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AN INSURANCE LOBBY.

There May Be One Yet, Despite Protestations

THE PEOPLE SHOULD LOOK OUT.

Something Must Be Done to Control Insurance Rates Which Are Now Dictated by a "Car."

The western representatives of the big fire insurance companies in this county said today that it will be necessary for the insurance companies to have a big lobby here this winter in order to protect themselves, although the people would probably get something more like justice if the lobby could be kept away.

A few days ago Mr. M. W. Van Valkenberg, the well-known insurance agent, said there would be no lobby here this winter in the interest of the insurance companies. If that were true it would be a good thing for the people and if all the corporations would go out of the lobby business for just one session of the legislature the interests of the people would be better cared for than is customary.

One line of insurance business which is likely to receive attention this winter, is the way adjustments of fire losses are made.

A Topeka insurance man said today: "It is an outrage the way adjustments are made. The adjuster is the representative of the company which must pay the loss, and as the law now is, in nine cases out of ten, he beats the policyholder out of a large per cent of his money."

An instance of the way these adjusters do business, is the way the adjuster of a fire insurance company had the warder of a fire out of 62 per cent of his policy a few years ago.

Mr. Reader, who lives just north of the city, is regarded as one of the best citizens of this county, and he had one of the finest homes in the county. It was complete in all its appointments. Mrs. Reader and her daughter had fine wardrobes. One day their house was destroyed by fire in some unaccountable manner while they were all at home.

That insurance adjuster came on from Philadelphia and put blank gave the lie to almost every statement made by Mr. and Mrs. Reader about their home. He told Mrs. Reader that her story about her wardrobe was a lie, as even his (the adjuster's) wife did not dress that way, and Mr. Reader, a mild mannered man, stood it.

"While as a matter of fact Mr. Reader's loss amounted to at least 80 per cent more than his policy called for, that adjuster brow beat him out of 62 per cent of the face of his policy. That is only a lone instance. Many could be cited, and in the interest of the people of Kansas our legislature this winter should change the law so that the policy holder would have some say in the adjustment of his loss."

HATCHERY BURNED.

The Lamp Set Fire to an Incubator—Fire in Wolf's Packing House.

John Kallauer, who lives at 234 Western avenue, determined to have spring chickens before anybody. So he found several dozen choice eggs and put them into an incubator to hatch. Things went on smoothly for awhile and the incubator in the cellar worked no one, but this morning a calamity befell Mr. Kallauer's prospective brood which effectually destroys his hope of early spring chickens. The lamp used to heat the incubator set the hatchery on fire and before it was reduced to ashes.

The fire caught and spread, and when the department arrived at the scene the house was in imminent danger of destruction, but was saved with but little damage to the building.

The fire at 9 o'clock this morning was in the engine room of Wolf's packing house. It caught from a torch which was being used to thaw a pipe. The fire was extinguished with but trifling loss.

Topeka Steam Laundry, 925 Jackson street.

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NOTES OF TOPEKA & VICINITY.

Mrs. A. H. Nooney will return tomorrow from St. Joseph.

Mrs. Hilloran and daughter Clara of Ottawa, are visiting in Topeka.

Dr. J. E. Minney has returned from a visit of several days in Jefferson county.

Mrs. Dr. S. G. Stewart is able to be on the street after a long and serious illness.

E. S. Marshall is here from Kansas City to spend the holidays with his family.

John Schilling and family have gone to Hiawatha to spend the holidays with relatives.

Dr. J. H. Scott, a well known Clay Center physician, is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Paine of Manhattan are in Topeka. Mrs. Paine is being treated for weak eyes.

Prof. A. L. Williams, a prominent colored teacher from Ft. Scott, is visiting Prof. S. G. Watkins.

Dr. J. W. Bailey has gone to Salina to look after the Mrs. Mason property, of which he is administrator.

Rev. J. H. Lathrop says he has been read out of the Populist league at the instigation of State Printer Snow.

John Shaffer, special policeman, prevented a fight at the corner of Eighth street and Kansas avenue last night.

Alonzo Wardall has gone to Colorado to attend the meeting of the state alliance. He is at the head of the Alliance Aid association.

C. Cleve Carter, county superintendent elect of Wabunsee county, is attending the State Teachers' association. He formerly lived in Topeka.

Dorman S. Kelly, professor of natural history at the State Normal is visiting his brother, D. B. Kelly, who is a clerk in J. K. Jones' drug store.

Mrs. O. H. McCauley, who lived in Topeka many years, but who now lives in Kansas City, is visiting Mrs. John Elliott at 715 Topeka avenue.

Many farmers are taking advantage of the dry weather to scrape out basins for ponds which will fill up when it rains and act as a preventative against another water famine.

Miss Hattie Dalley, who formerly lived in Lowman Hill, and attended Washburn college, was married last week at Duver to William Riley, a prominent young farmer of that place.

The funeral of Horace Murphy took place at Silver Lake at 2 p. m. on Christmas day. His death was caused by an abscess on the brain caused by a diseased condition of the ear.

J. W. Gleed says that some parts of Alabama have been bonned just as much as Kansas ever was. He has recently returned from Decatur, in that state, which was one of the boom towns.

Charlie M. New, the 11-year-old boy who was so severely injured by the bursting of a shot gun shell a few days ago is much better. It is now thought that he may partially recover his sight.

A. H. Weatherbee is at the head of a co-operative colonization scheme. They have a section of land on the North and South railroad in Texas and will attempt to imitate Bellamy's plan as far as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Bonbrake have returned from Chicago, where they spent a week visiting relatives. Mr. Bonbrake says it is much like going into a new world to come from smoky, misty, dirty Chicago to Topeka.

Charles Titus had an exciting experience just south of Eighth street on Kansas avenue last evening. He was driving in a single buggy when his vehicle became wedged between a lumber wagon and a heavy express wagon. There was no escape and his buggy crashed into the express wagon, upsetting his buggy and throwing him to the pavement. The horse kicked itself loose from the buggy but was caught. The buggy was badly broken but the young man escaped with a few severe bruises.

The Benevolent lodge has installation of officers and supper New Year's night at 112 east Sixth street. Admission 10 cents. Come one, come all.

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HELD AT MIDNIGHT.

A Weird and Spectacular Scene at the Masonic Temple.

HIGH MASONS IN BLACK GOWNS

March Around the Open Coffin of Frank Drummond While the Room is Darkened—Mr. Drummond's Young Son Given an Adjuration.

At midnight last night the burial service for the dead was said over all that was mortal of Frank Drummond, according to the ritual of Knights Kadosh, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry. It was the first time the ceremony was ever attempted in Kansas, and a sad, impressive service it was. It has been performed only once in Missouri, and that at Kansas City recently. The service was restricted in attendance to Masons, their wives, and the more intimate friends of the deceased Mason. There were 150 people present.

The coffin lay in the center of the room with the entire top removed, leaving the life like features of the deceased in full view. Three long candle-sticks were at the head and foot of the casket.

Promptly at the hour of midnight the room was darkened, and at the sound of a trumpet twenty-one shrouded Masons filed singly into the room. They wore long black gowns and their heads were uncovered. Each man carried a lighted taper. They took places in a circle about the coffin, and knelt while a choir concealed behind the curtains sang Rock of Ages. M. M. Miller, the Venerable Master of the lodge, read the impressive ritual of Scottish Rite Masonry over the dead. He also eulogized Mr. Drummond and said he had kept the faith and had been faithful to every trust. This done, the Masons filed about the coffin and each after taking a last look at the remains repeated the benediction, "Brother, thou art dead to this world, but livest to the Lord," blowing out the lights from their tapers as they passed.

A large cross which stood at the foot of the coffin was struck three blows and the shrouded Masons filed solemnly from the room. In a moment they returned and knelt again while the choir chanted the 23d psalm. The candles were closed and the sword was crossed upon the top.

An impressive feature of the service was Frank Drummond's eldest son, Harry, who was led to the side of the coffin. The venerable master said: "Sixteen years ago we placed this ring on your father's hand in token of a pledge. He was faithful to the pledge, and now, at his request, we place the ring on your hand. In doing so we exact from you no pledge, but believe you will try to be faithful to the virtues which made your father beloved among us." The young man stood with hand behind him and head bowed. The announcement of the funeral at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the First Congregational church concluded the service. The ceremony was impressive to the extreme. It was under the general supervision of Charles G. Colburn. The other Knights of Kadosh who participated in the ceremony were: M. M. Miller, venerable master; Evan Davis, senior warden; Homer C. Bowman, junior warden; W. C. Chaffee, chancellor; C. B. Hamilton, orator; J. A. Hass, secretary; Wm. Elder, treasurer; S. L. Seabrook, expert; J. E. Moore, assistant expert; C. G. Colburn, director; J. D. McClure, James Quinn, Fred. Johnson, John Norton, Olof Eckberg, John Greif, James M. Hollenshade, Sam Radges, K. L. Coffran, William Green, W. H. Wilson and Harrison Smith.

There were also two uniformed guards of honor stationed in the background of the room. They were G. B. Jennings and Jacob Keener. Two other Masons, John Sargent and James Cuthbert, guarded the body all the remainder of the night.

The ceremony was witnessed by a number of visiting Masons from Kansas City.

EXCURSION TO TEXAS.

ROCK ISLAND ROUTE. On January 15 we will sell round-trip tickets to all points in Texas at one lowest first-class fare plus two dollars. Tickets will be good for return within 30 days—with stop-over privileges. For further information, tickets, etc., call on or address H. O. GARYET, City Ticket Agent, 801 Kansas ave. WASSON & CROMWELL, P. O. North Topeka, Or depot, corner First street and Kansas avenue.

Call up Phone 153 and have our wagon call for your bundle.

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SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Oh, how glorious is the winter when it opens up. When we get a hot cold mornin' an' the north-ern breezes is A-who!—blows the chimney an' a-surgin' down the street.

When yer han's freeze to the poker as ye build the bread, it's 1894. So's to get an' early handle on these robust Kansas days, Ah'! don't miss the mornin' trolly. Oh, the wakin's mighty nice—When the freeze is on yer whiskers an' yer feet's as cold as—

STATE JOURNAL POOL. The ear muff has again suddenly become fashionable.

Governor-Elect E. N. Morrill is a Mason and a Knight Templar. "A Railroad Ticket" will play a return date at the Grand later in the season.

They are both in town, but it isn't hard to tell a school teacher from a politician. Topeka merchants say teachers are the hardest class of people to deal with.

The plan to reduce the salaries of the heads of city departments has been abandoned.

Dr. M. B. Ward has gone to Omaha to attend a medical meeting where he is to read a paper.

The cold weather is here and the new floor is not yet completed on the Kansas avenue bridge.

Charles Dickson, who will play here Friday night, looks like Topeka's Malcolm Williams.

The Salvation Army people have begun heating food for their New Year's dinner to the poor.

Ex-State Superintendent George W. Winans is superintendent of the city schools at Hutchinson.

The man who walked down town this morning was just about as comfortable as he who rode in a cold car.

President A. R. Taylor, of the state normal, is one of the most popular men with the teachers in the state.

The Topeka high school scholars are trying to determine who had the best morals, Macbeth or Lady Macbeth.

Topeka commandery of the Knights Templar will entertain Marshall's band and their ladies on New Year's night.

Some of the school teachers carry black valises made out of pasteboard, which if left out in the damp would melt.

The dry goods stores will sell more heavy goods this week than they did all through the Christmas shopping period.

Superintendent George W. Jones of the Mound City schools, says he is equally at home among teachers or politicians.

Dr. J. H. McCassey, late superintendent of the Topeka insane asylum, says that he may remain in Topeka and practice medicine.

Gideon Lane, D. D., better known to Topeka and Kansas people as G. C. Clemens, has a Christmas story in this week's Advocate.

The asylum faction of attendants which stood by Dr. McCassey in his fight to hold his job, gave him a gold watch charm for a Christmas present.

George Overmyer, son of the Democratic statesman, will be the orator for the Athenaeum society in the coming high school contest.

Mrs. C. Mails of Abilene is in Topeka with her little son, who is under the care of a surgeon who will try to straighten the boy's crooked foot.

The car ride contemplated by the council for the representatives of the cities of the great class will probably be abandoned if this weather continues.

Will Caniff, who used to work in the Santa Fe offices but who is now employed in the fuel department at Topeka, Ill., is spending the holidays here.

Chief Wilmarth says the season for chimney fires has arrived. In the language of the annual address of the rural press, "clean out your chimneys."

15TH ANNUAL CLOTHING DISCOUNT SALE

For the past fifteen years we have had an Annual Discount Sale, but this year we eclipse all our former efforts by giving NO LESS THAN

25% DISCOUNT

On all Clothing, Hats, Caps and Underwear.

All goods MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES and any one can come in and take at least ONE-FOURTH OFF THE MARKED PRICE during this sale. Our stock is larger than it has ever been at this time of the year, and cost is no object in selling clothing just now.

200 Men's Suits Worth \$5 to \$10. OUR PRICE \$5. Our Overcoat Department on the second floor is overloaded, and they must be sold regardless of cost.

Table with 5 columns: Item, Price, Item, Price, Item, Price. Includes Fedora Hats, Winter Bicycle Caps, Men's Winter Caps, Stiff Hats, Boys' Good Crush Hats.

Men's \$10 Melton Overcoats for \$4.75.

GENTS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT is having a clearance sale. Examine a few of our prices and then get prices from others. We agree to give you more value for your money than any other house in the city.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Price, Item, Price. Includes Cotton Stripe Hose, Black and solid Color Hose, All Wool Hose, Shaw Knit Hose, Flannel Lin and Wool Hose, Linen Collars, Linen Cuffs, Celluloid Collars, Celluloid Cuffs, A Good 25c Suspender, Regular 35c Suspender, Silk Embroidered \$2.00 Suspenders.

Greenwald & Co... 507 KANSAS AVENUE.

will represent the Current Topics club of Topeka.

Mrs. L. D. Dopking, a niece of Mrs. A. D. Matson, who, before her marriage lived in Topeka with Mrs. Matson and went to school, has written from Bathgate, N. D., to learn about the murder. Mrs. Dopking was known in Topeka as Blanche Baker.

Two handsome granite monuments have been placed in Rochester cemetery during the last few days. One was erected by the daughters of Robert Norris, who died in North Topeka last spring, and the other is over the grave of John Matland, who died in Chicago last February and was brought here for burial. These are the finest monuments yet placed in Rochester.

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