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J. R. PALMER WRITES FOR D. T. & I. NEWS

Tells of Experience of Early Days on Railroad.

In the March issue of the D. T. & I. Railroad News there appeared a very interesting article written by J. R. Palmer of Jackson entitled "Tale of Old Railroading Days Recounts Summit Hill Episode." Mr. Palmer is now yard conductor for the D. T. & I. and is the oldest conductor in the yard. He has been with the D. T. & I. for nearly forty-five years, having begun his work on the railroad in 1879. The following is a copy of the article:

Years ago when the old Springfield Jackson and Pomeroy Railroad changed its track from narrow gauge to standard width, a freight train with twenty cars pulled out of Jackson. A small engine, No. 7, was used because it was the only one that could make the many short curves over Summit Hill. The plan was to run the train to Waverly and then double from that point to Summit.

At the time of this particular trip, a dance was in progress at Waverly. The engineer and conductor decided that they would like to attend the affair, and proposed that the brakeman, the fireman and I should take the first cut. We agreed.

Everything was satisfactory until we passed "send-off trestle," where we ran into a pile of ties in a cattle guard. This obstruction presumably was left in the path of the engine by some angry farmer trying to avenge himself against the road, which was not paying any stock claims in those days. The bump put out all the lights as the engine jumped stiff-legged for a hundred feet, but she stuck to the track and no great damage was done.

Summit was reached after due time, and we returned to Waverly for the second cut. There the rest of the crew were picked up, somewhat nervous. We were "all in," and gladly accepted the conductor's offer when he said, "Now, boys, hit the hay, and I'll watch 'em."

Everything would have been very well, except for the fact that the conductor fell asleep, too! Then things began to happen. Near Denver the pin worked out between the engine and the first car. The seven spot shot ahead and the rest of the train moved rapidly down the hill.

As soon as possible, the fireman reversed and pursued the truant cars. The engine whistle shrieked, but to no avail. The farther the cars went, the faster they moved. Only once did the engine get near the cars, which darted out of sight around a curve a little later. The engine crew backed down slowly, expecting to find the cars piled up in a big heap. Luck was with us, however, and we came to a stop on the bridge across the Scioto River. We were still fast asleep. After a few remarks we continued the trip and successfully got over the hill to Summit.

The first cut of cars was picked up and we proceeded toward Bainbridge. On the downhill grade the cars were kept carefully under control, but at "little horseshoe" curve the brakes were set free to allow the engineer to get a running start for the next incline. We slipped through Storms at a fast clip, and were listening for the engineer to "open up," but we heard no sound.

Soon we came to a slow, natural stop. Walking to the engine, we discovered both the engineer and fireman sound asleep! The engine was full of water and had only a handful of fire. This time we awakened them. After the fire was rebuilt with fence rails, and some surplus water blown off, we backed up to gain another running start to carry us over Dills.

mon pleas court was affirmed.

Death of Wm. Howard

William Howard, aged 75 years, died at his home on Mill street last Thursday evening. He is survived by his widow and two sons, John and Lee of Jackson. The funeral service was held at the residence at two o'clock Sunday afternoon with Rev. E. B. White in charge and the burial made in Fairmount cemetery.

Lloyd E. Sears has been employed by the Jackson Board of Education to fill the vacancy in the grade schools of Jackson. Mr. Sears has been teaching for the last two years at Cove. He is a veteran of the World War and received his education at Ohio University.

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NOTICE F. O. E.

You are requested to meet at the F. O. E. hall Sunday morning at 9 o'clock sharp. From there we will go to the cemetery to decorate the graves of our departed Brothers. BRING FLOWERS. Committee.

NOTICE

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the Methodist Church Wednesday, June 18, at 2 o'clock.

REV. J. W. WILLIS DIES

Rev. J. W. Willis died at his home in Junction City Ohio last Saturday. He was 75 years of age and has been in the ministry of the United Brethren Church for nearly fifty years. He was pastor of the Jackson U. B. Church from 1900 to 1905. Mrs. J. W. Martin of this city is a daughter. The funeral and burial was held Tuesday at Junction City.

MRS. SAMSON WYANT DIES

The funeral of Mrs. Samson Wyant aged 57 years was held last Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the residence in Diamond with Rev. E. B. White officiating. The burial was made in Fairmount in charge of Wood & Steen.

MRS. MAYME ROGERS ANNOUNCES FOR SECOND TERM

DEATH OF MARY DAVIS

Mrs. A. J. Davis died at her home in Lima May 31st, aged 64 years. She is a daughter of the late Jacob Brown of Antioch near Jackson. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frank Goddard, of Wellston, Mrs. W. H. Miller of Lima and by two sons, George and Homer Davis of Lima.

The funeral and burial was held last Wednesday in Lima.

Among those from this county who attended the funeral were Mrs. Harrison Schellenger, Mrs. Harvey Brown, W. P. Brown, Mrs. Effie Norris and Mrs. Frank Goddard.

PYTHIAN SISTERS ELECT OFFICERS

The Victor Temple, Pythian Sisters elected the following officers at their meeting on June 3rd:

M. E. C.—Mrs. Dan Rankin.

E. S.—Miss May Steele.

E. J.—Mrs. Irons.

Manager—Mrs. W. J. Davis.

M. of R. C.—Mrs. J. W. Roberts.

M. of F.—Mrs. John Jordan.

Protector—Mrs. Ed. Brown.

Guard—Mrs. J. E. McGhee.

DIED IN COLUMBUS

Infirmities of age caused the death Thursday of Mrs. Sarah Edwards, 85 widow of Edward B. Edwards, at her home of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Bellamy, 95 Midland Ave. Following short services at 7:30 tonight at the home of Mrs. Bellamy, the body will be taken to Thurman, former home of Mrs. Edwards, for funeral and burial. Also surviving are five sons, Elmer and John of Columbus, Charles and David of Ironton, and Edward of Newark.—[State Journal]