This animal is in the habit of not only going to church, but remaining quietly in the pew during service, whether his master is there or not. On Sunday the dam at the head of the lake in that neighborhood gave way, so that the whole road was inundated. The congregation, in consequence, consisted of a few who came from some cottages close by, but nobody attended from the house of the dog. The clergyman stated that while reading the Psalms he saw his friend, the poodle, come slowly up the aisle, dripping with wet, having swam about a quarter of a mile to get to church. He went as usual, into the pew and remained to the end of the service.

A dispatch from Tucson, Arizona, says: "L. Z. Eckenrofer's powder house, containing two car loads of English gun cotton and tonite powder, exploded at eleven P. M. on Tuesday. All the windows in the city were broken, doors were burst in and crockery stocks demolished.—The concussion broke a lamp in the residence of M. Kantz, setting fire to the house and badly burning several of the inmates. The county hospital was ruined, but none of the patients were injured.—The total loss is about \$100,000."

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