

Mouse Ties Up West Shore Railroad.

Short-Circuits Motor of Newburgh Table so Locomotives Can't be Reversed.

Newburgh, N. Y., Sept. 11.—Mice are making life unpleasant for the railroad men in the West Shore Railroad yard in this city. Twice within a month they have put the turntable out of commission threatening partly to tie up the service by making it difficult to get the trains out of the yard on time.

The turntable is used to turn the locomotives and is operated by electricity. A mouse got into the meter and upset the machinery in such a manner that it was impossible to move the turntable.

Walking across the machinery, the little animal's body crossed the commutator bars and short circuited the motor. This blew the meter out.

As a result locomotives which left the yard were not facing in the right direction when they were attached to the trains.

Electricians worked for two days before they discovered the trouble, and the machinery was restored to normal. As a similar happening occurred recently an arrangement will be made to prevent mice from using the turntable as a playground.

Murder Over a Game of Cards.

One Killed and Two Dying in an American Town.

Washington, Sept. 8.—A dispute over a trick in a game of seven-up in the home of William Pierce at Hackett resulted in a fight in which Mrs. Pierce was instantly killed, her mother, Mrs. Irene Hicks, and her husband were fatally wounded, while one of the players was beaten into unconsciousness.

A posse of officers with bloodhounds is searching for Stuart Palmer, charged with responsibility for the tragedy.

Palmer, with Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Hicks and Robert Brown, were playing cards when a dispute rose as to the ownership of a trick. Palmer became very excited. It is said he took a revolver from his pocket. The weapon was discharged, the bullet striking Mrs. Hicks and passing through her body. William Evans, a neighbor, it is charged

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ed by the survivors, gave Palmer a shotgun. It was discharged, and the load struck Mrs. Pierce, tearing a hole in her side and killing her instantly. A knife fight followed. Terrible wounds were inflicted on both Pierce and Brown.

Still carrying the shotgun and having in addition to it three revolvers and a knife, Palmer made his way to the hills.

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