

**NO EXCUSE SAYS MAJ. EARLE.**

**Result of His Examination of the Wreck of Ogden Train.**

Railroad Commissioner Jno. H. Earle, who has made a personal investigation into the wreck of the Ogden special at Greenville last Saturday gives the following statement to the Greenville News:

"There is absolutely none that I can see. After interviewing thirty two people who were in the wreck, I am informed that the special in charge of Engineer Hunter, of the Savannah division, turned the curve at the Poe mill at from forty to fifty miles an hour, and that Mr. Ogden had requested Mr. McCoy, the special representative of the Pennsylvania Railroad, to request the engineer not to run the train at such fast speed, as there was no necessity of arriving at Greenville at such an early hour, and meeting the Greenville committee before his party was ready to receive them. The testimony is to the effect that the train was running at this rate of speed and was in the yard limits. From the uncontradicted testimony of all persons I interviewed, the freight train was on the main line and, as far as I can ascertain, the crew of the freight did not know that the special was to come in at this time. This wreck occurred at 7:55 a. m. and the Ogden special was 45 minutes late. I immediately saw the train dispatcher at Greenville, who informed me that this train should have been dispatched from Charlotte, that Mr. McFaus-soux, who is the night yard master, was just off duty and that John Riser, Jr., had charge of the yard at this time, and it was impossible while I was there to ascertain if Mr. Riser knew of this special. I immediately called on Mr. Robert C. Ogden and asked him if there was anything special he desired the railroad commission to do and receiving very little intelligence from him, I saw Mr. R. M. Ogden, his secretary, who only desired that the matter be investigated, saying that his train had a through schedule and that the freight had no business on the main line.

"After interviewing the numerous Pullman car conductors, cooks and porters, I could learn nothing more than that the wreck was caused by the special running into the rear end of the freight train, and from the local officials could learn nothing more. After interviewing Mr. McManus I learned that this train was running at a high rate of speed, in charge of a conductor and engineer of his division, but it seems from the testimony that this engineer should have been familiar with the right of way.

"I immediately, after viewing the wreck, telegraphed the other railroad commissioners to come here and assist me in the investigation, and found that these telegrams were not dispatched by the Western Union office until 1.43 today. I then called up the office over the telephone and requested the other commissioners to come by special train, so that they might be here before important wit-

nesses left for the North. The commission will make a thorough investigation and will begin at once."

**A Matrimonial Experience.**

A tall, fine-looking colored woman stood in the doorway inquiring for the doctor, says a writer in Lip-pincott's. I sent her to the cook's cabin to await him. Shortly after passing Aunt Nellie's, the cook's door, I saw the two sitting amicably together, eating sweet potatoes and smoking pipes.

Repassing, I found Aunt Nelly speeding the parting guest:

"Good-by, Mandy, Give Jimmy 'gards and bring him next time you come."

Then, turning to me as Amanda crossed the yard, she said:

"Does you know, Miss Alice, who dat is jest gone out yere?"

"Dat's my husband's wife."

"Your husband's wife?" I gasped.

"Yes, ma'am. Me and Jim was married a long time, an' we lib happy and the two childrens was big, when Jim got religon, and after dat, I 'clare to you it's de trouf, I neber hab one more day's peace wid dat man. He neber do no mo' cussing nor slinging t'ings about, but he everlastin' groan like his liber was out of j'int, and nothing didn't seem to suit him. I says to him, 'if you jist lay aside your feelin's an' dance a real good break-down, you'll feel better,' but he 'lowed I was in the bonds of 'niquity—whateber dat is. You see, Jim's religion struck him powerful hard. It doesn't offen come as bad as dat. Well, I stood him long as I could, t'inking it would kind o' wear off, but when dar wasn't no peace winter nor summer, I tole him to saddle up de hoss and we would go down to Boggy Depot and get un-j'ined. Der's a man down dere wid legal permission from the gove'ment to unjine folks dat's put up together wrong. We come home full of peace. Den after a suitable time of mourning he sets up to Mandy, an' I do say for it dat, she makes him a fust-class wife. 'Ca'se when she married, his spells had kind a-wore off an' he was taking his religion mo' easy."

Much amused, I said, "Did you ever marry again?"

"Me? Law! Miss Alice, no. Dey talk 'bout sperience at camp meeting, but 'taint nothin' to the sperience of marrying. Co'se I's had offers—ain't I de bes' cook in de settlemint?"

**Lodge's Grim Humor.**

Senator Lodge's sense of humor is a grim one, at least so avers a certain committee clerk in the Senate, says the New York Times.

One afternoon early in the present session there were a number of clerks engaged in a room just off that of the senior Senator from Massachusetts.

All at once they were aware of the sudden appearance of the Senator. His brows were wrinkled into the sternest of frowns.

"Who is it," demanded he in a peremptory tone, "that is smoking that cigarette?"

Whereupon the guilty man immediately began to apologize and threw

away his half smoke.

"Oh, it's you" said the Senator with a half smile; "then I'll thank you to hand me one; there isn't a single cigarette in my room."

**A Pertinent Query.**

Rev. Henry C. McCook, pastor emeritus of one of the oldest and most fashionable churches in Philadelphia, tells of a Scotchman who left the Presbyterian church and became an independent, says Harper's Weekly. The deserter was taken to task by the Presbyterian minister, "I'm sorry to find that you have changed your religious inclinations. A rolling stone gathers no moss, Sandy."

"Ay, minister, I ken," responded Sandy, "but canna ye tell me what guid th' moss is to the stane?"

**Reflections of a Bachelor.**

New York Press.

A woman always tries to figure out from the way the envelope is addressed whether the letter contains good or bad news.

One of the relaxations of home, after you have worked down town all day, is to try to solve the servant problem with your family.

It's dangerous not to notice a new dress your wife has, because she thinks you are not interested, and it's dangrous to notice because it may be a new one you forgot to notice before.

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**Full of Tragic Meaning**

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