

FIREMEN ARE BURNED

OMAHA CONFLAGRATION IS SERIOUS

Explosion of Gunpowder Badly Scorches Several of the Fire Fighters—Chief Redell Among the Injured—A Heavy Financial Loss.

At Omaha early Sunday morning the building occupied by Allen brothers wholesale grocery was burned. The damage to the stock is estimated at \$100,000, and is covered by \$170,000 insurance.

Chief John Redell. Lieut. Thomas Ruane, probably fatally. Lieut. John Sullivan. Lieut. John J. Ormsby. Fireman Frank Hardy. Joseph Hoffman. Harry Redell, son of the chief. Martin Range. Otto Gliske. Pipeman John McCumber. Assistant Engineer Isaac Simpson.

None of the injured, with the exception of Ruane, are dangerously hurt, although the burns are painful.

The firemen were injured by the explosion of 400 pounds of gunpowder which stood on the first floor near the elevator. The powder was contained in two large iron tanks and was separately encased in ten-pound cans.

One tank was dragged across the street out of harm. The second tank was being dragged down the platform when it tilted and the iron lid fell back. A long, glowing splinter fell into the open tank and the concussion which followed shattered windows blocks away.

The heroic firemen were hurled to the pavement, their clothing blown from their bodies or kindled to a blaze. Teams broke from their drivers and dragged heavy engines through the crowd at a gallop.

The prostrate firemen scrambled to their feet and ran blindly into the crowd. Ready hands extinguished the flames. Later they were taken to different hospitals.

Chief Redell did not leave his duty for an instant, although his son was one of the most seriously burned.

How the fire originated is not known.

FARMER'S WAR OPINIONS

I am a reader of your paper. Its pages are illuminated with thoughts that go to the bottom of things. There are principles in its teachings. It is food for the hungry, liberty loving, God serving patriot.

But times have changed. Am I permitted today, 1899, to call them brothers? Or shall I call them "half-devil and half-child," as our sweet poet and prophet (so-called) designates those who, in his opinion, are beneath him.

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STEWART FOR CONGRESS

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of are hand in glove with the corporations (this as to all east of the Missouri river), and that within this state the leaders of our allies are professional men—and many of them corporation lawyers or others whose interests are hostile to the working people, is a fact that inspires suspicion among populists.

DROUTHY NEW ENGLAND

This is weather to sorely try the patience of the farmers and market gardeners of New England.

The hay crop is already a failure after the drouth of April and May, and still the rains are withheld, and the drying process, which is so sadly apparent on the lawns of the city, makes short, thin grass in the hayfields that is scarcely worth cutting.

The early vegetable gardens in the neighborhood of Boston look most unpromising, and the strawberry plants in the neighborhood of Dighton have been so seriously affected by the drouth that the growers say the crop has been ruined.

That Boston Jeremiah who predicted such blasting heat and drouth this summer as this section has not seen in many generations, as yet has the best of those who scouted his prediction.

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DARNER FOR CONGRESS

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the present time to fan the smouldering embers of real patriotism in this neck of woods.

F. B. CARLY. Chadron, Neb., June 18, 1899.

CAUSES OF NATIONAL DECAY.

What causes people of a whole state or nation to lose their character and independence? This is a question that must be answered and the remedy found or the days of the republic are numbered, and fortunately we can find the answer in every page of the history of every nation that has perished.

ACETYLENE.

The Burlington railroad is experimenting with acetylene gas. Fixtures for its use have been placed in the dining car "Lincoln," and the new light will be given a thorough trial.

CHEAP WAY OF MAKING ICE.

Man Fills His Icehouse at the Cost of 3 Cents a Ton.

An interesting and novel process of producing ice by natural methods has been put in operation in this town by a resident. A year ago he had a building specially constructed for his use.

At one end of the house is a stand-pipe from the main of the Claremont water works. The water is spring water, but an application is made of electricity to still further purify it as it stands in tanks after being drawn from the source of supply.

The out-of-door temperature was at about freezing. If anyone visits the experiment house today the owner will show him a crate full of ice—one solid block of about 300 tons weight.

The erection of houses of the type required is easily accomplished anywhere, and the ice can be manufactured at a cost of about five cents a ton.—Boston Herald.

EMPHATIC Statements

Letters from women cured of female troubles by Per-una

Lucy L. Wilson, Nashville, Tenn., writes: "I now consider myself well and do give you great thanks for it; your wonderful medicine, Per-una, has done me all the good. I had tried a great many doctors and did not find any relief from any of them, but now I can say that I am well. I feel like a new person all over. May God bless you and be with you always."

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