

FIRE IN KANSAS CITY

BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING BADLY DAMAGED.

Buggy and Piano Warehouses Also Burned—Total Loss May Be Over Half a Million—\$3,000,000 in the Bank Vault is Safe.

The entire downtown retail district of Kansas City, Mo., was threatened Friday night by a fire which started in the rear of the three-story brick building of the Columbus Buggy Company on Walnut Street, near Tenth, destroying this building and the adjoining building occupied by the Kimball Piano Company and the Lettinger Brothers Manufacturing Company and badly damaging the National Bank of Commerce building.

Later estimates of the loss even though the Commerce building be saved place the total loss at \$380,000.

The vaults of the National Bank of Commerce are uninjured.

The fire started before 10 o'clock and burned fiercely for two hours. The Columbus Buggy Company's building and the building immediately south, occupied by the Kimball Piano Company, were very inflammable and the firemen were powerless to check the flames in these buildings. The stock of the Columbus Buggy Company, too, fed the flames, and all of the available firemen and fire apparatus in the city were busied in preventing the spread of the fire to the large buildings on each side. It was impossible, however, to prevent the spread of the flames to the Commerce building on the south and the offices on the first, second and third floors were badly damaged by fire and water.

The Commerce building is one of the finest office buildings in the city and the lower floor is occupied by the National Bank of Commerce, the largest financial concern in Kansas City.

The stock of the Lettinger Bros. Manufacturing Company, which occupied a portion of the Kimball building, was entirely destroyed. This firm dealt in dental supplies.

A representative of W. S. Woods, owner of the buildings destroyed and damaged, and president of the National Bank of Commerce, said that the loss on the buildings would be \$150,000. The loss of the Columbus Buggy Company, according to one of its managers, is \$100,000.

The entire loss is estimated at \$350,000.

FOR BLOWING UP STATION.

Suspected Assassin is Wanted for Independence Outrage.

Sheriff Edward Bell, of Teller County, Colo., telegraphed the sheriff at Caldwell, Idaho, requesting him to hold the prisoner identified as Harry Orchard on a warrant charging him with murder committed in Cripple Creek, Colo., should the charge of assassination of former Gov. Steunenberg, of Idaho, not be pressed against him.

Orchard is accused of having blown up the Independence station on June 6, 1904, killing fourteen non-union miners and seriously injuring a number of others. It is said that he fled from the Cripple Creek district immediately after the explosion and has since eluded the Colorado authorities, though he has been traced through that state to New Mexico, Old Mexico, British Columbia, Wisconsin and Idaho.

PUT TO DEATH.

Cuban "Witches" are Executed in Havana Prison.

Domingo Lecourt, an old negro, and Victor Molina, a mulatto, were garroted at the prison at Havana, Cuba, Friday. Both men were regarded as "witches" by their associates. Their crime was the hideous murder of a white baby for the purpose of procuring the heart of a white female child, which the "witches" prescribed as a cure for barrenness. The child's body was found, smoked and salted, weeks after the crime had been committed.

BOY CONFESSES TO CRIME.

Kills Another Youth and Puts Body on Railroad Track.

William J. Moran, of Chicago, aged 19, confessed Friday to the killing of Robert Callier, aged 17, during a quarrel, after which Moran says he placed Callier's body on the railroad track in the hope a passing train would hide the evidences of his crime. The accidental discovery of the body before the train had passed disclosed the fact that Callier had been killed by a pistol bullet.

Corbett May Quit Diamond.

Joe Corbett, the once great pitcher, is reported to be in bad shape at San Francisco as the result of an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. Although yet a young man, it is unlikely that Corbett will ever be seen on the diamond again.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.10@4.80. Top hogs, \$5.22 1/2.

Explorer Francis Mercier Dead.

Francis Mercier, who gained fame as an Alaskan explorer, is dead at Montreal, Can. He was 68 years of age. When Alaska was ceded to the United States Mercier was connected with the preliminary negotiations.

Indian School Burns.

The Indian industrial school at St. Pauls, eight miles below Winnebago, Man., was burned Thursday night. The loss is \$36,000. All of the pupils escaped without injury.

MORE IN THE TOILS.

Wholesale Raid on Hazing Middles at Naval Academy.

An Annapolis, Md., special says: Thursday's proceedings before the court-martial which is trying Midshipman Worth W. Foster, of New Albany, Ind., for the alleged hazing of Midshipman Chester S. Roberts were of interest, as not only were some new forms of hazing explained, but the number of witnesses who sought to be excused from answering questions on the ground that they would incriminate themselves indicate how thoroughly the practice of hazing has permeated the institution.

The court ruled that a midshipman did not incriminate himself by stating that he was present during a hazing if he did not actually take part in its himself, but even after this explanation several midshipmen asked to be excused from answering questions, saying that they would incriminate themselves if they answered.

The record of Wednesday's proceedings in Decatur's case was verified and some small changes were made in the record of Midshipman Tremor Coffin's trial. The court then took up the case of Midshipman Worth W. Foster, of New Albany, Ind., who is charged with hazing Midshipman Chester S. Roberts. It is alleged that between the middle of October and December Foster hazed Roberts by compelling him to stand on his head, to hang from the clothes locker and eat under the table.

Mr. Theall, Foster's counsel, objected to the indefinite nature of the time alleged for the commission of the acts. He said that he was not able to properly prepare a defense when the time was so uncertain and asked that the judge advocate be compelled to specify more exactly. The court was cleared to consider his request.

Foster pleaded not guilty to the charge and all the specifications.

KISSES FOR PIANIST.

Rubenstein Played While La Touraine Fought Waves.

The enthusiasm of one woman over Arthur Rubenstein, the young Russian pianist, who arrived at New York on the French liner La Touraine, assumed such proportions that Mr. Rubenstein was almost carried from his feet, when a tall and beautiful creature robed in ermine from head to foot, who also had been a passenger on La Touraine, rushed to him just as he was leaving the pier and, throwing her arms around his neck, kissed him. Her example was followed by several other women on the pier. They said it was just to show their appreciation of the young musician's heroism in sitting for an entire day at the piano while La Touraine was buffeted about by the high seas and winds, thus soothing the frightened passengers.

Never was such a marvelous piano concert given. It was a striking side incident of the storm which La Touraine encountered all the way from Havre to Sandy Hook. The gale was the worst in the experience of Capt. Fajolle, or any member of his crew. The violence of the wind was so great that six passengers were severely injured.

SEIZE RIGA FACTORY.

Workmen Soon Surrender and Deliver Up Leaders.

A dispatch from Copenhagen Thursday says the workmen who seized the Provodnik rubber factory at Riga Tuesday surrendered and delivered up their leaders to the commander of the troops. The prisoners will be tried by court-martial.

Riga advices state that about 5,000 armed workmen, before daylight Thursday morning, invaded and took possession of the Provodnik rubber factory. The revolutionists killed the policemen guarding the building and the detachment then crept into an adjoining structure where a patrol of dragoons was asleep, and murdered eight dragoons, six stablemen and wounded eleven others.

EJECTED FROM WHITE HOUSE.

Woman Fails to Get Audience with President and Creates a Scene.

A Washington special says: A woman giving her name as Mrs. Miner Morris, handsomely attired, aged about 50, was carried screaming from the White House executive offices Thursday afternoon by two secret service officers.

Woman Insisted on Seeing the President upon a Matter with which he has Nothing to do, and when informed to that effect she became demonstrative, and the officers were forced to eject her.

The woman was taken to the house of detention, but no charges have been filed against her.

Convicts Indicted for Murder.

At Jefferson City, Mo., a special grand jury Wednesday returned indictments charging murder against Convicts Ryan, Vaughan and Raymond. The men are the survivors of the attempted escape from the penitentiary on Nov. 24, when Guards Clay and Allison were killed and the main gate dynamited.

Catholic Singers Barred.

Archbishop Moeller, of Cincinnati, O., has played havoc with the plans of two Zanesville churches by ruling that Catholic singers may serve only in their own churches and not for Protestants.

Woman and Children Burned.

The home of Benito Sanchez at Tremontia, sixty-five miles from Las Vegas, N. M., was burned Thursday morning and Mrs. Sanchez and her 4-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son perished.

Great Horror.

Vice Consul Wallace, at Managua, has cabled the state department at Washington under Wednesday's date, that a terrible earthquake has occurred in Nicaragua, and it is reported to him that Masaya has been ruined by the eruption of the volcano San Diego.

Steamer Disabled.

A message received at San Francisco from Port Reyes says that the disabled steamer City of Pueblo is being towed to that port by two steamers.

TORNADO IN GEORGIA.

Houses Wrecked and Several Persons Killed at Albany.

A tornado of terrific force passed over Albany, Ga., at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon, coming from a southwesterly direction and spreading ruin and desolation over portions of a dozen blocks. Several persons are dead, others will die as the result of injuries, and many are more or less seriously hurt. The known dead are Ben Jones, a negro machinist in the employ of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company; Jake Johnson, a 9-year-old colored boy.

Among those whose injuries probably will prove fatal are Lula Gladden, Jessie Davis, Annie Davis and Josie Woodale.

The list is still incomplete owing to the fact that much of the destruction wrought was well beyond the city limits. Reports from the tornado after it left Albany have not been received. Hundreds of negroes in the city are homeless and many have lost their household effects.

The total property loss will reach \$100,000. The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company is the principal sufferer, its destroyed buildings and machinery having been worth \$60,000. Very little of the destroyed property was protected by tornado insurance. The Southern Bell Telephone Company is among the heaviest losers. Its lines are down.

A tornado passed over the western part of Jacksonville, a small town in east Texas, Wednesday night. The house of William Walton, containing a family of five, was lifted from its foundation and carried into the street, seriously injuring all of the occupants. Five other residences also were destroyed, but the occupants were not hurt.

FIGHT ALL DAY.

The Troops Under President Morales Attack Puerto Plata.

Advices received Wednesday from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, say the troops of fugitive President Morales under command of Gen. Rodriguez, attacked Puerto Plata at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The fighting, which was severe, lasted until 5 o'clock in the evening, when the besieging force retired. A number of men were killed or wounded on both sides.

The Rodriguez forces, which were massed outside of Puerto Plata, were, when these advices were forwarded, preparing for another attack on the place.

A portion of the population of Puerto Plata has declared in favor of Morales. Street fighting has occurred, the supporters of Morales shooting from the windows of their houses at the troops.

READY TO AID THE JAPS.

Rojevstevsky Says British Would Have Attacked Fleet.

The remarkable allegation that the British fleet was held in readiness to destroy the Russian fleet if the battle of the Sea of Japan had gone in Russia's favor is made by Admiral Rojevstevsky in a letter published at St. Petersburg Wednesday, with the permission of the minister of marine.

Referring to the absolute secrecy of Admiral Togo in regard to the disposition of his forces, Rojevstevsky declares that "this was unknown even to the admiral of the British fleet, allied with the Japanese, who concentrated his forces at Wei-Hai-Wei, in expectation of receiving orders to annihilate the Russian fleet if it was beyond the power of the Japanese."

WANTS SENTENCE INCREASED.

An Iowa Ex-Mayor Fears He Will Injure Prosecutors.

At Billingham, Wash., E. E. Kelso, under eight months' sentence in the county jail for obtaining money under false pretenses, asks that his sentence be changed to five years because he fears that when he is released he will do violence to those who prosecuted him. He says he is entirely the victim of misunderstood circumstances. He is a graduate of the University of Indiana, was reform mayor of Bedford, Ia., in 1884, and was prominent in politics at Guthrie, Okla., later. He came to the northwest in search of health and worked as a millwright. Although a lawyer he has not practiced for some time.

Two Skaters are Drowned.

The finding of the bodies of John A. Ritchie, aged 21, of Stoneham, and Grace Holden, aged 19, of Wakefield, Mass., in Lake Quannapowitt disclosed a double drowning which occurred during the night. Ritchie and Miss Holden went to the lake to skate. Their failure to return during the night caused searching parties to drag the lake.

Fifteen Hurt in Wreck.

Fifteen were injured, some fatally, in a rear end collision between freight trains on the St. Paul railroad at Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Wednesday. The men were asleep in the caboose of the first train when in the darkness the locomotive of the second train crashed into the caboose.

Fitz Will File Suit.

Leon Friedman, of New York, manager and personal representative of Bob Fitzsimmons, announced that the pugilist would begin a suit against Maj. Charles J. S. Miller, of Franklin, Pa., for \$100,000 damages on a charge of having alienated the affections of Mrs. Fitzsimmons.

Slain by Assassin.

At Pabianec, Russian Poland, the prefect of police was assassinated Wednesday.

Kiss Not Careless, but Assault.

A kiss is an assault. So decided City Prosecutor Emilie W. Holmes, of St. Paul, Minn., who caused the arrest of C. B. Muller on complaint of Miss Mary A. Leuder, who says Muller stopped her on the street and caressed her. Muller pleaded guilty and signed a peace bond.

Costly Fire at Harrisburg, Ill.

At Harrisburg, Ill., fire destroyed the east half of the public garage and caused a loss of \$60,000. The postoffice building and fixtures were badly damaged.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

More Lillie Case Letters—New York Man Writes "Nebraska Pete" Confessed to Committing Crime—Alleged Murderer Drunk at the Time.

There is a good deal of speculation among Lincoln citizens, who have been interested in the case of Mrs. Lena Margaret Lillie, as to the origin of two letters which have purported to come from persons who know that she is not guilty of the crime. Friday one was received by a Lincoln paper alleging that the writer had committed the crime and had come forward to tell the truth about the murder, while Sunday Gov. Mickey disclosed another letter received nearly two months ago by Mrs. A. D. Beemer, in which it is alleged that "Nebraska Pete," a roamer in one of the cheap Mills' hotels in New York had confessed, while drunk, that he had committed the murder and tried to kill Mrs. Lillie. The letters are in totally different handwriting, although about equal in illiteracy. The one printed Friday was written in a large, round hand on note paper, while that made public at the executive office as written in a much smaller hand on a piece of yellow wrapping paper. One thing which attracted attention was the shape of the letter "K," which is similar to that used as the "telegraphers' K." The letter was dated Nov. 5 and was enclosed in an ordinary newspaper wrapper with a page from a Sunday paper with a lurid account of Mrs. Lillie's industry in making fashionable gowns for the society women of Lincoln. The superscription is, "Mrs. Beemer, Lincoln, Neb."

It is not believed the letters could have been written by the same individual, but they are not wholly at variance. The letter of Nov. 5 states that "Nebraska Pete" said that he was going west and the letter printed Friday was dropped in a Lincoln mail box, so far as the marks indicated. The writer alleges that the man would kill him if he knew of the letter writing.

The amount of money stolen at the time of the murder was slightly in excess of \$300. The statement of the letter that \$1,800 was taken tends to cost discredit on its authenticity.

Judge Hamer, the attorney for Mrs. Lillie, expressed his surprise and suggested that cranks may have written the letters, although he suggested significantly that crazy people sometimes commit murder.

He refused to make any reply to a query as to whether he contemplates further efforts to secure a rehearing in the case. It is generally believed, however, that such an application will be made early in the year.

DIPHTHERIA AT BEATRICE.

Father of Dead Child May be Prosecuted for Not Reporting Case.

Diphtheria Saturday caused the death of a child in the family of John Herman, a Christian Scientist, at Beatrice. The matter was reported to the health authorities, who learned that two other members of the family have been ill with the disease for a week and that no quarantine had been established on the home. Dr. Baker, one of the secretaries of the state board of health, immediately notified Dr. Spaulding, of Omaha, state health inspector, of the prevailing conditions, and he will make an investigation, with a view to prosecuting Herman for his failure to report the cases.

Want Railroad Extension.

A well attended meeting of the business and professional men of Shelton was held last week to discuss plans for securing the extension of the Missouri Pacific Railway from its present terminus at Prosser across the Platte River to Shelton and committees were appointed to use their influence with the company with this end in view. As Shelton is the most central point for another line it will be a great benefit for both the farming community and the company to furnish the southern outlet.

Chasing a Panther in Nebraska.

Henry Mowrer Tuesday morning brought word to Lyons that large panther had been seen on his place three miles west of there. A hunting party was organized. The animal was soon located and led the hunters a hot chase to the jungle on the Indian reservation, where the pursuit was halted to await the arrival of reinforcements.

Railroad Fireman Fatally Hurt.

Fireman F. W. Kraft was run over in the yards at Alliance Tuesday and had both legs and his right arm so badly crushed they had to be amputated. He will not live. He was riding on the tank of an engine backing to the round house, when, in some way, he fell and went under the wheels. Kraft is 21 years of age, single and lives at Howard Lake, Minn.

Norfolk a Health Resort.

Norfolk is about to advertise as a health resort. Where else in a city of 5,000 people has the month of December brought not one single death? There were thirteen births, eight males and five females. Doctors and undertakers say that this has been the most phenomenal record ever reported to them in America.

Educators Meet at Hastings.

The Central Nebraska Educational Association and the Central Nebraska High School Declamatory Association will hold their next joint annual meetings in Hastings on April 4, 5 and 6. The time and place were selected at a conference of the officers of the two associations.

Gage County Marriage Record.

The marriage rate in Gage County is on the increase as shown by the records in the county judge's office at Beatrice. In 1904 225 marriage licenses were issued, while in 1905 there were 265.

No Developments in Murder Case.

There are no new developments in the Saunders County murder case at Fremont, and the positive statement of Mrs. Charles Pierce that the dead man is not her brother, Thad Browning, makes the affair a deeper mystery than ever.

Failure at Osmond.

The general merchandise store of G. W. Mitchell, of Osmond, has been closed. Mr. Mitchell making a bill of sale to Sioux City wholesalers for the benefit of creditors. It is said his liabilities are from \$6,000 to \$7,000.

FIRE AT WEST POINT.

Residence of Charles Zeng Burned, Causing a Loss \$1,000.

Just before noon Sunday the dwelling house of Charles Zeng, located in the Third ward at West Point, caught fire from a defective flue, and, together with its contents, was totally destroyed. The loss on the building is about \$1,000; on furniture, \$500; no insurance. The property being beyond the reach of the city water works, the destruction was complete.

The material improvements made during the last year throughout Cuming County generally, and especially in the city of West Point show a wonderful growth and development of that portion of Nebraska. Over fifteen large, modern houses have been erected in town, and an equal number are projected for the coming season, while in the country it is difficult to count the number of new farm houses of the best class that have been erected, besides innumerable fine barns and other substantial farm improvements.

BULLET LOCATED BY X-RAY

College Student Accidentally Shot

Roscoe Herrell, a college student at Wayne, sustained a serious wound by an accidental shot from a revolver in the hands of a companion the other evening while at his room. He had just taken the weapon from his satchel, laid it upon the table and was stooping over when his companion, not knowing the revolver was loaded, accidentally discharged it. The bullet struck Herrell just above the hip, yet it is not considered a fatal wound.

Dr. Williams was summoned, but was unable to locate the bullet. The young man was taken to Dr. Leiserring's, where an examination by X-rays was made, but the bullet could not be located. A photograph was taken in the hopes of discovering it, as the doctor believed it had entered a bone and would be found. After the photograph was developed the bullet was visible in the hip bone.

STILL UNIDENTIFIED.

Body of Man Killed in Saunders County Not Identified.

The body of the man killed in Saunders County Sunday morning was brought to Bader Bros.' undertaking rooms in Fremont and viewed by a large number of people, several of whom are of the opinion that the man was in Fremont Friday or Saturday.

Charles Pierce, a brother-in-law of Thad Browning, is quite positive that the body is not that of Browning. Another party, whose reputation, however, is not the best, claims to have "taken in the town" with the murdered man Thursday evening and says that both were drinking heavily, but claims to know nothing of him since. The officers have spent three days tracing clues without having anything to show for it.

Sale of Physicians' Practice.

A physician who sells his practice to another may not resume practice in the same field as a competitor of the man to whom he sold, if an understanding exists between them that the retiring physician is to quit. This was determined in the district court at Norfolk by Judge Boyd in the case of an injunction brought by Dr. Baker, of Madison, against Dr. Montgomery, of the same place. It was alleged in the petition that Dr. Montgomery had sold his practice to Dr. Baker and had agreed to quit the field. The injunction asked for was made perpetual.

Worthless Checks Show Up.

Three checks, one of \$100, one of \$5,000 and one for \$25,000 showed up at the First National Bank at Fremont for collection from an outside correspondent, drawn on the bank and purporting to be signed by P. H. Barber. No person of that name had a deposit there or was known to the bank officials. It is believed that the party who drew them did not realize anything on the two larger checks, though he may have on the smaller one. The blanks had evidently been obtained from the bank at Fremont.

Big Elevator Changes Hands.

A Hastings special says: It is announced that negotiations have practically been closed by which the Harroun grain elevator at Elwood, Kan., probably the largest wooden structure of its kind on the Missouri River, will soon pass into the control of W. H. Ferguson and William Nash, the latter of Chicago. The elevator has a capacity of 500,000 bushels and is now being refitted with modern machinery.

Prosperous Elevator Company.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Farmers' Elevator Company was held at Alliance Tuesday in the county court room. The yearly report shows that a large business has been done and the company being operation this year in splendid condition. Officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Killed Calf and Sold Hide.

J. F. Glagey, who resides west of Plattsmouth, reported that someone had killed one of his calves and after removing the hide left the carcass near the road. Later he learned that two boys had sold the hide to a butcher in the city for \$1.75. The boys claim that the animal was dead when they found it.

Jewelry Falls.

At Pawnee City the W. C. Kern jewelry store was Tuesday locked and the keys turned over to Sheriff Martin. Mr. Kern has been in the jewelry business at Pawnee City for over twenty-five years and was supposed to be in good financial standing. No official report of the indebtedness can be secured at present.

Village Bonds Sold.

The village of Bancroft has sold \$20,000 worth of 5 per cent semi-annual bonds to the Bankers' Reserve Insurance Company, of Omaha, at a premium of \$700. These bonds were voted for the purpose of erecting a new brick school house in Bancroft.

Young Woman Seriously Hurt.

Miss Derby, aged 18, from Ottumwa, S. D., has seriously injured in Norfolk as the result of stepping off a moving train through the mistaken idea that a railroad crossing, where the train had stopped for a moment, was the railroad station.

Bound Over to District Court.

Ed Norris, a resident of Beemer, was arrested Monday at West Point on a peace warrant on the complaint of Julius Madrowsky and was bound over to the district court in default of \$800 bond.



Saturday the Aetna Indemnity Company filed suit in the district court at Lincoln against City Detective Malone and Chief of Police Cooper and three of the men recently arrested for the Chapman bank robbery for \$124.12 taken from the persons of the suspects. The plaintiff charges that it had issued an indemnity policy to the Chapman bank insuring it against loss by burglary and that on Nov. 27 the bank was robbed of \$2,475 which the insurance company was obliged to pay. The petition alleges the arrest of the men, Nov. 20, by Detective Malone, who found the amount sued for on the persons of the men. This money, it alleges, is now in the possession of the chief of police and the city detective, and demands that the sum be turned over to reimburse the company for the amount paid on the indemnity bond. The police officials have been holding the money pending some action by the court making disposition of it, in order to secure their claim of \$600 reward offered for the capture of the men, and the suit brought is regarded as an effort to defeat their claim.

Representative Joe Burns found a large gold nugget in the crow of a Christmas turkey sent him by John Wall, of Arcadia and he believes that his find proves the existence of gold in the Valley County hills. It is believed that the turkey picked the metal on John Wall's farm in the neighborhood of Arcadia. It is suggested that the present find bears out the story sent from St. Louis a few months ago that chickens sent to the market from that section of Nebraska were found to have gold in their claws. Once before that it was reported that gold had been found in the sandy region which cuts through the southwestern part of that county, along the course of the Middle Loup, which rises in Hooker County. Geologists have maintained that gold exists in the Platte River gravels in small quantities, but that is accounted for by the origin of the stream in the Rocky Mountains, while such an explanation does not fit into the valley county story.

State officials who have talked to Superintendent Greens concerning the accident which resulted in the death of Mrs. Julia May, of South Omaha, say that the officials of that institution were not to blame. The woman was lined up with the other inmates when a sudden impulse seized her and before the attendants could interfere she had climbed out on the fire escape at the third story and jumped to the ground. Her death was due to paralysis induced by a fracture of the spine. The asylum authorities make an effort to keep all of the windows closed to prevent any efforts of patients to throw themselves out, but in this instance there happened to be one open within reach of the woman. Land Commissioner Easton believes that the accident was wholly unavoidable.

The attorneys for the plaintiff in the suit against the directors of the old Capital National Bank for money lost in the failure have filed motions in the supreme court asking that the bills of exceptions on which the cases were taken to the supreme court be quashed because of defective authentication and failure to attach the exhibits. The point raised in the case is the same as that on which the supreme court based its decision in the suit of the state against the Bartley bondsmen. The bill of exceptions in the pending suit was prepared in several volumes and the proper certificates were not attached to each of them by way of authentication. It is now urged that the failure to properly authenticate requires that the entire bill be quashed.

The announcement of the final results in the recent corn growing and cooking contest shows that there are some boys in the state who can cook. Charles Metzger, the first on the list of Pawnee district No. 20, received a score of 99.2. His chef d'oeuvre was a fruit cake in an ornamental carton, woven of vari-colored cornshucks. The cake was left in the possession of Deputy State Superintendent Bishop and excited considerable favorable comment from visitors to his office. At the banquet given the visiting school children at the time of the contest, the cake occupied a place of honor in the center of the banquet hall.

Prominent educators of the state, led by State Superintendent McBrien, are making an effort to induce the board of managers of the board of agriculture to establish a regular educational exhibit at the state fair in order to provide for an adequate display of the results obtained throughout the state. It is believed that the collection of exhibits bearing on education will have the result of extending proper methods of instruction and give impetus to the general movement for pedagogic reform.

The heart of Adj. Gen. Culver was gladdened by the receipt of information from Kearney that nearly enough money had been received to build an armory for the National Guard. He understands that the structure is to cost about \$40,000. The plans for the new armories were promised for Saturday, but the architect has encountered further delays in the preparation of his drawings. Gen. Culver expects Lincoln to follow Omaha in contributing a site for a memorial armory.

The Nebraska commission to the Lewis and Clark exposition, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution expressing its thanks to the newspapers, the officials of the exposition, the state university, the railroads, the commissioners of Douglas County and Thomas H. Kimball, the architect of the Nebraska pavilion, for assistance rendered in making the exhibit of the state at Portland a success.

President Mellor, of the state board of agriculture, has been informed that the date of the next state fair, as determined by the International Association of Fairs and Expositions at its recent meeting, will be from Aug. 3