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PASS LIST PULLED BACK

Missouri Pacific Notifies Railroad Commission of Decision.

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—The Missouri Pacific free pass list, whereby it permits twenty doctors and seventeen lawyers in Nebraska to ride free in return for their services to the road, has been withdrawn and the attorney general will not prosecute either the road or the passholders.

Notification was received through long distance telephone by the railroad commission from Bailey P. Waggener, general counsel for the road, that this course will be pursued. The railroad commissioners feel this is a virtual acceptance of the provisions of the anti-pass law and will not push prosecution of the passholders or the donating road.

Edson Rich, counsel for the Union Pacific road, was here from Omaha to talk over pass matters with the commissioners. He said the surgeons and lawyers of the Union Pacific were paid a monthly salary and were regarded as employees. He could not see his way clear to advising a withdrawal of the transportation at this time.

ONE DEAD, THREE INJURED

Edward McCarthy Killed in Wreck of Runaway Trolley at Omaha.

Omaha, Feb. 15.—For twenty-five minutes, pinned beneath the ruins of a street car, Edward McCarthy, an employe of the street railway company, was crushed to death at Tenth and Valley streets.

The motor car, southbound, with a gravel car trailer, got beyond the motorman's control at the top of the hill at Tenth and Bancroft streets, dashed down at full speed, struck a new Y track at Valley, and whirled over upside down, pinning McCarthy beneath it and killing him.

Motorman T. L. Parsons was thrown from the front of the car, fifteen feet ahead, and thus escaped being crushed beneath it, although he was badly bruised. Tom Daugherty, laborer, sustained a broken leg, and Toney Barone injured his shoulder jumping from the car, before it reached the turn.

Commercial Club Banquet.

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—Two hundred representatives of the business and professional life of Lincoln, of Nebraska and cities of the Missouri valley participated in the first annual banquet of the Lincoln Commercial club. The purpose of the club is annually to bring together for an exchange of views men who are interested in the upbuilding of the mid-west, and the initial gathering was declared a gratifying success. The principal speaker was John Barrett, director of the international bureau of American republics at Washington.

Lancaster Likes Big Stick.

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—Following the indicated preference at Thursday's primary vote, the Republican county convention here last evening adopted a resolution declaring for Theodore Roosevelt for president and instructing its delegates to the state convention to work to that end. The two men endorsed respectively for delegate-at-large and district delegate to the national convention were instructed to support Roosevelt and, in turn, pledged themselves, if chosen, to vote for him first, last and all the time.

Bullet Passes Through Abdomen.

Auburn, Neb., Feb. 18.—L. T. Young of the hardware firm of Young & Bernard accidentally shot himself at his store in Julian. While displaying a revolver to a customer, the trigger was jammed against the counter in such a manner as to discharge the revolver. The ball passed entirely through Mr. Young's abdomen, but examination showed that the bullet did not pass through the intestines or kidneys, and if blood poisoning does not set in no serious result is apprehended.

Railroads Protest Against Order.

Lincoln, Feb. 18.—All railroads and express companies doing business in Nebraska have been summoned before the state railway commission today to show cause why they should not give receipts for bills of lading on all goods offered and accepted for transportation. The Pacific Express company has refused to give these receipts and J. W. Orr, attorney for the Missouri Pacific, called on the Missouri Pacific to protest against such an order being issued.

Farmers Are for Corn Show.

Craig, Neb., Feb. 15.—The Burt County Farmers' institute closed a most successful two days' meeting. In a resolution presented by Senator Joseph Hall, the farmers pledged their hearty support for the National Corn exposition and promised to organize and be there with the goods in December.

TORNADO KILLS TEN

MISSISSIPPI AND TEXAS TOWNS STRUCK BY STORM.

Branches of Trees Littered With Household Utensils, Streams Swollen and Wires Down—Death List at Tyler, Tex., is Four.

Meridian, Miss., Feb. 15.—Three small Mississippi towns were practically demolished by a tornado. Reports of the number killed range from six to ten, with the smaller number probably correct. Mossville, Service and Soso are the towns destroyed. They are all in Jones county and all are very small, being merely a handful of scattered dwellings. The tornado struck them about noon and in most instances is reported to have carried the buildings in its path completely off the lots on which they stood. Nearby fields were covered with wreckage and the branches of trees were littered with small household articles.

L. N. Morrison, a resident of Mossville, who came here after the storm, said he was outdoors during the blow and compelled to grasp a wire fence to keep from being blown away. He said the dead at Mossville are Alec Windham and wife, negroes. Near the town, he said, four white persons had been killed, a man and wife and their two children, whose names he did not learn. Those seriously injured at Mossville are J. F. Robinson, manager of the Mossville Mercantile company; Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell and Minnie Campbell.

Near Service one child of Ike Holloway and an unknown negro are dead. The tornado was accompanied by rain, which caused a sudden rise in the creeks and washed away several bridges. Roads have become impassable in the tornado district and telegraph and telephone wires are not working.

Tyler, Tex., Feb. 15.—Tyler was swept by the most disastrous tornado in its history about 4 a. m. Coming up from the southwest, the storm swept over the main residence section of the city, leaving a trail of death and devastation.

The known dead in Tyler numbers four, C. A. Francis, agent Dallas News, wife and child about one year old, and a negro named Mose Lee. Francis occupied a high place in the esteem of his fellow townsmen. His dead body was found 100 yards from his wrecked home and the body of his child was found in the street. Mrs. Francis was in the wreckage of the building.

Six seriously injured have been reported. They were Irwin Franklin, Mrs. Franklin and four Franklin children. One of the children will die.

DEFIES DEATH TOO OFTEN

Charles W. Kruger, New York's Fire Fighter, Falls in Trap.

New York, Feb. 15.—Deputy Chief Charles W. Kruger, known for many years as "The Grand Old Man of the Fire Department," lost his life while leading his men in a desperate fight against flames in Canal street. While working his way cautiously through a cellar filled with smoke and gases Kruger plunged through a trap door into a sub-basement filled with water. He was dead when taken out, but in the few minutes which elapsed between the time he fell and his body was drawn out more than a score of men had risked their own lives in an effort to save that of their leader. "I knew it would happen that way," said one of Kruger's men when the chief's body was carried away. "I have been to many fires with him. He was always in the lead."

Throws Dynamite Into Bonfire.

Belle Fourche, S. D., Feb. 15.—"Just for fun," Charles Lavezz, employed on the government irrigation project near here, threw a dynamite cap into a bonfire around which were seated six men. The explosion set off 125 sticks of dynamite, which were being thawed nearby, instantly killing J. R. Cullis, a teamster, and injuring all the others, including Lavezz, who may lose both sight and hearing.

Ten of Crew Drowned.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15.—The American ship Emily Reed, 103 days out from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Portland, Ore., with coal, went ashore at the mouth of the Nehalem river, on the Oregon coast, and broke in two. The crew was swept overboard by the seas. Ten were lost and six were saved, including the captain and his wife.

Wallace Elected President.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 15.—George G. Wallace of Omaha was elected president of the State Young Men's Christian association at the business meeting. About two hundred delegates are here attending the meeting.

Former Seward Man Killed.

Los Angeles, Feb. 18.—The Rev. Edwin Bodt, a retired minister, who came here from Seward, Neb., some time ago, was struck and almost instantly killed by a car on the West Temple street line.

MEASURE EXPERTS TESTIFY

Capitol Contractor at Harrisburg Might Have Charged More.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—The defense in the state capitol conspiracy suit against Contractor Sanderson and the ex-state officers, Snyder, Mathews and Shumaker, on trial in the Dauphin county court, showed by the testimony of experts who made measurements for Sanderson that the contractor charged in the aggregate for less square feet of furniture in the senate and house chambers than the measurements would have allowed.

These experts testified that the measurements of the furniture in question totalled 45,108 square feet and that in his bill for this furniture Sanderson charged for 44,016 square feet. The defense contends that though Sanderson charged the state more for the famous bootblack stand in the senate lavatory and for the rostrums than the actual measurement allowed, he billed other furniture to the state at less than the actual measurements, making the difference in the total number of feet 1,092 square feet in favor of Sanderson.

The commonwealth's lawyers had the experts measure certain furniture exhibits in the court room to ascertain their method of arriving at their computations and will call them for cross-examination.

\$2,500,000,000 LOST IN STREET

Stock Gambling Leaves Crime and Death in Wake.

New York, Feb. 18.—It is estimated that at least two and one-half billion dollars has been squandered in stock gambling in Wall street in the last twenty-five years, the gambling leaving in its wake a trail of embezzlements, ruin and suicides.

It is against this form of gambling that six bills have been introduced into the New York state legislature during the present session.

The one which seems to have the most favorable chance of becoming a law was the one offered by Assemblyman Wagner.

This bill aims to prevent short sales and the buying of stocks on margin. It is regarded as a most sweeping and effective measure. Some of the members believe legitimate purchases of stock on margin should be allowed, but the short sale prohibition is approved and a measure of this sort, it is predicted, will pass.

Verdict of Not Guilty on Charge of Murdering Shirey.

Denver, Feb. 18.—The jury in the case of Miss Beatrice Gordon, charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff W. O. Shirey, returned a verdict of acquittal. Miss Gordon, on the witness stand, told of her relations with Shirey, with whom she had lived as housekeeper for a number of years, and claimed that on the night of the killing she was preparing to leave the Shirey home and sever all relations with the man. He had abused her constantly during all the years she was with him, she claimed, and on this night advised her to kill herself. In a struggle for the possession of a revolver, the weapon was discharged and Shirey was killed. The jury was out less than an hour.

FLOOD IS OVER AT PITTSBURG

Two Men Entombed in Debris of Collapsed Buildings.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—The rivers in Pittsburg and its suburbs have reached the limits of their banks, and except for the cleaning up the flood is over. Friends fear that David Reid, a steamboat fireman, and Edward Hobbs, his friend, are buried in the debris of two Penn avenue houses that collapsed entirely after the flood had weakened their foundations.

Railroad and traction lines have returned to practically normal schedules and general business in the flood district has been resumed, although there are many cellars yet to be pumped out and much mud and refuse to be removed.

Floods in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Feb. 18.—The White and Wabash rivers took secondary booms, giving the flood situation near Hazelton a more alarming aspect. From Petersburg, Ind., near the junction of the forks of the White river to the junction of the main stream of the White river with the Wabash, the water is running from five to ten miles wide. Families in many places in southern Indiana are being driven to places of safety.

Flood Receding at Wheeling.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 18.—The flood is receding slowly here. The work of relieving the destitute is proceeding systematically. Five hundred baskets of food were distributed in the submerged districts, and the distribution will continue for some time. The iron plants of the district are idle, affecting 15,000 men.

Steamer Sinks With Fourteen.

Trondhjem, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Azlak, bound to this port from Middlesbrough, has been wrecked on the Norwegian coast. Her crew of fourteen perished.

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Sudden Change in Attitude of Germany Responsible.

London, Feb. 15.—What is practically the break-up of the European concert on the Macedonian question has come as a shock to the chancelleries of the continent and England, particularly as a quiet diplomatic season has been anticipated. The assent of Germany to the management of Moroccan affairs by France, the conclusion of agreements to maintain the status quo in the Mediterranean and the opening of negotiations looking to treaties that should accomplish a similar purpose with regard to the North sea seemed to make the possibility of differences arising among the powers remote.

The conferences of the ambassadors at Constantinople also appeared to be going on smoothly, when a bomb was thrown into camp by the announcement made by Baron von Bieberstein, the German ambassador, that Germany would no longer act with the other powers in insisting that Turkey consent to their demands. As to the cloud that has arisen between Russia and Austria-Hungary over the projects for railroad extensions in Macedonia of the latter state, the right of Austria-Hungary to secure a concession for the Novipazar railroad line and the justice of Germany supporting its ally are recognized in England, but it is considered that the present time is inopportune for raising this point.

It is now said that the official breaking up of all these international understandings will aggravate the Macedonian situation, reopen the whole near east problem, start a contest for railroad concessions which may lead to serious results and enable Turkey to postpone the reforms for which the ambassadors have been working.

Women Glory in Jail Terms.

London, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Parkhurst, the leader of the women suffragists, and the other delegates of the organization who were arrested when they attempted to make a demonstration in the house of commons all went to jail for six weeks rather than give securities for their good behavior.

Advance in Price of Crude Oil.

Lima, O., Feb. 14.—The advance of 5 cents a barrel in the price of Ohio and Indiana crude oil made by the Standard Oil company is said here to be a forerunner of higher prices for crude oil.

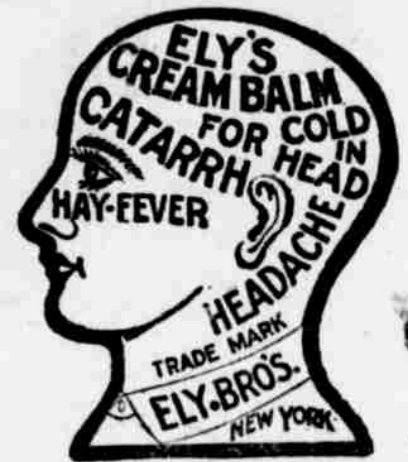
Death of William Sells.

New York, Feb. 18.—William Sells, son of one of the three brothers who organized the famous Sells Brothers' circus combination, died of gastritis.

Two Men Burned to Death.

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 18.—Two men were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a dwelling house at Limestone, N. Y.

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