

incoming engine was thrown into the air and landed in front of the locomotive, leaving the two front trucks on top of a box car. The engine of No. 8221 was totally disabled, the boiler being torn loose from the trucks and toppled over to one side of the track, completely enveloped in a cloud of escaping steam, while the remaining portion was left a twisted mass of iron and beams.

A wrecking crew from Jackson was despatched as quickly as possible and arrived here about six o'clock. They immediately began their attack on the pile of junk that had once been engine and cars. When the trains collided they struck with such force that the wreckage was piled high and driven together in a solid mass for several rods along the track. Timbers were thrown as high as 50 feet in the air while a car of wheat and two cars of coal were spread in scattered masses along the road-bed. The task of the crew looked like a big undertaking to one not accustomed to the work, but they did not seem to be at all staggered by it. One gang was set to work carrying away the lumber and piling it beyond the track where it would be out of the way of the balance of the wreckage and ready to load on cars. Others of the auxiliary train worked with the derricks. The smaller pieces of machinery were pulled out such as could be handled by hand and the hooks of the big crane were attached to the larger pieces. Sets of trucks were lifted bodily and carried across the tracks while the monstrous engine was raised from its over-turned position and together with the remain-

der of the wreckage removed to the company's shops at Jackson.

The scene of the accident attracted a large crowd, many coming over on the evening train from outside places to view the wreckage and souvenir hunters were noticeably active while others contented themselves by remaining until long after midnight watching the operations of the auxiliary crew. Service was not impaired, all incoming and outgoing trains running on schedule time. The next day passengers looking from the windows of incoming trains for the site of the wreck saw only a few marks at the sides of the roadbed that marked the spot where the day before had been such a picture of havoc.

Lute Rolf has returned from New York where he has been since February.

Harry Kelly of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Wm. Ferris.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Reed of Nashville, called on Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Neal Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sprague visited at Homer Bale's in Fennville and in Grand Rapids last week.

Miss Ruth Stevens and Miss Parker of Durand spent Sunday here visiting her sisters, the Misses Stevens.

Mrs. M. B. Warren of Hoffman, Minn., spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Alsover came over from Charlotte Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Alsover.

Miss Grace Haynes is spending her vacation with her parents in Lodi, Ohio, and with her sister in Cleveland.

Freddie Lentz, accompanied by Dr. McEachran, went to Detroit Monday to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. M. E. Smith of Detroit, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. P. A. Sprague, expects to return home this week.

Mrs. S. E. Canaan of DeKalb Junction, N. Y., is visiting her mother and sister, Mrs. A. C. Pope, and Miss Antoinette.

Mrs. W. G. Wright and children returned to Hastings Saturday after a week's visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Will Sprague.

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Davis spent Sunday in Otsego. Dr. Davis returned Monday but she remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. F. S. Loomis and daughter Florence of San Diego, Cal., are guests of Mrs. S. Loomis at the home of Mrs. Kate Fox the first of the week going to Chicago Tuesday.

Vern Hiar, accompanied by Dr. McLaughlin, went to Detroit Monday, where he expects to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Ethelyn Kidder has gone to Grand Rapids where she has accepted a position as cashier in the Young & Chaffee furniture store.

Fred Evans and Miss Agnes Ambrose of Battle Creek were from Thursday to Monday guests at the home of Frank Ambrose.

H. H. Gurffs of Wheaton, Ill., editor of DuPage County News, spent Sunday and Monday here with his wife and daughter Evelyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells went to Saginaw Tuesday to attend the grand lodge of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Wells represents the lodge here.

Mr. Connant, son John and Fred Baker drove to Battle Creek Friday, returning Sunday. Fred says his horse saw one street car, and that was enough.

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Fred Lentz is expected home this week from Detroit where he underwent an operation for appendicitis in Harper's hospital last week.

Vern Hiar underwent an operation for oppendicitis at St. Mary's hospital in Detroit Friday and is getting along nicely.

Beginning with last Monday nearly all the stores close at six o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Make your purchase early on those days.

Prof. E. E. Crampton was in Charlotte on Tuesday.

Harley Lewis went to Lansing Tuesday on business.

Andrew Eitel was in Charlotte Tuesday on business.

E. D. Barber was at the county seat on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hickey were in Grand Rapids Tuesday.