

BIG FIRE AT SPRINGFIELD

Baldwin Theater and Other Loss More than \$200,000

Springfield, Jan. 6.—Fire which started from some unknown cause, probably from escaping gas in the Criss Pressing room, in the basement of the Baldwin Theater building at 2:30 o'clock this morning completely destroyed the building on St. Louis street, and destroyed the new Colonial Hotel and threatened the building occupied by A. B. Duncan, photographer as well as the entire block on St. Louis street to Pearl street, west from the Baldwin. The hard work of the firemen from both departments, and the work of many volunteers were vain in all efforts to save the Baldwin and the other building, and the collapse of the east walls of the theater building, across the alleyway from the Colonial raised the hopes of onlookers for the safety of the hotel.

The property damage from the fire was more than \$200,000, with insurance on the building proper, of more than \$60,000. The Baldwin building, valued at \$100,000 was insured for \$50,000. The Dr. Nixon building, valued at \$25,000 was insured for \$10,000. The Fink Pharmacy was well insured.

Arrested

Wednesday morning chief of police Jackson arrested a man on the street who was attempting to sell a cheap lot of knives, razors and other articles. When the arrest was attempted, the man objected and started to make a gun play. Jackson took the gun and then the man reached for a second one that was in his pocket but the officer was again too quick for him and he was compelled to put up his hands and submit to arrest.

On his person was found a quantity of revolvers, knives, razors and other articles evidently stolen.

In addition papers were found which indicated that his name was Sawyer and that he was a discharged switchman from some other line of road than the Frisco.

It was later found that the articles had been stolen from a firm in Neosho.

As we go to press Chief of Police Jackson has captured the second man of the crowd and has him in jail. He was found asleep in a chair in the Y. M. C. A. rooms and his capture was easy. He had a lot of stuff on his person taken from Neosho.

Both Parties Name Ten to Determine Amicable Method in Painter Gmelich Fight

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 5.—The session of the law-making body tomorrow promises to be a cursory affair. According to the present program only temporary organization will be effected in each house. As soon as a permanent organization is secured the legislature will cast up the votes of the last election and declare the election of the successful aspirants for the state offices.

The lieutenant-governorship contest, between Painter, democrat, and Gmelich, republican, holds the center of the stage for this part of the program. Both parties conferred on the subject today, the republicans appointing a committee of five to act with as many democrats in an effort to determine an amicable method of procedure in deciding the contest.

There is a sharp fight on for speaker of the house of representatives. Hiram Lloyd of St. Louis is credited with the most republican strength tonight, and J. T. Barker of Macon, probably will be the democratic nominee.

W. W. Campbell is laying off on account of sickness.

Ed Johnson is preparing to move his grocery store to Fourth street, next door to the post office.

Dr. A. Jones will move his office from the Fitzgerald building to the rooms over the Bazaar.

Tom Steele is moving his office to the second story of the McDonald building.

County Court Proceedings

Collector ordered to take credit for \$60 value, taxes being erroneous of C. W. Beaver on lot 154 Cassville, 1908.

Telephone right-of-way granted Antioch Telephone Co.

Collector ordered to take credit for \$200 erroneous assessment on lot 1, block 2, Viola, belonging to J. M. James, 1908.

Same on sw sw, 16 22-26 for 1907, belonging to A. Henbest. Same on 60-100 part nw corner, se se, 2 24-28 1908. Double assessment.

Collector ordered to place personal of N. E. Eagle and F. S. Walker to school district I-24-28 instead of Purdy dist.

Survey ordered in road case of J. T. Trantham.

Collector ordered to place personal tax for 1908 of G. C. Edmondson to school dist. 3-23-27 instead of district 3 23 26.

Pet. of S. M. Callaway for new road, road established.

Pet. of F. A. Freeze et al for new road, ordered established.

Thos. Laidlaw given permission to build concrete bridge across road at his farm.

Collector ordered to place taxes of Ad Neil in school dist. 5-22-28 instead of in Exeter for 1908.

School fund loan of \$550 made to J. S. Plattenburg.

Collector ordered to take credit for \$400 on w 1/2 nw se, and e 1/2 ne sw, and e 1/2 se sw, and 1/2 part sw se, 4-25-26, erroneous assessment belonging to W. A. Estes.

Collector ordered to credit personal taxes of E. Wells for 1908 in Shoal Creek twp.

Collector ordered to take credit for \$250 on lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, 7-21-25 erroneous assessment, belonging to Vede Murphy.

Collector ordered to enter on assessment books all lands omitted, with consent of owners, and to place all personal tax to their proper school districts.

Report of J. R. Sullivan in moving jail cells to new jail approved showing expense \$82.74.

Collector ordered to take up receipt No. 3194 to O. P. Drinkwater and rewrite tax receipt and take credit for \$250 lot 3, block 7, Exeter Mo 1908.

Collector ordered to take credit taxes on \$9133 Barry County Bank 1908, double assessment, also same for \$220 on W. pt lot 11, Bayless ad Cassville for 1908, belonging to B. F. Johnson, same for \$100 personal taxes on property of A. Keeling, Liberty twp. for 1908. Also for \$160 personal tax of Fimas Ball Roaring river twp. for 1908, erroneous.

Geo. Hailey relieved from road work 1908 for disability.

S. P. Roseberry relieved from road work. Disability.

Same, James Hilton.

J. N. Fly duplicate of warrant No. 282 issued to W. D. Waters Aug. 4, 1896.

W. P. Edmondson relief from road work—over age.

Contract made with J. T. Vanhook for probate court room.

Warrants ordered:

B. E. Clark, road damage returned.....\$22.00

Executor of D. P. Pharisest, corn to Co. farm..... 97.97

Sarah England, poor person..... 15.00

B. Adam Schroetter, amt. to apply on bridge..... 50.00

J. M. Gurley, overseer services dist 17..... 101.45

Waters Pierce Oil Co., overpayment of taxes on pt sw ss, 51-23-27, 1907..... 2.00

Collector ordered to destroy receipt No 3298 made to J. G. Henderson and take credit on new receipt on personal taxes for 1908 in McDonald twp. for \$430.

Nellie Washick adjudged insane and ordered sent to asylum for insane at Nevada.

W. A. O'Dwyer, maintenance of above..... 66.09

W. A. O'Dwyer conveying insane to asylum..... 22.45

Also for assistant..... 6.00

S. A. Newman, statement insane case..... 7.50

J. E. Sater, 2 months salary as prosecuting atty..... 133.33

B. P. Northcutt, sal. county treas..... 141.67

C D Manley, salary, county clerk..... 30.00

Bert Robbins, sal. Co. eng..... 150.00

E. A. O'Dwyer, cleaning closet..... 10.00

Lemon Hilton, overseer service dist. 23..... 29.40

S. S. Pennell, same, dist. 18..... 58.12

B. Adam Schroetter, same, dist. 32..... 75.00

Sams as above..... 75.46

S. M. Bowers, road tax over payment dist. 13..... 40

R. E. L. Bass, bal. rent on jail room..... 10.45

J. R. Sullivan for work on cells removed by Chas. Hutchens..... 20.1

R. Heath, corn to Co. farm..... 10.88

W. S. Ervin, same..... 10.85

G. M. Wilder, county's pt for making 1908, assessment..... 675.50

School fund loan of \$175 to S. P. Roseberry.

H. A. Gardner, stamps probate court..... 1.75

B. P. Northcutt, mdse. jail..... 6.95

Cassville Republican, blanks Stat. etc..... 45.40

Chas. Ray, same..... 27.00

P. E. Horine, mdse. jail..... 34.55

L. R. Smith, hauling for county..... 1.15

B. P. Northcutt, hdw. county officers..... 5.20

J. W. Lecompte, potatoes to county farm..... 2.00

B. P. Northcutt, stamps Co. treas..... 4.00

A. J. Anderson, wood Co..... 27.70

E. A. O'Dwyer, serving notices..... 1.50

Hawk & Co., bran to Co. farm..... 3.65

Jas. Manning, fees circuit clerk..... 34.20

E. A. O'Dwyer, sheriff..... 305.00

F. N. Reese, mdse. to Co. officers..... 8.75

Hawk & Co., gro. Co. farm..... 97.28

J. L. Taylor, wood to Co..... 18.15

C. A. Morgan, same..... 10.00

L. R. Smith, coal co. farm..... 40.75

O. G. Sullivan, help moving jail..... 3.50

LOAFERS LANE

We are having some beautiful weather at present.

Mr. Jess Ferrell returned home from Kansas where he has been for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Weygandt visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cox Sunday.

Mr. Badger and family called on Mr. T. H. Garner and family Saturday evening.

Mrs. Badger and son Henry drove to Monett Saturday.

Mrs. Dee Batcher is quite ill.

Little Raymond Brite of Cassville is visiting his grandmother Mrs. Emeline Brite.

Miss Flora Brite returned home from Kansas where she spent Christmas.

Quite a number of young folks attended the watch party at Mr. Bob Jamison's, Thursday evening. All reported a nice time.

Mr. John Davis has almost completed his barn.

Miss Lola Garner has returned home from Ritchey where she has been going to school.

Mrs. York, near Berwick visited her daughter Mrs. Garner and family last week.

Mr. Lee Batcher was in Pierce City Monday.

RED BIRD.

Ebenezer

The new year has come at last. We should now be living under better prospects, greater determinations, better resolutions, higher ambitions and nobler aspirations than ever before; and laboring with an earnest, honest, steadfast zeal to make the year 1909 brighter, happier and better than any year past in life's history.

Sunday School and singing at Ebenezer Sunday and Sunday night were well attended.

W. R. Russell has been in New Mexico the past week looking after his claim in that region. He will look after his claim here the remainder of the winter.

The Ebenezer Sunday School remembered their Superintendent, B. C. Wolfe, with an elegant Bible, New Year's. Mr. Wolfe has been an earnest worker in this Sunday School for about two years and at the regular annual election was unanimously re-elected to that responsible position. May God bless his efforts and crown them with success.

Fred Wolfe is still on the sick list.

Rev. Allen is no better at this writing.

Mr. Walter Anthony and Miss Pearl Browning were married on Tuesday morning of last week. Both parties are well known and respected in this community and we wish them a happy home and a bright future.

The singing school at Ebenezer commenced Monday night with Prof. Joe Henderson as teacher. Mr. Henderson taught one term here this winter and his unrivaled success gained him another. He comes to us as an excellent singer, a first class instructor and a graduate from the Western Normal and College of Music. We take pride in recommending him to any and all persons wishing instruction in vocal music.

Prof. Sam Fletcher will commence a singing school at Liberty in the near future.

The Teachers Training Class met again Thursday night after a Christmas vacation. The class is progressing nicely with Mrs. Ethel Anderson as leader.

Capt. Ethridge, the wild west horse trainer, is breaking Nancy Hanks, Sam Fletcher's famous race mare to drive single. She promises to be a long reacher and a high stepper.

Russ Harper, who has been working at Joplin is spending a few days with his wife.

Oliver Ethridge and Simon Eubanks expect to go to Joplin in the near future.

It's hard enough when a boy steals a lock of a girl's hair when she's not looking, but when his sweetheart tries to pull the rest of it out over the telephone, that's the limit.

BIRDY BIRD

Adjourned Term Circuit Court.

Judge F. C. Johnston of Peirce City, held an adjourned term of circuit court at Cassville, Wednesday, December 30, and the following cases were disposed of:

State vs Lee Stemmons, violating local option law. Paroled until first day of next term of court.

State vs W. C. Clark, obtaining money under false pretenses. Plea of guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

State vs Alvin Taylor and Will Wear, burglary and larceny. Dismissed as to burglary and plea of guilty as to petit larceny and fined \$1.00. Wear given five days in jail for fine and costs.

State vs Louis Warning and Geo. Odell, two cases, burglary and larceny. Dismissed as to Odell. Dismissed as to Warning for burglary. Plea of guilty by Warning as to grand larceny and sentenced to penitentiary for four years.

State vs Luther Pennington, felonious assault. Plea of guilty and punishment assessed at two years in penitentiary.

State vs Oscar Trent, grand larceny. Plea of guilty and punishment assessed at two years in the penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Ferguson, Mrs. John Ferguson and daughter Jennie Lucile and Miss Cora Withers visited Saturday and Sunday with Burnice and Loren Withers and family south of town.

Caves of a Gannibal Race. Strange evidences of cannibalism have been brought to light with the recent opening up of caves at One Tree Hill, Manassas, Va. New South Wales, and another has been added to the chain of interest encircling this celebrated spot.

In one cave great piles of human bones have been discovered, mixed up indiscriminately and thrown down in one huge conical heap. These bones belonged to victims taken by the Maoris in battle and slaughtered for culinary purposes. Then they were dropped down the funnel-shaped mouth of the cave into darkness and oblivion.

Hypnotism. The actual foundation of modern hypnotic suggestion was discovered by Liebhaut of Nancy, the famous "father of the therapeutic application of suggestion." After several years of practical experience, in 1856, Liebhaut wrote his first book on the subject. It was shelved and he was called a lunatic. Hypnotism remained a curiosity and Liebhaut's book was not reproduced till six years after Charcot, in 1878, began his study of hypnotism. In 1884 Bernheim wrote his work on suggestion, and this created a demand for Liebhaut's book, which then gave him his lasting reputation.—New York American.

TRAVELED UP THE LADDER

Man Who Had Attained His Goal Reveals to Others the Secret of His Success.

Around the stove in a grocery store in Penobscot county, Me., a group of the natives were discussing politics in general and office-holding in particular.

"Well, boys," said one old chap, "I kin tell ye sunthin' about it myself. I've had considerable experience in that line. When I begun I wasn't much; but ye've got to start sunwhere, an' ye can't be too particular when ye're only comemin'."

"When I begun, 'twan't more'n school agent, but I took it an' thanked 'em for it. Well, after that I kept risin' an' risin', till I got to be third selectman. People wondered how I did it! but it was mostly because I wasn't ashamed to begin away down at the foot of the ladder an' work up."—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

UNFORTUNATE SNEEZE.

In Boston, as every one knows, the symphony concerts are viewed in the light of sacred ceremonials. In this connection the story is told of two little girls of a certain family who returned from the music hall "in a state of mind." One of them carried an expression of deep scorn; the other an air of great dejection.

"What is the matter, girls?" asked some member of the household. "Was the concert fine?"

"The concert was all right," responded Eleanor. "The trouble was with Mary. She disgraced herself."

"Disgraced herself!"

"Yes, she sneezed in the middle of the symphony."

F. A. Wightman went to Kansas City Sunday night on business.

Miss Zoe Stevens returned to Muskogee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Follis visited in Sarcoxie last week.

Prof. and Mrs. H. E. Blaine returned from a visit at Marshfield.

Mrs. Geo. Edgar and daughter have returned from a visit at Beaumont, Kan.

Mrs. Riley Burris expects to visit in Beaumont, Kan., the last of the week.

Miss Olive Marshal has resigned her position at the telephone office and returned to her home at Sarcoxie Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnston went to Okmulgee on business Monday.

B. C. Wolfe, living north of town went to Cassville on business Monday morning.

Miss Bernice Wagner returned to St. Louis Sunday night after a visit with G. W. Chapin and family.

Miss Lassatar, of Pea Ridge, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. S. Farrow.

County Treasurer E. E. Meador went to Cassville Monday to take charge of his office.

Misses Boutan Mathews and Vera Cox visited in Marionville this week.

Miss Pearl Miller has returned from a visit to her grandparents and other relatives at Hallowell, Kan.

Gene Saxe and Chas. Hunt returned home Thursday from Hamilton where they attended the Patterson-Wyatt wedding.

Rev. R. W. Blunt is in Marionville this week assisting his brother, Rev. J. R. Blunt in revival meetings.

W. M. Lee and Miss Anna E. Jaques were married Sunday. They are estimable young people living south of town.

John Walden, 62 years old, was stricken with apoplexy as he was leaving the home of Congressman-elect Chas. H. Morgan at Joplin Tuesday night and died about ten minutes later. Mr. Walden was a retired farmer and had gone to see Mr. Morgan on business. He was a large man, apparently in good health.

The W. C. T. U. held a very interesting session Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Campbell. The ladies decided to start a fund for the erection of a drinking fountain on Broadway in the near future. All were enthusiastic in their approval of the plan and the ladies will begin at once to secure the desired amount for the purpose. To begin the good work they will hold an exchange some where on Broadway, and all who are interested in the work are invited to contribute as they see fit.

An Introduction

Harry was walking with another boy when he was joined by a friend, a year or so older and inclined to manners.

"Introduce me, Harry," the new comer whispered pompously.

Harry twisted, reddened and at last turned to his companion with: "Jim, have you ever seen Gilbert Spencer?"

"No," the other boy answered.

"Well," Harry blurted out, reddening still more, and jerking one thumb over his shoulder towards the new comer, "that's him."

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