

DESTRUCTIVE FLAMES.

A Fire at Milwaukee Causes a Large Monetary Loss.

RAILROAD COMPANIES AMONG THE HEAVY LOSERS.

A Forest Fire for a Time Threatens Disaster to the City of Deadwood—Large Gangs of Men, However, Finally Succeeded in Turning the Path of the Flames, and the Danger Now Thought to be Past.

MILWAUKEE (Wis.), Aug. 22.—A fire which threatened to make great havoc broke out at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the warehouse of the Union Steamboat Company in the Menominee River. A thirty-mile wind was blowing and the flames spread with great rapidity. At 2:30 the fire was under control. The damage amounts to upwards of \$300,000, and some estimates place the loss at \$400,000. The prominent buildings burned besides the frame dwellings that were destroyed are: Union Steamboat Company's warehouse, Anchor Line warehouse, Pennsylvania railway freight house, Wisconsin Central freight house (owned by the St. Paul Company), office of Prizant warehouse, H. J. Deane's oil warehouse and E. T. Doy's plumbing house.

The Union Steamboat Company's buildings were 600 feet in length, and in it were thousands of tons of wheat, which was all destroyed. Over sixty freight cars belonging to the St. Paul Company and in process of being loaded or ready to ship were soon enveloped in flames and destroyed. Within half an hour after the fire broke out in the steamboat warehouse the Wisconsin Central freight-house just north of the river and 300 feet in length, was totally destroyed. A little while after the freight cars began burning fire broke forth from the cupola of the oil and grease establishment of H. J. Delaney & Co. on Third street, a half block from the track where the burning cars stood. Following this the plumbing establishment of E. T. Doy on Second street was quickly destroyed, and a little while after the printer's shop of J. W. Doy on Third street, and several other small frame dwellings on Fowler street, directly opposite the St. Paul Company's warehouse, took fire one after the other, and were destroyed. The main freight-house of the St. Paul Company, extending from the southwest corner of Fowler street to Third street, had a very close call, but was saved.

The burned territory extends from West Water street to the river front up to the Sixth-street wharf. The docks of the Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway for a time were in imminent danger of being destroyed. So quick were the flames to take the freight-house of the Wisconsin Company that the office employees were unable to close their safes and remove their valuables, and all these were destroyed with the building. The heaviest loss will be that sustained by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Wisconsin Central Companies, but owing to the fact that the freight destroyed cannot be estimated as to quantity or kind, no figures given at this time would be near correct, but it will be pretty well up. The losses sustained by the St. Paul Company were about sixty freight cars, no figures given at \$300,000 each, more than half of them loaded or nearly loaded, as the fire came at the busiest time of the day in the freight-yards. In addition to this, the St. Paul Company owned the 300-foot front house occupied by it with the Wisconsin Central, which was totally destroyed, together with the Wisconsin Central's company of cars owned by the latter company.

The losses to the railway companies were probably not \$1,000,000. The losses are nearly wholly covered by insurance, including goods in transit. The insurance on the railway and steamboat property was heavy. While the fire was in progress Joseph McManus, a nephew of Detective William McManus, was run over by an engine and instantly killed.

DIFFERENCES ADJUSTED.

Williams, Spreckels and Corrigan Quit Their Fighting.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Among the distinguished horsemen at the Washington Park track to-day, drawn there by the big match between Gentry and Patchen, were Adolph Spreckels and Tom Williams of San Francisco, and Ed Corrigan, the former "master of Hawthorne." These gentlemen held a conference as a result of which the two conflicting elements in racing at the coast have buried the hatchet, and the Bay District track will continue as it now is, under a new management, Williams evidently realizing that he can't buck against Spreckels and the Chicago man, and agreed to join them. The losses he and Corrigan run the track, while Spreckels holds the balance of power. This was agreed to, and the articles of agreement were drawn up and signed before dark. "It is agreed that Spreckels has pledged his word not to interfere," said Williams to-night. "Corrigan and I have agreed not to fight on the coast. There will be bookmaking, pools and foreign books. The heavy losses on Eastern tracks make it impossible to do anything but have a meeting successfully without betting." Corrigan will close out his interest in the Hawthorne shortly, and leave for the coast.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

The People Said to be Anxious to be Annexed to This Country.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—William R. Castle, the new Hawaiian Minister to the United States, is at the Auditorium, en route to his post at Washington, D. C. Mr. Castle was asked how the island residents felt about annexation to the United States.

"Annexation to the United States is looked forward to eagerly by every loyal resident of Hawaii," he said. "The only ones who oppose it are the royalists. Annexation to Great Britain is not in favor at all. Neither is an American protectorate. The people desire to become a part of the American republic. Even the natives are fast becoming advocates of annexation. They are gradually realizing the difference between the monarchy under which they used to live and the government for the people conducted by President Dole. One would naturally think all the British residents would favor uniting the islands to the realm of Queen Victoria, but such is not the case. Many of the British residents of Honolulu are the strongest advocates of the plan of making Hawaii a State of the United States. The annexation idea is

COAST CHRONICLES.

A Swindler Gets a Six Months' Sentence at Pomona.

TRAGEDY AT VISALIA, IN WHICH TWO PEOPLE ARE KILLED.

Another Juror Secured, Making Nine in All, in the Durrant Case—A Tracey Hotel Destroyed by Fire—A Child Badly Burned at San Francisco—Attorney-General Fitzgerald Gives an Opinion Relating to the Eight-Hour Law.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Acting Secretary of State Acheson authorized the statement that information has been received from Ambassador Lusia, in response to urgent instructions called him some three weeks ago, that the record of the proceedings and evidence in the court-martial of Mr. Waller at Tananarive is expected to reach Paris toward the end of this month. Mr. Eustis also represents that access to Mr. Waller has been accorded to him, after repeated and urgent requests from American farmers to send him to induce American farmers to settle on the islands. They are most needed there and are also the most desirable.

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TEXAS OUTLAWS.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Hold Up a Train in the Lone Star State.

GALVESTON (Tex.), Aug. 22.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to hold up the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe train No. 5 at Heidenheimer this morning at 2 o'clock. Trains Nos. 5 and 6 pass at Heidenheimer, and it was while No. 5 was pulling out of the switch that two men boarded the engine, and, armed with their pistols, ordered the fireman and engineer to crawl out of the cab. The robbers then proceeded to the passenger coaches, after firing several shots at the engine crew. But after the robbers disappeared toward the coaches, Engineer Franks and his fireman returned to the cab and set the engine in motion, and did not stop until the train reached Cameron, where the crew made a tour of the train to see if they could find anything of the robbers. It is supposed that the robbers jumped off when they found the train running at full speed, from which they evidently thought something would be made of their pistol. The robbers were seen to crawl out of the cab. The robbers then proceeded to the passenger coaches, after firing several shots at the engine crew. But after the robbers disappeared toward the coaches, Engineer Franks and his fireman returned to the cab and set the engine in motion, and did not stop until the train reached Cameron, where the crew made a tour of the train to see if they could find anything of the robbers. It is supposed that the robbers jumped off when they found the train running at full speed, from which they evidently thought something would be made of their pistol.

UTAH REPUBLICANS.

A Woman Temporarily Presides Over a County Convention.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 22.—The Republican Convention for the nomination of five State Senators and fifteen legislative representatives for Salt Lake County, and for the election of delegates to the State Convention and the judicial convention, has been in session since 10 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Emeline B. Wells was elected temporary president of the convention, and she presided over the proceedings. Resolutions in favor of free coinage of silver, protection and reciprocity and woman's suffrage were adopted. The entire day was consumed in receiving reports of the committees and in caucus, there being many discordant factions in the building. The convention adjourned at 10 o'clock to-night. The day was consumed in receiving reports of the committees and in caucus, there being many discordant factions in the building. The convention adjourned at 10 o'clock to-night.

FIRE AT MODESTO.

Four Business Places Destroyed Yesterday Morning.

MODESTO, Aug. 22.—A fire at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed four business places on Front street. It was first discovered in the building of P. H. Medley and spread to the buildings of J. B. Brichman, where it was confined and extinguished. W. Speik's cigar store, Frank Medina's saloon, Frank Moton's barber shop and an unoccupied saloon were destroyed. The cause is unknown. Speik's loss is \$2,500; insurance, \$1,000. Medina's loss is unknown; insurance, \$800. Moton's loss is unknown; insurance, \$700. Moton had no insurance and lost \$200.

HOLMES MURDER CASE.

A Trunk Which Plays an Important Part Identified.

BURLINGTON (Vt.), Aug. 22.—A representative of the Fidelity Mutual Life Association of Philadelphia is in this city obtaining further evidence in the famous Holmes case. Miss L. M. Strain says she positively identifies, by means of a photograph, the trunk which played so important a part in the case as the one she saw taken from the house on Winoski avenue, and W. B. McKillop stated that when he Holmes passed by the name of James B. Judson, he saw the house he rented of him for his sister. Mrs. Cook, who lived in the house, recognized photographs of Mrs. Pielzel and her mother. At the Hotel Burlington Holmes was known as G. D. Hale, while at Thomas Ahearn's he passed as Mr. Hall.

Knights of the Silver Cross.

Austin (Texas), Aug. 22.—The Knights of the Silver Cross, claiming to be a benevolent association of Missouri, made application to the Insurance Commissioner today to do business in this State. One of the requirements of the by-laws is that each member shall pledge himself as a "honest advocate of the free and untrammiled coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of advice or opinion of the rest of the world." The commissioner looks on the organization as a medium for organizing silver fever, and will, in all probability, not grant them a permit under existing circumstances.

Negro Murderer Lynched.

LITTLE ROCK (Ark.), Aug. 22.—The negro Jones, who murdered the white man Belzover at Tiller some time ago, and who broke jail at Monticello a few days ago, and shot James Bennett, a prominent young man, while resisting arrest, was hanged to-day at Monticello by a mob of twenty-five men. The mob could not get the keys from Jailer Wilson, and had to cut into the jail. Jones escaped from jail with other prisoners. He secured a gun and fought desperately.

Forest Fire in South Dakota.

DEADWOOD (S. D.), Aug. 22.—A very large forest fire has been raging within two miles of this city for the last two days. To-day with a heavy northeast wind, the fire was rapidly fanned toward the city, and threatened serious disaster. Large gangs of men were put to work turning the fire away from the city, and to-night the danger is almost past. The fire is still raging, but it is thought it will pass by deadwood.

Northern Illinois District Grange.

PRINCETON (Ill.), Aug. 22.—The annual picnic of Northern Illinois District Grange opened at Lake Senawich to-day with an attendance of about 1,200. The session will last two days, and the principal addresses will be made by Mrs. M. May of Battle Creek, Mich., and David Lubin of Sacramento, Cal. To-morrow an attendance of 2,000 is expected, and the meetings will be held in the open air.

ASSENT TO THE WATERMELON.

STOCKTON, Aug. 22.—Mannuel Coranto was treated in this city yesterday for arsenic poisoning. He said that while coming down from New Hope he took a melon from a field and ate it. He is convinced that the poison was in this melon, and that it had been willfully placed in it by the farmer owning the ranch on which it grew.

TRAGEDY AT VISALIA.

VISALIA, Aug. 22.—Flav J. Welch of Hanford killed a woman named Edna Evans in a dispute about a dog. He came here this afternoon. He came here from Hanford this morning and spent some time with the woman before the deed was done. He fired three bullets into the woman's head and two bullets into his own head. Both died instantly.

TRAGEDY AT SEATTLE.

SEATTLE (Wash.), Aug. 22.—Joseph Clero, a resident of Livandale, this State, was shot and instantly killed in the presence of his wife by John McManis. Bad feeling had existed between the two since the election last fall. McManis and his brother James are both under arrest for the crime.

TRAGEDY AT SEATTLE.

SEATTLE (Wash.), Aug. 22.—Attorney-General Fitzgerald has given an opinion that the eight-hour law passed by the Legislature applies to all the subdivisions of the State Government, and thus includes the employees of county and municipal governments.

Borealis Will Run No More.

CARSON (Nev.), Aug. 22.—John P. Sweeney's thoroughbred runner Borealis, while being speeded on the track here today broke both hind legs, one at the knee and the other at the thigh. His rider was thrown to the ground unhurt. The horse had to be shot.

Burglary at Reno.

RENO, Aug. 22.—Burglars broke into the Southern Pacific office here this evening about 6 o'clock and carried off \$25. The officers are suspicious of the work having been done by thieves, and are looking for them.

Held Without Bail.

SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—A special from Ellensburg says Justice Boyle to-day denied the motion for the discharge of Lander and Tink, arrested for complicity in the Wilson lynching, and held them without bail.

Vice-President Stevenson.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 22.—Among to-day's passengers from Alaska was Vice-President Stevenson, who returns in excellent health and spirits.

Haskins' Will Genuine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—At 10:30 to-night the jury in the Haskins will case returned a verdict that the will in dispute is genuine.

BRITAIN'S PARLIAMENT.

YESTERDAY'S DOINGS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Currency Question Cuts a Figure in the Proceedings of the Lower Body.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Long, President of the Board of Agriculture, refused the demand of Mr. White that the brief official report of the inquiry into the two cases of pleuro pneumonia alleged to have been recently found in Canadian cattle at Deptford be laid upon the table of the House. Mr. Long, however, offered to supply Mr. White personally with a copy of the report.

Mr. White asked if in view of the conflict of opinions of Canadian and British experts, and also in view of the assertion of the Dominion Government that contagious pleuro pneumonia had never been known in any part of the Dominion, Mr. Long would accept the Dominion's invitation to send a party of experts to Canada to elucidate the facts. Mr. Long said he did not see that that would be of any assistance. His own view was based upon the fact that the disease is not known in England. He saw no need of making any special experiments with the last cases discovered as the Department of Agriculture was perfectly satisfied with the opinions of their advisers.

Sir John Leng, member for Dundee, asked A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, whether he had repeatedly expressed, he would advise that the Government investigate in favor of an international agreement in order to obtain an agreement in regard to the currency.

Mr. Balfour said he had always been in favor of an international agreement upon the currency question, but that he had no right to pledge his colleagues to such an opinion, nor had he any authority for doing so. He thought, however, that the present moment from an international conference. A second abortive conference, he thought, would be very undesirable.

George Curzon stated that under instructions Vice-Consul Hampton had visited the district of Sassonia in Armenia, in their vicinity during the coming winter. In regard to the Christian prisoners arrested by the Turkish authorities, he said, since the decree of amnesty issued on July 24, the prisoners confined in Constantinople had been released, but there was reason to suppose that a number of prisoners still detained in the island of Cyprus, and elsewhere, and the attention of the Porte had been called to this action of the provincial governors.

Dr. Tannar, the anti-Parnellite, who represents the Middle Division of Cork, was suspended for a week for disorderly conduct in the House, reappeared in the chamber to-day, the time of his suspension having expired. He was in good spirits.

Several short speeches on the estimates were made. T. P. O'Connor, anti-Parnellite, member for the Scotland Division of Liverpool, asked the Government to reconsider the sentence of imprisonment for life imposed on Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who was convicted some years ago of poisoning her husband, a well known merchant.

Mr. O'Connor said that the Government did not know of a case that excited more abiding interest and bore stronger marks of innocence.

Mr. Hildry, Secretary of State for the Home Department, promised to give his attention to the case.

Two Excursionists Found Dead.

LEXINGTON (Ky.), Aug. 22.—While an excursion train on the way from Knoxville, Tenn., to Cumberland Gap was going at full speed a number of intoxicated persons commenced a fight. The train crew, assisted by Captain Wynne, Superintendent of the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap and Louisville Railway, attempted to restore order. When they interfered the belligerents drew knives and shot and shot the crew. When quiet was restored two of the excursionists were found dead from pistol wounds, and Captain Wynne was dangerously cut.

RIOT AT TIEN TSIN.

As well call home her troops. They are not able to cope with the insurgents, who are gaining strength every day. The town of Sancti Spiritus is almost completely deserted. It is reported that Campos, in an interview with his brother-in-law, said that he feared Cuba was lost. Campos said he did not have the money necessary to carry out the report that troops were poorly fed and completely demoralized.

OUTBREAK OF CHINESE SOLDIERS OUTSIDE OF CHANG'S PALACE.

OVER A HUNDRED PERSONS REPORTED KILLED. The investigation which this Government will make regarding the Ku Cheng massacre somewhat complicated by an alleged excess of zeal on the part of a United States Consul.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—A dispatch to the Globe from Shanghai says: The Chinese soldiers at Tien Ts'in revolted yesterday and assembled outside the gates of Li Hung Chang's palace, where they raised a clamor for their arrears of pay. Later they made an attack upon the shops in the city, wrecking many of them and killing over a hundred persons.

A dispatch to the Times from Hongkong this afternoon confirms the news of the attack upon the American mission near Foo Choo, and the dangerous state of the population of that city. According to the Times' dispatch the American school was situated just outside the walls of the city. The dispatch adds: "The situation at Ku Cheng is unchanged. Captain John S. Newell of the United States cruiser Detroit and Dr. Hart have gone there from Foo Choo."

More anti-foreign placards and pamphlets are being distributed at Canton. AFFAIRS BECOMING COMPLICATED. WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The investigation which the United States Government will make into the Ku Cheng massacre is somewhat complicated by the fact that the United States consul at Tien Ts'in, Captain John S. Newell, and Dr. Hart have gone there from Foo Choo.

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POLITICS IN NEBRASKA.

Democrats Hold a State Convention at the City of Omaha.

NOMINATING A SUPREME JUSTICE AND UNIVERSITY REGENTS.

A Free Coinage Resolution Offered by Ex-Congressman Bryan Adopted by an Overwhelming Majority, But Six Votes Being Cast Against It—Declaration in Favor of the White Metal Coinage at a Ratio of Sixteen to One.

OMAHA, Aug. 22.—The Democratic State Convention here to-day nominated for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Charles J. Phelps of Colfax County, and for Regents of the State University A. T. Blackburn of Hickory County and Robert Kettle of Dodge County.

A free coinage resolution offered by ex-Congressman W. J. Bryan, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, was adopted by an overwhelming majority, but six votes being cast against it.

At 10 o'clock this morning the State Central Committee met. There was only one contest, that from Boyd County, between D. W. Forbes and Henry Hustenmeyer. The committee decided that Mr. Forbes' credentials were good.

John C. Thompson of Fremont was selected for temporary Chairman, and J. F. Morgan of Plattsmouth for temporary Secretary. When the committee had adjourned, Mr. Thompson heard of the honor conferred upon him, he entered a vigorous protest, declaring that he had come down to be on the outside and enjoy a pleasant and harmonious Democratic convention, and he would not be asked to fill the position.

The matter of resolutions caused a great deal of discussion. While all were in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, there was a very decided difference of opinion as to the way the silver plank should be worded. Half a dozen planks were quietly formulated, and all had strong supporters and just as strong opponents. All of them were based, or supposed to be, on the plank adopted at Democratic State Convention last year, and there was a considerable sentiment in favor of simply adopting it over again.

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