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According to the most authentic history of the coal trade, last year marked the seven hundredth anniversary of the use of coal as fuel. Taking the most moderate estimate of the antiquity of man, and considering the fact that the coal was always here, it appears that we were a long time in availing ourselves of this most valuable asset which nature placed at our disposal. Many civilizations flourished and died out without its use, and it may be said that its potentialities, as a factor in the progress of mankind, were never realized fully until the present century. Up to its dawn, aside from the warming of the body and the cooking of food, little importance was attached to the fuel question. For these purposes a few fagots or billets of wood sufficed. But in time we discovered that in the fire there was a giant a thousand times more powerful than the fabled monsters of antiquity.

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STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Shooting of Sheriff Farris in Saunders County Has Occasioned Considerable Excitement in that Part of the State—Other Items.

Story of the Farris Shooting.

The shooting of Sheriff Farris of Saunders County by Johnson last week has created considerable excitement in the northern part of the county, the feeling being intensely bitter against Johnson. Threats of lynching were freely uttered, and had he been captured on the day of the shooting he might have been roughly dealt with, although it is thought that Farris will recover. The sheriff went to Johnson's place, nine miles south of Fremont, to serve some papers. Johnson at once became very angry and the two men had some hot words in regard to the papers. Johnson ordered Farris off the premises and the sheriff was in the act of leaving when Johnson shot him.

A Wahoo dispatch gives another version of the affair: Sheriff Farris, who was shot by Johnson seven miles west of Mead is improving slowly. One story of the shooting is that Farris as sheriff went to Johnson's farm to levy upon it. He and Johnson had no quarrel. The sheriff went to Johnson's house, stated his business, and Mrs. Johnson ordered him off the place and Johnson gave him five minutes to leave. The sheriff replied he would go in less time and started for his team. When about twenty-five yards from the house Johnson, it is said, reached behind the door, drew out a shotgun and fired upon the sheriff. Then the sheriff fired at Johnson twice with his revolver. Johnson dodged behind a fence and the shot missed him. Then, resting his gun upon the fence, Johnson fired again, striking the sheriff in the face, breast and shoulders. The sheriff got into his buggy and drove to Mead. A posse was organized to capture Johnson, but when it arrived Johnson had fled. Later it was learned that he had been captured by officers at Ashland. No violence is apprehended unless the sheriff's wounds should become worse.

Some years ago Johnson sold his farm to Paul Kline for part cash and a mortgage. Johnson had the mortgage made in his brother's name, then Attorney Detweiler of Omaha placed an attorney's lien upon the farm and the district court rendered a decree of foreclosure in both cases. In the meantime Johnson dispossessed Kline of the farm and now has a deed on record which is pronounced a forgery. The sheriff was levying upon the farm for the brother's mortgage and the Detweiler claim.

TELLER AND $10,000 SHORT.

Official of an Omaha National Bank Short in Accounts.

Ten thousand dollars is the amount of the shortage which has been discovered in the accounts of the former railway teller of the Nebraska National Bank (Omaha), Ned H. Copeland, who has disappeared and is believed to be in some foreign land, beyond the reach of requisition. If he is still in this country the American Surety Company, in which he was bonded, will leave nothing undone to apprehend and bring him back to Omaha. Inasmuch as Copeland was bonded for only $5,000, the bank will still be short $5,000 after a settlement with the surety company.

Ned H. Copeland was known as the Burlington and Missouri teller for the Nebraska National Bank. This is a special position, which was created a number of years ago, to handle with facility the immense receipts of the Burlington road. For eight years Mr. Copeland held this position without the shadow of any suspicion attaching to his work. He entered the bank as a boy and his entire business career was spent within the walls of this institution. He was highly esteemed, not only by all the officials of the bank, but by the men and women of the social world in which he moved. He is not yet 30 years of age.

Accidental Killing.

At a hay camp south of Brady Island Joe Zebra was shot and instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of T. Stevens, a fellow laborer. Stevens attempted to shoot a flying bird and the gun was discharged as he raised it, the contents striking in Zebra's eye, killing him instantly.

Breaks Into Postoffice.

The postoffice at Firth was broken into recently. Admittance was gained by prying open the back door. The tools used were found outside near the door and were identified as belonging to F. Rosenfelt, city blacksmith, the thief securing the tools at the blacksmith shop. Nothing in the postoffice was disturbed.

Omaha Carpenters Strike.

Three hundred union carpenters have struck for an increase of 5 cents an hour in Omaha. They have been receiving 30 cents and have made demands recently for an increase. A few of the contractors granted the request, but all the others wanted the question postponed until the 1st of January.

Farm House and Contents Burned

J. W. Wilshire, a farmer living a mile and a half north of Fairfield, lost all of his household goods by fire. The house, together with the farm, belonged to an Omaha firm. Mr. Wilshire's goods were insured in the Nebraska State Insurance Association.

Oliver Anderson Bound Over.

The preliminary examination of Oliver Anderson for the killing of his half brother, Andrew Johnson, sr., which occurred Sunday, Aug. 27, was held at Stanton and the prisoner was remanded to jail to await trial in the district court, which convenes Sept. 25.

Boys with Matches Did It.

One of H. E. Pankonin's barns at Louisville containing implements was destroyed by fire. Loss on implements, $2,500. No insurance. The barn was insured for $160. The fire was set by small boys, who were playing with matches.

Fremont's Hemp Warehouse Burns

A frame building south of the Union Pacific depot at Fremont, owned by Kirschbraun & Sons of Omaha and occupied by the Fremont Hemp Company for the storage of hemp, caught fire the other day and was almost totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known. Loss on building $800. Loss on hemp, seventy tons, $6,000; fully insured.

New Bank a Bloomfield.

The new Citizens' State Bank of Bloomfield, was opened for business on Monday, Sept. 4, with a paid up capital of $10,000.

LURED ON TO DEATH.

Laura Lee French Trusts a Man Only to Give Up Her Life.

It is claimed that the man at the bottom of the mysterious death of Miss Laura Lee French at Hastings is an insurance agent at Omaha. Miss French left Chicago on June 17 to go to Creighton to visit her sister, Mrs. H. T. Gaesser. She stopped in Omaha on her way to Creighton and was seen in company with this insurance man. She left Creighton on Aug. 5 for Chicago and expected to stop at Omaha and Burlington, Iowa. This is the last time her relatives saw her alive. It seems when she reached Omaha she was met by this insurance man. She told him of her condition and a trip was arranged for her to go to Hastings and remain there until she was in condition to return to her relatives. The medicine she took to relieve her is supposed to have been doped and her death followed. The corpse has been taken to Burlington, Iowa, and interred close by the side of the dead girl's father, who has been dead several years.

As yet nothing has been heard of the man who is suspected in the case. Everything seems to point to the fact that the girl was murdered by a cool and deliberate villain who had but one purpose in view, namely, to get the girl out of the way, as he had implicated himself in getting her in a delicate condition. In order to carry out his crime he had succeeded in getting her to take a dose of poisoned medicine and then left her to die alone in a hotel and be buried in an unknown grave. The general opinion is that the man who did this crime was the one who visited her remains at the undertaker's, for as soon as he got sight of the corpse he gave a slight start, his hand trembled and his eyes became moist. For several minutes he stood thus looking upon the face of the dead woman. When he was asked if he recognized the corpse he refused to answer, but immediately made his way to the street and then to the coroner's, where he asked a few questions and simply said he thought at first he recognized the dead woman, but was not certain. He said he was going to the country and would be back soon, but from that day to this he has not been seen nor heard from. The woman's trunk disappeared as mysteriously as did the stranger, and it is said to contain two valuable heirlooms. The police are hard at work upon the case and hope soon to succeed in running the man in this mysterious case to earth.

Expense Accounts.

Silas A. Holcomb has filed a statement with the secretary of state showing the expenses of his candidacy for the nomination for supreme judge. As shown by the statement the total amount expended was $8.30, divided as follows: Subscriptions to Nonconformist, $6; stationery and stamps, 75 cents; railroad fare from Lincoln to Omaha and return day of convention, $1.65. Frank G. Hamer, candidate for nomination in the Twelfth Judicial District, has filed a similar statement, showing an expenditure of $27.63.

"Doc" Middleton Settles Down.

"Doc" Middleton, the famous scout, cowboy and ranger, was in Crawford recently looking after a dwelling for his family. He expressed himself as becoming civilized and will move to Crawford so as to give his children the benefit of the school. While in town he had his long black hair and whiskers shorn, and he is a stranger now to his most intimate friends.

Divorce to Follow an Elopement

W. A. Fitzgerald of Hastings has filed suit for divorce from his wife Ida, alleging misconduct. Mrs. Fitzgerald, who was formerly Ida Cook, was a domestic in the Fitzgerald home at the time of the death of the plaintiff's first wife, something over a year ago, and ran away this summer with Dr. Rea, who spent several weeks in Hastings.

Reward for Murderer.

Gov. Poynter has offered a reward of $200 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Benjamin F. Stump, who died in Richardson County July 19 from the effects of a pistol shot wound. No trace of the murderer was discovered by the authorities of Richardson County and it is thought he has left the state.

Blair's Building Site Suits.

The selection of the site for the new public building on the corner of Walker Avenue and Lincoln Street in Blair gives general satisfaction. All elements are pleased.

Wayne's Handsome New Church

Six hundred people attended the dedication services of the new First Presbyterian Church at Wayne Sept. 3. The building cost over $10,000.

Nebraska Short Notes.

West Point is enjoying a building boom. Many substantial buildings are being erected in Cambridge this season.

Seventeen farm mortgages were filed in Polk County last month and thirty released.

Gothenburg is now without a saloon, not even a "temperance hall" is being conducted.

The improvements on the Hastings insane hospital are being pushed by the contractors.

A portion of the new electric light plant at Humboldt has arrived and the system will soon be in use.

The Hayes Center postoffice was burglarized a few nights since and $5 extracted from the money box.

The York County Aricultural Society opened its annual fair Sept. 4. The racing program was first-class.

A. McMurry of Humboldt moved to Auburn last week, where he began his duties as superintendent of the schools of that city.

Rev. E. E. Crippen, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Trenton, delivered his farewell address to a crowded house Sept. 3.

Friends of District Judge S. H. Sedwick of York are launching a boom for him for the supreme bench. It is thought the entire district is for him.

The dismissal of Philip F. Smith of the third class of West Point from the United States service for "harrassing and annoying a fourth class man," proved a great surprise to his many friends in Hastings.

The barn of W. J. Williams, south of Humboldt, was struck by lightning and damaged considerably.

Deputy Sheriff Rossiter of Columbus went to Tarnov, a Polish town twenty miles north, and confiscated several kegs of beer and other liquors found in the possession of Joe Savidge, a storekeeper, and he is under arrest.

A telegram was received by the family of J. N. Roe, a Harvard traveling salesman, that he had been found dead by the side of the road where he had been camping near Agra, in Philips County, Kansas. Foul play is suspicioned.

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A Shy Man with a Great Deal of Notoriety.

Few writers, with the exception, perhaps, of Rudyard Kipling, carry their dislike of notoriety to the extent that "Uncle Remus," Joel Chandler Harris, does. An affable and most genial man ordinarily, the fact that some admirer of his work is desirous of seeing him produces a fit of nervousness which causes him to play hide-and-seek, and if this fails and he is confronted the author is generally found to be a much better listener than talker. His home in Atlanta is on the outskirts of the town, and although a daily contributor to the Atlanta Constitution he works entirely at home and sees very little of society.

Although Atlanta is visited in the course of the year by nearly all of the theatrical companies, he has never been known to go to the theater to see one, the only time that he will come out of his shell being when James Whitcomb Riley gives one of his readings.

This happened about six years ago, and then there was no more delighted appreciator in the house than "Uncle Remus." For the next five years, however, he carefully avoided the theater. When about a year ago the Hoosier poet made another tour of the South, Frank L. Stanton asked Mr. Harris to accompany him that night to the reading. When the poet called early in the evening to make sure that "Uncle Remus" would be ready in time the latter was already prepared and was beginning to worry.

"Won't we be late?" he asked.

"Not for several hours yet," answered Stanton.

The next day the Georgia poet and the Indiana poet went for a drive, and in accordance with the former's plan stopped at Mr. Harris' house. Mr. Riley at first objected to going in, on the ground that it wasn't fair to surprise a man in this way.

"If he knew you were coming," replied Stanton, "and had waited for you, by this time he would have had nervous prostration."

As it was, "Uncle Remus" was "caught" before he had worked up to the proper nervous pitch, and, though he swung his hat to and fro in a much-abashed manner during the first few minutes of the conversation, he and the man he admired so much soon became fast friends, and Riley seldom visits the South without spending some little time with Harris at Atlanta.

Mr. Harris is a most methodical worker; he goes to the Constitution office every morning at 8 o'clock for his mail and papers, and remains about half an hour, going home to work. In addition to his newspaper labors, he is at present engaged on two books.—Saturday Evening Post.

Equally Great.

Two chance acquaintances on a railway train discovered that they had come originally from the same neighborhood, and fell to conversing about old times.

"By the way," said the passenger in the skull-cap, "whatever became of Harrison McPelt?"

"He's a special writer for one of the New York papers," replied the passenger in the long linen duster, "at ten dollars a column. Has a good thing of it."

"And his brother Alfred?"

"Alfred is a fat man in a dime museum. Weighs four hundred and eighty-seven pounds. Gets a good salary."

"Well, well!" mused the other. "Both of them, then, have achieved success in life as space-fillers.'

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When a man disputes with a fool the fool is doing the same thing.—Carlock Tribune.

The Teeth.

Imperfect teeth are a sure sign of civilization. Perfect teeth are found, as a rule, only among savages.

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Out of 100 teeth of adults that twenty-five years ago would have been ruthlessly extracted, ninety-nine are now saved by science.

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