

**PLANT REDUCED TO RUINS**

Steel Works Is Shattered by Explosion of Large Boiler.

**BODIES ARE FOUND IN THE DEBRIS**

One Hundred and Twenty Men at Work When Accident Occurs and More Bodies Are Looked For.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—Three dead, one missing and twelve injured in the result of a terrific boiler explosion at the Black Diamond steel works of Park Bros., on Thirtieth street, today.

The dead:

JOHN WELVIT, aged 32 years.

PATRICK O'CONNOR, aged 25 years.

AN UNKNOWN MAN.

Missing:

John Wilts (he is probably among the killed).

Injured:

Thomas Elliott, aged 23, laborer, three severe scalp wounds.

Albert Gieschick, furnace hand, two fingers blown off and several scalp wounds.

Alex Wasczelo, charger of the furnace, left leg broken and several scalp wounds.

Robert Street, colored, arms bruised.

Valentine Perniski, right leg broken and scalp wounds.

Jacob Chesnolans, aged 23, two fingers blown off and burned about face, head, hands and body.

Isaac Washington, aged 40, heater, scalp wounds and left arm bruised.

William Steinhugh, mill hand, chest bruised and breast bone fractured.

Peter Mikoski, helper, scalp wound and back burned.

John McClosky, helper, face and hands burned.

Munroe Larkins, colored, aged 25, arms bruised and burned.

Joseph Zanic, badly cut and injured about the head.

The injured at the hospital are all doing well, except Steinhugh, whose injuries may yet prove fatal. Reuben Miller, Jr., superintendent of the plant, states that the boiler was examined last week and found in excellent condition. No known cause can be given for the explosion, but a thorough investigation is now in progress.

It was about 4:15 o'clock as the night crew was about to turn over the mill to the day force that four boilers in the ten-inch bar mill No. 3 exploded with terrific force, scattering death and destruction in all directions. The mill was completely wrecked and the debris is piled from fifty to seventy-five feet high. The boiler works of James McNeil, adjoining the Black Diamond mill, were also destroyed. A force of men went to work as quickly as possible after the explosion, searching in the debris for bodies. Five dead and twelve injured have already been removed. The dead have not been identified and the bodies are now at the morgue.

From what can be learned the four boilers were at work as usual, reducing the mill to a heap of burned and charred timbers and twisted iron. There is not a straight piece of iron or steel left in the entire building. Even the bolts in the beams and stringers are twisted like screw nails.

The mill had sixty men on each turn and it is thought that almost 120 men, comprising both crews, were in the plant at the time of the explosion. A few minutes after the boilers let go the big mill was a heap of ruins. The injured and dead were found under wreckage and in the mill yard, where they had fallen in their race for life. The No. 3 ten-inch mill was a big iron-clad structure, built on a steel frame. In the rear of the plant, on Twenty-ninth street, is the big boiler works of James McNeil. One of the boilers went through the Park Bros. mill and crashed into the McNeil plant, almost completely demolishing it.

The only man at work in the McNeil plant was Rudolph Korff, the night watchman. He was found in the plant and taken to the West Penn hospital, badly injured.

One of the boilers went through the roof of the bar mill, soared through the air across Thirtieth street and crashed into the residence of Robert Price at 8 Thirtieth street. It went through the front wall and fell into the cellar, completely wrecking the house. Price and his family were asleep at the time and had to rush to the street in their nightclothes. The other two boilers were blown to pieces and it was these that caused the complete destruction of the mill. The biting cold winds from the river made the rescue work slow and painful.

A meeting of the officials of the plant is now in session and a thorough investigation is to be made.

**DOWIE IS HIS OWN COUNSEL**

Zionist Denies Charge of Tyranny and Says He Abhors Slavery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Dr. John Alexander Dowie talked to his heart's content today in defending the suit against himself for a receivership for his Zion lace industries. He intimated to Attorney Reeves, who was cross-examining him, that he liked to talk, and he was granted permission to lay bare his heart. "Dowie" was the main topic of his story and with much show of higher education, Latin quotations and attempts at witticisms he brought smiles and merriment to his many admirers who thronged the courtroom until they had to be quieted by one of his deacons.

In substance he declared with much emphasis that he was no tyrant, surrounded by hordes of willing slaves. Rather, he explained how he worked tirelessly for the good of his community, sometimes as much as twenty-seven hours at a stretch. He said he abhorred slaves and would allow none to work for him who did not come to him voluntarily. He gave Stevenson's testimony flatly and said that his brother-in-law lied when he quoted Dowie's sister as saying: "Thank God, we are free from that tyrannical rule now."

Admissions were drawn out that Dowie had paid Stevenson \$85,000 on account, but that \$50,000 of this was at once turned over to Dowie's sister, Mrs. Stevenson, who at once gave it to Dowie, it is said, for stock in the lace industries; \$30,000 also was given to Frank Woodward but Dowie insisted that was for debts Stevenson had contracted.

The attorney then drew from Dowie that after parting with his entire business, including lace machinery, patterns and stock, Stevenson got out of the bargain only \$5,000. Then Attorney Reeves tried to show that the entire liabilities of Zion lace industries were \$138,000, including stock, dividends, etc., but Dowie said the conjecture was foolish.

The direct question was then put to Dowie whether he believed that he was Elijah, the prophet, to which he replied that he was willing to express his views, but that they were already on record.

**MAKES A SWEEPING CHARGE**

Attorney in Sullivan Case Believes All Illinois Railroads Rife with Juries.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—"I believe there is not a railroad or street railway in Illinois that does not bribe juries," took me as he was a treat of these corporations—a club—and that Lynch was their clearing house for such corruption.

These sentences figured in one of the climaxes of Attorney C. M. Hardy's speech tonight in the trial of Alexander Sullivan on the charge of conspiracy to keep J. J. Lynch out of the jurisdiction of Cook county courts. The testimony in the case had been concluded during the day and the opening argument for the state was made in the afternoon. A night session was held and Mr. Hardy made an argument for the defense.

It is hoped the case will go to the jury tomorrow night. Attorney Hardy declared persistently against the bribery of juries, but he contended that the practice was without the knowledge of the defendant and that Alexander Sullivan was used as a cloak to conceal the culprit.

This was after some time had been devoted to argument showing that Lynch had no connection with Sullivan in the matter of bribing juries and little communication with him in any way. The statutory definition of conspiracy, Mr. Hardy said, required the engagement of two or more persons. This, he insisted, the state had yet to prove in the case of Alexander Sullivan.

"Keep the bowels active if you would preserve your health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters now and then does this to perfection."

**ANTICIPATE A SETTLEMENT**

Argentine Government Issues a Statement to Quiet Popular Clamor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Official circles are now optimistic and expect a friendly settlement. Rumors that the government is about to yield to Chilean pretensions has produced some popular irritation, says a Buenos Ayres correspondent of the Herald.

A big demonstration was announced for after the lecture of Dr. Zeballos, former Argentine minister in Washington, about the international question. The government thereupon published the following statement:

"The Argentine republic maintains and will maintain its rights. If Chili does not accept the proposal this government will insist upon its acceptance. The people should be prepared for every emergency, as the government is prepared."

**PLAYS WITH WEAPON AND IS INJURED.**

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 20.—The infant daughter of Rev. Jaber was fatally wounded and his arm injured, while playing last evening with a supposed unloaded revolver.

**BIG TRADE IN IMPLEMENTS**

Nebraska Will Interest Jobbers During Next Spring and Summer.

**CONDITIONS GOOD FOR BIG BUSINESS**

Collector Tells of His Recent Experiences and Bases Prosperity Prophecy on What He Has Encountered.

"If the spring of 1902 opens up as well as now seems probable, Omaha will have such a business in implements and hardware as it never experienced before," was the positive statement of a collector for one of the largest farm supply firms in the west as he talked with a former salesman at the Murray hotel last night.

"No wagons or buggies or corn shellers or grinders were sold last fall because everybody had been made economical by the partial crop failure, and the result will be a double demand in the spring that will literally overwhelm the wholesalers and factories. This last year was a real blessing to the many Nebraskans who had sown winter wheat and the condition of the latter is now most promising, for the ground was originally well saturated with the necessary moisture. It is, I have learned, a fact that the rainfall in the western part of this state after last summer's hot siege was finally broken, amounted to about forty-one inches, which is at least one inch more than the total of the fall of the average year. It took the life out of the buffalo grass on which many cattlemen usually wintered, but otherwise it was wholly beneficial and we will all reap the benefit in the spring.

"Another pleasant thing to report now at the close of the year is the security that the collector for implement houses has never since 1892, when I first went into the business, have I known money to be as easy in Nebraska, with the exception of the heavy crop years of 1898 and 1899. Originally my firm had seven collectors on the road for months at a time. Now it has just one. Last July we, like everybody else, felt that conditions were going to be very bad and took precaution to fortify ourselves, but it has proved wholly unnecessary. Our collectors simply goes to our country customer and gets his money at the promised time. Indeed, it is a fact that the principal complaint of my firm is that too many of the country dealers are availing themselves of the discount for cash. And this is true of nearly the whole territory tributary to Omaha, including South Dakota.

"As for the partial crop failure, I am inclined to believe that it was something of a blessing. It reduced the volume of sales some at the time, but those people who patched up their old implements and wagons last fall will have to buy new ones in the spring and in the meantime they have learned the ever useful lesson of frugality and thrift, while the grain they did raise sold at better prices than if the crop had been larger.

**COLLECTOR HAS A SNAP**

"Of course my statement that all a collector has to do is to go call for his money is not applicable in all cases. Last October, for instance, I had to go to the head office of one of the companies that had established good credit by paying cash for many bills of goods, got a large consignment from us and \$3,000 worth from an Omaha hardware firm. One afternoon he held an impromptu closing sale and the lot was left of his stock vanished after dark. We found our bicycles and implements strangely like our own at the homes of some of his friends afterward, but the only satisfaction we could ever get from him was an offer to throw any man that the company sent to see him, and that was the end of our business today we hesitate to prosecute because of the peculiar leniency of Nebraska laws toward those who dispose of goods bought under contract."

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**CHRISTMAS ART**

**THE ILLUSTRATED BEE**

**CHRISTMAS BEAUTY**

HANDSOMER THAN EVER in its holiday magnificence. The Illustrated Bee next Sunday will be far and away the best art supplement ever put out by a daily newspaper. Especial effort has been made to secure only features peculiarly appropriate to the day, at the same time avoiding the hackneyed and conventional types of holiday specialties. This effort has been successful to the extent that The Bee is able to announce a treat for its readers both in respect to the artistic and literary merits of the next number of its Sunday issue.

PROMINENT among the many really meritorious pictures The Bee has published will be found the frontispiece, a beautiful reproduction of a splendid posed photograph made especially for The Bee by one of its staff artists. No finer bit of artistic photography was ever shown than this. Other illustrations of this nature—and they are many—were made especially for it by staff artists. They include pictures of children in groups—little ones with their toys, their games and their work, illustrating perfectly the spirit of Christmas as it is understood by the young folks. People who have no Christmas, those whose necessary toil must go on just the same, form one of the interesting groups. "Whence Ring the Christmas Bells" is illustrated with handsome engravings of well known bellfryers. And these are only a few of the pictures that abound in the splendid number—pictures of persons and pictures of places, but all of timely interest and importance in their relation to the day.

NATURALLY the literary features of the number are devoted to the main to Christmas and topics allied to the day. Probably the most interesting of these will be the article by Mr. Thomas J. Kelly on Christmas Carols. Mr. Kelly has written in his most entertaining style and has furnished a vast fund of most interesting information. An illuminated heads-up and numerous text illustrations make this feature one of uncommon merit. Christmas bells are also treated by Mr. Kelly. Four well known ministers of Nebraska and Iowa, each of a different denomination, have contributed short sermons on the day, affording excellent religious pedagogy as well as intelligent discussion from the doctrinal standpoint. Local leaders of the Salvation Army and Volunteers of America write of the work their organizations do, giving some account of Christmas among the poor. Other matters of more general interest have been treated by special writers, some of them being intended particularly for the children. Along with these Christmas features is the Carpenter letter, this time dealing with the city of Singapore, its people and surroundings. M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr college, contributes an article on "College Women of the Present and Future," a notable addition to the series of special articles for women that has been running in The Bee. All the regular departments of the paper have been looked after with unusual care, so that it can be easily pronounced excellent.

PROFUSELY illustrated in all its departments the Christmas number of The Illustrated Bee is one you cannot afford to miss. It will consist of sixteen pages of handsomely printed pictures and text, with a specially drawn and beautifully illuminated cover in colors.

**OUT ON SUNDAY**

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**KILLS HIS FORMER PARTNER**

Saloon Keeper After Crime Takes His Former Partner's Money and Flees.

POND CREEK, Okl., Dec. 20.—At Lamont, near here, Jim Anderson, proprietor of a saloon, quarreled with his former partner, and shot Faires in the bowels, death resulting instantly. The shooting was witnessed by half a dozen men. As soon as he learned Faires was dead, Anderson took what money the cash drawer contained and made off, hiding those in the saloon at bay with his shotgun.

Drops Table and Flees.

Officer Morris had an unsuccessful chase of two blocks after a man supposed to be one of the party who stole a car. The officer saw a man coming out of an alley near Fourteenth and Dodge streets with a table under his arm. When the officer called to the man to halt the latter dropped the table and ran, with Morris in pursuit. A couple of shots behind the thief gave him a fresh start, and the officer was distressed. The table was taken to the police station.

**ARRESTED FOR A DOMESTIC ROW**

C. C. Shoemaker and Marie Shoemaker were arrested last night for being drunk and starting a row about their home, 1622 Howard street. But for the interference of officers, both would have been renewed at the police station. The woman was badly bruised in the face.

**PICKED UP WITH BATTERED FACE**

Joe Heitfeld was picked up last night near Eleventh and Farnam streets, suffering with a deep gash over his eye, and several bruises on his face. Heitfeld was taken to the police station and his injuries were dressed. He refused to tell who assaulted him.

**PROGRESS OF CHARITY WORK**

Contributions to Relief Fund Steadily and Substantially Increasing.

**POLICE STILL ACTIVE IN THE WORK**

Chief Donahue Says His Department Is Ready to Give Way to Dean Fair's Organization at Any Time.

There has been received thus far by Mayor Moore, Chief Donahue and Captain Iler a total of \$311.15, to be used in charitable work, a large part of which has already been expended for food, medicine, clothing and coal. It is estimated that 500 families in the city are now receiving aid of one kind or another.

The subscriptions received by the mayor heretofore reported amounted to \$99. Within the last twenty-four hours this sum has been increased as follows: George W. Liningner, \$25; Levi Carter, \$20; Cackley Bros., \$10; Isaac Kahn, \$10; Annie Williams, \$10; cash, \$10; Mrs. Augustus Erickson, \$1; P. J. Creedon, \$1.15; cash, \$1; C. C. Cannon, \$2; J. D. Howe, \$5; cash, \$1; Mrs. Helen Grigor, \$5; Joseph Redman, \$1; I. R. Andrews, \$5; James Brooks, \$1; P. J. Moran, \$5; W. B. Ostrander, \$5; Sam Nelson, \$5; John T. Kern, \$5; Ed Peterson, \$2; Louis Williams, \$5. Total, \$225.50.

Four sacks of flour, three of cornmeal and a peck of beans were received at the police station yesterday morning from the store of the W. R. Bennett company.

"We need more clothing for children and women," said Captain Iler. "The greater the number of children who have received their share of clothing for men or boys. In several cases we shall have to buy new shoes and under-clothing for destitute women and children."

"The plan of the police department in reference to charity is to continue the work until some organization is ready to relieve the City Charities," said Chief Donahue. "I think the City Charities will be in a position to do that in the course of a week or so, though I've had no consultation with Dean Campbell Fair on the subject."

In very few cases has money been given to destitute families direct. The police relief squad makes a practice of ascertaining what each family stands in the most urgent need of and then makes the purchases itself. If provisions are needed, these can usually be supplied from the county store; if clothing, an attempt is first made to fit them out from the supplies of second-hand garments at the police station, and if this cannot be done cheap and substantial articles are purchased from the relief fund. There was one expenditure from this fund for hack hire yesterday morning, the vehicle being used to convey Carrie Burt from the Klondike hotel to the station and second-hand garments, 1505 Binney street. This young woman, who expects to become a mother in a few weeks, has been destitute and seriously ill at the hotel for more than a month.

Dean Campbell Fair, at the head of the City Charities, acknowledges receipt of the applications made by letter, said he, "and some of them were illegible. Applicants not hearing from the City Charities should write again, or call in person."

**TEACHERS GO ON VACATION**

Several Hundred of Them Will Visit In Other Cities During Holiday Season.

Last evening several hundred of the teachers in the Omaha schools left the city to spend their Christmas vacations. More than 200 members of the teaching corps applied for the credentials necessary to secure the reduced rates offered to teachers and pupils. At the close of the schools yesterday afternoon the teachers called at the city hall for their warrants and said goodbye to their friends.

Miss Clara Cooper, principal of Forest school, will spend the holidays in Chicago. Miss Anna Hutchins, principal of the Franklin school, will visit at Manoketa, Ia. Miss Myrtle Seymour of Omaha View school will visit at Topeka, Kan. John King of the High school will spend part of his vacation in Chicago. H. M. Benedict of the High school goes to Lincoln. Miss Mintia Cooley of Windsor school will spend the vacation in Missouri.


Hunter Shoots Himself.

CLARINDA, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram)—While hunting near his home at Hawleyville, Page county, this afternoon, William Horton was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun, the contents of which entered his breast, causing instant death. He was about 35 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

Without Must Go to Penitentiary.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The supreme court has overruled the appeal for a new trial in the case of G. A. Wilhous, who was sentenced for life in the penitentiary for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Thomas Walsh.

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A third line of excellent pure worsteds and all wool cassimere suits, that sold regularly at \$10 and \$12.50, now marked \$7.50.


A special line of pure wool vicuna overcoats, cut long and full, with or without yokes, sold earlier at \$10 and \$12.50, now marked \$7.50.

Youths' and boys' overcoats, cut long and full, with broad shoulders, sizes 5 to 14, at \$2.75, \$3.75, \$5.00, \$6.75, and \$7.50. Youth's overcoats, sizes 15 to 19, at \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$10. Boys' suits, that were \$3.00, now \$1.50.

Continuation of the great Trouser Sale, inaugurated this week. The trousers were made to sell from \$4.50 to \$12.00, we offer them at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$6.50, all sizes, 30 to 50 waists.

READ GREAT SALE ON PAGE 7.

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"I have always thought it worth while to warn the cook, wherever I happen to be, to make the Postum properly, that is, by boiling it long enough. Please do not print my name."  
"This person lives in Pasadena, Cal., and the name will be given on application to the Postum Co., at Battle Creek, Mich."



**MOTHERHOOD**

Is a natural instinct which shows itself in the girl as soon as she is big enough to play the mother to her doll. Unfortunately the womanly health does not always keep pace with the motherly instinct, and when real motherhood comes it often comes to mothers who suffer intolerably during maternity and who are unable to nurse the weak-lings which their bodies have produced in their arms.

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