

THE PERSONAL TAX

Of the Villages of Pierz, Swanville and Royalton

The following personal taxes are due and payable March 1, 1908, or penalty attaches:

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VILLAGE OF ROYALTON

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Table listing names and amounts for the Milbury section, including names like Murphy, Mark, McCutcheon, A. H., and others.

SACRED CONCERT A DECIDED SUCCESS

The first of the sacred concerts, which are to be given the 1st Sunday evening of every other month at the Congregational church, was given last Sunday evening at the church auditorium with very great success.

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NEWS

The Ben Ton dancing club pulled off another one of their popular dances at the Elk's hall last Friday evening. About twenty couples were present. The club remembered that this is leap year and allowed the young ladies to choose their partners at one of the numbers. Punch was served.

Morday, January 27, has been set as the date on which applicants for positions of stenographer and typewriter in the civil service will take examinations in St. Paul by which it will be shown whether they have qualified for such positions. Both males and females may take these examinations.

News comes to this city from Sand Point, Idaho, of the death of Simon Blair, who was formerly a resident here. He left this place about three years ago to make his home with a daughter in the western town. On Christmas day, while returning from church, Mr. Blair fell and broke a leg, since which time he failed rapidly to his death.

The deceased, who was a man well advanced in years, was well known here.

Jas. Haughey of Staples, was given \$500 damages by the Northern Pacific last week, because of injuries he sustained while breaking on this division. Mr. Haughey was injured at the east end of the Wadena yards several months ago. He was on the look out for hot boxes and was leaning out of the engine when struck by a signal post near the interlocking plant. He has not yet recovered from his injuries.—Wadena Pioneer Journal.

Miss Sarah Taylor of Harrisonville, Mo., sister of the late P. H. Taylor, whose death was recorded in this paper in the form of clipping from the Cass County Democrat of Harrisonville, Mo., died Saturday, December 28, as the result of an attack of pneumonia, which she contracted on the day of her brother's funeral, just seven days previous, according to a recent issue of the above named newspaper.

Miss Taylor, who was well known by the old settlers of this city, she having visited here for long periods with a brother, who resided here at the time, was aged 77 years at the time of her death, and had resided with her brother, P. H. Taylor, up to the time of his death.

SHOT THROUGH WINDOW

Unknown Person Fires into Priest's Residence at Swan River

At an early hour Saturday morning some party or parties, having some grudge against Father Belzowski of Swan River, approached his home, and sent six shots crashing through the windows of the house. Three of these shots crashed through a window of Father Belzowski's bedroom, and the other three through a window of the house-keeper's bedroom. Neither occupants of the house were injured but were thoroughly frightened by this action of the unknown vandal or vandals.

Late in the afternoon of the same day the local authorities were notified of what had occurred, and Sunday morning Sheriff Frank Long and County Attorney Don. M. Cameron went out to the scene of the shooting. They found that the shots had been fired on the house as above stated, and also found empty cartridges, but could not get any tangible clue to the guilty party. They have, however, strong suspicions as to who did this dastardly work.

All sorts of theories are advanced by the residents of Swan River in regard to the shooting.

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NOTICE

We, the undersigned land owners of eastern Morrison county herewith notify everyone in that vicinity not to cut or haul any wood or timber of any description from our lands. We own 150,000 acres of land here, for which John Schmolke of Beckman, Minn., is our agent, and anyone that is caught taking wood or timber of any kind from our land will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Signed E. L. Traek, B. L. Gilbert, R. Sieglein, A. J. Nelson, Nio Heib, John Schmolke.

We are located in the offices of N. N. Bergheim, where all accounts due the firm can be paid.

—Ellenbecker & tonlet.

IN THEATER BLAZE

About One Hundred and Fifty People Perish.

SCORES OF OTHERS HURT

Disaster Occurs at Church Benefit at Boyertown, Pa.

PANIC FOLLOWED AN EXPLOSION

Terrified Men, Women and Children Made a Mad Rush for the Exits and the Weaker Ones Were Trampled Under Foot—Floor Collapsed and Those Who Were Carried Down in the Wreckage Were Cremated.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 14.—It is estimated that about 150 persons were burned to death and about seventy-five others were injured in a fire that completely destroyed Rhodes' opera house in this city. The opera house was crowded with the members of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school, who were attending a benefit given for the church. While the show was in progress a tank exploded. The actors endeavored to quiet the audience, but in their anxiety to make themselves heard and to avoid the awful stampede of the women and children, the coal oil lamps which were used at the footlights were overturned, setting the place on fire. The flames, fed by the oil, shot almost to the ceiling, and there was a wild rush of the 700 persons in the structure to escape from the burning building. Scores of women and children were trampled upon and several who escaped being burned to death died after being dragged from the opera house.

In many cases whole families, it is said, have been wiped out.

The scene of the explosion was indescribable.

Scores of persons who were in the balcony at the rear jumped from the windows and sustained fractured limbs and skulls.

Fire Apparatus Disabled.

To add to the terrible disaster, the fire apparatus became disabled and the structure was left entirely to the mercy of the flames. It is almost certain not a vestige of the bodies of the unfortunates who were overcome by the smoke and perished will ever be found.

Assistance was asked from Pottstown, but before the fire apparatus from that city reached this place the entire center of the structure was a roaring furnace.

Had the women and children heeded the warning of the cooler heads in the audience the horrible loss of life might have been avoided, but there was the usual panic and stampede that invariably follows such an accident. The flames spread rapidly and communicated to other parts of the theater. Men, women and children rushed for the many exits and the weaker sex and the children were trampled and maimed in the mad rush to gain the street.

The blood-curling cries for help of those who were penned within the walls of the blazing structure could be heard above the roaring, seething flames. It seemed as though nearly the entire audience made a mad rush for the exits the moment the explosion occurred. In the mad rush a section of the floor gave way, precipitating scores of persons to the basement. As the floor collapsed the shrieks of the helpless persons who were carried down were heard for blocks. It was scarcely five minutes from the time of the explosion of the tanks of the moving picture machine until the entire heart of the structure seemed a roaring furnace.

Appealed for Assistance.

Assistance was asked of both Reading and Pottstown, and special trains carrying nurses and doctors were rushed to the scene of the disaster.

Every home within a radius of half a dozen blocks of the opera house was made a temporary hospital, where the injured were rushed in carriages and other means of conveyance.

A special train from Reading, bearing physicians and nurses came here, but there was little for them to do, as the injured had been cared for by the physicians, assisted by the Pottstown relief corps.

A few minutes after midnight the rear wall of the theater collapsed. The flames broke out anew, and those who had vainly hoped to be able to find the remains of some of their loved ones turned in despair from the scene of the awful catastrophe. It is estimated that at least seventy-five persons were injured by being trampled on either on the stairway or by jumping from the windows of the burning structure. Of this number at least a score were fatally injured. At least half a dozen succumbed to their injuries after being hurried to one of the temporary hospitals.

Three children ranging in age from eight to twelve years and one woman who were dragged from the building by persons who had rushed to the rescue had been trampled almost to a pulp, the skull of one of the unfortunate children being crushed as though it were an eggshell.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED

Chicago Great Western Road in Financial Trouble.

UNABLE TO OBTAIN MONEY

Company Could Not Raise Funds to Meet Obligations Falling Due During the Year 1908.

St. Paul, Jan. 9.—Judge Walter N. Sanborn of the United States circuit court appointed A. B. Stickney, president of the Chicago Great Western railroad, and Charles H. F. Smith, both residents of St. Paul, receivers for the Chicago Great Western railroad. A. B. Stickney is now the president of the road. The firm of Kellogg & Severance of St. Paul was appointed attorneys for the receivers.

The appointment of receivers followed the inability of the company to raise money to meet obligations falling due in 1908, and the failure to secure an extension of the obligations. Loss to the road as a result of the boiler-makers' strike of last fall is given as a partial cause for the financial straits of the road. It was also pointed out in the court proceedings that during the past ten years the road has spent \$19,000,000 in reconstruction.

The petition for a receivership was filed on behalf of the stockholders and the finance committee by John A. Numberg of Minnesota, George P. Meyer of New York and Ward Cummings and Alexander Wallace of Great Britain.

Statement by Attorney Kellogg.

Stiles W. Burr of St. Paul appeared as attorney of record for the complainants, and Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul made a statement to the court of the condition of the road and the grounds on which a receivership was asked.

As soon as the petition for the complainants had been filed, an answer was filed on behalf of the board of directors, who met and voted to become a party to the proceedings.

In asking for the appointment of receivers, Mr. Kellogg said that the capital of the Chicago Great Western consists of four classes of stock, but two of which need be considered in the receivership proceedings. These are the preferred A and the debenture stock, each of which originally represented 50 per cent of the original first mortgage bonds issued.

The preferences of these two classes of stock are secured by a trust deed to the Manhattan Trust company of New York. There will be a default in the payment of these obligations, Jan. 15, said Mr. Kellogg.

The receivership will be temporary pending the time required to carry through the plan of financing the road.

FOUR FIREMEN MEET DEATH

Twelve-Story Structure in New York City Destroyed.

New York, Jan. 11.—Four firemen went to their deaths when fighting a fire that ruined the Parker building, a twelve-story business structure occupying the block between East Eighth and Nineteenth streets on Fourth avenue. Fought by half the firemen of Manhattan and apparatus that blocked the streets for blocks the flames were never controlled and only with difficulty were they confined to the building in which they originated.

Floor after floor gave way and dropped to the basement and beneath these and crumbling walls no less than thirty firemen were caught and either killed outright or seriously injured.

When the fire had burned itself out and the firemen's roll was called three men of engine company No. 72 and one from fire patrol No. 3 failed to respond. The men killed were Thomas Phillips, Thomas O'Connor, John Lynch and John Fallon.

The monetary loss is estimated at \$6,000,000.

TROOPS TO QUIT GOLDFIELD

Commission Says Governor Sparks Misstated Situation.

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Roosevelt has determined to withdraw the federal troops from Goldfield, Nev., shortly after the legislature begins its special session this week.

This intention was made known at the White House when the report of the special investigating committee was made public. The report says: "The conditions did not support the general allegations in the governor's request for troops, nor were his specific statements established to any such extent as to justify his use of those statements for the purpose of getting federal troops."

NEW TURN IN RENT STRIKE

Seven Hundred Landlords Hold Meeting in New York.

New York, Jan. 13.—A new turn was taken in the rent strike agitation when a meeting of 700 landlords was held to discuss the matter. It was decided to have introduced in the legislature a bill making it a felony for any political agitator to incite tenants to refuse to pay rental which has been agreed upon. At present it is a misdemeanor. The recent rent strike in the East Side tenements was supported by the Socialist party.

IN SENSELESS PANIC.

Sixteen People Killed and Many Injured at Barnsley, Eng.

Barnsley, Eng., Jan. 11.—The senseless stampede of a crowd of people in a theater of this city resulted in sixteen persons, including a number of children in arms, being crushed to death by the frantic efforts of the crowd to get clear of the building. Many others were injured and all for no reason. There was no danger, no fire; only the unaccountable panic of the crowd that found its egress from the theater hampered by its own numbers.

There had been a performance for children at Harvey institute. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and many persons had been refused admittance at the door. At the conclusion of the performance an inexplicable mad rush was made for the exits and it was there that the fatal crush occurred. The weaker went to the ground and were trampled to death by the stronger. Lives were crushed out and limbs were broken by the frantic people as they struggled and fought to make their way to the open.

There was no need of haste. Order and calm and self-control would have permitted everybody to get out of the hall safely.

MANY SMALL BOATS LOST

Severe Storm Raging on Coasts of Europe and Africa.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The storm on the English channel, along the west coast of Europe and on the North African coast is still raging and many fishing boats already have been lost.

A dispatch received here from Tangier says that two native passenger boats foundered off El Arashi, Morocco. Forty persons were drowned, including some Europeans.

THAW INSANE AS A BOY

Littleton Says Defendant Was Always Irrational.

New York, Jan. 14.—The Thaw trial moved with a rush. After the state had presented its direct case and Assistant District Attorney Garvan had characterized the killing of Stanford White as "a premeditated, deliberate and cowardly murder," Martin W. Littleton for the defense made the opening plea for the prisoner. His promise of new evidence was sensational and held the supreme attention of all in the courtroom. District Attorney Jerome, seemingly taken by surprise, seated himself in the witness chair the better to hear the outline of the new defense. Mr. Littleton promised to forge a chain of circumstances and produce a line of testimony which will prove Harry K. Thaw insane at the time of the homicide. Evidence of hereditary insanity and of strange, unusual acts of Thaw not even hinted at during the first trial was told of by Mr. Littleton, who said that physicians and nurses who had attended Thaw were hurrying here from Europe, that teachers of the defendant in childhood would be on hand to give their impressions of "the wide-eyed, distant boy." In conclusion, Mr. Littleton challenged the district attorney to produce a single reputable physician who would say that Thaw was not insane at the time he killed the noted architect.

HOLY WAR DECLARED.

Mulai Hafid Proclaimed Sultan of Morocco at Fez.

Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 11.—Mulai Hafid was, on Jan. 4, proclaimed sultan at Fez, one of the capitals of Morocco, and a holy war has been declared.

Unverified reports to this effect have been in circulation for a day or two, but official confirmation of them has been received. Mulai Hafid, who some months ago was proclaimed sultan at Morocco City, was not present at Fez, and his uncle, Mulai Saramini, was made vice regent pending his arrival there. Abdel Aziz, the sultan of record, was formally deposed from the sultanate.

The proclamations were issued at the principal mosques and all the Moorish formalities attending such ceremonies were scrupulously observed. The uleamas, or body of Moslem doctors, who interpret the Koran, and the city officials were the principal leaders in the movement. The followers of Mulai Hafid made use of the decision of Abdel Aziz to cooperate with France and Spain in the execution of the terms of the Algeiras act and the installation of an international police force in the coast towns of Morocco to arouse the fanaticism of the Southern Moors. Abdel Aziz was represented as having sold himself to the Christians, as having connived at the invasion of the sacred soil of Morocco by Europeans and as being ready to turn the country over to the foreigners.

WHOLE BLOCK IN RUINS.

Fire in New York Causes Loss of Half a Million.

New York, Jan. 13.—A block of five-story tenement buildings extending from Ninth-third to Ninety-fourth streets—on First avenue, which has been remodeled for factory purposes and were occupied by a half dozen enterprises, has been burned, causing a loss of about \$500,000.