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VILLAGE DESTROYED

AT LEAST THIRTY LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST.

WAS DONE BY AN AVALANCHE

Catastrophe Overtakes the People at Early Hour When Without Warning Slide Occurs.

Buckingham, Ont.—Half of the little French hamlet of Notre Dame de Salette, sixteen miles from here on the Lievre river, lies buried under a sliding mountain and at least thirty of its small population are known to have perished. The hamlet has no telephone or telegraph and it is not on a railroad. Meager bits of news of the disaster come in by messenger from the physicians and other rescuers who were hurried there when the first calls for aid came in the early morning.

The river Lievre winds at the foot of the hamlet and a mountain towers behind it. Spring rains for days past have been melting the snow and ice on the mountain and streams have been coursing down the river. At 5 o'clock this morning, just as the little hamlet began to stir for early mass, part of the mountain started to slide toward the river. It tore a path of death and destruction for its way and those who were not killed when their homes were engulfed were left buried under the mass of rock and earth.

Camille La Pointe's house stood first in the path of the avalanche. He and his family of eleven are known to have perished. Eight others whose names have not been obtained are known to be missing and in the panic the rescuers are attempting to find definitely how many more are missing.

Mrs. Des Jardin's cottage also was swept away and she, with her two children, a domestic and a hired man, are known to be buried in the landslide.

De Salette, like many hamlets of its kind, rambles into gardens and little fields on the mountain side, so about half of a was not in the path of the avalanche.

The sliding mass rushed with a roar and spread fanlike over part of the place and dumped itself in the swollen stream at its foot.

Cut off from the outside world, messengers were dispatched to Poupere, the nearest hamlet. Those who arrived first estimated that at least a dozen houses were crushed in the path of the landslide. Buckingham was appealed to but the flight of the messengers across the spring roads was slow. Those first on the scene found De Salette in a panic, with the uninjured packing their belongings for a flight.

Latest reports from De Salette make the number of known dead thirty, of which eleven bodies have been recovered. In all twenty houses were engulfed in the slide.

HALF MILLION DOLLARS GONE

Securities Taken from Foreign Mail Bags Bound for America.

London.—The London postal authorities have learned that two bags of mail from this city containing securities and other valuables worth \$500,000 were stolen in New York in the latter part of last month. According to reports received here, one of the bags was destined for St. Louis and was shipped by the Majestic, which arrived in New York on March 26, the other, destined for Brooklyn, was shipped by the steamer Philadelphia, which arrived at New York March 29. Both bags disappeared in transit between the steamers and the postoffice.

Thirty Thousand Thrown Out.

Spartanburg.—The closing down of the cotton mills of North and South Carolina July 1, which was decided upon at a meeting of representatives of all mills here will throw 30,000 or more people out of work.

Deliver Temporary Chairman.

Washington.—A report is in circulation that United States Senator J. P. Dilliver (Ia.) will be selected by the republican national committee as temporary chairman of the Chicago convention.

Thurston One of Speakers.

Washington.—The fourth annual dinner was held at the League of Republican State clubs of the District of Columbia, was held at Masonic temple. The speakers included former Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska.

Instructed for Foraker.

Washington.—Senator Foraker tonight received telegraphic advice that the republican convention of the Sixth district of Mississippi had, at Gulf port, elected two delegates to the Chicago convention and instructed them for him.

Bogus Whisky May Come In.

Washington.—By a ruling which has been arranged between the departments of state, justice, treasury and agriculture, whisky manufactured abroad and alleged to be misbranded under the American pure food law, may be allowed to come into the country, after which it will be subject to the adjudication of the courts under that law. This ruling is a reversal of the former regulation which made it possible to hold up such shipments before they entered into the market of this country.

NAVY SHOULD BE ENLARGED.

Senators Urge Necessity of Providing Ships.

Washington.—Arguments in favor of the president's program for four battleships consumed most of the session of the senate Friday. Senator Piles (Wash.) opened the debate, declaring that the Asiatic situation affecting the Pacific coast was a menace to that section, as war clouds might quickly rise there over some clash between Americans and the Japanese. He wanted a fleet kept in the Pacific. Mr. Hale laid before the senate a statement of battleships and other features of the American naval program, which he said showed that as large a fleet as is now in the Pacific can be kept there and at the same time there would be ships for a still larger fleet for the Atlantic.

Senator Beveridge concluded the debate for the day with a strong appeal to senators to vote for four battleships. He was constantly engaged in exchanges of words with other senators. He insisted that peace and not war would be promoted by building up the navy.

"We are here with responsibility for legislation equal to the president's responsibility," said Mr. Aldrich when the senator from Indiana referred to the president's program of four battleships as the number he would build. Insisting that Mr. Beveridge state the size of the navy he would have the senator from Indiana said he would prefer five or six new ships this year and that next year we could see what would be desirable.

Mr. Beveridge reminded the senate that "the president is the greatest peace-maker in the world." Was it not possible, he asked, that he had today the same idea of promoting peace by asking for four battleships as when he brought about a cessation of hostilities between Russia and Japan.

Mr. Beveridge made a strong appeal to the senate to make no mistake and do what he said the American people desire to provide an adequate navy to help maintain peace.

DE CHAULNES IS DEAD.

Son-in-Law of Theodore P. Shonts Dies Suddenly in Paris.

Paris.—In the presence of his bride of less than three months, Emmanuel Theodore Bernard Marie d'Albret de Chaules and his wife, the daughter of the Duke of Dangeau, died suddenly from heart failure at 11 o'clock Thursday night in his apartments in the Hotel Langham, in the Rue Bocador. The physicians summoned to attend the duke in his sudden seizure officially gave the cause of death as embolism of the heart.

The Duke of Chaules and the duchess, who was Miss Theodora Shonts, youngest daughter of T. P. Shonts of New York, were married in New York February 16 of this year. The wedding was a brilliant social function and the end of the brief honeymoon was sudden and tragic.

TWO HUNDRED DEAD.

Tornado Sweeps Across Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

New Orleans.—Belated reports have swelled the total number of deaths by tornadoes in Mississippi, Louisiana and to 225. Mississ shrdletaocmfvetacmf Alabama to 225. Mississippi apparently suffered most, but poor communications kept the full extent of the disaster from becoming known. The death list was suddenly swelled by nearly 100 additional victims in Purvis and McLaurin, Miss., towns previously listed from. The first reports indicated that four-fifths of the victims were negroes, but the later reports showed an increasing number of whites.

Appeal to Government.

Chester, Pa.—A committee of the board of trade and representatives of the striking conductors and motor-men formerly employed by the Chester Traction company have arranged to go to Washington Monday to see if the interstate commerce commission and labor can take any action with reference to the street car strike situation in this city. It is believed that the interstate commerce commission can look into the matter and arrange difficulties.

Helie Greets Mme. Gould.

Naples.—Mme. Anna Gould arrived from New York on board the steamer, Frederick der Grosse and was met in the harbor by Prince Helie de Sagan, who arrived in England a few days ago and hurried hither to welcome Mme. Gould. The steamer came into the harbor at 6 o'clock in the morning and the prince was one of the first to go on board. He rushed to Mme. Gould's cabin, met her at the door, lifted his hat and kissed her hand. The prince refused to be interviewed or make any statement.

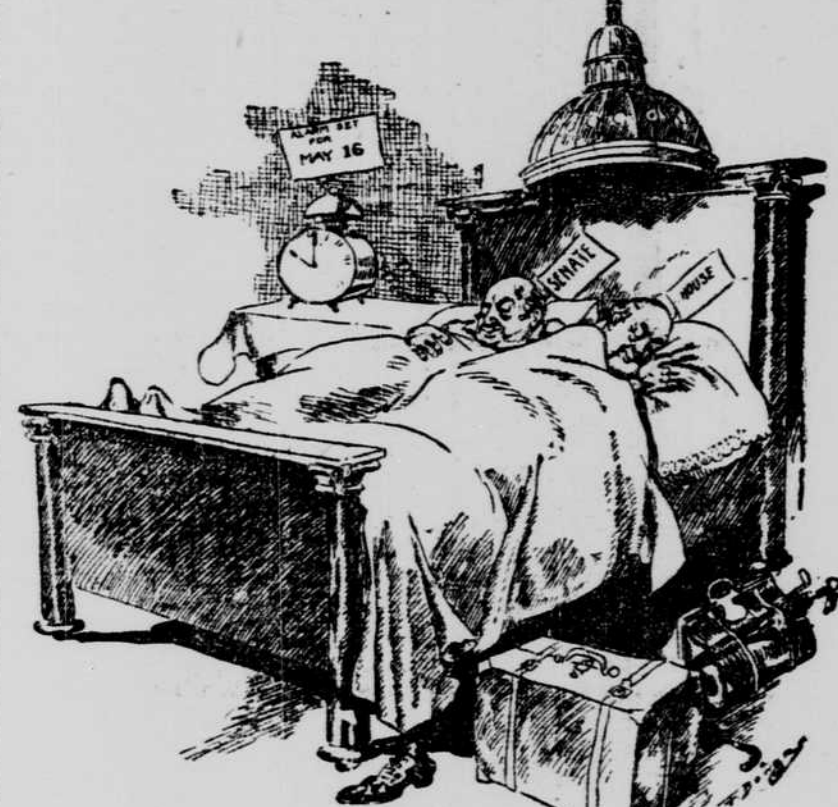
Associated Press Officers.

New York.—The board of directors of the Associated Press before their final adjournment re-elected all the present officers.

Taft to Hasten to Panama.

Washington.—As the result of deliberations at the cabinet session it was determined that Secretary Taft should go to Panama. He will sail April 30 from Charleston, S. C. A number of questions between the United States and Panama, and between Panama and Colombia will be negotiated during the secretary's stay on the isthmus. It is said to be necessary that the concessions the United States obtained from Panama provided for in a protocol should be embodied in a permanent treaty.

SETTLED DOWN FOR ANOTHER SLEEP.



Date of Adjournment Fixed.

TORNADO DOES MUCH DAMAGE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL.

BESIDES SOME LOSS OF LIFE IS REPORTED.

Elements Ravage Portion of Thurston County, Nebraska, Destroying Much Property.

Pender, Neb.—A destructive tornado averaging about thirty rods in width struck the farm of Richard Wacker, six miles southwest of her about 12:30 Thursday, completely wrecking the house, carrying with it seven members of the family and the hired man, who was the only one seriously injured.

A mile north at the home of Emil Magnuson, his wife and two small children and the aged mother of Magnuson were eating dinner. The house was lifted into the air and strewn all over the farm. The 1-year-old child was killed, the aged mother was picked up a quarter of a mile away among the debris almost lifeless. She will die. Other members of the family were bruised almost beyond recognition.

One mile further the home of John Glover was demolished, all but the house, which was badly damaged. The barn was taken up and some of the house was found a half mile away. On the next farm was Henry Glissm, where two large barns were completely wrecked and blown away, mowing his grove down as if by a sickle.

Following in its path was the farm of Henry Semar, where lived his reuter, Henry Schaefer. Here the house was torn into fragments, hardly a piece being left whole. The barn and cribs were all swept away, killing several horses and other stock. Crossing the railroad on its northeasterly direction, the storm passed Pender at the east, hardly a quarter of a mile. It wrecked the home of Lan James on the reservation.

Further along the house and barn of Jacob Karp were completely swept away. One-half mile further was Claus Swanson, whose house and other buildings were also wrecked. The next was William Kelly, whose fine house and barn was taken up to the bottom. Further over to the north was the house of Albert Nash, east of the village of Thurston. His buildings were also swept away, where the whirling billows spent their force.

Paris Banker Suicides.

Paris.—Fritz Perruga, brother-in-law of Leopold de Rothschild, who is prominently identified with the Anglo-Jewish association of London, committed suicide Thursday in his apartments at the Grand hotel here. His motives for killing himself are not known, but it is reported that he had lost heavily through speculation in the companies promoted by Henri Rochette, who recently was arrested in Paris on the charge of swindling on an enormous scale. Mrs. Perruga conducted a banking business in London.

Iowa Woman in the List.

Washington.—The result of the election to fill vacancies in the list of vice presidents general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was announced Friday. The successful candidates include Mrs. W. E. Stanley, Kansas, and Mrs. D. W. Bushnell, Iowa.

Masked Men Make Big Haul.

Bandana, Ky.—Four masked robbers, after taking possession of the Cumberland Telephone exchange and beating the operator into insensibility, compelled Assistant Cashier B. H. Hans of the Ballard County bank of Bandana to open the safe for them. The robbers got \$3,000.

Mayor Speer Nominated.

Denver, Colo.—Mayor Robert A. Speer was renominated by the democratic city convention. He had already been nominated by the Business Men's league. The election will take place May 19.

Deliver Starts for Iowa.

Washington.—Senator Dodge left for his home at Fort Dodge Thursday. He will spend a day or two in Chicago and then go on to Iowa to deliver a number of speeches in behalf of his colleague, Senator Allison.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AFFIXES HIS SIGNATURE THERETO.

Opinion Asked for and Received From Attorney General That Measure is Constitutional.

Washington.—President Roosevelt on Wednesday signed the employers' liability bill upon receiving an opinion from Attorney General Bonaparte that the measure was constitutional.

The bill makes railroads or other common carriers while engaged in interstate commerce, liable for the injury or death of an employee if the injury or death results, in whole or in part from the negligence of any of the officers, agents or employees of such carriers, or by reason of any defect or insufficiency of equipment. This provision is made applicable also to carriers in the territories, the District of Columbia, the Panama canal zone and other possessions of the United States.

It is provided that in any action brought under the provisions of the bill, the injured employee shall not be held to have assumed the risk of his employment in any case where the violation by the carrier of any statute enacted for the safety of the employee contributed to the injury or death of the employee. Any contract, rule, regulation or device to enable the carrier to exempt itself from liability under the act is rendered void by a specific declaration to that end. Provision is made, however, that the carrier shall receive credit for any contribution made to the employee or his family in the form of insurance, relief, benefit or indemnity. An action for the recovery of damages must be commenced within two years from the date of the cause of the suit.

In his opinion the attorney general indicates that the bill is confined in its scope to "common carriers by railroad" as distinguished from the act declared unconstitutional by the supreme court which embraced "all common carriers engaged in interstate commerce and foreign commerce." The attorney general then shows through court decisions and constitutional interpretations that this restriction does not make the act repugnant to the constitution, but is in line with state statutes which have been upheld in the highest tribunals.

EX-PREMIER IS DEAD.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Passes Away in London.

London.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, former British premier, died at his official residence, 19 Downing street. The end was peaceful. The premier had been unconscious most of the time during the last two or three days and his sinking was gradual. A few hours before his death telegrams were dispatched to King Edward, who, with Queen Alexandra, is visiting the Danish royal family at Copenhagen; the prince of Wales and the cabinet ministers.

Sir Henry's final illness dates from February 12, when he last appeared in the house of commons and moved the closure of the Scottish land bills, although he had been ailing since November 13, 1907, when he participated at an entertainment in honor of Emperor William at the Guild hall.

Nebraska Soldiers Paid.

Lincoln, Neb.—Governor Sheldon received a warrant on the government treasury for \$5,227 to be distributed among the officers of the Third Nebraska regiment which served in the Spanish-American war under command of Colonel W. J. Bryan.

May Veto Naval Bill.

Washington.—President Roosevelt will veto the navy appropriation bill should the senate, as did the house, fail to make any appropriation for the two battleships which are authorized in the measure. The prompt announcement of this fact to the senate leaders is regarded as responsible for the announcement by Mr. Hale that he would propose an amendment appropriating \$7,000,000 towards the construction of those ships. The president stated his position on this point with usual emphasis.

NEWS NOTES

FOR THE BUSY MAN

Most Important Happenings of the World Told in Brief.

IN CONGRESS.

Senators Piles and Beveridge argued earnestly for four new battleships, the former urging that a fleet be kept in the Pacific.

The house passed more than a thousand pension bills.

Representative Lilley admitted to the special house committee that his charges against the Electric Boat company were based on rumors.

Senator Piles of Washington proposed an amendment to the naval bill increasing from two to four the number of new battleships to be authorized. An amendment to the bill was adopted appropriating \$7,000,000 to begin construction on the two battleships authorized by the bill as it was passed by the house.

The house adopted the senate joint resolution authorizing the attorney general to file suits against the Oregon & California Railroad company for the forfeiture of all or part of 2,800,000 acres of land grants in the western part of Oregon.

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Speaker Cannon's resolution providing for an investigation of the paper trust was adopted by the house by a strict party vote. The speaker then announced the committee of six to conduct the inquiry, as follows: Mann (Ill.), Stafford (Wis.), Ryan (N. Y.), Miller (Kan.), Bannan (O.), and Sims (Tenn.).

President Roosevelt signed the employers' liability bill after Attorney General Bonaparte had declared it constitutional.

The house committee on banking and currency voted to lay on the table the financial bill offered by Representative Vreeland of New York as a substitute for the Aldrich bill, and decided to report favorably the bill introduced by Chairman Fowler, providing for a currency commission.

The house by a party vote upheld Speaker Cannon's summary action in squelching the filibusters.

PERSONAL.

William D. Haywood was dropped from the employ of the Western Federation of Miners.

Secretary of War Taft is preparing to go to the Isthmus of Panama in May.

Rev. Russell J. Wilbur, who left the Episcopal church for the Catholic, was deposed from the former by Bishop Grafton of Fond du Lac, Wis.

A writ of habeas corpus was granted at White Plains, N. Y., by Justice Morschauser on application of Harry K. Thaw.

Rev. Dr. Russell J. Wilbur, former dean of the Chicago cathedral, left the Episcopal church and entered the Catholic church.

Ferd Warner, member of the house of delegates of St. Louis, was convicted of bribery by a jury and sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary.

William Cooke, husband of Grace MacGowan Cooke, the well-known author, fled suit for absolute divorce charging desertion.

Preliminary steps were taken for the release of Harry K. Thaw from the insane asylum by habeas corpus.

Gov. Deneen granted reprieve to June 12 to Herman Bilik of Chicago, condemned poisoner.

GENERAL NEWS.

About 225 persons, mostly negroes, were killed and nearly 800 were injured in a tornado that swept over parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Dozens of small towns were wrecked.

The battleship fleet sailed from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara for a five days' stay.

Capt. F. B. Hart, a Minneapolis attorney who severely criticised the Minnesota supreme court, was disbarred for six months.

Many buildings in Eagle River, Wis., were shattered by the explosion of 600 pounds of dynamite in a burning warehouse.

T. A. McIntyre & Co., members of the New York stock, cotton and produce exchanges, with branches in many cities, failed for about \$1,000,000.

An attempt was made to burn the Allis-Chalmers plant at West Allis, Wis.

Burglars dynamited the safe of Solon Kugler's store in Pinckneyville, Ill., taking about \$1,600.

Joseph Miller, a wealthy oil operator of Butler, Pa., was shot by a burglar.

Winston Spencer Churchill, just made president of the board of trade in the Asquith cabinet, was defeated for re-election to parliament from Manchester.

Charles D. Pierre of New York, a prominent engineer, committed suicide by inhaling gas.

Tornadoes in Texas, South Dakota and Nebraska resulted in several deaths and great destruction of property.

The Illinois Democracy adopted the unit rule and instructed its delegates to the national convention at Denver to vote for William J. Bryan and to "use all honorable means" to secure his nomination.

President Cabrera of Guatemala is authority for the statement that 18 of the ringleaders in a conspiracy against him have been shot to death and that probably more executions will follow.

The supreme court of Illinois handed down an opinion holding that the local option law which was passed by the legislature last year is constitutional in every respect.

Mouris Bengston of Belvidere, Ill., dangerously wounded Miss Sigrid Appleholm, to whom he was engaged, and then committed suicide.

Four men were killed by an explosion in a coal mine at Ellsworth, Pa. A hundred others narrowly escaped death.

Fire destroyed nine business blocks in the town of Richmond, Va.

The murder of a policeman in Lublin, Russian Poland, was followed by the arrest of 300 workmen in local factories where the police found stores of arms, ammunition and melinite bombs.

A remarkable woman's rights petition has been received by the Russian duma from the Mohammedan women of Orenburg province, demanding that the Mohammedan deputies take steps to free them from the "despotism" of their husbands and give them their share of the privileges granted by the emperor to the people.

The North sea and Baltic treaties were signed by Germany, Holland, Sweden, France and England.

Residents of Skidoo, a California mining camp, lynched Joseph Simpson for murder.

Fire at Cape May Point, N. J., destroyed a dozen buildings, the loss being over \$100,000.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., with Capt. Fitzhugh Lee, the president's military aide, and Capt. Chandler of the signal corps, in charge of the experiments with army balloons, made an ascension from Washington, landing safely near Wilmington, Del.

Six hundred editors and publishers gathered at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York to attend the joint banquet of the Associated Press and the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

Two men were killed, several injured and the electric light plant in Waukegan, Ill., destroyed when a huge fly wheel broke from its shaft.

The village of Mosinee, Wis., was reported to be surrounded by forest fires and in great danger of destruction.

Representatives Tawney of Minnesota and Chaney of Indiana were injured in a street car collision in Washington.

Nine men were killed and 15 hurt when a work train was wrecked near Laquila, Pa.

The home for rich women reduced to needy circumstances, built and furnished by the widow of Charles Osborne, the Wall street banker, was dedicated at Rye-on-the-Sound, N. Y.

Harvard defeated Annapolis Naval academy in the eight-oared shell race.

Father J. H. Kiel of Holy Name parish, near Hamel, Minn., was drowned while out rowing.

Two new White Star line steamers, which will be the largest vessels yet projected, will be laid down at Belfast next June.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Aurora High School Loss Settled. This certifies that we have this day received from Mr. W. C. Wentz, Agent for the Nebraska Underwriters Insurance Company of Omaha, Nebraska, a draft for \$2,850.00 which sum added to the amount realized from said company from sale of materials from old building, \$150, makes a total amount of \$3,000, being the full face value of Policy No. 13115 on the brick High School Building in Aurora which burned April 5, 1908.

We wish particularly to commend the Company for the promptness of the settlement in adjusting this loss, and this Board is especially pleased to know that a Nebraska Company is first to make payment of the loss on our High School Building.

I. N. Jones, Pres. of Board of Education. C. W. Wood, T. A. McKay, H. Cole, O. Gunnarson, L. A. Steinberger, Members of the Board of Education.

A good deal of the state was very wet and down by rains last week.

The Missouri Pacific is preparing to fix the tracks all along its line.

Dr. Walden, a prominent dentist of Holdrege, suicided last week by taking poison.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at St. Paul in the interests of securing better prices for grain.

Thirty girls of Wymore, ranging in age from 12 to 17 years, have organized a military company.

The outlook now is that there will be but one town in Gage county this year where intoxicants can be secured.

The first serious hail storm of the season struck Adams county. Considerable damage was done to blossoming trees.

Charles Adkins, the young man in jail at Nebraska City, charged with forgery, was let off on his promise to go and sin no more.

State Health Inspector Wilson returned from Miller, where he went to inspect smallpox conditions. One case was discovered.

Archie, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Granscom of Box Elder, Red Willow county, died from lockjaw, the result of a horse kick.

Secretary Mellor of the State Board of Agriculture, has been sending out a circular relative to the state fair races, August 31 to September 4, inclusive.

The Beatrice Board of Education disposed of the new \$50,000 school bonds to the Bimphus Stephens company of Detroit, Mich., at a premium of \$2,000.

A telegram from Representative Hinshaw says that in the public building bill to be reported to congress Fairbury has been provided with a public building.

Dr. John Creighton, pastor of the Presbyterian church at York, has just closed seven years' successful pastorate with the church and will move with his family to Arizona.

At Kilgore, twenty-two miles west of Valentine, Max Francke, a man of about 55 years of age, living in a claim shanty, was found burned to death just a few rods from his house.

The four meat dealers of Grand Island, complaints against whom were filed by the Nebraska state food commission, have pleaded guilty to the unintentional violation of the pure food act.

The union evangelistic campaign in Lyons, conducted by Rev. Milford H. Lyon, closed with nearly 600 conversions. Six thousand people thronged the big tabernacle at the three services.

Near Osmond L. J. York and son Earle were burned to death. They had been plowing in a field three miles north of Osmond and led their horses close to a straw stack and then took shelter there. A bolt of lightning killed five horses, the animals falling on Mr. York and his son. The stack was set on fire and Mr. York and his son were burned to death.

The Empire Insurance company of Denver has written the insurance department asking about the license of agents in this state. The company says it intends to cover the state with insurance by giving the same to their customers as advertising. The insurance department answered that only agents of authorized companies would be licensed in Nebraska.

Group Four, Nebraska Bankers' association has been called by President Carson Hildreth of Franklin to meet in Hastings on Wednesday, May 6. Mr. Hildreth says this will be by far the most interesting and important meeting ever held by this association.

Blancet S. Hayden celebrated his ninety-second birthday anniversary at his home in Nebraska City, where he and his wife entertained all of the members of his family and a large number of friends. He is a well preserved man and attends to business.