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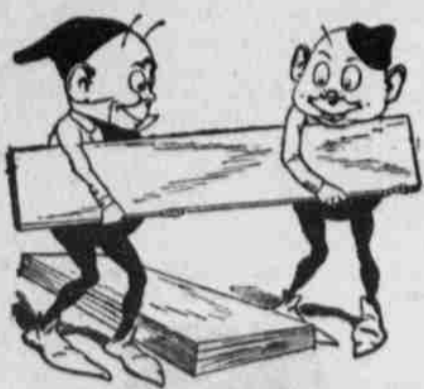
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**NEBRASKA NEWS**

**Fairmont Company Arranges to Keep On While Plant Burns.**

**DAMAGE PLACED AT \$600,000**

Cause of Fire Said to Be Defective Wiring—Concern New in New Quarters and Plant at Omaha Will Be Rebuilt at Once.

Omaha, Oct. 31.—The Fairmont Creamery company, following the total destruction of its factory and offices, affords a remarkable example of how to handle big problems. The officers of the company arranged to continue business while their great plant was still blazing.

The building, which was located at Twelfth and Jones streets, was totally destroyed by flames about 3:30 Sunday morning. It is estimated that the loss was about \$600,000, covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is said to be defective wiring.

In the destruction of the Fairmont creamery the largest concern of its kind in the United States was lost.

Water had not ceased to flow on the ruins until the company had leased the third story of the Flöckly and Casality company's building at Twelfth and Farnam streets. The full office force returned to work this morning and the business went on without interruption. The lease was made for six months and in that time the company expects to have its new building ready. Securing these quarters for general offices, the company quickly made other arrangements for handling the manufacturing and the collection of cream. Vice President Rector said: "We are ready to serve our trade in the city and receive the cream of country customers as usual."

Not an employee of the concern was thrown out of work by the burning of the Fairmont company's building. A majority of the 100 men employed in the creamery department proper went on with their work this morning, while the few remaining were sent to the sub-factories of the company at Manning, Ia., Crete and Grand Island.

**OIL STRIKE AT SHELTON**

First Traces Found and Driller Says Large Quantity is Few Feet Below.

Kearney, Neb., Oct. 28.—Shelton is in a fever of excitement over the finding of oil in the well that has been drilled there during the summer.

The promoters have sunk a well to a depth of 600 feet and today the earth thrown out was moist with crude oil and when placed in the river nearby caused a coat of oil to form on the surface of the water.

The man in charge of the well has seen service on many oil fields and he thinks that oil in large quantities will be found a few feet farther down.

**STEEL WORKERS IN BAD FALL**

Clyde V. Brown Dead and N. O'Dell May Be Fatally Injured.

Omaha, Nov. 1.—While riveting a steel beam to its place on the fourth story of the new Union Pacific building, Fifteenth and Dodge streets, a plank upon which they were standing slipped upon a steel beam and allowed two iron workers, Clyde V. Brown and N. O'Dell, to fall to the concrete basement of the structure.

Brown died of his injuries at the Omaha General hospital, where both men were taken. O'Dell is not expected to live.

**MULLIN'S FIRST OPINION**

Tells Platte County Attorney Name of Mortensen Cannot Go on Ballot.

Lincoln, Nov. 1.—Arthur Mullen, the newly appointed attorney general, handed down his first opinion after he had taken office. The county clerk of Platte county had been told by the county attorney that he could not put the name of Peter Mortensen on the official ballot for the office of railway commissioner because the vacancy was not thirty days' duration. Mr. Mullen gave it as his opinion that the declaration was right.

**GUARANTY HEARING FIXED**

Dec. 12 Date Set by United States Supreme Court.

Lincoln, Oct. 28.—The constitutionality of the Nebraska bank guaranty law will be argued in the supreme court of the United States about Dec. 12. This information was received by Deputy Attorney General Grant Martin in a telegram from W. T. Thompson from Washington, who said the motion to advance the case had been granted.

**Bert Taylor Is Executed.**

Lincoln, Oct. 29.—Bert Taylor, who was convicted of the murder of Miss Pearl Taylor of Minden, sister of his dead wife, was hanged at 2:37 p. m. Just before the noose was adjusted to his neck; he faced those assembled about the scaffold and said: "I am innocent."

**Eugene Jackson Is Found Guilty.**

Omaha, Oct. 29.—Guilty of second degree murder was the verdict returned against Eugene Jackson, after the jury had been out twenty-two hours. Jackson was charged with killing Rufus Coleman.

**ASSAULT TWO YOUNG WOMEN**

Daughters of Farmer Attacked by Men in Dark Near Calhoun.

Blair, Neb., Oct. 31.—At 2 a. m. as the two daughters of John C. Johnson were leaving Calhoun, where they had been at a dance, they were assaulted by two men, choked and beaten, and the eldest, aged twenty-four, was choked until she was unconscious. The younger, about nineteen years old, fought off her assailant, escaped and gave the alarm.

The women were driving a horse and buggy and when about a block out of Calhoun the assault was made. One young woman was carrying a lantern at the side of the buggy to light their way, when it was suddenly seized by a man who put out the light and smashed the lantern, while at the same time another man grabbed the lines from the other side and pulling the horse around upset the buggy, throwing the occupants out, when they were seized and beaten.

The father of the girls is a farmer living four and one-half miles from Calhoun and the girls had started to drive home. Mr. Johnson reports the two girls as being in bed and the oldest girl's injuries of a serious nature.

**INCREASE IN WHEAT ACREAGE**

Ninety Cents a Bushel is Estimated Price of Winter Grain.

Omaha, Oct. 28.—Winter wheat is sown in greater acreage this year than ever before, according to the monthly crop report of the Burlington railroad. In eastern Nebraska the increase of winter wheat acreage is about 15 per cent, while in the central portions it is around 50 per cent. On the McCook division of the road it is estimated that 75 per cent of the cultivated land is sown in winter wheat. The state board prices the product at 90 cents a bushel this year.

Corn, sugar beets and potatoes are given excellent estimates on both quantity and quality this year. Hay is conceded to be a little short, but an average of three crops of alfalfa was harvested over the state. Ranges and pastures are in good condition.

**PENDER GIRL IS KIDNAPED**

Grace Rolph Taken From Ranch in Mexico, Where Family is Staying.

Lincoln, Oct. 31.—Grace Rolph, seventeen years old, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rolph, a well known Pender (Neb.) family, who have been spending the summer on a ranch near Checoy, Mexico, owned by G. S. Harris of Lincoln, was kidnaped by a Mexican peon named Segunda, according to advices received by Mr. Harris. A son of Mr. Harris, who was manager of the ranch, has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of Segunda. The United States ambassador at Mexico city has been advised and an effort will be made to interest the state department officials at Washington.

**STABBING AFFRAY ON STREET**

Robert McGeer of Valentine Attacked by Man Thrown From Saloon.

Valentine, Neb., Oct. 31.—Robert McGeer, a saloon man of this city, was stabbed in the abdomen on Main street. Bill Johnson had been in McGeer's saloon, accompanied by a small boy, and McGeer had asked him to take the boy out, as they did not allow children in the place, but Johnson refused and made a great deal of trouble until they were both thrown out. He then laid for McGeer, and when McGeer was coming up the street, he stepped out in front of him and stabbed him with a jackknife, inflicting a bad wound. Johnson was put in jail, and McGeer will probably recover.

**ARTHUR MULLEN IS NAMED**

State Oil Inspector Appointed Attorney General by Governor.

Lincoln, Oct. 21.—Arthur Mullen, state oil inspector, has been appointed attorney general, to take the place made vacant by the resignation of W. T. Thompson. Mr. Mullen probably will appoint George Ayres and Miss Josephine Murphy, at present assistant attorney general and stenographer to their old places.

W. J. Furse, secretary to Governor Shallenberger, declined the appointment of railway commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of W. H. Cowgill.

**Patrick Mostyn Is Dead.**

Omaha, Oct. 31.—Captain Patrick Mostyn, veteran police officer, died at the Clarkson hospital, after a sickness lasting four months. Captain Mostyn is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Mostyn, and seven unmarried children, four of whom are going to school.

**Bryan's Dates in Sixth.**

Lincoln, Oct. 31.—Besides speaking in Lincoln tonight, where he has hired his own hall, W. J. Bryan will make the following speeches this week: Broken Bow and Merna, tomorrow; Holdrege and Arapahoe, Wednesday, and at Culbertson and Clinton, Thursday.

**Will Not Change Switch Order.**

Lincoln, Oct. 31.—The state railway commission has turned down the request of the railroads to change its order whereby the roads have to absorb the increased switching charges of the South Omaha stock yards.

**Blue Hill to Have Lighting Plant.**

Blue Hill, Neb., Oct. 31.—After four days of tussling with the electric light proposition, the village board let the construction of the plant for \$5,000. Ninety days' time is given for the completion of the work.

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