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LIVE WIRE BURNS LINEMAN

Oscar Strand of Butte Almost Met Death Yesterday.

WIRE CONTAINED 10,000 VOLTS.

Non-Completion of the Circuit Alone Saved His Life—Body Taken Down in Limp Condition—Business Suspended—Many Men Turn Pale.

Butte, Neb., Jan. 7.—Special to The News: Oscar Strand, a lineman, almost met death on a live wire carrying 10,000 volts yesterday afternoon. Having withstood the intensity of such a shock for several minutes, his body was taken down in a limp condition, the electricity having burned him severely. He was only saved from instant electrocution by the fact that his body came in contact with but one wire, thus completing no circuit.

Mr. Strand was taken down as soon as the current could be shut off, and at the end of an hour or two he was brought back to consciousness through every means of restoration. He is getting along as well as could be expected after such a charge, but still suffers from several severe burns.

How it Happened. A few minutes after 1 o'clock the people of Butte were startled by a report that the lineman had strung a live wire. The accident occurred on the line which connects the flouring mill with its power plant several miles away.

His companion, realizing the peril, made all possible haste to the mill where word was telephoned to shut off the current. Strand was immediately taken down and every means of restoration applied. In an hour or two, to the gratification of his friends, he was reported improving. Just how the current came to be turned on at that time, without the lineman's knowledge, is unknown but evidently Mr. Strand was laboring under the impression that no current existed at the time.

Men Turn Pale. Only one circumstance saved him from instant death. He only came in contact with one wire. Had he completed a circuit he would have died before help could be brought, as the wires when in operation carry about 10,000 volts.

For about an hour business was almost entirely suspended because of the anxiety to know the outcome. About 150 men had gathered at the scene of accident before the body could be got down and nearly every face turned pale as it was taken away as limp as though no life existed.

HARRIMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT

Will Succeed Burt as President of the Union Pacific Railroad—Meeting in New York.

New York, Jan. 7.—E. H. Harriman was elected president of the Union Pacific railroad at the meeting held here today, and will succeed H. G. Burt who resigned on the first of the year.

Wedding at Creighton.

Creighton, Neb., Jan. 7.—Special to The News: Mr. Alexander Smith and Miss Hattie Hoferer were united in marriage last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents four miles east of town by Rev. J. N. Gortner of this city. There was a large company of relatives and friends in attendance and after the ceremony and supper the greater part of the evening was spent in celebrating the happy event. They will at once go to housekeeping on a farm owned by the groom in the same neighborhood.

DIED BY SUFFOCATION.

Coroner's Jury Decided That Smoke and Flame Killed T. J. Crawford.

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—The coroner's jury which held inquest over the body of T. J. Crawford returned a verdict of suffocation by fire and smoke.

It is supposed that Crawford became tired from his work and went to sleep in a chair by the office desk, accidentally overturning the lantern which he had placed under the desk. When he awoke he was too near the point of suffocation to escape from the room, but fell to the floor on his face. The position of his limbs indicated that he might have been crawling about on the floor in an effort to find a way of egress.

Precautions at Beatrice.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 7.—Mayor M. E. Shultz, accompanied by Chief of Police Aschewerth, examined a number of business blocks to ascertain the degree of protection against fire and what provision for the safety of inmates had been made. Most of the buildings used for office purposes were carefully examined and a number of stone buildings were also included in the list. While no definite report has yet been made and no intimation of intended action given, it is thought that a more rigid observance of laws relating to fire escapes and those employed in office build-

ings will be enforced. Mr. Shultz said that some action might be taken with a view to improving protection from fire, but nothing definite had yet been decided upon.

COMMITTS SUICIDE.

Had Been in Poor Health and Suffered Greatly.

Emerson, Neb., Jan. 7.—Fred Biede, a prominent farmer living about seven miles east of here, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. While the children were out doing the evening chores he placed a looking glass on the window sill, and with a 38 caliber revolver sent a bullet through his head. When his son and daughter returned they found him lying on the floor dying. He was about 60 years old, and leaves two sons and three daughters, all grown. He had been in poor health for a year, and at times suffered greatly.

DEATH OF SISTER.

Mrs. C. J. Lodge is Summoned to Fairfield, Ia., by Her Sister's Death.

Warrensburg, Mo., Jan. 7.—Special to The News: Mrs. C. J. Lodge received a telegram from Fairfield, Ia., stating that her sister had died suddenly. Mrs. Lodge took the first train to attend the funeral.

SUDDEN DEATH OF FOSTER MAN

At Mo. He Passed Away at His Residence Jan. 4.

Foster, Neb., Jan. 7.—Special to The News: Charles Roeske, one of the most prominent citizens of Foster and a veteran of the civil war, died very suddenly at 4 o'clock this morning in his home four miles west of town. Mr. Roeske gave up on Saturday and took to his bed. He died of inflammation of the bowels and complications. In the war, Mr. Roeske was a soldier in the artillery.

THIEVES PLEAD GUILTY.

Dakota City, Neb., Jan. 7.—At the session of the district court held here by Judge Guy T. Graves, John McCool and Mike Kennedy, the two horse thieves who have been confined in the county jail for the past month, charged with stealing a team and harness from Christ Geister and a wagon from R. L. Lapsley on the night of December 14, pleaded guilty to the charge against them and received their sentences. McCool was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary and Kennedy, who was seventeen years old last April, was sentenced to the reform school until he becomes of age.

Mrs. Herb White was granted a divorce from her husband on the grounds of drunkenness and non-support. A number of equity cases were disposed of and court adjourned sine die.

CAUTIOUS AT SIOUX CITY.

Opera Houses, Halls, Churches and Schools Will Be Investigated.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 7.—Beginning with the Grand opera house, the committee of public safety of the city council will make an inspection of every public gathering place of Sioux City. This will include the school houses, lodge halls, Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, the city hall and the churches. The council by unanimous vote authorized the committee to begin work at once. Alderman Johnson, chairman of the public buildings committee and a member of the public safety committee, said the first place to be inspected would be the Grand opera house.

Compromises Suit With School Board.

Omaha, Jan. 7.—By the terms of a compromise entered into by the school district of Benson, Gravert, a saloonkeeper at Benson, Gravert will retire from the saloon business at the end of the year 1904.

The school board originally brought an action in the district court asking that Gravert be restrained from running his saloon, as it was in the immediate neighborhood of the school house.

TO STOP PRICE-CUTTING.

New York, Jan. 7.—Retail druggists throughout the country will watch with interest the results of a plan put into effect in New York city this week by the largest manufacturers of proprietary, or patent medicines, to stop the cutting of prices on such articles by druggists and department stores. This is the first time that the proprietors themselves have taken a direct interest in the solution of the cut-rate problem. Heretofore they have "supported" movements conducted by others, notably the National Retail Druggists' association, but that support has invariably been more or less lukewarm. Now, however, about twelve or fifteen of the leading manufacturing houses have come together, contributed to a substantial fund for carrying out their plans, and are prepared to compel the aggressive cut-ter to live up to a minimum price schedule. If persuasion fails to bring a cutter into line the manufacturers, individually, will cut off his supplies of their goods, or at least make a determined effort to do so.

ALMOST BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Saunders of Center Has a Narrow Escape.

OIL AND CLOTHING ON FIRE.

Prompt Action of Husband and Neighbors Saved a Burning—Wife of District Clerk of Knox County. House Caught Fire but no Damage.

Creighton, Neb., Jan. 7.—Special to The News: Mrs. Saunders, wife of Benjamin Saunders, clerk of the district court at Center, had a narrow escape from burning to death last night.

She was going up stairs carrying a lighted lamp, and when about half way up she stumbled, the chimney and burner of the lamp fell off, some of the oil was spilled on her dress and the stairway and caught fire from the wick.

Mrs. Saunders hurried down stairs and out into the yard with her clothing blazing. Her cries attracted the attention of Mr. Saunders who was in the barn doing the chores and he hurried to her assistance. Others in the neighborhood also hurried up and the flames were quickly extinguished. Mrs. Saunders' clothing was quite badly burned, but she sustained no burns except a slight one on her hand and that will not give her much trouble.

Meantime the carpet on the stairway had blazed up some, but this was extinguished without doing much damage. Mrs. Saunders had closed the door when she ran into the yard, and there being no draught, the fire could gain no headway.

Mr. Saunders summoned a doctor, but he found small need for his services. Mrs. Saunders is naturally somewhat nervous over the event, but the burn on her hand is slight.

LINCOLN FALLS INTO LINE.

Officials Will Make Inspections of Theaters and Other Buildings.

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—Governor Mickey, State Superintendent Fowler and Labor Commissioner Bush yesterday suggested to the authorities that they look after the enforcement of the fire regulations.

The laws are indefinite regarding theater inspection, fire escapes and fire proof curtains. The city council last night instructed the fire chief and city engineer to inspect theaters, school buildings and all tall structures without fire escapes. Hydrants are also to be tested.

A fire drill will be introduced in the public schools.

MISS RUTH CLEVELAND IS DEAD

Daughter of Ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland Dies at Princeton of Diphtheria.

Princeton, Jan. 7.—Miss Ruth Cleveland, oldest daughter of Ex-President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland, died here this morning after a brief illness from diphtheria.

Miss Ruth had the distinction of being one of the few children to first see the light of day in the white house at Washington.

BANKER A SUICIDE.

Cashier of the Peoples Savings Bank of Sioux Falls Takes His Life.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 7.—The people of this city were shocked yesterday by the suicide of M. W. Miles, cashier of the Peoples Savings bank, which was established about a year ago. He shot and killed himself at his residence. Personal troubles are said to be the cause. He came here from Canton and was well known there and in this part of the state. He leaves a wife and family.

HARTINGTON FAIR BOARD.

Hartington, Neb., Jan. 7.—At the annual meeting of the Hartington Driving and Fair association, Z. M. Baird was elected president; Fred Barnhart, vice president; C. H. Whitney, secretary; A. V. Parker, treasurer and A. Waltz, manager of grounds.

RAYMOND FOR STATE DELEGATE

Lancaster County Has a Name to Present to the Coming Republican State Convention.

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—If present indications are any criterion of what will happen, I. M. Raymond of Lincoln will be presented by the republicans of Lancaster county to the coming republican state convention as a candidate for delegate at large to the republican national convention.

Mr. Raymond is not a candidate for the honor, but is being pushed forward by the Roosevelt men as a proper man upon whom this honor should fall. Mr. Raymond has been prominent in republican politics for years, and is an ardent supporter of the president. He took no part in the factional fight of the last few years in Lancaster county. It has been the custom in years

past for state conventions to accord one of the four delegates at large to Lancaster county, when it presented a candidate, and if Mr. Raymond is selected by the county convention, his election is pretty certain to follow.

TO PROTECT LIQUOR DEALERS.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 7.—Representatives of the leading organizations of liquor dealers in the country met at the Palace hotel today and began a conference to discuss the feasibility of amalgamating the various organizations. The organizations interested in the movement are the Retail Liquor Dealers' association, the Knights of Fidelity and the Knights of the Royal Arch. The announced purpose of the proposed amalgamation is to protect the interests of the liquor dealers, particularly in legislative matters.

GAME WITH MINNESOTA

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—Manager Buckner has opened negotiations with Minnesota for the purpose of scheduling a football game next year. An effort will be made to play at least one big game in Omaha, in order to secure a crowd to help the athletic association clear up the debt which hangs over it.

ELKHORN DOCTORS AT FREMONT

Physicians of the Valley Go East for One Meeting but Will Probably Meet in Norfolk Hereafter.

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 7.—Reversing the usual order in which doctors and undertakers work, the combined meetings of the Elkhorn Valley Medical society and the Dodge County Medical society were held in this city yesterday following a session of the executive board of the state funeral directors' association. It is customary for physicians to exercise their activity in advance of the undertakers, but not so this time.

Dr. H. S. Summers of West Point, president of the Elkhorn Valley society, was absent and the meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock by the first vice president, J. J. Williams of Wayne. Dr. J. E. Summers of Omaha took up a large part of the morning session with a paper on a professional subject. Those having topics to discuss in the afternoon were: F. S. Owen, Omaha; John P. Lord, Omaha; F. A. Long, Madison; J. C. Moore, Omaha; J. J. Metzinger, Fremont; H. M. McClanahan, Omaha.

The business meetings of the two societies were saved until the last. Each has a corps of officers to elect in the Elkhorn Valley meeting an amendment to the constitution was considered, providing that all mid-winter meetings shall hereafter be held at Norfolk, while mid-summer meetings may be migratory.

Most of the physicians present were from outside of Dodge county. A banquet at seven o'clock last evening concluded the joint assemblage. H. M. McClanahan of Omaha was toastmaster.

WAR RUMOR UNCONFIRMED.

Message Read on Floor of Board of Trade Without Fact.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A message was read on the floor of the board of trade today which said that war had been declared between Russia and Japan. The rumor has not been confirmed by Associated Press dispatches.

WANTS INVESTIGATION.

O. E. Swenson Asks to Have His Record Cleared of Charges.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 7.—O. E. Swenson, warden of the South Dakota penitentiary in this city, announces that he will ask the state board of charities and corrections to investigate thoroughly the charges made against him through the columns of the local press by Henry Peterson, formerly deputy warden at the penitentiary.

"Mr. Peterson's attacks upon me," said Mr. Swenson, "are prompted by a desire on his part to get even with me for some fancied wrongs. He thinks that I have been the cause of some of his misfortunes, the principal one of which was his discharge from the position of deputy warden, but he is mistaken. He brought that upon his own self and of his own volition. And now he is seeking revenge upon me."

"I shall request the fullest possible investigation at the hands of the board, and when that investigation is finished I shall have something to say in my own defense."

SWIFT & CO. WILL BRANCH OUT.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—At their annual meeting held here today the stockholders of Swift & Company acted favorably on the proposition to increase the capital stock of the company from \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000. The new stock is to be issued at par and to be used in acquiring wholesale distributing markets and refrigerator cars. The small margin of profit in the packing industry and at the same time the mammoth extent of that industry is illustrated by the figures contained in the annual reports of the Swift company which show a profit of \$2,000,000 on gross sales for the year exceeding \$200,000,000.

DIETRICH TRIAL IS ON

Both Sides Announce Their Readiness to Proceed.

ALL SUITS HINGE ON ONE POINT

Forenoon Largely Taken Up With Examination of the Men Who are to Sit on the Case—No Decision on Demurrer—Miss Dietrich in Court.

Omaha, Jan. 7.—Special to The News: At the opening of federal court here this morning, both District Attorney Summers for the government and Counsel Hatty for the defense, announced their readiness to proceed with the trial of Senator Dietrich on the bribery charge, and this morning the work of drawing and examining the jury took up much of the time of the court.

No decision has yet been announced regarding the demurrer filed by Dietrich's counsel on the pending indictment regarding the postoffice building at Hastings.

Miss Gertrude Dietrich, daughter of the senator, is an interested spectator in the court room.

The government's case was presented to the jury by W. S. Summers and Senator Dietrich's side of the fight was presented by Attorney Hatty. The work of drawing the jury was completed this afternoon and the list is as follows:

Phillip Potter, of Omaha; E. L. Potter, of Omaha; C. H. Justice, of Fremont; John H. Knowles, of Fremont; William Carroll, of Fremont; Albert Ething, of Grand Island; G. L. Kennedy, of Valentine; George Beck, of McCook; C. A. Phillips, of Lincoln; H. P. Oakeley, of Grand Island; W. S. Cornitt, of Nebraska City; Wm. Woods, of Seward.

CASE HANGS ON A POINT.

Court adjourned for half an hour at 3:30 this afternoon to consider a point raised by Senator Dietrich's counsel. It was argued that Senator Dietrich was not a member of the senate when the alleged bribe was accepted, and if this point is sustained it will end all the cases brought against the senator and growing out of them. No further suit on the indictment will be possible if it is found that the alleged bribing was done before Senator Dietrich was installed and the case will fall flat. If the point should be sustained it will have a ridiculous ending that will fall heaviest on District Attorney Summers and the enemies of Mr. Dietrich.

FIRE CROWDED TENEMENT HOUSES

Two New Buildings Burned by Fire—Fifty Women and Children Forced to the Fire Escapes.

New York, Jan. 7.—Two incendiary fires occurred this morning in crowded tenement houses and fifty women and children were compelled to use the fire escapes to reach the ground. The man who started the fire has been arrested and will be prosecuted to the limit.

TRIALS OF CONGRESSMAN DRIGGS.

New York, Jan. 7.—The case of Congressman Edward H. Driggs, indicted on charges growing out of the postal frauds, was called for trial in the United States Circuit court in Brooklyn. United States District Attorney Young appeared for the prosecution.

INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

Will Be Continued Until Ordinances of City Are Obeyed.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 7.—Mayor Moore announced yesterday morning that the inspection of public buildings, theaters and department stores would go on without interruption until all had complied with the city ordinances.

The Krug theater has complied with everything asked for by the building inspector. Deputy Inspector Faulkner and Clerk Grotte saw the theater last night after the chairs had been removed, as asked by the mayor, and they are of the opinion that there is plenty of room to empty the house rapidly.

CANNOT HAVE THE SKELETONS

State Society Opposes Distribution of Human Frame Among Students of Medical Colleges.

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—It has been the earnest endeavor of the medical colleges of the state to conduct all anatomical dissection strictly according to law and in such a way as not to wound the sensibilities of any person. Learning that a movement had been made by the students of a local medical college to have the skeletons of subjects dissected turned over to them to be distributed by lot, which is a practice not in vogue at any medical school of any standing, the demonstrators' association took up the matter at a recent meeting in this city and adopted the following motion:

"That in the opinion of this society, the distribution of skeletons of sub-

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-Four Hours Ending at 8 o'clock this Morning.

Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum	40
Minimum	27
Average	33
Total snowfall for month	2.00
Total precipitation for month	.14
Barometer	29.64

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Fair tonight and Friday. Probably cooler tonight.

jects dissected among medical students is contrary to law, against the interests of society, and likely to arouse public prejudice against the practice of dissection, and that the various colleges be requested to retain all such skeletons as the property of the college."

TO ASSESS ON FULL VALUATION

New County Assessors Will Meet at Lincoln on the 20th to Determine Policy.

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—County assessors will have to see that assessments are made on the market value of property under the terms of the new law, said Secretary G. D. Bennett of the board of equalization speaking of the approaching meeting of the county assessors.

"There is a proneness for the assessors to get together and agree to fix an arbitrary value on property much below what it would bring on the market, but such practices will not be tolerated. The law contemplates that the market value shall be taken, and it will no longer be allowable for them to fix some low standard and then assess all property of the same classification on the same standard whatever its value may be. Such a practice results in a great inequality of taxation and it cannot be tolerated."

Mr. Bennett stated that he expects a large attendance of the newly elected county assessors who are to enforce the terms of the statute in the various counties, at the meeting which is to be held in representative hall January 20. He said that the low rates offered by the railroads for Lincoln travelers will tend to augment the attendance. It is regarded as a defect in the law that no provision was made for the traveling expenses of these new county officials to and from the capital at least once in a year. By bringing them all together at one time it is said that they could be better instructed than by letter, and it would be possible to secure a uniform enforcement of the law.

The information given that the decisions of the court in the cases brought in November on the relation of Henry E. Palmer and Ralph E. Breckenridge would have to stand was regarded at the headquarters of the board of equalization as an indication that the attacking parties have given up all hope of defeating the measure on constitutional grounds, and will cling to minor technical points of attack. It is supposed that a suit will eventually be brought to require the uniform assessment of home and foreign companies on cancellations and reinsurance.

The case involving the validity of the two per cent reciprocal tax imposed on foreign insurance companies was up for argument, Attorney General Prout appearing for the state. He contends that the act is a valid exercise of the police power of the state legislature, while the counsel for the Insurance Company of North America of Pennsylvania seeks to avoid the payment of the tax claiming that it is not constitutional. Another contention raised by the counsel for the company is that the law cannot apply to Pennsylvania corporations from the fact that there are no Nebraska concerns which have been permitted to operate in the Keystone and therefore no company from this state has been subjected to the reciprocal tax imposed by the laws of Pennsylvania. The reciprocal tax law brings about \$50,000 a year into the state treasury.

She Came From Minnesota.

Randolph, Neb., Jan. 7.—A magnetic healer, known as Mrs. Dr. Cashman, came to grief here, and because of poor business had to ask for aid from our citizens. She was given a ticket to Sioux City by popular subscription. The doctor operated in Worthington, Lyle and other Minnesota towns and word from those places queered her business here.

Hotel Men Organize.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 7.—Hotel men from Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and North and South Dakota are gathering here to meet in convention and permanently organize a Northwest hotel men's association. The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon by F. H. Kent of Huron.