

FIREBUGS AT BEATRICE

Determined Efforts Made to Burn a Photograph Gallery...

CONFLAGRATION NARROWLY AVOIDED

Believed to Be the Work of an Organized Gang—How the Alarm Was Detected—Indignation of the Citizens—State News.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A sensational attempt was made last night to burn the photograph gallery of A. J. Campbell and for a peculiar and unlooked for circumstance would have been successful.

The attempted crime was premeditated and born of malice is unquestioned. The rear door of the building was wrenched open with some implement and the fire started in a small room used for storing picture frames.

Mr. Campbell decided to make any accusations but many citizens are free in giving their names to one or more of the gang of gamblers of the city.

Some Fast Railway Trains. RICHFIELD, Neb., Feb. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: What is the fastest schedule time, including stops, of any railroad train in the world?

What is the distance and schedule time of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Omaha to Lincoln? What is the distance and schedule time of the fastest train on B. & O. Omaha to Lincoln?

The Empire State express of the New York Central is probably the fastest regular train in the world. Its schedule time for the 410 miles from New York to Buffalo is 520 minutes, including four stops.

The speed of the Scotch express is advertised to average fifty and a half mile an hour for 400 miles. The distance from Omaha to Lincoln by the Rock Island is fifty-one miles, and its fastest train makes it in 2 hours.

The distance by the B. & O. is fifty-five miles. Its fastest west-bound train covers it in 90 minutes. On an average of 251.5 miles an hour, including one stop, or 47.7 miles, exclusive of the stop, but in places runs at the rate of sixty miles.

Notes from Omaha. JUNIATA, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special to The Bee.)—The farmers are beginning extensive preparations for putting in an immense crop this spring in this locality.

Mr. W. Clark's bank is now installed in the new building, which for convenience and elegance of finish will compare very favorably with any banking house in the west.

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Home Grown Tobacco. KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special to The Bee.)—A quality of cigars manufactured of tobacco grown in the vicinity of Kearney are now on the market. The crop, both in texture and flavor, is excellent.

WESTERN ZOLA NOVEL

Famous French Author Tells of the Work He is at Present Engaged On.

IT DEPICTS THE HORRORS OF WAR

Aim of the Great Realist is to Warn His Brethren of France.

WORKS PROMISED FOR THE FUTURE

Rougon-Macquart Series to Be Followed by Views on Non-Catholicism.

HIS OPINION OF THE COPYRIGHT LAW

American Publishers Do Not Take High Rank in His Estimation—Some of His Personal Experiences Recounted.

Copyrighted 1921 by James Zola's Representative. Special to The Bee. The only political novel that there is nothing new to say of the crisis.

Up to the hour that I send you this message things remain unsettled. It is thought possible, however, that M. de Freycinet will retain the war portfolio.

The latest news is that President Carnot merely asked M. Ribot and M. de Freycinet to retain their portfolios and that M. de Freycinet declined to do so.

Emile Zola Talks Copyright. Politics does not monopolize attention. Paris is greatly interested in M. Zola's new novel "La de Baiele," the first installment of which has just been published.

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Congressional Excursions

They Arrive at Chicago and Are Taken Care Of—Program of Entertainment. CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 20.—The four special trains bearing the congressional visitors arrived at Chicago at 6 o'clock.

At 9 o'clock this evening the visitors were tendered a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer.

On Monday a visit will be made to the World's fair, but the most important feature of the congressional visit will be the dinner given at the Commercial club.

At New York—Etruria, from Liverpool; Michigan, from London; Thingval, from Copenhagen; Escadonia, from Hamburg.

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Murder at Manchester

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Business Troubles

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BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

Delegates From Industrial Organizations Gathering at St. Louis.

SUBJECTS WHICH WILL BREED DISCORD

Prohibition Questions Will Probably Defeat the Third Party Movement—Senator Blair and Ex-Lieutenant Governor Jones Write Letters.

St. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 20.—The principal event today among the delegates to the industrial conference was a meeting at the Lindell hotel of representatives of the prohibition, the people's party and the national reform party to endeavor to reach some common ground upon which the three could stand and support a single ticket.

It is understood that the liquor plank will be regarded by other states and the federal government as a subject to be protected in the enforcement of its law on the question.

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