

SEVERELY SCORCHED

Fire Damages Five Establishments.

AT SECOND AVE. AND UNIVERSITY

Robbers Believed to Have Kindled the Flames—List of Losses

Fire was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock this morning breaking through the roof of the old blacksmith shop at the corner of Second avenue and University street.

An alarm was turned in from box 24, and the department responded promptly.

The flames started in the office of the Western Laundry company, and spread into Beattie & Sons blacksmith shop on the right, and to J. B. Spidell's confectionery store, J. J. Connell's dyeing and cleaning works, and Carter & Co.'s hardware store on the left. No insurance was held by any of the firms.

The following losses were sustained: William Beattie & Son's blacksmith and carriage shop, \$1300.

J. J. Connell's steam dyeing and cleaning works, \$700.

Great Western Laundry company, \$300.

J. B. Spidell's confectionery and cigar store, loss \$50.

Carter & Co.'s hardware store, \$75. Several theories have been expressed as to how the fire originated. One is to the effect that robbers are responsible.

A. E. Risley, proprietor of the Western laundry, said: "I left the office about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and to my knowledge no fire of any kind was in any of the buildings. When I left yesterday I locked my desk. When the department arrived this morning the desk was found broken open and the books scattered around. The box holding the nickles on the telephone was broken off and could not be found."

William Beattie & Sons sustained a loss in laundry seasons. They had several new wagons ready to be delivered to the purchasers, which were entirely destroyed.

Mr. Beattie lost \$10,000 in the big fire of June 1889, having his entire plant on Madison and Post street destroyed.

J. J. Connell, of the dye works, had just received a consignment of sealskin jackets to be renovated. They were destroyed, together with suits of clothes left there to be repaired.

The buildings were of wood, and will not be rebuilt, as they are within the fire limits.

He Quit Drinking.

Here is a story of a young man who is probably sincere when he says he will never drink intoxicating liquors again.

He is young and inexperienced and when his friends invited him to celebrate the coming of the new year they knew he would furnish them some merriment. They visited numerous saloons and had numerous drinks.

The young man turned pale, looked wildly about him and exclaimed: "Then I've got 'em, I've got 'em, I see snakes everywhere. O' O' and he fainted."

When he awoke it was the next day. His friends were standing all about his bed. One of them offered him a glass of whiskey, suggesting it would brace him up.

"No, boys, I'll never take another drink. I've seen em once, and I am satisfied."

NO TWIN OWLS.

One Egg at a Time and No More Until It Hatches.

Early in April of last year the captain of the steamer Roseada, on the Klisimee river, reported the discovery of a white owl's nest, which was in a hole of a leaning dead cabbage palm, overhanging the river.

Twice a week on his trip up and down he watched the growth of the birds until he considered them old enough to move. He then transferred them to a box under serious protests from the parent birds.

The birds proved to be specimens of the barn owl, and great was the surprise to see three owls of different sizes and evidently considerable difference in their ages. From inquiry it was learned that these birds, after hatching the first egg, lay another, whose hatching is left to be done by the young bird while it is getting its feathers, thus explaining why the birds in the different stages of development were found in the same nest, and explaining, too, the responsibility that the oldest bird seemed to have over the younger ones—much as an older child watches over the younger ones of a family.

The oldest owl was almost matured—in full feather—its large black eyes almost human in expression, being well set off by the snow-white face. The plumage on the back was a golden brown, the rest of the body streaked with white. The second bird in size was an admy, dull white. He was covered with down—the down on his face giving him a vicious expression—entirely different from the oldest bird. The baby of the nest was scarcely half the size of the oldest bird, had a sharp, narrow and long face, with a weakened, monkey-like expression, but he was snow white, looking like a ball of wool. He cuddled under the larger birds and at feeding time was the most ravenous eater in the crowd. All day long these three wise little owls quietly sat, making no sound

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except when approached, when a sharp snapping of their beaks announced they wished no intruders. To turn them out of their box in the day time meant a quick return to it. They were turned out one day for a visitor to admire and the box reached, when they quietly sought refuge under the folds of her dress skirt. At night they were in their element when turned loose. They walked around, flapped their wings, would come up and take food from the hand and drink water from a spoon placed between their beaks with as much ease as a person possibly could. After eating to their satisfaction they would return to the box, and there sit for an hour, peering out, swaying their bodies backward and forward, as if rocking themselves to sleep.

Europe Likes Cheese.

Cheese is largely being used in Europe instead of meat. This has been especially true of England. But now that from New Zealand, Australia and Argentina mutton and even beef can be obtained easily, it is probable that the consumption of cheese in European countries will not increase so rapidly in the future as it has in the past. On the other hand it is probable that the consumption of butter will increase much more rapidly. In the 12 years from 1885 to 1897 the importation of cheese into Great Britain increased by 42 per cent. In the same period the importation of butter increased by 34 per cent. But it is not probable that this popularity in favor of cheese as compared with butter will continue. Experienced dairy producers believe that the cheese market of Great Britain is now, in proportion to population, at its maximum demand. In 1888, as compared with 1897, there was a falling off in importation of 33,800,000 pounds. The growing popularity of meat as an article of diet is hindering the sale of cheese. During the last 12 years (1888 to 1898) the importation of fresh mutton into England has increased by 400 per cent, and the importation of fresh beef by 284 per cent. That is to say, the importation of mutton is now over five times what it was in 1888 and the importation of fresh beef over three and four-fifths times what it was in 1888.

RAIN, STILL RAIN.

"Rain," said Observer Salisbury, today. "Rain tonight and tomorrow."

"Didn't you say rain yesterday?" asked the reporter.

"Don't mention it," replied the observer. "I was afraid to take the responsibility of permitting thousands of new hats to be worn by the public, with several rain storms loose off the coast and liable to appear at any minute. Think of the financial ruin that would have been entailed! I tell you what, young man, a weather official has a heavy responsibility placed upon his shoulders in these days. It is possible to spoil a hundred thousand dollars worth of millinery on Puget Sound in a single day if one isn't careful."

"Rain, then, is safer than the other thing as a prediction?"

"Certainly. When I say rain and it shines, why the people only smile and says 'He's off today.' But if I say 'clear and warm' and it sprinkles a bit, the wrinkle up their faces and say 'He made a sweet mess of the weather, didn't he?' Oh, no, I don't get caught that way. Rain it is for Tuesday, Mr. Star, and don't get it twisted into fair."

Knew How to Advertise.

A story is told of the late George Augustus Sala and Barnum. A reception was given the American on the occasion of the last visit of the famous showman in England. Mr. Sala presided. In the reception room, where all were waiting to welcome the guest of the evening, Mr. Barnum came in beaming and, shaking hands with the chairman, said, with a strongly marked Yankee accent: "This is, indeed, a surprise to me. 'Did you hear that?' Mr. Sala whispered, 'Why, he arranged for the dinner himself.'—Tit-Bits.

Naturally.

This story, relating to a young pork-packer in Kansas City, is circulated quietly among his acquaintances:

A new baby had arrived in his family and he was very proud of it. While several friends were congratulating him in his office, and smoking cigars at his expense, one of the men asked him:

"By the way—how much did the scrub weigh?"

"Ten pounds, dressed!" exclaimed the delighted young father.

To Teach Apes to Talk.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 3.—"In a few months," according to my present plans, I shall return to Africa. I expect to found a kindergarten among the chimpanzees and teach them to talk."

So said Prof. R. L. Garner, the man who is famous for having put a cage in the solitudes of Africa and "talked" to gorillas and chimpanzees. He has been in Indianapolis several days.

"Can I do it?" asked he with a quizzical smile. "I have done it and I shall only add to my knowledge. I can't tell you where I am going. It will be to some island, for I must be alone or my plans will not work."

Prof. Garner became known all over the scientific world some years ago by his extraordinary trip into the jungles of Africa. He went to the dark continent alone and there built him a cage, in which he stored his provisions and sat down to wait until the monkeys "came to talk to him."

"I waited ten long days before I even saw a monkey," he said today. "Then they began to come closer and closer until I now have a collection of their photographs and have learned some of their words. Now I expect to teach to them some of our language."

INJURIES PROVED FATAL.

Anton Malgesini, the Italian laborer who fell under a train at Black Diamond several days ago and lost a leg, died of his injuries this morning at Providence hospital.

The Kiowa Indians in Kansas recently chose as "medicine man" the white widow of the previous incumbent of the office.

A HOT TIME IN ALAMEDA

Over Living Pictures at a Church Entertainment.

ALAMEDA, Cal., April 3.—Ladies and gentlemen of Christ Episcopal church have had a falling out over the propriety of living picture exhibitions at church entertainments.

Strange to say, in the case at issue the ladies are the advocates of the nude in art, while the vestrymen are horrified at the idea and think they could not witness the exhibition and live. The gentlemen blush at any reference to the proposed entertainment, while the ladies look upon it in a matter of fact sort of way and insist, with much emphasis, that it is the proper thing. They blush also, however, but they assert that the blushes are for the mock modesty displayed by their co-laborers in the church work.

St. Agnes' guild, connected with the Christ church, had undertaken to give an entertainment to raise funds to increase the bulk and general welfare of the church treasury. Among other talent the services were secured of Perham Nahl, the living picture artist.

Everything was progressing nicely when the shock came and spoiled it all and prompted the ladies to call it off. Tickets had been printed and the command of a division—or at least representation that the Nahl living pictures would be a feature of the programme. The ladies made their mistake in advertising the Nahl

grammes were given, and the services both morning and evening were largely attended.

At St. Mark's the choir of fifty voices under the leadership of Choir-master Englehart, sang Mozart's Seventh Mass. Miss Alice True rendered the offertory, "Light of the World." In the afternoon the children had a carol service.

Easter services at Trinity Parish church began Saturday night by a choral evening song. At the 11 o'clock service special music was given, and the rector, Rev. H. H. Gowen, preached a brief sermon from the text, "Because I Live, Ye Shall Live Also."

At the First Presbyterian church, a memorial of Christ's resurrection and a memorial of His passion was celebrated. The large choir gave Dennee's Easter anthem, "Alleluiah, Christ is Risen." In the evening the musical program was of a festive nature.

The cantata, "The Vision of St. John," was given at the Plymouth Congregational church in the evening. The church was very appropriately decorated.

High mass at the Catholic church of Our Lady of Good Help was celebrated at 10 o'clock by Rev. F. X. Prefontaine. Gounod's "Messe Solenne," was sung by a full chorus choir.

At the Church of the Immaculate Conception, on Broadway, an Easter service of rare excellence was given.

The new Westminster theatre on Broadway and Columbia street was

FOUND GOLD IN A CAVE

A Large Quantity of Gold and Other Coins.

DALLAS, Tex., April 3.—A box was found today in a cave on D. C. Carr's farm containing a large sum of gold and Confederate money and about a gallon of small silver pieces. The finder was a man from the City of Mexico, who came to Abbott with a chart and with a compass located the cave and extricated the box.

Met a Frightful Death.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., April 3.—Peter Coon, a well to do farmer residing near Cleveland, was accidentally killed yesterday. When running a six-horse gang plow the animals became entangled and ran away. Mr. Coon was carried for a quarter of a mile on the plow point, and his left side, with ribs, was severed from the body.

Chiseled Him to Death.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 2.—Adolph H. Fischer, an employe of the H. Lauter Manufacturing company, was struck with a chisel by Edgar E. Van Cleave, another employe, this morning, and received an injury from which he died 15 minutes later.

Both were cabinet-makers. They became involved in a dispute over a trivial matter, which led to a quarrel, and Van Cleave hurled at Fischer a chisel, with which he was



GENERAL ARTHUR MacARTHUR.

In the aggressive campaign in the Philippines, Major General Arthur MacArthur has attracted a good deal of attention by his persistence and bravery, and by the effective work done by his division. He was a lieutenant colonel in the army when war was declared, and was on duty in the adjutant general's department. His elevation to his present high rank was a gratification to his friends, who were sure he would distinguish himself at the front. His assignment to the Philippine campaign and the active influence he has had, demonstrate the advantage to the army of such officers as Gen. MacArthur. It is said that his excellent work as a commander of a division of volunteers will win him promotion to his position in the regular army having been obtained through bravery in the Civil War. Congress awarded him a medal for bravery in that conflict, and he is a prominent member of the Society of the United States Military Medal of Honor. He is a man of strong character, and is popular in army circles.

dedicated with appropriate services. Mrs. C. H. Jagan sang the offertory.

Easter services at the Battery street M. E. church were held in the evening. The Sunday-school having them in charge.

Special music was given at both services at the North Seattle Baptist church, Mrs. Leland Houghton singing a soprano solo in the evening entitled, "Hosanna."

Rev. E. M. Randall Jr., preached two very interesting sermons on Easter subjects at the First M. E. church, and the choir gave a special musical program.

The services at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on Twenty-second avenue, near East Cherry street, were very impressive. Rev. Elmer E. Thompson preached two very interesting sermons on Easter, and the choir gave several Easter selections.

The Christian Endeavorers held an early morning meeting in the Plymouth Congregational church, which was largely attended.

Rev. S. L. Boverman had appropriate services at First Baptist church, on Fourth avenue near James.

Naval Men Should Control LONDON, April 3.—The Daily Mail suggests that all the consuls be recalled from Samoa, and that the islands be left to the administration of naval officers, as was the case in the Cretan troubles. It adds that the governments would then arrive at a prompt settlement.

Chicago Markets. CHICAGO, April 3.—Cattle—Beaves, \$4.10@5.50; cows unchanged. Texans, \$3.50@4.55. Hogs—Light, \$3.50; mixed unchanged; heavy, \$3.00@3.25; pigs, \$2.20@3.70. Sheep—Native, \$3.00@3.55; western, \$2.75@4.00; lambs unchanged.

Interesting Services at the Various Churches. Yesterday was a lovely day, and notwithstanding the fact that Observer Salisbury had predicted rain, the sun came forth and seemed to smile on the Easter worshippers. At the churches, elaborate musical pro-

grams were given, and the services both morning and evening were largely attended.

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