

Allen Loving

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**AT 7:25 MONDAY EVE'G---NO.
6 JUMPS TRACK WEST
OF KANAWHA FALLS**

**EXPRESS CAR AND BAGGAGE CAR TURNS
OVER AND THREE COACHES
ARE DERAILED**

**FIVE KNOWN TO BE DEAD AND MANY INJURED---
ALLEN LOVING, EXPRESS MESSENGER, KILLED**

From Monday's Daily Issue

A sad and disastrous wreck occurred last evening, just west of Kanawha Falls when C. & O. passenger train No. 6, east-bound was partially derailed. This is one of the fastest local trains on the road, and is usually crowded with passengers. The train was driving along at full speed and was being pulled by two engines: 402 a freight engine in charge of Engineer W. F. Thompson of this place and passenger engine 124 in charge of Engineer C. T. Pilcher of Huntington.

Capt. C. A. Alvis formerly of Hinton, now of Huntington, was in charge of the train. The derailment occurred on a one-degree curve and was caused by a broken rail. The rail was one hundred pound steel and the first engine and the second except the tank had gone over the place in the track where the break occurred consequently the engineers and firemen escaped without a scratch. The express car and baggage car turned over the bank and were badly damaged, the first coach was badly damaged and the second and third coaches slightly damaged. Allen Loving the young express messenger of this place was instantly killed. Four others were also killed and eight or ten injured. The list of the dead is as follows:

Allen Loving, express messenger, Hinton, W. Va.

Walter Saunders, a young man under 21 years of age, whose home was at Windall on the Gauley Branch.

Will Campbell, age 25, single, white, Stone Mason of Vanetta, W. Va.

Silas Vaught, age, 25, white, fireman on C. & O., Gauley Bridge W. Va.

One, as yet unidentified passenger.

THE INJURED.

H. B. Cyrus, 30, white, C. & O., section hand, whose home is at Brooks, cut on left hand.

Andrew Joburt, white, C. & O., section hand, slightly injured.

W. Va.,

The dead were turned over to Undertaker Carter of Montgomery and the injured were sent to Paint Creek Hospital. This is one of the most disastrous wrecks that has occurred on the C. & O., for years and is the first passenger wreck in years in which a single passenger was injured. The accident was one of these unforeseen things that occur that perhaps no amount of precaution could have avoided. The defect so far as we are informed lay hidden in the rail. About three hundred feet of track were torn up. The wrecking car under Capt. Brightwell of this place was immediately called.

Mr. Allen Loving, the young express messenger, who was killed was one of the first taken out of the wreck. He was recovered from a mass of broken timber in the express car, and was dead when found. He had been in the express service only a few weeks being a law student at the West Virginia University. His home was in this city and he would have been twenty years of age September the 19th. He was a graduate of the Hinton High School and was an exceptionally bright and excellent young man. His father Rev. A. G. Loving died here several years ago and his mother is Mrs. W. A. Charlton. He leaves four sisters Mrs. W. A. Hank of Kanawha County, and Miss Lelia Loving and two younger sisters of Hinton.

His remains were brought here today and embalmed by Undertaker John R. Gott. He will be buried tomorrow in the Hill Top Cemetery here immediately after funeral services from the First Baptist Church, at 3 o'clock by Rev. Wm. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Williams, of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hank, of Kanawha and other relatives will be here to attend the funeral obsequies.

The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.