

MANY ILLEGAL CLAIMS IN OKLAHOMA.

At its last session the Oklahoma Territory Board of Land Commissioners...

Fort Reno (T. T.) dispatch: A settler named Goodwin arrived at Reno yesterday from Oklahoma...

THE SETTLERS ORGANIZING. An Oklahoma special says: "Oklahoma City, like Guthrie, was built in a day, or, properly speaking, was claimed in an hour..."

Water in Oklahoma is plenty. There is not the same suffering as at Guthrie, and, in fact, there is a lack of dirt and fuel as at Guthrie...

GENERAL MERRITT'S REPORT. Washington dispatch: The following telegram was received at the war department this afternoon from Chicago...

There is considerable speculation in Guthrie as to the progress of the case of the man who is offered for choice ones. One man is said to have refused an offer of \$1,500 for a corner lot...

THE FUNERAL OF GENERAL CHARLES K. GRAHAM took place in New York on the 19th. The thermometer registered 82 degrees in Pittsburgh on the 10th. Two men were overcome by the heat.

Sylvester Grubb was hanged at Vincennes, Ind., for the murder of Miss Gertrude Downey, his sweetheart in 1888. A millstone pile to assassinate the czar has been discovered in St. Petersburg...

The Collander Insulating company of New York, is in the hands of the sheriff. The liabilities of the concern will foot up to nearly \$400,000.

The Belgian authorities will notify General Bonalzar that he will not be allowed to conspire against France, a nation that is friendly to Belgium.

Mr. J. A. Enander, recently appointed United States minister to Denmark, is seriously ill from an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, at Chicago. A hurricane passed through the village of Hinckley, Ill., Thursday night, which unroofed many buildings and tore up trees...

Bernard Kohn, a piano maker of New York, blew out his brains. His wife is bed-ridden with paralysis, and it is feared the shock of her husband's death will kill her.

The threatened trouble on the Baltimore & Ohio road is said to have been amicably settled. No employe will be required to sign the insurance clause unless they so desire.

Appointed Sioux Commissioners. Washington dispatch: The president has appointed the following commission to negotiate with Sioux Indians in Dakota: General Crook, U. S. A., Charles Foster, of Ohio, and William Warner, of Kansas City. Irving Miller, of Chicago, is appointed secretary and disbursing officer of the commission. The commission will meet in this city for consultation with the secretary of the interior May 6, and will at that time receive their final instructions from that official...

Articles incorporating the Philadelphian church, of the denomination known as the Free Methodists, a body of which is located in an Indian country, were filed this office of the secretary of state last week.

THE PROMISED LAND NOT PROMISING.

Many Disappointed with Themselves for Having Deserted Good Homes. Guthrie, Oklahoma (via Arkansas City, Kan.), special to the Omaha Bee:

The process of magic city building still goes on here, and the excitement and confusion continues. Two banks have already started. One of them has its building up, but the other is doing business over a counter in front of the building being erected. The number of restaurants has increased to nineteen, with about as many more lunch stands. Two butcher shops, four bar shops, twenty-eight land and law offices, three livery stables, twenty stores, and other business enterprises have been established in tents. House building goes on as rapidly as carpenters and lumber can be procured...

It is reported that the French government will arrest any one found leaving the country with letters for Gen. Boulanger, on the ground that it is a breach of the postal monopoly. A Waukegan, Ill., special says: Eljah M. Haines, ex-speaker of the lower house of the state legislature, and for many years a prominent figure in state politics, died at his home there of paralysis.

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SCRAMBLERS FOR LAND GROW INDIGNANT.

Advantage Taken by Officials Over Disappointed One Man Shot and Killed. Kansas City dispatch: A correspondent, who had been at Guthrie all night, returned to Arkansas City today and sends the following: "The first home-stead filed at Guthrie was by Mark S. Eichen, of Fort Smith, Ark. The first holder of a declaratory statement was Benker Turner, who was a private in company I, Sixth Illinois cavalry. During yesterday three town sites, Guthrie, Oklahoma City and Edmunds, three homesteads and twenty-one soldiers' declaratory statements were filed. At 12:15 William Johnson, heading a little procession at the land office, laid down a rough chart of Guthrie and filed it as a town site. This was the first paper filed. Four clerks for the land office from Washington arrived yesterday, and two for Kingfisher and two for here. Land Register Dille stated this morning that the land office would not be open until Thursday. About 5 o'clock yesterday evening the report of a pistol shot was heard in the street attracted attention. Two deputies went over and were told that nothing had occurred. The Star reporter got a boat and crossed the stream, however, to investigate. In the bushes were collected half a dozen men. On the ground and beside the half-made grave was stretched the remains of S. T. Compis. A ball from a revolver had passed entirely through his breast, coming out of the neck. He lived but a few minutes. The porter reached him. Efforts were made to conceal the crime, and only an assurance of the strictest confidence allowed the reporter there, and then he did not reveal his business. The coroner, at once recognized as the face of a man who had eaten dinner with the scribe. There Compis said he and his partners entered Guthrie on ponies. All the lots were gone, and they had swam the Cottonwood into the bushes. The coroner and his partners objected to divide, and to this the fellow objected, and warned them that he would shoot before he would divide. Compis did not believe that this threat would be kept, and he got up and said: "I mean to tell he said he would sleep on that claim. Half an hour afterward Compis was shot by the first claimant as he stood by his pony, bride in hand. His number of bullets was three, and the coroner could realize what had happened. Believing secrecy the easiest way out, Compis' partner dragged the dying man into the bushes and said no one had been hurt. He would not give up his guns and pistols to the coroner, and so prevented searching inquiry. Compis' companion took possession of the murderer's outfit, of wagon and two horses. The man will never return, as he knew his shot was fatal. The body was buried in the bushes. This was the only murder near Guthrie up to midnight, despite other reports. After 4 o'clock yesterday, and all night, there was much suffering for water. The railroad company refused to let the settlers get water to get on the ground and the tin cans they were pulling his body out, the police were sending a general alarm in the hope of preventing the suicide. Lewis was a clerk and had social ambitions. He had been in his salary, and it is supposed that this impelled him to suicide."

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BY THE TELEGRAPH AND MAIL. It is stated that on April 30 it will be announced that the king of Holland resumes his sovereign duties. The Michigan house passed Watt's beef inspection bill, which provides for inspection on the hoof of all cattle consumed in the state.

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A DISASTER ON THE GRAND TRUNK ROAD.

A Centennial Train En Route to New York Wrecked and Burned With Fearful Results. Hamilton (Ont.) dispatch: A terrible railroad accident occurred on the Grand Trunk near here at 1 o'clock this morning. The St. Louis express jumped the track and the engine ran into a water tank. Two cars were telescoped and immediately took fire. All the dead, seventeen in number, have been taken out. The first body identified was that of B. S. Gurnay, of Chicago. He was instantly killed, but not burned. An Italian, name unknown, was also instantly killed. The other fifteen were burned beyond the possibility of identification. About twenty persons were injured, but only one or two seriously. None of the train hands were killed. The fireman was slightly burned and received a scalp wound.

The train was composed of an engine, two baggage cars, a smoker, a Chicago & Grand Trunk through passenger coach, a Wabash coach, a Wagner first class coach, a Pullman car and two Wagner sleeping cars in the order named. The accident occurred at a junction where a "Y" is built. This "Y" is used to switch through trains for the Toronto branch from the main line. The train is said to have been running at a speed of forty miles an hour or more when it struck the water tank. The engine jumped the track and plunged into a water tank, which stood in the space between the "Y," smashing the tank into atoms and turning it upside down. The baggage car containing the engine, the Wabash coach and the first of those was pushed over the engine and the two were soon in flames. The coaches following, with the exception of two Wagner cars in the rear of the train, were huddled together on the track and caught fire from the baggage cars. The passengers on the train, numbering over one hundred and fifty, many of whom were sleeping at the time, had a terrible time. The majority of those on the coaches before the fire reached them, but in the confusion that reigned it is not known how many victims were left to the mercy of the flames, pinned in by the water tank and unable to extricate themselves.

R. S. Gurnay, of Brooklyn, had his head completely severed from his body by a piece of flying brick. Rudolph Deviger was also instantly killed. The train was moving at a fast rate of speed, after striking the water tank, Engineer Watson and Fireman Chapman crawled out from underneath it, neither being much hurt. An auxiliary train was sent out from this city immediately on receipt of the news of the accident. The passengers, including the injured and two of the killed, were brought to this city. The two Wagner cars in the rear of the train were uncoupled from the others, and were saved from the wreck. A large number of employes worked unceasingly at the wreck, doing their utmost to extinguish the fire. There was great difficulty in securing water, owing to the tank being smashed, and the two first class coaches and the engine were a thorough search could be made through the debris.

At 5 o'clock the charred remains of eighteen victims had been exhumed from the wreck. In no case were there enough of the body left to identify the victims or to tell whether they were of the male or female sex. The screams of men who were being burned to death in the smoking car could be heard above the noise of escaping steam and rushing water. The engine and the train were fifteen minutes late, but was not running more than twenty miles an hour when the accident happened, as his orders were to run at that particular place at a moderate speed. The place where the accident occurred is considered dangerous, as there is a switch, or rather sharp curve; hence the precaution of running slowly. Seven cars—a baggage car, two first-class coaches, a smoker, a first class day coach, a Wagner Wagner sleepers—were burned, there being not a vestige of wood or anything that would burn left. The baggage car was demolished and the engine was completely wrecked. The loss to the company was estimated to be in excess of \$200,000.

Many of those on the train were going to New York to participate in the centennial festivities. Most of the passengers lost all or a portion of their baggage and clothing, and a large amount of mail was lost by fire. Another report of the accident says that the remains of from sixteen to eighteen were taken out of the wreck. They were cut to pieces almost to a man, and burned beyond all possibility of recognition. They were piled up together in a heap in one end of the smoker and were pinned in by the timbers, which made it impossible for them to extricate themselves. Nothing could be done for them, as the fire raged so furiously that it was impossible for the men to rescue them. The only way in which it could be ascertained that from sixteen to eighteen bodies had been taken out was from the fact that legs and arms corresponding to about that number were found.

Building Wilky to Resume. Cheyenne (Wyo.) special: Orders received to-day by Engineer C. K. Bannister, of the Union Pacific, indicate that the work of constructing the Cheyenne & Northern extension to Douglas last week. All material was withdrawn and the outfit of engineers, linemen and trappers were ordered to be discharged. The work was ordered to close up here and directed to go to Omaha. This morning he received orders to remain in Cheyenne. Construction material is again being sent out and it is probable that work will be resumed at once. The building of the extension will be of immense benefit to Cheyenne and the change of programme is hailed with delight.

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Union Pacific Earnings. A Boston dispatch says the preliminary statement of the earnings of the Union Pacific railroad system for the three months up to March 31 shows a decrease in net earnings of \$366,632 as compared with the same time last year. A manuscript copy of the gospel, for which \$25,000 has been refused, is about to be sold at auction in London. It is the copy known as the "evangelium," which was written by the apostle Paul for Archbishop Wilfrid in 870.

Decision on a Timber Claim. Washington special: The first assistant secretary of the interior has rendered a decision in the case of Allen vs. Reynolds, in which it is set forth that Harvey Reynolds made a timber claim entry on January 23, 1881, of the north-east quarter of section 2, township 25 north, range 6 west, in the Neligh land district, Nebraska, and that on May 6, 1885, George Allen filed affidavit of occupancy to extricate himself. The first assistant secretary affirms the decision of the commissioner in his dismissal of the contest, but provides that the entryman before making final proof be required to prove full compliance with the requirements of the law, the contest having been based on the fact of his having been a tenant in common for the ten years which is necessary. In the "junior contest" of the same case, Allen, in addition to his former allegations, charges that Reynolds made a contract to deed one-half of the tract to him, and that Mendel had if he would do the work and plant the trees. As no copy of this motion was served upon the defendant, and the notice of the same did not state a cause of action, it could not be set aside by the first assistant secretary, but while he dismisses it he requires that it be transmitted to the local office to be used after proper service shall have been made, as the basis for a new hearing upon the charges contained in it.

Killed His Wife and Child, Then Himself. Winnipeg dispatch: A horrible tale of murder and suicide has just reached here from High Bluff, a little village only a few miles from this city, the victims being a farmer named McLeod and his daughter, aged eight, while another child, a boy of 13 years, is so badly wounded that he can not recover. McLeod first shot his wife, next shot about a neighbor named Lotta, who visited the house to-day and was horrified to find McLeod with his throat cut lying near the stove. Both children were found in a bedroom. The girl had been struck on the head with a heavy iron axe and was dead. The boy had four deep gashes on his head. The cause of the deed is attributed to the financial difficulties of McLeod, whose wife died two years ago.

Prohibition Defeated in Massachusetts. Boston special: The constitutional amendment was defeated to-day by a larger majority than even its opponents anticipated. The friends of the amendment are greatly depressed and have but little to say. The vote as compared with last year's vote on license is as follows: Total in the twelve congressional districts in 1889 for prohibition 83,392; against prohibition 132,944. Total in 1888, for license 126,182; against license, 100,383. Majority against the amendment, with three small towns to hear from, 44,552.

The greatest surprise occurred in the city of Quincy where the vote was, 1,069; no, 4,919; the city having voted no license last November by 936 plurality. Somerville was the only city in the state in which a majority was cast for the amendment, the vote being 1,012 to 1,346.

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