

SAD DISASTER

FRIGHTFUL RAILROAD WRECK

Cars Jump the Track on the Pan Handle Road Seven Persons Killed and Twenty-six Injured The Latest Intelligence

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Columbus, O., Sept. 22 – A frightful accident occurred early this morning at Black Lick station, on the Panhandle railroad, about twelve miles from this city.

The train was running at the rate of perhaps forty miles an hour, when from some cause four cars jumped the track and rolled down an embankment some twenty-five or thirty feet high. The engine, baggage car and mail car remained on the track, while those in the rear went off.

This leads some to think that the accident was caused by a broken rail; while others are of the opinion that it was caused by the cars jumping the track while rounding a curve.

The cars that went over the embankment are in a badly broken condition. A gentleman who was on the train says that the cars are fine enough to

MAKE KINDLING WOOD,

and that there is not a single wheel on any of them.

Intelligence was at once sent to this city and in a few minutes a wrecking train and physicians were on the scene of the accident, and every attention that could be given was paid to the injured.

Conductor Lacy, who was in charge of the train, and his assistants, did what was in their power to alleviate the sufferings of the injured until assistance arrived.

The killed and wounded were brought to the Union depot, whence the wounded were removed to the hotels. The physicians from the city responded promptly, and were this morning busily ministering to the wants of their patients.

In the confusion which prevailed it was hard to get at the names of the killed and wounded. Four persons are known to have been killed outright – three men and one child. One of the killed is a son of S.P. Bennet, of Cairo, Ill. Another is Lizzie Bancroft, of Philadelphia,

a child three years old. One of the men is said to be from St. Louis, and another from Hamilton, Ohio.

Of the number of wounded no estimate can now be given. Many of them took their regular trains at the depot and departed for their homes without reporting to anyone. It is variously estimated that there must have been between thirty and forty who were more or less injured by the accident. Some of the wounds are very slight, while others are serious, many of the injuries being about the head and the upper part of the body.

The Union depot this morning had somewhat the appearance of a hastily devised hospital. The emigrant room had been used to receive the wounded, where they were put upon hastily constructed beds, from which they were to be removed to the hotels. All but two had been removed when the reporter visited the scene this morning, and they were very badly wounded; one of them will perhaps die.

About the depot, waiting for trains, were a number of persons with heads bandaged, arms in slings, or limping around as best they could.

All who were on the train speak of the accident as

A MOST FRIGHTFUL ONE,

and are astonished that the deaths were so few.

The Wounded at the Neil House are:

Mrs. W.H. Ellis and a little girl, of New Orleans; Mrs. Ellis is badly bruised about the head, but the little girl is unhurt.

Samuel Lentz of Philadelphia; but not seriously hurt.

They were in the sleeping car.

The wounded at the Davidson's Hotel are:

George Ohmer, formerly owner of the Depot Restaurant in this city, his wife and daughter who are seriously injured. Mr. Ohmer is now a resident of Dayton.
