

ADDITIONAL LOCAL MATTERS

WHEAT STILL GOING UP

An Increase of Eight Cents in Price During the Week. Wheat kept on going up in price yesterday, reaching the highest figure of the year. Soft wheat sold at 74 1/2 cents...

GOT HIS CASH AND WENT

C. R. Johnson Says Pete Dillon Worked Shoe Racket. A suit over a pair of shoes was filed to Judge Glenn's court yesterday. C. R. Johnson declared under oath that one Pete Dillon, who pretends to be a shoe-maker, got three dollars from him in advance for a pair of shoes...

COMING LOCAL EVENTS.

Shaw's music, Steffen's ice cream and delicious home-made cake at the social for the Children's Home. Great preparations are being made for the Children's Home fête on the court house lawn tomorrow night. Do not miss it.

SLAYS HIS MOTHER

TEXAS WILL HAVE A MEAN, ODDLY SNEAK TO HANG.

Virgil Gallagher, in the Verdancy of His Twenty Years, Thinks to Secure Money Wherein to Flee Away and be Happy With a Variety Actress, by Murdering His Mother and Robbing Her—Seeks to Cover His Crime by Incendiarism, Expecting to Further Fatten His Furry by Collecting the Fire Insurance.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 16.—At an early hour this morning Mrs. Kate Gallagher, for twelve years a school teacher in this city, who lived with her son, Virgil, at Thirtieth and K streets, was found with her throat cut from ear to ear and the body charred beyond recognition. After killing her the murderer set fire to the bed.

DIDN'T HAVE MUCH FUN.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 16.—James S. Parsons, the fugitive president of the International Life Insurance company, has returned after ten years, a penniless man, to pay his debt to nature. It is said that he has an incurable disease of the stomach and can live but a short time. He had been living in Canada since the wrecking of the company, but for a year or so had been in Massachusetts, later in Boston hospital. He is only 45 years old, but his long exile and disease have wrought havoc with his physical condition. Parsons' defalcations amounted to about \$100,000.

KILLED HIS NEPHEW.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—John Masterson, aged 77, shot and killed John Kurran, his nephew, and fatally wounded himself today. Kurran was the proprietor of a grocery store and employed his uncle as clerk. A few days ago he discharged the old man. This morning Masterson appeared and, after words, drew a pistol and fired three shots at Kurran, who fell after the third shot, which lodged in the left breast. Masterson then attempted to kill the youth who had succeeded him as clerk, but the latter fled. Masterson then turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting a fatal wound in his head.

IS DETERMINED TO DIE.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—A man who is said to be Mr. Tulliv Owcynski, a Polish nobleman, and an officer in the Belgian guards and who by his own statement has served in the Cuban army, is lying at Merri hospital slowly recovering from a dose of laudanum taken with suicidal intent. He declares that he will make another attempt to take his life at the first opportunity. He refuses to discuss his identity. The police found a letter from Belgium, written in French, in the patient's pocket.

ORLEANS HAS THE WORST OF IT

Duel Between Him and the Count of Turin

Paris, Aug. 16.—The Count of Turin and Prince Henri of Orleans fought a duel with swords at 5 o'clock yesterday morning at the Bois de Marechoux at Vanves. H. Leontieff acted as umpire. The fighting was most determined and lasted twenty-six minutes. There were five engagements of which two were at close quarters. Prince Henri received two serious wounds in the right shoulder and the right side of the abdomen. The Count of Turin was wounded in the right hand. Prince Henri was taken to the residence of the Duc de Chartres and received medical attention.

POURING INTO COFFEE CREEK

Great Rush to the New Diggings in California.

Redding, Cal., Aug. 14.—J. M. Graham arrived here tonight from Coffee Creek, and reports that the miners and prospectors are coming into the new diggings in crowds. Graham and an old Colorado prospector named Armstrong located claim on Coffee creek not far from the Graves brothers five days ago. They say that the diggings are in an old river channel and that the bed rock is very deep.

INSOLVENT BANK DIVIDENDS

Banks at Washington, Humboldt and Arkansas City on the List.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The comptroller of the currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent banks as follows: Twenty-five per cent, the Sumner National bank, of Wellington, Kan.; 10 per cent, the Humboldt National bank, Humboldt, Kan.; 10 per cent, the Marquette bank, of Duluth, Minn.; 5 per cent, the American National bank, of Arkansas City, Kan.; 5 per cent, the Stock Growers' National bank, of Miles City, Mont.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—The Financial Letter in its current issue publishes a letter from C. P. Huntington to an officer of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, in which he advocates the removal of Mr. Brethron, the London agent, on the ground that he is inimical to the best interests of the stockholders, and as he strongly urges the amalgamation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads.

London, Aug. 14.—Wine exporters say that the vintage of 1917 will not rank high. The best reports have been received from Mayens, where it is said that a heavy crop is expected. In the important wine districts of Germany, a high quality of grape is expected. The French vintage is much smaller than that of 1916, though it is of fair quality. The and sherry districts are lacking in both quantity and quality.

HAS MADE A SNEAK

FLYING MACHINE FELTS IS A MOON MISSING MAN.

There are His Great Wings on Top of Pike's Peak, and Just Occasional Occasions of Nico, Crisp Cool, Dry, This Colorado Air Waiting to be Fanned by Them, But Mr. Felts' Nerve is Supposed to Have Something the Matter With It, at Least, He Cometh Not, So Said—His Friends Are More Charitable.

Manitou, Col., Aug. 16.—William B. Felts, has mysteriously disappeared. His flying machine, with which he was to have attempted the flying leap from Pike's Peak to Colorado Springs, is still housed on the top of the Peak. There have been rumors that Felts' nerve was becoming shaky, which wore off by the statements that he was waiting for a clear day.

INCENDIARIES USE A BULB

Chicago Fire-Engines Use Chemicals to Their Work.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—With a simple-looking glass bulb, containing an unknown chemical mixture, a bold band of Chicago firebugs have been conducting operations on a big scale for over four years. In this time they have defrauded insurance companies out of large amounts of money in risks and rewards. Three of the men implicated are now under penitentiary sentences, and a fourth is trying to evade capture by the police. Inspector M. W. Conway of the Chicago fire department, is confident the gang has been effectually broken up, but he will not be entirely satisfied with his work until he masters the mystery of the glass bulb and its contents. This is a task in which insurance companies have engaged the service of expert chemists, but thus far no progress has been made.

Last Spring a man giving his name as William Eaton opened an agency in Wheeling, W. Va., for the distribution of toys, willowware and similar goods. Later he took out \$25,000 insurance on a fire, and following this there was a fire. In the meantime the suspicions of the insurance men had been aroused, and there was an investigation, which resulted in the arrest of Eaton and his subsequent conviction. When he was arrested to defend him. It developed that Eaton himself was from Chicago, and that another Chicago man had been there and had a conference with him about the time of his arrest. On the trial a negro named grandison, who had worked for Eaton, told of seeing some suspicious glass bulbs about the store, which his employer had cautioned him against handling.

SOMETHING TO DEFEND ON.

St. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and in a few days was able to get about. He says that he had a bottle of the medicine in his store, and that he had a bottle of the medicine in his store, and that he had a bottle of the medicine in his store.

CASTORIA

She—'Does the baby take after its mother?' He—'Well, it hasn't begun to talk yet.'—Yonkers Statesman.

CASTORIA

Inspector Conway heard of all these things and made up his mind that the firebug gang which had been operating in Chicago had transferred themselves to other parts of the country, still using this city as a base. It was in 1893 that incendiary fires were at their worst here. The band was then composed of Fred Smith, William Eaton, William Alexander, Henry Schueck, and so Conway asser, of Fred G. Cowie. The method of operation, as shown by sworn confessions now in possession of the authorities was this:

One of the band would rent a store, which would be first under Smith's direction, the shelving in every instance being painted with black asphaltum, to make it more inflammable. A dummy would not be found to pose as proprietor, and a stock of unsalable goods brought in from Schueck's factory. Bogus bill heads, bearing the names of reputable business firms, were printed and filled in to show the purchase of large quantities of valuable goods. Insurance to the amount of \$10,000, \$25,000, and in some instances \$40,000, was taken out and the premiums promptly paid. Suddenly there would be a fire. Proof of value of stock was made by striking a balance between the amount shown by bogus invoices and the sale book, and in nearly every case the insurance companies had to settle. Paul Loewenmeyer, in a confession under oath, says the band ran a regular school of instruction and had every danger point well guarded.

Finally, after numerous disasters finally in Chicago the band was cornered and convicted. Smith turned out to be the same man who was sent to Joliet for bribing Cronin jurors, and afterwards posed as an evangelist at a West Madison street mission. Alexander made a confession. Schueck got his prison sentence commuted to \$1,000 fine. Eaton had to face the music. What worried Inspector Conway was that he could not detect the means of starting the fires. In one case Alexander said he ignited the blaze by throwing a burning match into a barrel of dry explosive, but subsequent developments make it possible that this was merely a blind to draw attention from the glass bulb which is now known to have been used in many of their jobs.

This bulb looks something like an electric light globe, but is a little larger than those used on the ordinary incandescent light. It has a screw cap at one end, and is pear-shaped. Tiny fragments of these bulbs have been found at Xenia, Ohio, Wheeling and Huntington, W. Va., and in other places where incendiary fires have occurred. No trace of their contents can be had, but the theory is they are filled with some chemical mixture which can be so proportioned as to burst the glass and break out into flame at any given time. Smith locked his store at Xenia on Saturday night and went to Columbus. While he was away a fire broke out, and under ordinary circumstances he would have had a complete alibi from a charge of arson. Claim for the insurance money was not pressed, however, when it became known that the authorities had evidence of experiment with mysterious glass bulbs, of midnight mixings of chemicals, and of heat tests in a stove. The fires in Wheeling and Huntington were set in the same way. Loewenmeyer, who was to have managed the fire in the Eclipse store at Leavitt and Harrison streets, Chicago, says his instructions were to watch for the breaking out of the blaze and then throw plenty of water on the surrounding goods before he gave an alarm. With this as a clue the chemists are working on the idea that the bulbs are filled with some material the ignition of which is heightened by oxygen in con-

tact with water. It was at first thought the bulbs were operated by electricity, as the witness Grandison in the Wheeling trial said he noticed wires at one end of them. In none of the stores where fires have taken place could any signs of an electrical outfit, or even of wires, be discovered, and the theory now accepted is that the explosion and flames are generated within the bulb itself, the latter being blown into impalpable powder, thus destroying all trace of the device.

Fred Smith is named by Inspector Conway and other fire and police officials as being the head and brains of the gang, the others being merely his tools. It is Smith who is credited with responsibility for the bulb device. All kinds of offers of clemency and even money rewards have been made to him if he will tell the secret of its ingredients and method of operation, but he declines to make the facts known. By the side of this contrivance the arson apparatus of all other firebugs is clumsy and easy of detection. The New Yorkers who defrauded eastern insurance companies out of \$350,000 last fall by means of kerosene cans and burning candles left incriminating evidence of their work behind them and were easily caught. Armed with his glass bulb, or three or four of them, the Chicago firebug proportionates the explosive material to do his work in, say ten hours. He fills the bulb, places them in inflammable stock, and then opens and with ostentatious leavetakings boards a train for a town 200 miles away. Ten hours later fire destroys his heavily-insured stock and there is no trace of criminal mechanism. That man has a pretty strong alibi, and he knows it, as do also the insurance people. The latter may have their suspicions but they need proof and this is why they want to know how those mysterious bulbs are worked.

ARMY ORDERS

Washington, Aug. 16.—The following assignments have been made in the army, occasioned by recent promotions: Lieutenant-Colonel Abram A. Harbach, to the Third Infantry; Major William H. Clapp to the Twenty-fourth Infantry; Major Charles Keller, to the Eighteenth Infantry; Captain William Lawler, to the Sixteenth Infantry; Captain I. Captain William A. Mercer, to the Eighth Infantry; Company H; Captain Abner Pickering, to the Second Infantry; Company G; First Lieutenant Charles Miller, to the Sixteenth Infantry; Company I; First Lieutenant John R. Seyburn, to the Eighteenth Infantry; Company H; Additional Captain Claude H. Miller, to be second Lieutenant Twenty-fourth Infantry; Company C; First Lieutenant Charles W. Fenton, to the Fifth cavalry; Troop B; Additional Second Lieutenant Pierce A. Murphy, to be second Lieutenant, Seventh cavalry; Troop G. Second Lieutenant Edwin B. Winans, Jr., First cavalry, has been detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the Michigan Military academy at Orford Park, Mich.; vice Captain Frederick A. Smith, Seventeenth Infantry.

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