

## An Engine Explodes.

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(Columbus Evening Dispatch, August 1, 1898)

The explosion of freight engine No. 554 of the Norfolk & Western road occurred Saturday night at Valley Crossing, the junction of the Hocking Valley, seven miles south of the city. The engine was in charge of Engineer Ed Strang and when the explosion took place firebox, crown sheet and side sheets were blown out but luckily no one was hurt. The engine is one of a lot of old ones which have been in use on this division and it has now been sent to the shops for repairs. The cause of the explosion has not been clearly defined.

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(Portsmouth Times, August 2, 1898)

Master mechanic Cullinan was in Columbus yesterday to inspect engine 554, which blew up Sunday night at Valley Crossing. The engine was in charge of engineer Ed. Strain and was pulling a west-bound fast freight from Norfolk. The engine exploded right at the crossing and was blown to pieces. The wreck will be taken to Roanoke to be rebuilt. Neither the engineer nor his fireman were hurt.