

AN ISOLATED CITY

Eight Inches of Rain Falls at Vicksburg, Miss.

WIRES DOWN AND TRAFFIC IMPEDED

Frage at Emporia, Kan.—Murdered and Body Saturated With Oil—Disastrous Fire at Peckville, Pa.—Charged With Another Crime.

Nearly eight inches of rainfall in the past twenty-four hours has almost isolated Vicksburg so far as railway traffic and wire communication are concerned. Not a train on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad has entered or left the city since 9:30 p. m. This train only succeeded in getting as far as Port Gibson, twenty-five miles south, where it is still held, the tracks south of that point for two miles being washed away.

A passenger train ran into a wash-out at Melton, the engine, baggage and mail cars going into the ditch. No one was hurt. Passenger and freight trains north and south of Vicksburg are stalled all along the road, the tracks being covered with water at a score of places.

In Vicksburg the damage will amount to several thousand dollars. Many stores and residences in the eastern section have been flooded to a depth of several feet. Streets are washed out and many bridges undermined.

At the national cemetery many terraces were cut to pieces and the fine steel bridge across Mint Springs bayou, built by the government five years ago, is on the point of collapse and traffic across it has been stopped.

Very little news has been obtained from the outlying districts.

MAY COST THEM DEAR.

Alleged Grand Island Blackmailers Face Another Charge.

John Patterson and Charles Walling, the two men who were arrested at Grand Island for impersonating detectives and extorting money from Henry Sander, and endeavoring to do so from William Linderman, proprietors of resorts managed on the club plan, were put up to a sweat box process by County Attorney Horth, with the result that they admitted their guilt. The prosecutor made a ten strike, not only securing the confessions of the men that they were guilty of this crime, but also they were the two masked men who held up Dick Niefeld one evening about two weeks ago near the Union Pacific shops and relieved him of \$23 in cash and a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$300 in the First National bank of this city. When well into the case of holding up Sander for \$10, the prosecutor turned to Walling and asked: "And wasn't he (designating Patterson) helping you in the hold-up of Dick Niefeld?"

Walling was thunderstruck. Finally he admitted that he did and Patterson then also confessed. The men were arraigned in the county court an hour thereafter on the charge of highway robbery and pleaded guilty.

American Boy Arrested in Russia.

During the course of the recent domiciliary visits the police of St. Petersburg searched the house of an American, Mrs. Gardner, and arrested her son, Boris, who is a student. Nothing incriminating was discovered. Mrs. Gardner hopes her son will be released on the conditions that he will go to England to complete his education. Among those who were imprisoned on account of the students' riots are officers, lawyers, noblemen, noblewomen, and the sons and daughters of officials.

The Official Messenger admits that from Moscow alone ninety-five students have been banished to Siberia and that 567 have been imprisoned for terms ranging from three to six months.

Forty Buildings Burned.

Fire broke out in the village of Peckville, Pa., and before it was checked forty buildings with much of their contents were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$180,000. Thirty of the buildings were business places and they included all the principal structures of the town.

Not over half of the loss is covered by insurance and it will be years before the town will be able to recover from the injury.

Fifty families are left homeless and are being cared for by the neighbors. Most of the household furniture was saved, but the storekeepers suffer an almost total loss because of the inability to remove goods. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

Shoot a Distiller Dead.

At Keokuk Falls, Okla., John Martin, owner of a distillery, was called to the door by two men, who demanded whisky. He was ordered to throw up his hands. He reached for his revolver, but was too slow, and was shot. A man and a woman who were in the house ran out. When they returned Martin's body had been saturated with oil and was burning. The murderers escaped.

Troops may Not Be Needed.

Latest advices from the Tama reservation are that the presence of troops is not likely to be needed. President Linn of the state board of health has advised Governor Cummins that the Indians indicate a disposition to be more respectable and to submit to fumigation and burning of property to destroy smallpox germs.

Dentist Drops Dead.

Dr. John K. Gamble, one of the leading dentists of Coffeyville, Kan., dropped dead with heart failure. He was about 55 years of age.

USES WHIP ON THE MAYOR

Follower of Carrie Nation Applies Gad to Executive of Kansas Capital.

Miss Blanche Boise, a protegee of Mrs. Nation, horse-whipped Mayor Parker in his office at the city building, Topeka.

Three times she lashed the mayor and then he sprang at her, gripped her by the throat, choked her, took the whip out of her hands and pushed her into the hall.

As Miss Boise was thrust out by Mayor Parker she exclaimed: "Thank God, I've done it. I've horse-whipped you, and now I'm going to horse-whip the governor."

Before beginning her horse-whipping Miss Boise gave the mayor a severe scolding, and accused him of being responsible for the fact that the joints are running openly in Topeka, and for the murder which was recently committed in a local saloon. She then pulled the horse-whip from the folds of her dress and struck the mayor three times across the head and shoulders.

Miss Boise is a nurse by profession. She is about 35 years of age, and is quite a handsome woman.

When seen by the reporters after the affair, Mayor Parker refused to discuss it. The woman who whipped him talked freely. She said:

"I was in sympathy with Mrs. Nation, but did not take part in her raids. I have come to the conclusion that the only way to make public officers enforce the temperance laws is to horse-whip them. I have an organization behind me and we have whips for Governor Stanley and Judge Haze. I will wait and see how this dose acts on Mayor Parker before I repeat it. I think it is a good plan."

Family Poisoned.

The entire family of Frank Gabberry of Emporia, Kan., including his wife and two children, were poisoned and are not expected to survive. The case is mysterious, as about six months ago the entire family was stricken suddenly with all the symptoms of poison.

At the time it was thought the illness was caused by eating canned goods. In this case the family had been eating canned goods again. Gabberry is the proprietor of a grocery store.

Burglars entered the house of the Right Rev. John J. Hennessy, bishop of the diocese of Wichita, who is ill in St. Francis hospital and stole a valuable silver service, given him by the diocesan Catholics on the occasion of his recent silver jubilee. The burglars ate fruits the bishop had in the house. The servants were asleep at the time.

Found Dead.

Anthony Wyne, 28 years old, single, of Wichita county, Kansas, was found dead in a ravine four miles northeast of Healy. The body, when found, was entirely nude. An inquest was held by Dr. Rowen, the coroner of the county, which developed the fact that he was of unsound mind and left his home Sunday night, taking with him a horse, which he rode twelve miles, then killed by clubbing it over the head, and proceeded the rest of the way on foot, arriving in the vicinity of Healy, a distance of forty-two miles, Monday evening. He went to the home of Captain McCarty some time during Monday night, divested himself of all his clothing and wandered to the ravine, where it is supposed he died of exposure Tuesday night. The body was sent to Leoti.

Injured While Riding the Goat.

Suit for \$50,000 damages was begun in the Kent county, Michigan, circuit court by Charles Lewis of Berlin against the Modern Woodmen of America for injuries alleged to have been received while being initiated by the Berlin camp of Woodmen Lewis was initiated on February 12 last. In the course of the "work" he was given alleged rough handling and sustained a twisted right leg. Afterward the leg had to be amputated.

The suit is directed at the main office of the order.

Tragedy at Emporia, Kan.

Stephen G. Conkling of the grocery firm of Emery & Conkling, shot and fatally wounded his divorced wife, shot and seriously wounded his mother-in-law, Mrs. Silvers, after which he discharged the two remaining bullets in the pistol into his own heart, dying instantly.

The tragedy, which occurred at the home of Mrs. Silvers, was the outgrowth of matrimonial troubles which terminated in Mrs. Conkling securing a divorce during the last term of court.

Could Not Survive Burns.

Mrs. Emily McCurdy died from the effects of burns which she suffered last week. Mrs. McCurdy was burning some rubbish in her back yard one windy day when a sudden gust blew her dress into the fire and in an instant she was enshrouded in flames. Neighbors soon put out the fire, but Mrs. McCurdy had inhaled so much smoke and flames that medical treatment could not save her.

Jail Full of Prisoners.

There are at present 892 prisoners in the federal prison at Leavenworth, and the Indian Territory jails are full of men waiting to be sent whenever there is room for them. About forty cells in the cell house on the new site will be completed in April, and the best and most tractable men from the old prison will be moved there. They probably will be furnished their meals from the old prison.

Wa-Keeney suffered a property loss

by fire estimated at \$14,000. The fire, which is said to have been set by a passenger train, started in a lumber yard, destroying it, three dwelling houses, two blacksmith shops, a livery barn and damaging several other buildings. A strong wind was blowing, which spread the fire rapidly. An extra train was sent from Ellis with assistance.

Advices from Belmo, Clark county, Arkansas, state that a tornado swept over that town, destroying much property and injuring several persons.

FIRE AT CARLETON

Two Mercantile Establishments Are Consumed.

DISCOVERED BY SOME EARLY RISERS

Guthrie, Okla., Has a \$350,000 Fire—Once Prominent Citizen Found Dead Near Salt Lake—Blackmailer Pleads Guilty Notes.

Fire broke out in P. E. Woodard & Co.'s general mercantile establishment at Carleton, Neb., and devastated the entire stock, building and two-thirds of a \$12,000 stock of hardware owned by P. P. Beachy. The fire is thought to be of incendiary origin, and was discovered by a few of Carleton's early risers. Three-fourths of the population were enjoying their peaceful slumbers when the fire alarm was sounded and within fifteen minutes nearly every man, woman and child in the village and suburbs were at the scene rendering assistance in bringing the flames to subjection. By the most powerful exertion on the part of the citizens, with every available contrivance and the use of chemical reservoir fire engines and a bucket brigade, the town was out of danger by 10 o'clock.

This is the third time the entire town was greatly endangered by flames within the past three weeks. Furious gales were raging at each time the fire was discovered. Carleton has one of the best volunteer fire companies in the state for a town of its size. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

BILL FINDS FAVOR

Nebraska Cattlemen Inclined to Support It.

Petitions are being circulated among the cattlemen asking their signatures for the purpose of inducing the present congress to pass Senator Millard's land leasing bill.

An important amendment in deference to the wishes of the small stockmen has been made to the bill. It provides that "homesteads or surveyed or unsurveyed public domain, taken in good faith prior to January 1, 1902, shall be beneficiaries as freeholders" under the bill. This is an important amendment and makes the bill much less objectionable than without it. It is evident to any one familiar with the conditions in the western portion of Nebraska that there should be some provision made for the disposal of the government land yet remaining. The homestead law is not applicable under present conditions, but until a measure can be brought forward that will meet with the approval of all or a large majority there is very little chance that any change will be made in existing laws. Should the order be enforced compelling all fences to be taken down and removed from government land it will work a great hardship. A very strong effort is being made to have the interior department modify this order and in fact it is said that the cattlemen, or the stockgrowers' association will attempt to have Secretary Hitchcock removed unless he modifies his order. The large cattlemen believe that the president is in sympathy with them. The officers of the association and important and influential cattlemen are no win Washington looking after their interests.

Pleads Guilty.

Charles Walling, the partner of John Patterson in recent hold-ups at Grand Island, Neb., was arraigned on the charge of blackmail and pleaded guilty was sentenced to one year and six months in the state penitentiary. Walling was given the choice to plead guilty to highway robbery or to blackmail, under the law, and chose the latter. An additional hold-up case was found to be against him, in which he alone attempted to hold up a farmer while the latter was on his way home.

Collection Disposed Of.

The collection of curiosities in the Cass county court house, which has been considered one of the largest and best in the state, will soon be a thing of the past. The curios are now being distributed to the different owners, and the room will be used for other purposes. Ben Hempel, the former janitor, who died some time ago, took great pride in preserving and increasing this collection.

Fatally Wounded.

A special from La Junta, Colo., says: Rev. Father J. H. Brinker, pastor of the Catholic church in La Junta, Colo., was seriously, perhaps fatally, wounded by the accidental discharge of a revolver. It is supposed that the revolver fell from a table to the floor and was discharged. The bullet penetrated Father Brinker's abdomen.

Three Years.

John Patterson of Grand Island, one of the men who confessed in the sweat box of having held up Dick Niefeld some ten days ago and of extorting \$10 from Henry Sander, the manager of a club at which liquors are sold to the members, has pleaded guilty in the district court and been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Crowns for Graduates.

At a special meeting of the board of education of Grand Island caps and gowns for the graduates of the high school were selected. They will be purchased by the board and will be used from year to year at the graduating exercises.

Fined for Alleged Assault.

Arthur Grimm, a traveling salesman, was arrested at Ogallala, Neb., charged with assault. He was fined \$50 and costs.

GUTHRIE HAS A FIRE.

Business Part of Town Almost Destroyed—Total Loss \$350,000.

Guthrie, Okla., was visited by a \$350,000 fire and as a result the State Capital printing plant, the Hotel Capital, the St. Louis hotel, the Cammack livery barns and the Richey general merchandise store is in ruins.

Everything in the State Capital plant was destroyed, including two presses, machines of every kind, linotype machines, electric and steam heating systems, libraries and an immense stock of supplies. Frank H. Greer, the owner, states that the total loss is \$250,000.

The loss on the other buildings will make the entire loss to the town fully \$350,000.

The fire started at noon in the basement of the State Capital and was soon roaring up the elevator shafts. A high wind was blowing and it was impossible to check the flames. Assistance was asked of Oklahoma City, Perry, Kingfisher and other surrounding cities, but the high wind did the work before help could arrive.

Work will commence at once on the construction of new buildings for the State Capital. As no work had been in progress in the newspaper building, it is believed the fire was of incendiary origin.

Hastings Girl Robbed.

Miss Esna Hamot of Hastings, Neb., daughter of Canon J. Hamot, was held up and robbed of her purse, containing \$5 and some change. Miss Hamot had been shopping down town with some of her young lady friends, whom she left at Seventh street, near the Presbyterian church, and started for her home, two blocks away. The robbers had evidently followed her for some distance, for directly after leaving her friends she was confronted by the hold-ups, who demanded her purse. The police think it the work of local toughs and are at work upon the case.

Body Found With Throat Cut.

The naked body of Samuel Collins, with the throat cut from ear to ear, was found by a number of boys in a small cave in the hills north of Salt Lake City, Utah. The police say it is a case of suicide. Others think that Collins was murdered and his body thrown into the cave. Collins was well educated and at one time was quite wealthy, but is said to have lost a fortune in stock speculation in New York and San Francisco. He was about 65 years of age.

Fight in Dark Loft.

Five men became involved in a fight in a barn loft about midnight, near one of the Gardside mines, about a mile from Murphysboro, Ill. One was fatally injured by a gunshot wound and died. Four men who are being held for the crime give their names as Charles Herson of Toronto, Tenn.; John L. Demitt of Nashville, Tenn.; C. F. Hyatt of Dubois, Ia., and Thomas Curley of Champaign, Ill. None of the four men arrested could give the name of the dead man.

Send Them Back to Russia.

Immigration laws intervened to prevent the landing of two Russians who have well-to-do relatives in Lancaster county, Nebraska. They are Conrad Busik and Henrich Weigant. They were sent back to Russia because they suffered from contagious disease of the eyes. Congressman Burkett tried to have them admitted, but the disease was too apparent, and the law too stringent.

Killed and Robbed of \$3,000.

A reward of \$750 has been offered for the capture of the murderers of J. E. Brainerd, who was found dead March 1 between Missouri Valley, Ia., and Logan. Brainerd had \$3,000 in his pocket when last seen, and is supposed to have been murdered and robbed. Governor Cummins has offered \$250 and Harrison and Monona counties \$250 each.

Savage Dog Mangles a Boy.

Albert, the 10-year-old son of Hugh Herbison of Madison, Neb., was bitten by a dog and lost a chunk of flesh about the size of a hen egg from the calf of his leg. The boy was riding a bicycle, passing his father's mill, when the dog, owned by Farmer Underwood, ran out and without any warning grabbed him by the leg. The dog was quickly dispatched with a shotgun.

Convicted.

The trial of M. A. Wilson of Atwood, Kan., who was accused of burglarizing the county treasury of nearly \$2,000 on the night of December 21 last, commenced last Friday and was given to the jury Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock. They have just brought in a verdict of guilty. Mr. Wilson is one of the oldest citizens and a prominent attorney.

Mrs. Mary Shively, wife of a prominent farmer twelve miles from Warsaw, Ind., was seized with an attack of epilepsy, fell into a pan of boiling sugar water, and was scalded to death. Charles Shively, her husband, found the body a few minutes later with the head and upper portion submerged.

It is feared if Jerry Simpson takes his fawn colored flannel trousers, patent leather pulley belt and low necked shoes with him to Roswell, N. M., the Pecos valley vigilance committee will wait upon him.

Prairie Fire Raging.

A destructive prairie fire has been burning about twelve miles southeast of Anadarko, Okla. Mrs. Hattie Hand, in company with her two small children, started to a neighbor's house. They were overtaken and burned to death.

World's Shipbuilding Yards.

In 1800 there were in all the world less than fifty shipbuilding yards. Today there are more than 700 shipbuilding yards, turning out a total of 1,000 vessels yearly.

NEBRASKA WET

Issue Generally Throughout the State on the Saloon Question.

A VERY LIGHT VOTE WAS POLLED

Contest Was Very Close All Over the State—Republicans Were Successful at Hastings, Wahoo, O'Neill and McCook—Beatrice Fiasco.

In Nebraska town elections the main contest was the saloon, high license, apparently, winning in a majority of cases. Where the fight was waged on political lines republicans more than held their own, making clean sweeps or nearly so at Hastings, Wahoo, O'Neill, Schuyler and McCook, but losing ground at Beatrice and Fremont. School board tickets in many cases were non-partisan.

South Omaha Republican.

SOUTH OMAHA—Incomplete returns indicate that the entire republican ticket, with the exception of clerk, is elected, and this in a democratic town. Ten out of twelve precincts give Koutski for mayor 1,761; J. H. Loekner, democrat, 1,109; Sloan, independent, 540. Seven out of twelve precincts give Howe, republican, for treasurer, 291 plurality over Hoctor, democrat. The same precincts give Shrigley, democrat, for clerk, 165 plurality over McCaffrey, republican. The same precincts give Murdock, republican, 295 plurality over Montgomery, democrat.

Lincoln Was a Surprise.

Lincoln will not be compelled to close its saloons. The city election yesterday showed sixty votes majority against the ordinance for prohibition. This was rather closer than those who had been watching the fight looked for. In the ward fights Robert Malone won over M. D. Clary in the First ward by a majority of nine votes. In the Third ward H. F. Bishop defeated George H. Moore by a majority of thirty-five votes. The republican councilmen in the other wards all have good majorities to their credit.

Democratic Gains in Beatrice.

The result is: First ward, J. S. Rutherford, L. A. Scroggs; Second ward, H. Fishback, C. G. Baker; Third ward, Jacob Auch, Conrad Stroh; Fourth ward, J. S. McClery, J. A. McCallum. O. K. Reedy, citizens' candidate for water commissioner, defeated O. T. Curtis by nearly one hundred votes. The first named councilmen in the wards were candidates on the citizens' ticket. The council will be a tie on the saloon license question.

Hot Fight at Aurora.

AURORA—A hot fight was waged in Aurora on the proposition that Aurora grant license to saloons and billiard halls. The proposition was defeated by about 50. The following are elected for the coming year: Public improvement ticket, J. H. Edmondson, mayor; C. P. Whiteside, clerk; C. S. Hull, treasurer; M. Kohn, A. W. Downey, councilmen; law and order ticket, E. E. Mighell and J. Ronin, councilmen.

Tecumseh Dry.

TECUMSEH—Tecumseh will be dry another year, the license issue being defeated by sixty-five votes. The whole anti-license ticket was elected with the exception of councilman in the First ward. Following is the ticket: Mayor, Washington Robb; clerk, Rev. T. D. Davis; treasurer, L. M. Davis; engineer, W. L. Dunlap; councilmen, First ward, C. M. Shaw; Second ward, C. C. Cook; Third ward, E. H. Grist; members of board of education, A. B. Allen and J. A. Lawrence.

Result of Overconfidence.

M'COOK—The city election showed a most surprising instance of the danger of overconfidence and failure to vote. F. W. Washburn, the republican nominee for councilman in the First ward, being defeated by C. J. Ryan, whose name the opposition quietly wrote on the ballots. All the rest of the republican ticket was elected without opposition. Washburn's defeat has so absolutely unlooked for.

Omaha Indians in Washington.

A delegation of Omaha Indians reached Washington headed by Hiram Chase and Daniel Froman. They asked congress to give them one hundred thousand dollars of the large sum in the treasury to the tribe's credit. The Indian commissioner is favorable to their contention in most respects.

Gas Explosion in Mine.

An explosion of gas in the Nelson mine of the Dayton Coal and Iron company at Dayton, Tenn., ignited the dry coal dust in the mine and caused a terrific explosion. Twenty-two men are known to be dead. Ten bodies have been recovered. Twelve bodies are still in the mine.

Sampson Cannot Recover.

Reports were in circulation that Admiral Sampson's condition had taken another turn for the worse and that the end was near, but it was learned upon inquiry that his condition is unchanged.

It is conceded that he never will regain his health, but no new untoward developments have occurred recently.

Fremont.

FREMONT—Complete returns give Frank Hollenbeck, democrat, for city treasurer, 481 and W. H. Fowler, republican, 417, a democratic majority of sixty-four in the city at large. The democrats elected Robert Herreas councilman in the Fourth ward and the republicans J. C. Lee, J. A. Shank and A. J. Forman in the First, Second and Third, respectively. This is a democratic gain of one councilman. R. B. Schneider and C. M. Marr, republican, and F. McGiverin, democrat, are elected members of the board of education on a union ticket.

WANTS FIFTY PER CENT

That Was T. R. Kennard's Commission on Sale of Indian Lands.

The brief of the plaintiff in error in the case of Thomas P. Kennard vs. the State of Nebraska has been received by the supreme court of the United States. It appears from the facts as stated that under section 12 of the enabling act under which Nebraska was admitted 5 per cent of the proceeds of the sale of all public lands within the state sold by the United States subsequent to the admission of the state, after deducting all expenses incident to the same, shall be paid to the state of Nebraska for the support of the common schools. Subsequently, in 1873, the Nebraska legislature passed a resolution empowering the governor of the state to appoint an agent or agents to collect the amount due from the government for the sale of these lands, the agent to receive 50 per cent of the amount collected.

Under this authority Governor Furness appointed Thos. P. Kennard and made a contract with him for 50 per cent of the amount as stated. Kennard soon after secured a decision from the interior department awarding to the state 5 per cent of the proceeds of the sale of lands in the Pawnee Indian reservation, amounting to \$27,043.99. This money was turned over to the state treasurer. Mr. Kennard was unable to obtain his share of the same. He was permitted by act of the legislature to bring suit against the state and action was commenced in the district court of Lancaster county and a judgment was rendered in favor of Kennard. The state appealed the case to the supreme court of the state and the judgment of the lower court was reversed. Kennard then filed a motion for rehearing and the case was remanded to the United States circuit court for further proceedings and a judgment was rendered against the plaintiff, whereupon he appealed the case to the supreme court of the United States.

OFFERS BOER RESOLUTION

Great Britain Urged to Adopt Policy of Arbitration.

Representative Sulzer of New York introduced in the house a resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers. The resolution requests the president to urge upon the government of Great Britain the wisdom of adopting the policy of arbitration, "for the purpose of stopping the awful atrocities now going on in South Africa," and directs the president to "maintain a strict neutrality between the contending forces, and to prevent the shipment of contraband goods from ports in the United States to aid the British soldiers in South Africa." The president also is directed to "respectfully inform the British government that if the war in South Africa is continued it must be conducted in accordance with the rules of civilized warfare and the provisions agreed to, and adopted by, the Geneva convention and The Hague peace convention."

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

Bellamy Storer to Succeed Andrew D. White at Berlin.

Henry White, at present secretary of the embassy at London, is the latest and the most formidable candidate for the vacancy in the Italian embassy to be created by the retirement of Ambassador Meyer. Mr. White is strongly urged by Senator Lodge. He was secretary of the embassy when Mr. Hay was ambassador and consequently he has a warm friend in the secretary.

Bellamy Storer, now minister to Madrid, is to go to Berlin as ambassador, to succeed Mr. Andrew White, when that officer retires, which probably will be next fall. Mr. Storer's retirement from Madrid will leave a vacancy there which rumor connects with the name of Henry Clay Evans, the retiring pension commissioner, though it is learned upon inquiry that this is not yet assured.

DESTROYS A LANDMARK

Toll Gate in South Dakota Burns With Other Property.

Fire destroyed a landmark in the old toll gate house in the lower part of Gayville, S. D., on the road to Deadwood. It was the home of J. H. Senovoy, and Mrs. Senovoy was at home alone when the fire started. One portion of the house was occupied by Elk-horn laborers as lodging quarters, and they assisted in endeavoring to suppress the fire, but it had too much of a start. The house was a total loss, with all its contents. A cow, fifty Belgian hares and several dozen chickens in a nearby building were also lost. Property was destroyed to the extent of \$3,000 on which there was \$300 insurance. C. A. Scott, who kept the toll gate below Gayville in the early days, was the original owner of the house.

Close at Columbus.

COLUMBUS—Louis Held, democrat, met his second successive majority Waterloo today, when R. S. Dickinson defeated him by thirteen votes, ten more than Henry Ragatz got last year. J. H. Curtis, republican, was re-elected police judge by forty votes over H. J. Hudson. Louis Phillips, democrat, A. W. Clark, populist, and C. L. Stillman, democrat, were elected to the council. On clerk, treasurer and school board members there was no contest.

High License at Wymore.

WYMORE—Churches and saloons fought to a finish in the city election today and J. R. Dodds, who favors high license, was elected mayor by 38 majority. Huston defeated Schmits for councilman in the First ward by sixteen votes.

Syracuse Will be Wet.

SYRACUSE—Wait, Larson and Hoebe, high license candidates for the council were elected by an average majority of over twenty-five votes. By a majority of six votes it was decided to purchase a gas plant.