

### TRAGEDY OCCURS AT MT. HAMILL

Charles Bell and Sister Luella Bell, Crushed to Death Under Timbers of Floor of Barn Loft.

### MOTHER GIVES ALARM

Brother and Sister Left House at Six O'clock and Were Not Found Until Seven Hours Later.

[Special to The Gate City] MT. HAMILL, March 11.—Seven hours after they had left the house to go to the barn, one hundred yards away to get down some hay, the crushed bodies of Charles Bell, fifty years old, and Miss Luella Bell, forty-five years old, were found pinned under broken beams and baled hay. The hay mow of the barn gave way and the brother and sister were crushed to death under the timbers. Neighbors aroused by the cries of Mrs. Isaac Bell, the seventy-five-year-old mother, came to the rescue. They found Miss Bell dead, but her brother was still alive. His death occurred at 9 o'clock this morning.

The Bells are very prominent in this section of the county and their tragic death and the circumstances surrounding the accident have cast a shadow on the community. The family was very well to do. Charles Bell and his sister lived with their aged mother, Mrs. Isaac Bell. They left her asleep about six o'clock last night when they went to the barn to get down some baled hay. There was something like four tons in the hay mow in the barn. No one heard any crash or knew anything was wrong, until shortly after midnight, the aged mother awoke. She realized that her son and daughter were not in the house, and she called for help from the neighbors.

### Tragedy Is Discovered.

The tragedy was discovered when they went to the barn, situated 100 yards from the house. The floor of the barn mow had given way, carrying its load of two human lives. They were pinned under the heavy timbers and bales of hay.

### DEATH OF BROTHER OF KEOKUK MAN

Otto Fiesbach was former resident of Farmington, Ia., and War. saw, Ill. The Scotts Bluff County Republican of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, of March 3, has the following obituary notice of Otto Fiesbach, brother of Herman Fiesbach and uncle of Mrs. John Elgin of this city and himself a well known resident of southeastern Iowa in past years: "On February 26 about six p. m., the citizens of this place were startled by hearing of the death of Otto Fiesbach. Mr. Fiesbach had been around the store all day Friday and went home feeling as well as usual. He was stricken with apoplexy and all night and during the next day rested in a semi-conscious condition until the end came Saturday night at six o'clock. "The deceased was a man of good business traits and was always very active in the community in which he lived. He was well liked by everybody and gained a state-wide acquaintance in the past third of a century in which he has resided at Seward, Imperial and Scotts Bluff in Nebraska, and he will be missed by many life-long friends at those places. "Otto Fiesbach was born near Farmington, Van Buren county, Iowa, October 19, 1855, where he lived until the breaking out of the civil war, when his father removed to Warsaw, Illinois, and there remained until 1875. In that year Otto came to Seward, Nebraska, and in August 1879, was united in marriage to Miss Nina L. Senter at Osceola, Nebraska. To this union six children were born, four boys and two girls: Clement, who died at the age of three years; Harry S., of this city; Glenn of Denver, Colorado; Chester of this city; Mrs. R. W. Smith of Arden, Nevada; and Laura of this city. "In 1886 Mr. Fiesbach, together with his family, moved to Imperial,

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Nebraska, where he was a prominent citizen for twenty-three years. Always taking part in the development of that town and being active in the politics of Chase county and the fifth congressional district. About seven years ago he sold out there and retired from active business, taking up his residence at Denver, Colorado, where he has resided up to within the past few months. He has been making arrangements to move here early in the spring. "He was financially interested in, and president of the Fiesbach & Sons growing business at this point. He is survived by his wife and five children, all of whom were at the funeral services, except Mrs. Smith, who was unable to get here. The services were held Tuesday afternoon at the residence of M. S. Fiesbach and were conducted by the Christian Science followers. Many telegrams of sympathy and many floral offerings were sent the family signed by twenty-five citizens of Imperial. The remains were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery."

### AN EXAMINATION TO CHOOSE CLERK

Civil Service Board Makes Announcement of Tests to be Given on April 5.

A civil service examination for men will be held on April 5, to secure eligible for the position of clerk to commercial attache. The salary of clerks in foreign countries is \$1,500 with traveling expenses. Competitors will be examined in the following subjects, which will have the relative weights indicated:

- | Subjects   | Weights |
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| 1. Copying and spacing (typewriting) . . . . .   | 10      |
| 2. Copying from rough draft (typewriting) . . . . .  | 5       |
| 3. Copying from plain copy (typewriting) . . . . .   | 5       |
| 4. Time (consumed on subjects 1, 2 and 3) . . . . .  | 15      |
| 5. Report writing (an orderly, concise, and grammatical statement, not more than 200 words in length, of the essential facts included in a given statement of 400 or 500 words) . . . . .                                  | 15      |
| 6. Arithmetic (fundamental rules, fractions, weights and measures, percentage, interest, discount, commission, custom-house business, stocks and bonds, partnership, analysis, and statement of simple accounts) . . . . . | 5       |
| 7. Copying and correcting manuscript (test in making a smooth, corrected copy of a draft of manuscript which includes erasures, misspelled words, errors in syntax, etc.) . . . . .  | 5       |
| 8. General commercial geography . . . . .  | 5       |
| 9. Translation from one or more of the following languages into English: Dano-Norwegian, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish . . . . .   | 35      |
| Total . . . . .  | 100     |

Competitors who so desire will also be examined in the optional subject of stenography. Persons who pass this test in addition to the required subjects will be given preference in appointment. Applicants must submit to the examiner on the day of the examination their photographs, taken within two years, securely pasted in the space provided on the admission cards sent them after their applications are filed. Typings or proofs will not be accepted. The tests in stenography and typewriting are described in form 1424, Information for Applicants for Stenographer and Typewriter Examination. This examination is open to all men who are citizens of the United States and who meet the requirements.

### FIVE MILLIONS ARE STARVING

Situation in Poland is One of the Most Pitiful Incidents of the Great War.

### MANY ARE HOMELESS

Four Thousand Cities and Towns Were Destroyed by the Russians During Retreat.

[By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press Staff Correspondent.] BERLIN, Feb. 20. (By Mail)—Poland is literally bleeding to death, according to the American consulate general in Berlin. The people are in the direst need of food and clothing and American officials are besieged with pitiful cases day and night. Consul General Lay is being made the center of these appeals, for word has been spread throughout Poland that he has vast stores of supplies for the Poles. Lay, however, has nothing with which to carry on the work. A few days ago Ambassador Gerard received \$500,000 by cable from the United States for relief in Poland and he and Lay are doing everything possible to relieve the suffering, but their efforts are described as "only a drop in the bucket."

From time to time Americans have come from the United States to arrange aid for Poland, but for six months no organized effort has been made to put the relief on a broad enough basis. Negotiations again are under way with the German government and two Americans left yesterday for Poland to inspect the country and arrange immediate relief.

What is needed immediately, according to Lay, is food, more food and clothing and more clothing. People are starving and freezing to death daily. During the Russian retreat, four thousand cities and towns were totally destroyed by the Russians. It is stated officially in military circles and these people are homeless and foodless.

The Poles in Berlin are particularly distressed today because of the effect the new English blockade of Germany may have upon these innocent sufferers.

Today correspondence between the Poles in Poland and those in the United States is prohibited, and the Poles in Warsaw and other cities write Consul General Lay asking him to notify relatives in the United States of their suffering.

Hundreds of these letters come here every week and the consul sends the information through the state department to the families of the sufferers. How pitiful the situation is may be seen almost any day at the American consulate where the refugees come when they leave Poland. Half starved, thinly clad women and children are numerous.

A few days ago the consul general came to his office and found two boys under eight years of age, waiting at the consulate door. Their mother, unable to make the journey herself, stayed in Poland to starve or live, as fate decreed and sent her children to Berlin to Lay so they would not meet the same fate.

Americans can have no idea of the situation. Every traveler from that country brings new stories of misery, suffering and death. "Send us food and clothing," is the call of five million people. A traveler who came from Warsaw recently said rich and poor were huddled together in single rooms, that whole neighborhoods were families in one house.

### Voice of the People

Christian Science. To the Editor of The Gate City: In an article of your paper, by Mr. Rendall, of Des Moines, under the caption "Not a New Doctrine," attempting in a limping, half-baked theological way a scriptural defense of the dogmatic position of the Christian Science church, appeared this sentence: "It (Christian Science) does not, however, differ from any fundamentals of Christianity as taught by Jesus Christ and His disciples." To be convinced of the seemingly impressive truth of this bold statement, we must in a fair and unbiased way compare the fundamental doctrinal matter of scriptures with the teachings of the Christian Science church and see whether they correspond. If so they do, the claim in the quoted sentence will be established as an indisputable fact based upon the unerring truth of the revealed Word of God, the only norm in matters of faith. If, however, we shall find them wanting in the light of scriptures, we must adjudge the entire compilation of Christian Science doctrines a product of mental computation and speculation, a conglomeration of untenable theories.

The following quotations of the Christian Science doctrines are taken from "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," by Mrs. Eddy, 404th Edition, 1906. The Bible says: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1. 1. Christian Science says: "God never created matter." (p. 325). The Bible teaches that God formed the dust of the ground, etc. Gen. 2. 7. Christian Science calls this a "lie." (p. 524). The Bible teaches that Christ will come to judge the world. Acts 10. 42; 17:31; 2 Cor. 5. 10. Christian Science says: "No final judgment awaits mortals." (p. 291). The Bible teaches that the one true



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God is the Holy Trinity, three distinct persons in one divine essence. Matt. 28. 19. Christian Science says: "The theory of three persons in one God suggests heathen gods." (p. 258). "The soul, or mind, of man is God." (p. 302). The Bible teaches that the true God is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Matt. 3. 16. 17; 2 Cor. 13. 14. Christian Science says: "Life, truth, and love constitute the true God." (p. 331). The Bible teaches that Jesus is "the true God." 1 John 5. 20. Christian Science says: "Jesus is only a human, corporal concept." (p. 334). "Christ is the spiritual idea of sonship." (p. 331). The Bible teaches: "Whoever you shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." John 16. 23; Mark 11. 24; Matt. 1. 7. 8; 21. 22; Pa. 50. 13. Christian Science says: "God is not influenced by man. The 'divine ear' is not an auditorial nerve." (p. 7). The Bible says: "By Adam sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5. 12. Christian Science says: "Man is deathless." (p. 266). "Man is incapable of sin, sickness and death." (p. 475).

### For Rough, Wrinkled, Freckled, Pimpled Skin

As March winds, flying dust and dirt, are apt to injure any complexion, this information will be of special value right now. If you have any cutaneous blemish, don't use paint, powder or anything else to cover it up. Too often this only emphasizes the defect. Besides, it's much easier to remove the disfigurement with ordinary mercurized wax. Applied nightly, the wax will gradually remove freckles, pimples, moth patches, sallowness, red or yellow blotches, or any surface eruption. The affected cuticle is absorbed, a little each day, until the clear, soft, youthful and beautiful skin beneath is brought wholly to view. Ask the druggist for one ounce of mercurized wax and use this like you use cold cream. Remove in morning with soap and water. Many who have tried this simple, harmless treatment report astonishing results. If bothered with wrinkles or furrows, a wash lotion made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered salicylate in 1/2 pt. witch hazel will prove wonderfully effective.

"Sin, sickness or death are unrealities." (p. 473). "Evil is simply a belief, an illusion." (p. 71). "Man in Science is neither young nor old. He has neither birth nor death." (p. 844). "Mortal existence is a dream; it has no real entity." (p. 250). "Death is but a mortal illusion." "Sin and mortality are native nothingness." (p. 281). "Man is perfect, even as the Father is perfect." (p. 302). The Bible teaches "that whosoever believeth in Christ should not perish, but have life everlasting." John 3. 18. Christian Science says: "Deliverance from error is not reached by pinning one's faith to another's vicarious effort." (p. 22). The Bible says: "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Is. 53. 6. Christian Science says: "That God's wrath should be vented upon His beloved son is divinely unnatural. Such theory is man-made." (p. 25). The Bible says: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1. 7. "Ye were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ." Pet. 1. 18. 19. Christian Science says: "The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree than when it was flowing in His veins." (p. 25). The Bible teaches that Christ through death destroyed him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. Hebr. 2. 14. Christian Science says: "To Him death was not the livelihood over which he must pass into living glory." (p. 391). The Bible teaches that Christ was delivered unto death for our offenses, or sins, and was raised again from death to life for our justification. Rom. 4. 25. Christian Science says: "The lonely precincts of the tomb gave Jesus a refuge from His foes, and a place in which to solve the great problem of being." (p. 44). The Bible teaches that in the Lord's Supper, Jesus took bread, and when He had blessed it, gave it to His disciples. Matt. 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Cor. 11. Christian Science says: "This would have been foolish, in a literal sense." (p. 32). The Bible says: "They that are sick need a physician." Matt. 9. 12. Christian Science says: "To employ drugs for the cure of disease shows lack of faith in God." (p. 319). We could add a few more thoughts from Mrs. Eddy's book, but may this suffice. The material given will prove sufficient to any scripturally based christian to form a correct opinion as to the validity of the contentions in



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