MARK TWAIN. KING OF HUMOR

COMPREHENSIVE ESTIMATE OF HIS GREAT GENIUS.

HE DIED OF A BROKEN HEART

"The King Is Dead, Long Live the King"-A Kindy Philosophy, Droll Fun and Pathos - His Optimism Cheered Millions of Hearts.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

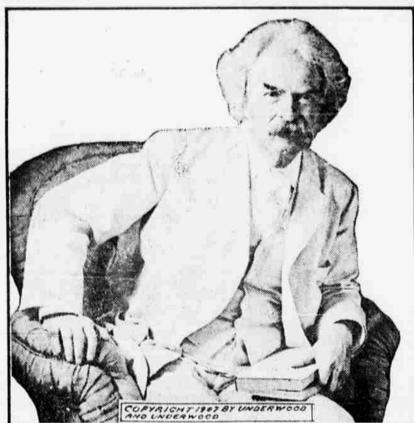
ARK TWAIN is dead! The king is dead-long live the king! But there is no heir, either apparent or presumptive. The throne of humor, whose kingdom was the world, is empty. The scepter that swayed the universal heart-the pen-lies idle at last. The empire of laughter and also of tears which this king of the writing craft founded and which he fostered for nearly fifty years is become as whirling dust in the abyss of the things that were. Only here remains the heritage

rather be the author of "Tom Sawver" than all of his own works.

"The Innocents Abroad." of course always will be associated with Mark Twain's name as one of his most characteristic books, but that may be because it was his first big work and won for him the fame and the forhe pleased.

Mark Twain's name was Samuel Langhorne Clemens, but it was used chiefly as a vessel whereon universitles hung LL. D. handles. He was "Dr. Clemens" three times over, but the distinction never spoiled him. With no school learning save such as he gained from a few years' attendance at the village school in Hannibal, Mo., his scholastic titles were earned by literary work which the whole world accepted.

He Was Intensely Democratic. Mark Twain was Intensely democratic. He was easily approachable, and he never emitted any bear's growl or lion's roar. Even the humblest person was made to feel at ease in his presence. Shrinking reporters sent to interview him quit their shrinking and puffed up when they found him as easy to interview as the aspiring author of the poem published in the lower corner of the town weekly. He could talk on any topic, even the of the dead ruler's kindly philosophy, weather, and glorify it with his hu-



THE LATE MARK TWAIN. [Samuel L. Clemens.]

and his pathos. the most famous man on earth. He known. Mark Twain was one of the was not merely a man; he was an in- politest men I ever knew. He was in the waste places, where admission and refreshment were free to all. Millions-how many millions is beyond estimating-came and partook of his wine of optimism and stayed for supper. His fame was and is universal. Though an American born, a native of Missouri, he belonged to all lands. He had traveled in all lands and lived in most of them. He had more nearpermanent homes perhaps than any other man of his day. Nearly always he was a wanderer, sometimes from necessity, more frequently from choice. The world was his plaything, and he was not content without remapping for himself the entire surface of the big ball.

Of Most Striking Appearance.

He was a man of most striking ap pearance-the kind that attracts attention anywhere in a crowd and causes others to take a second look. In his later years his shock-no, his crownof hair, perfectly white and glossy like fine spun silk, became his trademark of recognition by strangers wherever he went. I have seen a woman who never before saw Mark Twain pick him out without opera glasses, though she sat in the top gallery of Carnegie hall and he occupied a lower box near the stage, and the great house was crowded. He had no doubles as to personal appearance-there was only one of

And there was only one of Mark Twain as a literary syndicate. It has become the fashion to describe him as the great American humorist. This undoubtedly he was, but he was more His appreciation of Joan of Arc, first published anonymously, is accepted by critics of acumen as one of the most refined works in the serious literature of the nineteenth century. The book won its way before Mark Twain admitted its paternity. While he was writing the Joan classic he worked, time and time about, on that amazing funny masterplece, "Pudd'nhead Wilson." He simply couldn't be serious altogether for a stated period.

Never Altogether Funny.

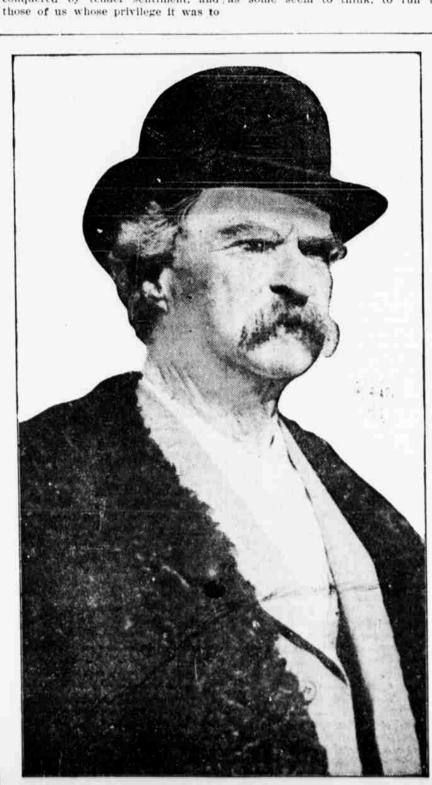
Nor must we take it for granted that Mark Twaln, summing up his career as a writer, ever was altogether funny. He never was. He was one of the Plosest observers of human nature and institutions, places and things, that ever lived. Even in his most humor ous books we find that he has made accurate transcripts of the things which impressed him. Though he exaggerated, a privilege belonging to his profession, one can read between the lines the inhering truth. He was an inveterate foe to shams of every sort. and apparently knew his highest happiness when with droll sarcasm he punctured a popular fraud with his

But Mark Twain often wrote books just because he had the story to tell The tale of "Tom Sawver" is one of these, and the "Huckleberry Finn" book is another. Each of these is true to life-to boy life. Rudyard Kipling is

his droll fun, his quips and jestings | mor. If the insistent attention be stowed upon him was distasteful to Mark Twain became before he died him he did not permit the fact to be

stitution. He was a sort of neighbor- considerate of the feelings of others, press my opinion as a private citizen moment Norfolk needs more than anyhood settlement of good cheer, with and therein lies the soul of politeness, on the recent agitation to have the thing else the united effort of all our fore the insanity board, who are hold- Frady, 1b 3 0 2 10 1 many branches located in the cases as Those obsessed by the notion that it Northwestern bring its trains carrying citizens to accomplish the paving of was impossible for Mark Twain to passengers to the uptown city station? the business district for which a bond ger, who has served out his term at open his mouth without saying some- First, I think that long continued and thing funny should revise their im- heated newspaper agitation of mat- It is most desirable that both factions pressions of him. In the course of his ters involving conflicting interests to this depot controversy drop this last visit to his boyhood home at Han- may be exceedingly prejudicial to the irritating question, and unite in securnibal in the summer of 1902 he said best interests of our city, and particing this greatly needed improvement, solemn things in the most dignified ularly suggestions that have appeared manner possible. Several times he was in your columns that merchants and bonds may be defeated. so deeply touched by the pathos of the business men give their business to a occasion, his meeting with boyhood competing line, or, in other words, friends then grown old like himself, boycott the Northwestern if they re- by request," but is my deliberate judghis visit to the graves of his parents, fuse to accede to the demands made ment, as an old railroad man, and for that his voice quavered and broke, and by The News to run their trains to twenty-five years a resident of Northe inevitable tears trickled down his the city depot,

face. He was overcome with emotion. It is not such an easy, simple thing



MARK TWAIN'S LATEST PICTURE.

ter. He was the man of feeling, the

His Many Personal Sorrows.

Mark Twain's life was not a rose so far as relatives were concerned, he was almost alone in the world.

His best loved daughter, Susy, died in America when he was in Europe. His story of her death in his autobiography is a piece of pathos seldom surpassed. His wife, who was Miss Olivia Langdon of Eimira, N. Y., his companvain wanderings for the restoration of down to continue growing old as graceing daughters, Clara and Jean. In November of 1909 Clara married a for-

When Mark Twain was fifty years old and worth about \$1,000,000 a publishing firm in which he was a partner became bankrunt. He lost his for-tune and was involved leavily in debt. He set to work, made a lecturing and writing tour around the world and in ten years had paid off his indebtedness and again was ahead of the wolf. By that time he had become so universally famous that his work commanded its or rest as he chose, and he chose to write much.

the art of making people happy. For working newspaper reporter and special correspondent, searching for gold at journalism which grubstaked him for prospecting. But he found his sarest and most paying streak of ore when in 1867 he wrote "The Jumping story, picked up in a mining camp, was als first promising literary prospect.

He had struck the mother lode. Printer, pilot, reporter, humorist, ovelist, philosopher-he is safely embalmed to enduring fame.

Thinks The News Should Forget It. Norfolk, Neb., April 25. - Editor valuable columns to respectfully ex-

observe him upon these occasions went through Omaha-Black Hills trains to are trying to eliminate carves. The neat little wicker work cages, each away with a new notion as to Mark the city depot, involving as it would News has been told by expert railroad Twain. He was not the mere jester, an additional run of three miles, and men that the uptown train service not the buffoon who sees in life only an extra stop for unloading and load- here is entirely feasible. The News the guffaws and works assiduously to ing passengers, mail, express and bag-knows that the Northwestern runs evoke them in boisterous riot of laugh- gage for every train, to bring Norfolk thirty extra miles with every train to passengers a few blocks nearer their tender bearted old fellow, the owner homes or the business center of the tune which enabled him to write what of a heart as gentle as any that ever town. When we consider that the Northwestern and other great railroad systems are expending millions to lieves Norfolk is entitled to one-tenth straighten curves in their tracks and the consideration given Omaha. shorten their lines even less distances bed. He walked no primrose path. He than would be involved here, it can be encountered stumbling places and had readily seen that the railway comsteep hills of difficulty to climb. And pany will not take kindly to a propohe had sorrows that bit and griefs that sition involving such an additional ex- News can not agree that such a course bludgeoned. At the close of his life, pense and delay in the running of their through passenger trains.

The running of all trains carrying most certainly result, in my opinion. in the elimination of the present Norfolk Junction passenger station, a consummation which I most devoutly longed for many times during the ion for many years, died in Italy after twenty-two years of my employment as agent here, with the care and trouher health. He built a big country ble of both stations on my hands. But home near Redding, Conn., and settled is the situation here as bad as has been portrayed, as compared with

fully as he could with his two remain-other and even more important cities? In many cities you will find passeneigner and went abroad to live. Jean greater distances from the business the balance of the city of uptown was left with him. On the day before centers. In Chicago the old Michigan Christmas, with a Christmas tree for Central passenger station, located at her father trimmed by her own hands the foot of Canal street, was very in one of the rooms, Jean Clemens was close to the business center. When found dead in her bathtub, having they built their new station they lobeen seized with an epileptic fit and cated it fourteen blocks further south being as far removed from the business center as the Norfolk Junction station is from the postoffice. Norfolk's growth and development for the past twenty-five years has been large ly influenced by the location of our three passenger stations, and now to abandon one of these stations cannot help but be regarded by our citizens affected most by such a change with extreme disfavor, as being a material own price. Thereafter he could write injury to them and to their property interests. Railroad officers charged with the operation of railroads are Mark Twain's writing life began in human like the rest of us, and naturhis pilot days and continued up to his ally resent dictation, and even while death-half a century of devotion to auxious to please the public and communities whom they serve, as I per several years he was simply a hard-sonally know the Northwestern management has always been, they never theless resent a newspaper agitation in Nevada and California between jobs designed to create public sentiment to compel them to change a train and station service that has prevailed here for over twenty-five years. A petition has been circulated among our busi-Frog of Calaveras County." That ness men and citizens addressed to the president of the Northwestern, asking that passenger trains be run to the city depot. That ought to end this movement. If the Northwestern accedes to this request your contention has been gained, and the future will determine whether it was wise or not. If they do not comply it will be because there are reasons considered News: May I have the use of your good and sufficient by the management for not doing so. At the present election has been called for May 31.

otherwise there is danger that the Concluding, I want to say that this article is not "inspired" or "written folk, actuated only by a sincere desire for the growth and prosperity of this conquered by tender sentiment, and as some seem to think, to run the beautiful city of commercial travelers' and railway employes' homes.

H. C. Matrau.

Mr. Matrau's Argument.

Mr. Matrau asks that The News quit talking about uptown trains for fear the paying bonds will be defeatvesterday's issue.

it maintains that the paving bonds must stand or fall on their own merits.

The News is not suggesting any cott the city unless the movement for stopped.

Mr. Matrau's letter very properly deprecates any thought of boycott Yet the reason he asks that this campaign be dropped, is the suggestion that Norfolk WILL BE BOYCOTTED if the campaign goes on. The threat is that Northwestern railway employes will BOYCOTT public improvetrains.

And a Northwestern official only last week threatened, through a Fre mont paper, that the Northwestern system would BOYCOTT Norfolk, by tearing it down and removing railroad headquarters, unless Norfolk quit ask an improvement as uptown trains.

Mr. Matrau thinks The News should keep still and points out that it would inconvenience the Northwestern to run trains uptown. Yet Mr. Matrau agrees with The News that the city is entitled to this service. He signed the

petition asking for it. The News concedes that railroads going from house to house, carrying nonneed. Mrs. Smith has been

enter and leave Omaha's union station-and those thirty miles have been added in recent years. The News be-

Mr. Matrau would have the commercial club take its petition to the Northwestern and, in case the petition is turned down, drop the matter. The of procedure should be followed. It believes Norfolk's request is a just passengers to the city station would one and that the time to quit asking

will be when the request is granted. With the roundhouse remaining where it is, and with the switch yards remaining where they are. The News can not see foundation for the claim that South Norfolk property would be damaged. Houses would be just as much in demand as they are, because train crews will still desire to live near where trains are made up, and The News doesn't believe South Norger stations located as great and even folk citizens would care to deprive trains, if it were left the individuals of South Norfolk to decide.

MONDAY MENTION.

Herman Miller returned from Lin-H. E. Close of Omaha is here on business.

Herbert Hauptli returned from short visit at Omaha. Mrs. H. Radenz of Hoskins was in

he city visiting with friends. Mrs. Sadie Niosonger of Tilden is n the city visiting with the J. F. Lind-

say family. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley of Chicago are n the city to spend a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Nicola.

Mrs. Fred Seiler, Mrs. Charles Ben on and Mrs. I., Ackerman of Verdel were here spending a few days' visit with the H. F. Barnhart family.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rautenberg, a son. Miss Emma Schulz, after a week's

vacation, is back at work. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kuhl have gone to Maurice, Ia., where they will attend players were heavy hitters, Montgom the funeral of Mr. Kuhl's father, who

died at Maurice Sunday noon after a lingering illness. The city council will meet tonight at an adjourned meeting to order the by Kelleher who with two men down special election for voting bonds for the paying of the intersections of pay-

ing district No. 1. The feature of this third. meeting will be the mayor's message which will be read to the city fathers In this message it is expected that the mayor will make many recommen dations, including additional officers for the police force. Chief of Police Marquardt was at Madison, where he was a witness be- F. Danghagtie, p... 3 0 0 0 4 2

an investigation over Henry Krue the county jail on charges of turning switches in the Northwestern yards. Krueger is believed to be insane by ; number of Norfolk people. He has been under arrest here a number of times for various offenses. After a three days' wind and dust

torm which held Norfolk in its grasp, fair weather again reigns supreme Saturday's storm caused much dam- Briggs, rf. 3 1 0 0 0 0 two box cars in the Union Pacific Denton, If. 3 0 1 0 0 0 yards were lifted, and the blacksmith Kelleher, p. 2 0 0 0 5 1 shop of Gus Nitz was slightly damaged. All day the air was full of flying shingles and other pieces of wood down.

A horse valued at \$100, belonging gomery; Kelleher and Morrison. to the Hutchinson bakery, died as the result of injuries received Saturday tie 6, by Kelleher 10; bases on balls, morning from falling limbs of a tree off Kelleher 2; passed balls, Monted. The News gave its version of this blown down by the heavy wind. At gomery 2, Morrison 1; stolen bases argument in the editorial column of tached to the bakery wagon the horses Cole; two-base hit, A. Montgomery. were standing beneath the large cot-It refuses to believe that the good tonwood tree in front of the bakery citizenship of South Norfolk would be when a heavy gust of wind sent large come a party to any such move, and limbs of the tree crashing down on Foreman McCune Says Firemen Ought top of the animals. The injured horse was taken to a stall, where it died late in the night.

The heavy wind storm which held McCune, foreman of hose company Norfolk in its grasp all day had no freight boycott such as Mr. Matrau effect on the bidders for the house on the firemen in which he stated that refers to. But let this be borne in the Y. M. C. A. grounds, which was much property was being ruined use mind: The only boycotting that has sold to J. W. Ransom, the highest bid-lessly by firemen turning on water beever been attempted in Norfolk was der, for \$375. The work shop was also fore they discovered a blaze. He did BY the Northwestern railroad and sold to Mr. Ransom for \$20, making a NOT BY NORFOLK. Two years ago total of \$395 for the buildings. This, department as a whole, but at his own the Northwestern sent employes to some of the Y. M. C. A. committee ad- company and partly took the blame Norfolk merchants threatening to boy- mit, is nearly \$100 more than they expected for the building. About thirty people attended the auction, but the more favorable freight rates were bidding soon simmered down and was confined to about three bidders.

To keep up the high record which the local company of the National Guard has made for itself in this state, it is said to be necessary that the soldiers attend more regularly the week- heavy and we could see nothing, but ly drills. Not only are the soldiers the door of this room was closed and backward in their attendance to those the fire was in another room and here drills, but it is said officers are also marked absent on many occasions. ment in Norfolk-defeat the paving Unless the drills are more attended much property can be saved by just bonds-if anything more is said about the showing of the company at the a little more caution on our part, and the justice of the request for uptown next encampment will not be up to I for one am not in favor of turning standard. Tonight the company will on the water until I see fire." Mr. Mchold their regular meeting and it is Cune was greatly applauded and it expected that the entire staff of offi- was the sense of the firemen that his cers, non coms and privates will be suggestions were well taken. present.

SPARROWS FOR CANARIES.

ing for so simple a matter and so just | Omaha Man Does a Big Business Until Police Stop Him.

Omaha, Neb., April 25.-Another infant, industry, that of converting English sparrows into peroxide blonde canary birds has been killed off by the London. It is reported upon excelpolice and Jerry Lacompton, the lent authority that the matter is bebleach and sales artist, is behind the ing kept very quiet, but that the wed-

one holding a "canary bird." was cutting prices and selling them at about one-half the ordinary value. He explained that he was agent for a bird store here and that it had bought from the customs house 100 dozen im ported canaries that a New York house had refused to accept. With each bird he gave a guarantee that there would be plenty of singing.

Mrs. Marie Walker was the first to earn that she had bought a gold brick. Her bird would not sing, and taking it to the store of the man whom Lacompton claimed to represent, de manded another bird, or her money

Mr. Bird Man looked the purchase over and then remarked: "You need an officer instead of another bird. You have been bilked into buying a sparrow colored with peroxide.

Then the police got busy and soon earned that Lacompton had been do ing a thriving business and that in a little more than a week he had sold more than 200 sparrows at \$1 per spar row. He was tracked to his lair in the squatter settlement in the east part of the city and there in one room he had his workshop in full blast He was caught in the act of peroxid ing sparrows by immersing them in the liquid. Half a dozen dippings would change them from brown to yellow and then, as soon as they had been toned to the proper hue, they would be dried and put in the little wicker cages, ready for the market Outside his little cabin, he had a big wire cage in which were several hun dred of the birds that had not been treated to the canary bath.

Norfolk Won Over Gates.

Norfolk's high school baseball tean returned Sunday morning from Ne ligh where they won a very close game of ball from the Gatees academy team, by a score of 4 to 3. Because the train was late the game was no started until 5:30 in the evening. A heavy wind and dust storm had Ne ligh in its grasp and handicapped by these weather conditions the bal players were enthusiastically applauded by a fair sized attendance,

The large number of errors evenly divided, were caused by the ball being blown about at the will of the wine Kelleher who pitched for Norfoll showed some brilliant headwork and his support was good. The Gate ery making a two-bagger against the heavy wind. The Norfolk players however, were better base runners.

The feature of the game was made and a man on third gobbled up a sacrifice and caught his man on

The score Gates-Minteere, lf. 4 0 0 0 0 Daughagtie, 2b. 4 0 0 0 0 Hiles, rf. 4 0 0 0 0 Cole, ss. 4 1 0 0 0 A. Montgomery, c.,, 3 1 1 1 1 I. Montgomery, 3b. 3 1 0 0 0 Taylor, cf. 3 0 0 1 0 0 Totals31 3 3 12 6 9

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Score by innings-Batteries-Daughagtie and Mont-

Summary-Struck out, by Daughag-

TOO MUCH WATER AT FIRES.

to be More Careful.

In an address before the joint hose companies a few nights ago William not direct his complaints at the fire Springs at 9:30 Monday morning. Telhimself.

ago," said Foreman McCune, "We did day. much useless damage. The fire was burning in a north room but myself and a number of my company threw many barrels of water into a south room, damaging beds and pictures uselessly. Of course, the smoke was we were throwing in barrel after barrel of water at nothing. I believe

MRS. "SILENT" SMITH TO WED?

The Engagement to Bartow Van Voorhis Rumored in London.

New York, April 25.-The engagement of Mrs. James Henry Smith and ant, industry, that of converting inglish sparrows into peroxide blonde anary birds has been killed off by the collect and Jerry Lacompton, the collect and sales artist, is behind the coars.

For the past week Jerry has been and that then it will be duly any house to house carrying proposed. Mrs. Smith has been in the content of the "secrets" of the day in the corry out any obligation made by his firm.

Walding, Kinnan & Marvin.

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soap powder). For Cleaning Harness:-Sprinkle Old Dutch Cleanser on wet sponge, rub harness well, rinse with clean water and wipe dry-removes all dirt and will

not harden or crack. For Polishing Metal:— Sprinkle Old Dutch Cleanser on wet cloth, rub briskly, rinse with clean water, wipe dry and polish with a little dry powder-

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easiest and quickest.

Paris for some time past, and Mr. Van Voorhis is in London, at the home of Anthony J. Drexel, Mrs. Smith's brother-in-law. Mrs. Smith is the mother of Anita Stewart, the Princess of Braganza.

Only a small portion of "Silent Smith's" millions go with the hand of his widow. He left her merely three million dollars out of a fortune that amounted upwards of sixty mil-To want-advertise is to try-and only those who try stand much chance of getting under nowadays conditions.

Road Notice to Land Owners. To All Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that the board of county commissioners, at their meeting held at the court house in Madison, Nebraska, on the 29th day of March, A. D. 1910, did by motion order the section line between section one (1), township twenty-one (21) north. range one (1) west of the Sixth principal meridian, and section thirtysix (36), township twenty-two (22) north, range one (1) west of the Sixth principal meridian, in Madison county. age to fences and roofs. The roofs of Ward, cf. 3 0 0 1 0 0 Nebraska, opened as a public road three (3) rods wide, said road commencing at the northwest corner of section one (1), township twenty-one (21) north, range one (1), west of the R. H. E. Sixth principal meridian, and running torn from roofs and houses. All the Gates...... 0 2 0 0 0 0 - 3 3 8 thence east one (1) mile and terminatbarns at the Country club grounds are Norfolk...... 0 0 0 1 1 2-4 3 9 ing at the northeast corner of said section one (1), township twenty-one (21) north, range one (1) west of the Sixth principal meridian, in Madison county, Nebraska, and all objections thereto or claims for damages caused thereby must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before noon of the 15th day of June, A. D. 1910, or said road will be established without reference thereto. Dated at Madison, Nebraska, April

5, 1910.

S. R. McFarland. County Clerk.

Death of Mrs. Schwenck. Norfolk Woman Succumbs to Illness at Hot Springs, S. D.

Mrs. G. W. Schwenck, wife of George W. Schwenck of Norfolk, died at Hot egrams announcing the death of Mrs. Schwenck were received here by relatives of the family. The remains "At the Marquardt fire a few days will arrive in Norfolk probably Tues-

Mrs. Schwenck was taken to Hot Springs three weeks ago, suffering with rheumatism.

Grant School Set On Fire.

An attempt to burn the Grant school building in Norfolk was made at 1:15 o'clock Monday afternoon. Boys had soaked inside basement steps with kerosene and had thrown a match into it. Janitor Richardson discovered the fire and put it out. A year ago an attempt with burning paper was made. Superintendent Hunter was summoned immediately.

Prices of things-the theme of neverlessening personal interest to you. Today's paper contains a lot of them.

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