

SOUTH SIDE MAN FATALLY BURNED

F. W. Matthiessen, Proprietor of Auto Repair Shop, Burned When Blow Torch Explodes.

DIES LATER AT HOSPITAL

F. W. Matthiessen, proprietor of the South Omaha Auto Tire Repair shop, 621 North Twenty-fourth street, South Side, was fatally burned yesterday morning at 9:30, when a plumber's blow torch with which he was working blew up, enveloping him in a mass of flames. First aid appliances were made by Dr. J. J. Humpal, but he had been burned to a crisp in several places about the legs, chest, arms and stomach. He was rushed to the South Omaha hospital in the police ambulance, where he died during the afternoon.

Matthiessen had been pumping air in his blow torch too hard, it is said, and just as he was making ready to repair an inner tube, the bottom blew out, spraying him with a mass of flames and gasoline.

Fred Brockman, a visitor at the shop, witnessed the explosion and threw his coat about the burning man. In frenzied haste, his whole body a mass of flames, Matthiessen rushed into the street, loudly calling for help. A moment later he pitched headlong into the printing shop of Butler & O'Brien next door. Butler threw a heavy quilt about his body, smothering the flames, but not until he had been fatally burned.

Coming from Fremont a year before, Matthiessen set up a repair shop and has maintained it since. Telephone calls to Fremont, where his relatives live, brought the information that they were out of town. A brother, John, in Waboo, was also notified. He was a middle-aged man, about 45 years of age, and was well liked. He was the South Side agent of the Manhattan Oil company. William O'Brien, proprietor of the print shop, was severely burned on the right arm when Matthiessen rushed into his shop a few moments after the explosion. He was attended by a doctor and is unable to leave his bed.

George Says Water Board Will Give Him the Service

J. E. George advised the city council that the Water board agreed to create a water district in a new addition south of Dundee without requiring payment of additional money for connecting the "dead ends" on Howard street.

Having failed to get satisfaction from the Water board Messrs. George brought the matter to the city council last Tuesday, but in the meantime the Water board made the necessary arrangements for the service requested.

Special Trains to Bring New Subjects

The Union Pacific will run a special train from Fremont next Monday night, when the live wires of that city will come to Omaha in full force to learn of the mysteries of the Isle of Pep at the Ak-Ska-Hen deer exposition. Equipment will be provided for the accommodation of 500 persons.

That the Fremonters may have plenty of time to meet old King Ak, it has been arranged to have the train leave Fremont at 6:15 in the evening, reach Omaha at 7:30, and return, leave at 11:30 o'clock.

The same evening the Northwestern will run a special train from Dodge, bringing persons from intermediate stations. Joe Reicher and practically all the main population of Dodge will be here. Reicher is to put on his exhibition.

Could Not Walk with Rheumatism. A satisfied patient writes: "Sloan's Liniment cured my rheumatism, am grateful; I can now walk without pain." Only 25c. All druggists.—Advertisement.

French in Market for 25,000 Horses

A French contract for 25,000 war horses will be filled at the local stock yards horse market within the next few weeks. The order came in Wednesday and local horsemen are scouring the country for all available horses.

The trade in the horse market has been excellent during the winter and there are good prospects for a full year's order coming. The exacting requirements of the French buyers make the picking of the steeds slow.

Just Slips Through the Ground When at Work



ONE OF THE BIG MACHINES THAT TURNS FOUR WIDE, DEEP FURROWS AS IT PASSES.

DOESN'T NEED MANY ORDERS

Salesman of Ladies' Waists Overwhelmed When He Finds the Line Companion Sells.

LIKE TO WORK FOR THAT FIRM

A spick and span young traveling man, wearing a shepherd's plaid suit and a kaleidoscopic tie, sat down beside Cyrus E. Morton in the lobby of the Pontenille. Morton is a quietly, but richly dressed gentleman with gray hair and he carries a cane.

"Well, how's business?" inquired the variegated youth.

"Why, I don't think I can complain about business conditions," said Mr. Morton.

"I called on eleven houses this morning and got an order of each," enthused the young man. "Pretty good, eh?"

"Yes, that seems to indicate prosperity," said the quiet man.

"Make the small towns, do you?"

"Well, no, I really don't do much in the smaller places."

"Booked anything here?"

"No, I haven't booked a single order. In fact, I have booked only one order since I started on this trip four weeks ago. That was in Baltimore."

"Only one order? Why, say, I've been on the road this trip not quite three weeks yet and I have over \$10,000 of orders. Business sure is quiet with you. Don't the house kick?"

"No," said Mr. Morton, with a hint of a smile, "they seem satisfied."

"Say, I wish my people were that way. I'd loaf all the time, you bet. I get a holler out of 'em as quick as I let down on the orders."

"Some firms are that way, I presume," acquiesced Mr. Morton.

The enthusiastic youth eyed the other in wonder for a moment. Then he said: "Say, my line's ladies' waists. What is yours?"

"Steamships," said Mr. Morton solemnly. "I booked an order for three big vessels in Baltimore."

"Oh," gasped the salesman of ladies' waists. And soon he disappeared in a daze, moving weakly in the direction of the bar.

Traveling Man's Experience.

"In the summer of 1883 I had a very severe attack of cholera morbus. Two physicians worked over me from 4 a. m. to 5 p. m. without giving me any relief and then told me they did not expect me to live; that I had best telegraph for my family. Instead of doing so, I gave the hotel porter 50 cents and told him to buy me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and take no substitute. I took a double dose according to the directions and went to sleep after the second dose. At 5 o'clock the next morning I was called by my order and took a train for my next stopping point, a well man, but feeling rather shaky from the severity of the attack," writes H. W. Ireland, Louisville, Ky. Obtainable everywhere.—Advertisement.

IMPROVERS FAVOR THE WIDENING OF 24TH STREET

The Southwest Improvement club has taken hold of the proposition started by the Omaha Real Estate exchange of widening Twenty-fourth street to prepare for the day when it is to be the principal street of the city. At a meeting Wednesday night the secretary was instructed to request the city commission to appoint a city planning committee, which should work upon the proposition.

City Employes Have Their Pay Boosted

The city council ratified a resolution by Mayor Dahlman, increasing the salaries of Deputy City Clerk Primeau and A. E. Patten, Emil Hofmann and Margaret Boehhoff of the city clerk's office.

MAN WHO HOLDS DOG IS BITTEN ON THE CHEEK

Dr. Walker of the Vienna hotel, 181 Farnam street, took out a dog belonging to another guest at the hotel, for an airing. The dog soon began to act strangely. Walker sat down and took him in his arms. The dog snarled and bit him severely on both cheeks.

Walker hurried to the police station with the animal. Arriving there the dog lay down on the floor and began to foam at the mouth. He then jumped up and ran into the establishment of the Scott Tent and Awning company. He was captured and locked up in a room at the Vienna hotel. The dog will be killed and its body examined to see whether it was mad. Walker was attended by Police Surgeon Shook.

PLANS GOING AHEAD TO CARE FOR LETTER CARRIERS

The National Association of Civil Service Employees has already begun arrangements to entertain the National Association of Letter Carriers while the latter are in Omaha for their national convention during the early part of September. A huge public mass meeting is being planned to be held in the Auditorium on the evening of September 5 for the welcome of the delegates to Omaha for the convention, which begins September 6. Prominent speakers are being secured.

NEBRASKA AUTO ASSOCIATION IS TO MEET IN BEATRICE

The fifth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Automobile association will be held at Beatrice, August 17, at 2 p. m. The business meeting will be held at the Commercial club rooms and in the evening a luncheon will be given by the Gage County Automobile club.

Governor Morehead will drive his car to the meeting and give his views on "Good Roads." Congressman Sloan has promised to attend and talk on "Federal Aid."

FINED FOR DRIVING JITNEY WITHOUT ANY LICENSE

Paul Maloney, 601 Pierce street, was fined \$1 and costs in police court for operating a jitney without a jitney license. This is the first arrest occasioned by the discovery that several owners of machines have been hauling men to work in the early hours of the morning, before they themselves sought their regular daily toll. By not operating their cars as jitneys during the remaining portion of the day, it is asserted that they thought it permissible to avoid taking out a jitney license.

LOW OVERHANGING TREES MUST BE KEPT TRIMMED

The city commissioners intend to enforce a city ordinance which prohibits branches of trees to overhang sidewalks lower than eight feet. Many complaints are being received at the city hall.

Cashes Pay Check and Loses Money Out of His Pocket

J. J. Dore, 125 North Twenty-eighth street, South Side, railroad employe and father of six small children, cashed his monthly pay check at the Brandeis bank and a few moments later noted that \$90 of the money had slipped out through a hole in his pocket. He had one dollar left. Dore is a widower, his wife having died about a year ago. He has two children in a local orphanage and at the time he lost the money was shopping with his eldest girl.

The family have no means besides the father's income.

MRS. FLORA R. CUMMINGS DIES AT SIXTY-TWO YEARS

Mrs. Flora R. Cummings, aged 62 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. F. Schonlau, 428 Parker street. Funeral services will be held at this afternoon at 2:30 with interment in Forest Lawn cemetery.

IMPROVERS WANT ANOTHER CITY CHARTER CONVENTION

The West Leavenworth Improvement club has requested the city council to call another home rule charter convention. This proposition will be discussed by the committee of the whole in a few weeks.

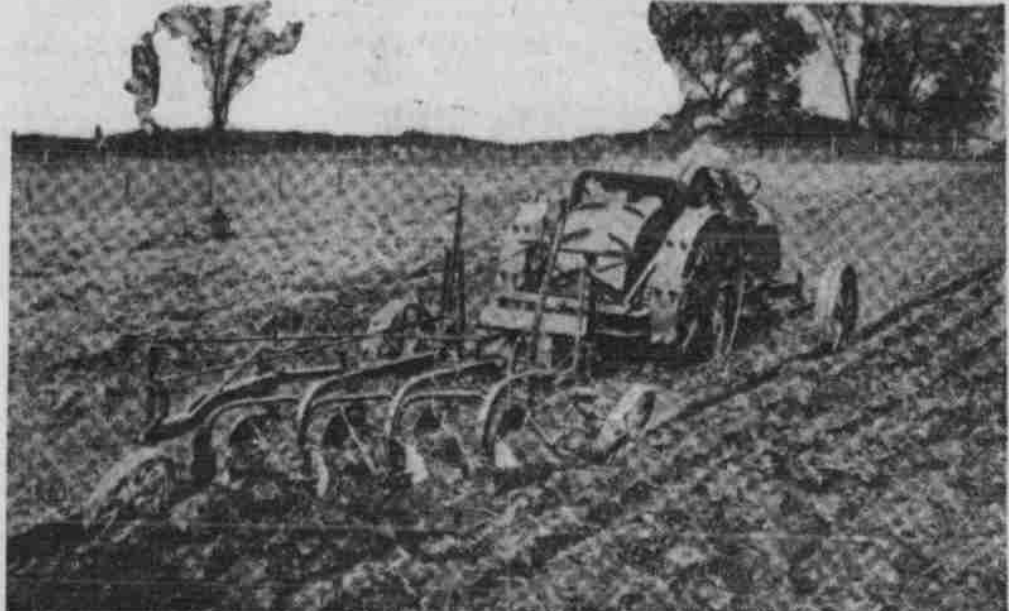
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