NEWS OF THE WEST.

Death of a Child From Playing With a Watch.

RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

Orange Shipments—Horses to Death—A Fatal Shot—Passenger Train's Narrow Escape.

A minor named Chas. Habbell was found dead Friday on the rail between Delta, Cal., and the cabin of the deceased. He was a native of Massachusetts, aged 47 years. No foul play is suspected.

Oscar Berryhand, a laborer, returned to his home in Tacoma, Wash., at 5 o'clock Saturday morning, lighted a lamp and dropped it. He picked it up and attempted to wrap it in the carpeting, but instead set the bed on fire. He was thrown from his waist to his neck so that the flesh or peel off. His injuries were fatal.

The orange shipment from southern California will cease in about ten days. Thus far 4,709 carloads of oranges have gone to market, and it is believed there are about 250 more carloads of navel oranges and 300 cars of other varieties. The crop was variously estimated last December from 7,000 to 8,000 carloads, so it will be seen that the estimates were from 500 to 1,000 carloads too high.

A man named Patrick Herlihy, one of the section hands on the railroad at Yuba City, Cal., was run over and killed by the up train Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. As the train was passing through town the engineer saw the man standing on the track some distance ahead, and whistled to alarm him. The man did not move, and the locomotive struck him, throwing him some distance, mangling his head, arms and legs. The remains were identified as those of Herlihy, who had been on a protracted spree.

Dolores Kunzson, the five-year-old daughter of a longshoreman at Port Los Angeles, Cal., met with a distressing death in Santa Monica canyon Saturday. The little girl, with a number of other children, was amusing herself by laying parlor matches on stones and crushing them with another stone. One of the lighted pieces of brimstone flew on the child's dress and set it afire. The little one ran toward the house screaming frantically. The air current fanned the blaze, and soon the unfortunate little girl was wrapped in flame from head to foot. The screams of the terror stricken children brought older people to the rescue, but it was too late for little Dolores. She was burned to a crisp before the fire was extinguished. The child lingered in great agony a few hours, until death relieved her sufferings.

Joseph Harner, aged 34 years, was accidentally shot in the right eye Saturday night, by Tessie Neuberger, a nine-year-old girl. In the afternoon Herlihy received a watch from a party who requested him to repair a parlor rifle, which he handed him. Herlihy examined the weapon, and finding the trigger would not work, promised to fix it. Shortly after 8 o'clock Herlihy started to repair the rifle. While he was interrupted by Tessie Neuberger, who lives in the house. With sudden innocence she seized the weapon and asked Herlihy to "play soldier." After marching around the room for some time Herlihy, who did not know that the rifle was loaded, invited the girl to "take a shot" at him. Relying the weapon to her shoulder she pulled the trigger, the bullet entering Herlihy's right eye and lodging in the brain. Realizing what was had done, the frightened child ran to her mother and informed her of the occurrence. The latter at once visited Herlihy's room and found the unfortunate lying on the floor in a semi-conscious condition. Seeing he was dangerously wounded Mrs. Neuberger summoned a police officer. A doctor was also called, and pronounced the wound fatal.

A terrible collision was narrowly averted Saturday afternoon by the timely action of Engineer Coons, in charge of the west bound Atlantic and Pacific passenger train No. 3, due at Mojave, Cal., at 4 p. m. that day. If the train had been one minute behind late! trouble could not have been avoided. As it is the engine is badly wrecked and one coal car, which was the cause of the wreck, lies in a heap near a sidetrack. Fortunately no one was hurt beyond a serious shaking up. A gang of men were unloading coal from a car in the Mojave yards. The car when partially unloaded was being jerked to the chute and in some manner the brakeman broke. A few seconds and the car was under a speed which the men were powerless to check. Out over the tracks and on the Atlantic and Pacific main like sped the car. It is a heavy down grade eastward and the car gained speed every turn of the wheel, and in twenty-five minutes would meet the passenger train, which had on a larger number of passengers than usual on account of transfers from the limited train. The passenger train was on time and had just emerged from around a hill when the engineer saw the wild car, whose speed was fifty miles an hour. He reversed his engine, darted his train backward and began to make some speed when the crash came. The collision came near Rogers, twenty miles east of Mojave, at 5:15 p. m., the car traveling the distance in twenty-six minutes. The train was delayed two hours and a half.

SOME QUEER CUSTOMS.

Mining Camp Housewashing and Very Ancient Tenderloin.

An old camper not once related to a horrified housekeeper his experience of dishwashing in a miners' camp. It did not take much time, though the company was numerous and the utensils in the kitchen were in constant use. The reason why it took but little time is sufficiently indicated by the statement that the cook pot was not allowed time to become so small he could hold a pudding of reasonable size. They scorefully gave it a hammer and knocked off the hardened accretions from its interior till it was restored nearly enough to its original capacity to render further service.

On Tory Island, an out of the way bit of an Irish isle, and indeed in a large degree throughout Donegal, the natives are not much more dainty in their ideas and their habit of letting the offensive remain indefinitely in their temples has disastrous consequences.

"Every day and all day long," says a recent writer, "the people are sitting in the embers of the hearth, and at each successive home from sea is thrown in, but the old is never thrown out until the pot is cracked." The result is an internal and excessive rate of insanity. Little wonder, when a Tory island boy who was questioned as to his usual meals, could reply:

"Stirabout for breakfast and tay for dinner, tay at noonin, at tayrtime and stirabout for supper, while we have tay for breakfast instead and stirabout for our dinner, and then another cup of tay before bedtime."

However, this diet injurious as it is to the nerves, does not seem to affect the muscles. The Tory islanders are a robust and vigorous race, the men averaging 6 feet in height and the women proportionately tall and strong. The women indeed have most of all their physical strength, since it is they who do the bulk of the outdoor work, while the men stay at home and spin and weave.

"At Anagry Strand on a Sunday morning," says the same observer, "one may witness a strange sight. At low tide more than a mile of tentstreet is spread by washing across a narrow bay. The men include in their country wardrobe shoes and stockings. The women, for modesty and custom, wear 'merryments'—footless stockings, with a loop passing over the foot. Each good wife takes her good man upon her shoulders, and the horses are conveyed across dry shod."—Youth's Companion.

Houses of Brick.

The first bricks made in this country for building purposes were manufactured by colonists in Virginia in 1611. They were used in the construction of a church edifice at Jamestown and the residence of the governor of the state. A part of the Jamestown church is still standing, and the bricks are in a good state of preservation, showing that the colonists believed in making articles to resist wear by exposure to all kinds of weather.—Boston Budget.

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