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## COLORADO FATALITY

### TWO MEN KILLED AND SEVEN INJURED.

#### Five Men Dead and Five Others Seriously, If Not Fatally, Injured at Jerome, Ariz.—Accident Happened as Shift was Changed.

Denver, Colo.: The storm which has raged in Colorado and a portion of New Mexico for thirty-six hours subsided Sunday afternoon. For the first time this winter the Santa Fe road found it necessary to use snow plows between Pueblo and Colorado Springs. In Pueblo two inches of moisture fell during the storm, this being a record, according to the weather officials.

East of Pueblo but seven miles a bridge and a strip of track on the Missouri Pacific was washed out, and north of that city the Rio Grande experienced some damage by washouts. Between Clyde and Fairview the snow is five feet deep and rotaries, snow plows and shovellers are endeavoring to remove it.

Only two men were killed Saturday in the destruction of the buildings of the Bankers' National mine near Orono by a slide. Seven men were injured, none seriously.

### FIRE IN AN ASYLUM.

#### Hospital for Insane at Anna, Ill., Partially Burned.

Anna, Ill.: Fire broke out Saturday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock in the east wing of the north end of the main building of the southern Illinois hospital for the insane, causing a loss of over \$6,000 and for a time threatening the destruction of the entire wing occupied by the male inmates of the asylum.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Dr. Aulton, the superintendent, has no theory to advance. The fire department of the asylum department after an hour's fight succeeded in controlling the flames. The fire started in the room between the engine house and north wing in the attic and spread rapidly to the main building. The inmates were quickly placed in their rooms and the utmost good order prevailed during the entire time that the fire raged.

The damage to the building will be easily repaired. No casualties occurred.

### MINE EXPLOSION.

#### Five Men Dead and Five Others Seriously Injured.

Prescott, Ariz.: As the result of an explosion in the United Verde mine at Jerome, owned by Senator Clark, five men are dead and five others seriously if not fatally injured.

The accident happened just as the shifts were being changed and all the men except twelve had been raised to the surface. On account of the recent heavy rains, surface water found its way to that portion of the mine where fire has been smoldering several years, and steam thus generated caused the explosion, blowing out the bulkheads erected to keep the fire from spreading. The men were suffocated by smoke and heat steam.

### ARMOURISTS WANT QUICK TRIAL

#### To Ask an Immediate Hearing of Charges Against Connors.

Chicago, Ill.: An important development in the trust investigation was the official announcement Saturday by the counsel for Armour & Co.'s general superintendent, T. J. Connors, under indictment charged with interfering with a witness, that he would be made ready to go to court on Monday, for an immediate trial of the charges against Connors.

The government officials declare they are ready to meet the arguments of the attorneys for Connors.

### WAS AS GOOD AS HER WORD.

#### Young Girl Mortally Stabs Man Who Dared Her.

Lancaster, Pa.: Ralph W. Kline, aged 23, an artist, was fatally stabbed Sunday afternoon by Jennie Good, aged 18. Kline and Miss Good were members of a fishing party near Long Park. Kline and the girl had a quarrel, during which Miss Good threatened to cut out his heart. Kline threw out his chest and told her to stab him, so plunging a knife into his breast. Her victim is at a hospital. The girl has fled and has not yet been arrested.

### Murder and Suicide.

Pittsburg, Pa.: John C. Walton, after five minutes' conversation with his wife Sunday night, killed her by cutting her throat with a razor and then, after cutting his own throat, walked to the office of a physician, an expert just as the police were about to place him under arrest. Domestic infelicity was the cause of the tragedy.

### Drove Oxen in Chicago in 1837.

Laporte, Ind.: Daniel Shaw, an ox driver in Chicago in 1837 and who served sixty-eight years as a justice of the peace in this county, a record believed to be without a precedent in the United States, died Thursday afternoon at the age of 91 years.

### Sioux City Stock Market.

Sioux City, Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.00@5.25. Top hogs, \$5.25.

### Dropped Dead in the Pulpit.

Lexington, Ky.: Rev. James Cochran, a student of the bible class of the Kentucky University, in this city, dropped dead in the pulpit at the Camping Ground church, ten miles from Lexington, Sunday.

### Bondier Sentenced.

Milwaukee, Wis.: Ex-Superintendent Jacob Schultz was Saturday denied a new trial and was sentenced to a year in the house of correction for accepting a bribe in connection with the electric lighting contract.

### Strike of Carriage Workers.

Chicago: One thousand carriage workers in 120 shops struck in retaliation for the alleged locking out of union men on their refusal to sign individual agreements with various manufacturers who are members of the carriage and wagon manufacturers' club.

### Spotted Fever in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, O.: The cerebro-spinal meningitis epidemic, or spotted fever, which has been epidemic in New York and Berlin, has caused five deaths here the past week. There are ten additional cases in the various hospitals of the city.

## MINERS MAY STRIKE.

### Sixty-Five Thousand Men Would be Affected.

Altoona, Pa.: The operators and miners of the central bituminous district of Pennsylvania, after being in conference in this city almost continuously since March 10 endeavoring to agree upon a wage scale to go into effect April 1, adjourned finally without coming to an agreement.

The failure to agree means a suspension of work by the 65,000 organized miners of the district at the end of the present month. When the joint scale committee met Wednesday the operators stood upon their proposition for a 10 per cent reduction of the first half of the approaching mining year, and the present scale, based on 62 cents for the year ending for the second half of the year. The miners' ultimatum demanded a renewal of the present scale for the full year. No agreement being possible, the scale committee adjourned finally. The action of the miners on the committee was approved by the miners' convention, which then adjourned.

### KILLED A YOUNG WOMAN.

#### Serious Charge Against Millionaire Automobileist.

Los Angeles, Cal.: Barbe Hook, son of the late W. S. Hook, president of the Los Angeles Traction Company, and a reputed millionaire, was Thursday charged with manslaughter by the jury investigating the cause of the death of Miss Margaret Birtwistle, who was run down and fatally injured here last Sunday by an automobile driven by young Hook. Miss Birtwistle was hurled twenty-five feet and sustained a fractured skull and other injuries from which she died Tuesday.

After striking Miss Birtwistle Hook lost control of his machine; it was wrecked and the four occupants were thrown to the pavement and injured. Hook was arrested and released on \$2,000 bonds.

### GIVES \$25,000 BAIL.

#### 'Big Frank' Felton, Charged with Murder, Released from Jail.

New York: Stewart A. Felton, known to the sporting fraternity as "Big Frank," who has been in the Tombs for several months charged with murder, in having killed Guy Roche, a gambler, was released in \$25,000 bail Thursday.

The shooting of Roche occurred in the Broadway theater district when it was crowded with persons going home from the playhouses. It is said to have resulted from a quarrel over a woman. The man who fired the shot disappeared, but the police arrested Felton a few hours later and Roche identified him as his assailant.

### MICHIGAN MURDERER SUICIDES

#### Body of Donald J. Teller Found to Brush Near Waucauda.

Norway, Mich.: The mutilated corpse of Donald J. Teller, the alleged murderer of Albert Nowshup, was found Thursday in a clump of brush wood near the village of Waucauda and within 100 yards of the cabin where the murder was committed last November. Firmly wedged in the crotch of a dead tree was a double-barreled gun.

It is believed Teller killed Nowshup with one barrel and himself with the other, exploding the gun by means of a twig.

### IOWA BOY DROWNED.

#### Frank Byers, Son of Ex-Speaker of Iowa Legislature, Loses Life.

Ann Arbor, Mich.: Frank Byers, a junior law student in the University of Michigan, from Hannan, Ia., was drowned Friday while canoeing on the Huron River.

Des Moines, Ia.: Frank Byers, who lost his life in the Huron River, was the youngest son of Webb Byers, of Harlan, Ia., ex-speaker of the Iowa legislature and a well known politician.

### City Officials to be Prosecuted.

Bloomington, Ind.: Impeachment proceedings on behalf of the state of Indiana were filed Thursday against Robert G. Miller, prosecuting attorney. Proceedings to impeach Claude G. Malott, mayor of Bloomington, and also an action to disbar Arthur M. Hadley, an attorney of this city, will be brought. These proceedings are the outcome of affidavits made that they had settled a criminal case by the payment of money.

### Bankrupt with \$302,014 Liabilities.

Indianapolis, Ind.: Daniel A. Chenoweth, the majority stockholder of the Zellie woolen mills of Louisville, Ky., and the Indiana Woolen Manufacturing Company, of this city, which failed last week, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy Thursday. His personal liabilities amounting to \$302,014.37 and the assets \$113,305.80.

### Abandoned Believed to be in Cuba

Rockford, Ill.: Charles Norton, who absconded seven years ago from Durand, leaving the financial affairs of the whole township tangled, is thought to be in Cuba. His parents are preparing to remove there to join him. No word has been received from him since he went away.

### Many Claimed by Meningitis.

New York: There were eight deaths Thursday in Manhattan from cerebro-spinal meningitis, against six on Wednesday. Since noon Saturday there have been 107 deaths from this disease in the entire city.

### Fire in Ohio University.

Granville, O.: The science hall at Denison University here, was destroyed by fire Friday, with a loss of nearly \$100,000. Some of the most delicate measuring instruments in the world were destroyed.

### Tobacco Warehouses Burned.

Louisburg, Mo.: Fire Thursday destroyed property worth \$70,000, including the tobacco warehouses of C. B. Cheatham, the Louisburg tobacco warehouse, the W. T. Hughes warehouse and a number of other buildings.

### His Aim Was Bad.

St. Petersburg: A man dressed as a porter fired three revolver shots at a secret police agent in Great Norfolk Street Thursday afternoon. All the shots missed their mark. The assailant was arrested.

### Fatal Subway Accident.

New York: Fireman Samuel Lillie was killed and several other firemen injured by a caving in the subway at the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Street station, which burned Wednesday. The firemen were in a tunnel trying to smother the flames of the fire, when a portion of the roof fell.

### Blows Himself to Pieces.

Mahany, Pa.: Joseph Hogist, aged 25, committed suicide at his home near here Wednesday night by blowing himself to pieces with a stick of dynamite. His body was blown to pieces. He had been married six months.

## BANK OFFICERS ARRESTED.

### Charged with Embezzling Funds of a Savings Bank at Lorain, O.

Lorain, O.: E. F. Kamen, cashier; E. B. Walker, teller, of the Citizens' Savings Bank, which failed to open for business Friday, were arrested Saturday morning charged with embezzlement. The warrants were sworn out before County Prosecutor Stroup.

The men are under arrest at their homes, and will be taken to the county jail Friday.

Lorain, O.: The Citizens' Savings Bank did not open for business Friday. The following notice was posted on the door of the bank:

"This bank is closed for business."

The affairs of the bank have been placed in the hands of T. F. Faucher as assignee.

While the directors are extremely regretful, it is known the closing resulted from the defections of three of its employees and that the sum taken aggregated \$90,000.

President Honecker stated Friday that the defaulting employees had agreed to turn over everything of value they possessed to the bank.

Speculation in stocks is given as the cause of the shortage.

Ex-Mayor W. B. Thomas, counsel for the bank, is authority for the statement that the bank's liabilities will probably exceed its capital stock and surplus. The capital is \$50,000 and the surplus \$13,900.

The resources of the bank are \$379,349; individual deposits, \$313,948.

At a meeting of the directors of the bank Jan. 10 the directors agreed to a dividend of 6 per cent was declared and the statement was then made that the bank was one of the soundest in the city. It was also announced that the deposits for the two months prior to the semi-annual meeting exceeded those of all other banks in Lorain.

The bank holds part of the city and school taxes recently collected, and is also custodian of the school funds.

The late C. T. Beckwith, president of the Citizens' National Bank, of Oberlin, was president of the Citizens' Savings Bank up to five years ago. It is not believed that there is any Chadwick paper in the bank.

### TEST CASE IN KANSAS.

#### Are the State Oil Refinery Bonds Valid?

Topoka, Kan.: The validity of the state oil refinery bonds will be tested. This was indicated at a conference in which Geo. Hoch, treasurer Kelly, Warden Jewett, Attorney General Coleman and Assistant State Auditor Nathan participated. Friday was the date set by Treasurer Kelly and Warden Jewett to open the bids for the \$10,000 worth of bonds. There were eight bids, all of which were conditioned on a favorable opinion by the attorneys of the bidders of a decision from the supreme court. To make a test case, Kelly and Jewett refuse to sign the refinery bonds. A proceeding in mandamus therefore will lie against them and Mrs. Coleman will start such an action in the supreme court as soon as the papers can be prepared.

### Object to the New Law.

The cattlemen of Custer county have taken exception to the new law recently passed to the effect that a cattlemen must be elected from each county for the purpose of looking after the condition of range stock. At a special meeting of the cattlemen in Custer it was voted to draw up a petition to be signed by the cattlemen of the county and to be presented to the county commissioners. The petition states that it is the desire of the Custer County cattlemen to not appoint an inspector for the reason that it will be an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers.

### Fills an Order for Wolf Blood.

Fred Colman, champion wolf hunter at Miller, has just filled an order from W. J. A. Horton, of Scotland, Pa., for a half pint of wolf blood. Expense was no object, the eastern man allowing Colman to set his price, but wolf blood he must have, and that quickly. The wolf was stuck, drained and the total amount of blood—one pint—was shipped east by express.

### Stagnant Prairie Fire.

The prairie fire of the season came near doing considerable damage a few days ago to the farm of Louis LaFortune, about eight miles northeast of Mitchell, in Perry Township, and but for the timely intervention of neighbors the buildings would have been entirely burned, and most of his stock.

### Acetylene Gas Will be Used.

Work is in progress on the new street lighting system which was recently provided for at Marion. The franchise was awarded to J. A. Horton, who has investigated the various systems of street lighting, and has decided that acetylene gas will furnish the most satisfactory system.

### Reports Made in Reference to the Number of Carloads of Corn Shipped from Jefferson year by year for several years.

The reports show that the shipments have steadily increased. During the past three months an aggregate of 238 carloads of corn were shipped from Jefferson and 59 carloads for the same period a year ago.

### New Manual Training School.

The regents of education at a meeting at Huron accepted the plans for the new manual training building for the northern normal school. The new building will be completed by Sept. 1, and will cost \$12,000, leaving \$9,000 for equipment.

### The Vebien Creamery.

The recently organized Vebien Creamery Company has purchased ground, upon which the creamery plant of the company is to be located. The work of establishing the institution is progressing very rapidly.

### New Industry at Mitchell.

The Mitchell Marble and Granite Company is a new institution just established in that city. A new building has just been erected and the company will commence at once making monuments.

### Light and Water for Marion.

John A. Heeren is in the east purchasing the material for complete water and lighting system for the town of Marion. They are to be of the latest and best pattern and to be put in running order as soon as possible.

### Brookings Plant Pays.

Probably no other small city in the west has gone so extensively into municipal ownership as Brookings, the city owning and operating the water works, electric light, telephone and steam heating plants. The reports of the treasurer and city clerk for the year ending March 31, show each plant on a profit basis, except the steam heat, which just paid expenses.

### Stock Inspector for Clay County.

The cattlemen of Clay County have elected their inspector for the ensuing year. William A. Uford, of Fairview Township, being chosen.

## WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

### People of Castlewold and Vicinity Solve the Seed Grain Problem—Farmers Furnished with Proper Seed for Wheat, Oats, Flax, Etc.

So far as can be ascertained, the people of Castlewold appear to be the only townpeople in the state to take hold of the seed grain problem in a systematic manner, and they have accomplished satisfactory results.

For some time Valley Springs has been afflicted with "blind pigs" or "holes in the wall," and the change in policy is due to the fact that several attempts to convict the illegal sellers of inferior seed did not meet with success. The illegal "jobs" were successful in cheating the law and operated so boldly that many who have in the past voted for no license changed in favor of the open sale.

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The Methodists of Turner County are preparing for a grand county missionary rally on April 9, 10 and 11. The rally will be held simultaneously at Davis, Hurley, Parker and Marion for the three days noted. Some of the best talent of the southern part of the state has been assigned places on the program.

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### Big Dividend Declared.

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### Made County Inspector.

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### Fine Building for Elk Point.

The Kingsford Mercantile Company has purchased lots in Elk Point and will erect a new building this summer. The structure will be 70 by 125 feet in dimensions and will cost about \$10,000. The property, which consists of four lots, was bought for \$3,000.

### Bereford Man Bound Over.

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## FIRST LICENSE IS GRANTED.

### Valley Springs Decides for Open Sale.

The result of the annual municipal election at Valley Springs, east of Sioux Falls, while anticipated in some quarters, was a surprise to many so far as the saloon license issue was concerned. Valley Springs had always been considered one of the strongest temperance towns in South Dakota. But now, by a majority of 10, the voters have declared for licensed saloons for the first time since South Dakota was admitted to the sisterhood of states.

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## FIRST PEACE STEP

### RUSSIA SAID TO HAVE GIVEN OUT NEGATIVE CONDITIONS.

No Cession of Territory and No Indemnity Is Moscowite Programme—Japan Is Understood, However, to Be Prepared to Demand \$800,000,000.

The Associated Press announces from St. Petersburg that a step in the direction of peace actually has been taken. Russia has made known to Japan indirectly the negative conditions upon which it may be concluded. There is no cession of territory and no indemn