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We wish to notify our subscribers that we intend to issue a new directory next month, and in order that there may be no errors in it we ask their co-operation. All those whose names or addresses are not correct in the present directory or who wish any changes made, kindly notify us. All notifications must be in by the 10th of May.

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Once upon a time if any man had asked me if two locomotives rushing toward one another head on and with no human agency between could avoid a collision I would have replied, "Not by any earthly power." Since I have had my fling at railroading as a Grand Trunk brakeman in Canada, however, I do not feel so cocksure about impossibilities. I venture to say that any man who passed through that affair at Sandy curve, in western Ontario, finding himself as suddenly rescued as he was suddenly in peril, would not be too glib in future regarding what can and what cannot happen.

On one section of my run lay what was probably one of the most dangerous curves on any railroad route in America outside the Rocky mountains. They called it by many names—Sandy curve, the Horseshoe, the Devil's elbow and the Switchback—but of all descriptions none fitted it so well as the Horseshoe, for the track formed exactly that shape. In order to save the cost of a tunnel the construction engineers had taken the road around the head of a mountainous cliff that jutted out into the lake and then back 100 yards to the mainland. Between the points of the curve loomed an ugly wall of granite 300 feet in height, a barrier absolutely impenetrable to light and sound. The curved roadbeds forming the two sides of this curious piece of pioneer construction had their point of contact, of course, at the top of the shoe, beneath which lay the glistening waters of the lake. The Horseshoe curve was notorious for a long series of nasty accidents.

It was the 7th of November and miserably dark and foggy. Five miles from the curve I was passing across an open platform between two coaches when I heard our whistle shrieking in the forest of spruces and those ugly galleries of granite the sound echoed and throbbled until it fell to a murmur. At that moment it seemed to me that I caught the blare of another whistle, a trifle louder than our last echo. A shudder ran down my spine and I leaned far out on the steps, but nothing could be seen, and the sound was not repeated. I mentioned the incident to the conductor, but he only laughed at me. That did not make me forget the blast I had heard sifting out of the spruce trees, and I knew in my heart that it did not come from our locomotive.

To keep my mind off my fears I went forward to the baggage car and chatted with the "newsy." Then I fell asleep on a bench.

"Crunch, click!" and then a final series of crunches.

I knew that meant the air brakes, and jumped on to the limit. In an instant I was up and, grabbing my lantern, tumbled through the door after the news agent. The long train was swinging far out on the Horseshoe curve. The lurching and grinding of the brakes were like the torture of a nightmare. With a last painful getting of the buffers the train came to a standstill. Passengers, conductor and train crew were coming forward in great alarm, but before we could reach the locomotive the engineer loomed out of the darkness, his face glowing with a fearful excitement. "Did you see?" he cried vaguely and I never saw a railroad man more overcome. "Look yonder!"

We all stared where he pointed. Above the dismal lake, about a hundred yards from shore, there hung suspended a ball of brilliant, snow white fire as if the moon had lost her bearings and had tumbled toward the earth. We were deathly silent at the sight. No one volunteered an explanation.

"Don't you understand?" yelled the engineer. "Don't you people understand? There is a train on the cross side of the Horseshoe, and it was coming up to meet us at twenty miles an hour. We missed each other by an act of God!"

Then I saw what he meant. That strange ball of light suspended out there in the darkness was the focus of the two headlights, and both engineers had seen it in the nick of time.

We stood there like statues. I know my heart was beating like a hammer, and my comrades were pale faced and open mouthed with wonder.

When we had in some measure recovered ourselves we all marched forward to shake hands with the fellows on the other train. An inquiry? Of course there was, and our conductor was "fired" for disobeying instructions. The fact is we should never have approached the curve until the other train had passed us on a switch several miles this side of it.—Wide World Magazine.

SPECIAL

FOR

SATURDAY

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SATURDAY

MAY 10th

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Union to Have Big Livestock Exhibition.

(Portland Journal.)

"Union, Or., will have the biggest and best livestock show in Oregon this year," said Robert H. England, general manager of the Central Railroad of Oregon, yesterday. Mr. England is chairman of the transportation committee of Union that is making plans to secure a large attendance at the annual show and he was in Portland yesterday on business connected with that undertaking.

"The Union show will be held June 5, 6, and 7," said Mr. England. "The specialty of the show is the fine horses, and this year we expect more of them than in any of the previous three shows that have been held. An unusually large number of fine horses were stabled and pastured at Union last winter. Many of these horses are well known winners on eastern Oregon tracks, and their owners and trainers do not begin to ship the back until about the middle of June. Our show, held early next month, will find these animals in fine shape.

"We are not neglecting the athletic side of the exhibition, either," continued Mr. England. "Many of the well known participants in the Pendleton Roundup events will be at Union and we expect to have a round-up show that will be a close second in the northwest of the Pendleton one."

Red Pepper News.

Red Pepper School District, May 6. (Special)—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Howel, Thursday, May 5, an 8 pound daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miller were La Grande visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Childers were La Grande visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuck Conley, and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Eyer were La Grande visitors Saturday.

George Conley just finished drilling 100 acres of barley.

Most all the farmers are getting nearly through planting spring grain. The next thing they will be busy at is summer fallowing. We will all live in hopes that summer is coming, the sun-shine is sure welcome at this place.

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