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Head of Grain Growers' Organization Enters Field of Candidates on Republican Ticket.

Lincoln, Neb., June 10 (Special).—Chas. H. Gustafson, head of the United States grain growers, the marketing organization of western growers, has announced his candidacy for United States senator on the republican ticket. This is a result of Brookhart's success in Iowa.

Gustafson has five competitors—Congressman Jefferson, National Committeeman Howell, Attorney General Davis, Frank John, Grand Island, and John O. Yeiser, Omaha.

MOUND DID NOT CONTAIN BODY OF MURDERED MAN

Hay Springs, Neb., June 10 (Special).—Opening of a mound on the Fred Kutschera ranch, south of Hay Springs, failed to solve the mystery of the disappearance of George Morton, pioneer rancher of this vicinity. Morton disappeared several years ago shortly after he had drawn a large sum of money from the bank and friends and relatives believed he was murdered and buried on the place, which is now owned by Mr. Kutschera. A mound found on the place was believed to be the grave of Morton and it was decided to open it in an effort to ascertain the nature of Morton's death.

MUCH SOUGHT MAN WAS MURDERER 20 YEARS AGO

Lincoln, Neb., June 10 (Special).—Prison records disclose that Fred Brown, the much wanted chain man, served a term in the state penitentiary 20 years ago. He was 17 and Ernest Bush was convicted of murdering an old man in Dundey county for \$25. Bush was run down by Detective Arthur Sparhawk, who later went to Wyoming and was the sheriff in Owen Wister's story of "The Virginian."

WOULD BE WRECKER OF TRAIN SENT UP

York, Neb., June 10.—William Lee, 18, who is said to have confessed placing obstructions on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad track in an attempt to wreck passenger trains, was sentenced to the Kearney industrial school to remain until he is 21, following a plea of guilty in Judge Corcoran's court. He was taken to Kearney.

DAKOTA WESLEYAN'S NEW PRESIDENT INAUGURATED

Mitchell, S. D., June 8.—Inauguration ceremonies for Dr. E. D. Kohlstedt, who has been chosen to succeed Dr. W. D. Schermerhorn as president of Dakota university, were held Wednesday.

At noon in the corn palace Dr. Kohlstedt and Dr. Schermerhorn were guests of honor at a community banquet. The three business men's clubs, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions, all changed their regular weekly meetings to Wednesday in order to take official part in the inaugural luncheon. S. E. Morris, president of the board of directors of Wesleyan university, presided at the luncheon.

Dean F. Stockton, of the state university, brought to Dr. Kohlstedt the greetings of the state institutions; President G. H. McCune, Huron college, spoke for the independent schools of the state. Gov. W. H. McMaster was one of the principal speakers. Following his address, Dr. Schermerhorn delivered his farewell message. He was followed by Dr. Kohlstedt, who was formally presented to the community by Mr. Morris.

The evening exercises were held in the university chapel. Dr. J. B. Jenkins, of St. Paul, vice president of the board of directors, presided. Henry McKay, director of the class of 1923, welcomed Dr. Kohlstedt in the name of the entire student body, and Francis Case, Chicago, spoke in behalf of the alumni. For the faculty, Dr. L. A. Stout, veteran of Wesleyan teachers, spoke. President S. F. Kerfoot, of Hamline university, brought greetings to Wesleyan and its new head. John L. Seaton, former member of the Wesleyan faculty, and now member of the Methodist Episcopal board of education, spoke in behalf of the board. Following Mr. Seaton's address, Bishop Charles Bayard Mitchell, St. Paul, delivered the charge to Dr. Kohlstedt, and the latter's response closed the inaugural ceremonies.

Dr. Schermerhorn leaves the presidency of Dakota Wesleyan to become head of the department of biblical literature of Garrett Biblical institute, Evanston.

POISON PRAIRIE DOGS ON WHOLESALE SCALE

White River, S. D., June 8.—Fifteen prairie dog towns of approximately 2,000 acres in all have been listed for poisoning. Poisoned oats are prepared and distributed at cost by the county farm bureau. One or two leaders are selected in each neighborhood to superintend the distribution and application of the poison. A. S. Gray, county agricultural agent, worked out the details of the poisoning campaign.

BLOOD POISON IS CAUSE OF WOMAN'S DEATH

Huron, S. D., June 8 (Special).—Mrs. McAllister a short time ago attempted to open a can with the aid of a can opener. In some manner the instrument slipped and she suffered a slight cut on one of her fingers. Although she took immediate care of the wound, it did not heal and within a day or two developed into blood poisoning, from which she died.

CITY OF PIERCE HAVING TROUBLE

Validity of \$130,000 Worth of Bonds Questioned—Nebraska High Court Asked to Decide.

Lincoln, Neb., June 8 (Special).—It is now up to the supreme court to say whether the city of Pierce must hold another election to vote \$130,000 worth of bonds for a school house. The district has 542 voters, and at the election where the bonds were voted recently 327 took part, all but 33 voting in the affirmative.

When the bonds were presented to the auditor he declined to register them, which makes them unsalable. He said the board had not followed the law in that it posted notices of an election instead of giving three weeks' notice in the newspapers. The district asks the supreme court to mandamus the auditor to register the bonds.

The argument of the lawyers was which of two sections of the school laws applied to the Pierce election, and attorneys for the district insisted that in view of the number who voted for it it would be idle to claim that a newspaper notice would have changed the result. Anyway, they said, a mere little technicality like that ought not to be permitted to set aside the will of the people so clearly expressed. The court took the matter under advisement.

BANK FINANCING AN EASY MATTER

Nebraska Supreme Court Has Under Advisement Case Involving the Guaranty Deposit Law.

Lincoln, Neb., June 7 (Special).—The state of Nebraska is resisting the payment out of the guaranty deposit fund of \$20,000 worth of certificates of deposit issued by the Home State bank, of Dunning, which did not last very long after some Minneapolis financiers bought it. The certificates are now in the possession of several California banks, which claim they bought them before due and are innocent holders.

As illustrating how easy it is to buy a bank when you have nerve and no money, this case is illuminating. C. C. Cooper owned the bank. He sold it to the Minneapolis syndicate. In payment of it he took \$20,000 worth of certificates of deposit in the bank, and the new owners put their notes in to represent them.

REBUILD GRANDSTAND ON FAIRGROUNDS

Bloomfield, Neb., June 7 (Special).—Committees from the Bloomfield commercial club are now at work raising the money to rebuild the grandstand on the grounds of the Knox County fair association. The structure was recently destroyed by a tornado. It is estimated that \$2,500 will cover the necessary expense, as there is a great deal of material saved from the wrecked building.

CLOSE ON TRAIL OF MAN WHO SOLD CATTLE

Chadron, Neb., June 7 (Special).—Roy Kirkendall is believed to be hiding near Pepper creek, following a charge against him of selling to a local firm a carload of cattle claimed to be stolen near Casper, Wyo. The cattle had been billed to South Omaha originally. The bill of sale presented was found fraudulent. Kirkendall bought two saddle horses, two suits, two pairs of boots and other goods, all of which he paid for with worthless checks and then left town.

Chief Wilson and Sheriff Canfield trailed the man over rough country, tracing him to a lonely shack. He discovered his pursuers and escaped into a deep canyon before they reached the cabin.

MURDERED MAN IS IDENTIFIED IN LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb., June 7 (Special).—A mystery case with a two-state angle has just been cleared up. Word came to Lincoln some weeks ago that a former policeman, Thomas B. McGovern, had been killed by a robber while walking a beat in Glenoldan, Pa. Nobody in Lincoln had ever heard of a policeman of that name. Pictures just received have been identified by Mrs. Grover M. Plausner, of Lincoln as those of her former husband, and Chief Johnstone says she is right about it.

Plausner was discharged from the Lincoln force because he had trouble with his wife. Her divorce suit is still on the docket of the local courts. Plausner served across seas as a soldier in the late war, and his trouble here arose from the fact that he married a French girl and forgot to tell his wife or the French girl about the other. The wife found it out, and when she asked him about it he left the city. He had been a police officer in the Pennsylvania town for two months.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Bloomfield, Neb., June 7 (Special).—Bloomfield lodge, No. 500, I. O. O. F., will hold its annual memorial day exercises next Sunday. Formal exercises will be held at Odd Fellows' hall at 2:00 o'clock p. m., and a procession will then form and march to the cemetery, where the graves of deceased Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be decorated with flowers. On the return from the cemetery, light refreshments will be served at the G. H. Laddell are the committee who have charge of the arrangements. The local Rebekah lodge will participate.

CALLS FOR HELP WENT UNHEEDED

Boy Who Had Feigned Drowning Failed to Get Assistance When He Was Really In Need.

DeWitt, Neb., June 13 (Special).—Charles Wenzel, 23, was drowned in the Blue river while swimming with a number of younger boys.

Wenzel had been playful all the afternoon and frequently called to his companions that he was drowning. They went to his rescue, as they supposed, two or three times, but found that he was joking. He went out on the bank a short time and then dived into the river where the water was about eight feet deep. As he came up again called for help but the boys supposed he was still jesting and did not go near him. He sank and rose a number of times and finally failed to come to the surface.

The other boys thought he was swimming under water and realized too late that he was drowned. The body was recovered by divers.

FIND DEATH WAS CAUSED BY STRANGULATION

Exeter, Neb., June 13 (Special).—A coroner's jury investigating the death of Charles Kebele decided that death was caused by strangulation. The inquest was held following the finding of Kebele's body in a car belonging to Charles Kovanda. The car attracted attention because it had been standing for some time in front of the Ed Stech residence. Men who went to investigate found Kebele in the back seat with his head hanging out of the window of the winter top. Charles Kovanda was in the front seat, also unconscious.

The inquest developed that Kebele and Kovanda had been drinking whiskey which was given them by a man whose car was bought by Kovanda. The three men drank a quart bottle of liquor and drove about town in the automobile as long as they could sit up.

Convicted.

From the Los Angeles Times. Placing the talking machine on the library table. Mrs. Ravenyelp said to her husband:

"I have an odd record here, Henry, and I want to see if you can guess what it is."

When a weird succession of sounds began to come from the horn of the instrument Ravenyelp knitted his brow and tried to identify the sounds. "It's a buzz saw plowing through a knot," he ventured.

"Guess again," said Mrs. Ravenyelp. "A slide trombone in full cry."

"Hardly."

"Cat concert?"

"Ho! with its toes in a trap."

Smiling grimly, Mrs. Ravenyelp shook her head in the negative.

"Give it up," finally said Ravenyelp, "but as a last guess I'll say it sounds very much like a siren whistle with the 'p'."

"I will agree that it's as bad as all you have named," Mrs. Ravenyelp remarked, "and hope it will save a lot of argument in the future."

"But what is it?" insisted Ravenyelp. "It's a record I made in your bedroom the other night," replied Mrs. Ravenyelp, "to prove to you that you really do snore in your sleep and to let you know just how awful it sounds."

By Arthur Brisbane.

An important decision by the supreme court is that heads of labor organizations can be held responsible for strike damages. If Mr. Gompers should call a strike, and the strikers should wreck mines or buildings, Mr. Gompers could be made to pay damages if he had the money.

This most severe blow at union labor makes every union official responsible for anything that may be done by workmen in the course of a strike called by that official.

No man questions the sincerity of supreme court judges. No man questions either that that court's sincerity is now in the direction of conservatism.

Recent decisions have prevented interference with child labor, prevented interference with gambling in foodstuffs, prevented and declared unconstitutional the effort of a city to regulate the price of gas.

When a supreme court becomes too conservative, however sincere it may be, something else happens—at the ballot box, of course—and then you get different decisions. History shows that absolutely sincere convictions can be completely changed over night, after the right kind of vote has been cast.

By the way, the New York Consolidated Gas Company, which recently protested against "confiscation" to the supreme court, in resisting rate cuts ordered by the city, is wondering what to do with its surplus funds. It will pay off and call in its securities and then issue two shares of stock for one, paying dividends on both shares, according to present plans. Thus in the future the supreme court will have a chance to protect it again from "confiscation."

Fair Enough.

From Judge.

Two South Carolina negroes were dickered on the sale of a mule. "How much'll you take for 'at mule, brother?" inquired the first.

"Ah'll sell dat mule so cheap dat you'll feel lak a hoss thief!"

MASONIC TEMPLE TO COST \$30,000

Work Started on Building at Slayton, Minn.—To Be Fine Affair.

Slayton, Minn., June 10 (Special).—Work has started on the proposed new Masonic temple here. It is to be the finest building of the kind in southwest Minnesota and will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

RANCHMEN WON'T PAY FOR CATTLE

Polk County, Nebraska Man Demands \$26,000 From State, Charging Carelessness of Employees.

Lincoln, Neb., June 8 (Special).—The supreme court heard arguments today in the case brought by Benda brothers, ranchmen of Polk county, against the state for \$26,000, the value of Herefords that died of thirst in a pasture because, as they allege, two employees of the state department of roads mistakenly turned off the water supply. The legislature allowed the claimants to sue to establish the responsibility of the state, if possible, after refusing to pay the sum they asked for.

The hearing was marked by the unusual character of the appeal of plaintiffs' attorney, who said that they appealed to the higher law, and asked the court to decide the case according to right and justice and not according to law. He cited the sermon on the mount, Paul's epistle to the Corinthians and the golden rule to prove his claim that the state is morally liable.

RAILROAD ATTORNEYS USE UNIQUE ARGUMENT

Lincoln, Neb., June 8 (Special).—When the farmers were demanding lower freight rates, their favorite argument was to translate the rates into bushels of wheat and corn and hundredweights of hogs. Attorneys for the Northwestern, in a brief just filed in supreme court, adopt the same system of mathematics to prove that a judgment of \$35,000 obtained in Washington county by Mrs. Jennie Kepler, a farmer's wife, for personal injuries, is excessive.

They say that to pay this judgment would take 70,000 bushels of wheat at 50 cents, or an acreage of more than 12 sections of land, or 140,000 bushels of corn at 25c or a trainload of hogs at 10 cents. They said if the equivalent was to be changed it would take more than a mile of their road, and that if the intention was to confiscate the property by excessive damage judgments it would be better to do it all at once instead of piecemeal. Mrs. Kepler was crippled for life when a train ran into the automobile in which she was driving. The railroad claims that her relative, who was driving the car, tried to beat the passenger train to a crossing, and lost.

COLUMBUS JUDGE TO HEAR OUSTER CASE

Lincoln, Neb., June 8.—On the application of Sheriff Rutledge of Thurston county, who is to be tried in court Wednesday morning on ouster proceedings instituted by the attorney general, the supreme court appointed Judge A. M. Post of Columbus to hear the case. Rutledge asked for some judge outside his home district and the state made no objection.

WINSIDE POLITICIAN CHANGES AFFILIATION

Lincoln, Neb., June 8 (Special).—Otto Ulrich of Winside has turned his allegiance from the republican to the progressive party. He has filed as a candidate for the senate on the progressive ticket. Two years ago he was elected state senator on the republican ticket. Progressives then had no party organization. The last legislature redistricted the state and one of the changes made was the substitution of Madison county for Cummings county in the 33rd senatorial district. The other counties in the district are Pierce and Wayne.

NEBRASKA IS GIVEN NEW BUNCH OF LAWYERS

Lincoln, Neb., June 6.—The Nebraska supreme court has added 55 new names of the roll of attorneys admitted to the bar in the state. The increase is due to the graduation of students from the University of Nebraska college of law and the college of law of Creighton university at Omaha. The court admitted 38 graduates of the university of Nebraska and 17 of Creighton.

FORMER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR IS DEAD

Seattle, Wash., June 7.—Judge Richard A. Ballinger, who was secretary of the interior during President Taft's administration, died at his home here last night. He had been ill two days.

MORE CASH ADVANCES FOR MIDDLE WEST

Washington, June 8.—Approval of 19 advances for agricultural and livestock purposes aggregating \$754,000, is announced by the War Finance Corporation. Distribution of the loans included: Iowa, \$50,000; Nebraska, \$22,000.

Mrs. Seymour Know, of Buffalo, was traveling through Austria to Oberammergau when officials at Kuffstein, a small neck of Austrian territory between Italy and Germany, demanded a deposit of 10,000,000 crowns before they would allow her car to pass. She hired another car, visited all the banks at Innsbruck, and returned with a load of paper money which she deposited to get back her car.

OMAHA POLICEMAN SHOT BY PROWLER

Omaha, Neb., June 7.—Patrolman Charles Geiselman was shot through the chin and neck and bruised on the shoulder with a blunt weapon, when he accosted a prowler in an alley in Benson, a suburb, early Tuesday. The prowler was declared by witnesses to answer the description of Fred Brown, fugitive two-gun bandit who chained two girls in a shack over a week ago. Officers rushed to the scene after the shooting but failed to find the fugitive.

PRESIDENT PUSHES SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

If Congress Adjourns Without Action on Measure, He Will Call Extra Session at Once, He Tells Mondell.

BY WINDER R. HARRIS, Universal Service Correspondent.

Washington, June 13.—President Harding once more Monday repeated to House Republican Leader Mondell that the ship subsidy bill must be passed at the present session of congress.

Representative Mondell, who has been vigorously opposed to action until after the November elections, urged this course upon Mr. Harding, but he would not hear to it.

The president made it plain that if the present session should be adjourned without action on the subsidy bill, he will call an extra session immediately.

No Mistaking Position.

There is no mistaking the president's position at the capital as the result of Monday's conference. He is more in earnest and more insistent about the passage of this measure than probably any matter that has come up during his administration.

It was understood that he also told Mr. Mondell that he expected a special rule to be granted for consideration of the subsidy bill as soon as it is reported out by the merchant marine committee.

Leader Mondell is understood to have told the president that even though the measure is passed by the House, it cannot get by the Senate at the present session.

Harding Not Pleased.

The chief executive, it is said, was not very much pleased with this forecast. His assurance from Senate leaders, he is understood to have replied to the House leader, are that the bill can and will be passed at this session.

The steering committee took no action on Mr. Mondell's report further than to discuss the situation, it was stated. I also was learned, however, that another conference will be sought with the president at which both Senate and House leaders will be present before definite arrangements are completed for consideration of the legislation in the House.

This conference is expected to take place Tuesday or Wednesday. Besides Mr. Mondell, Speaker Gillett, Chairman Greene of the merchant marine committee, and Representative Scott of Michigan, a member of the merchant marine committee, will represent the House.

Work on Re-Draft.

Members of the merchant marine subcommittee, headed by Rep. George W. Edmonds, of Pennsylvania, worked until late Monday night to finish the re-draft of the bill so that it may be submitted to the majority members of the full committee Tuesday. With the majority approval, the new draft will be re-introduced in the House in the afternoon.

On Wednesday or Thursday the whole merchant marine committee will consider the measure. The democrats plan to offer amendments, but only those which appear to have actual merit will be given consideration. No time will be wasted.

The bill, according to the present schedule, will be reported to the House by the end of the week. Chairman Greene then will ask for a special rule, if necessary, making it in order early next week.

Middle West Backs Chief.

Administration supporters who have been making a check on the members of the House stated Monday that they still were confident of a majority for the bill, although the campaign against it by certain of the republican leaders has stirred up considerable talk.

All of the members of the Ohio delegation, with the possible exception of one, will vote for the bill, it was stated Monday by one of the Ohioans. This development, along with the poll of the Illinois delegation, which showed that at least 18 of the 23 republicans will support the measure, was accepted as showing that middle west is lining up strong behind the president.

MADALYNE'S TRIAL GETS IN FULL SWING

Los Angeles, June 13.—The second trial of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain for the alleged slaying of J. Belton Kennedy, a wealthy young broker who, according to the prosecution's claims, was lured to his death in Beverly Glen August 5, 1921, got in full swing Monday.

Late in the afternoon the state had placed six witnesses on the stand. Their testimony on the whole was practically the same as in the first trial.

The defendant in her first trial testified Kennedy was shot by two rough men standing back of him. The state has contended that Arthur C. Burch, co-defendant in the murder charge, fired the fatal shots while directly opposite Kennedy.

Despite a grueling cross-examination, Dr. Wagner held to his original story that the main course of the wound had been horizontal.

GREAT FIRE SWEEPS PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

Passaic, N. J., June 13 (U. P.).—Fire in the east side district here late Monday had caused an estimated loss of more than \$500,000 and at 5:15 was not yet under control.

The Holy Rosary Polish church and school, built at a cost of \$400,000, was destroyed. Five stores and 10 dwellings were burned as the flames spread to other buildings.

Fire apparatus from neighboring towns were asked for and were being rushed here for assistance in fighting the flames.

BIG FERRIS WHEEL FALLS KILLING FIVE

Nearly All Other 75 Passengers Hurt as Storm Hits Park and Same Gale Upsets Boats and Many Drown.

BY CHARLES MILLER, Universal Service Correspondent.

New York, June 12.—Fifty or more dead and 100 hurt, many of them possibly mortally, was the day's toll in Greater New York in which two disastrous occurrences almost without walking distance of each other, one killing 35 and the other five, happened simultaneously.

In the terrific storm which struck New York just before 6 o'clock the big Ferris wheel at Clason Point Amusement Park, known as the "Coney Island of the Bronx," tipped over, killing five women and injuring more or less, nearly all of the other 75 passengers of the huge baskets.

The same terrible gale which overturned the big wheel covered the waters of Pelham Bay, a couple of miles away, with a topsy-turvy mass of empty small boats, while their occupants of a few moments before were drowned or dragged unconscious from the water by hundreds of volunteer rescuers within a few minutes after the storm had passed.

Eight Bodies Are Recovered.

At midnight police figures showed that eight bodies had been recovered from Pelham bay and that thirty were known to have been drowned.

City Island and Clason Point, two of the principal amusement centers of the Bronx, were scenes of pandemonium where but an hour before 25,000 people were dispersing themselves in and along the cool shores of Long Island Sound.

Two astounding accidents within the limits of Greater New York were matched by another freak disaster within a few miles of the north city limits, when, near Mamaroneck, a giant tree uprooted by the great wind, crashed through the roof of the Red Lion Inn, crushing the life out of two persons in the dining room and hurting several others.

Five Other Deaths.

Five other deaths, three of them from drowning, and a long list of prostrations, when the mercury struck 90, featured a metropolitan Sunday of freak weather, which included scorching sunshine, gales of wind, crashes of thunder and lightning, and the most terrific rain and hail storm of many years.

Slightly before 6 o'clock when the cool breezes from Long Island Sound blew cool over the thousands in the "Coney Island of the Bronx," the big Clason Point ferris wheel was revolving smoothly with every basket full to capacity.

Five minutes later it was a mass of twisted steel entangling its victims as it crashed from its dizzy height in the hundred mile gale that came up in less time than it took for one revolution of the great wheel.

Horified Spectators Rescue.

The great Sunday crowd of spectators, horrified, began the immediate work of rescue while dozens of ambulances, police wagons and fire apparatus were being rushed to the park from various Bronx hospitals and stations.

Thousand of people had been pouring in from all directions all day and were still being amused at the Clason Point resorts when the ominous darkening of the sky was first noticed.

No one expected the fury of the storm to be anything like what followed the first boom of thunder and the earliest swish of rain.

The clouds, sheltering the throngs from the hot sun, at first were welcomed for the relief they brought to the sweltering crowds. Then, without a moment's notice, the wind and hail broke driving everybody who got away to cover.

Four or Five in Each Basket.

Almost with the first big sweep of the wind the great wheel was seen to totter and then fall. Four or five persons were in each of the big baskets as the big wheel crashed over on its side.

Early estimates of the dead put the figure at anywhere from four to 12 with the injured at from to three times that number.

Two hours after the accident police reports put the number at two dead and 16 injured.

Police figures for the day estimated the exodus from the heatstricken city at more than a million.

Ferry boats to Staten Island, carried more than 200,000 while Coney Island transportation routes carried more than twice that number. All day long every available conveyance was packed by those who sought relief along the water or in the country or parks.

The weather man mopped his brow after the storm Sunday night and promised at least two more days of red hot weather for Father Knickerbocker.

KANSAS BANK ROBBED.

Kansas City, Kan., June 12 (U. P.).—Four bandits Saturday held up the cashier at the Welborne State bank, three miles west of here, and escaped with \$4,185.

Without Fear of Contradiction. From the Great Bend Tribune. From the Great Bend Tribune. The editor's wife drove up in front of the office late Saturday afternoon and honked the horn. As the editor put on his hat and coat, he remarked: "Well, I won't say I won't plant grass this evening, but I will say that up to now I didn't intend to."

NEWSPAPER PLANT BURNS.

Woonssocket, R. I., June 12 (U. P.).—Fire destroyed three blocks of business buildings here Saturday. The plant of the Woonssocket Call was wiped out. Damage was estimated at \$200,000.