

TO PREVENT COMPETITION

Stratton Hotel Man Accused of Trying to Burn a Rival's House.

CAUGHT AFTER A SPIRITED CHASE

John Jenkins Alleged to Have Employed Two Men to Destroy the St. James Hotel.

STRATTON, Neb., May 3.—[Special to The Bee.]

A man named McIntire was arrested three days ago on suspicion of having started a fire in the cellar of the St. James hotel, fought lately by J. Burrell, who is repairing and remodeling the house preparatory to opening.

McIntire pleaded not guilty to the charge of trying to burn the hotel, and at the preliminary trial before Justice Jones he had the hearing postponed four days.

In the meantime John Jenkins, the proprietor of the Korkhale hotel, departed for Paris unknown. The same night about 10 o'clock McIntire confessed to having started the fire.

McIntire was arrested by the name of Wadso Netherland from Hamilton, Ill., the latter having set fire to the hotel.

Constable Harshel deputized S. M. Pierson, and these gentlemen, accompanied by Mr. Williams, the editor of the Stratton Herald, left here yesterday and went to Jenkins, they took the first train going east, describing Jenkins at every station.

They had just completed giving a minute description of the man to the constable at Hager, Neb., and their train was pulling out when the constable saw a man stick his head out of the caboose window of the freight round, who was immediately tracked for the passenger to pass.

The man was at once recognized as Jenkins. The finisher of the Stratton Herald immediately arrested him and the train was brought to a standstill.

Burchell, Pierson and two or three of the train men jumped off and rushed into the car and arrested Jenkins. He was taken to the station and the entire outfit was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Jones.

The trial was postponed till Saturday, May 6. The hearing was held at the court house here, but no attempt will be made to bring him to trial.

Had either fire got under way it is very probable most of the business part of this city would be in ashes.

The last fire was started in the cellar and two fruit cans of kerosene were used as the sleepers to give it a good start, but fortunately the fire was discovered by the servant girls who were sleeping just above the place where the fire was started, and the alarm was given by them.

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Iowa and Nebraska state institutions. She was the first woman to teach the blind the use of the sewing machine, together with her husband. She has lived in Otoe county for the last fifteen years and was held in the highest respect.

Nebraska Wedding Bells.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 3.—[Special to The Bee.]—At high noon today in the parlors of the Grand Pacific hotel Miss Hattie Chapman and Mr. E. H. Clifford of Kansas City were made husband and wife.

The young couple left this afternoon for Kansas City. The wedding was officiated by Rev. J. B. Green officiating. The wedding was one of the most elaborate which has taken place in this city for years.

The parlor was so handsomely decorated with flowers, and the bridal couple marched to the music of Mendelssohn's wedding march by the MacArthur orchestra.

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BUSINESS WAS NOT BRISK

Sioux City Rapid Transit Company in a Receiver's Hands.

COULD NOT PAY OPERATING EXPENSES

As in Many Other Instances Connected with the Collapse, the Loss Will Fall on Eastern People—Many Attachments Were Threatened.

STOCK CITY, Ia., May 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]

Judge Gaylor of the district court today appointed A. M. Jackson of this city receiver for the property of the Sioux City Rapid Transit company. Mr. Jackson qualified immediately under a \$100,000 bond.

The receiver has not been able to get at the stock of the company, which is held in the hands of the stockholders.

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STUDYING MARINE ZOOLOGY.

Iowa Professors and Students Making an Expedition to the Bahamas.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]

In the face of a north-western gale the expedition of professors and students of the Iowa State university sailed today on their floating laboratory, the schooner Emily E. Johnson, for the West India and the Bahama islands.

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Charles T. Gale, Laramie's City Treasurer, is an Absconder.

WAS A PROMINENT WYOMING POLITICIAN

Indications that the Fugitive is Safe on His Way to Mexico or Europe—His Property Attached by City Authorities.

LARAMIE, Wyo., May 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]

Charles T. Gale, city treasurer of Laramie has absconded with city funds amounting to about \$12,000. He went to Denver a week ago last Sunday for the ostensible purpose of having his eyes treated.

The State Examiner, Henderson, was called in by the members of the council last evening and the entire night was consumed in examining his books and accounts.

It is the general opinion that he has either gone to Mexico or Europe and as he has a good start it is doubtful if he will be caught.

His bondsmen are Henry G. Balch, president of the Laramie National bank and J. P. Conroy, of the first time in three years.

A warrant has been sworn out for his arrest on the charge of embezzlement, and officers will start on a pursuit of the absconder.

The council held its special meeting and authorized the bondsmen to begin attachment proceedings against Gale in the name of the city.

It is probable that nothing will be done on this point pending the result of that conference.

At the meeting of the Western Passenger association today, it was decided to place on May 15, as previously announced.

The existing rates the price of a trip around the world from Chicago is \$600.

Stop-over privileges will be allowed according to the terms of the new tariff.

The tickets were put out on sale at the request of the Southern Pacific.

The association also reached an agreement with the Pullman company to reduce the price of the year-long tourist tickets.

The inauguration of summer tourist rates was made on June 1, instead of May 15, as previously announced.

A resolution was passed fixing a charge for the transportation in baggage cars of bicycles and baby carriages.

The matter was referred to a committee, which will announce its decision by the end of the month.

The committee will also report on the question of the regulation of the regular one-way World's fair rate.

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WILLING TO COMPROMISE

Rio Grande Officials Ready to End the Gate War.

DENVER, Colo., May 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]

President Benhart of the Santa Fe company left St. Louis this morning on his way to Denver. The rumor is that he is coming here with the traditional olive branch, which he will offer Colonel Hooper of the Rio Grande.

A proposition for a speedy settlement of the present rate war is also said to be in the hands of the officials of the other transcontinental lines.

Mr. Benhart is simply on a tour of inspection, and will take no steps toward securing a restoration of rates.

President Jeffords of the Rio Grande and the officials of the other transcontinental lines met upon the Santa Fe grounds this day, but were the simple friends.

It is believed that the meeting will result in a compromise on these figures, and it is likely the other lines will finally agree to do the same.

Nothing New in the Rate War. Chicago, Ill., May 3.—There was nothing new in the passenger rate war, although it is believed that the Denver and Rio Grande will make a still lower rate from Denver to Chicago.

No word concerning the conference between President Benhart and Jeffords was received in Chicago today, and it is probable that nothing will be done on this point pending the result of that conference.

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TRUTH THAT HURTS

Some Sworn Statements Made Before the Court of Impeachment Yesterday.

DORGAN'S MIND SWAYS LIKE A PENDULUM

Sometimes He Forgets Everything and Again He Remembers Too Much.

ROTTENNESS IN THE STONE CONTRACT

State Charged with Almost Five Times the Cost of the Quarry.

CAR LOADS WERE TOO BIG FOR THE CARS

In Two Instances at Least the State Settled for Thousands of Pounds of Stone More Than a Car Could Carry.

LANSING, Neb., May 3.—[Special to The Bee.]—This has been an uneventful day, so far as sensational developments in the impeachment trial has been concerned, though lots of hard work was done, indicating that courts and lawyers are settling down for a season.

Upon the opening of court, the examination of W. H. Dorgan was resumed by Mr. Lambertson, for an hour Dorgan continued to answer questions, but in a guarded manner, evidently fearing that he might drop a word which would be used when he is called before the district court to answer to the indictments found against him.

His reluctance in testifying and