

The depot platform was completely wrecked at noon today by the snow plow. It came up the branch this morning to flange out the track and widen the cuts and when approaching the depot from the west the compressed air device which operates the wings failed to respond, leaving the wings widened. The engine pushing the plow was going too fast to stop before the length of the platform was passed, with the result that every plank was torn loose and broken. Some of them were hurled with sufficient force to rip shingles from the depot roof and break off the signal. A switch which had been unloaded from last night's freight, was left on the platform and was struck so hard by flying timbers that it was broken, a part going thru the window. It was very fortunate that it occurred at noon time; at any other time of the day it is very probable that there would have been people around and nothing short of a miracle would have prevented loss of lives.