

BIG FIRE VISITS TOWN OF WEST ENTERPRISE DOWN THE WESTFORK

Two Buildings, Four Stores and other Property Are Destroyed.

OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN

Is the Blaze Which Starts in a Meat Shop There at Night.

Two buildings containing four stores, a church assembly room and two family apartments were destroyed by fire of unknown origin Tuesday night at Enterprise, causing a loss of about \$16,000. Only \$2,500 insurance was carried.

The buildings destroyed were the Hawkins building, a two-story frame structure with three store rooms on the ground floor and apartments on the second; and a one story frame building containing two store rooms and belonging to James Lawlis. The buildings were situated on the West Side.

In the Hawkins building, I. R. and W. S. Tetrick, partners, had a feed store and a general merchandise store. A considerable part of the stock was saved from both stores.

The Free Will Methodist congregation occupied a corner room in the Hawkins building for church purposes. There were a large number of chairs in the room, several books and a few other articles, the most of which were saved.

In the Lawlis building, which adjoined the other, H. R. Neal had a meat shop and L. A. Robey had a one-chair barber shop. Practically everything was destroyed in these two shops as the fire started in the meat shop and spread rapidly to the barber shop.

The Rev. Mr. Fish and family occupied one of the upstairs apartments in the Hawkins building and Melvin Fortney and family occupied the other. Both families were absent at the time and none of their household goods was saved.

The losses and insurance were as follows:

- F. M. Hawkins, building, \$5,000; no insurance.
- James Lawlis, building, \$1,200; no insurance.
- J. R. and W. S. Tetrick, feed and merchandise stores, \$4,000; insurance \$2,000.
- H. R. Neal, meat market, \$1,000; insurance \$500.
- L. A. Robey, barber shop, \$400; no insurance.
- Free Will Methodist congregation, \$250; no insurance.
- Melvin Fortney, \$500; no insurance.
- The Rev. Mr. Fish, \$250; no insurance.

SERGEANT FRISBY

Sends Two More Men to Columbus to Be Assigned to Artillery Service.

First Lieutenant C. E. Swartz, of the recruiting service of Parkersburg, paid the local station a visit Tuesday evening and accepted two men for the field artillery service. The two new soldiers are Jesse Kessling, of Buckhannon, and Emery Mullens, of Replets. They were sent to Columbus barracks Wednesday morning by Recruiting Sergeant J. N. Frisby of the local station and will be assigned to their new duties at once.

The sergeant stated that recruiting business in the city was picking up some in the last few weeks and that he hopes to make a record this month.

Lieutenant Swartz returned to Parkersburg Wednesday morning after visiting the local and Fairmont stations.

FATALLY BURNED

Is An Expert Accountant Who often Smoked before Falling Asleep.

MEMPHIS, Mar. 6.—John A. Megley, expert accountant, who came here recently from Birmingham, N. Y. was fatally burned in his apartment today. Attendants said he often smoked before falling asleep. The police are investigating.

DIRECTS ROOSEVELT, NEW YORK CAMPAIGN



OLIVER CLINTON CARPENTER

Oliver Clinton Carpenter, who occupied a post in the Department of Commerce and Labor during the Roosevelt administration, has been placed in charge of Roosevelt's New York campaign headquarters. He is a New York lawyer.

MODIFIED SCALE NOW LOOKED FOR

But President White Says Miners Will Quit on the Minute.

NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—The flat rejection of the anthracite coal miners' demands by the coal operators is expected to be followed by submission of a modified scale by the workers.

President White of the miners is quoted as saying that the miners will quit work the minute the existing scale expires. It is reported that the smaller dealers have already marked up the price of coal.

SOLDIERS KILL LEADER

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Mar. 6.—General Julie Andrade, military commander of Guayaquil, was assassinated last night at Quito by his soldiers.

TRACTION COMPANY EXPANDING ITSELF

PRISON REPORT

Of Warden Brown for the Month is Sent to the Governor.

CHARLESTON, Mar. 6.—The prison report for the month of February, sent in by Warden Brown of the penitentiary, shows a decrease of five in the population at the big penal institution. There were 40 received from state courts and one returned from the asylum during the month, while 38 were discharged by expiration of sentences, 3 were paroled, 6 were paroled, and one died, during the month. The population on February 29 was 1172.

COLONEL POORMAN

Former Secretary of State of Ohio Drops Dead at Bellaire.

BELLAIRE, O., Mar. 6.—Colonel Christian L. Poorman, a prominent newspaper publisher and politician, who served as secretary of state of Ohio during the McKinley administration, dropped dead at his home here today.

SNOW CLOSES SCHOOL

RICHMOND, Va., Mar. 6.—City and county schools are closed today because of snow which is seven inches deep and is still falling.

PROGRESSIVES IN CALIFORNIA STRONGLY LINE UP FOR TAFT

MINISTER DEAD

At New Lexington, O., is a Brother-in-law of Attorney Lee, of This City.

The death of the Rev. Beeman at his home at New Lexington, O., Monday morning, is announced here. The Rev. Mr. Beeman was well known to the older residents of Clarksburg. In 1870 he and Miss Hortensia Lee, daughter of the late Judge George H. Lee, and sister of Attorney Dabney C. Lee, of this city, were married and he visited here frequently after that. He was a Presbyterian minister.

CHANGE

Of Division Engineers at Grafton is Made by Baltimore and Ohio.

W. C. Barrett, division engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Grafton, who is well known in this city, has been transferred to another like position, not as yet designated, and W. M. Bond, of Chillicothe, O., has been appointed in his place. Mr. Bond has entered upon his new duties. Mr. Barrett has been a prominent resident of Grafton for a number of years and has many friends in this section who regret that he will leave it.

NEW JERSEY

State Senators and Assemblymen Are for Taft's Renomination.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—Secretary to the president, Hilles, announced today that the eleven Republican state senators of New Jersey are for Taft and thirty-two of the thirty-five Republican assemblymen favor him for president.

NOT A DELEGATE

Elliott W. Williams, Republican of the Second ward, disclaims the report that he is a Democratic delegate from the Fourth or any other ward to the city convention tonight. The delegate is E. M. Williams another person altogether.

Columbus Speech Drives Business and Laboring Men Away from Teddy.

EXPOSITION TO HELP

As President Taft Threw His Influence for the Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—Representative Julius Kahn, of California, makes the following statement:

"I have received hundreds of letters from business men and laboring men in my district since Colonel Theodore Roosevelt made his Columbus speech, and they all assure me that California will positively send a Taft delegation to the Republican national convention in Chicago next June, notwithstanding the claims of Governor Johnson.

"The achievements of the present administration are alone sufficient to justify the renomination and re-election of President Taft. But, in addition to the fact that Mr. Taft threw the weight of his influence to secure the location of the Pacific coast of the International exposition, which is to be held to commemorate the opening of the Panama canal, has not been forgotten by the people of California. They feel deeply grateful to the president for his active interest in their behalf and they are going to show that appreciation by sending delegates to Chicago to vote for his renomination and by working for him and voting for him next fall.

"Right now six leading Republican newspapers around the bay of San Francisco that supported Johnson for governor are now all for Taft. Governor Johnson received the Republican nomination in 1910 over four regulars. If the votes of these regulars had been combined on one candidate, that candidate would have had the nomination instead of Johnson. In the campaign of 1910, Governor Johnson had the support of many leading Democratic politicians. These men will not be for Taft or Roosevelt but will support their own party candidates in a national election.

"A large number of prominent progressives who were exceedingly active in making the fight for Johnson for governor have refused to follow him into the Roosevelt camp, and are out openly for Taft. Among these is A. L. Shinn, who I believe was the state president of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league. The number of progressives of California who have lined up with Taft is exceedingly large. Under all circumstances Mr. Taft is bound to carry the state by a good majority."

An enthusiastic meeting was held in San Francisco Monday afternoon by the Women's Taft Club. The president was endorsed and all women in California asked to support his candidacy for renomination and re-election. Hundreds of Women's Taft Clubs are being organized throughout the state.

Frank Daroux, a wealthy man of San Francisco, has posted \$10,000 which he offers to wager in big or little amounts at ten to eight that Taft carries the state. There have been no takers.

GANG

Has Already Marked Up Its Slate for the Convention Tonight.

The Democratic gang has already marked up its slate for the Democratic city convention tonight in the court house.

It has been arranged to run Dr. J. W. Johnston for mayor. In order to make the usual gallery play against slate making there will be three nominations and Attorney Fred L. Shinn and William Mayo will be the "goats." The nomination, however, is to go to Dr. Johnston.

Fleming Holden is to be the nominee for city clerk and his dummy competitor will be B. Frank Horner.

For chief of police, Cal Hart is to be the nominee.

David O. Booth has been duly appointed as the gang's man for collector and treasurer.

Homer E. Martin is the slate man for superintendent of streets.

For member of the water works and sewerage board, Vincent Gocke is to be rerailroaded over W. H. Lewis. Attorney R. A. Loar is the fellow picked out to serve the gang as assessor.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 6.—May wheat closed 104 1/4 to 1/4; corn 71 1/4; oats 53.

CAMPAIGN KEYNOTE SOUNDED BY STIMSON IN CHICAGO SPEECH

DEFENDS TITLE IN THREE-HOUR BOUT



HENRY GEHRING

Henry Gehring, of Cleveland, middleweight wrestling champion of the world, is looking for new words to conquer after successfully defending his title against Mike Yokel, of Wyoming, in a match at Cleveland. The man wrestled three hours without a fall, but three judges gave the decision unanimously to Gehring. The participants, who had previously wrestled another three-hour no-fall match, had agreed to this plan in case neither could pin the other's shoulders to the mat.

As a Progressive He Declares Taft's Policies Are also Progressive.

PLEDGES ARE KEPT

And to Oppose Taft is to Jeopardize the Progressive Policies.

Secretary of War Stimson in announcing his decision between Taft and Roosevelt, said:

"I am for the renomination of President Taft."

"I am now and always have been a Progressive."

"Mr. Taft has faithfully carried out the progressive faith."

"I entered public life under inspiration of Theodore Roosevelt."

"I am a firm believer in his great national policies."

"I now remain his sincere friend."

"But I believe those who are forcing him, against his original intention, into the arena against Mr. Taft, are jeopardizing instead of helping real progress."

"Mr. Taft has faithfully carried out his pledges of four years ago."

"Mr. Taft has been most falsely vilified and abused."

"The recall of judges would bring the courts down into the gutter of politics."

STIMSON'S SPEECH STUNS ROOSEVELT

Now Serving as a Juror He Refuses to Comment on Address.

MENLOA, L. I., For the first time in his life Theodore Roosevelt today served as a juror. He refused to comment on Stimson's Chicago speech, and was somewhat annoyed at the persistent attention of a camera squad saying, "It's awfully hard to smile and look pleasant when your picture is taken so often."

BALL PLAYER LEAVES

John Dawson, of this city, left last night on train No. 1 to join the New Orleans baseball club of the Southern league. His brother, "Cy" Dawson, has not yet signed with Canton, O. of the Central league. He is holding out for a larger salary.

MISSIONARY KILLED

By Mutinous Chinese Soldiers and Another is Imprisoned.

PEKING, Mar. 6.—F. Day, an English missionary, was killed at Chin Chew by a mutinous Chinese soldier. All attacks with eight soldiers from the British legation here has gone to the scene to rescue F. S. Hughes, another missionary, who is imprisoned in the town hall.

A MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license has been issued to Charles Well, Jr., and Bessie McNemar.

THREE FELONY BILLS BY THE GRAND JURY

And a Dozen Misdemeanor Indictments Are Returned to Date.

When the criminal court opened Wednesday morning for the second day of its March term, the grand jury made its first report, bringing in three felony indictments and twelve misdemeanor "true bills."

A felony indictment against Walter L. Coates charges him with the embezzlement of \$24.88 October 28 from the United States Express Company.

One against Alex Reeves, colored, charges him with the theft of \$175 from Edgar W. Davis January 15.

Clete C. Hefflin is charged in a felony indictment with the theft of a horse January 24, belonging to Stephen E. Swiger and valued at \$105.

Arless Harbert in a misdemeanor indictment, is charged with disturbing a literary society on Coburn's creek.

John Webb against whom a misdemeanor indictment was returned is charged with an assault on Nathaniel H. Green in December.

Edgar W. Davis, John W. Duffy, Mark F. McDonnell, James Delaney and Wilbur E. Cork and Thomas G. Prosser are charged with selling liquor to Everett Davis, an alleged minor.

John H. Mraz is charged with selling liquor to Willie McNemar, an alleged minor.

Jack Smithers in one indictment, and Mike Ceille in two, are charged with selling liquor without a state license.

MURDERS WOMAN

Who Got a Divorce When He Was in Jail and Then Committed Suicide.

FREMONT, O., March 6.—Angered because his wife obtained a divorce, while he was in a workhouse serving a term for mistreating her, Henry Dorman today shot and killed her in the main street of the town, and then committed suicide, firing a bullet into his brain.

AFFIRMED

Is the Decision of Judge Lynch Here in Williams-Brown Case.

The supreme court at Charleston yesterday affirmed the decision of Judge Charles W. Lynch in the case of James E. Williams and others against Beeson H. Brown and others. The controversy was over clearing the title of certain real estate belonging to the plaintiffs of a cloud. The lower court found for the plaintiffs and the defendants appealed. The plaintiffs were represented in the lower and upper courts by Charles G. Coffman, of this city, and the defendants by W. Scott, formerly of Clarksburg, but now of Fairmont.

CHICAGO, Mar. 6.—Henry L. Stimson, of New York, secretary of war, and the Roosevelt candidate for governor of New York in 1910, last night declared himself for President Taft, and said that while he remained the "sincere friend" of Mr. Roosevelt, he could not support him for the presidential nomination.

Mr. Stimson entered President Taft's cabinet last year, after consultation with Mr. Roosevelt, and with the distinct understanding that he would be bound in no way to take part in the political activities of the administration. In a speech before the Taft club of Illinois last night, he declared his belief that President Taft's administration represented the highest expression of Progressive Republican policy.

"I am here tonight to speak for the renomination of President Taft," said Mr. Stimson. "I am now and always have been a progressive."

"I am for Mr. Taft because I believe he has faithfully carried out the progressive faith of the Republican party; that his administration stands for order, permanent progress in our national government; and that to refuse him the nomination on the assertions that have been made against him, would be a blow to that progress and would put a premium upon hasty and unfounded criticism."

"I entered into public life under the inspiration of Theodore Roosevelt. I am a great believer in the great national policies for which he has fought; and I now remain his sincere friend. But I believe those who are forcing him, contrary to his original intention, into the arena against Mr. Taft, are jeopardizing instead of helping the real cause of progress in the nation."

"The introduction of such a contest at this time, dragging in, as it necessarily will, new and personal issues which are quite foreign to the great progressive policies for which the Republican party stands, cannot fail to weaken whichever candidate is eventually nominated in June. If, as a result, that candidate is defeated in November, the government may be thrown into the hands of a truly reactionary party for years to come."

Mr. Stimson said that President Taft had devoted himself unceasingly to the carrying out of constructive work along progressive lines. The administration was begun, he said, upon a plan that had "the thorough approval and deliberate endorsement of Mr. Roosevelt," and to that plan President Taft has adhered faithfully.

"Is it fair now to criticize him?" asked Mr. Stimson, "because, in