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BIG FIRE IN MOBILE

BATTLE HOUSE IS BURNED AND FLAMES THEN SPREAD.

Famous Hostelry Completely Ruined - Loss on This Building Alone Will Reach \$250,000 - City Left in Darkness During the Fire.

Mobile, Ala.: Losses estimated at \$250,000 have been caused by a fire which Sunday night left the famous Battle House a ruin and swept on to buildings adjoining.

The blaze was discovered shortly before 11 p. m. Sunday and at 1:30 o'clock Monday morning the firemen were still fighting the flames, which apparently were still beyond control.

The fire broke out in some unoccupied rooms over the kitchen of the Battle House, which, although an old hostelry, was one of the largest in the south. The flames spread so quickly that a number of guests lost all their belongings, and not a few of those on the fifth floor were compelled to take to the fire escapes in their night clothes. Two elevator boys, Joseph Parks and Bernard Constantine, stuck to their posts until all the guests had escaped, although the levers caught fire and the youngsters were burned about the face and hands.

An hour after the fire started all the electric lights in the business portion of the city went out, due partly to the turning off the power to save the firemen from danger, and partly to a severe one of the main feed wires being broken.

At 2 a. m. the fire was still burning fiercely, threatening the Commercial Hotel adjoining. All the guests escaped, leaving their property in the hotel.

The loss on the Battle House will be a quarter of a million dollars. William Ward, the proprietor, states that half of this is covered by insurance.

Atlanta, Ga.: A long distance telephone message from Mobile says one person was killed and several seriously injured in the Battle House fire.

COLD IS WIDESPREAD.

Bitter Weather From Canada to the Gulf.

Omaha, Neb.: Sixteen degrees below zero was the record of the Omaha weather bureau at 9 o'clock Sunday night, with a prospect for lower temperature before morning. Reports from over Nebraska and western Iowa indicate a similar severe condition of temperature.

Railway trains, especially on trunk lines, in all directions have been badly delayed, and in some cases entirely blocked. Westbound passenger No. 42 on the Burlington became stuck in the drifts near Grand, Neb., and was held for eleven hours on the prairie. The passengers in many instances had already been without food for some time, and their plight became serious before they were relieved.

Later the train was sent back to Lincoln, headed by a snow plow. All mails are badly off schedule.

IN HOPE OF SETTLEMENT.

New York, New Haven and Hartford Committee to Meet Here.

New Haven, Conn.: The names of the committee of the directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad which will meet the grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen in the hope of effecting a settlement of the present labor troubles, were held Sunday in this city Sunday.

The directors are: J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles F. Brooks, of Ansonia, the chairman of the executive board of directors; Prof. J. Brush, of Yale, and William Skinner, of Holyoke, Mass., a prominent manufacturer. At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, the committee and the firemen's committee were to meet in the Grand Central station, New York.

Ladrones Hard Pressed.

Manila: The band of ladrones which attacked the town of San Francisco de la Balaban, in the province of Cavite, Jan. 24, and captured the wife and two children of former Gov. Trias, is being hard pressed by a troop of cavalry under Maj. F. W. Sibley. They have released Mrs. Trias and her two children, whom they were holding for ransom.

Government is Uplifted.

Lisbon: The general election, which was held Sunday, resulted in a large ministerial majority being returned. The republicans obtained a majority in Lisbon city, but monarchist successes in the surrounding districts and some in the capital give the latter an absolute preponderance.

\$2,000 Reward Offered.

Colorado Springs, Colo.: Chief of Police Reynolds has sent out a \$2,000 reward giving a description of Milton Franklin Andrews, with a request to arrest him upon the charge of murdering Mrs. Besse Bouton, on Cutler Mountain, in October last, offering a reward of \$2,000 for the arrest and conviction of Andrews.

Gunboat Newport Disabled.

Norfolk, Va.: The British steamer Inpa reports the gunboat Newport is twelve miles south of Cape Henry. She is at anchor waiting a government tug.

Sioux City Stock Market

Sioux City, Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$3.20@4.50. Top hogs, \$4.85.

Taft to be Yale Orator.

New Haven, Conn.: It is announced that William H. Taft, secretary of war, will be the orator at the annual commencement exercises of the Yale law school next June. Secretary Taft was graduated with the class of 1878.

More Outpost Fighting.

Tokio: The Japanese captured an embassy south of Chang Chichia "Thursday, driving off two companies of Russian infantry. The Russians have sustained shelling Oyama's center and left since Thursday.

Kills Two and Ends Own Life.

Marshall, Okla.: While temporarily insane James Bates, a farmer, Saturday murdered his wife and daughter, attempted to kill his son, who escaped, set fire to his house and blew his own head off with a shotgun. The house was destroyed and the bodies buried.

Honor for Prince of Wales.

London: King Edward has appointed the Prince of Wales lord warden of the Cinque ports, in succession to Lord Curzon, of Kedleston; but in future Walter castle, instead of being the warden's residence, will be thrown upon to the public.

BURIED THE WRONG CORPSE

Body of Unknown Woman Interred in Grave Meant for Old Soldier.

Hull, Ia.: The intensely cold weather and delayed trains were partly responsible for a weirdly strange error at Hull Friday.

The body of a woman, a stranger, and whose name is not known here, was buried in the grave and with the ceremonies intended for J. W. Bogess, an old soldier. When the latter's comrades, after separating at the grave, learned of the mistake which had been made, they were shocked, and haste was made to correct the strange error.

J. W. Bogess, the old soldier, who was buried and the father of Mrs. Charles Ballard, of Sheldon, Ia., died at that place on Wednesday. Arrangements were made for the interment at Hull and it had been expected to send the body to the latter place by train, but on account of the cold and snow the train was eight hours late, and it was finally decided to send the corpse to Hull by sleigh. The driver went to the station to get the casket, and by mistake got hold of the wrong corpse, took it to Hull, and it was duly interred.

Then, a telephone message from Sheldon announced the discovery of the mistake, saying the body of Mr. Bogess was still in the station at Sheldon. The body which had been buried at Hull was that of a woman on route from Missouri to White Lake, S. D.

The body was disinterred at the Hull cemetery and sent to Sheldon on the first train. The body of Mr. Bogess also reached Hull by train later and was duly interred in the grave.

The strange and distressing error created considerable excitement.

MAY SAVE NEGRO'S NECK.

Mrs. Edwards, Murderer, Exonerates Samuel Gresson.

Reading, Pa.: Mrs. Kate Edwards, who is under sentence to be hanged with Samuel Gresson on Thursday next for the murder of her husband, made a statement to her counsel Thursday in which it is said she exonerates Gresson from complicity in the murder. The statement will not be given to the public until it is presented to the board of pardons, but the inference is left that she has admitted that she alone committed the crime.

Mrs. Edwards and Gresson, who is a colored man, were convicted of the murder of Edwards, and since the death sentence has been pronounced extraordinary efforts have been made to save them from the gallows. The board of pardons has heretofore refused to interfere, and the state supreme court has confirmed the lower court's decision.

Mrs. Edwards' confession, it is thought, will place the case in an entirely new aspect before the board of pardons. The board will meet at Harrisburg Feb. 15, the day before the date fixed for the double execution.

SHAKEUP IN PHILADELPHIA.

Scores of Police Officers Transferred.

Philadelphia: In an effort to repress it did not wipe out the social evil in Philadelphia, Mayor Weaver on Thursday issued orders to Director of Public Safety Smyth, the head of the police, calling for the greatest shakeup in the history of that department. The police force directs the head of the department to "transfer all the officers, from lieutenant down, from such police districts in which disorderly houses are supposed to exist to some other district where there are none, and vice versa, and to remove from that district to the one thus vacated."

Continuing, the orders say: "Let the same orders go out that have heretofore been given that the officer will be immediately dismissed who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in any social evil, or who countenances or encourages it in any way. Old officers are to remain in their new district and not to return to or become active in the old."

HOCH ARRIVES IN CHICAGO.

Prisoner Disappointed Because His Wives Were Not at the Depot.

Chicago: Johann Hoch, indicted for bigamy, suspected of murder and a man of many aliases, arrived in Chicago Thursday night. Returning by the stage the next day she found that her mother had died of pneumonia three hours after her departure.

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FATAL WRECK.

Milwaukee Engine and Train Goes Through a Trestle.

Melbourne, Ia.: One man was killed, twenty-five persons more or less seriously injured and eight coaches demolished in a wreck of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul's Overland Limited passenger train two and one-half miles west of Melbourne, Ia., early Thursday morning.

Three of the injured are in a dangerous condition and may die.

Only the rarest kind of good fortune prevented a much greater loss of life.

The Overland Limited, known as No. 1, the finest train on the Milwaukee system, was hurrying westward, drawn by two huge engines. It was behind time and was on its way to Perry. A break in a rail, caused probably by the intense cold, checked its career and piled it a mass of debris at a slow rate.

The broken rail which caused the wreck was just to the east of a 200-foot trestle which carried the track across a dry run. The first engine passed over it all right, but the second engine was derailed.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Hobbery Was the Motive of Attempted Murder at a Lonely Ranch Near Pierre—Murderer Secured Only 30 Cents.

The particulars in regard to the attempted murder of Albert Hoadley by George Beaver at Fort Sully are hard to get, for the reason that the parties interested are thirty miles out in the country, with no telephone connection, and the cold weather preventing any except the most necessary travel.

So far as has been learned at Pierre both Hoadley, who came from Minneapolis, and Beaver, who had been working for D. W. Benham, cutting wood and sleeping in a building about 500 yards from that of their employer and taking their meals at the main building.

Beaver had at several times remarked to Benham on the fact that Hoadley was carrying several hundred dollars around with him and remarked that it was not a safe thing to do.

Late last week Beaver left the work and came to Pierre. He put up at a hotel and asked to be called for an early train. On being called he left the hotel but did not get away on the train, staying around town until sometime Tuesday, when he started for the wood camp, walking the whole distance of about 30 miles.

From all that can be learned he went directly to the house in which he had been sleeping with Hoadley, and made it a point to get there while Hoadley was at supper. He secured an old pick and pried open a window, through which he entered the building, and with the pick in his hand waited for the return of his victim. As soon as Hoadley entered the door, he was struck on the head with the pick, and so far as he remembers was struck three times. He has a faint recollection of Beaver searching his pockets and fumbling about the building and his next knowledge of affairs was when he found himself lying by the open door of the shanty in the cold, which was several hours after the attack.

Beaver only secured a few cents. Besides the small amount of money, Beaver took several letters from Hoadley's clothes in searching him, and these with bloody finger marks upon them were found in his possession when he was arrested.

NINE SETS OF TRIPLETS.

Yankton Couple the Parents of 27 Children.

A Washington, D. C., special says: President Roosevelt will be introduced to the father and mother of twenty-seven children next week, and it is expected he will produce an autograph-photograph of the children.

George Duville, the father of the 27, is but 43 years old, and his wife 38. They live in Yankton. They expect to be in Washington on a visit, and the senators and representatives will take an interest in the children.

The children are nine sets of triplets. Twenty-four of them are boys and three girls. The children are not coming.

An Unusually Sad Case.

Unusual grief has come to Miss Anna Ryan, a young teacher, twenty miles north of Miller. Three weeks ago her father died. Her mother, sick abed from the shock, was supposed to be past danger, so the daughter went by stage to Miller, leaving her mother in charge of a brother. Returning by the stage the next day she found that her mother had died of pneumonia three hours after her departure.

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A DUAL TRAGEDY.

Minnehaha County Farmer Murders His Wife and Self.

News reached Sioux Falls Wednesday evening of a double tragedy which was enacted on a farm about twelve miles north of Sioux Falls. The victims are Lars Olson, a farmer, who is dead, and his wife, who is mortally wounded and expected to die at any time.

Olson, who is an elderly man, recently married a young woman. It was known that their married life was far from happy, being marred by frequent bitter quarrels.

Wednesday evening neighbors noticed that the Olson home bore a deserted appearance. Breaking in they found Olson dead and his wife mortally wounded. She was on a bed. Near it was Olson seated in a chair, with the upper part of his body resting against the bed. It is supposed that he wounded his wife and then killed himself.

Mrs. Olson later recovered consciousness and it is now thought she will entirely recover. However, her mind appeared to be a blank as far as the scenes of the tragedy are concerned. She appears to have entirely forgotten that she ever had a husband. The coroner's jury is yet investigating the case, which has several peculiar features.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

H. Casey Accused of Killing Frank Ritter of Bonhomme.

"A man with buggy and team forced me to drink; there is \$700 in the German bank for my dear wife."

This was the language left by Frank Ritter, a Bonhomme County farmer whose mysterious death a few days ago has resulted in a stranger named H. Casey being held at Tyndall without bail on the charge of having murdered him.

Ritter was found dead in bed at his home by his wife, who had just returned from the death of her mother in northern Nebraska. Ritter was last seen alive two days before, when he visited the town of Avon, where he sold a quantity of wheat. On the morning he was found dead his team, with the harness still on, was found in the barn.

Casey and another man who were traveling through the country selling feed cookers admit having been at Ritter's home prior to the finding of his dead body.

ELOPEMENT AND THEFT.

Young Man Takes Girl, Horse, Cattle and Cows.

The elopement of a young man and a young woman from Sioux Falls has resulted in a warrant being sworn out for arrest of the young man on the charge of grand larceny and horse stealing.

The young man in question is Archie Manary, but the name of the girl is not known. Manary engaged a horse and cutter at a local livery establishment, and in company with the young woman drove to Tea, a little town south of Sioux Falls, where the horse and cutter were abandoned and the couple boarded a train for Yankton.

At the time of engaging the horse and cutter the young man borrowed an overcoat, which he took with him in his flight. When the abandonment of the horse and cutter was discovered a warrant was sworn out and placed in the hands of the sheriff.

To Revive Mitchell Y. M. C. A.

An effort is being made to revive the Y. M. C. A. of Mitchell and to erect a building for the benefit of the young men of the town. Two meetings have already been held, and the building committee is designed to erect a building that will cost about \$15,000 and equip it with all the modern appliances for the beneficial entertainment of young men. The association owns the \$3,000 worth of property and has over \$300 in the treasury as a fund on which to start its building operations.

Bereford Will be "Wet". As the result of a peculiar condition, which exists in Bereford, three more places have opened up that town where liquor is sold. Prohibition was at last spring's election by a small majority, but since then even though several attempts have been made to enforce it they have all proved futile and it is now understood that the commissioners have granted license to the other applicants, and that the city officials will confess their inability to successfully prosecute under these conditions.

All Cannot Go.

Capt. Seth Bullock is receiving applications from cowboys to accompany him to Washington for the inaugural, in greater numbers than can be accommodated. At least fifty will go from Deadwood and surrounding country. All will take their own cow outfits, saddles, revolvers and cow outfits generally.

Trainload Stock Shipments.

In a day recently a whole train load of stock was shipped from Plankinton, being the first shipment of a train load ever made from Plankinton. The farmers in that locality are year by year paying more attention to raising small herds of cattle.

Old Resident of Mitchell Dead.

Mrs. L. H. Nabiger, an old resident of Mitchell, is dead of heart failure. Mrs. Augusta C. Kelso, aged 83 years, died Tuesday. There is quite a good deal of sickness prevalent in Mitchell at the present time.

Strike in a Lead Hotel.

A strike occurred at the Smead Hotel at Lead on account of a disagreement between the hotel and waiters. All employees of the hotel walked out.

Burlington Roundhouse Burned.

The Burlington roundhouse at Hill City was burned to the ground. Nothing was saved. The fire is supposed to have started from a stove.

Institute at Huron.

Arrangements have been made for the holding of a two days' farmers' institute at Huron; the dates fixed are March 1 and 2. A program has been mapped out and invitation sent to some of the best known agriculturists in the northwest to be present.

Cold Hurt Attendance.

The Yankton County Teachers' Association met Saturday at the court house at Yankton. The attendance was small, as was to be expected, but was due to the intense cold of the past few days.

Aberdeen's Artesian Water.

The Aberdeen city council has arranged to put in a tap at the new artesian well which will enable persons who desire to use the water from the new well to obtain it by going to the tap. So many householders objected to its use for laundry purposes that it will be shut off from the city mains and used for power and sewer purposes.

Death at Arlington.

Mrs. Clive Curtis, wife of a prominent business man of Arlington, passed away at her home in Arlington, and was taken to her old home in Minnesota Tuesday evening for interment.

Anti-Gambling Crusade.

Seven alleged gamblers were arrested at Chamberlain Wednesday and will have a hearing later. The information was filed by Assistant State's Attorney A. B. Chubbuck. This is the beginning of an anti-gambling crusade.

Legislative.

HOUSE.

The house judiciary committee Monday reported favorably the bill to define swindlers and confidence men and provide a penalty for their operations.

The principal new house bills presented Monday were:

By Anderson, to strike out the 8-mill limitation levy placed on counties.

By Madison, making a county auditor's annual report, and requiring county officers to furnish the required statements.

By Blaine, to amend the medical law to allow magnetic healers to operate in the state.

The house passed the bill to amend the law in regard to the examination required for state certificates and to provide for the exchange of certificates between states.

The house made laws by passing the senate bills to appropriate a \$3,500 emergency deficiency fund for the Spearfish normal school, which was required to keep the institution in operation after this week; the bill legalizing liquor licenses granted the last two years in towns and cities where no license election had been held, and bill making it the duty of school district officers to plant and protect trees and shrubs on school grounds.

In the house Tuesday Van Osdell continued his fight against the soldiers' home bill. Van Osdell moved indefinite postponement of any further consideration of the bill, as it yet provided for taking the pension money of the old soldiers out of their control. Van Osdell's motion was voted down and the bill was made a special order for the 9th of February.

The house then went into committee of the whole to consider the capital building bill, which discussion soon resolved itself into a running fire of questions as to the possibilities of the bill and the methods of meeting the expenses.

The committee reported the bill back for further consideration.

A few bills were presented Tuesday, the principal ones being:

By Clark to reduce oil inspection fees.

By Brown, of Sanborn, requiring a full warranty deed of property before any state money for buildings be expended upon the tract.

By Hornby, requiring liability insurance companies to deposit guaranty funds with the state treasury before doing business in this state.

Most of the afternoon Wednesday was taken up by a lecture on seed grain by Prof. Wheeler and Chilcott, of the state agricultural college, who addressed a joint session of both houses on that subject.

Farmley, the house member of the joint sub-committee to draw a cattle dipping bill, secured the adoption of a resolution for the printing of 300 copies of the committee dipping bill to be distributed among the members before the recess for suggestions on their return.

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By Wolsmith, requiring the board of regents of education to be divided among the different political parties, and by Wolsmith, by request, making it a misdemeanor to operate a threshing machine on Sunday.