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DALLAS.

A Texas and Pacific Employee Fatally Burned by a Lamp Explosion.

A Sensation Created at the Opera House—Murder Cases Set—Decision in the Grigsby Land Suit To-day.

WIPED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, TEX., Jan. 2.—About 9 o'clock last night a lamp exploded in the residence of Mr. D. L. Richards on Howard street.

Mr. Richards' clothes ignited, and before the flames could be extinguished he was burned severely, but at the time his injuries were not considered serious.

He was in great pain all night, however, and at 5 o'clock this morning his suffering was relieved by death.

Mr. Richards was an employe in the Texas and Pacific offices here.

Strange coincidences regarding his death is found in the fact that the gentleman who presided him in the Texas and Pacific office, Mr. Ryan, also met his death by an accident.

It was in the roller coaster accident during the fair. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning.

CREATED A DISTURBANCE.

A YOUNG MAN who occupied a box at the opera house last night created a disturbance by giving the girls here.

The police arrived upon the scene to arrest the disturber and a fight ensued in which the young man came out second best and bloody.

The affair produced quite a sensation for a time, as it was a part of the programme on the bill.

COURT NOTES.

MURDER CASES have been set as follows in the district court: Sam Raines on January 31, J. W. Monk and W. C. Junks on January 24, and Leon Cain on February 1.

Judge Burke will render his decision in the famous Grigsby land suit to-morrow. The criminal docket was taken up in the county court this morning and several minor cases were disposed of.

Cards are out for the marriage of G. T. Veal and Miss Minnie Slaughter, at the First Baptist church on the 9th of January.

M. W. Connolly, well known in Texas newspaper circles, has gone to Memphis to take a position upon the Avalanche.

Other Tom Rice of the police force was married last night to Mrs. A. N. Blake.

F. E. McCallon of Wilmer was arrested here last night on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

The public schools reopened this morning with a good attendance.

The officials of the Alliance exchange are now occupying the new exchange building permanently.

Charles A. Culbertson has returned from Jefferson, where he spent the holidays with friends and relatives.

Miss Josie Alexander of Fort Worth is visiting Mrs. W. W. Walker.

T. P. Powers and Miss L. Shouse were granted license to wed this morning.

Col. W. W. Leake, who was until recently a law partner of Hon. John L. Henry, has associated himself with Shepard & Miller, and the firm will hereafter be Leake, Shepard & Miller.

Judge Henry will go to Austin in a few days to qualify as associate justice of the supreme court.

SUICIDE AT SHERMAN. Charley Bankt Puts an End to His Long Sufferings With a Revolver.

Special to the Gazette.

SHERMAN, TEX., Jan. 2.—This morning a few minutes before 9 o'clock Charley Bankt who has lived in Sherman for a number of years at his home on West Jones street, took his own life by shooting himself through the heart with a pistol.

The facts concerning the tragedy are as follows: The deceased has been suffering from acute neuritis for three or four years, and during the past year has been confined to his home the greater portion of the time, and at one time during the past few months he suffered from a severe attack from which it was feared he would not recover, but he survived the attack, and for the past two or three months he has been able to get up and go about the house.

His long suffering has necessarily caused him to be despondent, and this, coupled with the fact that he has been recently financially embarrassed, encouraged his despair, and though he was not threatened to take his own life, he has recently stated that he knew he would never recover, a statement which he repeated to his family this morning.

Yesterday W. P. Thompson, who is a brother of Mrs. Bankt, and who lives in the Indian Territory, came to Denison to accompany his daughters, who are students in the convent in that town, and then came to Sherman last night on a visit to his brother-in-law and sister.

This morning after the three had taken breakfast they sat down together around the stove in the cook room and had a conversation. The conversation was of a pleasant character, though it finally drifted on the subject of Charley Bankt's health.

His brother-in-law told him that he ought not to expose himself to cold weather, telling him that he should remain indoors and try to get well. Mr. Bankt told him that he did not expose himself, but that he had given up all hope of ever getting well. He then got up from his chair and told his

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brother-in-law that he would go into the sitting-room in the front part of the house and make a fire where they could sit comfortably, and left his wife and her brother talking together.

He remained away for some time and then went back through the rooms and hall to the door of the cook room, where he told his brother-in-law to remain awhile longer until the sitting room could be warmed up.

He then turned and closed the cook room door behind him and the doors of the other two rooms through which he passed.

He had been gone only a few minutes when his wife and her brother heard the pistol shot. They ran into the front room and found him lying on the floor, gasping, his head and shoulders partly raised, one of his feet drawn up towards his body, his left hand covering a pistol on the floor by his side.

He breathed only a few times, when his head fell back and he was dead. On a dressing case in the room was a large 45-caliber revolver, which he has kept for a long while under the head of the bed in his wife's sleeping room.

This he must have taken out the first time he passed through the room where he left his wife and her brother. He had taken the cylinder out of it and had taken the balls out of the cylinder and all were lying by the pistol on the dressing case, which indicated that he had decided he could not use it.

The pistol with which he killed himself was thirty-eight caliber, American Bull Dog, which had been kept in the drawer of the dressing case on which he left the revolver.

This drawer had been locked, and in unlocking it, he had left the key in its place. He was without a coat and only the lower button of his vest was buttoned, though it covered the wound in his heart, and he must have pulled the left side of his vest with his left hand, while with his right he held the pistol to his heart and fired the fatal shot.

Justice Hinkle held an inquest over the body, and from the surroundings deemed it only necessary to take testimony of one witness, which was that of Mrs. Bankt, and her evidence corroborates the foregoing.

ON WALL STREET.

Wheat Went Tobogganing, But Stopped After Sliding Down Three Cents.

Transactions in Stocks Given Over to the Bears. Changes in Railway Bond Quotations for Small Fractions.

COMMERCIAL RESUME. Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Railway bonds to-day sold as follows: Fort Worth and Denver City, 91.

St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas 1's, 93. Texas and Pacific 1's, 91.

Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe 1's, 115 1/2. Gold 6's, 87 1/2.

Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio 1's, 94 1/2; 2's, 100 1/2.

Kansas and Texas consols, 81; 6's, 61 1/2.

Coffee steady. Wheat opened strong and then crumbled.

There was a toboggan slide for a time and the price broke 2 1/2 @ 3c and closed weak.

GOVERNMENTS, STOCKS AND BONDS. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The stock market at the opening of the new year was something of a disappointment to the advocates of higher figures, as the day, except for a short time in the early morning, was given up to the bears.

Although the impression made by the bears, except in a few special instances, was not of special importance. Prices of the latter part of Monday were continued. In the early trading with London quite as conspicuous buyers and the temper of the room was generally bullish, though traders who were doing most of the business were taking profits.

The opening figures were from 3/8 to 1/2 per cent. above Monday's prices with Missouri Pacific in the lead, but there was very little vim to the subsequent trading. In the last hour the market again became quiet, finally closing dull and steady, generally at fractional losses for the day.

The special feature of the dealings in railroad bonds to-day was activity and strength in Reading incomes and 4's. The tone of the general market, while rather firm, showed no decided character, and the changes in quotations for the day are in all except a few instances for slight fractions only, the Fort Worth and Denton 1's only displaying any animation.

Government bonds were dull, but heavy for 4's. State bonds dull but firm.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET. BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 2.—The demand for wool is of steady proportions, and the sales are good. Prices remain very firm, and unless outside values can be obtained the holders of desirable wools are indifferently about selling.

Small stocks of domestic wool is reason enough for dealers to hold on to their supplies. Ohio and Pennsylvania have been quoted at 33 @ 34 for No. 35 @ 36 for XX, 37 @ 38 for No. 41 and Michigan X has been quoted at 32 @ 32 1/2. Combing and delaine fleeces are scarce and would sell readily at 39 @ 40 for No. 1 combing and 35 @ 37 for fine delaine.

Unwashed combing wools are strong at 30 @ 32 for 3/8 and 3/4 blood. Territory wools unwashed there have been sales on a basis of 30 @ 33 for fine and medium, and delaine wools sell at 40 @ 42, and western super 33 @ 35 principally. Foreign wools remain steady. New Australia is arriving and is selling at 37 @ 40.

To Revise New Hampshire's Constitution. CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 2.—The convention of delegates called to revise the state constitution assembled this morning, and after organizing took a recess.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she became a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Negroes Have a Celebration. ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 1.—The negroes of Atlanta had an elaborate celebration in commemoration to-day. Military companies paraded and public exercises were held in the hall of the house of representatives, which was crowded to the utmost.

The exercises consisted in reading the Declaration of Independence and orations and addresses by students.

Read THE GAZETTE for the news.

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Spot Cotton Unchanged—Futures from 1 to 2 Points Higher—Money Easy.

Wheat Opened Strong, Fell With a Dull Thud and Was Beared to the Panic Point. Coffee and Wool Nominal.

Daily Review. OFFICE OF THE GAZETTE, FORT WORTH, TEX., JAN. 2, 1908.

The past week has not been one of great activity in business circles on this market. The dealers have been mostly engaged taking stock of goods as is customary at the beginning of a new year, and only such trade has been attended to as was necessary to be handled at once.

But dealers in all lines say they have had more custom than they looked for, and some say their business has been better this week than they have ever known it at a corresponding period of any previous year.

The receipts of cotton for the week have been moderate, not exceeding seventy-five bales per day, and there has been no change in value of the staple during that time, the price ranging between 8c. and 8 1/2c.

The quotations on grains have fluctuated of late, according to the state of the weather and the condition of the country roads. The supply is up with the demand on most occasions. Rye is up to 60c., and corn is down between 27c. and 28c., the only changes recently noted.

There is the usual demand for wheat at \$1 per bushel. The Christmas demand for produce having fallen off, the prices for the same are a little down. Eggs are worth 16c per dozen; butter brings 17c, while chickens are at \$2 @ 2 1/2.

Druggists have marked linseed oil up 2c per gallon; gum opium is advanced sharply, while cream tartar is a little off.

The demand for money from the West is very small, says the American Banker. This is undoubtedly due in a large measure to the fact that certain Western cities reserve centers, by which means money has been more generally concentrated at home instead of finding its way to New York as formerly.

The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the week ended December 22 was \$903,791. The issue during the corresponding period of last year was \$675,759. The shipments of fractional silver coin since the last instant amount to \$653,562.

In a recent report by Mr. Sarnborn of the Economic Society it is stated that there are now about 4000 co-operative building and loan associations in the United States, with provision for the investment at any time of not less than \$50,000,000. The whole accumulations made by the aid of building associations may be estimated, he believes, at from \$500,000,000 to \$750,000,000, and a time may even come when their accumulated savings will exceed those of the savings banks.

The total number of national banks is now 3140, with a capital stock of \$52,000,000, a surplus fund of \$185,000,000, other divided profits amounting to \$70,000,000, and outstanding circulation against bonds amounting to \$151,702,000.

The bureau of statistics reports the value of the exports of cotton from the United States for the month of November at \$39,229,210, as against \$37,584,463, an increase of \$1,344,747. During the last three months the value of exports was \$79,561,017, comparing with \$88,796,732 same time last year, a decrease of \$9,235,715.

The November exports of mineral oils amounted to \$4,259,284, as against \$3,710,074 in November, 1887, an increase of \$546,210. For eleven months ended November 30 they amounted to \$42,549,492, comparing with \$41,291,341 at same time previous year, an increase of \$1,303,266.

The exports of breadstuffs in November amounted to \$7,709,622, as against \$9,503,731 in November, 1887, a decrease of \$1,794,109. For the eleven months ended November 30 the exports amounted to \$80,622,453, as against \$84,917,669 same time last year, a decrease of \$4,295,216.

The condition of banking affairs throughout the country is remarkably favorable. New York city bankers report that the situation and outlook are more satisfactory than at any earlier period of the year, and Comptroller Trenholm says the national banks of the entire country have never been in sounder condition or under better management.

The general prosperity and activity apply to all features of the system except those dependent upon government bonds.

THE GREATEST AMERICAN CROP. The corn crop of the United States is the greatest ever known. It is the great American tillage crop. There is no other of less than a quarter of its breadth. It is sufficient to cover Ohio, Indiana and Illinois with a slice of Iowa in addition. Its area last year, though reduced by drought, was 51 per cent. of that of all cereals together, and its production was 55 per cent. It was grown by the Indians before the white man appeared on the continent. It is now grown in every state and territory in the Union, though sparingly in those of high elevations, in the Rocky mountain region.

The supply as population increases is enlarged rather than diminished. It was 25.5 bushels per head in 1850; 26.6 in 1860; 27.7 in 1870; and 35 in 1880.

The crop, large as it is, is exported in small proportion. Only 4 per cent. of the production of seventeen years has gone abroad for a market. The home market is 96 per cent. of all, and its relative abundance or scarcity makes the price. If scarce, the price is high, and foreigners are declining to buy; if low enough to compete with foreign feeding stuffs, a larger quantity is exported. Neither Liverpool or Chicago makes the price, but the farmers and country feeders, who use fifty-sixths of all. It is a crop of which railways carry but a small part. Less than one-fifth crosses state lines. Half is used in feeding for milk or flesh, one-tenth for human food, and four-tenths for the food of working animals.

For spirits scarcely 1 per cent. is used, and yet we hear demagogues, not to say statesmen, who insist that prices would go down if the farmer was deprived of the distillery demand.

The uses of corn it would be difficult to limit, in food, in drink, in clothing, in bedding, in meat, in milk and wool, starch and sugar. The present year saw the largest area ever grown of this distinctively American crop. Aside from the area intended for grain, there were millions of acres plowed for forage, the silos and the summer drier. No other plant will produce so much nutritious feed on a given area. No other is worth

so much for American tillage.—[American Exporter.]

THE FORT WORTH MARKET. BUTTER—Texas, 17c per lb; northern, 23 @ 25c.

COFFEE—Rio, 15c @ 17 1/2c; prime, 18 1/2c; choice, 19 1/2c; Java, 20c; Java, 21c; Java, 22c; Java, 23c; Java, 24c; Java, 25c; Java, 26c; Java, 27c; Java, 28c; Java, 29c; Java, 30c; Java, 31c; Java, 32c; Java, 33c; Java, 34c; Java, 35c; Java, 36c; Java, 37c; Java, 38c; Java, 39c; Java, 40c; Java, 41c; Java, 42c; Java, 43c; Java, 44c; Java, 45c; Java, 46c; Java, 47c; Java, 48c; Java, 49c; Java, 50c; Java, 51c; Java, 52c; Java, 53c; Java, 54c; Java, 55c; Java, 56c; Java, 57c; Java, 58c; Java, 59c; Java, 60c; Java, 61c; Java, 62c; Java, 63c; Java, 64c; Java, 65c; Java, 66c; Java, 67c; Java, 68c; Java, 69c; Java, 70c; Java, 71c; Java, 72c; Java, 73c; Java, 74c; Java, 75c; Java, 76c; Java, 77c; Java, 78c; Java, 79c; Java, 80c; Java, 81c; Java, 82c; Java, 83c; Java, 84c; Java, 85c; Java, 86c; Java, 87c; Java, 88c; Java, 89c; Java, 90c; Java, 91c; Java, 92c; Java, 93c; Java, 94c; Java, 95c; Java, 96c; Java, 97c; Java, 98c; Java, 99c; Java, 100c; Java, 101c; Java, 102c; Java, 103c; Java, 104c; 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