

# FIVE DEAD IN WRECK ON G. N.

## Dining, Tourist and Two Day Coaches Roll Over Embankment and Burn.

Only a pile of ashes and twisted burned steel work and heavy trucks remain of three coaches of the Great Northern west bound train, "The Oregonian," which was wrecked three miles north-west of Finley Saturday morning and in which five persons met their death, eight others being seriously injured, while a score of passengers escaped with minor injuries.

The bodies were removed to Finley, where all are in charge of the local undertaker. The injured were transported to Breckenridge, Minn., while the passengers aboard the ill-fated train were taken to Devils Lake.

General Manager J. M. Grueber of the Great Northern railroad and his party had a narrow escape from death or serious injury. Grueber's car was partly off the track, one end of it having reached the ties, and it was bumping along in that manner when brought to a stop.

Mr Grueber was one of the most valiant workers in tendering relief to the injured men and women, and he helped to carry several of them into his own car and into the observation car. Other

officials who were in his party tendered like assistance.

The Oregonian was traveling at the rate of about forty miles an hour when the outer rail of the slight curve three miles from Finley broke under the rear truck of the smoking car. The day coach, tourist sleeper and the dining car jumped the rails, as did one truck of the Grueber special car.

After hurtling over the ties for a short distance, the three coaches plunged over the embankment, rolling completely over.

Fire started in the wreckage from the range in the tourist sleeper, and with a twelve mile wind and 16 degrees below zero weather, the flames gained headway rapidly.

Three of the victims were burned to death, despite the frantic efforts of the uninjured to rescue them. They were pinioned in such manner that they could not be removed.

The bodies of Joe Mosher and L. Lodge, cook in the dining car, were found under that car, they having attempted to escape injury by jumping from the train.

Mrs. Martha Keeter of Kalispel, who was not identified until Saturday night, met death in the standard sleeper, being overcome by the flames before she could be rescued, although her injuries were not serious. The upper portion of her body was burned beyond recognition.

Lodge, when found, was still alive, but he died an hour and a half later. Mahoney, the brake-

man, had been badly injured and was burned to death. The Daley baby received a skull wound and died at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Finley.

The single unidentified victim was burned beyond hope of recognition. He was caught in the wreckage in such a manner that the rescuing party was compelled to abandon him to the flames after making every effort to release him. It is supposed that this man boarded the train in St. Paul Friday night, and that he occupied berth No. 10 of the standard Pullman. He is the only man in the sleeping cars not accounted for.

The dining car, the tourist car and the first and second day coaches turned over. The dining car, tourist car and the first class day coach rolled down a twenty foot embankment.

The tourist car caught fire from the range and was burned. The dining car was also caught fire and was destroyed.

Efforts were made to put out the fire with fire extinguishers, snow and wet blankets, but without avail.

The sleeper left the track, but stood upright. The fatalities all were in the dining car.

Physicians were rushed from Sharon and Finley, and the injured were hurried to nearby cities.

Wrecking crews were ordered from Devil's Lake, and Breckenridge, and the road was cleared.

Sheet music 15cents. 7 sheets for \$1.00.—F. D Cannon.