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STORM IN THE WEST

HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY SNOW
IN MOUNTAIN STATES.

**Fire Destroys New Plant of Utah
Packing Company at Salt Lake.
One Man Killed at Ogden—Wires
Down and Trains Delayed.**

Salt Lake, Utah, Oct. 22.—For twenty-four hours this city and vicinity was swept by a wind storm of unparalleled severity. In addition to three serious accidents to persons, property over a wide area has been devastated, a fire fanned by the wind has obliterated the new plant of the Utah Packing company and a monetary loss of \$250,000 entailed. During the full period of the storm trains have arrived irregularly or not at all. For much of the time the street car service has been at a standstill and the electric lighting plants out of commission.

The burning of the Utah packing plant is the most serious single loss. The building had just been completed, at a cost of \$100,000, and was to have been put in use in a few days. The project was inaugurated by western cattlemen and was in opposition to the large packing houses of the east. The cause of the fire has not been explained. Only a small fraction of the loss is covered by insurance.

Ruined buildings, fallen chimneys, broken windows, loosened signs and toppled trees throughout this and adjoining towns are the most common souvenirs of the storm, and form, in the aggregate, an immense source of loss. The wind attained a maximum velocity of fifty-two miles an hour.

The greatest sufferers from the storm were Captain William G. Cahoon and Driver Fred Gulbranson of the fire department. They were caught under a falling tree as they were driving to answer a fire alarm. Cahoon suffered both legs broken and Gulbranson was injured internally. Others sustained less serious injuries from falling trees and short circuited wires.

A beautiful mosaic window, which cost \$3,000, in the new Presbyterian church, was broken to bits; the Grand, a Chinese restaurant on Second South street, was demolished, and the Belmont hotel was unroofed. A freight car in a Short line train coming from Ogden was lifted bodily from the trucks.

The city was dependent upon a single copper strand to Denver for outside communication.

At Ogden, one man killed and \$100,000 in property was destroyed by the storm. William Gibbs, while laboring to save his barn from destruction, was struck by a flying plank and killed.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS ROCKIES

General Storm Prevails in Colorado and New Mexico.

Denver, Oct. 22.—A general storm prevailed along the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains from Wyoming to New Mexico. Snow has been falling in Colorado almost incessantly for the past twenty-four hours. Suburban electric lines have operated with difficulty and railroads have experienced delay in running trains. As yet no serious results are reported in this section, but from Albuquerque, N. M., comes a report of considerable property damage there from high winds. The sudden dropping of the temperature, accompanied by blizzard conditions in northern New Mexico, has caused heavy losses to the sheep raising industry.

In Colorado the storm extended to the western slope. In the valley around Buena Vista the snow lies two feet deep on the level and in the mountains throughout the state the snow varies from two to five feet in depth. Twenty-two inches of snow had fallen at Florence. Apple orchards in that section will suffer considerably.

Wyoming reports a general storm that has played havoc with wire communication and is interrupting railroad traffic. Several minor wrecks have occurred. Live stock is threatened from exposure.

LEPER CREMATED IN SHANTY

Syrian With Loathsome Disease Given
Poison in His Food.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 22.—The body of George Raschid, the Syrian leper, was cremated in a shocking manner at Pickens. The shanty in which he had been staying was set on fire and his body was consumed with it. It is now declared his death

was the result of foul play. Many people at Pickens say the leper was given poison in his food. Pickens citizens opposed the presence of the man with the loathsome disease. If he was murdered the persons administering the poison well knew that there would not be a post mortem examination made of the body.

Steamer Strikes Mine, 180 Drowned.
London, Oct. 22.—A dispatch received here from Vladivostok by Lloyds' agency say the Russian wooden coasting steamer Warjarden struck a floating mine and foundered on Oct. 20. Some of her passengers and crew were saved, but 180 persons were drowned.

Eat Boiled Chicken; Two Die.
Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 22.—As a result of eating gelatine dressing in chickens boiled in copper pots, eighty-five guests who attended a wedding feast in Onondaga township were taken ill. Two are dead and another may die. The others are slowly recovering.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Coursing Meet Closes.
Arapahoe, Neb., Oct. 19.—The Arapahoe coursing meet closed here. The all-age stake was won by Diamond Chain, owned by J. J. Lavin of St. Louis, Mo. Game Sport, owned by Charles Root of New Richland, Minn., won the consolation stake.

Nebraska Odd Fellows Elect Officers.
South Omaha, Neb., Oct. 19.—The grand lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nebraska concluded its forty-ninth annual session. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Grand master, J. E. Morrison of Gandy; deputy grand master, Clark O'Hanlon of Blair; grand warden, R. H. Miller of Aurora; grand secretary, I. P. Gage of Fremont; grand treasurer, F. B. Bryant of Omaha; grand representative, F. P. Carrick of Cozad. The session of 1907 will be held in Omaha.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY QUILTS.

Indictments at Lincoln Held Secret
Until Arrests Are Made in Cases.

Lincoln, Oct. 20.—The federal grand jury made its report and was discharged. Twenty-seven indictments were returned, but the court refused to make public any of the indictments except those returned for illegal sale of liquor. The most important are held back until arrests are made. It is understood, however, that C. T. Stewart of Council Bluffs has been indicted for complicity in land entries in McPherson county.

WOMAN BURNS SELF TO DEATH

Mrs. Ida Young Saturates Clothes
With Gasoline and Applies Match.

Omaha, Oct. 19.—Standing on the porch roof of her home, at 306 North Eighteenth street, Mrs. Ida Young saturated her clothing with gasoline, set fire to it and burned herself to death in the presence of hundreds of people who were attracted by her agonized screams. Temporary insanity is ascribed as the cause for the deed. After her husband, Harry V. Young, had gone to his work she attempted to commit suicide by turning on the gas jets in her room, but in her delirium conceived the idea of burning herself, which was successfully carried out.

STANDARD OIL FOUND GUILTY

Jury at Findlay Reaches Verdict After
Long Delay.

Findlay, O., Oct. 20.—After deliberating thirty-two hours, the jury in the case of the state of Ohio against the Standard Oil company of Ohio returned a verdict of guilty on the charge of conspiracy against trade in violation of the Valentine anti-trust law. The penalty is a fine of from \$50 to \$5,000, which may be repeated for each day of the offense, or imprisonment of from six to twelve months.

The Standard Oil company of Ohio has given notice that it will file a motion for a new trial. Under the practice of the court the defendant has three days to put this motion in form. The next step will be for the court to impose the penalty.

The defense will then take their bill of exceptions to such rulings of Judge Banker as they have objected, to the circuit court of the state. The appeal from this court is to the supreme court of the state, by which tribunal there is no doubt the issue will ultimately be decided.

To the state, the suit, the verdict and the ultimate appeal is important. Particularly because it initiates an entirely new method of proceeding against alleged trade monopolies—that is, by information and affidavit instead of by grand jury indictment.

MINING CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

Old Officers Are Re-elected by Convention at Denver.

Denver, Oct. 20.—The ninth annual session of the American Mining congress came to an end with the announcement by the board of directors of the re-election of the old officers: J. H. Richards of Boise, president; Thomas Ewing of San Francisco,

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