

THREE VICTIMS OF FROST

Thomas Jefferson Beyond Recovery When Found Lying on Sidewalk.

TWO OTHERS ARE IN BAD CONDITION

Taken to the Police Station and Thawed Out—Both About Gone When Discovered by Passersby.

One man was frozen to death Monday night and two others only escaped death by freezing because they were found before the work of the frost was too far advanced. The dead man was Thomas Jefferson, colored, who worked as porter in a saloon at Twentieth and Cassell streets. The other two are George H. Rhodes and Fritz Heitz, both of whom are now suffering intense pain from numerous frost bites, but are out of danger. Both Rhodes and Heitz were unconscious when found.

At 5 yesterday morning Desk Sergeant Patsy Hayes received at the police station a telephone call to the effect that a man was lying senseless on the sidewalk in front of a saloon at Twentieth and Cassell streets. The patrol wagon was sent to that address immediately. When it arrived a few minutes later the victim of zero weather was still unconscious, though he had been carried into the saloon and several men were vigorously massaging him.

It was learned that his name was Thomas Jefferson, a negro who worked at his trade as a barber at 2421 South Twentieth street, but who, during the last few months, had served as porter in the saloon in front of which he had been found.

The men who found him, Ed Mattes and Fred Lunden, say he was lying on his back on the sidewalk within twenty feet of the front door. In his right hand, which was frozen solid, was a ring of keys, one of which was the key to the saloon.

Not Able to Unlock the Door. "I suppose," said Mattes, "that he had been wandering about in the early morning until he got numb, and then thought he'd go into the saloon to get warm, but his hands were so stiff he couldn't turn the key in the lock. Then he turned about to walk away, but being drowsy with the cold, sank to the sidewalk and fell asleep."

Jefferson's employers say he was not addicted to drink and they scoff the theory that he was intoxicated when he fell on the sidewalk.

He was taken to the police station in the patrol wagon immediately, where the police surgeon, Dr. Borglum, worked over him for nearly an hour, but he was so far gone that he died without regaining consciousness. The body was taken in charge by the coroner. It has any relatives living in the city the police have learned nothing concerning them as yet.

Both Hands and Feet Frozen. George H. Rhodes, a collector for the Singer Manufacturing company, 1314 Chicago street, was found stamped by the cold in Riverview park yesterday morning. Charles Anderson, keeper of the park, assisted by his wife, carried Rhodes into their house, where they did what they could to resuscitate him, and then sent a message to the police station.

When Rhodes was turned over to the police surgeon an hour later it was found that both hands and both feet were frozen. These were poulticed and bandaged. It was evident that the victim had been drinking heavily. He was unable to give any explanation of how he came to be in the park. Later in the forenoon his team and delivery were sent to his home near Twentieth and Marcy streets. The team evidently had been wandering about for several hours.

Fritz Heitz, a laborer, was found in a drunken stupor at 3 o'clock in the morning under the Douglas street bridge. His hands and nose were frozen and he would probably have frozen to death in another hour. He had evidently been lying there only a short time when found. He was taken to the police station in the wagon and after being treated by the surgeon was sent to his home.

LOOKING INTO WANTS OF POOR

Police Details Increased and Every Case Reported is Promptly Investigated.

The police department is devoting considerable attention to charity cases these days. Since Monday night the charity squad, which originally comprised Sergeant Dempsey and Detective Heelan, has been reinforced by the addition of three other officers, Woodbridge, Gibbons and Flynn. These are now giving their entire time to the needs of the worthy poor. Arrangements have been made with the keepers of the county store on St. Mary's avenue to honor the requisitions of Sergeant Dempsey, who is in charge of the squad, and the result is that urgent cases are now attended to with the least possible delay.

Dean Campbell Fair, at the head of the newly organized City Charities, sent yesterday for a list of destitute made up by the police. Hereafter the City Charities will work in connection with the police and county authorities.

The police are taking great pains that no suit shall be made out to any case these who are deserving, and to this end every application for alms is being carefully investigated. One appeal for help came from a man who owns three houses, two of which he rents for \$14 a month, occupying the third one. Besides this comparative opulence, the man has steady employment at good wages. The police told him he should sell what he had and give to the poor.

Two cash contributions of \$5 each have been received since Monday. Both were from women of the half world.

PROFESSOR ELY IS COMING

Noted Political Economist Will Be in Omaha Thursday of This Week to Lecture.

Prof. Richard F. Ely, the noted political economist who is head of the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin, will be in Omaha Thursday and will deliver a lecture there that evening. Prof. Ely has been making a tour of recreation and instruction through the west as far as California and facing a few of the cities visited with lectures on present day subjects. He will talk in Omaha under the auspices of the Economic League at the First Congregational church, but the general public is invited to avail themselves of the

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COMMERCIAL CLUB GETS IN

Committee Appointed to Present Tax Question to City Council—Fire Department Recommendations.

Taxation and insurance were the principal themes discussed by the executive committee of the Commercial club Tuesday. The former matter was sprung by a motion of John Steel asking for the appointment of a committee to present to the city council the protest of the club against the assessment of the chartered corporations as fixed by the Board of Review. This motion was amended by W. S. Poppletton, who desired that the committee be clothed with power to take the matter of the tax rate with the council and Board of Education. The amendment of Mr. Poppletton was agreed to and considerable discussion followed on the motion. John Steel and J. H. Dumont taking opposite sides of the question. Mr. Dumont said that having been present before the Board of Review the club should remain out of the council, where persons injured by the inequalities should be heard and not those who desired to raise assessments. The motion as amended prevailed. After the adjournment of the meeting the committee was made up of G. E. McCallister, chairman, and Messrs. E. C. Wright, John Steel and W. S. Wright.

The insurance committee made the following report: Your committee on insurance, to whom was referred the resolution that very satisfactory program to be made in the matter of the fire department, and which committee feels confident that when final report is made that an appreciable reduction will be made in the rates demanded under the new system of schedule rating.

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NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Works of Fact as Well as Fiction for Holiday Buyers.

STORY OF THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD

The Real Captain John Smith—Photography as an Art—The Latin Quarter—Plan for Simple Life—Juveniles.

"Lincoln's Plan of Reconstruction," by Charles H. McCarthy, is a book that will be received with pleasure by students of American history, as it covers a period that has been but lightly touched upon by other writers. Much of the material included in the volume was collected several years ago while the writer was a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania. The researches then commenced were suggested by the lack in political literature of an ample and interesting account of the return of the states. To supply this want the author began the work which is now being carried on until he has been able to write an exhaustive history on the period covering the reconstruction of the old slave states. That the author has been most painstaking in his research no one will doubt who will take the trouble to examine into the vast amount of fact collected from all available sources. The plan adopted for the work is most comprehensive, as will be readily seen from a glance at the different sub-divisions. Chapter I relates the most important political events in the history of Tennessee from its attempted secession to the restoration. Chapters II and III bring the affairs of Louisiana and Arkansas down to about the same time. Chapter IV is concerned with the secession, restoration and dismemberment of Virginia. Chapter V discusses anti-slavery legislation and shows President Lincoln's position. Chapters VIII, IX and X trace the progress of the controversy between the legislative and executive branches of government, culminating in the impeachment of President Johnson. The last chapters bring every part of the narrative up to December 1865. McClure, Phillips & Co., New York.

Everyone who is fond of an occasional excursion into the realms of history will be pleased to learn of the publication of the long-promised "The True History of Captain John Smith," by Katharine Pearson Woods. When the printing presses of the world are working overtime grinding out historical fiction, most of it the worst kind of rot, it is a relief to see a book of real history. Miss Woods has written an exhaustive study of the career of the foremost adventurer of the most adventurous age of human history, and from historical sources on both sides of the ocean has undertaken to construct the first scientific biography of Captain Smith. He has been a hero of fiction, of fiction-historical content and Miss Woods' effort has been to weigh the evidence in every case and to present the facts. The most adventurous and romantic chapter in American and English history is told in an animated and straightforward style. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

The pictorial possibilities of photography are treated from a sane and dignified standpoint for the first time in "Photography as a Fine Art," by Charles H. Caffin. What can be done with the camera is shown, not by theorizing, but by actual examples of the work of the greatest American photographers, lucidly explained and commented upon by the author. The book lays little emphasis upon the mechanics of photography. Alfred Stieglitz is in a subordinate position, and the work is not that of an ambitious worker in this new art what worth striving for and how the masters of the camera attain it. The hundred pictures are in themselves an inspiration to the student, showing the work of such expert photographers as Alfred Stieglitz, Gertrude Kaewler, James T. Kelleys, Frank Knapp, W. B. Dyer, Clarence H. White, and others. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

"Dream Children" is a beautifully bound and illustrated little volume, edited by Elizabeth Browell. An introduction has been furnished by Clara E. Laughlin. It is made up of little sketches of child life taken from the writings of a large number of authors. Among those from whose writings selections have been made are Charles Lamb, E. V. Rieu, and others. James Whitecomb Riley, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry W. Longfellow, Victor Hugo, Eugene Field, Lewis Carroll, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Charles Dickens, George Eliot, Robert Louis Stevenson and others. Bowen-Merrill company, Indianapolis.

There are translations in abundance of the works of the older and perhaps the better known French masters, but of those who have only maintained life in French literature, for some reason, the translators have been sadly neglected. Recognizing this fact, Doubleday, Page & Co. are preparing to bring out a number of French novels of the nineteenth century under the editorship of A. R. Waller. The first book offers the camera is shown, not by theorizing, but by actual examples of the work of the greatest American photographers, lucidly explained and commented upon by the author. The book lays little emphasis upon the mechanics of photography. Alfred Stieglitz is in a subordinate position, and the work is not that of an ambitious worker in this new art what worth striving for and how the masters of the camera attain it. The hundred pictures are in themselves an inspiration to the student, showing the work of such expert photographers as Alfred Stieglitz, Gertrude Kaewler, James T. Kelleys, Frank Knapp, W. B. Dyer, Clarence H. White, and others. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

The Elizabeths are certainly getting more than their share of recognition in these days, for "The Ordeal of Elizabeth" is the fourth book of recent issue with an Elizabeth in the title. The present novel—anonymous by the way—is an all round good one; that is it charms one through a well drawn heroine of more than common character, yet essentially feminine; through a suitable environment, a simple yet well managed plot and a thrilling episode, out of which Elizabeth emerges triumphant. It is a tale of the ever interesting order in which a woman wins the sympathy of the reader. The frontispiece is a portrait of the heroine as imagined by C. Allen Gilbert. J. F. Taylor & Co., New York.

Adelaide Fuller Bell has written a story for boys and girls which she calls "The King's Rubies." It narrates the doing of natural, healthy children, with a little mystery centering around "the rubies," how they came to America and their fortune here. The book is illustrated and attractive in appearance. Henry T. Coates & Co., Philadelphia.

"The Simple Life" is the title of a volume of essays by Charles Wagner. While particularly applicable in France, especially in Paris, "the world's heart of sophistication," where Charles Wagner is carrying out his splendid life, these essays, we believe, should have a reading in every language. As the title and preface indicate, they are a plea for simplicity in life, for simple thoughts, simple words, simple needs, simple pleasures, simple beauty. "An excellent description of

INCREASE IN FIRE FORCE

Nine Men and Much Additional Apparatus to Be Added to Department.

MEETING DEMANDS OF INSURANCE MEN

In Addition to Giving Wholesale District Better Protection, Increase in Rates is Likely to Be Headed Off.

Nine new firemen will be employed by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners January 1. The members of the board have decided to make this increase in the fire department in accordance with the wish of the insurance committee of the Commercial club.

Monday noon Mayor Moore was the guest of the committee at lunch and discussed improvements in the fire department. Under the new schedule of rates, which is in preparation by the insurance committee, the insurance rates of Omaha threaten to be increased materially. Inadequate fire protection was one of the points upon which the insurance people have been basing their claim for an increase in rates. The insurance committee called this matter to the attention of the mayor and explained that the companies feel that Omaha has neither enough firemen nor sufficient fire fighting equipment.

Mayor Moore assured the committee that it is his intention to increase the number of firemen and to improve the equipment of the department. He stated that he has determined to do his utmost to make this improvement in the fire department and that all the members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners are anxious to put the department up to the standard of the departments of other cities of the size of Omaha in numbers and equipment.

A brief meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was called Monday afternoon to consider a protest against a liquor license. As the attorneys for the liquor dealer were not ready to defend their case, the mayor announced that the board would consider the facts which had been laid before him by the Commercial club committee. He explained the fire insurance companies desire that all those companies shall be increased to six men each and that all engine companies have at least nine men each. Nine additional men are necessary to bring the Omaha companies up to this standard and the board immediately decided to employ these men.

It was also explained to the board that the department needs an additional fire engine, some hose wagons and additional hose to bring it up to the standard desired by the insurance companies. The secretary of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners had already been instructed by the mayor to seek bids on this additional apparatus, so no action concerning the new equipment can be taken until the prices are learned.

Thirteen points were charged against Omaha as a basis for an increase in rates. The insurance committee of the Commercial club has protested against seven of the points and feels sure that they will be removed if the committee will send an expert here to examine conditions. The committee expects to remove four of the other points by the improvement which is to be made in the fire department.

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The management of the theater, Messrs. Woodward and Burgess, will take orders at any time for seats, a departure from the usual policy, made in accordance with their expressed intention of doing everything possible toward the brilliant success of the affair.

The members of the committee add to the generous well wishes and substantial responses obtained, a personal request that all citizens of Omaha join in the enterprise. The committee expects to remove four of the other points by the improvement which is to be made in the fire department.

H. S. Daniels, acting manager for Miss Coghlan, arrived in the city Monday and offered his services for whatever preliminary work is necessary. The play selected for the occasion is "Colinette," the latest effort of Henry Guy Carlton.

Plumbers are at their wits end to furnish men to answer emergency calls.

"Every man who knows a stopcock from a steam gauge and which end of a monkey wrench to take hold of is busy today," said a leading Omaha plumber yesterday afternoon. "I now have six men just chasing around from house to house answering emergency calls, and I could use more if I could get them."

"This cold snap came so suddenly and after weeks of such assuring moderation that it caught pretty nearly everybody napping and water pipes went popping like corks at a stag lunch. The steam heating plants suffered some, too, but most of the trouble has been with the water pipes. Had there been a season of cold weather sufficiently prolonged to get the ground well frozen and then a drop such as we have just had the damage would have been greater than it is. Under the circumstances the freezes and burstings were confined largely to the exposed parts."

"And that reminds me that people now are putting in their plumbing with more caution and better judgment than they used to exercise. There was a time when the builders of ever shell frame houses frequently put their bath rooms in the north-west corners of the buildings, which was a very foolish thing to do, as it is there that a house catches the brunt of most of Nebraska's winter storms. Another precaution they have learned to take is to expose pipes less, but some of them still do this and much of the damage done during this present cold snap resulted from such carelessness as leaving cellar windows open."

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