

# WRECKED AND RUINED.

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ings were ignorant of the condition of the Capital National bank?

Is it possible the paper of that bank should go to protest in New York City, and prominent Lincoln bankers know nothing of the bank's condition?

Is it possible Allen and Hastings didn't know that it has been impossible for Hill to draw out his deposits from that bank for two years past?

Why did they approve a bond signed only by the two principal stock holders in the bank?

In this bond, Mosher swore that he was worth \$400,000 above all indebtedness, and Outcalt swore that he was worth \$300,000. Could Allen and Hastings possibly believe such statements? Yet they wanted to approve the bond without even requiring the oath of the bondsmen!

But the evidence is not all in yet. There is

## ANOTHER FACT

that breeds suspicion. The Capital National is the only bank that has yet been required to give bond. In an interview published in the Bee of Tuesday the following is attributed to Treasurer Bartley:

"He said further that the Capital National is the only state depository in the city at the present time, as none of the other banks had as yet filed their bond, and he could not, therefore, make interest drawing deposits in any of the others. These were state funds, however, in the vaults of other banks of the city of Lincoln, but it is for safe keeping, because of the inadvisability of leaving so much money in the vaults of the treasurers office."

Here is an eye-opener. Why did not Mr. Bartley treat all the banks alike? Why did he make such haste to comply with the law in the case of the Capital National? He has large sums in other banks which have not complied with the law. He is not only responsible for these deposits under his bond, but he is also subject to a heavy fine for making such deposits. Why did he not let the money held by the Capital National remain there merely for "safe-keeping?"

We have not far to go for an answer. We find in a World-Herald interview published Tuesday, the following:

John C. Allen secretary of state says the Capital National bank bond was the only bond approved. The bond was approved January 14, and the deposit made on the 16th. Mr. Bartley urged the necessity of having this bond approved because of the large deposit in the bank for which he would become responsible upon taking charge of the office.

In interviews published in both the Bee and the World-Herald, Mr. Bartley is credited with statements that absolutely confirm this view of the case.

Of course there are those who hesitate to believe that there has been any conspiracy to defraud the state. They point to the standing and the reputation of the parties, and declare they can see no motive for such dishonorable dealings. In reply it may be said that even men of great honesty might be strongly tempted to dishonorable acts to save themselves from a loss of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. But the developments of the past six months have done nothing to establish the reputation of these men for even common honesty.

That Mosher and Outcalt have acted honestly, no man who values his word, can have the hardihood to claim. Yet these men have been the political companions and trusted lieutenants of the republican state officers. Their names have appeared on the bonds of many officers, including Governor Thayer, and the present state treasurer. These men have all been connected together as parts of the republican machine, and have been closely associated with Bill Dorgan and Dan Lauer, the chief hoodlums lately indicted by the grand jury. It is reported that both John C. Allen and C. W. Mosher narrowly escaped indictment along with the rest.

To show the standing of Mosher and Outcalt with the republican machine, we have but to revert back a few weeks.

An attempt was made to have Lincoln declared a reserve city. By that is meant a city in which national banks are authorized to receive deposits from other national banks in outlying towns. In reserve cities, national banks are required to keep on hand 25 per cent of all deposits instead of 15 per cent as in other cities and towns. Five of the six national banks in Lincoln favored this, and their efforts were successful. Word came from Washington that Lincoln had been declared a reserve city. Two days later came the word that the order had been countermanded. Why? Because the Capital National bank objected. It had not money enough on hand to raise its reserve to 25 per cent. Mosher's influence was great enough to resist to Washington, and have an order of the general government revoked.

Is it possible all these things could take place and Allen and Hastings know nothing of the shaky condition of the Capital National?

The plain truth is that Nebraska has for years been robbed and debauched by

## A RING OF HOODLERS

at the capital of the state. Long continued success has made them bold. Escape from exposure has made them impudent. But the day of retribution must come, and it is coming fast. Six months ago a little cloud "no bigger than a man's hand" appeared on the horizon. A subordinate at the Lincoln insane asylum was proven guilty of raising vouchers in order to rob the state of a few dollars. Since then one exposure has followed another till now the whole sky is over-cast with black clouds that portend death to the ring, disgrace and punishment to its members and shame and disaster to the republican party.

## TOPOLOBAMPO TROUBLES.

All Not Exactly as It Should Be in the Co-operative Colony.

ENTERPRISE, Kan., Jan. 25.—C. B. Hoffman, president of the Kansas-Sinaloa investment company, returned yesterday from New York, where he went to see A. K. Owen, president of the Credit Foncier company, connected with the same colony. The colony's affairs have come to such a crisis that there is likely to be either a complete abandonment of the original plan or a collapse.

The colony has been in existence since 1887 and 470 people are now on the ground, some having gone as recently as last November. The chief work of the colonists during the past two years has been the building of a seven mile irrigating canal from the Queto river to the Topolobampo lands, which must be irrigated to produce any crops. The primal idea of the colony has been co-operation and all property has been owned by the company. The Mexican government has granted concessions and there has been about \$50,000 worth of shares in the company sold. Workers on the ditch have been paid in scrip at rate of \$3 a day, the scrip being good for the purchase of land at \$10 an acre or for food at the company storehouse.

The present trouble in the colony arises from a demand on the part of the colonists for a good title to their land and an assurance that their scrip is of value. A. K. Owen, a theorizer of New Jersey, has been issuing the scrip. It is said that something like \$350,000 has been issued, the basis being supposed to be the lands of the company. The reports have been sent out that there was bankruptcy ahead and Hoffman made a trip to New York especially to see about the matter. Owen, who, it is claimed, had been trying to get control of some of the funds, refused to make any report. He has broken with the remainder of the directors and is spending his time accusing them of all manner of wickedness.

That there is any danger of the colonists being defrauded Mr. Hoffman denies, as the arrangement is such that the power is all in his hands. The Kansas-Sinaloa company is the property holder of the colony, while the Credit Foncier company owns nothing. Hoffman is thus in a position to dictate terms. There can be no change in the title of the 30,000 acres owned by the company without his consent. According to the terms of the colony's organization there is to be a permanent reorganization in February of this year, when all titles are to be cleared up and permanent directors (ten in number) elected.

## IN THE PLACE OF VANTAGE.

The Cherokee Strip Bill Before the Senate—Platt Compliments Mr. Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Cherokee strip bill will have the right of way in the senate hereafter, subject only to such interruptions as may be occasioned by senators desiring to speak on the anti-option bill. It is known that Mr. Hill wants to shed a few rays of light on Mr. Washburn's bill and Mr. Gray will also be heard before the vote next week on that measure. Meanwhile, debate on the Cherokee strip bill will continue.

Mr. Sherman is opposed to the provision in the senate bill requiring the immediate payment of the whole purchase price and says that he will vote against the bill if it is insisted. Mr. Butler, who has relatives in the nation, will insist on striking out the provision providing that intruders to be expelled shall be compensated for their losses by payments from the purchase price. This objection Mr. Higgins proposes to meet by charging settlers enough more for the land to make up the sum to be paid intruders, which is estimated at about \$300,000.

During the discussion yesterday of Mr. Berry's amendment providing for the appointment of three commissioners to extinguish all tribal titles to lands in the territory, Mr. Perkins of Kansas called attention to the fact that there was no provision that not more than two of the commissioners should be members of the same political organization. Whereupon Mr. Platt said that the senate ought now to discontinue the practice of inserting such provisions in bills with regard to commissions to be appointed by the president and added: "I don't believe that President Cleveland would make a partisan commission. If he should do so I am quite willing to assent to it."

Mr. Perkins said that he would not object, but he presumed that President Cleveland would do as other presidents had done—try to take care of his friends.

Mr. Platt continued: "I am perfectly satisfied for my part to leave the appointment of a commission of this kind to President Cleveland. I believe that his desire to serve the best interests of the country would rise superior to any desire to take care of his friends."

## No Revolution in Hayti.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—The Haytian legation here has issued a denial of the cable dispatches from New York stating that there was a revolution in Hayti. The officials declare that tranquillity prevails everywhere in Hayti.

## Governor Altgeld Suddenly Ill.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 24.—Governor Altgeld was seized with an attack of nausea accompanied with vomiting late last night. No one was permitted to see the governor to-day.

# AN AWFUL HORROR.

## HORRIBLE RAILWAY DISASTER NEAR ALTON, ILL.

### SIXTEEN PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH.

Fourteen More Fatally Injured, and Scores of Others More or Less Seriously Hurt.—A Southwestern Limited Train Runs Into an Open Switch and Explodes a Train of Oil Tanks—Awful Flames.

ALTON, Ill., Jan. 24.—Sixteen persons killed, fourteen fatally injured and a hundred more or less seriously hurt is the appalling result of a series of accidents at Alton Junction Saturday. An open switch on the Big Four main track was the prime cause of the disasters. The Southwestern limited ran through the switch into a freight train standing on the siding and Engineer Webb Ross of the limited was instantly killed. The wreck took fire, and while a great crowd was watching the spectacle an oil tank car exploded with terrific force, enveloping the spectators in a sheet of burning oil. The total list of the dead is as follows:

- WEBB ROSS, Mattoon, Ill.
- HERMAN CORNELIUS, Iowa.
- EDWARD MILLER, Alton Junction.
- TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN.
- WILLIAM SHATTUCK, Upper Alton, Ill.
- HENRY PENNING, Wann, Ill.
- WILLIE MCCARTY, Alton, Ill.
- JOHN LOCHIE, Alton.
- EDWARD MAUPIN, Alton.
- DANIEL HARRIS, Alton Junction.
- WILLIAM MANTZ, Fosterburg, Ill.
- CHARLES UTT, Alton.
- W. H. MILLER, Alton.
- CHARLES HARRIS, Alton.
- JOHN WILKINSON, Alton.

Of these all but the first six died of their injuries after being removed to the hospital at Alton, except Utt, W. H. Miller and Mantz, whose dead bodies were found near the scene of the wreck yesterday morning. Of the injured, fourteen, the hospital authorities say, cannot recover. They are:

- OTTO HAGEMAN, Alton.
- JOHN FRED, Alton.
- JOSEPH HERMANN, Alton.
- HENRY PILGRIM, Alton.
- JOHN LUTTRELL, Alton.
- W. B. RICHARDSON, Alton.
- DANIEL HARRIS, Alton.
- A. T. PRASER, St. Louis.
- FRANK BARTH, Bradford, Canada.
- FRANK SCULLIN, Alton.
- JOHN BURKE, Alton.
- WILLIAM MILLER, Alton Junction.
- MURRAY, Upper Alton.
- ROTHOFF, Upper Alton.

Besides these thirty sustained serious injuries who, it is believed, will all recover, a score of others were slightly hurt.

The southwestern limited leaves St. Louis at 8:05 p. m. and is due at Wann at 8:48. Wann is a flag station of the Chicago and Alton and the Big Four railroads and is about four miles this side of Alton. There are no side tracks there, but about half a mile beyond, at a small village known as Alton Junction, are several switches. The tender of these switches, R. Grattan by name, is also a barber, and combines his tonorial duties with those of attending to the numerous switches at that point. Upon him is laid the blame by the railway officials and trainmen for the accident and its frightful after consequences, and officers are now searching for him, as he fled during the excitement following the dual accident.

The limited train, consisting of an engine and tender, a combination and buffet car and three coaches left St. Louis at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, thirty minutes late, and making up lost time at a forty-seven mile per hour speed, when it ran into the switch and collided with a long freight train, consisting mostly of loaded tank cars. Engineer Webb Ross of Mattoon saw the danger too late, but he threw on the air brakes and stayed with his machine, being buried in the wreck and burned to a crisp. Fireman White jumped and escaped uninjured. The passengers were fearfully shaken up but none were seriously hurt. An eye witness says that the shock of the collision was such as to split two loaded tanks wide open and the oil immediately caught fire, the flames shooting fifty feet into the air. The locomotives and baggage cars were totally wrecked but the remainder of the passenger train was moved beyond the reach of the flames.

Hearing of the wreck hundreds of people of this city and vicinity were attracted by curiosity to the scene. And then occurred one of the most awful disasters on record. A few minutes past 12 o'clock there was a light explosion of one tank which scattered fire to the stock yards enclosures. This produced the impression that the danger of explosions was at hand and the throng of strangers rushed for safety to the stock yards. A minute later there was a deafening report that shook the earth for half a minute and spread one sheet of seething, burning oil in all directions. For those within a circle of 100 yards there was no escape. Their clothing was burned and literally fell from their bodies.

The coroner's inquest was held at the hospital yesterday, the jury having previously been in session at Wann and Alton Junction. The verdict in each case states that death was "caused by burning oil, accidentally exploded and thrown over them."

## Fire at Severance.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 24.—James A. Campbell, Republican member of the house, was called home yesterday afternoon by a telegram announcing the destruction by fire of every building in the block in which his store is located in Severance, Doniphan county, with the exception of his own. The telegram stated that his building had been saved, but that it had been found necessary to remove all of his stock. The total loss Mr. Campbell estimates at about \$30,000.

## Perished in a Burning Building.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 24.—Mrs. Kate Roster, a widow, aged 23 years, and George Roster, her nephew, aged 6 years, were burned to death yesterday morning in a fire which consumed four dwellings on Salisbury street. Four others narrowly escaped a similar fate.

# INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

H. SWIGART, Secretary of the Mutual Cyclone, Tornado and Wind Insurance Company, EDITOR: If you are on fire, cyclone or hail, you should be addressed to him at Nebraska.

## Hail Insurance.

The Sheridan County Alliance sends the following resolutions as the sentiments of its members regarding the Mutual Hail Insurance Company:

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That all policies in this company must be secured by bankable notes or other equivalent security.

That losses must be adjusted each crop on the basis of its own merits and within four days after inflicted by an adjuster of county alliance or his deputy.

That no losses shall be paid by this company which may occur outside of ten days after the cutting of said grain.

No policies shall be in force in this company until the same shall have been placed on file with its secretary.

That assessments for the payment of losses should be payable November 15, of same year, and that losses be paid January 1, of the year succeeding.

J. G. GASKILL, H. F. WYMOND, Secretary President.

## A Member Dies.

Representative Farrell of Dodge county who has been very sick most of the time since the legislature met died on Tuesday of inflammatory rheumatism.

Mr. Farrell was a democrat with anti-monopoly leanings, and those who knew him expected him to make a good record for the people.

On Wednesday his desk was draped and on it some friends placed a large bouquet of flowers.

## Majors a Railroad Tool.

The Omaha Bee pays its compliments to Tom Majors in the following vigorous and perspicuous style:

The railroads are not entirely to blame for distributing passes for political effect. It is notorious, for instance, that hundreds if not thousands of passes have been asked for and furnished to Lieutenant Governor Majors and distributed by him since he became president of the senate and occasional acting governor. The railroads recognized in him one of their unflinchingly supplied him with blank pass-books, which he and his pals filled out at their pleasure. It is a question whether they would have dared refuse his requisitions had he been unfriendly.

Railroad managers do not like to incur the displeasure of a man who is liable to become acting governor any time the governor leaves the state.

As fine a lot of Clydesdale stallions as ever seen in the west will be sold by W. C. Fleury in this city February 15. Such good opportunities as this for buying a good horse at a low price do not often occur.

## Mrs. Z. S. Branson of Waverly, Neb.

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