

FOUND A DEAD BODY

ONE MAN PERISHED IN THE VENDOME HOTEL FIRE

SUPPOSED TO BE MARTIN AKER

Came From Montevideo to Have His Eyes Treated—Was Identified By Dr. Bendeker.

The body of a man, supposed to be Martin Aker of Montevideo, was discovered yesterday afternoon in the ruins of the Vendome Hotel building, recently gutted by fire.

When discovered the remains were lying in a depression of the floor about fifty feet back of the main entrance.

The body was dressed in its underclothing and a black alpaca shirt. In the breast pocket of the shirt a pocket-book containing \$14 in bills and a scarf pin were found.

The examination of the remains at the morgue showed that the body had evidently been caused by hot water from the burning building which collected in the depression in which the body was found.

The body was positively identified yesterday by Dr. Bendeker, an eye specialist, as that of Martin Aker of Montevideo, a young druggist employed by K. A. Holman at that place.

He had come to Minneapolis Thursday to have his eyes treated. During the afternoon of that day the oculist fitted the young man's eyes with glasses and told him to call two days later. Aker never returned and yesterday morning Dr. Bendeker received a telegram from Montevideo asking if Aker had been heard from since the fire at the Vendome Hotel. A few hours later the remains were discovered in the ruins and Dr. Bendeker viewed them at the morgue.

C. A. Lawrence of Montevideo, who claims to have known Aker for years, was shown the body at the morgue but said that he did not think the body was that of Aker. The features were not similar, he said, and the young man's hair was lighter in color.

A Miss Anderson of the Cosmopolitan restaurant said last night that she knew Aker well and that she had seen the remains. Friends from Montevideo are expected here today.

Aker was about twenty-seven years of age and unmarried. He lived with his mother, J. Montevideo.

PLANS ARE COMPLETE. Everything Running Smooth on the New Daily "Merger."

Committees of five from each of the recently consolidated daily papers at the university met yesterday and arranged the details of the transaction.

The meeting decided that the board of directors for the new corporation for the ensuing year shall consist of five members from each of the papers. Ultimately, it is intended that the board of directors shall consist of eleven members, but the present arrangement was considered best as offering an even share to both papers.

The first annual meeting of the new corporation will be held on Monday, Feb. 17, at 10 o'clock in the morning. In general appearance it differs little from the former Minnesota Daily. An extra sheet was added, however, and a superfluous advertising matter was eliminated.

Both sides seem to be perfectly satisfied with the consolidation plan, and everything is going off without the slightest friction. The feeling of the faculty is strongly favorable to the present arrangement.

CHALLENGE IS ACCEPTED. Anti-Vaccinationists Will Take Up Hall's Def.

Health Commissioner Hall's challenge to the anti-vaccinationists has been accepted, and next Monday two young women who have never had the smallpox or undergone the ordeal of vaccination will take the position offered by the health commissioner, and thereby prove to the public the fallacy of his views on the vaccination problem.

Mrs. E. A. Little, 1111 Twenty-first avenue south, takes an exception to the article in an evening paper, and said it was written by someone who evidently speaks only for himself, and that the position is not a fair one, and that the proposition by the society would prove nothing.

Mrs. Little says: "There is plenty of material at hand to make a test proposed by Dr. Hall as to the comparative immunity from small pox of vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. The St. Paul Anti-Vaccination society stands ready to take up the challenge and to offer candidates for the two vacancies at the post house."

Furthermore, an organization will be effected here this week which will take similar action. By Monday next at the latest the places can be filled by persons meeting the requirements of the health commissioner.

VACCINATION CAUSES LOCKJAW. Rhea H. Smith Is Beyond Hopes of Recovery.

Rhea H. Smith, manager of the Munson Stationery company, is dying at the home of T. P. Healy, a contractor, living at 318 Second avenue south, of lockjaw by vaccination.

A physician spent last night at Mr. Smith's bedside. He was having convulsions at that time, and was not expected to live until morning.

Mr. Smith was vaccinated three weeks ago. Shortly after the vaccine "took," his arm began to swell until it assumed enormous proportions. It was very painful, and he was incapacitated from duty. Last Sunday symptoms of lockjaw appeared, and since then the disease has developed to such a stage that the physicians have given up hope.

BOSTON BLOCK SCORCHED. Imperfect Wiring Causes Damages to the Extent of \$2,300.

A little after 10 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out on the top story of the Boston block. The blaze is supposed to have been caused by imperfect wiring, and got a good start before it was discovered. As soon as Chief Carbury arrived on the scene he sent in a second alarm.

When the apparatus arrived extension ladders were raised on the Third street side and the Hennepin avenue side of the building, these reached to the fifth floor, and the hose was taken up via these ladders and then through the inside of the building, till they were able to get within ten feet of the fire, where they could get any water to the fire it had broken out through the roof, and it was burning fiercely.

It took about an hour's hard work of the department before they had the flames under control, and it looked for awhile as though considerable damage would result on account of the construction of the building. This is the sixth scorching which the Boston block has received since it was built.

The loss on the building is placed at \$1,500, making the total loss \$2,300. The building is insured for \$120,000.

WARREN D. WAS SPEEDY. Two Good Races Pleased Many at Lake of the Isles.

Many visitors went out to the Lake of the Isles yesterday afternoon to witness the Online free-for-all race, and the Directum free-for-all trot. While the races themselves were not as good or exciting as some of the previous ones, they were well attended, and the feature that was decidedly in their favor, and that was, the way they were started, and in none of them did the pace get away and they were all finished early.

The free-for-all race introduced Warren D., who promises to become a warm favorite in Minneapolis, and he easily demonstrated his superiority in his fashion over the rest of the field of starters by taking the race in straight heats, and in none of them did he find it necessary to exert himself in the least at the finish.

TAX LAW DISCUSSED

STATE AND COUNTY AUDITORS HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

SHOULD AMEND PROPOSED LAW

A Committee Was Appointed to Present the Views of the Association to the Legislature.

The State Association of County Auditors concluded their annual convention yesterday morning at their headquarters, about fifty being in attendance.

Most of the time was devoted to a general discussion of the proposed tax code so far as it would apply to the county auditors, should it become a law. There was little discussion as to the merits of the proposed law. The county officials talked of how it could be executed, and in what manner it would work changes in the forces of the auditors, and in the method of transacting business.

Numerous amendments to the tax law were suggested along these lines, all of which will be urged before the legislature by the auditors. The suggestion was made that the law should have some provision relative to partial redemptions from sales of real estate for taxes.

There was a long discussion as to the manner in which collections of penalties, costs and interest are divided and collected, and the largest portion. They thought this money should go to the county revenue fund.

A committee was appointed to present the views of the association to the legislature. It was composed of N. Thompson, William Johnson, J. T. Brooks, E. J. Miller, John N. Cayner, and J. L. Ingber.

The association decided to act with the county treasurers relative to the public examiner's office, and voted that it was the sense of the meeting that the legislature appropriate money to continue in effect the examiner's office force and work.

A standing committee was appointed to confer with the public examiner whenever he might wish to discuss matters connected with public offices. The members of that committee are:

Hugh R. Scott, Hennepin; H. V. Harding, Little Falls; O. Halden, Duluth; J. T. Brooks, Renville; E. P. Wright, Douglas; R. L. Johnson, Lower, and J. J. Gruber, Stearns.

MINNEAPOLIS MAN HONORED. R. F. Jones Elected President of Great Western Trotting Circuit.

The annual meeting of the members of the Great Western Trotting Circuit was held in Chicago Friday and R. F. Jones, of Minneapolis, was elected president for the ensuing year.

The races in the circuit start May 1, and will continue to the first week of October. There are four states included in the circuit, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana, and this year part of Michigan, which has been added to the circuit, asked for admission. A date was set for the meeting in Detroit some time in the fall, and so far this is the only city in Michigan that any dates have been set for.

The circuit includes the state fairs in the above states, and the purses that are offered in the amount to \$25,000. In July, the meet to be held at Minneapolis, and in August, the meet will be held at Hamline. W. C. Carling, of St. Paul, will have charge of the St. Paul meet.

Mr. Jones, the president, is pleased with the outlook for the coming season, and in racing will be more interested than ever. He has a horse named "The Wonder" which he has several stables left which Redstrata was not banking on, and the old favorite had to be content with second place, with Elmer.

The free-for-all trot brought out just a fair field of starters, and as Blackfield was in the race, the judges were forced to inform all the drivers that this was to be a trotting race, and no running would be tolerated—and the horse that could not win without running would be set back in last place; and they wished distinctly to be understood that the rule would be enforced without fear or favor.

This admission had a good effect on the drivers, and the first week, when taking into consideration the poor condition of the track, which was rough and uneven and made pretty bad going for both the pacers and trotters.

The first heat of the trot they all got away on the third attempt. Rosebud took the lead, and so far this is the only one that has been in the lead at the start, and was several lengths ahead before the balance realized that she was setting a pretty warm pace, and when Rosebud was next to make up what was lost, she was scarcely equal to the occasion, and had to be content with second place, being beaten out by a single length.

The third heat was somewhat of a procession. Cora B was never in any danger of being replaced at first by any of the field, and she won handily, with Rosebud second and Lady Constantine third.

The fourth heat was a see-saw all the way down the course, first one would have a shade on Cora B took the lead, another would forge to the front, but Cora B proved that her staying qualities were superior to the balance, and being to the front she never headed. The rest, won the heat, with Rosebud again close up. The summary:

Online free-for-all pace; best three in five; prize, \$50.	
Warren D. (Gedney).....	1 1 1
Elmer (H. Allen).....	2 3 3
Rosebud (Bonner).....	3 4 4
Princess Stevens (Goddie).....	3 3 4
E. W. (L. Martin).....	5 5 5
Time, 1:11, 1:09, 1:07.	
Directum free-for-all trot; best three in five; prize, \$50.	
Cora B. (Wilson).....	2 1 1
Rosebud (Bonner).....	1 2 2
Lady Constantine (Loomis).....	4 4 3
Blackfield (Watson).....	4 4 3
Porter (Baxter).....	5 4 5
Pepper (H. Martin).....	6 6 6
Time, 1:11, 1:09, 1:09.	

THINK PRICES TOO HIGH. Taxpayers' League Fighting Poor Plan of Plumbing Bill.

Judge Harrison is at present hearing arguments relative to the plumbing put in at the county poor farm. The taxpayers' league were of the opinion that the plan charged by Charles Wilkins were exorbitant on account of the combine of the Master Plumbers' association, and that the county should not pay it.

Yesterday a number of plumbers were examined, and they were of the opinion that the prices charged were those that prevailed, and in some instances they thought that the prices were lower than usually charged, and it was thought by them that Wilkins had omitted counting in the freight when he made his bid.

Today the taxpayers' league will have their inning, and shall give their opinions as to what should be the proper charges. After hearing both sides Judge Harrison will then determine whether Wilkins is entitled to the price which was accepted by the commissioners, when he was awarded the contract.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OBJECT. Will Oppose Erection of Music Hall in Court House.

The Philharmonic club will meet with opposition among the members of the board of county commissioners in their efforts to build an auditorium in the vacant space within the four walls of the court house.

The club members have started a campaign to raise \$50,000, which amount is estimated to be sufficient to put in a music hall and auditorium with a seating capacity of 2000 to 2500. The plan of the members when that amount shall have been raised or pledged to work in the county commission's request permission to utilize the court for that purpose. They say that the only objection to the plan is that the building would be the inside offices on the second floor; the county commissioner's meeting room, and the office of the superintendent of schools.

VARVING VIEWS ON NEW TREATY

UNITED STATES DOES NOT OBJECT TO IT, BUT SOME EUROPEAN POWERS RATHER STAND AGAINST

STANDS FOR THE OPEN DOOR

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 12.—The premier (Viscount Katsura) announced in the diet today the signature of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, which is here regarded as being practically an offensive and defensive alliance.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister to Washington, today called at the state department and notified Secretary Hay of the signature of the agreement with Great Britain and Japan, and in the method of transacting business.

The treaty is regarded as the most important move made in far Eastern politics of recent years. It is not doubted among the diplomats here that the new pact will effectively veto the signing of the Manchurian treaty.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The continental chamber is almost wholly concerned with the effect the treaty will have on Russian policy in Manchuria. Numerous questions will be asked in parliament with a view to getting further information on the subject.

The basis of much of the objection urged is to what is regarded as the premature publication of the treaty. The Liberals think that everything desirable might have been obtained by a simple understanding, without a formal treaty, and in any case that it was not wise to make the agreement public.

One of the first effects expected in many quarters will be the issue of a Japanese loan in London. The Japanese minister here, said in an interview that it is not directed particularly against Russia, but that Manchuria was within its scope.

The treaty does not include any other power, but it does not exclude the possibility of a similar treaty between Japan and Russia, which would be to the full knowledge of Great Britain.

The Japanese minister also said that the treaty was aimed particularly at the position of Manchuria, which we have always had and intend always to maintain.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The view taken in diplomatic circles here is that the Anglo-Japanese alliance, being purely defensive is no wise a disquieting element in the Eastern situation. The agreement, it is claimed here, excludes Manchuria, and Russia, therefore, is not menaced thereby.

A RECEIVER IS NAMED. UNION TRUST COMPANY TO HANDLE ASSETS OF THE LOOTED DETROIT BANK—ANDREWS HAS NOTHING.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 12.—Under appointment by Judge Donovan, the Union Trust company filed a \$90,000 bond, and qualified as receiver of the City Savings bank this afternoon. An appraisal of the assets of the bank will be begun immediately by the receivers. How long this appraisal will take cannot yet be stated.

The judge announced that he would later appoint an attorney to act as counselor for the Union Trust company in this matter.

Prosecuting Attorney Hunt this morning began suit against the directors of the bank, on behalf of Wayne county, for \$250,000. The county is one of the heaviest depositors in the wrecked institution.

Cashier Henry R. Andrews, of the City Savings bank, is reported weaker today. His mind wanders, and he has symptoms of recurrence of his heart trouble.

Elliot G. Stevenson and J. W. Beaumont, P. C. Andrews' attorneys, who have been checking up his affairs, have proceeded far enough to be able to answer the question of what has become of the securities Andrews took up when he deposited among five local banking institutions the \$692,000 worth of over-certified checks. There were either no records or the proceeds applied to indebtedness at the banks or were deposited with them to cover obligations already incurred by Andrews.

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TO REBUILD WEST POINT ACADEMY. Congress to appropriate \$10,000,000 for Reconstruction of Nation's Military School.

A bill will be introduced at the present session of congress for the appropriation of \$10,000,000 with which to rebuild the United States military academy at West Point. Gen. Ketchum, chairman of the military committee, is strongly in favor of such a measure, and it is expected to pass congress and receive the approval of the president.

NEGRO IN A BAD BOX

SHOT A CONDUCTOR, AND RAILROADERS ARE FURIOUS.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 12.—At breakfast this morning in Glen Rock Hotel, J. H. Salisbury, conductor on the Knoxville branch of the Southern Railroad, was shot and mortally wounded by a negro waiter who is now in jail.

The waiter occupied seats around the stove in the office, contrary to the rules of the hotel. Conductor Salisbury came in and ordered one of the negroes to get up. The negro gave him an insolent reply and the conductor struck him with his open hand, knocking the negro from the chair. Subsequently the negro refused to wait on Salisbury and when the latter complained the negro fired four shots at him.

The railroad men are furious. A large crowd is gathering around the jail, but the jail is a strong one and it is not believed that the crowd will be able to force an entrance.

VACCINE FOR RAILROADERS

ALL ENTERING CHICAGO MUST BE INOCULATED

A Sweeping Order Issued to Guard Against a Threatened Epidemic of Smallpox From the South.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Every employee of every railroad entering Chicago from the president to the messenger boy will be vaccinated between now and Monday or lose his position. Every car which arrives in the city from every direction will be subjected to fumigation for six hours under the direction of the health department of the city before other passengers are allowed to enter it.

These precautions have been agreed upon at a meeting of the general managers of all the railroads entering Chicago. The Chicago & Alton railroad and the Illinois Central began to put them into effect today. The other roads will begin tomorrow. All will continue the measures until the smallpox epidemic, which is ravaging the Northwest and the Mississippi valley states, shall be stamped out.

At the meeting of the managers the condition of the plague in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois was declared alarming, and it was stated that the contagion had spread as far South as Mississippi and Alabama.

QUEER CASE TO BE TRIED. DR. BURNETT MAY HAVE TO GO TO PRISON.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—A trial will be commenced before Judge Smith, which involves a new point of law in Illinois. For several days Assistant State's Attorney Newcomer and Carey have been delving into the case, with the result that no similar issues were discovered in the reports of the Illinois courts.

The defendant is Dr. Orville S. Burnett, and the issue is whether Burnett, when he attempted to commit suicide in a South side hotel, with Mrs. W. L. Nichol, committed murder in assisting the woman to end her life.

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PRINCE GETS TWO YEARS. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 12.—Will Prince was this afternoon found guilty of manslaughter in the fourth degree, and his punishment fixed at two years in the penitentiary for completion in the murder of Philip H. Kennedy, who was shot and killed by his wife, Lulu Prince Kennedy, Jan. 10, 1901. Kennedy was contracting agent of the Merchants' Dispatch Transportation company.

CONTRACT WORK. Sewer on Farrington Avenue.

Office of the Board of Public Works, City of St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 8, 1902. Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Public Works in and for the corporation of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, at their office in said city, until 2 p. m. on the 24th day of February, A. D. 1902, for the construction of a sewer on Farrington avenue, from Ashburne avenue to Charles street, in said city, according to the specifications on file in the office of the clerk of said Board.

A bond with at least two (2) sureties in a sum of at least twenty (20) per cent. of a certified check on a bank of St. Paul in a sum of at least ten (10) per cent. of the gross amount bid, must accompany each bid. Said check shall be made payable to the Clerk of said Board.

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