

Peculiar Wreck Near Houston

The only wreck of its kind to have happened occurred near Houston last week when a freight engine on a switch track was too close to the main line. The engineer of an approaching passenger train noticed the nearness of the freight engine and realized the danger applied the air brakes and brought his train to a stop. Before the passenger train stopped some steps of a passenger coach sideswiped the engine tearing loose a steam pipe that was connected to the boiler and the pipe was bent toward a passenger coach. As the train stopped the only window that was open in a car was opposite the broken pipe with the open end of the pipe pointing directly to the open window and the entire steam and hot water of the boiler blew into the passenger coach killing several people instantly including the conductor and the porter. About twenty persons have died and many are wounded. The apples of the news boy's fruit were baked as if in a stove. A few persons in one end of the car managed to kick out the windows and escape with minor injuries. It has not been developed how the engine came to be so near the main track as the crew had left it in another position and they were at lunch.