

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

FLOOD IS DISASTROUS

PROPERTY LOSS OF MILLIONS IN GREAT VALLEY.

Hundreds of Houses in Business District of Pittsburg Are Submerged and Property Loss is Enormous—Equally Bad at Wheeling.

Serious flood conditions prevail in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and eastern Ohio. At 7 o'clock Thursday the water reached a stage of 24.6 ft. at Herr's Island and 24.3 feet at Market street in Pittsburg, and at the headwaters the rivers are now stationary.

At 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon the thirty-mile ice gorge at Parker Pa., broke. The immense gorge in the Clarion river has also started down stream.

Conditions in Pittsburg are the worst ever recorded. The whole lower downtown district is under water. Duquesne way, Penn avenue and Liberty street, running parallel with the Allegheny river, are submerged to a depth of several feet. Hundreds of business houses located in this district are flooded. In a number of instances the water is almost up to the second floor.

The guests in the Colonial, Lincoln and Anderson hotels are either marooned or compelled to use skiffs to and from the buildings. Trolley service between Pittsburg and Allegheny was suspended early Thursday, and a Pennsylvania depot thousands of excited people were trying to board trains for Allegheny and other suburbs.

Trolley, elevator and telephone service is demoralized in different sections. Within thirty-six hours four teen fatalities directly due to the flood have occurred.

CONFESION EXTORTED.

Denver Prisoner Said to Have Been Cruelly Beaten.

Unless new and important evidence is found against Benjamin C. Wright formerly of Chicago, he probably will never be tried on the charge of murdering his wife and child at Denver Colo. District Attorney George A. Stidger admits that evidence to convict the man is lacking, but he has not yet dropped the investigation. The alleged confession made by Wright to Chief of Police Michael A. Delaney is said to be worthless as evidence having been obtained by use of physical force. Three physicians who examined Wright in jail after he made his confession declared that he had been cruelly beaten, as the prisoner asserted. No poison was found in the bodies of Mrs. Wright and her child and it is alleged by the defense that their deaths probably were caused by carbon dioxide from a defective water heater, in which fire had been burning all night when the bodies were found. As a test of this theory the defense placed a dog in the house with the gas heater burning, and after two hours it is asserted the animal was taken out asphyxiated.

WAGONMAKERS SCARED, TOO.

Threaten to Advance Price of Their Goods 50 Per Cent.

The retail price of buggies, wagons and general products of the wagon craft are to be advanced nearly 50 per cent this spring unless conditions regarding raw materials and transportation take a beneficial change. This decision was reached at a special meeting of the National Wagon Makers' association held in Chicago Thursday and ratified unanimously by the forty-seven members. A scarcity of the right sort of raw material and the war shortage were given as reasons why an advance would be necessary.

Vote on Strike Question.

Forty-seven thousand men, members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, west of Denver, are voting at Oakland, Cal., whether to go on a strike to enforce their demands for an increased scale of wages.

Soul Weighing is Nonsense.

Sir William Crookes, of London, says that the story from America about the weight of souls, as cabled to London, is absolute nonsense. Dr. C. W. Saleby said: "It is a new and most ambiguous version of materialism."

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Short-horn steers, \$4.50@5.10. Top hogs, \$6.70.

Maurice Grau is Dead.

Maurice Grau, the well known impresario, is dead in Paris, at the age of 58.

To Convey \$2,000,000 to Manila.

Lieut. Short, of the Twenty-fifth infantry, stationed at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Tex., Thursday received orders to report to San Francisco and take charge of \$2,000,000 of Philippine currency and convey it to Manila.

Metcalf to Inspect Warships.

Secretary Metcalf left Washington recently for Charleston, S. C., where he will board the United States ship Dolphin for a cruise of inspection in Cuban and Porto Rican waters.

FOR HIGHER FREIGHT RATES

Hill Says the Northwest Will Pay More.

"I want to go on record here that your rates will be advanced in the northwest instead of being reduced. They will be advanced simply because it is necessary to provide the service. This course will begin in the east. Now, I am not complaining about rates, but present conditions would bankrupt some of the roads in this state."

Thus declared James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, before the Sundberg senate committee which is investigating the value of railroad property in the state of Minnesota. Mr. Hill said the company had adopted the method of reducing rates as the revenue has justified, and an investigation of the records would show that its rates, especially on grain and farm products, are lower than in other sections of the country. Today Great Northern rates applied to the Union Pacific would mean a reduction in the Union Pacific income of over \$5,000,000, and in cases of the Northwestern of nearly that amount.

Asked by Attorney James Manahan if it were not true that the lines in the east have been making enormous profits recently Mr. Hill replied that he did not think so. He said that, the whole question of operation will be on a different basis, the cost having increased so much that he knew of an eastern line which has advanced rates. "I think all the railroads of the country today have received a check they will not get over for many, many years," he asserted.

HIGH WATER IN THE EAST.

Fears Are Entertained of Dangerous Floods.

Dispatches from all sections of western Pennsylvania Wednesday report heavy rains Tuesday and rapidly rising waters. At many places the down-pour resembled a cloudburst. Streams are already beyond their banks. Much territory is submerged and fears are entertained of dangerous floods.

A heavy electrical and rain storm throughout Ohio also did much damage Tuesday and Tuesday night, according to reports received Wednesday. The Ohio and its tributaries are rising steadily and the lowlands already are covered with water. Landslides interfere with the operation of many electric lines through eastern Ohio.

Reports from Dayton, Zanesville, Springfield, Lancaster, Logan and other cities and towns say portions of the corporate limits are flooded.

ONE BANK ROBBER CAUGHT.

Had Been Seriously Injured by Premature Explosion.

One of the Hunnewell, Kan., bank robbers was captured Tuesday night, bying in a straw stack near Caldwell, Kan. He gave his name as Charles Arthur, claiming St. Louis as his home. He is 27 years old. His face was badly mutilated, one eye hanging out of the socket, and one hand partially off. His injuries were received in the premature explosion at the bank. He is lodged in the county jail at Wellington, and denies complicity in the robbery, saying he received the injuries falling from a train while beating his way. Posses and bloodhounds are scouring the country for the other six members of the gang.

NEGRO WOULD BE MAYOR.

Former Slave a Candidate in Kansas City, Kan.

Joshua Wallace Voohtes, a negro, filed a petition, signed by 678 members of his race, with the city clerk of Kansas City, Kan., asking that his name be placed on the ballot for mayor on the independent ticket, to be voted at the coming municipal election.

Voohtes was born a slave just before the close of the civil war. He has been a member of the police force and deputy street commissioner, and is now in business for himself.

Many Were Put to Death.

Statistics published Wednesday regarding the drunken courts martial in Russia show that up to March 5, when their activity was suspended by Premier Stolypin on account of the opening of parliament, 764 persons had been executed, an average of almost five daily.

Girl Leaps from Window.

Leaping head first from a window ledge on the thirteenth floor of the Traction building, Gertrude Hanish, of Cincinnati, aged 20 years, committed suicide Wednesday in the sight of hundreds of people.

Fatal Wreck in Texas.

In a collision between two trains on the Gulf, Sabine and Eastern Texas railroad near Fields, La., Wednesday night Thomas Hawley and Wm. Muzey were killed and seven other men were injured, two seriously.

Bomb Kills Policeman.

While the police at Kharkovo, Russia, were searching the rooms occupied by a student a bomb exploded, killing an officer of the gendarmes, three policemen and two civilians. Six others were injured.

Rural Carrier Alleged Embezzler.

Deputy Marshal Skaggs, of Harrisburg, Ill., arrested John Morgan, a rural letter carrier at Maunie, Morgan is alleged to have embezzled money left by patrons with which to purchase money orders.

Murderer of Three to Die April 6.

Dr. Oliver C. Haugh, the Dayton, O., murderer, will be electrocuted on April 6. Haugh killed his father, mother, and brother without cause.

CANAL IN EIGHT YEARS.

This is Business Men's Guess on Panama.

Conditions in general in the Panama canal zone are declared to be extremely favorable for completion of the canal within the eight years, ending Jan. 1, 1915, as estimated by the engineers in charge of the work. In the opinion of the committees from commercial clubs in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis, who arrived at Charleston, S. C., Tuesday after a visit to the isthmus.

This expression is embodied in a series of reports, all of which were approved by all members of the party. From them a general report will be prepared by the chairman of the several groups under whose direction they were made and the general report will be submitted to the clubs represented by the committees.

The committees found, according to their representatives, that the greatest hindrance to rapid progress on the canal at present is a lack of adequate dumping facilities. This is said to be due to a shortage of cars for the transportation of refuse from a steam shovel plant, which, as a rule, worked at only half its capacity. The committee believes that this condition is being remedied as rapidly as possible and when the supply of cars is sufficiently increased the increase in progress will be most marked.

The investigation found that some complaints made concerning the preparation of food for the laborers seemed to be well founded. They suggest that notice be taken of these complaints and that the necessary changes be made.

HORROR ON A FRENCH SHIP.

Ferocious Explosion on the Battleship Iena.

Semi-official figures from Toulon, France, given out Tuesday afternoon state it is certain over 50 of the Iena's crew were killed, 100 seriously injured and 200 slightly wounded by the explosion of a compressed air torpedo which ignited in a magazine. Officials say the returns are probably under the mark.

No news has been received of the captain or first lieutenant of the battleship and they are believed to be among the victims.

The after part of the vessel was completely destroyed. No further explosions are occurring.

Rear Admiral Mancevon is among the wounded and included in the killed is Ensign Rousseau.

Many of the crew saved their lives by climbing down ladders and reaching quays, whence they fled to places of safety.

Entrance to the arsenal is forbidden to all but men in uniform.

A signal man of the Iena, who escaped, says a large number of the crew was gathered in the forepart of the ship, listening to a lecture by an officer when the first explosion occurred. Most of these were able to escape.

TO PUT RAILROADS ON SPT.

A Federal Investigation is to Be Made in Chicago.

The first federal grand jury investigation of the alleged violation of the Hepburn interstate commerce law is to take place in Chicago, according to the Record-Herald. A special venire of 45 talesmen has been called by District Attorney Sims, and it is said the most important case to be presented to the new judicial body will involve the relations between one of the most prominent shippers in Chicago, three fast freight lines, and one of the eastern railroads.

TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION.

Will Be Submitted as Separate Issue in Oklahoma.

State-wide prohibition will be submitted as a separate constitutional provision to the people of the new state of Oklahoma, the constitutional convention having adopted the proposition Monday.

There were sixty-nine votes for state-wide prohibition and thirteen against, with thirty delegates absent. State-wide prohibition will become a part of the constitution if a majority of the votes cast on this separate issue are in favor of it.

Higher Pay for Machinists.

The blacksmiths, machinists and boiler-makers of the Kansas City Southern Railway company were Monday granted an increase of wages, amounting to practically 2 cents an hour, as the result of a conference held in Pittsburg, Kan.

Two Steamers Ashore.

The German steamer Plo and the British steamship Queen Adelaide were Monday reported aground in Chesapeake bay, both vessels having missed the channel in a heavy snow storm Sunday. They are not believed to be in danger.

Coughs Up Tooth; Now Talks.

Joseph Loder, a 12-year-old boy living south of Terre Haute, Ind., who was stricken dumb eight months ago, Monday coughed up a broken tooth and commenced to talk.

Killed in Pistol Duel.

Capt. von Bercken, of the Ninety-third regiment of infantry, was killed in a pistol duel on the drill grounds near Tegel, Germany, by a druggist whose name has not been disclosed. The cause of the dispute which led to the duel is unknown.

Sault Ste. Marie Hotel Burns.

The Iroquois hotel at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was destroyed by fire Tuesday. The loss is \$200,000. All the guests escaped safely.

News of Nebraska

CLUE FOUND TO OLD MURDER.

Valise Found in Pool Hall May Clear Up the Mystery.

While Bill Coomes, Fremont, proprietor of the Diamond pool hall, was cleaning out a back room he came across a bundle of clothing and a grip which had been left there last winter by a stranger, who said he would call for them, but never did so. Coomes found the contents of the bundle and found that the property evidently had belonged to F. L. Falkner and sent to Mr. Falkner, the man who is supposed to have been murdered over across the river in Saunders county a year ago last December. The property was turned over to the officer and the grip opened. In it were found a number of letters and papers, evidently the property of F. L. Falkner. In a pocket of the coat in the bundle of clothing was an envelope across which was written "M. Falkner wants 50." The rest of the contents was undecipherable. Coomes was able to give a fair description of the party who left the goods. In the grip was also a photograph of the murdered man.

The murder was one of the most mysterious affairs that has happened in that vicinity. It was several months afterward that the body was identified by means of photographs as that of M. Falkner, a former resident of North Carolina, who had been discharged from the navy a few weeks before. Sheriff Bauman has never entirely given up the case, and with the new clue given by the grip and clothing, hopes to find out something more.

BIG OLD FELLOW MEETING.

Many Towns Attend Convention at Carroll.

The fifth annual meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Odd Fellows' association was one of the largest gatherings in the history of the association. Addresses were made by Grand Master J. E. Morrison, of Ganby; Deputy Grand Master Clark O'Hanlon, of Blair; Rev. Mr. Carroll, of Bloomfield; Rev. Mr. Hughes, of Thurston; Grand Chaplain, of South Sioux City; Grand Patriarch E. L. Dimick, of Laurel, and others.

The degree work was done by teams from Winslow, Belden and Grand Island, the latter being especially praised for the work in the second degree.

The will to be probated Saturday unless a contest is instituted.

President, Charles Flynn, of Wakefield; vice president, F. A. Berry, of Wayne; secretary, H. L. Peck, of Randolph.

The meeting next year will be held at Wakefield, although Bloomfield was a strong bidder.

BOY SHOTS INTO SCHOOLROOM.

Charge Shatters Glass, but the Children Are Unhurt.

A 17-year-old boy by the name of Taylor, who makes his home with Fred Story, about five miles west of Tekamah, went hunting with some companions recently. On their way home they passed the Spelman school house. While in front of the school house a new policeman, who was on duty to watch him break some window glass, and he shot twice, scattering glass all over the school room. The shot went over the children's heads and struck a picture at the other end of the room. Sheriff Phillips was notified and the boy was arrested. He was brought before Judge Bassler and entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$50 and costs.

NOT TO LEAVE OMAHA.

Union Pacific Manager Denies Such a Move is Contemplated.

General Manager Moberg of the Union Pacific, denied that his company is considering the question of transfer of its headquarters from Omaha to some other location in Nebraska, but declared that owing to the unfavorable outlook a policy of retrenchment has been inaugurated. He said orders were issued stopping work on the Maryville cutoff in Kansas and also on a branch which is under construction in Colorado. Preparation for the erection of a \$1,000,000 headquarters building in Omaha was stopped several days ago.

Physician Held Up.

While driving home after making a call in the country, Dr. A. T. Hill was held up by three highwaymen, three miles north of Lyons, at 9 o'clock in the morning. The robbers flashed a dark lantern in the doctor's face and forced him to step out of his buggy. While one of the men covered him with a revolver, the others went through his pockets, relieving him of \$15 and other valuables.

Sale of Thoroughbred Cattle.

A. B. Clark and William Leseman, stock dealers, held a public sale of thoroughbred short-horn cattle at Wayne recently, consisting of 18 head of cows, heifers and bulls. Twenty-one bulls sold for \$2,192.50, an average of \$104.40 per head; seventeen cows and heifers sold for \$1,622.50, an average of \$95.45 per head; total, \$3,815; average per head, \$100.25.

More Road Work Off.

Union Pacific officials Wednesday afternoon announced that work on the Athol Hill cutoff near Cheyenne, Wyo., would be discontinued once beyond the cause of adverse legislation toward that road, ending in a cut in rates.

Odd Fellows to Build.

The Odd Fellows hall this week for the Odd Fellows hall at Blue Hill, and the work will be rushed to finish the building at once by the committee in charge. The building will be \$6x30, instead of 32x64 feet as at first planned.

Wedding at Alsworth.

Olaf Waldo Remy, one of the leading druggists of Alsworth, and Miss Addie Osborne were married at Alsworth in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends.

COMING INTO BOX BUTTE.

Government Land Being Sold, Daily Taken Up by Settlers.

Real estate is becoming scarce in the north and of Box Butte county. Farms and ranches that could be bought and were bought from \$3 to \$5 per acre last spring are now selling readily at from \$10 to \$15 per acre. Most of the investors are speculators from the eastern part of the state; only a very few are actual settlers.

Each year's crop of homesteaders for the government lands west of there seems greater than the one preceding. All the southern part of Box Butte county is now practically entered as sections homesteaded under the Kinkaid act. In many cases where filings have been made by persons who neglected to comply with the time limit of making settlement, the land is being contested by those sages for the land who have failed to find desirable homesteads remaining. The situation is beginning to resemble that of the early 80s when the good land in the county was first taken up just before the Burlington railroad came through when, if an entryman failed to comply strictly with the letter of the law, his claim was jumped without ceremony.

Potato shipments began this week and promise to be the heaviest for years. The quality is excellent and the price is about 45 cents.

TO FIGHT CREIGHTON WILL.

Disinherited Nephews and Nieces Lay Plans for Contest.

Aggressive fighting plans are being made by those nephews and nieces of the late Count John A. Creighton who were not mentioned in Mr. Creighton's will, and an attempt will be made to break the instrument. Seven of the most prominent attorneys in the city have been retained by these seven relatives who were cut out of bequests, and a fight will be made to prevent the will being probated.

The amount left by Count Creighton is estimated at \$7,500,000, one-fourth of which goes to his relatives and three-fourths to charitable and educational institutions. An attempt has been made to settle the matter out of court, the heirs all contributing to a fund with which to buy off the disinherited kinship, but the plan failed.

KILLED BY FALL FROM TRAIN.

Victim Supposed to Reside at St. Paul, Minn.

Sunday morning as a track walker on the Union Pacific railroad was walking his beat he observed the dead body of a man lying along the track two and a half miles west of Lexington. The body was brought to town and a coroner's inquest was held. The body was badly bruised about the neck and about the chest. Money or valuables was found on his person and he was poorly dressed. A note book was found in one of his pockets containing the name, "Joseph Willard, 236 Grove street, St. Paul, Minn." He was five feet ten inches tall, light complexion, and about 32 years old. The verdict of the jury was that he came to his death by falling from train No. 4 from a cause unknown.

MAIL ROUTE CHANGES.

After Spirited Fight Patrons at Walthill Will Win Out.

Mail service was opened between Walthill and Macy Monday. This route was secured after a strong fight on the part of the people of Macy and Walthill. The mail for Macy (formerly Omaha) never has been carried for years from Walthill, but owing to the fact that better service can be given from Walthill the route was changed. Several petitions and counter petitions were gotten up by the people of Walthill and Macy on the one hand and of Walthill and Macy on the other. The controversy was finally ended by having an inspector examine the different routes and report.

Odd Fellows to Meet.

The Northeastern Nebraska Odd Fellows' association held its annual meeting in Carroll Tuesday. The district embraces the counties of Dakota, Dixon, Cedar, Knox and Wayne. A large gathering was present and the program, might be quiet and conferring of degrees employed the visitors all night. The grand master of Nebraska was present and made an address.

Pup Bites Small Boy in Head.

The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Little, of East Ashland, was attacked by a young bull pup. The boy was thrown to the ground with the dog's teeth fastened into the back of his head. Had the father not been near and rushed to the rescue it is probable that the boy would have met with death from the attack.

'Corn King' Returns to Farm.

Anton 'Peg' the well known "corn king" of the Elk Horn, has taken up his residence on the farm which he has owned for some years adjoining West Point. The tract of land, comprising some 240 acres, is widely known as one of the most productive farms in the state. The farm is now completely fertilized.

Randolph Improvement Club.

The Randolph Improvement club was organized at a well attended meeting of citizens in the opera house. W. F. Hill is temporary president and H. L. Peck secretary. Permanent officers and a board of directors will be elected at a meeting Friday night.

No Retrenchment at David City.

The 2-cent rate and the paying of taxes did not stop the Union Pacific from making improvements in David City. They have adorned the depot with a coat of paint.

FARMERS MILLIONS AHEAD.

Bureau of Agricultural Department Estimate Yearly Benefits.

The people profit \$231,000,000 annually by the work of the Agricultural Department, according to the estimates of the bureau officials, just made public in the report of the Committee on Expenditures in the Agricultural Department, which has spent the entire session investigating the department.

The Bureau of Animal Industry leads the list with an annual valuation of \$50,000,000, of which \$100,000 is because of the experiments making hens lay more plentifully.

Chief Willis J. Moore, of the Weather Bureau, says his bureau annually benefits the people \$30,000,000.

The Bureau of Plant Industry places its value at \$29,000,000. Of this \$100,000 is because of the saving by introducing the resilient cow pea.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley of the Bureau of Chemistry thinks his office does \$10,000,000 of good. He places the investigation of sorghum syrup, the saving from the investigation of the sugar beet and the utilization of waste in making denatured alcohol at \$1,000,000 each. He estimates the value of his "poison squad" experiments in determining the effects on health of food preservatives and coloring matter at \$5,000,000. Dr. Wiley thinks his investigation of the "sweet" or "hot" corn industry is worth annually \$250,000.

The Bureau of Biology, which, in support of its estimate that it annually benefits the people \$3,000,000, submitted beautiful orange-colored maps labeled "skunk area of the United States," asserts that \$1,500,000 benefit was derived from its work among "coyotes and wolves." The biological survey appropriation was left out of the agricultural bill for the reason that the money asked was to be expended in "mapping districts in the United States which would make ideal homes for frogs."

The Bureau of Entomology thinks it saves the people \$22,000,000 a year, of which \$5,000,000 is because it was instrumental in the "introduction of the Australian lady-bird beetle."

The Bureau of Public Roads is the most modest of all, and only asserts it benefits the people \$873,000 a year.

The report severely criticizes Chief Moore of the Weather Bureau for his expenditures on "Mount Weather," the research institution which he established in the Blue Ridge Mountains at a cost of \$101,000, for which Comptroller Tracewell says, under existing law there is no authority.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture is criticized for exceeding his authority in expending the appropriation for the new Department of Agriculture building. Instead of completing a structure for the entire department, he spent the money in building a single wing.

EDISON NOT TO QUIT.

Wizard of Electricity to Continue Experiments Indefinitely.

When Thomas A. Edison celebrated his 70th birthday the other day the report was circulated in the papers that he had decided to knock off work, so to speak, and begin his playtime as an altruistic scientist. He was quoted as saying that during all the forty-five years of his experiments with electricity he had been turning the exertions into commercial value so fast that he had no chance to play with electricity for the fun of the thing. It was said that he would devote his time in the near future to perfecting



THOMAS A. EDISON.

his phonograph and to developing his system of submarine telegraphy. All of this was interesting, if true, but on the following day a friend of Edison said that this playtime idea was one of the inventor's lifelong illusions, and that it would probably be impossible for him to finish the commercial work he was now engaged in for ten years or more. Nevertheless it was true that he hoped to close his life with a period devoted exclusively to humanitarian work.

Interesting News Items.

Assistant Paymaster Spyer, U. S. N., was dismissed from the navy on account of technical embezzlement.

Mark Twain has had made for him an evening suit of white broadcloth, as a protest against somber effects in clothing.

The House committee on naturalization and immigration has decided to make a favorable report on bills providing an appropriation of \$70,000 each for immigrant stations at New Orleans, Galveston and Charleston, S. C.

Plea of guilty to a violation of the Sherman anti-trust act were entered in the United States Court at Savannah, Ga., by the S. P. Sholter Company, the Patterson-Downing Company, the Standard Naval Stores Company and S. P. Sholter and J. F. C. Myers, individuals, known as the "barge-trust." Fines aggregating \$30,000 were imposed.

DAVIS IS SET FREE.

Chicago Building Ordinance Held Void and Theater Man Acquitted.

In court at Danville, Ill., Will J. Davis was acquitted of the charge of manslaughter in connection with the Iroquois Theater disaster in Chicago in which 596 persons were killed, and was set free. The acquittal by the jury was an order from Judge Kimbrough, who, after three days of argument by the opposing counsel, decided that that portion of the Chicago fire ordinance on which the indictment was based was invalid. After the decision was rendered the judge called the jury into court and instructed it to bring in a verdict of acquittal.

This disposes of the charges against Mr. Davis in so far as the present indictment is concerned. He has been placed in jeopardy on the charge of causing the death of Viva Jackson and has been acquitted by a jury. As the State is not given the right to appeal no further action is possible. But there are 595 other victims of the Iroquois horror. Whether or not indictments charging responsibility for their death can be drawn without using the discredited ordinance as a basis is a matter for the Chicago authorities to decide.

Counsel for the defense, who were elated over the decision, expressed the conviction that no further indictments will be attempted by the State's Attorney's office. They pointed out that the county will hardly go the length of prosecuting again with a defective building ordinance as their basic point. They know of no other starting point of which the State might avail itself.

While the decision handed down by Judge Green in Peoria County in the cases of Thomas J. Noonan and James E. Cummings, employees of the theater, in which the indictment had been quashed for similar reasons, had prepared the friends of Mr. Davis for a favorable outcome, they were none the less overjoyed at Judge Kimbrough's decision and flooded the courtroom at Danville with congratulatory telegrams.

Adams Discredits Confession.

During the trial of Steve Adams at Wallace, Idaho, for the murder of Fred Tyler, the confession of the defendant was read, which corroborated the confession of Harry Orchard regarding the murder of former Gov. Steunenberg by direction of the Western Federation of Miners, implicating President Mayer, Secretary Haywood and