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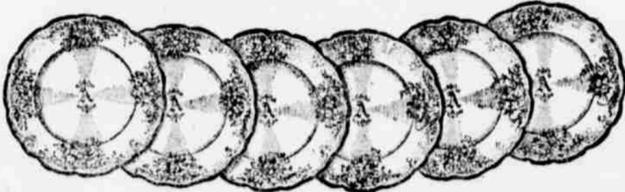
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### SEVEN DIE IN FIRE

WORST DISASTER WHICH EVER  
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Chapter House of Chi Psi Fraternity  
Burned to the Ground and Four Students  
and Three Volunteer Firemen  
Lose Their Lives.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Smoke is still drifting across Cornell campus from the ruins of the Chi Psi fraternity house, the burning of which was attended with a loss of life that has not only thrown the whole university, but the city into mourning. The dead number seven. Of these, four were students and the others prominent townsmen, who had responded to the alarm in the capacity of volunteer firemen.

Among the students who escaped death in the flames, seven were injured, and of these C. J. Pope of East Orange, N. J., it is feared, will not long survive.

The dead are: Attorney Alfred S. Robinson, volunteer fireman; John C. Rumsey, hardware merchant, volunteer fireman; E. J. Laudon, salesman, volunteer fireman; F. W. Grelle of East Orange, O. L. Schmuck of Hanover, Pa.; W. H. Nichols of Chicago, James McCutcheon, Jr., of Pittsburg.

The injured are: H. S. Decamp of New York, Henry M. Curry of Pittsburg, R. R. Powers of Atlanta, W. W. Goetz of Milwaukee, H. A. Uihlein of Milwaukee, G. R. Sailor of Pittsburg, C. J. Pope of East Orange.

Death and Heroes Fight on Campus.  
The heroism of the volunteer fire

men who died attacking the fire was matched by the heroism of Schmuck, who re-entered the burning building in a futile effort to save Nichols, his roommate, and who died later from his injuries, and the conduct of McCutcheon, who remained in the flames until badly burned to assist his comrades to escape. Pope, the freshman, received his injuries while seeking to rescue other members of the fraternity, and the record of the injured corresponds nearly with that of the men who tried to help their fellows. Among those earliest on the scene and who contributed most of the work of rescue from the flames, which had already converted the first floor of the doomed dormitory into an inferno were several Cornell football men. All did effective work. It has been declared that the work of Sam Halliday, the old fullback, and of Earle and Gibson, the halfbacks of the season just ended, united with that of the Chi Psi men who risked their lives that their brothers might live, will be remembered long in the annals of Cornell.

The cause of the fire will probably never be discovered. The building is a wreck. The lodge was built in 1881 by Jennie McGraw Fiske, at a cost of \$130,000. The daughter of the lumber king, John McGraw, who was one of Cornell's early great benefactors, never enjoyed her palace and entered it only after death.

### OLD SPELLING FOR CONGRESS

Provision in Legislative Bill to Have  
it Required in All Printing.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—The house ad  
journing Monday, having during

the legislative session passed several bills and received from the committee on appropriations the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. That bill was made a special order for Monday, no day having been fixed for the vote on it. The bill contains a provision barring "simplified spelling" in documents authorized by law or ordered by congress.

By a practically unanimous vote the house passed the bill limiting the regulation of interstate commerce between the several states in articles manufactured by convict labor or in any prison or reformatory. The bill was introduced by Hunt (Mo.), a practical stonemason. Under the Wilson bill, which became a law in 1890, convict labor-made goods may enter into active competition with the goods manufactured by "free" labor and under this federal law a state could not pass a law that would prevent the shipping into the state of prison-made goods of other states. The new law abrogates interstate commerce law as at present applied to convict-made goods, thereby affording to the different states and territories the right to inhibit the shipping of convict-made goods within the confines of any state or territory.

The sovereignty of the state was the subject of earnest debate, growing out of the consideration of a bill to establish a game preserve in the Olympic forest reserve, in the state of Washington. The bill was passed without division.

### ARGUMENT IN OIL CASES

Standard Attorneys Attack Regularity  
of Proceedings in Ohio.  
Findlay, O., Dec. 8.—Attorneys for

the Standard Oil company of Ohio argued the motion to dismiss the petition in error because it is claimed the common pleas court has no jurisdiction to review the proceedings of the probate court in criminal cases. The petition in error raised the question among others of a technical character that the probate court has no jurisdiction to try cases under the Valentine anti-trust law. The outcome of the arguments will determine whether John D. Rockefeller and the three indicted Standard Oil directors, J. M. Robertson, M. G. Villas and H. P. McIntosh of Cleveland, will be brought here to plead to the indictments.

### HALT LUMBER TRUST CASE

STATE ASKS THAT TAKING OF  
TESTIMONY BE PUT OFF.

REFEREE POST SETS FEB. 25

Prosecution Says Investigation is Not  
to Be Confined to Nebraska Alone,  
but Will Be Broadened to Take in  
Other States.

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—Taking of testimony in the suit of the state against the Nebraska Lumber Dealers' association, alleged by Attorney General Norris Brown to be a trust in restraint of trade, was postponed until Feb. 25. The motion for delay was made by the state, and Judge A. M. Post, the referee appointed by the supreme court, concurred. Attorneys for the prosecution announced that the investigation is not to be confined to Nebraska alone. It is proposed to examine manufacturers and wholesalers in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and other states. It is thought that these dealers will be able to give testimony which will have an important bearing on the case and that they will have in their hands correspondence and documents which will prove of value to the state. It is the allegation of the state that in attempting to restrict competition and cut off the supplies of irregular dealers, or those who disobeyed the rules of the association, Secretary Critchfield of the Nebraska association wrote letters to manufacturers and wholesalers in other states, and it is desired that these letters be placed in evidence. It is the intention, therefore, to probe from without as well as make a thorough examination within.

### NEBRASKA FREE OF CRIME

Has Fewer Convicts in Proportion to  
Population Than Other States.

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—Nebraska has fewer convicts in proportion to its population than any other state in the union, according to Warden Beemer's biennial report. The per cent of illiteracy among the inmates of the penitentiary is also smaller than that of any other state. Warden Beemer asks that the funds earned by convict labor during the last two years and during the coming biennium be appropriated for the use of the penitentiary and believes that this will be an entirely sufficient sum.

Of the 374 inmates of the institution, 243 admitted their guilt of the crime charged, while 131 declared they were innocent. Married men seem to be less susceptible than single men to the microbe of crime, as the proportion of inmates for two years has been 104 married men to 270 single men. Eighteen only were unable to read and write, seven were unable to read only, while 349 could both read and write. The temperate men incarcerated numbers 133; the moderate drinkers, 14; the intemperate men, 227.

### The Cause of Many

#### Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

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