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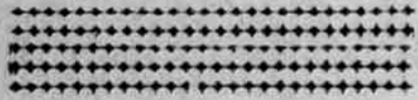
PALESTINE, TEXAS, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 31, 1903.

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FIVE HUNDRED BURNED TO DEATH. SMALLPOX IN JAIL THE LIMITED TOOK

Iroquois Theatre of Chicago Visited by Most Frightful Holocaust of Recent Years—Scenes of Horror.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The most frightful holocaust of recent years visited Chicago this afternoon. The Iroquois Theatre, a handsome new structure, was destroyed by fire and from three to five hundred people are buried beneath its smoking ruins.

A performance was in progress. The spectacular play "Bluebeard" was being presented and a crowded house was being entertained. Suddenly a great sheet of flame shot upward amid the scenery and a wild panic ensued. It was seen at a glance that the flames would sweep the building, and a scene of wildest frenzy prevailed.

Women screamed and fainted away, men went wild with terror, and the great number of children witnessing the performance were absolutely helpless in the wild frenzy which overspread the crowd. The audience on the ground floor broke for the exits, shutting off the escape of the hundreds in the balconies. A solid wall of humanity crushed through all exits and frantic men and women leaped to the top and walked to safety upon the heads of the compact mass. Hundreds were injured, but it is believed that a majority of those on the first floor escaped from the building.

Those in the balconies were shut off from escape by the wind and crushing mass below. According to the most reliable information at this time, about 500 people met a terrible death.

CHIEF'S ESTIMATE

Says That Three Hundred People Perished in Balconies Alone.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Chief Musham of the fire department stated this afternoon that he had made a personal investigation of the disaster and believed that there were from three to five hundred bodies in the balconies alone. He made no estimate of the number of persons injured and maimed.

CITY IS PARALYZED

Iroquois Theatre Was Finest in the City—Frenzied Terror Prevailed.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The Iroquois theatre was one of the most popular places of amusement in Chicago.

Chicago is paralyzed with the horror. The hospitals are full of the injured and dying and the full extent of the disaster is not yet known.

Survivors state that the scenery caught fire and burned almost like powder. At the first flash of flames, a break was made for liberty, but before the throng could reach safety, the flames had spread all over the interior of the building, suffocating and burning its victims to death. Many leaped from the highest balconies to the parquet, women and children were trampled under foot and smothered to death.

A Negro Prisoner Has a Genuine Case.

A negro prisoner developed a genuine case of smallpox in the county jail, and he has been removed to the pest house.

District court was in session, and Judge Gooch decided it expedient to adjourn court until about January 18, and accordingly did so. If no new cases appear in the meantime the work of the court will be resumed.

There are no other cases in town, so far as is known, and it is not likely other cases will develop from this case, as it was in the incipient stage when discovered, and contagion at this stage is hardly probable.

Married.

Last evening at 9 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Horace Word, on South Sycamore street, Mr. Robert Anderson and Miss Dora Burton were married, Rev. Mr. Andrews of St. Philips' church officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate family of the bride and Mrs. Morris and Miss Perkins.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. A. G. Burton, and is one of Palestine's most charming young society belles.

Mr. Anderson is a train dispatcher with the I. & G. N. railroad in this city, and has a large circle of friends. The couple have rooms at Mrs. Bailey's on Crawford street.

Congratulations are offered from hundreds of friends, and the Herald desires to add its best wishes for the happy couple.

Reuben R. Rucker.

Reuben R. Rucker was born Nov. 12, 1851, and died Dec. 30, 1903.

Mr. Rucker had been a resident of Palestine for many years, and was a successful business man.

His funeral took place from the family residence, 301 Bailey street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock; interment in East Hill cemetery.

Read The Herald.

Milwaukee's New Train Starts With a Rush.

The Southwest Limited, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul's superb new Chicago-Kansas City train, "took." When she made her initial trip Sunday night, all the available space was taken, and before noon yesterday all the sleeping and compartment car sections had been taken for last night's trip. An additional sleeping car was put on, and it, too, was sold out.

"We are pleased with the reception and treatment we have received from Kansas City and Kansas City people," said General Passenger Agent Miller before he left for Chicago. "They have shown appreciation of our effort to give them the best of service, and we think they will be well pleased with it. Our new train has started with a boom of good feeling, and we intend to keep it up. It gives the Milwaukee three of the best trains in the country, and we are proud of them."—Kansas City Journal, Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Two Entertainments.

Monday evening Miss Ethel Word entertained the "Light Seekers Club." This club consists of fifteen ladies and fifteen gentlemen, and is a popular organization. Nearly the entire membership were present, besides Misses Crutcher of Tyler, Harris of Nacogdoches, Jackson of Mexia, Foster of Waco; Mr. Walker Bryan of Greenville and Dr. Philo Howard of St. Louis. The chief entertainment consisted of silhouettes. The silhouettes of those present were cut in paper, and the one making greatest number of correct guesses won the prize. Miss Gussie Stafford was the winner.

Music and refreshments were conspicuous features.

Tuesday afternoon this same young lady entertained the Qui Vives at high five and finch.

Miss Searcy of Brenham was a guest of the club.

Miss Louise Malloy won the prize at high five, and Miss Dora Burton won the prize at finch.

Delicious refreshments were served.

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