

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

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SANTA ROSA, Aug. 26.—Guerneville, a village in the redwoods about twenty-five miles west of this city, was almost entirely swept away by fire yesterday afternoon, and in consequence a large number of people are now camping along the banks of Russian River, many without food, bedding or clothing. The financial loss will be about \$20,000. In addition, two men are known to have lost their lives and a boy was perhaps fatally injured.

The fire was caused by a defective fire in the residence of Dr. J. A. Burns. It was discovered at 2 o'clock, but had gained such headway that it was impossible to subdue it. There were no facilities whatever for fighting the fire and the flames quickly spread. It was the hottest day of the season, everything was as dry as tinder and the fire swept along unchecked and with plenty of good material to feed it.

In an incredibly short time the flames had swept away the northeast part of the town, destroying the railroad depot and the telephone office in it, and was upon the main business block, where the fire full away, and in an hour not a business house was left standing. The flames were finally checked by the brick wall of McConnell's saloon, which was a wall of fire. Strenuous efforts were made to save the Odd Fellows' building, but it was soon evident that the structure was doomed.

Then attention was turned to saving the contents, and it was while engaged in this work that the fatalities occurred. The building was in flames, but still the brave workers continued to carry out goods. Suddenly, without any warning, the front wall fell outward, burying Dr. J. A. Burns, in whose home the fire started, Oscar McKee and Clyde Hewitt, the messenger boy of the telephone office.

William Burns at once commenced the work of rescue, though the heat was almost unbearable and there was danger of the other walls collapsing. Soon the bodies of Burns and McKee were extricated from the ruins. Both were dead. Shortly afterward Hewitt was rescued. He was unconscious, but still breathing, and was at once taken to the hospital. He was almost asphyxiated by the smoke, and suffered also internal injuries.

It is believed that there are two more bodies in the ruins. Two men are missing, and it is thought that they perished while trying to save stock from the stores. Many persons were successful in escaping from their houses.

In all, twenty-eight residences and stores were burned. The town had been burned down twice before, and the insurance companies refused risks in the place except on a few buildings.

The heaviest single loss was the Odd Fellows' Hall, which was a fine building, comparatively new building and cost \$12,000. The contents were valued at \$3,000. The insurance on both building and contents was \$6,000.

The thousand cords of wood belonging to the Sonoma Lumber Company went up in smoke. By organizing a bucket brigade and carrying water from Russian River, the plant of the company was saved.

Most of the contents of the railroad depot were saved. The employees at the first alarm hurriedly packed up their papers and most valuable merchandise into box cars and pushed them along the track, out of reach of the fire.

The Guerneville House, a three-story frame building, owned by August Westman, and its contents was among the first buildings to go. The loss is \$4,000 and insurance \$2,000. Other losses were: Carr & Bradley, general merchandise, loss \$5,000, insurance \$3,000; A. Benning, saloon, loss \$1,500, no insurance; J. A. Burns, general merchandise and lumber dealers, loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,000; Methodist Church, loss \$4,000, no insurance; G. B. Deitz, general merchandise, loss \$5,000, no insurance; Dr. Burns, drug store, loss \$2,000, no insurance.

There were about twenty residences destroyed, and but very few were insured. Dr. Burns and Oscar McKee, two of the victims, leave families; the latter internally cannot live. Two more bodies are believed to be under the walls. Food and money were contributed by a number of citizens from Santa Rosa. J. A. Jost, one of the sufferers will call a meeting of the Board of Supervisors to raise \$5,000 to buy lumber to build houses for the needy. This evening a mass meeting of citizens was held in the Fifth street Methodist church, and measures were taken to relieve the people in distress.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Complete List of the State Ticket Nominated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—The Democratic State Convention met yesterday morning and finished the task of nominating State officers. The ticket as it stands complete is as follows:

Governor—James H. Budd of Stockton. Lieutenant-Governor—William T. Jeter of Santa Cruz. Secretary of State—Benjamin Maddox of Visalia.

Attorney-General—A. B. Harris of San Francisco. State Treasurer—Jose Castro of San Luis Obispo.

Controller—Michael Meagher of San Francisco. Surveyor-General—Dwight M. Angeir of San Francisco.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—C. S. Smythe of San Benito. Clerk of Supreme Court—P. W. McGlade of San Francisco.

State Printer—John J. Curry of San Francisco. Justices of the Supreme Court—Long term, Jackson Temple of Santa Rosa; long term, James E. Murphy of Del Norte; short term, E. A. Bridgeford of Colusa.

Congressmen, First District—T. J. Geary of Sonoma. Second District—A. Canninetti of Amador. Third District—Warren B. English of Alameda.

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RACES AT PETALUMA.

PETALUMA, Aug. 26.—The Petaluma fair came to an end yesterday, after a most successful week. The attendance was large and the races good. The talent was badly dumped and the short-enders got most of the money.

In the unfinished race Myrtle Thorne, with two heats to her credit, was favorite at \$20 to \$10 for the field. George Dexter, handsome son of Dexter Prince, had the most speed, but won the two final heats in 2:18 and 2:13.

In the three-year-old trot Silver Bee was selected to win and brought \$50 against the field. The winner turned up in the Palo Alto Myrtle Aria, by Bernal Ashby, driven by Dustin, who won easily in straight heats.

The third heat resulted in a dead heat between the favorite and Ciancioro. Ciancioro got second money and Falcy third money. The 2:25 pace wound up Bay Rum and was won easily by the favorite, Videtta.

Unfinished four-year-old trot; purse \$500. Myrtle Thorne 4 3 2 1 1 3 Red Oats 2 1 3 4 3 2 Time, 2:25 1/2-2:21-2:20 1/2-2:20-2:19 1/2-2:18 1/2-2:17 1/2.

Second race, 2:20 class, trotting; purse \$1,000. Ciancioro 8 8 0 1 1 1 Falcy 2 1 3 4 3 2 Bay Rum, Vina Belle, Regina, Irene Crocker and Bay Rum 1 5 0 2 3 4 Time, 2:17 1/2-2:19 1/2-2:16-2:18-2:18-2:20 1/2.

Three-year-olds, trotting, 2:27 class; purse \$1,000. Myrtle Thorne 1 1 1 1 1 1 Nellie W. 2 2 8 8 2 8 Silver Bee, Manora, John Bury, Havenscroft and Bay Rum 1 1 1 1 1 1 Time, 2:18 1/2-2:17 1/2-2:16 1/2-2:16 1/2-2:15 1/2-2:14 1/2.

FRANKLIN MINE DISASTER.

All Except Six of the Victims Laid to Rest.

SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—To-day was made the occasion of a general funeral of the victims of the Franklin mine disaster on Friday last. Two of the dead miners were buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery here, three at Renton, one at Spring Brook, five at Black Diamond and eleven at Franklin. A funeral train left Franklin at 6:45 o'clock this morning, carrying nearly all the living people to Black Diamond, where the Rev. F. Damon preached the funeral sermons.

After the melancholy rite the train ran back to Franklin, carrying the bodies of the dead miners there. Throughout the Cedar Grove valley the church bells tolled, and their mournful tones told that the people were performing the last duty to the dead. On every side appeared the grim emblems of death, and in the place of the excitement succeeding the accident had come a feeling of gloom and desponding.

The miners realized that their "buddies" were no more, and violent grief at bidding their loved ones a last farewell almost distracted the widowed and the fatherless.

All the victims are now in their last resting-place, except three at Franklin and one at Renton. Of these, two will be buried here to-morrow, and the arrangements for the funerals of the others are completed.

The coroner's jury investigating the disaster has rendered a verdict finding that the fire was started by parties unknown, who willfully, knowingly and maliciously caused the great injury and damage to the lives of the employees and the property of the Oregon Improvement Company. It is believed that the person responsible for the disaster, though no one will venture an opinion as to who the incendiary is.

Hot Wave Over the State.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—This has been the hottest day of the year, and in fact in Northern California. All over the northern and central part of the State the sun blazed out, and the heat was intense.

At Red Bluff the thermometer registered 110 degrees, at Sacramento 109, Los Angeles 96 and at San Francisco 92. In this city people deserted their homes for the parks and public benches. Some water fountains did a rushing business. Toward night the weather got cooler, and to-night the conditions are favorable for cooler weather.

Thompson Defeats Green.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—At the Terrace baths in Alameda to-day Dana Thompson, the pride of the San Francisco Swimming Club, defeated Dan Green, who beat Thompson in a match a few months ago. The match was for a handsome medal and to settle the long-standing question of superiority claimed by each.

The distance was 500 yards, which Thompson covered in the remarkable time of 7:02, which is almost the world's record.

The Stocktons Won the Game.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—Ideal weather for baseball prevailed to-day, and a large crowd of enthusiasts went to the ball grounds to witness the game, which proved to be one replete with errors. The opposing teams were Stockton and San Francisco, the Stocktons winning by a score of 12 to 11.

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LEVI P. MORGAN.

Not Unwilling to be the Republican Candidate for Governor.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Normandie was the Hon. Levi P. Morgan, who was seen on the promenade deck of the steamer shortly after she dropped anchor in quarantine. He evidently anticipated the question of his nomination to him, as the following note which he handed to those who greeted him shows:

"In reply to your questions, I can only say that although I have no desire to enter public life, I have gone to many letters from different parts of the State urging me to allow the use of my name as a candidate for Governor, now that I am at home I shall feel it due them and the Republican party, which has so highly honored me in the past, to give the question consideration."

Gettysburg Battlefield.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—General Daniel E. Sickles has a scheme for the construction of a grand national park, which will include the battlefield and other historic points of interest at Gettysburg. The purchase of something like 4,000 acres in and near Gettysburg is embraced in the plan. The government already owns about 1,000 acres of the battlefield, and proposes to acquire about 100 acres more. His plan contemplates the removal of a military post at Gettysburg, and the building of a grand Army of the Republic museum.

Alabama Politics.

BIRMINGHAM (Ala.), Aug. 26.—A prominent Republican, who was active in Kolb's behalf during the recent campaign, is authority for the statement that the Kolbites will meet in November, when the regular Legislature meets, to convene a legislature of their own, and elect a Senator to succeed Morgan, who will, it is thought, be defeated, and then adjourn.

The Kolbites figure that the Republicans will lose the majority in the United States Senate next year, and thereby hope to have their man seated.

A Real Estate Dealer Missing.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—J. D. Morse, a real estate dealer, reported at police headquarters that his friend, J. S. Hicks, a real estate dealer of Denver, had been missing for several days. He had been visiting in Chicago and had a considerable amount of money on his person, and Morse fears foul play.

Wheeler Record Lowered.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—William Gardner of the Columbia Wheelman, in the annual road race of the club, lowered the world's record for the ten mile race to 2:02. The previous record was 2:00 1/2. Several other riders also beat the record.

The Mills Will be Closed Down.

NEW BEDFORD (Mass.), Aug. 26.—The police were notified by the management of the Bristol Mill to-night that their attendance at the mill would be suspended, and no attempt will be made to run the mill. The operators look upon this as a good signal.

The Way Clear for Waite.

PUBLIC, Aug. 26.—Hon. H. J. C. Monroe, Populist of this district, states in the official organ of that party to-day that he is not a candidate for Governor, and will not allow the use of his name. His statement practically leaves the way clear for Waite.

Senator Walcott Returns From Abroad.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Senator Walcott, accompanied by his wife and son, were passengers on the steamer Normandie to-day. He had spent most of his time in France and Germany. In Germany the feeling was almost entirely in favor of binationalism.

Urged to Vote for Brockbridge.

LEXINGTON (Ky.), Aug. 26.—George O. Williams, Lake's opponent in the primary delivered a lecture, in which he urged all good citizens to vote for Colonel Brockbridge. It created a tremendous sensation.

Suicide of a Physician.

OTTUMWA (Ia.), Aug. 26.—Dr. J. W. Campbell, resident medical examiner of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, was found dead in his office to-day. It was done on account of illness.

Refuse to Accept the Scale.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 26.—News from the Massillon coal field in Ohio to the effect that the miners had refused to accept the miners' scale. It is said many of the miners are moving tools from the mines.

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.

Heavy Electrical Storm at Los Angeles—A Rancher Seriously Injured.

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