

FRAUD PENSIONERS

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Some very sensational developments are expected within the next few days in connection with certain investigations now being made with regard to alleged pension frauds by which Uncle Sam has been cheated out of large sums of money...

Recently a special agent of the pension department has been at work on the cases, and it is expected that his report will be sent to Washington within the next few days...

"This work," said he, "is of necessity conducted in secret, and by reason of the confidential relations involved, I can say nothing about it."

HALF A TON OF CANDY

Distributed to the Poor Children of Minneapolis at "New Store."

A half ton of candy was distributed to 2,000 little ones who gathered at the new store yesterday. The occasion was the annual donation of toys and other Christmas presents by Evans, Munzer, Ploker & Co. to a multitude of the poorer children of the city...

After they were provided with candy they were allotted to places where toys innumerable were banded up. The clerks here made a quick survey of each applicant and used their judgment as to what would be most acceptable...

MILITIA REORGANIZATION

Company F to Consider Plans at Thursday Night's Meeting.

Company F will hold a meeting at the armory Thursday night, and the matter of reorganization will be considered. Invitations are extended to all old members of the First and such of the Thirtieth as desire to attend.

Wealth of Cape Nome

George S. Batty, general passenger agent for the Iowa Central Railway company, and H. J. Wittaker, traveling passenger agent of the system, are spending the holidays in Minneapolis...

Barto Succeeds Willis

E. F. Barto, late secretary of the Commercial club, formerly clerk of the Hotel Snodgrass at Duluth, has succeeded Chas. Willis, clerk at the West hotel, today.

American Beauties

There are none fairer or sweeter the world over. Unfettered and untrammelled the American woman queens it as does no other nationality.

After being sick so long I had changed my mind and I bought a box of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I took it for a few days and I now weigh one hundred and forty pounds and am having better health than ever before.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets act gently but effectively. Women value them.

MINNEAPOLIS BREVITIES

L. P. Hubbard, of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills company, has returned from Washington, where he succeeded in putting the flour department to take such steps as were necessary in prevailing upon Turkey to stop discriminating against Minneapolis flour.

CHECKED THE FIRE

Continued From First Page. part of the yard at the time, and it is not held him responsible. He is a trustworthy man, and it is not my opinion that the disaster was caused by his carelessness.

The insurance agents present several theories, but those most heavily interested express no opinions. Questioned regarding the origin of the fire, E. A. Whitford, who was in the vicinity of the insurance on the burned property, said:

"The matter of the cause is one I do not wish to discuss. There may be some of the fire reports which have been in circulation that the fire was set, but there is no evidence yet. I do not wish to give my opinion."

STRONG WIND BLOWING

The fire started in the Libbey mill, in the lower part of the Libbey yards, at 2:30 yesterday morning. A strong wind from the northwest was blowing at the time and the night was bitter cold. At the first alarm the local fire department instantly responded with twenty-five men and one steamer, while several hundred citizens organized volunteer bucket brigades and quickly systematized the work of fighting the flames. It had become apparent within an hour that the danger of being entirely wiped out. The strong wind lashed the mill fire into a cyclone of flame, and chinders quickly ignited the neighboring lumber piles and dry kilns, where an immense amount of finishing lumber, dry as tinder, was stored.

Striking southeast from the mill, the fire caught the lumber sheds and office of the Libbey company, quickly jumping an alley and igniting a planing mill to the east. From there it spread in two directions, locking up the building material warehouses across Second street, and the old John's hotel on the corner of Second and Vermilion, to the east. Engel's hardware and implement store was the next to go, and taking a course northward, it reached the corner of Second and Vermilion street.

The fire demolished William Zueke's hardware store, a gunsmith shop owned by Magnus Olson, a millinery store kept by Mrs. Trux, and ruined the building in which A. Schaal had a jewelry store. To the east it burned a double dwelling occupied by Bert Ploker. The fire then took a strange freak, and jumping over an entire block between Second and Third streets, attacked one of the famous landmarks of the state, a building owned and occupied by William Mather, which when it was first built in 1856, was the finest hostelry in the Northwest.

At this point the wind brought under control and after a fierce fight was mastered. In the block north of Second street, fronting on Vermilion, stands the building known as the Hastings. It has no water mains or water works. All the water for fire purposes is drawn from the Mississippi and from three large cisterns. It was a fortunate occurrence which saved the business portion lying in the vicinity of lower Second street that the electric power house was supplied with a large pump worked by one of the fiercest fights of the morning was there.

BURNING LUMBER YARDS

On one side the St. John's mill, with its barn and the building owned by the Libbey company for planing and shingling, were burning fiercely. The wind was carrying the fire directly towards the business center of the city when the power house in the vicinity of the Hastings and the assistance from the much needed fire streams checked the progress of the flames eastward and saved the elevator as well as the building on the west side of Vermilion street. Just as the Hastings department was beginning to gain the upper hand, Engine Companies 4 and 3 arrived on a special from St. Paul. The first car on which the engines were loaded was backed down to the levee, and inside half an hour the two St. Paul steamers, with an experienced force of fire fighters, were at work. One engine was stationed in the lower district and another near Fourth and Vermilion, where there was imminent danger that the flames would sweep to the court house and the county seat to the city. Five times the cupolas on the top of the building were on fire, but each time prompt action saved the blaze from gaining a permanent foothold. Then the fire was under control and the building was saved almost intact.

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