

FOOD SUPPLY SMALL

SAN FRANCISCO FACES SERIOUS SHORTAGE IN PROVISIONS.

Seven Hundred Carloads Have Been Distributed and Only 108 on the Way—Check on Waste—Four Buildings Wrecked by Dynamite.

San Francisco, May 1.—A feeling akin to consternation was created at the meeting of the general municipal committee when Mayor Schmitz stated that the city faced a shortage in the food supply. It had been the popular belief, and that of many officials also, that San Francisco, through the generous aid of the nation, had been placed in a position above want for a long time, and the mayor's declaration came in the nature of a painful surprise. Mayor Schmitz informed the committee that from information in his possession it appeared that 700 carloads of food and supplies of various descriptions had been distributed since the morning of the earthquake



SAN FRANCISCO FLATS SUNK ONE STORY INTO GROUND.

on April 18, and the railroads had information of only 108 cars on the way.

"If," said the mayor, "this information is correct, and I have no reason to doubt it, we will soon be worse off than we were a week ago. If the information has gone abroad throughout the country that we are amply supplied, it is most unfortunate, for it is apparent that we are not."

It was decided at a conference held by Governor Pardee, Congressman Kahn, General Greeley and Mayor Mott that the distribution of relief supplies in Oakland should be also placed under military direction, similar to that in San Francisco. Oakland, being the nearest large place of refuge from this city, has been obliged to attend to the task of feeding and housing thousands of unfortunate people and it is stated that the same misuse of food by unscrupulous and mercenary persons has been unearthed there.

The plan of General Greeley for distributing food to people in want was commenced in a number of the newly created districts and there was some diminution noticeable in the output of food.

An unfortunate happening was the destruction of a number of homes in the saved section on Van Ness avenue. The blasting gang was notified that certain insecure walls were a menace to pedestrians, and in order to blow up an unusually solidly constructed facade, was obliged to use a large quantity of dynamite. As a re-



CITY HALL AFTER THE FIRE.

sult of the tremendous explosion, four houses on the other side of the city's broadest thoroughfare were utterly wrecked.

Signs of renewal in industrial activity were apparent in many parts of the burned district and the work of clearing away debris preparatory to rebuilding was in progress in a score of places.

It was said that plans for over thirty large buildings will be drawn and will be submitted to the authorities immediately after the building laws are promulgated. The mayor notified the board of supervisors that he would appoint a committee, consisting of engineers, architects, builders and lawyers, to prepare plans for laying out streets and boulevards and reconstructing San Francisco.

Street car lines are being extended in all directions and the United Rail-

ways has promised to give the people within a short time a better system of transit than existed before the fire.

At the meeting of the finance committee no plans were submitted for solving the financial troubles of the city and that question still remains open for future consideration.

Chairman Rouse is Dead.
Cleveland, May 1.—Henry C. Rouse, chairman of the board of directors of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, died here of pneumonia.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Butte Postoffice is Robbed.
Butte, Neb., April 30.—The postoffice here was robbed of about \$1,100 in stamps and money. The robbers broke open the door from the outside into the Gazette office and from there broke into the postoffice. The safe was broken open. Mrs. A. Armstrong is postmaster.

Woman Ends Life at O'Neill.
O'Neill, Neb., April 30.—Mrs. Helen E. Howe committed suicide at the Dewey hotel in this city by drinking a quantity of carbolic acid. She died almost immediately. The woman was the wife of C. H. Howe, living in McClure township, this county. In August of last year she was sent to the asylum at Lincoln.

Another Chamberlain Case.
Tecumseh, Neb., April 30.—Beginning May 7, one of the several cases of embezzlement against Charles M. Chamberlain, who was cashier of the failed Chamberlain banking house of this city, will be tried in the district court of Nemaha county at Auburn. The case was taken from this county on a change of venue.

W. H. Thompson Goes to Europe.
Grand Island, Neb., April 30.—W. H. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson will leave in the early part of May for a trip to Europe. They expect to be gone about six weeks. Mrs. Thompson has not been in good health for some time and the trip is taken for her benefit. Mr. Thompson expects to be back in time to participate in the campaign.

John H. McColl is Dead.
Lexington, Neb., May 2.—Hon. J. H. McColl, who has been a prominent citizen of Lexington since the early '70s, died here. Mr. McColl was a Mason of high degree and was a county officer for several years. He was a candidate for governor in 1896, but was defeated in the wave of Populism. He was a bachelor and lived with his sister, who cared for him in his sickness.

Democrats Win Omaha.
Omaha, May 2.—James C. Dahlman and the entire Democratic ticket, excepting one councilman, were elected in the municipal election here. Dahlman defeated E. A. Benson, his Republican opponent, by 2,796 majority. Zimman (Rep.) won out for councilman from the Third ward by a majority of over 1,000. It is the first time in sixteen years that a Democrat has been elected mayor.

Champion Cow Among Shorthorns.
Lincoln, May 1.—Florence Aldria VI, a splendid red shorthorn cow at the Nebraska experiment station at the state farm, has produced 10,487 pounds of milk during the last year, which made 482.84 pounds of butter. This makes her the champion shorthorn cow of the world, according to statistics compiled on the subject by Professor A. L. Haecker. In an interesting contest conducted during the last year between this cow and the pure bred Holstein cow, Karen II, it was found that the Holstein produced more milk, but the shorthorn more butter.

Governor Boyd is Dead.
Omaha, May 1.—Former Governor James E. Boyd died at his residence, 1908 Davenport street. The end came calmly and without pain after a long struggle for life. At the bedside were the governor's three children—Mrs. Bierbower, Mrs. D. O. Clark and James F. Boyd of St. Louis. The death of Governor Boyd follows closely upon the death of former Governor Thayer, whom Boyd succeeded as chief executive of Nebraska and with whom he was embroiled in one of the most bitter political contests in the history of the state, but with whom he became cordially associated in friendship later.

STATE RESTS GRAIN CASE.
Referee Pemberton Will Announce Date for Argument Later.

Lincoln, April 28.—The state unexpectedly rested in the grain case after the testimony of J. W. Holmquist of Omaha had been introduced. Mr. Holmquist testified that if he had ever received any 1% cent for loading grain he was unconscious of the fact, notwithstanding other witnesses said it was the universal custom of the railroads to pay this sum to the shippers and the producers indirectly received the benefit of the fee.

The defendants asked for a few days in which to consult and proba-

bly will agree not to introduce any testimony. Referee Pemberton will announce a date for the argument later.

INDIAN GETS THIRTY YEARS.

John Walker Goes Up for the Murder of Nathan Lyon, a Tribesman.
Omaha, April 28.—John Walker, an Omaha Indian, was sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment in the Nebraska penitentiary Thursday by the district court of Thurston county for the murder of Nathan Lyon, another Omaha Indian, the murder occurring in December last. The murder of Lyon was of peculiar atrocity. It was the outgrowth of a drunken brawl. Walker struck Lyon over the head with a club, killing him instantly, near his home, and then loaded the body into his wagon and drove away with it, ultimately dumping it out in the road three or four miles from his home. The body of Lyon was subsequently found and the murder traced to Walker.

Noonan Guilty of Manslaughter.
Omaha, April 30.—Frank Noonan, charged with the killing of Charles Carlson in South Omaha, Dec. 29, was found guilty of manslaughter. To the verdict was attached "a very strong recommendation of leniency."

Drowned on Mother's Farm.
Linwood, Neb., May 2.—Miss Agnes Tomaneck, eighteen years old, daughter of Mrs. Frank Tomaneck, a widow, was drowned in a slough on her mother's farm, three miles south of here. With a sister twelve years old, Agnes had crossed the slough to milk the cows. Returning home they failed to notice that the heavy rainfall—the greatest ever known here—had swollen the slough to a dangerous depth. Agnes lost her footing and fell. She caught at the dress of the younger sister to save her, but the little girl was unable to pull her out and ran home and gave the alarm. The body was found three-fourths of a mile down the slough.

MANY FAMILIES HOMELESS.

Loss by Tornado in Phelps and Harlan Counties, Nebraska, \$25,000.

Oxford, Neb., May 2.—Complete reports of the tornado indicate a wider range and greater loss than first reported. The storm extended into Harlan and Phelps counties, covering territory two miles wide and fifteen long. Fully forty persons lost their farm buildings or dwellings, in some cases both. A number of families were left homeless, without as much as a change of clothing. Valuable stock was killed and miles of fencing destroyed. That there was not considerable loss of human life is miraculous, while added to the list of injured are Fred Drows and Henry Lueking, both painfully bruised. Those previously reported are out of danger, with the exception of the younger Harman girl. A conservative estimate of the property loss is \$25,000. Some of the victims were injured.

EDWARDS OUT ON BOND; IS SHOT

Dead Girl's Brother Attempts Murder of Man Held for Her Death.

Kearney, Neb., April 30.—Everett Edwards, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Anna Grosh, was released from the county jail, his bond in the amount of \$2,000 being signed by A. U. Dann. A few hours later Somers Grosh, brother of the dead girl, attempted to kill Edwards by shooting. Edwards was on his way to the train when he was met by Grosh, who pulled a revolver and took a shot at Edwards. The shot hit him on the left side, but on account of a heavy overcoat the ball did not penetrate his clothing. He was knocked down by the force of the bullet, but otherwise was unhurt. Bystanders interfering was the only thing that saved Edwards' life. Grosh was arrested by the sheriff and taken to the county jail, while Edwards was taken to the city jail for safe keeping until the time for his train to leave. Edwards is to appear on the first day of the next term of court.

HALF DOZEN TRAGIC DEATHS.

Six Persons Come to Unnatural and Some Violent Ends at Omaha.

Omaha, April 30.—Last week in Omaha was an unusual one for unnatural deaths, six persons in all meeting tragic ends. In addition to that two persons are now in hospitals, having narrowly escaped death, one through intended suicide and the other being injured in a serious stabbing affray.

Sunday evening, while driving over a railroad crossing at Florence, Miss Anna Helsing was instantly killed while merrily singing "Hello, Central, Give Me Heaven." Mrs. Mary Jane

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