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## ANOTHER TRAIN HORROR AT ATLANTIC CITY.

### Electric Train Plunges Into Thoro-fare, 51 Passengers Drowned.

At one o'clock on Sunday afternoon last a train of three cars left Camden station with Walter C. Scott, of Camden, as conductor. According to statement of the conductor, James L. Curtis, there were ninety-one passengers, men, women and children, mostly Philadelphians, on the train. All went well until the train reached the draw bridge across the thoro-fare, about one mile from the Atlantic City station. Here the train jumped the track and the three cars plunged over into fifteen feet of water. The first two cars were submerged, while the last was partially out of water. There were four Gloucester County citizens on the train, three of whom were lost. William Edwards, youngest son of Charles Edwards, of Broad St., Woodbury. He is 26 years old, and was just completing his fourth year of apprenticeship as a blower at Woodbury Works. He was accompanied by L. L. Bell, a young lady of Florence, and as the train went over he kicked, and she was rescued. Edwards turned at some one, she says, and was lost.

The others are residing in Woodbury. Mrs. W. H. Stewart, of New York, an adopted son of Mr. Stewart, and one of Mr. Stewart's narrow escape.

Mr. W. H. Stewart of Woodbury, who was first reported missing, was in the first car with his wife and adopted son. He had risen to put on his overcoat, and had one arm in the sleeve. As the train approached his hand upward, the car was dark as night. There he lost consciousness, and did not recover until he found himself in the hospital. How he got out, or to whom, or what he owes his life, he has no idea.

Chas. Risley, of Woodbury, was on the train but got off at Pleasantville.

Several young people of Woodbury had arranged to go on this train, among them Amos Wick and Miss Borden, who were to go with Edwards and Miss DuBell; J. H. Leppet, Chas. Schrenk and James Park, but were prevented by various occurrences.

**STATEMENT OF THE CORONER.**  
Corner Gaskill declared that he would probe the cause of the wreck to the bottom and place the responsibility where it belongs. He said:

"I arrived at the drawbridge shortly after the accident occurred. With Mr. Atterbury I made a thorough inspection of the tracks. The railroad officials claim to be at a loss to explain the cause of the wreck. Several important facts were brought out by our inspection. I found the end of the drawbridge tracks higher than the ends of the other tracks. Consequently it was impossible for a train traveling fast to avoid leaving the rails.

That the wheels of the train had hit the ends of the rails with terrific force was shown by the battered condition of the rails, this, however is at variance with the statement made by the bridge tender. According to Mr. Atterbury, the bridge tender told him that the bridge had just been closed and that he had gone to either end of the draw to remove the danger flags which had been placed there when the bridge was about to be opened. The bridge man told Mr. Atterbury he was positive the tracks were perfectly looked.

"My investigation shows this not to have been the case. My attention has been called to the fact that there are no guard rails of any kind on the bridge. Had there been they might have prevented the train plunging into the Thoro-fare, even after it had jumped the tracks. I will find out if the law requires protection of this kind.

"I will not be in a hurry with the investigation as I want to get all possible information."

**Killed in Runaway.**  
On the 20th inst., August Bengel, a farmer near Westville, and who also has a harness shop in the village, was suddenly killed by his horse. He was in the field with some men, when the horse, hitch to a cart, took fright and ran him down. He died instantly and leaves a wife and several children. He was 53 years old. The funeral will be held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

**Special Offer.**  
As a special inducement to new subscribers we will send the GLOUCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRAT, from now until January 1st, 1908, for \$1.50.

Bibo's Jumbo cigars are better than ever.

## THE NEW ANTI-BRIBERY LAWS.

**A New Order for Candidates, Workers and Voters.**  
As the laws are not published, as they should be in newspapers, few know there were two laws passed at the last session of the legislature to prohibit bribery, which are intended to inaugurate a new order of action at elections.

Chapter 206, laws 1906, declares that any person who shall give, lend or agree to give any money or thing to or for any voter, or advance any money or any valuable; and any voter who shall receive or agree to receive any money or valuable thing, or contract for any office, place or consideration; and any employer, agent, or overseer of any company who shall threaten to use force, violence, restraint or inflict injury, harm or loss against any person in his employ to induce to vote or refrain from voting for any candidate are guilty of misdemeanors, and on conviction shall be disfranchised for five years. For the second offense is punishable by \$1000 fine and five years imprisonment, or both.

The old law made both parties equally guilty, so that one would not inform on the other. The new law provides that the incriminating evidence given by one party cannot be used against the witness.

Chapter 805, states no person shall give or agree to give for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of any candidate any money or valuable thing; or to provide the expense of giving or providing any meat, drink, entertainment or provision; or to provide for the payment and fitting up any club room or providing for uniforms for any club; to provide for the payment for insertion in any newspaper or magazine of any article tending to influence any voter; providing this shall not prohibit the insertion of paid advertisements with the name of the person who pays for the same.

The penalty is two years disfranchisement for the first offense, and second offense perpetual disfranchisement and such punishment as the court may impose for misdemeanors.

## To Reduce Cost of Electric Lights.

By advertisement in our last week's issue, the Public Service Corporation gave notice of an arrangement for a material reduction in the electric lighting tariffs, both public and commercial, after January 1st, 1908. According to this official announcement, the next bid for a five-year street lighting contract, in Woodbury will not be more than \$80.00 a year per arc light of 2,000 candle power, as against \$93, which the city is now paying. For commercial lighting and power purposes the reduction will be from 14 and 8 cents to 10 cents per kilowatt hour. The price of gas in Woodbury will be \$1 per 1000 feet after Jan. 1, 1908. The reason given for postponing these changes until 1908 is that it will require a year's time to make the necessary arrangements, as the sweeping reductions in price are expected to greatly increase the demand for both light and power. As to the motive which actuated the Public Service Corporation in this move, there can be but one opinion, but it was certainly based on sound judgment and will prove as advantageous to the company as it will benefit the people. Whether or not it will succeed in heading off the movement for municipal lighting remains to be seen, but the tendency will undoubtedly be in that direction.

## Township Collector in Washington.

**MR. EDITOR.**—Brooks Hurff is a candidate for re-election to the office of Collector in Washington township—a most important township office. During his term of six years Mr. Hurff has an exceptional record. Notwithstanding he has collected every duplicate clean, he has never advertised a tax, nor handed over a tax to a constable. Such official devotion to duty means much to every property owner. It means a lower township tax rate, and prompt payment of township bills, without borrowing and paying interest. Such service is an honor in these days, and such a servant should be retained. Republicans should join the Democrats in giving this faithful servant a big majority.

## The School Site Election.

Four hundred and forty-six of Woodbury's 1200 voters participated in the school site election on Thursday evening last, and the ballots were divided between five sites, as follows:—  
The Deptford Institute lot - 183 votes  
The Wick lot - 137 "  
The Manley lot - 73 "  
The Franklin lot - 47 "  
The Matlack lot - 6 "  
Total - 446

The Deptford Institute, Manley and Matlack lots were not scheduled by the Board of Education for this contest, but citizens expressed their opposition to the two selected by the Board by voting in that way.

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

President Knigler and Councilmen Reading, Munyan, Burkett, Williams, Pierson, Pancoast, Clark and Cattell were present at the stated meeting of Council Tuesday evening.

After the minutes of the last regular and special meetings had been read and approved, the Mayor's veto of the City Treasurer's salary ordinance was read. His Honor's objection was on the ground that the ordinance was not passed according to parliamentary requirement. The veto was sustained by a vote of 3 to 6, Messrs. Clark, Cattell and Pancoast sustaining the ordinance.

Solicitor Avis presented the Delaware St. paving contract from the Standard Bitulithic Co., which was read and approved and the proper officials ordered to execute it. The bond and surety were then read and approved. The surety is to maintain the road for five years. The vote on each proposition was unanimous.

A representative of a map company was given the privilege of the floor to advocate the purchase by Council of a map of Woodbury, West Deptford, Westville and a portion of Deptford township. The vote to buy these maps at \$20 each was as follows:—  
Aye—Clark, Munyan, Pancoast, Pierson, Reading, 5.  
No—Burkett, Cattell, Williams, Knigler, 4.

The committee on Finance introduced an ordinance fixing the salary of the Collector and Treasurer of the City of Woodbury. This is similar to the one vetoed by the Mayor, and was re-inacted by a unanimous vote.

The Collector reported that he had collected nearly all the delinquent taxes referred to him.

The Finance committee was authorized to investigate the printing of bonds.

## BILLS PAID.

Altemus & Co., Assessor's books	\$ 18 00
Police salaries for October	150 00
J. C. Batten, salary	50 00
E. Redfield, " expenses	55 00
H. Murphy " "	50 00
J. F. Sweetser " "	40 00
E. R. Johnson " "	25 00
J. E. Estell, sundries	13 60

Mr. Clark, of the Street committee, presented a plan handed to him by the Bell Telephone Co., also a resolution. The resolution was a request to install telephones in a number of homes on many streets of the City. The may showed poles necessary to be set to string wires, also the poles previously set without consent of Council. Dr. Reading moved the adoption of the resolution. Mr. Williams moved to amend so as to include all persons who asked for phones.

Mr. Cattell characterized this resolution as a snake in the grass, to take the value of a public utility from the City. Mr. Reading called the five minute rule on Mr. Cattell, but Council gave him the privilege to proceed. He characterized the passage of this resolution as a disgrace, and moved that it be referred to the Solicitor for his opinion as to how this affected the ordinance of 1902.

Mr. Reading said we know how this resolution affects that ordinance. This motion was made only for delay.

Mr. Clark said he thought the position we were taking was hurting the City, and he should vote for the resolution.

Mr. Pancoast said he was voting for his constituents, not for the gang, or any one in particular. Many of his constituents wanted phones, and were put to great inconvenience by our position.

The resolution was then passed by the following vote:—  
Aye—Clark, Pancoast, Pierson, Reading, Knigler, 5.  
No—Burkett, Cattell, Munyan, Williams, 4.

Mr. Clark reported that Rob't Allen would give 4 ft. by 48 ft. of the front of his property on Carpenter street for \$150.



THEODORE BROWN.

The Democratic candidate for Assembly, is worthy the support of every citizen. His candidacy appeals especially to the farmers, because he is one.

It appeals to laboring men, because he is a laboring man.

It appeals to the intelligence of the county, because he is intelligent.

He did not seek the nomination—it sought him.

He stands for the highest ideals in Gloucester county life.

No man who desires clean, wholesome government; laws that will give the masses a "square deal," will make a mistake if they cast their ballot for him NEXT TUESDAY.

## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

One of the propositions that the people will decide at the election next Tuesday will be whether Woodbury shall build and operate its own gas and electric light system. Apropos to that proposition we print an article clipped from last Thursday's North American, as follows:—

The city's electric lighting plant at Jacksonville, Florida, has just been investigated by a representative of the Atlanta Georgian, with results most favorable to the municipal ownership idea.

In 1889 the Florida Legislature created a board of bond trustees, which was empowered to assume control of the plant in June of that year. The city was bonded to sufficient sum to purchase the light plants.

Immediately upon assuming control of the plant the city reduced the prices for electric lighting enormously. Open arc lights were reduced one-half, from \$15 to \$7.50 a month, and the incandescent prices from 28 cents to 7 cents per kilowatt. Even friends of the municipal ownership movement feared that these enormous reductions would ruin the city into bankruptcy, but the sequel proved otherwise.

In the last report to the board it is shown that the net cost of the plant to the city, including interest charges, on January 1, 1902, was \$69,274.20. By December 31, 1904, the plant had paid for itself to the last dollar. At the end of this year \$60,000 will be available from the surplus earnings of the plant to extend and further improve the service. The receipts are increasing \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year, owing to the great increase in consumption, due to the low prices charged. The cost of the electricity is 2.34 cents per kilowatt, based on total operating expenses, and the average price of sale is 4.78 cents per kilowatt.

The city is now arranging to take over the power plant of the Jacksonville Electric Company, which owns and operates the street railway lines to Jacksonville, and will then control the electric motive power for business purposes, as well as the lighting business.

—See advertisement of Dr. E. J. Atkinson on our 6th page.

## THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY PLATFORM.

**Read it, and if you approve its Declarations, vote the Democratic ticket next Tuesday.**

The Democratic party of the County of Gloucester in Convention assembled, make the following declaration of principles as our platform in this campaign.

The warring of spring with the fall elections has proved neither economical or conducive to better local government. We therefore demand that elections for municipal officers be separated from general elections.

We favor a primary election law that laymen can understand and observe without the intervention of attorneys and the courts.

We favor the abolishment of the voting machine and giving every voter the right to prepare his own ballot in the secrecy of the voting booth and to see that ballot deposited in the ballot box and then counted as cast without any doubt left in his mind as to how he cast his vote and how it was finally counted.

We demand the enforcement of the law against all public servants in this county who prostitute their offices to personal enrichment, and plunder of the public treasury.

We believe we are yet capable of self-government, we therefore demand the right to elect our own tax officers, local and county. We denounce the Avis law as a reflection on our ability to govern ourselves and demand its repeal.

The present system of taxation is both unequal and unjust. We favor actual equal taxation according to the constitution; the direct local taxation at local rates of all classes of property alike, and not as now taxation according to the idea of the corporations on railroad property by a State board of taxation named by the Governor, and on individual property nominally by assessors, but really by county boards of taxation also named by the Governor, and both dominated by the same corporate influences.

If our legislators are to represent the people, they must be elected by un bought ballots; we therefore denounce the use of money in our elections, and pledge ourselves to an enforcement of anti-bribery laws. Stop contributions for political purposes by corporations, and this reproach on our elective system will cease. To this end we demand a law compelling all contributions to political campaigns to be made public.

We favor granting only limited franchises to corporations and the taxation of the same at their actual value at local rates.

We favor the elections of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people.

Our present State constitution was adopted more than sixty years ago, and we have out-grown many of its limitations. The chief officers of the State, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Clerk in Chancery, the Comptroller and Treasurer, the tax Levying and Assessing officers, should be elected by direct vote of the people.

We pledge the candidates nominated the united and earnest support of the Democratic party in the County of Gloucester, and appeal to all good citizens irrespective of their former party affiliations, to join us in condemning local and State wrongs, and aiding us in restoring government to the people.

## OBITUARY.

**SYBELLA D. BECKETT.**  
Widow of the late Josiah B. Beckett, died at her home No. 53 Hunter street, this city, on the 26th instant, of heart failure. Mrs. Beckett was the daughter of Malachi and Sarah Daniels Horner, and was born near Auburn, Salem county, December 28, 1833. During the lifetime of Mr. Beckett the family resided on the homestead near Centre Square, Logan township, where Mr. Beckett was a leading citizen. Mrs. Beckett was a member of Kemble Memorial Church, and the funeral services on Tuesday morning were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Howard. The interment was in Lake Park Cemetery, Swedesboro. Mrs. Beckett is survived by four children, Dr. George M. Beckett, Special Pension Examiner, with headquarters at Wheeling, West Virginia; Sarah H., wife of J. Frank Brewer, Miss Anna L., of this city, and Josiah B., of Camden.

**WILLIAM B. KIRCHER.**  
Aged 65 years died at his home in Rehanpo Tuesday night. Mr. Kircher was a farmer and much respected by all who knew him. He was an uncle to Warner Kircher, brother of the late Thomas Kircher.

## THE VOTING MACHINE'S TRICK.

**Paulsboro People Losers.**  
October 18th last, Supreme Court Justice Garrison, at the instance of Paulsboro Water Company, granted a rule to show cause why a writ of certiorari should not be allowed to review the special election held in the Borough of Paulsboro, September 12, last, relative to the purchase by the Borough of the water works of that Company, returnable October 29th, last. Evidence was taken before Supreme Court Commissioner Jessup last Thursday, and the rule was argued last Monday before Justice Garrison, who allowed the writ, upon the ground that the ballot machine and poll book showed that 214 votes had been cast, while the voting machine showed that 102 votes had been cast in favor of the purchase, and 79 votes against it, showing that the proposition to purchase had not received a majority of the votes cast.

The question was also raised as to whether the voting on a voting machine was the casting of a legal ballot, and, incidentally, the legality of the voting machine law, but no opinion was expressed upon this point. This question will, however, be argued before the Supreme Court upon the argument of the certiorari, and must be decided by that court, unless it finds in favor of the Company upon some other ground.

**Lippincott-Cole.**  
A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cole of Mullica Hill, on Monday evening. The oldest daughter, Miss Laura R. Cole was joined in holy wedlock to Mr. Nathan M. Lippincott of Mullica Hill, by the Rev. George L. Bishop, rector of St. Stephens Church.

The bride, attired in white Taffeta gown trimmed in point lace, which was a family heirloom, leaning on the arm of her father, marched to the sweet strains of Lobergrins wedding march played by Mrs. Leon Cole, to the spacious parlor, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, with chrysanthemums, ferns and palms.

The bride carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses.

The attendants were Miss Emma M. Cole sister of the bride and Miss Martha K. Lippincott sister of the groom.

The bride and groom are on an extended trip through the South and West.

## The Story of a Woman's Martyrdom.

"Mary Dyer, a Quaker fanatic, twice banished from the Massachusetts colony on pain of death, and as she persisted in returning, hanged on Boston Common." This is the laconic statement of the case to be found in most encyclopedias. The interesting story of the martyrdom of this extraordinary woman—"woman-warrior, woman-mystic, woman-saint," as told by Basil King, in the November McClure's ranks at one of the most touching and heroic of our National legends. As the reflection of "perhaps the most important single incident in the fight for religious freedom in America," and as a dramatic narrative of great power, the story stands unique among the fiction of the year.

## Paulsboro Gambling Case.

**EDITOR OF DEMOCRAT.**—The fact that some of the participants of the gambling houses have not appeared as witnesses ought not to interfere with the appearance of those witnesses within reach.

The fact that the New Jersey legislature has provided a fine of \$1,000 or more for those who rent their property as a gambling house is capable of as strict enforcement as the \$20 fine which our game warden, Mr. Avis, thinks should apply to the owner of a dog running across someone's yard of a vacant building lot.

## Paulsboro People Ought to Love the Voting Machine, hadn't they?

—Paulsboro people ought to love the voting machine, hadn't they?  
—A vote for Theodore Brown will be your reputation of jury fixing.  
—Woodbury's Hallows' celebration has been postponed to next Friday night.

—J. L. Drummer and Sylvester Chew, of Wenonah have gone to San Francisco to help rebuild the town.  
—Frank D. Henry bought both the John Green farms near Clarksboro, the homestead for \$8050, and the small farm for \$1650.

—Wm. String, Jr., administrator, sold the Wm. String property in Woolwich township, last Saturday to James Horner, for \$2,700.  
—C. C. Pearson and Dr. H. B. Diverly can be trusted with the important problems just ahead. They comprehend their duty and will do it. Vote for them next Tuesday.  
—The funeral of William Edwards was largely attended this morning, from his father's residence on South Broad street. Pastor Howard had charge of the services. The interment was at Eglington.

—William H. Sithens' horse, attached to a carriage, was frightened by an automobile in front of the Sithens residence this morning. A broken wheel and harness was the result.

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

**PAULSBORO.**  
R. A. Jester and family spent Sunday last week with Miss Jester's brother C. N. Eastlack at Pitman Grove.

The Judge, at Woodbury, last week decided that our recent election was not in favor of building gas and buying water works although there were 33 more votes for the measure than against. So the water company people are happy and the common people are put out, for they thought surely we would have gas lights on our streets. But the way of the improvers always was hard especially when politics entered into it.

R. L. Smallwood purchased the Margaret Rambo dwelling house and lot on Commerce street corner of Jefferson, paying \$1550.

The fire department was called out Saturday noon when it was found a gasoline stove was on fire, in James Orribly's kitchen. The room was pretty well cleaned out, wood work charred and furniture ruined. It was put out by neighbors before the hose was gotten ready.

The Y. M. C. A. Association of this place will have a lecture Saturday next in their rooms on Swedesboro ave.

Albert Ladinier had a very successful sale of farm utensils Saturday last at his farm near here. He will move in the town soon.

Mayor Adamson moved his office fixtures to his new office building on the South side of Broad street where he has very commodious and comfortable quarters.

Miss Rose Stratton was an over Sunday visitor at the Phillips House, Atlantic City where she stayed with her school friends, Miss Anna Jester and Mabel Pedrick.

John Parker will open a general store in Mrs. S. B. Londenlager's store on Delaware street. Charles Reynolds will have charge.

**BLACKWOOD.**  
Dr. A. L. LeFevre gave a euchre party at her home on Saturday evening in honor of her guest, Mrs. Ella Norris of Boston. The Dr. accompanied Mrs. Norris as far as New York, on her way home, where she has been spending part of the week.

The masquerade party which was given by the Epworth League at the Methodist Church, and held at the Blackwood Alms House on Monday evening, proved quite a success. The Blackwood orchestra furnished music, and at a late hour refreshments were served. Prizes were given for the best dressed.

Mrs. Dan'l Wood has been visiting friends at Mantua and Gloucester City.

Miss Edna R. Willits spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. A. Reynolds, of Camden.

Mrs. Samuel Batten, Sr., was given a party by her children and grandchildren at her home on Tuesday afternoon and evening. An elegant supper was served, and at a late hour the guests all departed, wishing Mrs. Batten many more happy birthdays.

The Blackwood orchestra was entertained by Mr. S. Stimpkins at his home in Kirkwood on Saturday evening last.

Rev. George Lippincott, of Collingswood, will occupy the Methodist pulpit both morning and evening on Sunday next.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting at the home of Mrs. William Rudderow on Tuesday last.

**TURNERSVILLE.**  
Master John Irwin, who has been a victim of a severe case of diphtheria, is now able to be out again.  
Mr. Harry Carter is building a new double house on the lot he purchased from Mrs. Charles Wilson. Mr. Frank Williams is the contractor.  
A band of gypsies have visited here, and many are getting their fortunes told.  
Mr. J. Frank Williams has bought the property owned by Mr. T. B. Turner, Jr., near Greenloch.  
Mr. George Price has moved his family to Atco.  
Mr. George Spain is under the doctors care again.  
There will be a pie and milk social held at the home of Mr. J. K. Powell on Saturday evening, November 3d. Everybody welcome.  
A number of friends and relatives from this place gave a surprise party to Miss Blanch Wheeler, near Cross Keys, on Saturday evening, October 27.  
**GREENLOCH.**  
The young ladies of Greenloch have organized a Bachelor-Maid Club. They held their first meeting at the home of Miss K. Gardiner when the following officers were elected:  
Miss K. Gardiner, president, Miss Lottie Rogers, vice president; Miss Wilhelmina Loving, treasurer; Miss Florence Kirober, secretary.  
Among the rules was one that a fine of fifty-cents be imposed on any member being seen in a young man's company. The room was nicely decorated with corn, pumpkins and red peppers.  
At the close of meeting they were invited into the dining room where the table was laden with all the delicacies of the season.  
We hear that the young men are thinking of organizing also.

**ONE WHO WAS THERE.**  
**Child in the Well.**  
The two-year old child of Rogers, of Woodbury Heights, fell down a well on Tuesday. Joel Sagis, the ice man, had just left the house and heard a splash. He rushed for a rope, and found a linenman passing the gate. The linenman was lowered down the well and brought up the child, blue, but alive.