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BIG FIRE AT NORFOLK

NEBRASKA TOWN SUFFERS FIRE LOSS OF \$40,000.

Loss of All School Records a Severe Blow to Graduating Class—Two Teachers Suffer Heavy Loss of Their Books.

The splendid high school building at Norfolk, Neb., was destroyed by fire early Sunday. The loss is estimated at between \$35,000 and \$50,000, with \$15,000 insurance. The fire started from spontaneous combustion in 104 tons of slack coal, and gained such headway before it was discovered that the firemen were powerless.

The flames were discovered at about 5 o'clock, and an hour later only three heat cracked walls of the once handsome edifice remained. The structure was one of pressed brick, beautifully furnished. It was built at a cost of \$25,000 in 1890. It is estimated, however, that it cannot be replaced now under \$40,000.

Books worth probably \$3,000 were destroyed. All records of the public schools were destroyed. With commencement near at hand this loss is a peculiar one, as class honors cannot be based on past records. The board of education will decide at once what will be done for the immediate future. Several churches have offered their lecture rooms. Miss Von Goetz, principal, lost sixty books of her own, together with original lecture notes or mathematics and German made by her in Vienna. Miss O'Connor lost seventy-five books.

The foundation of the building can be used again.

FORTIFICATIONS ON ISLANDS.

Nearly \$1,500,000 Will Be Spent in the Philippines.

Fortifications for the Philippine islands formed the subject of a lengthy conference at the White House Saturday night, participated in by the president, Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Murray, chief of coast artillery, Secretary of the Navy, Messers and Capt. Mason Sargent, of the naval general board.

There is available at the present time for this purpose \$1,435,000, and tentative plans already have been prepared for carrying out the project. These were carefully gone over Saturday by Secretary Taft and Gen. Bell and Murray, and it was the secretary's intention to be at the White House and joint in the conference, but he was unavoidably kept away. The president has exhibited a keen interest in the subject of fortifications generally, and the meeting Saturday night was in order to acquaint himself with the Philippine necessities. It is expected that the plans will be matured in a short time and that the work thereafter will be speedily pushed.

ORAGED BY LONG JOURNEY.

Young Woman Leaps from a Train and is Killed.

Marie Becker, apparently crazed by the tedious of a journey across the continent, leaped through a car window from a New York Central train near Yost, N. Y., Saturday night. It is believed she came from Chehalis, Wash. Her dead body was found on the ice of the Mohawk river, where it had rolled down a steep embankment. The woman, who was about 25 years old, was accompanied by a baby girl about 2 years old, supposed to be her daughter, who has been placed in a children's institution at Albany. The authorities found on the body a North German Lloyd steamship ticket sold in San Francisco on Feb. 27, bearing the name of Marie Becker and Mary Anna Becker, to be used on a steamer sailing from New York next Monday.

DESPERATE BATTLE IN BOAT.

Three Young Men Killed and Fourth Seriously Wounded.

Thacker Rice and Speed and Elijah Badley, brothers, were killed in a desperate fight in a boat while crossing the middle fork of the Kentucky river, twenty miles below Sargent, Ky. With them was John Ellmore, a dispute arose between Ellmore and Rice, whereupon the Badleys took sides with Rice. Ellmore without warning struck Rice on the head with an oar, and a battle with pistols and knives followed. Ellmore, badly wounded, finally reached shore with his companions, but they died soon after. The fight followed a celebration at a neighbor's home.

WEEKLY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs \$1.50. Top cows, \$1.35.

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TO LAND KIDNAPERS.

Detectives Strike Trail in the Marvin Case.

Deputy Attorney General Richards working on the case of little Horace Marvin, who was kidnaped on Monday at Dover, Del., has instructed State Detective Hawkins to arrest John Hart, a footman, of Gloucester and Bowers Beach, who had been tracked to Newcastle with his peculiar black hulled, cat rigged sloop, which, it is alleged, was the craft used to get the child up the river to a point where trains connected.

This sloop had been traced to Salem creek, where she is supposed to have been since Monday evening because of the floating ice in the Delaware river. Mr. Richards received word at 8 o'clock that the sloop had been seized at Newcastle and the kidnaper was under surveillance. Hawkins went at once to Newcastle and put Hart under arrest.

Meantime Dr. Marvin was sought by Secretary of State Joseph L. Cahill and notified that Gov. Lea had taken hold of the case and would have a conference with him at his residence relative to the quickest method of recovering the boy and capturing the kidnapers.

"The governor is greatly interested," said Mr. Cahill, "and desires to assure you that no pains or reasonable expense will be spared to get back your boy."

"We must have the boy back first," said Dr. Marvin. "I would rather think about that and talk about that line of action than I would the infraction of the laws. I shall never rest on earth until I get him."

Pittsburg and Lancaster chiefs of police have telegraphed that they hold boys under surveillance answering the description of Horace Marvin.

RECEIVES THE \$25,000 PRIZE.

Man Who Guessed the World's Fair Attendance is Finally Awarded.

After two years' litigation a decision was rendered in the circuit court at Clayton, Mo., awarding to M. Logan Guthrie, of Fulton, Mo., the prize of \$25,000 offered in the contest to the person who entered the nearest guess to the total number of paid admissions to the world's fair.

Guthrie guessed 12,804,616, which was announced as the exact number of admissions before the other claimants appeared and payment of the prize was held up pending a settlement of the different claims.

BURTON NEAR LIBERTY.

Former Kansas Senator to Be Released from Jail March 22.

Former Senator Joseph R. Burton, of Kansas, will be released on March 22 from the Ironton, Mo., jail, where he is serving a six months' sentence for obstruction of justice. His confinement was for the alleged defrauding of a rich quick company of St. Louis, according to a letter received here Tuesday from the ex-senator. His six months' term is shortened thirty days for good behavior. Burton says he and his wife, who has been living in Ironton since last fall, will return directly to their home at Abilene.

TWO BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT.

Man Who Has Most of Plunder Secured at Masonville, Ia.

Two of the men who robbed the Farmers' Savings bank in the little town of Masonville, six miles west of Manchester, of \$2,000, were captured Thursday evening in an old barn in the north part of the city, where they were hiding until nightfall so they could escape. Two sacks containing nickels and dimes to the amount of \$60 were found in their possession. The sheriff and his assistants are hunting for the third robber, who has the rest of the plunder with him.

WILKIE GIVES IT UP.

Unable to Solve Mystery of Big Chicago Robbery.

Chief Wilkie, of the United States secret service, who has been in charge of the investigation at Chicago of the disappearance of \$174,000 from the treasury, returned to Washington Friday night.

"We have found out nothing," said Chief Wilkie. "We are no nearer a solution of the mystery than when the loss was first discovered. At no time have we even had a clew that was worthy of consideration."

Women and Children Frozen.

Ole Overby, Thursday Found his Wife and four Children Frozen to Death at the Homestead in Ward county, N. D.

The husband had been away to work.

Ex-Mayor of Marshalltown Dead.

Former Mayor Nelson Ames, of Marshalltown, who was a captain in the civil war with a remarkable record for bravery, died Thursday night.

Third Term for Roosevelt.

Former Representative Martin, of South Dakota, on leaving Washington for Deadwood, declared in favor of Theodore Roosevelt's election for a third term.

Mr. Martin said that the trend of the times was in favor of it.

Prof. Henry Todd Dead.

Prof. Henry Davis Todd (lieutenant commander U. S. N., retired), the last member of the naval academy class of 1857, died at his home in Annapolis Friday.

Last Mormon Relic Destroyed.

The last of the historic log houses built by the Mormons when they settled in Livingston and Caldwell counties, Mo., in 1835, was destroyed by fire recently. The building formed part of a private residence near Moorsville.

Portland Mills Shut Down.

Four of the largest sawmills in Portland, Ore., have shut down and will make no further efforts to keep in operation until a settlement of the wage dispute with their employes is made.

HOISTS WHITE FLAG.

Harriman Seeks Peace Terms for Railroads.

"I am ready to make the advancement of a scheme of co-operation between the government and the railroads my chief interest," said E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific railroad, on returning to New York Thursday from Washington.

Mr. Harriman declined to talk about the report that he had obtained control of the Rock Island railroad.

Speaking of the agitation against corporate wealth, he said: "They—we, all of us—should have considered the possible effects of this agitation before it was begun or before conditions that made its growth possible were allowed to confine. If we had all met on common ground and co-operated for our mutual benefit nobody would be worrying over the situation as it is today."

"We all made a mistake in this. I realize the mistake and I believe the administration at Washington is beginning to realize that it has been a little too radical in its attitude toward the railroads. Henceforth I look to see its opposition take on more of the spirit of co-operation. I believe the railroads can expect to receive more even-handed justice."

"We men at the head of the great corporations on our part are coming to a better understanding of what the government expects of us. We are beginning to get the point of view of the administration. We feel that we are now, all of us—the public, the government and the railroads—on a common ground where we can deal with each other in the right spirit."

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER.

Strother Brothers Quickly Cleared by Jury.

The Strother brothers' case was given to the jury at Culpepper, Va., Thursday, and the jury quickly returned a verdict of not guilty.

The "higher law" was the principal plea of the defense, although emotional insanity also entered into the defense.

The jury was out but one hour. The announcement of the verdict was a signal for an outbreak of approval. Judge Harrison, in dismissing the jury, said: "Gentlemen, I thank you for the verdict, which I think will be approved by the public. It has established a precedent in the state of Virginia that no man tried for defending the sanctity of his home should be found guilty."

James and Philip Strother were charged with the murder of Wm. F. Bywaters, their brother-in-law, at the shot house near Culpepper. They shot Bywaters in defense of the honor of their sister, the young bride of an hour, as he was seeking to escape from the house after the marriage ceremony had been performed.

The most sensational testimony produced was that of Mrs. Bywaters, who told of her betrayal by Bywaters under promise of marriage; that she pleaded with Bywaters to make honorable reparation, and of their trips to Washington for the criminal operation which she dreaded; his indifferent treatment of her, the forced marriage, his attempted flight, and the shooting followed.

All the parties involved in the case are prominent. James Strother is a member of the Virginia legislature.

EXPERTS ARE EXPENSIVE.

Jerome Asks for an Appropriation of \$15,000.

District Attorney Jerome sent a request to Comptroller Metz for an emergency appropriation of \$15,000 in special revenue to pay the expenses of Washington for the testimony of the state of New York to testify as to the sanity of Harry Thaw on the night he shot Stanford White.

In the trial of Albert T. Patrick for the murder of William R. Rice the district attorney obtained more than \$50,000 to pay the expense of experts employed by the state.

Russian Sailors Sent to the Mines.

Twelve sailors belonging to the Russian cruiser Emir of Buhkhar, who were tried by courtmartial for mutiny at the time of the outbreak at Sveaport, have been sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor in the mine for three years to life.

Russian Radicals Win.

The first skirmish for control of the opposition in the lower house of parliament was won by the radicals, who compelled the constitutional democrats to abandon their candidates for vice presidents and accept the nomination of the radical coalition.

Two Women Poisoned; Mystery.

Ardine Rakekin, a young girl, and Mrs. D. Woodglass, a widow, of Shenandoah, Ill., Thursday died from strychnine poisoning. There is no clew as to the person who placed the poison before either of the dead women.

Passes 2-Cent Fare Bill.

The 2-cent maximum fare bill passed the Illinois house Thursday by practically a unanimous vote. A few who opposed the bill refused to vote.

Steamer Crushed by Ice Floes.

The sea fishing steamer Leopold was crushed in the ice floes off Cape Race, N. F., during a terrific gale at midnight Wednesday, and totally wrecked. The crew of 103 men reached land safely.

Four Greeks Killed by Train.

Four Greeks employed on tidewater railroad construction work at Roanoke, Va., were struck by a Norfolk and Western freight train Thursday near Roanoke and killed.

Fitzgerald's Daughter Dead.

The announcement of the death of Miss Cornelia Fitzgerald, of New York, daughter of Bishop James Fitzgerald, has cabled relatives in Newark from Penang, Malaysia, where Miss Fitzgerald died March 3.

Steamer Grounded in Fog.

The British steamer Cambridge, with forty-six passengers and a crew of fifty on board, grounded Thursday morning at Nolle Point, Holland, during a fog. Later the Cambridge was floated without apparent damage.

South Dakota State News

THINKS STOCK IN GOOD SHAPE.

C. K. Howard Says Losses Will Not Be as Heavy as Expected.

Notwithstanding the severity of the weather during January and a part of February, C. K. Howard, a Sioux Falls pioneer and now president of the Western South Dakota Stockmen's association whose range is on the Cheyenne river, east of the Black Hills, takes a hopeful view of the situation with reference to losses of stock during the remainder of the winter, the sleet storms and cold rains of March and April being about the hardest for the cattle to endure.

In a letter to a friend Mr. Howard states that taking it altogether the present winter—that is, the early portion of it—is the most severe he can remember since the winter of 1850. He says that during the winter of 1850, when it killed the deer, antelope, elk and the Indian ponies, "I saw," he writes, "a band of elk that winter within twenty miles of where Sioux City now is situated, that number being at least 500 or 600 head. Many perished. The snow was four and five feet deep on a level and the crust made it impossible to travel. Indians on snowshoes would walk up to a deer and knock him on the head with a hatchet."

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MASONS TO MEET.

Scottish Rites Will Hold Session in Aberdeen, S. D.

The Scottish Rite Masons will hold a ceremonial and initiatory session in Aberdeen four days this month, beginning the 25th and closing the 28th. The ceremony will be held on the last night, when the ceremony will close with the extinguishing of the lights. The re-lighting will take place on Easter Sunday afternoon. The work of the ceremony is to be held on the fourth to the thirty-second will take up the greater part of the four days and will be made a memorable occasion. A large class will take the degree.

FOUR CROUCH LINE EXTENSION.

Good News for Black Hills Follows Adjustment.

The appointment of C. O. Bailey, of Sioux Falls, as joint receiver of the Missouri River & Northwestern railroad and the amicable adjustment of the differences which heretofore have existed between the stockholders of the road, will be a most important part in the development of the central Black Hills and the rich and unoccupied territory west of the Hills.

GALVESTON PLAN EXPLAINED.

South Dakota Cities Can Change Government.

Great interest is being shown in the bill now in the hands of the governor which provides for the incorporation of cities under the Galveston plan of city government. It is believed the measure will be signed. According to reports received it is possible that several cities in this state will be incorporated under this plan. It is optional with all cities and can only be put into execution after the proposition has been favorably voted upon at the general election.

River Rising at Yankton.

The river at Yankton has remained practically stationary for a week and is now slowly rising. Should thawing weather continue north a more rapid rise is looked for, and high water in the Jim would seem certain. The farmers in that valley have taken precautions to minimize the damage that can result from a flood on the bottom lands.

Heavy Loss of Cattle.

It is estimated that the loss to cattlemen out north and east of Rapid City will be in the neighborhood of 40 per cent. The past winter has been the most severe in twenty years, and had it not been for the fact that the new railroads building east from there were in a position to haul out feed to the cattlemen the loss would have been much greater.

Writs of Error Granted.

The supreme court recently granted writs of error in the cases of the state vs. H. R. Loudon and Herman Edwards Ney, both in the penitentiary from Davison county on charges of murder. There were no certificates of possible cause and the prisoners must remain in the penitentiary pending hearings of their applications.

Cheated Uncle Sam.

Several persons in the vicinity of Estelle who mailed packages of papers in which they inserted letters without paying the postage stamps sufficient, have found the practice a very costly one.

For New School at Lake Andes.

The voters of Lake Andes will soon have submitted to them the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of \$4,000 for the construction of a new public school building.

Faulton Hotel Burns.

At 4:30 o'clock Thursday morning a fire destroyed the Hotel East. The loss was about \$7,000, with insurance of about \$6,000 on building and furniture. The hotel was the only one in operation in the city and every room was occupied. The guests were all aroused and escaped in safety, but a number lost most of their clothing.

Armour Pastor Resigns.

Rev. Crawford Pearce has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church in Armour and returned to New York City, where he will attend another year.

Accepts Call to Armour.

Rev. E. W. Thompson, of Idaho, has accepted a call as pastor of the Christian church of Armour. This denomination has been without a pastor during the past year.

BANQUET FOR STATE SOLONS.

Aberdeen Normal's Faculty to Celebrate \$60,000 Appropriation.

The faculty of the Aberdeen Normal school will give a banquet and reception to members of the state legislature from this section to celebrate the action of the legislature, which has just appropriated \$60,000 for the erection of a new building for the school. This institution has had a phenomenal growth. It already has three handsome buildings—a main building, dormitory and mechanical arts—but the number of students has grown so rapidly that it became necessary to send an urgent plea to the legislature for assistance. The money appropriated will be available in two instalments, half this year and half next year.

President Nash plans to enlarge the main building and construct an administration building adjoining the mechanical arts. This will be presented to the board of regents and it is hoped the members will agree. The banquet will be held from 6 to 8 o'clock in the dormitory and following the reception an entertainment will be given.

SECOND RECEIVER NAMED.

Affairs of Black Hills Road Satisfactorily Adjusted.

The difficulties heretofore existing between the stockholders of the Missouri River and Northwestern Railroad company, which culminated in the appointment of a receiver for the company in February, have been amicably adjusted, and Wednesday Judge McGee, of the Pennington county circuit court, appointed C. O. Bailey, of Sioux Falls, as additional receiver. The receiver's interests are W. J. Hayes & Sons, of Cleveland, O., and the bondholders of the road.

The road from now on will be operated by a joint receivership, in which C. O. Bailey, receiver, and the Crouch interests and C. O. Bailey the Hayes interests and the bondholders. Funds have been provided to defray the current expenses of the road and it is understood that Charles D. Crouch will now proceed with his plans for extension of the road to the Wyoming coal fields. This will open up a rich and fertile territory tributary to Rapid City. The road extends from Rapid City westward into the Black Hills.

VICTIMS OF MINING SHARPS.

Black Hills Man Invests in Bogus Goldfield Stock.

That dealers in fake mining stock can catch "green" even among residents indicated by the experience of several Black Hills men, who some weeks ago decided to take a "dip" in the Goldfield stock market. It is now developed that they are losers, and in a considerable sum, much greater than was at first supposed. The sharks operating in the Goldfield district have raked in over \$10,000 cash from the Black Hills men, this sum representing the hard earned savings of half a dozen of the old timers of the Black Hills.

The Black Hills victims, in the hope of saving something out of the wreck, a few days ago sent a representative to the Goldfield district, but he reports, after a careful investigation, that there is "nothing doing." Daily sessions now are being held by the victims in an effort to figure out some method by which they can secure a return of at least a part of their money.

RAID ON SALOONKEEPERS.

Agent of Internal Revenue Department Makes Arrests.

A special agent of the internal revenue department of the government who recently visited the towns in the north central portion of the state for the purpose of seeing that the saloonkeepers of that region were complying with the federal statutes, is reported to have found a number of cases where the law was being violated. At one point he discovered a dealer selling beer in quarter kegs, and fined him the sum of \$75. The rules being that saloon men cannot sell more than an eighth keg without taking out a wholesaler's license. The special agent is reported to have also fined saloon men at Bristol, Wauabay and a number of other towns for various infractions of the internal revenue laws.

Levy on Ranch Stock.

As a sequel to the recent conviction of John Ham, son of Watson Ham, one of the most prominent of the stockmen, whose range is on the Missouri river in central South Dakota, on the charge of cattle "rustling," Coppernith, Reed & Comer, Iowa men from whom young Ham is alleged to have stolen the cattle, have levied upon fifty-eight head of cattle belonging to John Ham, to satisfy a judgment for \$1,006.10.

Bishop Hare to Return.

The official announcement is made that Rt. Rev. William Hobart Hare, the venerable Episcopal bishop of South Dakota, whose health is very poor, and who for some months has been unable to perform his duties, has returned to his home in the east for the purpose of receiving treatment at the hands of specialists. He will return to Sioux Falls in time to participate in the confirmation at the cathedral on Easter Sunday.

Rush of Immigrants Begins.

The influx of farmers from the east to the section of South Dakota around Mitchell has started for the spring, and over the Milwaukee system to the north and west a great many immigrant cars have passed through in the past week or ten days. A dozen families have moved into Davison county this week, and every one of them has brought land on which to make their home.

Methodists to Meet.

There will be an assemblage of three conventions in Mitchell when the Methodist ministers of the Mitchell district, the Epworth league convention and the missionary convention will hold a three-day session commencing on Wednesday afternoon and continuing until Friday noon.

Paving Plans at Mitchell.

Active operations have commenced in Mitchell looking to the paving of Main street from the Milwaukee depot to the Omaha depot.

Increasing Land Values.

Deals in Brown county land are showing a marked increase. Several large transfers having been made within the past few days. Among them are two, the deeds of which were filed Wednesday. They involve two sections, one amounting to 114.130, or \$29.40 an acre, and the other 113.120, or \$6.45 an acre.

Accepts Call to Armour.

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South Dakota Legislature

The banking committee returned in an unfavorable report in the house on the bill to make 10 per cent the highest contract rate of interest in the state.

The senate adopted the house resolution for an adjournment at noon next Friday with a tacit agreement that if they were not through at that time the clock was to be stopped to allow them to finish.

The senate passed practically all the special appropriation bills, giving \$50,000 to Vermillion, \$60,000 to Aberdeen, \$50,000 to Brookings, about \$75,000 to Yankton and \$15,000 to Rapid City.