

ENDS IN A TRAGEDY

HAYRACK PARTY HAS A DISASTROUS CULMINATION.

The World's Wheat Conference—Nations May Unite to Make the Great Cereal Stable in Price—Five Children Burned to Death.

Felic Ends in Tragedy. MEMPHIS, Tenn.: A special from Birmingham, Ala., says: A party of a dozen young people who left Ensley City in a wagon for a hay ride had their merriment transformed into death and disaster before they had proceeded a mile on their journey.

Ten days ago a new bridge was completed across Village Creek and while crossing this stream the structure gave way, precipitating the wagon and its load of human freight fifteen feet below into the water. Not a person in the vehicle escaped uninjured. The stringers of the bridge were too short and by constant jarring they gradually worked off the sills. The jar of the wagon caused them to fall, letting the entire span down.

World's Wheat Conference. WASHINGTON: A conference of nations on the subject of the world's wheat market is understood to be desired by at least one of the great foreign wheat growing empires. It is stated in official circles here that Russia is particularly friendly to such an idea, and is believed to be making overtures, not only to the United States, but to England, the Argentina Republic and Australia, which are the principal wheat growing nations of the world.

The idea suggested as outlined is that these nations should agree to unite in an agreement upon the subject, could fix a price for wheat to be maintained uniformly through various seasons of over-production and unsatisfactory crops, caused by drought or continual rain, and thus make the principal grain staple upon which the millions of consumers depend for food, almost as unchangeable in value as gold itself has become. This would enable the producer, in the event of an unusually large crop, to store his wheat and obtain thereon a loan that would tide him over until the wheat was in demand in the world's market, when he would receive a full and fair price for it.

Suddenly an Heiress. GRANDVILLE, Mich.: Hattie Spafford, a domestic, will work no more. Fifteen years ago her mother died in poverty. Hattie was then 8 years old and was sent to the children's home in Grand Rapids. She has now received word from a lawyer in Helena, Mont., tracing her, stating that her father died in Butte two years ago, leaving all his property to the wife and baby he had forsaken years ago. He was a large shareholder in several rich silver and copper mines, and owned three large ranches. Marcus Daly was made executor of the estate and Monday the girl left for Montana. The letter from the lawyer contained a check for \$4,000, which is but an insignificant amount compared with what awaits the girl in the far west. It is said the estate amounts to over \$1,000,000.

Five Children Cremated. ST. LOUIS: A special from Hannibal, Mo., says: Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Neal, living fifty miles north of the city, were burned to death. The Neal dwelling was burned while the parents were attending a dance. They had eight children. The oldest, a boy of 15 years, and a baby accompanied the parents to the party. Soon after starting home the Neals discovered their residence was on fire. When they reached the burning building the father saw his 11-year-old girl, lying burning in the front door, clasping her 8-year-old brother in her arms. The flames prevented rescue. The children were then dead. The father fell in a swoon and has been a raving maniac ever since. Nora, 9 years old, is the only survivor of the fire.

French Catholics Dissatisfied. MONTREAL, Quebec: The terms of settlement of the Manitoba school question, as agreed upon by the Dominion and Manitoba governments, are far from giving satisfaction to the Catholics of Quebec. Archbishop Langevin of Manitoba, is reported as saying: "Certainly the settlement is not satisfactory, and, what is more, it is far from satisfying Quebec." Continuing, he said: "How we have been sold. How Quebec has been betrayed. But I will tell you there will be a revolution in Quebec which will ring throughout Canada, and these men who today are triumphant will be cast down. The fight has only begun."

A Threatened Lynching. RICHMOND, Mo.: There was a demonstration here against the lives of Jesse Winner and Lela Leakey, who are in the county jail charged with the murder of Winner's wife and her two little children. A crowd of about 100 men, some of them armed with shot guns and pick axes, came in from the country district in which the Winners lived and made a demonstration at the jail, demanding the keys to Winner's cell. Sheriff Holman and Deputy City Marshal Murphy were alone at the jail, but they told the mob plainly that the prisoner would be protected and after some loud talk the crowd withdrew.

Whisky Market is Active. CINCINNATI: Whisky was again abnormally active Saturday, and sales of 966 barrels are reported. This, continued with heavy sales Friday makes the total for the two days 2,107. This sudden activity is manifestly owing to the anticipation of an increase in price very shortly.

Weekly Bank Statement. NEW YORK: The weekly bank statement shows a reserve increase of \$5,062,000. The banks now hold \$29,206,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

Jennie Has Not Reformed. PERRY, O. T.: Jennie Metcalf, nee Stephens, a female territory outlaw and bootlegger, has again been arrested in the Creek Nation, charged with peddling whisky to Indians. Jennie was released from the Boston Reform School a month ago, when she announced that she had reformed.

Spute Release from Jail. DENVER: Andrew J. Spute, who was charged by the district attorney with having murdered his wife and five children by causing them to drown, has been released from jail under a writ of habeas corpus on a \$5,000 bond.

Bradstreet's Review.

NEW YORK: Bradstreet's says: Jobbers and other wholesale dealers in general merchandise do not report the anticipated increase in the volume of goods distributed this week. There were increased purchases of holiday goods and the tone of the market for staples is one of encouragement. The tendency of hides and leather to advance checks orders for shoes, and while the dry goods market is firm and dealers are hopeful, print cloths have weakened on the reaction in the price of cotton. The strength of the wool is maintained and orders at the second quotations have been refused. Iron and steel industries in some instances have perfected pools for the allotment of production and maintenance of prices. While the latter are firm and may go higher, the demand is temporarily checked. In addition to changes in the prices noted, the week is marked by reactions in quotations for wheat, corn and oats, for sugar, turpentine, pork, lard, coffee and petroleum. Wheat flour advances, as does several varieties of lumber, iron sheets and tobacco.

There are 308 business failures in the United States this week, 15 fewer than in the corresponding week last year.

Use of Mexican Dollars. WASHINGTON: Should the Kansas Legislature enact a law making Mexican silver dollars legal tender a constitutional question of prime importance will arise for decision by the United States Supreme Court, which unquestionably would have a case before it to test such a law. The constitution, section 10, declares that no state shall "coin money, emit bills of credit, make anything but gold and silver coin tender in payment of debts."

It has been contended under this provision that Kansas could make Mexican silver dollars legal tender within her boundaries, but it has generally been believed that under this and other constitutional provisions, including that forbidding the impairment of contracts, any such law would be held invalid by the courts.

Dies While Praying. SPRINGFIELD, Ill.: The opening session of the grand lodge of Daughters of Rebekah, the seventy-ninth degree of Odd Fellows, was sadly interrupted by the sudden death of Mrs. Mary B. Stevens of Yale, chaplain of the grand lodge. She had just commenced prayer, and had said "Our father," when she dropped to the floor and expired of heart disease in ten minutes. Both the Rebekah lodge and grand lodge of Odd Fellows, after passing appropriate resolutions and appointing committees to accompany the body to Yale, adjourned.

Forger Cooper Confesses. FLINT, Mich.: Benjamin F. Cooper or Willis H. Coopers, under whose name he worked in Ohio and Indiana, in jail here for forging bank drafts, has made a confession, giving in detail the operations of the gang of swindlers with which he was connected and whose draft forgeries were worked upon hotel men in Indiana, Ohio, New York and Michigan by himself, Walter B. Peters, the Chicago lithographer, and W. H. Smith, the "kid," who made his escape from jail at Goshen, N. Y., after having been caught at his crime.

To Tie Up State Mines. LEADVILLE: It is reported that the striking miners, in view of the threat of the Governor to suppress violence summarily, have decided to play a trump card which they hope will bring the mine owners to terms; that is to secure a sympathetic strike, tying up all the mines in the state. In this connection it is stated the managers of the Montana mines have decided to reduce wages 50 cents a day. This is expected to precipitate a strike. If this occurs it will cut off the liberal contributions which the Montana miners have been making to the Leadville strike fund.

Big Cleveland Fire. CLEVELAND: A fire destroyed the five story building at Nos. 199 to 194 Superior Street, occupied by W. H. Lueteckmeyer & Co., wholesale and retail hardware and paint. The fire was confined to the building in which it originated, which was entirely consumed. The loss is \$350,000. Three men were rescued from the building, badly burned and almost asphyxiated. There are rumors that several employees are missing.

Die in Each Others Arms. VALLEY CITY, N. D.: A man and a woman registered at a hotel here as Thomas Owens and wife of New Rockford. The room was entered the next morning after their arrival and they were found cold in death, clasped in each other's arms. They had taken prussic acid. A note contained money for burial, and said: "Though separated in life, we are one in death. Make no inquiries as to us."

Postoffice Robber Caught. ST. JOSEPH, Mo.: Postoffice Inspector Reid of St. Louis, has captured the leader of a gang of postoffice robbers who have been operating in northwest Missouri for some time. Joseph McHenry, aged 23, is the name of the prisoner, and he confessed his guilt. Other arrests will follow for the Denver, Mo., postoffice robbery.

Western Baseball Association. ST. JOSEPH, Mo.: President Hickey of the Western Baseball Association, has called a meeting of members for November 24, at Des Moines. It will then be decided what cities shall comprise the association next year and the various committees will be appointed.

Clay Formally Elected Senator. ATLANTA, Ga.: A. S. Clay, who was nominated by the Democratic caucus for United States Senator, has been formally elected to that office by the General Assembly. One hundred and ninety-eight votes were cast, of which 161 were for Mr. Clay.

To Succeed Bishop Keane. BALTIMORE: A cable from Rome says: Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Conaty, rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Worcester, Mass., has been appointed by the pope rector of the Catholic University at Washington, to succeed Bishop Keane, resigned.

Three Killed at a Crossing. CONCORD, Ky.: A. D. Pollock, a young lawyer, and Lulu and Lizzie Lind, while crossing the railroad tracks in a carriage, were struck by a train and all instantly killed.

To Succeed Labanoff. LONDON: The Chronicle's St. Petersburg correspondent says that the Czar has invited Gen. Count Vorontsoff Daskheff to succeed the late Prince Lobanoff as minister of foreign affairs.

Complete Wrecking Returns. CKEYNEE, Wyo.: Complete returns from every county in the state give the Bryan electors majorities as follows: Van Meter, 150; Martin, 40; Quealy, 80.

Murdered for His Money.

NEW YORK: Frank H. Arubuck, chairman of the Democratic state committee of Colorado, residing at Denver, was found unconscious shortly after midnight Thursday, in a vacant lot off Eighth Avenue, near One Hundred and Forty-Second street, and died in a patrol wagon on the way to the station house without regaining consciousness.

The ambulance surgeon is of the opinion that he died of heart disease. The police, however, think that he was killed at the hands of thugs; that he was garroted, robbed and murdered.

Mr. Arubuck was about 50 years old and weighed 220 pounds. In his pockets were a number of certificates of the Cripple Creek and Central City Consolidated Mining Company, of which he was president, and also \$1.50 in change, a pair of cuff buttons, gold ore charm and three pieces of gold ore.

A short time before he was found unconscious Mr. Arubuck entered a saloon near by and had for a drink, appearing to be somewhat under the influence of liquor. He displayed a large roll of money and a heavy gold watch and chain. That was the last seen of him. It is believed he was followed by thugs, beaten, robbed and murdered. Neither the money, the watch or the chain were found on him. The only mark of violence on him was a slight abrasion on his head, which might have been caused by a blow from a sandbag or received in a fall.

A surgeon, after a thorough examination, expressed the opinion that death was due to heart failure, caused by an attempt to ascend the steps of the elevated station.

Say It is Blackmail. DENVER: Intense indignation has been aroused over the arrest of Andrew J. Spute, a grocer, on the charge of murdering his wife and five children, all of whom were drowned by the capsizing of a boat in Smith's Lake October 25. Eye witnesses of the drowning assert that it was purely accidental, and Spute's friends claim that the arrest is either a subterfuge of the insurance company to avoid payment of a \$10,000 accident policy on the life of Mrs. Spute, or an attempt by a local detective agency to blackmail the husband. It is alleged that Spute is the victim of a conspiracy between his own lawyer and the detective agency. Miss Nellie Davis, Spute's alleged paramour, who was arrested with him has been released on bonds.

Bought Gold Bricks. ST. LOUIS: John A. Bowlin, of Perry County, Illinois, an ex-member of the legislature of that state, recently embarked in the gold brick industry. He made his first investment last week, and came to St. Louis to test his experience to Chief of Detectives Desmond. He was accompanied by Sheriff John King of Perry County, who wants the assistance of the St. Louis police department in locating two men who succeeded in securing \$1,500 for about seven pounds or brass. Bowlin's experience was similar to that of hundreds of others. His avarice was excited by a smooth story of gold being sold at a discount, and the Indian who is always a factor in a gold brick swindle was found in the bushes near Duquoin.

Contest in Kentucky. LOUISVILLE, Ky.: Secretary Richardson of the Democratic state committee, announces that the party has definitely decided to contest the election of eleven McKinley electors in Kentucky. The Democrats concede the election of Cash, who ran 244 votes ahead of Smith, the leading Bryan elector, who in turn ran ahead of his associates by over 2,000, the other eleven McKinley electors receiving a greater number of votes than the other Bryan electors.

The grounds of the contest are alleged irregularity and fraud in a large number of counties. The Republicans make as many charges of irregularity and fraud as the Democrats. The state contest board is composed entirely of Republicans.

Lynched An Outrager. EVANSVILLE, Ind.: Carbon, a mining village in Pike County, was the scene of a tragedy Wednesday night. Fred Williams, called at the home of Mrs. Palmer, who was ill, and attempted to assault her. Her entreaties proved of avail just as the woman's 12-year-old daughter entered the room. Williams transferred his lustful attempts to the child and accomplished his purpose. As soon as Williams escaped an alarm was given and twenty or more miners armed themselves and began the chase. Williams was overtaken and shot dead while trying to escape.

Army of the Tennessee. ST. LOUIS: The twenty-eighth annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee was held here. Gen. Greenville M. Dodge of Iowa presided. The session lasted two days.

MARKET QUOTATIONS. Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 79c; corn, No. 2, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 23c to 33c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common red tip to fine brush, 3c to 5c per pound.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to fine, \$2.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2, 86c to 88c; corn, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 87c to 89c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 21c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 35c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 89c to 91c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 26c to 38c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 90c to 91c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; rye, 37c to 39c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 93c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; clover seed, \$5.45 to \$5.55.

OF A GREAT STATE

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA.

Nebraska State Teachers' Association Meets at Lincoln in December—Child Study to Be One Main Feature—Other State Items.

When the Teachers Meet. The official program of the Nebraska State Teachers' Association, the fourteenth annual session, which convenes at Lincoln, December 23, 29, 30 and 31, has been issued by Prof. J. F. Saylor, superintendent of the city schools of Lincoln. Special features of the session will be a public reception at the state house tendered the teachers of the state by the citizens of Lincoln. Dr. W. O. Krohn, the well-known educator, lecturer and pioneer in the child study movement, will be in attendance and deliver several addresses. The State Board of Examiners will conduct an examination for professional state certificates at the office of the state superintendent on the 28th and 29th.

A circular containing the program of this examination and full information relative to state certificates will be sent upon application to State Superintendent Corbett.

May Utilize Frozen Beets. Some of the sugar beets which were frozen in the ground will probably be dug and fed to stock if the weather permits. Farmers who have tried them say that freezing does not wholly destroy their value as a feed for cattle and hogs. The work of harvesting chichory has been suspended owing to the ground freezing. If the ground thaws out sufficiently they will be dug this fall. Otherwise they will have to stay in the ground till spring. It is claimed that chichory is not injured by staying in the ground all winter, but must be dug after the frost is all out of it.

Erecting an Ice Warehouse. The Union Pacific Railway Company has lumber and carpenters at North Platte building another large ice house. This will make the third large building of the kind for North Platte and will give employment to an additional force of men both winter and summer. The company is arranging with Kellner & Lloyd, who have a ten-acre lake adjoining the city, to place 8,000 tons of ice in the houses this winter. North Platte has become one of the leading icing stations on the Union Pacific system during the fruit season.

Extensive Sheep Feeding. The sheep feeding business in Dodge County will be more extensive than at first reported. A conservative estimate places the number of sheep which will be fattened this winter at nearly 85,000. Woodruff & Arns have a flock of about 20,000 near Casper, Wyo., that will be fed near Scribner and grounds have been leased near Fremont on which to feed another large flock. It is estimated that the sheep fed in that county will consume 310,000 bushels of corn and oats and 5,000 tons of hay.

Mad Dog Scare at Weeping Water. A mad dog caused considerable excitement and alarm at Weeping Water this week. It ran down two or three different streets and fought every dog it met, making ugly wounds on them. The city marshal gave chase and the dog was killed. It was covered with froth from the mouth and had every indication of being rabid.

Requisition Papers Issued. Governor Holcomb has issued a requisition on the Governor of Missouri for the return of John Brown, wanted in Richardson County for burglary, committed at Falls City. Charles and John Brown robbed the jewelry store of A. E. Souders there on the 21st of September of a quantity of jewelry and miscellaneous articles.

Stamford's New Church. The members of the Christian Church at Stamford are erecting a magnificent edifice which they expect to dedicate the latter part of this month. Great preparations are being made for the dedication services. This structure when completed will be one of the finest buildings in town.

Close of the Hiscox Case. Grant and Calvin Hiscox, co-defendants with Olive Hiscox in the trial on the charge of killing Fred Sellers, have been set at liberty at Tekamah, the charge against them being dismissed by County Attorney Sears upon the acquittal of the girl.

Young Ranchman Shot. Meager reports have reached Hemingford of what is supposed to be the fatal accidental shooting of True Miller, the son of Dr. W. K. Miller, county coroner. The son has charge of a large stock ranch about thirty-five miles west of Hemingford.

Child Seriously Hurt. During a ratification meeting at West Point, a little girl of 12, Myrtle Thomas, was struck in the eye with a lighted skyrocket, which penetrated the head to quite a distance. The wound is considered serious. The man who handled the rocket was arrested and released on \$500 bail.

Goes to Prison for Twelve Years. George S. Williams, who was convicted of the murder of Charles A. Smiley, was sentenced by Judge Stull at Fairbury, to imprisonment in the penitentiary for twelve years. On the first trial his term in prison was fixed at thirteen years.

Young Man Tries of Life. As a result of being without means and out of work Oscar Carpenter, a young man 23 years old, attempted to commit suicide at Broken Bow by shooting himself in the side with a revolver.

Exciting Runaway at Tecumseh. While driving up Fourth Street in Tecumseh the other day Rev. T. E. Moore's team became frightened and ran away. It ran into an alley back of William Buerstetta's store. Buerstetta ran in front of them and attempted to stop them. He was knocked senseless and considerably injured. Mr. Moore was thrown out of the buggy and his right leg broken.

Murder in the Second Degree. The jury empaneled in the trial at Fairbury of Williams for the murder of Smiley, the Rock Island yardmaster, brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. The verdict is the same as rendered in the former trial of the case, at which time Williams was sentenced to the penitentiary for thirteen years.

Safe Blown at Bloomington. The safe of George W. Green, at Bloomington, a lumberman, was blown open, the thieves securing \$12.

LOOPHOLE IN THE LAW.

Train Wrecker Davis May Get Out of the Nebraska Penitentiary.

After one of the most memorable fights in the history of criminal jurisprudence on the part of counsel for a man charged with murder in the first degree, George Washington Davis, the negro convicted of murder in the second degree for causing a wreck on the Rock Island, August 9, 1894, is now likely to be turned loose from the penitentiary a free man. This curious turn in the wheel of fortune comes about through section 93 of the criminal code, under which Davis was convicted, being declared void. Attorney General Churchill appeared before the supreme court and made a verbal statement first to the above effect, afterward making the same admission in his brief. Davis was tried upon two counts, the first charging him with murder in the first degree, and the second murder in the second degree. He was found not guilty on the first count, but guilty on the second.

Interests Nebraska Farmers. The American Chichory Company has issued a circular to all chichory raisers fixing the price to be paid for the roots at \$9 per ton at the factory at O'Neil. This circular calls attention to the clause of the contracts which fixes the price at \$9 per ton, "if no bounty is paid the company," and the provision requiring the farmers to refund the sum of \$1.50 per ton if they shall have received \$10.50 per ton for the beets, "in the event of the bounty not being paid or the law being declared invalid," and states that the reduction is made because of the probable repeal of the law by the next Legislature and the further possibility of the law being declared unconstitutional in the action now pending in the supreme court. If the bounty is received on this year's chichory crop then the company agrees to pay all farmers who have received but \$9 per ton the extra \$1.50. The extra payment will amount to about \$8,000. It is thought that all of the chichory crop will be delivered to the factory and paid for by December 15. The company has already paid for the first of the crop that was delivered at the rate of \$10.50 per ton.

Rural Delivery Pleases Farmers. The free rural mail delivery has now been carried on in the vicinity of Tecumseh for two weeks and the carriers are thoroughly conversant with the work dependent upon them. The territory covered by these carriers is all of Nemaha precinct, outside of the corporate limits of Tecumseh and the enterprise is in progress under the supervision of the Postoffice Department at Washington for experimental purposes. The farmers along the routes are now acquainted with the nature of the service and are quite pleased with it. To have the daily papers, letters, etc., delivered to their doors each day seems a rare privilege to them. The Tecumseh merchants, however, are of the opinion that this courtesy extended to the farmers by Uncle Sam is somewhat injurious to their business. By having their mail delivered to them they are not required to come to town nearly as often as consequently business suffers. The service will continue until July 1, 1897.

Warns the Cattle Rustlers. Jacob Stenking was found guilty in the district court at Harrison of cattle rustling and sentenced by Judge Westover to a term of three years in the pen. This is the third case of rustling tried in Sioux County, but the first conviction, and the verdict is a great satisfaction to the stock growers of that section. There has been a large amount of rustling done since the law was put in force and this example will have the effect to check it. The comparatively light sentence was recommended by the jury, but Judge Westover, who is a terror to wrongdoers, warns them that the next rustler convicted, may expect a much heavier one.

Burglars Loot a Bank Vault. The Jennings State Bank of Davenport was robbed and \$2,700 in cash and about \$200 worth of jewelry taken. Nitroglycerine was used to blow open the vault and safe doors. Six hundred dollars reward is offered by the bank for the arrest of thieves and return of the money.

Wants Stockholders to Pay Up. Receiver Hill of the late Lincoln Savings Bank says that the bank owes its depositors \$152,462.94. Other debts aggregate \$78,957.93. The assets consist of real estate, safety deposit vaults, furniture, notes, etc., of uncertain value. These are now absolutely unsalable, and cannot be realized on for a long time to come. The value is totally inadequate to satisfy the creditors, hence the recent suits which Receiver Hill has begun against the stockholders. He asks that they be ordered to come into court, and that each be ordered to pay the sum found due.

Beet Growers Kept Waiting. Beet growers in the vicinity of Norfolk report that payments due them on the 15th have been deferred by the beet sugar company until a decision has been rendered by the supreme court upon the question now pending. Under the terms of the contracts the growers are to receive \$4 per ton for beets in the event of the company not receiving the bounty and \$5 in case the bounty is paid. Considerable anxiety exists among beet raisers over the result of the decision.

Beet Sugar Men. The third annual convention of the Nebraska Beet Sugar Association was held at Grand Island this week. The delegates visited the Grand Island beet sugar factory while the plant was in full operation. Reports were received showing the beet crop in Nebraska this season to be exceptionally fine. The only discouraging feature was the fact that some of the vegetables had been rendered almost worthless by being frozen.

Oseola's Creamery Burns. The only creamery in Polk County, located at Oseola, caught fire and is a total loss. It was worth \$10,000.

After Bootleggers. United States Marshal Boehms was at Oseola the first of the week looking after some of the fellows who have been bootlegging for the past few months. It is rumored that he gathered in four witnesses to take before the grand jury at the next meeting. It has been pretty easy for a person to get a drink there, provided they had the cash to pay for it.

St. Edward Wants Fire Protection. St. Edward has taken the matter of fire protection in hand and, with the board, has just purchased a full equipment for fire protection through an Omaha agency.

DEATH IN THE RITES

ELKS' INITIATION CEREMONY RESULTS FATALLY.

Story that E. W. Curry, of Iowa, Was Unintentionally Tortured in a Lodge—Sat on Metallic Chair Under Which a Lamp Was Burning.

Regarded as an Accident. Edward W. Curry, chairman of the Iowa Democratic State Central Committee, died at his hotel in Des Moines as the result of blood poisoning, following injuries received during the progress of his initiation into the United Brotherhood of Elks lodge. Mr. Curry had been sick for several weeks. The story of his injuries was well guarded, both by Mr. Curry and members of the lodge. During his sickness he expressed the opinion that the members of the lodge were in no way to blame for the accident and the desire that nothing should be made public.

More or less of the truth, however, became known. Immediately following his death conflicting stories as to the nature of the initiating rites to which he had been subjected were told. One of these stories were which printed in an afternoon paper was to the effect that Mr. Curry was seated on a chair connected with an electrical current. That as he did not move with a small current, more was turned on, and that ultimately, without his moving, the current was increased until it was found that blue smoke was issuing from his flesh; that then he was pulled from his chair severely burned and taken to his room, death finally resulting. This story was strenuously denied by members of the lodge, who claim there are no electrical appliances in the lodge-room.

In view of the conflicting stories, several members of the lodge consented to talk. Their stories agree and probably give a correct version of the episode. It is as follows: In the course of initiation Mr. Curry, being properly robed in a somewhat light costume and blindfolded, was placed upon a chair having a metallic bottom. Under this chair an ordinary kerosene lamp was placed. It was expected that when sufficient heat had developed he would jump from the chair in alarm and furnish merriment to the assembled Elks. Mr. Curry, being of a stoical disposition and perhaps unduly excited by the ordeal through which he had passed, had evidently made up his mind to take whatever punishment was meted out to him in the course of events and retained his seat until his garments took fire and he was severely burned. His constitution had not been strong, and as a result of the ordeal he took to his bed. At first it was expected he would soon recover, but the wounds did not heal and blood poisoning set in, which could not be controlled by the physicians, and death was the result. During his sickness, which was of several weeks' duration, Mr. Curry stated to a member of the lodge that he had no idea he was being severely burned. He thought at the time, he said, that a fly blister or something of the same nature had been attached to him, and he thought he could stand it as well as those who had taken the degree before.

HIS APPAREL WEIGHED 100 LBS. How a Yonkers Burglar Shrank When He Was Compelled to Disrobe. The police of New York captured 250 pounds of burglar, which netted them 150 pounds of prisoner. The extra hundred was stolen feminine attire and miscellaneous dry goods, in which the thief had so swathed his person that he could not escape when pursued. At the station the sergeant ordered the man to take off his coat and vest. Layer after layer of clothing was removed, and when it was all done there stood before them a person weighing about 150 pounds. These are some of the things in which he was clothed: Three pairs of corsets. Two corset waists. A woman's night robe. A balloon sleeve pink waist. A black merino skirt. Two white vests. A red plush wrapper. One pair of black stockings. One breakfast gown. The bottom parts of the gowns were stuffed into his trousers, which gave him the appearance of great corpulency. Stuffed in his bosom were a feather fan

and a piece of duchess lace. His name was James McCloskey and he is 35 years old. In the bundle which he carried were several hundred miscellaneous articles, some of which were valuable. There were clothing, shoes, hats, caps, pipes, pocketbooks, jewelry, silverware, two watches and a small handbag containing money.

What is believed by the police to be a dynamite bomb was found on the tracks in the Grand Central Depot at New York. It is made of iron about a foot long and four inches in diameter. Inside is some powder and a lot of peculiar dark, dirt-like substance which the police say is dynamite.

David Dodge, a well-known Western lawyer, who for many years practiced law at St. Joseph, Mo., was found dead in a chair at Perry, O. T. His death was due to heart disease. Dodge was reared in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Officers Disrobe McCloskey. (Illustration showing the burglar being disrobed by police officers.)

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