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PRAIRIES AFLAME.

Two Counties in Missouri Terribly Devastated.

EAT GRAIN, AND FENCES BURNED.

The woman known to have lost her life and other fatalities apprehended—immense damage done in Oklahoma—The same story from portions of Illinois and Indiana—A dozen farms swept over near Muncie—Havoc in North Dakota.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 31.—Lawyer Willard Bone, who has just arrived from the western part of the state, reports terrible prairie fires in Gray and Ford counties. For miles the Santa Fe train, on which he was a passenger, traveled with the utmost speed, a sea of flame, with every light and ventilator down. From the train could be seen burning farm buildings and stacks of hay and grain, and people and stock fleeing before the flames.

Must Have Been Loss of Life.
Mr. Bone says there must have been a number of human lives and many head of stock lost in the vicinity of Beaumont, Butler county. Thousands of acres of grazing land were burned over Thursday night, fences destroyed, and stock burned or scattered in all directions. Inquiry at the local Santa Fe office failed to gain any information, although it was said there it was possible for such a state of affairs to exist and the local office know nothing of it.

A Woman Cremated.
Later details of the prairie fires say that near Argonia, Mrs. C. Twining was burned to death in her house. The fire surrounded the town of Argonia, and it took hard work to save the buildings on the outskirts. A telegram from Guthrie, O. T., received late last night, says that prairie fires have swept over the entire Putnam county, a reservation and the adjoining counties, doing thousands of dollars damage. Hundreds of farmers have lost all their hay, grain and pasture, while a score or more have their homes destroyed. Many new settlers were caught on the road and their wagons loaded with their household goods burned. No lives were lost, but a large amount of live stock perished.

Dangerous Situation in Oklahoma.
GUTHRIE, O. T., Oct. 31.—Fears are expressed here for the safety of the farmers throughout the territory owing to the prairie fires. A high wind prevailed Thursday and made the situation more dangerous. Some of the farmers have either cut the grass growing in the vicinity or burned it off for safety, but this will not help them much in a high wind, as sparks from the burning grass will be carried to barns and dwellings.

Destruction in Illinois.
MORRIS, Ill., Oct. 31.—Destructive prairie fires are sweeping the country east of this city between the Chicago and Indiana coal road and the Kankakee river. Farmers have been plowing all day to save their buildings and check the flames. Unless the south wind abates the loss will be enormous. The heaviest losers thus far are the Chatfield brothers, east of Lawrence, who lost all their farm building yesterday afternoon, including 4,000 bushels of grain and a large amount of hay and implements. Their loss is between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Further east and south the fire swept over a dozen farms, burning several hundred tons of hay, but destroying no buildings of considerable value.

Destroying Indiana Orchards.
JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Oct. 31.—Forest fires broke out Thursday evening near New Providence, and are destroying thousands of dollars worth of orchards in the fruit region. Another fire is raging in the Knobs, near Henryville, started by picnickers. If the parties can be found the people, who are worn out fighting the flames, threaten to lynch them.

Flaming Fields in North Dakota.
MANDAN, N. D., Oct. 31.—Word reached this city yesterday that a fierce prairie fire started Thursday night forty miles northwest of here, and burned toward the Missouri river. Great damage was done in its course, but the fire was finally put out by rain.

MISCELLANEOUS DISASTERS.

Mysterious Flames at Pittsburg—The Loss of the Belvoir.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 31.—Late yesterday afternoon a fire of mysterious origin was discovered in a large unoccupied building located at the corner of Twenty-seventh and Railroad streets, and owned by Huey, Binns & Co. The flames spread rapidly, and in less than an hour that building, together with the planing mill and box factory on the opposite side of the street, owned by Alexander McClure, was totally destroyed. The total loss is \$36,000, insured for \$28,000.

The Burning of the Belvoir.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 31.—No additional names have been reported of lives lost by the burning of the Belvoir. Sixteen is the total and is now believed to be the complete list. Many of those who were rescued or saved themselves were seriously injured by falling spars and timbers and are located in hospitals and private houses at Vicksburg.

Killed by His Own Car.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 31.—Charles Beardsley, a motorman, met a frightful death yesterday under the wheels of his own car. He was driving a car on the Lyndale Air Line and when near Franklin avenue the car "bucked," or ran backward a few feet, then started forward. Beardsley was thrown over the front of the car, which ran over him.

Accidentally Shot While Hunting.

NEVADA, Mo., Oct. 31.—In Walker township yesterday Joseph Fadden was shot and probably fatally wounded by George Anderson. The men were quail hunting on opposite sides of a hedge and Anderson's gun was accidentally discharged, the lead taking effect in Fadden's face.

Two Men Killed by a Cave-In.

MARTINSVILLE, Va., Oct. 31.—A cave-in on the Roanoke and Southern railroad near this town last evening resulted in the killing of two men and the serious injury of three others.

QUAY GROWS INQUISITIVE

He Wants to Know How a Keeton Bank Paper Got Away.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Comptroller Lacey yesterday received the following telegram from Senator Quay:

I beg to be informed, at your earliest convenience, by whom and by whose authority or permission a certificate of deposit for \$8,877, dated Nov. 29, 1889, indorsed by John Fiske and by me, which is among the papers of the Keystone National bank, an institution the custody of the United States, was delivered to the Democratic state committee to be photographed, lithographed and published throughout the state by the Democratic press, as is now being done.

Lacey Doesn't Know How.

Comptroller Lacey telegraphed last evening disclaiming any knowledge of the origin of the order for the delivery of the Quay-Bardale check to the Democratic state committee. Mr. Lacey is endeavoring to ascertain how the Democratic state committee secured the famous check.

BEAVER, Pa., Oct. 31.—Senator Quay said yesterday that suit would be brought against The Beaver Star, a Democratic paper of this place, with published a fac simile of the Bardale certificate.

BREAKING A COMBINATION.

Probability of a Dissolution of Political Partnership in Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 31.—It seems probable now that the combination between the Farmers' Alliance and anti-lottery wing of the Democratic party will fall through. The combination was made at Lafayette in August, when T. S. Adams, president of the Alliance, was nominated as the anti-lottery candidate for governor on the understanding that the Alliance would vote solidly at the state election against the lottery.

Adams Asked to Withdraw.

Many of the anti-lottery farmers have become convinced since then that this combination of farmers weakened instead of strengthened their case, and an open letter by leading opponents of the lottery is now out calling on Mr. Adams to withdraw, as his candidacy will weaken the fight against the lottery. The letter promises to break the combination.

Southern Women for Fair Guides.

SALISBURY, N. C., Oct. 31.—Mrs. Charles Price of Salisbury, third vice president of the board of lady managers of the World's fair, has just received a letter from Mrs. Potter Palmer, highly approving an idea originated by Mrs. Price, of employing for guides at the fair a number of southern women who will thus be given an opportunity of paying their expenses during the exposition and perhaps of earning a handsome sum. Their duties will be to take people over the exposition grounds and also to act as interpreters for those who do not speak our language.

Gen. Butler Not to Vote This Time.

LOWELL, Mass., Oct. 31.—General Butler's name for the first time, it is said, is not on the check lists at the state elections. General Butler is reported to have said in conversation with a friend: "I am not particular about voting in this election. Governor Russell is a bright young man, and made a good governor. Colonel Allen is my fellow townsman and if I went to the polls I should be inclined to vote for him on that account."

THE MARKETS.

Chicago.

Board of trade quotations for today were as follows: Wheat—No. 2 October, opened 94 1/2c, closed 94 1/2c; December, opened 93 1/2c, closed 93 1/2c; Corn—No. 2 October, opened 56 1/2c, closed 56 1/2c; November, opened 55 1/2c, closed 55 1/2c; year, opened 47 1/2c, closed 47 1/2c; Oats—No. 2 October, opened 30c, closed 29 1/2c; December, opened 29 1/2c, closed 29 1/2c; May, opened 31 1/2c, closed 31 1/2c; Pork—December, opened \$8.50, closed \$8.50; January, opened \$11.20, closed \$10.95; May, opened \$11.55, closed \$11.30; Lard—November, opened \$6.05, closed \$5.90.

Live stock—Prices at the Union Stock yards ranged as follows: Hogs—Market rather active on packing and shipping account; feeling firm; best heavy lots advanced 1c, and other grades unchanged; sales ranged at \$2.40 to \$4.00 pigs, \$3.55 to \$4.15 light, \$3.55 to \$3.85 rough packing, \$3.70 to \$4.20 mixed, and \$3.90 to \$4.35 heavy packing and shipping lots.

Cattle—Market fairly active on local and shipping account, and feeling steady; prices unchanged; quotations ranged at \$6.00 to \$6.25 prime to shipping steers, \$4.50 to \$5.00 good to fancy do, \$3.00 to \$4.00 common to fair do, \$2.00 to \$2.50 butchers' steers, \$1.50 to \$2.00 stockers, \$2.00 to \$3.10 Texans, \$2.50 to \$3.00 hogs, \$2.50 to \$3.25 feeders, \$1.50 to \$2.50 cows, \$1.50 to \$2.75 bulls and \$2.50 to \$3.00 veal calves.

Sheep—Market fairly active, and prices unchanged; quotations ranged at \$3.50 to \$4.75 westerns, \$3.00 to \$3.10 natives, and \$3.50 to \$3.75 ewes.

Produce: Butter—Fancy separator, 31 1/2c; fair, 30 1/2c; packing stocks, 29 1/2c; Eggs—Loss off, 20c per doz. live poultry—Old chickens, 10c per lb; spring chickens, 12c; young turkeys, 8c; old, 5c; ducks, mixed, 10c; geese, 6c; Hides—Home grown, 40c; Wisconsin and Michigan, common, 20c; fair to choice, 30c; per lb; sweet potatoes, Illinois, 1.50 to 1.75 per bush; Jerseys, \$2.50 to 2.75. Apples—Common, \$1.50 to 1.75 per bush; good, \$1.75 to 2.00; choice to fancy, \$2.25 to 2.50. Cranberries—Cape Cod, fancy, \$3.50 to 4.00 per bush; Jersey, 4.75 to 5.00.

New York.

Wheat—No. 2 red winter cash, \$1.04 1/2 to 1.04 3/4; do December, \$1.05 1/2; do January, \$1.06. Corn—No. 2 mixed cash, 72c; November, 62 1/2c; December, 57 1/2c; January, 54c. Oats—Dull at steady; No. 2 mixed cash, 39 1/2c; December, 36 1/2c; January, 36 1/2c. Rye—Quiet at firm; western to arrive, \$1.00 to 1.01. Barley—Weak; new mess, \$1.10 to 1.11. Lard—Quiet; steady, \$6.40; January, \$6.50; February, \$6.60.

The Weather We May Expect.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The following are the weather indications for twenty-four hours from 8 p. m. yesterday: For Iowa—Fair weather today and tomorrow; much colder, with a cold wave; northwesterly gales. For Illinois—Generally fair weather; colder by night; southwesterly gales. For Wisconsin—Fair weather, except light rain in extreme northern portion; much colder by tonight; southwesterly gales. For Upper Michigan—Fair, weather and stationary temperature in the afternoon; light rain and cooler by tonight in eastern portion; southwesterly gales. For Indiana and Lower Michigan—Fair, weather; stationary temperature; southerly winds.

The Detroit Public Building.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Bids were opened at the treasury department yesterday for constructing the public building at Detroit, Mich. E. F. Gobel was the lowest bidder, at \$347,311.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Must Fly the National Ensign.

A 12 year-old boy has been locked up at Chicago on a charge of arson.

Simonson & West, cloak manufacturers of New York, have failed for \$180,000.

The town of Majunka, in the island of Madagascar, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire.

The mountains south of Sheffield, Ala., are being swept by fire, destroying a vast amount of property.

The National Press, of Dublin, says a plot exists to murder William O'Brien. The police do not credit it.

The comments of the London papers on the Chilian incident are generally criticisms of this country.

The postmaster of Elkton, N. C., was shot in his office by some unknown person. No cause can be assigned for the deed.

The French senate has fixed a duty of 25 francs on American salt pork imported into that country. This action removes the prohibition.

Judge R. A. Debolt, a member of the Forty-fourth congress and past grand master of the Missouri Odd Fellows, died at Trenton, Mo.

Esquire Duncan, of Canton county, Ill., attempted to commit suicide by hanging. He was discovered in time to save his life.

An Alabama couple got married at the state fair grounds and took their wedding tour in a balloon. They have not since been heard from.

Edward Cooper, whose brother was in jail at Decatur, Ill., has also been sent to jail for supplying his brother with whisky, upon which he got drunk.

Congressman Outhwaite is very sick with pneumonia at his home at Columbus, O. He caught the disease while on the stump for Governor Campbell.

At a meeting of the coal producing companies at New York it was decided to allow an output of 4,000,000 bushels. This is practically unlimited production.

There is a strike among the June Manufacturing company's employees at Belvidere, Ill., owing to the discharge of five men who were the leaders of a proposed union.

Jesse Seligman, the New York banker and millionaire, has been sounding the financiers of Germany on the question of an international agreement for the coinage of silver.

Professor Martin W. Sampson, professor of English in the state university of Iowa, has been appointed assistant professor of English at the Stanford university of California.

It is alleged that General Garcia, the Mexican military officer operating on the border, is hanging and shooting people with little regard to guilt or innocence, in connection with the recent attempt to raise a revolution in that country.

A man at Appleton, Wis., made love to a widow the day of his wife's funeral, and being a Roman Catholic obtained a dispensation to marry her, she being the dead wife's sister. Then he transferred his affections to another woman, and now has to pay the widow \$700 for her damaged affections.

A Wife Murderer Found Guilty.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 31.—The jury in the case of Virgil J. Muggley, charged with the murder of his wife, yesterday rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Must Fly the National Ensign.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The adjutant general has decided that all military colleges receiving arms and ammunition from the national government for the purposes of instruction, and to which an officer of the United States army has been detailed as professor of military tactics, must display the national flag on all occasions when, under army regulations, the use of a flag is called for.

New Tin Mine Discovered.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—From advices just received from Caliente it is learned that a new tin mine has just been discovered at Kerneville, in Kern county, about forty miles off the railroad, by William Walker. Much excitement has been caused in the neighborhood over the find.

Time on the Garfield Park Course.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Following are the results of the races at Garfield park yesterday: Cast Out, 1/2 mile, 1:16 1/4; Louise, 5/8 furlongs, 1:11; Black Bart, 1 mile, 1:44 1/4; Warren Leland, 3/4 mile, 1:14 1/4; Ella Blackburn, 1 mile, 1:43 1/4; Vidette, 3/4 mile, 1:16.

Where London Papers Get Their Ideas.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—A letter signed "An American" was published yesterday by the London Times in which the writer asserts that the attitude of the United States in regard to Chili is entirely due to the approaching elections.

Terrible Destruction of Life.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—A dispatch from Higo, Japan, says that it is estimated that the total number of persons who lost their lives by the earthquake exceeds 3,000. Many vessels are reported to have been wrecked in the vicinity of Higo.

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