

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

PEACE MUST PREVAIL

ZELAYA'S COURSE IS ANNOYING TO STATE DEPARTMENT.

Diplomatic Communications Between Gregory and This Government Have Been Mutilated--Warlike Conditions Must End Soon.

Nicaraguan mutilation of official dispatches to this government and continued grave conditions in Central America are under the earnest consideration of the Washington government. Investigations have convinced the officials at Washington that ephor dispatches passing through John H. Gregory, the American charge at Managua, Nicaragua, and the state department at Washington were purposely mutilated during Nicaragua's unusual military activity.

It would not be surprising in view of the unsatisfactory conditions which prevail if the American government should at any time take active steps to end the existing state of affairs in Central America and notify Nicaragua that henceforth peace must prevail at all hazards. Moral suasion with Nicaragua has failed to accomplish the object sought, that of impressing her with the desire, both of the United States and Mexico, that there be a cessation of conditions which keep other Central American republics constantly guessing as to what may happen and that tend to the impoverishment of the people because of their fears of the future. Intervention in Central American affairs has been talked of unofficially repeatedly.

American war vessels are still retained in Central American waters and Thursday the cruiser North Dakota sailed from Magdalena Bay for Amabala, Honduras, into the Gulf of Fonseca, in which some of the naval activity maintained by Nicaragua has manifested itself.

DIVORCE COLONY HIT.

Nevada Judge Rules Both Parties Must Be Residents.

The divorce colony at Reno, Nev., is much disturbed over a ruling by Justice Orr Thursday that both parties to a divorce action must be bona fide residents. The Southern divorce suit is said to be almost identical with the case in question.

The decision was given in the case of Howland vs. Howland, in which the wife came to Reno and caused papers to be served on her husband during a brief business visit.

The court held such action to be illegal. He declared the law did not throw the courts of Nevada open to the world, so that people might come here, stay a day or so, the plaintiff start the action, the defendant come in and be served and thus confer jurisdiction on the court.

There are at least fifty men and women in Reno to get divorces to whom the decision will apply.

SPANKING IS PREMISEABLE.

Detroit Father Deals Out Old Fashioned Kind and Is Upheld.

In the police court at Detroit, Mich. Thursday Justice Jegeres upheld the right of a father to administer the old fashioned spanking to his 17-year-old daughter, even if her dignity suffered.

Margaret Grauman, aged 17, had her father arrested for disturbing the peace after a spanking. Grauman told the judge that the performances were part of an effort to keep his daughter away from cheap theatres, and the justice decided that spanking young ladies of 17 was permissible in moderation.

WAS THIS A MISTAKE?

\$10,000 Bill Found in a Church Collection Plate.

It was advertised in a local paper at Washington, D. C., Thursday that there had been found in the collection plate of the Roscoe Methodist Episcopal church, after services last Sunday night a \$10,000 bill, and the church officers think the donor made a mistake. The yearly collections of the church do not average much more than this amount, and the officials in the advertisement state that they will return the money to the owner if he wants it back and can prove he inadvertently dropped it into the plate.

Stout City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top, Hogs \$7.95; top, beefs \$4.25.

Noted Woman Succumbs.

Mrs. Helena Modjeska, the famous Polish tragedienne died Thursday at her home near Los Angeles, Cal., at the age of 55.

Greeks to Displace the Japs.

A train load of Greeks passed through Ogden, Utah, Wednesday, en route to Seattle, to displace Japanese on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads.

STORM DAMAGE BIG

Winds of Tornado Size Sweep Over Several States.

Wires east of Chicago as far as Pittsburgh went down rapidly in Wednesday's gale, according to the telegraph companies. Wheeling, W. Va., reported every wire down east of that point. Of the numerous leased wires running east of Chicago but one was working Wednesday afternoon.

In Chicago by far the most freakish whim of the storm was the perilous ride of Samuel Holland, an elevated railroad conductor. Holland was seated on the runway of a box car on the Metropolitan elevated when the roof was lifted up by the gale. It maintained a horizontal position and Holland went whirling away like a fly on a piece of cardboard. He was carried 100 feet from the starting place and landed uninjured.

The rain and electrical storm swept over lower Michigan early in the evening and was followed by a windstorm of unusual violence, and many accidents and at least one death has been reported.

Near Ionia, Mich., lightning shot into a farm house along a telephone wire and killed 8-year-old Benjamin Helmer and severely shocked two other children.

Interurban traffic out of Grand Rapids was delayed by the storm. Dozens of barns in western Michigan were struck by lightning. The wind averaged from fifty to sixty miles an hour. At Brighton, Mich., Ray Miller was killed and his brother was severely injured by being struck by the roof which was blown from a house.

At least eight persons lost their lives in the storm which passed over Michigan. Three men attempted to cross the Detroit river and were drowned. At Jennings three young men were killed by being caught under a wall blown by the wind. Property damage will reach \$50,000.

The storm reached New York City and played havoc with telegraph and telephone wires north and west of that city. Much property damage was done in New York city and two persons, an elderly woman and a boy were injured.

Northwest Ohio was in the path of the storm. In Toledo fifteen persons were injured and a loss of \$25,000 is reported. A boy was blown out of a skiff into the Maumee river and was rescued with difficulty.

Ten persons are reported to have been killed by the storm in Northern Mississippi and a great deal of damage to crops and property was done. One man is known to have been killed in Kentucky and the damage to property and crops will be large.

California in Port.

The United States cruiser California arrived at San Francisco Wednesday with the passengers of the Pacific Mail Steamships company's liner, Indiana, which was wrecked last Saturday at the entrance to Magdalena Bay.

Boy Shot by Companion.

While playing "wild west" with five companions at Linton, Ind., Clifford Wolford, 15 years old, was shot and killed by Loren Hamilton, 18 years old. Hamilton tried to commit suicide but was prevented by the other boys taking his rifle from him.

Pupils in a Panic.

Six persons were injured, one fatally and a financial loss of fully \$50,000 entailed by a hurricane which passed over London, Ont., Wednesday. A tall chimney crashed through the roof of a school an caused a panic among the 200 pupils.

Terrorized by a Madman.

John Anderson, of Aurora, Ill., became suddenly violent Thursday and arming himself with two pistols, a shotgun and three bombs, he started out to kill the inhabitants of a city block. He killed one woman, narrowly missed slaying her husband, wounded another woman and then committed suicide.

To Save a Little Girl.

Rather than run down a little girl at Dayton, O., James L. Dinsmore, turned an automobile he was driving and plunged down a thirty-foot embankment into the Miami river. Both occupants of the car barely escaped death.

Former Queen Must Pay.

Former Queen Liloukalani, of Hawaii, otherwise Mrs. Lydia Dominis, must pay \$11,500 to her "court physician" under a judgment rendered by Chief Justice Clabaugh, Wednesday.

Fishing Tug Missing.

The fishing tug, George Flood, with seven men aboard, and the sand sucker, Mary H., with a crew of nine, from Cleveland, O., were reported missing Wednesday night.

Castro Told to Leave Island.

The French government decided Thursday to expel Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, from the French island of Martinique.

Discover Buried Gold.

While digging a posthole in an abandoned lot near Lexington, Ky., Thursday, workmen discovered a brass ket containing \$8,500 in gold and silver.

"Drys" Score in Colorado.

Prohibition was the main issue in the municipal elections held in Colorado outside of Denver Tuesday. The anti-saloon party generally was victorious.

KING PAYS TRIBUTE.

Italian Ruler Meets Roosevelt at Messina.

Theodore Roosevelt and King Victor Emmanuel met Tuesday on the Italian battleship Re Umberto in Messina harbor. The meeting was characterized by the utmost cordiality and the king took occasion to express the gratitude of himself and the Italian people for the generous assistance of the American people to the earthquake sufferers. At the close of the interview Mr. Roosevelt went ashore and inspected the ruins of the city, the desolation, which moved him strongly. Then he boarded the steamer Admiral, which just at sunset hoisted her anchors and proceeded on her way to Bombasa.

The Admiral arrived at Messina about 2 o'clock p. m. and was saluted by the Re Umberto with the king on board. Almost immediately Capt. Pfeister, the former Italian military attaché at Washington, and now aide to Admiral Mirabello, was taken to the Admiral in a launch and inquired for Mr. Roosevelt. To him he said the king had great pleasure in receiving the former president of the United States. Mr. Roosevelt's face lit up with a pleased smile, and accompanied by his son, Kármán, and Ambassador Griscom, he proceeded at once to the battleship.

The king met the party at the head of the gangway and he greeted the ex-president effusively, shaking him warmly by the hand. He did not wish, he said, to allow the opportunity to pass of making a personal acquaintance of so distinguished a man. Above all, he wanted personally to thank the ex-president for the help extended by America at the time of the earthquake.

"You are now able," he added, "to understand what a horrible disaster it was." Mr. Roosevelt replied thanking the sovereign for the compliment paid him in inviting him to come aboard the Re Umberto. He said that the American people did not wish thanks for what they had done, as they had merely tried to do their duty, and know no better way to confront the immense needs than by their work and contributions.

MILLIONAIRE A SUICIDE.

Charles E. Ellis, Prominent in Philadelphia, Ends His Life.

Charles E. Ellis, president of the Citizen's Passenger Railway company a subsidiary company of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, and one of the wealthiest men in Philadelphia, shot and killed himself Tuesday at his home in that city. Mr. Ellis was 74 years old and for some time had been a sufferer from neuralgia and rheumatism. He also was troubled with tubercular glands beneath his arms. The latter affliction caused him considerable worry and he underwent an operation about two months ago in an effort to effect a cure. The operation was unsuccessful. In spite of his poor health, members of his family say he never threatened suicide. They believe the shooting was accidental.

Mr. Ellis was reputed to be worth about \$1,000,000.

HELD FOR BLACKMAIL.

Boy Tries to Swindle His Sunday School Teacher Out of \$35,000.

Charged with attempting to blackmail Asa G. Chandler, president of the Atlanta, Ga., chamber of commerce and Atlanta's wealthiest citizen, out of \$35,000 by "black hand" methods, Daniel W. Johnson, Jr., 18 years of age, and a member of Mr. Chandler's Sunday school class, was arrested Tuesday night at the instance of postoffice inspectors and lodged in jail. Johnson admits writing the letters and takes his arrest coolly. He declares he was the catfish of three strangers, who, he claims, dictated his every action in connection with the case and forced him to write the demands for money under penalty of death. He furnished the officers with descriptions of the three men.

Carries American Flag.

A giant steel girde with an American flag attached swung into place over the middle of the East river Wednesday, marked the connection of the steel superstructure of the Manhattan bridge, the fourth of the spans linking Manhattan island and Long Island.

Towboats Burned.

The towboats Beaver and George Gardner, property of the Barrett Towboat company, of Cincinnati, and two barges were destroyed by fire Wednesday night causing a loss of more than \$50.00. One man is reported missing.

Miners' Demands Are Refused.

At a meeting held in Philadelphia Wednesday between representatives of the coal operators and miners of the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania the operators refused all the demands and submitted instead a proposition to extend the wage agreement now in force.

Garage Employee Cremated.

Wallace Gankner was burned to death and Edward Pombert was seriously injured in a fire which destroyed a garage at Kankakee, Ill., Tuesday.

Ship Laborers Strike.

Two thousand marine engineers, firemen, stokers, water tenders and deck hands went on a strike Wednesday night at Chicago and causing of navigation on the great lakes is threatened with complete stop.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DIES AS HE CLOSES PLEA.

Ex-Gov. Poynter Suddenly Stricken--Stops the Satson Debate.

W. A. Poynter, ex-governor of Nebraska, just as he closed a speech in the office of Gov. Shallenberger at the daylight saloon bill hearing Monday in favor of the bill, was stricken with apoplexy and died within a few minutes. The effect of Poynter's death was at once apparent. The hearing was stopped. The liquor advocates and the Omahans were silent, while the prohibitionists were silenced by the death of their colleague.

At the hearing on the daylight saloon bill before Gov. Shallenberger Mr. Poynter spoke with deliberation. His address was impressive. He had barely seated himself when he fell to the floor. Physicians, two of whom were present, rushed to his side, but he was beyond human aid. Across the hall to the adjutant general's office the stricken man was carried. Three doctors were there and examined the man, working his arms back and forth to induce respiration, but the breath of life was gone and could not be lured back. A hypodermic injection of nitroglycerin was tried, but to no effect.

In his address Poynter said: "We come to you not because we believe you do not know your mind, but because we wish to impress as we may the need of this measure. It will benefit the morals of the state. Nor is the measure a local one. About you men from different parts of the state. The protest comes from the metropolis of the state, but this is not a local matter. The daylight saloon bill is merely an amendment to the Slocum law. It is not presumed that any city will contract its affairs without regard to the laws of the state. I am heartily in favor of a city managing its own affairs. I favor municipal independence, but this measure is state-wide and is not an intrusion upon the rights of any local government."

Poynter was born in Eureka, Ill., in 1847. He served as populist governor of Nebraska from 1899 to 1901 and was defeated for re-election by C. H. Dietrich. Since leaving the executive office he has lived in Lincoln.

BAN ON CHAIN LETTERS.

Postoffice Department Stops Growing Mails in Nebraska.

The postoffice department at Washington has notified the Omaha postmaster that so far as chain prayer letters are concerned they are illegal in Nebraska and are not entitled to transmission through Uncle Sam's mails.

These prayer letters first started down at Fairbury, where some individuals in the city, to nine personal friends, requesting that each of the nine write nine such letters to nine friends, with the request that these friends make the same request of their friends.

In a few days letters commenced to come into the Fairbury office by the hundreds, and then they commenced to swamp the Omaha office, with the result that the postmaster called the attention of the department at Washington to what was going on. Hence the order.

Chain letters, all of which were similar, were peculiar in this respect; they requested the recipient to offer a prayer and to write the same prayer to nine friends. The letters state that in case the request is complied with some great blessing will come to the recipients at a certain date, but if ignored a great calamity will befall them in the near future.

Washington authorities hold that the letters promise things that cannot be accomplished by the writers and that they tend toward fraud.

WILL TAKE THE LIMIT.

Fate of Daylight Bill May Not Be Known Until Friday.

Gov. Shallenberger will probably not decide the fate of the daylight saloon enactment until near the limit of time allowed him by the law, which is five days, including Sunday, from the time the bill reaches his desk. That will give him until Friday to approve or veto the measure. Friends of the measure are predicting that the governor would give executive approval, but opponents were almost equally sure he would withhold a veto. Both sides admitted, however, the governor had not given the slightest intimation of the course he would pursue.

It is unlikely Gov. Shallenberger will give any further hearings, as the strain of Monday was something he does not care to have repeated. Petitions by letter and telegraph, almost by thousands, are coming in, and these will be given as much attention as verbal pleas. One of the letters received was from Bishop Bonacum, of the Catholic diocese of Lincoln, who asked the governor to approve the bill. Equally urgent appeals to interpose a veto were received by prominent business interests.

Destructive Fire at Crofton.

A fire which broke out in a livery stable at Crofton Monday night destroyed a livery stable, a saloon and contents, a hardware store, the City hall and the electric light plant. The origin of the destructive blaze is thought to be incendiary.

Fire Destroys Coal.

Two carloads of coal, a carload of hay and the coal sheds, of Fields & Straughter at Dakota City, were completely destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon.

Veteran Minister Killed.

Rev. E. W. Johnson, of Orono, who was killed in a runaway at his farm home Tuesday was brought to Seward for interment. The first church organization in Seward county, was effected by Rev. Mr. Johnson. It was the United Brethren church.

END OF SESSION.

Both Houses Adjourn Saturday Just Before Dinner Bell Rings.

After a final legislative day of sixty hours, the thirty-first legislature of Nebraska adjourned a half hour before noon Saturday and the members started home to face their constituents, but wherever possible they did not go via Omaha.

The work of enrolling bills occupied the clerks until a short time before the conclusion of business and for the twenty-four hours preceding the fall of the gavel there was practically no business to transact. Members of the senate introduced constitutional resolutions of thanks, and extended to their colleagues tokens of friendship in the way of photographs and members of the house, in more violent mood, occupied themselves tearing up their bill files and scattering the result of the state's printing bill on the floor of the assembly chamber.

The passing of the 8 o'clock closing act was the principal topic of discussion on the floors of the two houses and in the lobby, while telegrams and letters of protest poured upon the governor. The Douglas county senators and members of the final hours did not arouse them even to passing interest in the procedure. A delegation of thirty business men from Fremont arrived at noon to see Gov. Shallenberger in protest against the bill to buy the Wayne Normal and were given an extended hearing as soon as the executive attached his name to forty measures that had been dumped upon him from the halls above.

An unusually large number of members witnessed the end of the session, due to the care of the sponsors of the saloon closing bill that their entire forces should be available to meet any move to alter the record on the bill and leave a loophole for legal attack. Ordinarily not half a dozen members are in at the death, but in each house it would have been possible to secure a quorum almost any time until final adjournment. Efforts to reconsider the action last night as soon as the vote was taken, but with only thirteen senators in opposition to the bill there was no chance to succeed and none was made.

The legislature passed a total of 204 bills and in addition the governor has vetoed one of the measure repealing the law permitting saloons within two and a half miles of the limits of military posts. Two years ago the legislature passed and the governor signed 206 bills and fourteen bills in addition were passed and vetoed after the session adjourned, with one veto submitted during the session.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT TAYLOR.

Father of the Girl He Killed Pulls Gun.

Just as officers in charge of Bert Taylor, murderer of Pearl Taylor, were about to board a train with their prisoner, at the Burlington depot at Minden Saturday morning to return him to the state penitentiary at Lincoln after bringing him over for trial Wednesday, Douglas Taylor, father of the dead girl, and father-in-law of the murderer, made a desperate attempt to shoot the prisoner and was only prevented from doing so by prompt efforts of Deputy Sheriff Slick and others. In the scuffle which ensued both the officer and Mr. Taylor were bruised and scratched.

Bert Taylor has been confined in the state's prison for safe keeping ever since he was brought back from California a couple of months ago. Early in the week he was brought from Lincoln for trial. On Friday the defense submitted a motion for continuance on the ground that two of their most important witnesses were in Europe and would not return to Minden until in May. On this representation the court granted a continuance until the latter part of next month.

When the news became noted about that the trial of Taylor had been postponed, and that he was to be taken back to Lincoln, a mob gathered around the jail and followed the officers and their man to the station.

Schuyler Furnishes Freak.

A peculiar specimen of animal life was born recently at the farm of James Booth, two miles east of Schuyler. It was a calf having two heads. Its two heads are joined together where the two inside ears would be if it had four ears. However, it only has two ears, one on the outside of each head, but it has four eyes, and two distinct mouths and noses.

Kearney Session Closed.

The Central Nebraska Teachers' association closed their session at Kearney Saturday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, George Burgett, of Kearney; vice president, H. M. Pinckney, of Broken Bow; secretary, Edith R. Lathrop, of Valentine. Five hundred and sixty-five teachers attended the meetings. A deep interest was taken in the work.

Preparing for Big Time.

The Hastings Knights of Pythias are making elaborate preparations for the convention of the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian sisterhood, which is to be held there May 10 and 11. Some 350 members are expected and practically every city in the state will be represented.

Land Brings High Price.

It is reported that a quarter section of land, eight miles from Minden was sold for \$15,000. This is not very well improved, so that the price of the bare land would be about \$100 per acre.

Base Ball at Liberty.

Liberty has organized a baseball team, with J. M. Cunningham as manager. The town is to have some good exhibitions of the national game this season.

BIG MILITARY PRISON BURNS.

800 of the Army's Convicts Rescued at Fort Leavenworth.

The military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was partially destroyed by fire at midnight Wednesday night. The 800 prisoners all were taken from the main building as soon as the fire reached it and none was injured.

The convicts were confined in a stockade under the guard of United States troops. None of them, so far as is known, succeeded in gaining his liberty during the transfer to the stockade. At 2 o'clock some of the cell-houses had cooled sufficiently to allow half of the prisoners to return. The others will be taken to the Federal prison, two miles away, at daylight. Two of the Federal soldiers who were fighting the fire were injured. The property loss on the building is estimated at \$200,000.

The fire was first discovered at 10 o'clock in the tailor shop. It soon spread to the shoe shop and the blacksmith establishment. Lack of water pressure prevented all hope of saving even the main building, and it was decided to move the inmates. Long before this, however, the convicts had seen the flames and fearing they would be burned to death, they battered on the bars of their cells and screamed in terror.

As soon as several companies of soldiers, including cavalrymen, had gotten under arms, a strong cordon was thrown about the prison and the delivery of the prisoners began. The sick were removed first, placed in ambulances, and taken to the Fort Leavenworth hospital under guard of cavalry. The records were removed from the administration building. If everything had not been done in perfect order lives doubtless would have been lost. As it was, strict military discipline prevailed.

LEASE SYSTEM WIPED OUT.

Hundreds of Prisoners in Georgia Are to Work on Roads.

Georgia's convict lease system ended at sunrise Thursday and hundreds of prisoners, taken from mines, brick kilns, and turpentine factories, returned to the service of the State. Georgia has no penitentiary. For years her convicts have been leased to the mines, the brick kilns, and the turpentine factories, where private greed sometimes demanded and collected the last ounce of human endeavor. The 1,000 prisoners now will work on the public roads. Most of them are blacks of a low order of intelligence, sentenced for every conceivable crime. Though shackled and ironed, the convicts greeted the change with shouts of joy and weird hymns of thanksgiving.

WIFE SLAYS TO SAVE BOY.

Husband Dead and Woman's Story Exonerates Her.

Frank Sorber of East Hamilton, Ohio, was shot to death by his wife, Mrs. Sorber told the police that her husband has been living with another woman and that at noon he came home and beat their eldest son. When the mother interfered Sorber attacked her with a chair, threatening to kill her. The police credit the story and have placed no charge against the woman.

GIVES LIFE FOR HIS DOG.

Little Boy Tries to Save Pet and Is Drowned.

Paul, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stoneburner, was drowned in the Verdigris River at Independence, Kan. With other boys he had gone to the river to play. His little dog fell in and the boy, in endeavoring to rescue his pet, followed him into the river. His companions were too small to help him.

Famous Chicago Tenor Is Dead.

William Castle, for more than twenty years director of the Chicago Musical College School of Opera and noted for his interpretations of tenor roles during the early history of the opera in Chicago, died at his home in that city. He was the head of the Castle & Campbell Opera Company, which was one of the first pretentious organizations to sing English opera in America.

Eighteen Months for Asking Bribe.

Geo. Auger, vice president of the City Council of Ashland, Ohio, was sentenced to eighteen months at hard labor in the State penitentiary by Judge Reynolds. Auger was convicted on a charge of soliciting a bribe of \$1,200 from the Ashland Gas Company. He was released on a bond of \$2,000 pending an appeal to the Circuit Court.

Dynamiters Wreck a Store.

The store of Joseph Nellis, at Krebs, a mining camp in Oklahoma, was destroyed by dynamite. Nellis received two letters demanding money under threat of death and laid a trap for the authors, but it failed. Nellis comes from the north of Italy and believes that he is a victim of the Italian Black Hand society.

Two Hanged for Murder.

Frederick Lebeau, i. e. double murderer, was hanged at Kalspell, Mont. He made a statement just before the trap fell declaring his innocence. William A. Hayes, accessory to the murder of Guard John Robinson, was executed at Deer Lodge.

Navigation on Lakes Open.

Navigation on the great lakes opened officially at 12 o'clock Wednesday night. All the government life stations on the lakes were reopened and the crews resumed the duties which they dropped at the beginning of the winter season.

Valuable Horses Die in Fire.

An Arabian stallion valued at \$2,500, Fred Albertson, a race horse, and other stock perished in a fire which destroyed the stables at the country home of R. G. Hall, president of the Pittsburg chamber of commerce.

\$125,000 Fire in Warehouse.

Fire partly ruined the large grain elevator and storage warehouse of the Wilkinson-Gudde Company, wholesale grocers in Newark, N. J. The loss is estimated to be \$125,000.

GREAT FIRE IN FORT WORTH.

20 Blocks, with Over 200 Houses and Business Concerns, Burn.

Six persons are known to have been killed and property estimated in value at over \$5,000,000 was destroyed in a fire which swept over the southern part of Fort Worth, Tex., Saturday afternoon.

A district in one of the most fashionable sections in the city, having an area of twenty blocks, was practically swept clean of buildings by the flames. The destruction of even a greater amount of property was prevented only by the use of dynamite.

The Texas and Pacific round house, containing twenty engines, the repair shops of the road, the Sawyer electric plant, four churches, two public school buildings, and Walker's sanitarium were among the larger buildings destroyed. Besides these over 200 residences were destroyed. The exact losses on these latter are unknown, for the reason that those who suffered scattered seeking shelter wherever they could find it, and it will be a day or two before the full extent of the personal losses are known.

Texas Pacific Railroad officials place their loss at \$250,000. The losses to church property include the Broadway Baptist and the Methodist churches, their losses being estimated conservatively at over \$200,000.

A patient whose identity has not been learned perished in Walker's sanitarium, and three men were electrocuted and their bodies burned to cinders in the Sawyer electric plant. Herbert Stacy was fatally burned in an endeavor to save his dwelling, and a fireman fell from a house-top and was killed. The Rev. H. O. Cowan, assistant pastor of the Broadway Presbyterian Church, is missing.

COURTESY BRINGS GIRL \$35,000.

Dances with Neglected Stranger and Gets a Legacy.

Miss Ellen Elliott, daughter of Dr. C. S. Elliott of Cronmont, Ohio, while a student at the Normal School at Ada, three years ago, went