

How They Nailed Runaway Car On the Railway

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This is the story of how Railroad Superintendent Tom Price and some of his men nailed a runaway railway car down near the gravel pit... It's a story fraught with thrills galore:

Price had a crew of men working with a crane or pile-driver which was temporarily "spotted" in the middle of the pile trestle that crosses the Colorado to the gravel pits.

Now a stretch of seven or so miles of railroad from the gravel plant down to the trestle slopes most of the way.

The phone at the trestle rang. A man answered. Soon he had hung up and came running.

"My God men, Red Allen says a runaway car's coming down the track toward us!"

Action was instanter! The men got about the business of moving the big machine from the middle of the trestle, so it would not be crashed by the runaway. Curses! They could not move it fast enough!

Well, they'd do the next best thing. They spied an empty on the track a short distance away. They'd make it break the force of the runaway! They ran to it and presto! in a few minutes they had it fastened securely with spikes, etcetera, so it would break the force of the on-rushing car.

They waited. And no runaway came rushing. They continued waiting—and waiting, until at last they discovered it was the runaway they had fastened down! Thus did they "nail" the runaway, which already had come to a dead stop on the level stretch at the end of its run.

(Well, it made good reading, anyway.)