

FIBER FACTORY IS TOTALLY DESTROYED --LOSS \$25,000.00

Fire was discovered in the south part of the big fibre plant shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday night and the alarm was immediately given, but the fire was beyond control before the fire boys arrived, mostly because of the fact the water mains do not reach that far and only an inch and a half pipe runs to the factory.

Shortly after the crowd began to arrive a large ammonia tank exploded and tore out a large portion of the roof as it made its departure from the burning building.

In less than an hour the whole factory was a mass of ruins and the new machine which was installed Monday was completely destroyed together with thousands of dollars worth of stock and machinery.

It is estimated that there were \$18,500.00 worth of machinery ruined, also 385,000 pounds of bear grass, carload of finished fiber, office furniture, large double building recently built, making the whole loss something like \$25,000.00. This was a total loss with the exception of \$9,000 insurance carried by the Hamilton Agency on the machinery.

This fire is the largest this city has witnessed for many years and comes at a time when Mr. Raymond, the manager, was just getting in shape to make the factory pay its way. Up to this time or a few weeks ago it had hardly been a paying proposition because there was not enough of certain kinds of machines to keep the others busy. A new machine had just been installed Monday which was to add greatly to the out-put of the factory and it was pronounced a winner by those who set it up and tried it out Tuesday. It was made especially for this class of work and cost about \$1800 to lay it down here.

Three tanks of ammonia were at the depot. A car load of machines and one of oil had not yet been unloaded, but they will be of no use until Mr. Raymond rebuilds the factory, which he says he will do in about six weeks. He left last night for the east where he said he had located another bunch of machinery similar to that destroyed with fire Tuesday night and hopes to have it here soon and commence work on the new building, which will perhaps be constructed out of adobe, reinforced with concrete pillars, which will make it practically fire-proof. He contemplates installing a regular fire-fighting apparatus in close proximity to the main building which will insure safety and cut down the high rate of insurance now being charged by the companies.

Mr. Raymond is determined to show the world that he has made a discovery which will be worth something, especially to the State of New Mexico and while he was badly disheartened by the big loss sustained Tuesday night he intends to start over and rebuild at once. The citizens of Tucumcari should rally to his assistance and do all in their power to get the factory re-opened as it is one of the best things for this part of the state ever been commenced.

ANOTHER CAR OF BUTTER

The Crescent Creamery has lately received a car-load of crating material which is being put into crates and delivered to the company as fast as possible by the Funk planing mill.

Another car-load of butter will be shipped out tomorrow and the evidence of a successful career was never brighter for the local creamery.

An effort will be made to get the farmers to buy more dairy cows and thus supply more cream to the creamery. Manager Quinlan wishes to push the daily out-put up to 5,000 pounds a day and if the farmers will do their part he will no doubt accomplish his purpose.

BAPTIST REVIVAL CONTINUES

The Baptist revival continues with pastor Taylor doing the preaching. The house is being filled every night, and there is much interest on the part of all who attend. The pastor baptized fifteen Wednesday evening and there are several others awaiting the ordinance. The members of the church and other Christians are very faithful in their attendance and service in the meeting. There has been no time set for closing.

Mr. I. O. Durham and Miss Nellie Ethridge, two of our most popular young folks, were quietly married at the Presbyterian church in Tucumcari at six o'clock Tuesday evening, June 29th, by the Rev. P. B. Henderlite. Only a few relatives and friends were present. The couple spent the following day sight-seeing in and around Tucumcari in an auto, returning to Obar Thursday, and are "at home" to their friends on Mr. Durham's ranch southeast of Obar. May they live long and be happy, is the wish of Progress and their many friends. —Obar Progress.

KABON BOUND OVER

Al Kabon, one of the parties arrested charged with being a member of the party who robbed the Elk Drug Store, was tried before Judge McElroy this morning and in his testimony as to his whereabouts during the time the robbery was supposed to have been committed, he said he met two men near the Smokery and together with them he went to a room and played poker. He said he never knew them nor had never seen them before or since. He said he put the handful of nickels and dimes in the dresser drawer but he got them in the game with these two strangers.

The prosecution did not produce all the testimony they had against Kabon but did show that the brace and bit used in the work was kept in an adjacent room to that in which Kabon resided.

Judge McElroy said the evidence was sufficient to his mind that Kabon was one of the men who robbed the store and bound him over to await the action of the grand jury under a bond of \$1000.

When the judge passed the sentence it is said Kabon only smiled and said "I should worry."

CATCH PLENTY OF FISH

The following letter was received this week from our fellow townsman who is staying in Santa Fe during the hot weather. He gives a diary from the beginning to the end and says his account is true, so we print it in full:

Editor Tucumcari News:
I joined the fishing gang at Albuquerque Monday morning June 21, at their camping ground 3 miles north of here. We left for Jemez Springs at 2 p. m., and over the desert and mountains we went at a breakneck speed with Eager in the lead, Hawkins second and Brown third. 13 were in the party a most lucky number. We landed at (San Sidio) at 6 p. m. struck camp for the night: left for Jemez Springs at 6 a. m. on the 22nd; broke the Overland 2 miles out, but repaired in a short time, tried to swim the Jemez river but did not land safe; a gang of Indians pulled us out and we landed at the springs at 2 p. m., on the free camping grounds. Spent the 23 at the Springs ordering repairs for the Overland and taking in the sights, such as Hot Springs, bath houses, soda dam and big mountains. (You can ask Mr. Eager if they know how to charge for groceries). Left for Savoy at 6 a. m. the 24th, about half way up the mountains where we struck fly town, and if you don't believe me, just ask Mrs. Hawkins. She saw some of them and we had flies until we got back at that point.

We landed at the fishing grounds at 1:30 p. m. and at 5 p. m. 47 fish had been caught. Then all of us gathered around the frying pan, hoe-cake pan and coffee pot; then came the "pitch" game for who should wash the dishes. Taylor and Brown lost; to bed at 8 o'clock, "ZERO" weather at 12; everyone cold and the kiddies hollering for more covers. Everyone up early in the morning the 25th, and after breakfast was over we took our hooks and lines and got busy. At 11 a. m. we had captured 49 fish, then we ate dinner. The pitch game resulted in Taylor and Brown losing again. Then back to the river at 6 p. m., 113 fish with Eager in the lead to his credit. Next morning everybody was nearly frozen but by 11 o'clock 34 fish had been caught; luck was bad in the afternoon and only 22 were brought in.

The morning of the 27th not so cold at 12 noon and 32 were caught; at 6 p. m. only 19 were in our possession. The morning of the 28th at 11:30 a. m. 35 in for dinner; 6 p. m. 38 for supper. Some of the kids hollered for something else to eat, they didn't like fish any more. The 29th at 11:30 before dinner and left 2 p. m. for Jemez Springs. Everybody joined in singing "It's a long way to Tucumcari." We could see the fish jumping up, so when we passed out of fly town everyone was singing "Shuffly."

Back to the Jemez Springs at 7:30 p. m. The next morning fixed the Overland ready for the trip homeward bid the spring adieu at 2 p. m., camped at the foot of the big Sandy Mountain (15 miles up and 15 down), July 1, starting up the mountain at 8 a. m., arrived at the top at 1:30, took dinner then down the hill at a 40-mile gate, Eager in the lead. You all know how slow he drives, anyway if you don't Fred Groves does. Camped in 3 miles of Albuquerque at 4 p. m. Then for the barber shop, for the men had not had a shave since leaving Tucumcari and their wives said "If you don't shave we will leave you."

July 2 at 9:30, leaving for Santa Fe, arrived at 4 p. m. Here I left the party and at 5 o'clock they left for Vegas. What happened from that time on I can't say, for they took some stuff along to make the road smooth. J. B. Taylor.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAM.

Explosives chemist (male) salary \$2100 to \$2700; to be held Aug 3.

Apprentice Electrical Engineer, to be taken by male, salary \$720 to \$960 per year; exam. Aug. 4, 1915.

J. L. HAAS, Local Sec'y.

M'ALISTER HAS BIG TIME AT CELEBRATION

The celebration at McAlister was attended by a large crowd from most everywhere except Tucumcari and this city only had four representatives there: Messrs. Pearson, Muirhead, Carter and Furr, who drove out in Mr. Pearson's car, arriving there at 11:30 making the distance in two hrs and thirty minutes.

A nice program was arranged for the occasion but the threatening attitude of the weather kept some of the participants home.

Judge Cutlip was called away from home and failed to return in time to go out. Judge Swan was confined to his home with rheumatism, asthma, etc., and was unable to go, so the big crowd was disappointed in not hearing these speakers.

Music, drills and various other attraction were pulled off according to program, one of the main features being the big dinner and barbecue.

When dinner was called Carter, and other two members of the party looked everywhere for Pearson, and finally found him located, and when we say "located" we mean "located" and he was located right in the middle of the long table and he knew everybody who had something extra fine like cake, chicken, pie, etc. He said he ate more than he ever did before in his whole life, and some of those who sit close to him vouched for the truth of the statement.

Down at the end of the table with the family of Mr. Dunlap of Quay, the other three members were about as busy as Mr. Pearson and if Mr. Dunlap had not prepared for a three or four days' outing his family and associates would have come up minus for anything left for supper. Carter was well pleased with the chicken and did eat some pie, but we were too busy to count the pieces because we like it pretty well, but Muirhead was right at home and did not lag much behind the rest of us. Anyway, the table was about a block long and contained enough for a crowd twice as large, and believe me there were a few people there.

After dinner a ball game was played between House and Forrest, the latter winning easily. Then came the speaking. Mr. Sprinkle of House opened by giving a good talk which was appreciated by all. Mr. Scarborough addressed the crowd for a few minutes and then came the call for Pearson who responded with a few words in which he thanked the citizens of McAlister and vicinity for their hospitality and apologized for the absence of Swan and Cutlip. The speaker of the day, Mr. Muirhead, was then introduced by Mr. Scarborough by saying that nearly all the plains people had read his ads with interest, especially the teachers, and they would like to hear the writer talk. Mr. Muirhead responded with a short address in which he assured the plains people that Tucumcari was anxious to link herself more closely with a people such as those present and that everything possible was being done to win that friendship. As we could not do much speaking in public we left for a few minutes to save the embarrassment of refusing to get up before the crowd. It was all right to have two apologize and rather than get up and try anything else we left for other parts, returning in time to witness the doxology and the announcement of another game of ball to be played by the McAlister and Kirk teams. The former was considerably in the lead, when we left at five o'clock for Tucumcari.

All along the line was the sign of prosperity. Thousands of acres of wheat were being harvested and had it not been for the harvest there would have been a larger crowd present. To the north and west of McAlister lay fine farming lands which are producing their second crop of wheat and oats, the Vance Bros. alone will have thousands of bushels. Farmers were cheerful and not a dissatisfied man was found during our visit. They believe in New Mexico and they have a right to. Where on earth is there another place that the land can be bought for less than ten dollars and the owner can pay for the land and have a good living besides in the space of one year?

It is impossible to move the plains closer to Tucumcari, or to move Tucumcari to the plains but the new work on the road between here and Ragland is going to fix the roads in such condition that it will shorten the distance and time it takes to travel same and if Tucumcari would get busy and build an elevator with which to handle the wheat crop we would be able to secure a buyer who could pay the price and gain the confidence of the enterprising plains people.

Harold Noble, son of Dr. Noble, of this city is visiting friends at Obar and Nara Visa.

CAR FALLS OFF 75-FOOT CLIFF NO BODY HURT

Jim Lovelady and family returned this week from an extended trip to many points in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, ending with the visit at Las Vegas and attendance of the Reunion of the cowboys of which he is a member.

He traveled 2,421 miles and never had an accident which cost him much to repair. He had one miraculous escape while climbing a hill on the bluffs close to the Gallinas river when he lost control of the car and it fell off a bluff to a cliff 75 feet below and the car lodged in a big pine tree where it hung only by a small margin. If it had loosened itself from the tree it would have fallen 250 feet farther to the bottom of the hill.

The family were walking up the hill as it was so steep and dangerous they were afraid to ride. This is what saved their lives. This happened on the 28th of June and Mr. Lovelady said after he had secured help and the machine was hoisted to the top again they paced it in the road and cranked it up and she run right off just as if nothing had ever happened. Only a few minor parts were broken and the whole expense of the trip as far as the car was concerned, was only a trifle, with the exception of the gasoline, it was less than one dollar.

Mr. Wharton told Jim that Henry Ford would pay him a thousand dollars for this story and would be glad to donate him a new car.

LEIB DECIDES OWNERSHIP

The case of J. F. Ward vs. W. F. Buchanan, et al., was decided by Judge Leib last week and judgment signed July 1.

This case involved the homestead property formerly owned by W. F. Buchanan and wife. This property was sold under execution about a year ago in a suit by H. B. Jones, Receiver and was acquired by J. F. Ward.

It appears that Roy Buchanan made claim to the property by reason of a deed made by his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Buchanan, to him some years ago while he was a minor. He later joined with his mother in a deed to this property to W. F. Buchanan, in whose name the property was standing at the time of the execution sale. After coming of lawful age Roy Buchanan dis-affirmed his deed to W. F. Buchanan and claimed the property, on the grounds that he was a minor at the time of his deed to W. F. Buchanan. The plaintiff, H. B. Jones, Receiver, answering in his own behalf, alleged that Roy Buchanan had never been the owner of the property but only a trustee of the property, and the court so held. The decision in favor of plaintiff in this case will save the creditors of the International Bank considerable money as it is likely the purchase price paid by Ward for the property would have been ordered repaid had the property been recovered by young Buchanan.

The case will probably be appealed to the Supreme Court. The Receiver of the International Bank of Commerce, H. B. Jones, has exercised the greatest care in looking after the interests of creditors, and directed that this action be defended by his attorney on account of creditors possible interests in the outcome of the suit. The plaintiff was represented by C. C. Davidson and the defendant, Roy Buchanan, by Attorney Reed Holloman of Santa Fe. The Receiver, H. B. Jones, appeared by his attorney Harry H. McElroy. The attorneys interested in this case say that some very novel propositions of law were presented by this case, and the result of the appeal of the case is awaited with much interest.

CENTER STREET METHODIST CHURCH

A. N. Evans, Pastor

Sunday school, E. F. Brown, Supt. meets at 9:40 a. m.

Preaching service by the pastor at 11:00 a. m.

Epworth League 7:00 p. m.

Preaching service by the pastor at 8:00 p. m.

Teachers Training Class, Monday evening 7:30.

Prayer service, Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The subject of the sermon for next Sunday morning will be, "Foreign Missions." The subject at the evening hour will be "The Church's Duty to Her Young People." Both of these will be special services and a cordial invitation is extended you to be in attendance upon these and all other of our services.

R. A. Prentice and family have been visiting on the plains and Mr. Prentice is handling two land cases at Murdock. He is fast gaining the reputation of being one of the best posted land lawyers in the state, and is getting about all the business he can attend to.

STATE RATE DECISION

Santa Fe, July 4.—Further details have come to Santa Fe of the epoch-making victory of the state corporation commission before the Interstate Commerce Commission. One of the results may be to increase freight rates to El Paso instead of decreasing all class and commodity rates to New Mexico. But nevertheless, rates on many products into New Mexico are bound to be lowered, in fact, so much so that the saving to New Mexico jobbers, merchants and consumers will in one year more than pay all the commission has cost the state in salaries and allowances since it was created.

The state corporation commission brought out before the Interstate Commerce commission that the railroads have been granting El Paso rates on beer, canned goods, wrought iron pipe and similar commodities from two to nine cents lower than the approved water and rail rates. The decision gives the carrier the right to raise the El Paso rates to the rail and water basis if they desire, but the roads which will not do this must grant the same reduction to Albuquerque and other New Mexico points.

The carriers asked authority to continue the lower class and commodity rates from Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago and points taking the same rates to El Paso, than the rates concurrently applicable on like traffic to intermediary points. This application was denied effective October 1.

In passing upon the complaint of the New Mexico commission, the Interstate Commerce commission finds that the freight rates on classes and on certain commodities, namely, agricultural implements, beer, canned goods, emigrant movables, furniture, packing house products, building and roofing paper, cast iron and wrought iron pipe, stoves, sugar, syrup, wire and nails from Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago, to points in New Mexico namely: Tucumcari, Clovis, Roswell, Carlsbad, Vaughn, Pastura, Alamogordo, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Belen, Rincon, Deming, Silver City, Gallup and Lordsburg, are in many cases unreasonable and unduly prejudicial, and then proceeds to set out the rates which may be established as the maximum in the future, being an average reduction of about ten cents, the Kansas City class rates to Albuquerque being fixed for classes 1 to 5 and A and E in cents as follows: 170, 145, 119, 162, 85, 88, 68, 60, 51, and 43.

INTERESTING INFORMATION

An act of Congress, approved March 3, 1915, amends the enlarged homestead acts, permitting an additional entry to be made within seven years from date of the original filing, although proof has been submitted on the original. Provided, the applicant still owns and occupies the tract first entered, and that the two tracts are contiguous.

The claimant is allowed credit for residence on the original tract. In other words, if proof has been accepted on the original under either the five or three year act, no further residence is required. If commutation proof has been made, claimant must show such further residence, before or after the date of original entry, as will make up the aggregate amount required heretofore.

Cultivation is required on the additional tract, that is, one sixteenth of its area during the second year of entry and one eighth during third, and until submission of proof, which must be made within five years from date of additional entry.

DRAFT OF NOTE TO BE ALTERED

Washington, D. C.—Further messages from ambassador Gerrard at Berlin, were today transmitted to the President at Cornish, N. H., outlining the point of view of the German government on submarine warfare as embodied in the tentative draft of the German note to the last American note.

The dispatch tended to show that Germany is anxious to bring about a compromise on the question of her submarine campaign, but there were indications in official quarters that the proposals in their present form are not acceptable to the United States. Just what means would be adopted to inform Germany of the disapproval of the United States is not apparent. It is believed, however, that Ambassador Gerrard will be instructed within a day or two to make clear in advance of the receipt of the formal and final copy of the German note that he is unable to make any comment.

Although from press dispatches and other sources, it appeared that the German proposals were unsatisfactory, the situation was not regarded in well-informed quarters as hopeless much encouragement being drawn from the fact that a tentative draft of the note was submitted to the American ambassador. This, it was believed, indicated that if the preliminary draft was not satisfactory there may be changes made designed to meet the American point of view on submarine warfare.

It was believed that president Wilson would today direct secretary Lansing to instruct Ambassador Gerrard respecting the proposal already made.

TUCUMCARI WINS IN BOTH GAMES WITH EL PASO JULY 4-5

Two good games of baseball were played in Tucumcari Sunday and Monday when the Southwestern team of El Paso was trimmed to the tune of 10 to 1 and 13 to 6.

The games were much better than the score would indicate, but the Tucumcari boys were too fast in all departments to let the visitors get away with anything.

The first game, Sunday, was too one-sided on account of the El Paso boys being unable to connect with the curves of pitcher Griggs. He had them at his mercy throughout the entire game, allowing but 3 little bingles and had it not been for an error just at the wrong time he would have held them scoreless. The home boys succeeded in landing safely 11 times and together with errors accumulated ten scores.

Monday's game was not so much of a walk-away because the visitors connected with the swift in-shoot delivered by Bramlett and made ten hits, one being a home-run and three-base hit by Chant, the big first-baseman. Bramlett settled down after the 7th and held the visitors to two scattered hits.

The home team was composed of several new players, all of whom certainly show class, especially Fausnacht in center and Matheus at 2nd. The whole team put up classy ball and made a hit with the local fans. McCarty, the new back-stop and Kid Chorley on 1st made good in every particular. With a little more team work we believe Tucumcari has an unbeatable aggregation and we hereby issue a challenge to any team in this part of the state or as far in the State of Texas as Dalhart.

A move is on foot to make improvements in the out-field and you can bet your money that nothing will get away from the trio now holding those out-field positions. No Texas League hits go. The infield showed up well but we do not believe in letting a man steal second unless we give him a run for his money. A little team work in this part will perhaps be of great benefit and the quality is there to do most anything they want to.

A number of subs are trying out for positions and the management is in shape to put a good team in the field at any time. We should give them all the encouragement possible and when we say encouragement we mean financial support. The boys are trying to raise money with which to pay off back indebtedness and when they succeed in owning the grand stand then they will have to ask for but little donations from the merchants and citizens. If a high-board fence is placed around the grounds the place may be used for various entertainments and even the county fair where all the racing and contests can be pulled off without endangering the lives of anybody.

NIGHT PROWLERS

Some of the residents of Tucumcari report the presence of a bunch of night prowlers and "snoopers" who are going to wake up in perogatory some morning with a ball of lead in their body.

There are other thefts being made in the residence portion of town. At one place they were seen and they appeared to have on long coats which made them resemble two women, but they ran like deers when R.P. Donohoo secured a club and gave chase.

REGULAR SERVICES NOW

The Rev. Edward J. Hoering arrived from San Francisco a few days ago and will take charge of St. Michael's Episcopal church. An addition has been made to the little adobe church, which will make it possible to accommodate a little larger congregation than heretofore. The services next Sunday will be as follows:

Sunday school 9:45

Morning prayer at 11.

Evensong at 8 o'clock, followed by a Sacred concert, in which well-known local musicians will take part.

The Rev. Mr. Hoering is an old-time New Mexican, having had charge of the Church at Clovis some years ago. He says San Francisco (where he has resided during the past three years) can produce a World's Fair, but it cannot produce a climate like this.

Incidentally speaking, we understand the members of St. Michael's are planning a reception to Mr. Hoering, at which the Bishop and other clergy will be present on Wednesday, July 14th. The reception will be preceded at 8 o'clock by a service of institution of the new Rector. Members and friends of the congregation of St. Michael's are cordially invited to the Sunday services, and the Reception on Wednesday, all of which will be held in the church.

Hate to admit it, but this deluge of war news is so tiresome we are becoming terribly peeved.