

FLAMES IN MINNEAPOLIS.

THE LOSSES AMOUNT TO HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

A PERFECT WHIRLPOOL OF FLAMES.

A Great Quantity of Lumber, Gas Plant, Railroad Property and Freight Were Destroyed - Great Excitement Caused by the Flames - Trains Delayed Several Hours - St. Paul Sends Help.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 1.—The third disastrous fire in the history of Minneapolis broke out about 3:30 yesterday afternoon in the lumber yards of the Shevlin-Carpenter company on the bank of the Mississippi river at the foot of Eighth avenue, north. It spread with remarkable rapidity, and before it was controlled destroyed property valued at nearly \$500,000.

Besides 20,000,000 feet of lumber, the gas manufacturing plant of the Omaha Railroad company, the roundhouse, toolhouse, sandhouse and turntables of that road, nearly forty freight cars, some loaded with merchandise, and the office building of the Shevlin-Carpenter company, were burned. The saw mill, the planing mill, drying kilns and store house for molding and preparing wood, although in the very heart of the fire district, were saved by the efforts of the firemen, aided by a fortuitous change in the direction of the wind.

Help was summoned from St. Paul and seven engines with full crews were sent over from that city. The insurance will be about \$350,000.

The fire has caused the greatest excitement and brought tens of thousands of people to the scene from within a radius of a score of miles. It was not long after the blaze was first noticed when the heat became so intense that the crowds were forced back, and it was well they were, because in less than a hour two tanks containing gas used by the Omaha Railroad company in lighting its cars, under the Pintech system, exploded with terrific force, hurling fragments of steel a long distance.

One piece weighing fully 500 pounds was carried several blocks and dropped in the railroad yards. A stationary boiler also exploded but caused no loss of life. Employees of the railroad company, at the risk of their lives, and with hands and faces blistered by the fearful heat, rushed into the forest of the flames and saved ten dead locomotives and nearly 100 cars, many of them emerging from the sea of flame, charred and damaged by the impetuous fire through which they were brought. Incoming and outgoing trains were delayed several hours, the fire being a short distance from the union depot. Revised figures place the loss of the Shevlin-Carpenter company at \$210,000, the insurance \$160,000. The loss to the Omaha railroad company, including a nearly \$200,000, covered by blanket insurance. Losses by cars burned belonging to other companies will swell the total to upwards of \$500,000.

A WELL MARRIED WOMAN.

Mrs. Dr. Spencer of Indiana Has Just Rejoined Her Eleventh Husband.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Aug. 1.—A woman who was until recently Mrs. Dr. Spencer of Bourbon has just been joined in wedlock to her eleventh husband, and, as the bride-to-day is but 44 years of age, time may possibly record many more matrimonial alliances.

Her career is believed to be one of the most remarkable on record. She was a bride when a girl of 15. Ten years afterwards she was divorced. She was also separated from her second and third husbands. The fourth was a pardoned convict from the Joliet penitentiary. Death ended this union, and the season of mourning was followed the choice of a fifth and sixth husbands from a legion of suitors. She was divorced from her seventh husband. Her eighth husband had a tragic ending, and at the age of 36 years she was married to S. H. Brown, No. 9, with whom she lived two years. To this union the first child was born. Brown disappeared and the next alliance with Dr. Spencer was terminated by his sudden death. The courts of the state fail to record a parallel with the ex-Mrs. Spencer's checkered matrimonial life.

A New Kansas Telephone Line.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 1.—The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company will begin next week the construction of a new line direct from Kansas City to Ottawa, Kan. The present line to Ottawa goes by Paola, a very roundabout and unsatisfactory route. The new line will connect at Olathe with the new all metallic line which is constructed in such a way as to allow two conversations over the same wires at the same time. The new line will give Gardner, Edgerton and Wellsville telephone connection with Kansas City, which will be a new thing for them. The old line from Paola to Ottawa will be taken up and run to Osawatimie, another new town in the Kansas City circuit.

Courts for the Indian Territory.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The senate passed the bill yesterday introduced some time ago by Senator Teller, providing additional court facilities for the people of the Indian Territory. There were some important amendments to the original bill. The bill as passed, divides the Indian territory into a Southern and Northern district, each to be presided over by a judge. Judge Stuart, the present judge, is to have what is known as the Southern district, which is made up of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, while the Northern district is made up of the Cherokee, Creek and Seminole nations. In the Northern district only one place is designated for holding court, and that is Muskogee.

ENTERPRISING INDIANS.

The Ponca of Oklahoma Demonstrate That They Are Good Showmen.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Aug. 1.—The Ponca Indians living on a reservation in the Cherokee strip have, during the past week, shown their ability to look out for number one and adapt themselves to the ways of civilization when it suits them so to do.

For several years great crowds of white people have been flocking to the reservation at stated times to witness the annual sun and festival dances of the tribe. Several weeks ago the leading members of the tribe went to Perry and contracted for a large amount of lumber with which they have enclosed their dance house and festival grounds with a high board fence and are now billing all the neighboring towns inviting all the white people to come and see the dances—at twenty-five cents a head.

They will open with a grand sham battle lasting six hours, in which they will give realistic exhibitions of tomahawking and scalping a victim, and finally a wooden dummy will be dragged off and tied to a stake and the warriors will make a prize run to stab the victim, after which a fire will be started and the regular burning at the stake shown with the braves, over 200 in number, carrying on a regular war dance about the fire. This will last all night and be followed all the next day and night by the sun dance, which will also be participated in by the Otoes and Misouris.

BURKE'S GOOD THROW.

Base Ball Players Have a Man From Browning.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 1.—George Davis, Amos Rusie, Eddie Burke and Charles Farrell of the Giants were the heroes of this resort yesterday, having saved John Conroy of Camden from drowning.

Conroy, who had been drinking, swam far beyond the limits, and the undertow was swiftly bearing him beyond reach. Among the bathers were most of New York's team. As it was observed that Conroy was unable to help himself, a mighty shout went up for the life saving guard.

A couple of the red shirted guards raced into the water carrying a life preserver, which was rapidly unwound from a reel of 500 yards of line.

Eddie Burke grabbed the preserver from the hands of the guards and threw it straight as an arrow at Conroy's head. Conroy had just strength enough left to grasp it and he never let go. Davis breast the breakers, reached the half-drowned Conroy, and with his right arm around Conroy's waist, brought the exhausted man nearer in shore, where Burke, Rusie and Farrell assisted them to land. The throng surrounded Davis, Burke, Rusie and Farrell and hurrahed for several minutes.

A CASK OF GOLD.

Shipped From America and Stolen En Route From Havre to Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—The police of France are investigating what is probably one of the most remarkable robberies on record, and it is believed that the police authorities of the United States will be asked, if they have not already been so requested, to take a hand in the investigation.

In some unaccountable manner a cask of gold from New York, valued at \$50,000, has been stolen while in transit from Havre to Paris. The French line ship, La Touraine, Captain Sachel, left New York on July 21 for Havre, with forty casks of American gold on board, valued at \$2,000,000 and consigned to various firms. She arrived here July 25. The forty casks of gold are believed to have been safely landed at Havre, but they are also said to have been placed, complete, on board the train running between Havre and this city. But when the precious casks were counted upon arrival here there were only thirty-nine of them; one cask containing \$50,000 in American gold, had by some means disappeared.

THE ROYALISTS CONFIDENT.

They Think They Will Be Successful in Having the Queen Restored.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 1.—The Hawaiian royalist commission, composed of the Hon. John A. Cummings, Samuel Parker and Judge Weideman, ex-cabinet officers of the royalist administration, passed through Pittsburgh to-day on their way to Washington in the interest of ex-Queen Liliuokalani.

Judge Weideman was the only member of the party up when the train arrived. In an interview he said: "We want to bring about an adjustment of affairs at the Hawaiian islands. Queen Liliuokalani abdicated under protest is waiting for her answer. We are on our way to Washington to receive it from President Cleveland. On July 4th the government adopted a constitution and proclaimed a republic. They wanted to send the queen away, as she does not represent the present government. We are anxious to have the queen restored and believe we will be successful in our mission."

Packers Get a Cut in Wages.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—The wages of the men employed in the ham department of Armour's packing house, were reduced fifteen cents per day to-day. They asked for a return to the old wages, which was refused, and they were told that they might strike if they wanted to. It is not believed that they will do so.

A number of strikers formerly employed in the service of the Chicago & Grand Trunk railroad applied for work to-day, which the officials of the road refused to give them.

A Collapsed Building Swims People.

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 1.—Two large brick buildings on Elm street, occupied by the Wells-Fargo Express company and L. Craddock's large grocery house, collapsed at 11:30 to-day. A number of people are buried in the ruins. One man has been taken out dead. The fire department is at work in the ruins.

To Lay the Corner Stone.

CARYVILLE, Mo., Aug. 1.—The corner stone of Jasper county's new \$100,000 court house, now being erected in this city, will be laid with appropriate ceremonies Tuesday, August 31.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

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In another column will be found a sample of the way old time companies are doing their adjusting. While mutuals so far as I know have the name of a 'justing promptly, and paying the full amount of damage done up to the amount insured. But for monumental gall it remains for The Home of New York to 'take the cake.' I was shown a letter from H. H. Walker, secretary western department, Chicago, Ill., to the secretary of the mutual company in this state in which he threatens to enjoin the mutual company from accepting policies of the Home for cancellation, and further adds, that they (The Home) will hold the Mutual accountable for whatever damage the Home may sustain on account of the course pursued by the said mutuals, and again he says that the Home has complied with all the laws of our state and secured the right to pursue their business peaceably.

Well, what next?

If an agent of any of our mutual companies talks to a man who is insured and that man says that he is already insured in a stock company and asks how much he could get back from the company according to law if he should send his policy in for cancellation, does any reader think that any court would say that the agent should not tell the amount of unearned premium, and if he did, that he should be fined for contempt of court? The history of 1894 right here in the United States will show you decisions even more rank and the threat of the Home may be carried out, and probably will be. In these columns we want to keep all who are interested in mutual insurance posted on just such matters. If any one can give us any pointers on their methods of doing business in any other than in a regular way, report it once to us, but we want nothing but facts that can be substantiated. Will you lend us a helping hand?

Report of Lancaster County Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, insurance took effect Dec. 4th, 1891. Amount of insurance at that time \$105,000. Amount of insurance Jan. 1st, 1894, \$283,000. Amount of insurance July 1st, \$337,000. Number of agents at work, none. Amount of damage paid since organization \$123. One assessment at 10c per hundred dollars. Total cost for \$1,000, nearly thirty eight months, has been but \$2.50, including membership fees.

Nebraska Mutual Fire, Lightning and Cyclone Insurance Company. Insurance took effect May 19th, 1892, with \$150,000 insurance. Jan. 1st 1894 we had \$346,000. July 1st \$520,000. Number of agents in the field none. Several of our members and the secretaries of local fire companies are authorized to write insurance but they are not in the field. We have paid \$535 losses and have two more to pay to the amount of \$385. One assessment of 10c per one hundred dollars so far, will probably make another assessment this fall. Total cost per \$1,000 over two years, including fees, \$4.00. At this rate the cost for five years insurance would be but \$5.50. No insurance accepted on fire from any territory covered by a local company. We hope the secretary of every local Mutual company in the state will make out a report of his county similar to above and forward to us with the names of his members. We will send each one the report and if any one would like to get the report of all the companies in the state he should at once send to us the subscription price of this paper. Almost any one who is interested in Mutual insurance can get up a club of five. The insurance department will be a permanent feature of THE WEALTH MAKERS.



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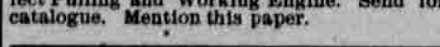


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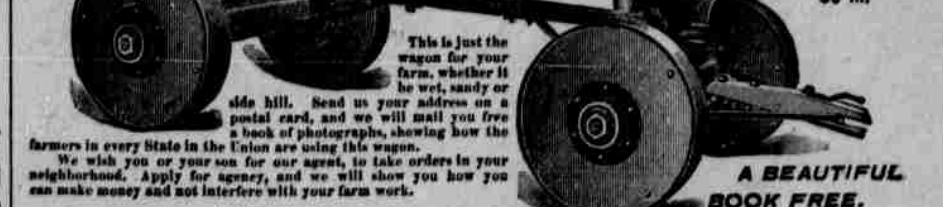
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