

BIG HALL IN RUINS.

THE KANSAS CITY CONVENTION BUILDING IS BURNED.

Great Auditorium in Which the National Democratic Convention Was to Have Been Held Is a Total Loss—Will Be Rebuilt Without Delay.

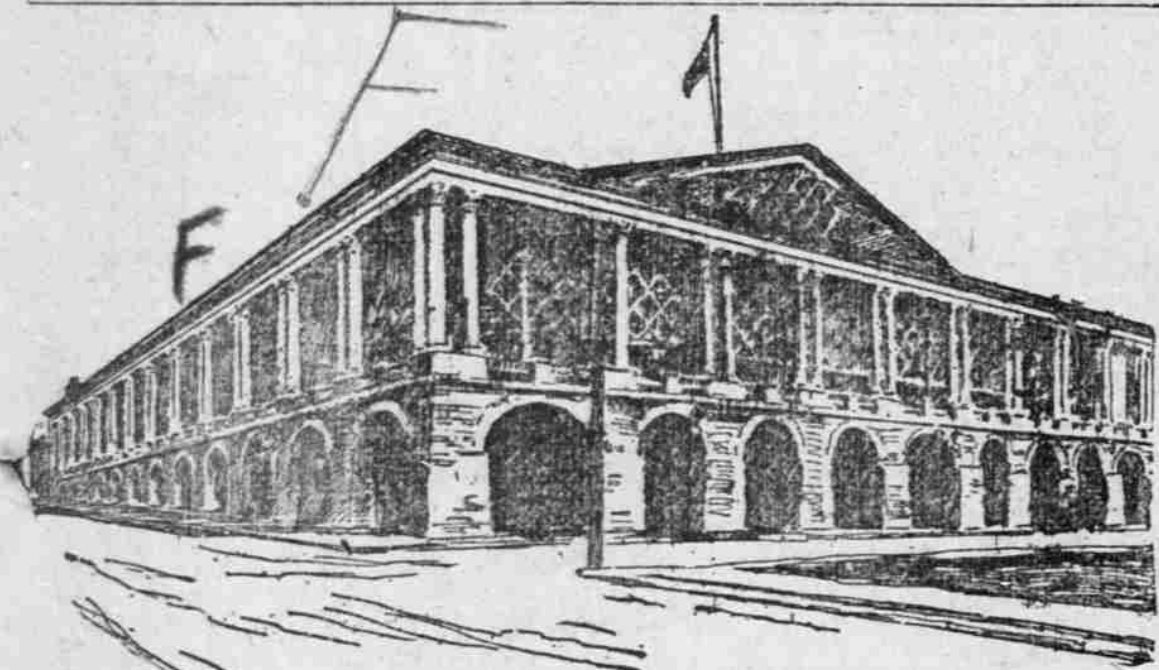
The Kansas City convention hall, the largest auditorium in the United States, with perhaps one exception, and in which the Democratic national convention was to have been held, caught fire shortly after 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The fire started in the rear, and the beautiful building was soon a mass of flames. The firemen could do but little but to attempt to save surrounding property. Half an hour after the fire was discovered the roof fell in with a crash. The Second Presbyterian Church nearby caught fire, and is almost a total loss. The fire next spread to a row of three-story flats, and the Aldine flats, an apartment, was threatened. The Lathrop school caught fire, but the pupils were marched out in safety.

The convention hall cost about a quarter of a million, and is insured. Before the roof of the building fell \$10,000 had been subscribed by spectators to rebuild the hall, and it is claimed the entire amount will be raised in a short time by public subscription. The directors of the burned building say it will be rebuilt, and be ready for the opening of the Democratic convention on July 4.

OVATION FOR THE QUEEN.

Victoria Sets Foot on Irish Soil After Nearly Forty Years.

Queen Victoria set foot on Irish soil Wednesday for the first time in almost forty years. Dublin was resplendent. The decorations in the city and along the route which the Queen took from Kings-town were lavish and more magnificent than those of London at the time of the diamond jubilee. The streets were spanned in a hundred places by elaborate arches bearing mottoes of welcome and expressions of loyalty. The entrance to the city at Leeson street bridge was marked by a huge triumphal arch of flags, flowers and evergreen on which was emblazoned a welcome to Dublin in gold letters. The streets were jammed with people at an early hour. Irishmen had gathered from the ends of the island, and hundreds of Englishmen were in the throng. The entire route from Kings-town to Dublin was lined with spectators. The Queen was received by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Earl Cadogan, the Duke of Connaught, commander of the forces in Ireland, Lord Mayor Talbot of Dublin and a number of other nota-



KANSAS CITY'S CONVENTION HALL.

bles, all in full dress and robes of state. The Queen rode the ten miles to Dublin in a carriage drawn by four horses with outriders and escorted by the Life Guards. The royal procession passed through a lane of thousands of people, who cheered her Majesty continuously. The Queen arrived at Leeson street bridge early in the afternoon. Here a platform had been erected for the ceremony of presenting Victoria with the keys of the city. The keys were presented to her Majesty on the same cushion that was used on the occasion of her previous visit.

FIRES AT WALES.

Attempt Is Made to Assassinate the Heir to the English Throne.

An attempt to assassinate the Prince of Wales was made at Brussels Wednesday. Two shots were fired at him, but both went wide of the mark. The would-be assassin was arrested. The attempted assassination occurred in the station du Nord. The Prince, accompanied by his wife, was descending from the train when a young fellow rushed forward and



THE PRINCE OF WALES.

fired two shots from a revolver at the Prince. Instantly there was great confusion in the station, and bystanders seized the man before he could fire again. Anxious officials surrounded the Prince when it was learned that the shots had gone wide and that he was unhurt. The Prince and Princess of Wales were in Brussels en route to Denmark.

Telegraphic Brevities.
Captain Chadwick, who commanded the New York during the war with Spain, has filed a claim of prize money for capturing five vessels.

Attorney C. E. George, Chicago, guilty of fraud. He secured \$5,000 from persons by the name of McCormick, asserting that they were heirs to a big fortune. The British steamer Pawnee arrived at New York from Mediterranean ports via Bermuda, and was detained at quarantine, owing to the presence on board of three cases of smallpox.

CLEVER COUP OF BOERS.

Route of Broadwood's Force Proves Skill in Preparing Ambuscade.

The London correspondents with Gen. Roberts add little of importance to the commander-in-chief's account of the disaster to Col. Broadwood's column. All the accounts of the fight from a British source concur in stating that Col. Broadwood's force of about 1,000 men was outnumbered by the Boers eight or ten to one, and the arrival of the infantry division and Gen. French's cavalry alone prevented the annihilation of Col. Broadwood's command.

As regards the details of the affair, the stories differ considerably. The affair seems rather to testify to the skill of the Boers in preparing ambuscades than to neglect of the British to reconnoiter the route of the convoy. It seems that the scouts of the convoy must have passed close to the ambushers, who apparently were as invisible as partridges in cover.

The correspondent of the London Morning Post, in describing the working of the trap, says the convoy had scarcely proceeded 300 yards, and the men were still eating breakfast, when the enemy opened fire from a donga in front and eighty yards from the head of the convoy. The fire was deadly, and the men of the leading troops, Roberts' horse, were swept from their saddles. A scene of confusion followed. The teams of four guns, their drivers having been shot, stampeded and carried the guns out of action. These and one other gun were saved. The teams of the other guns were shot, and the guns, with the convoy, fell into the hands of the enemy. Meanwhile Gen. Alderson's brigade held back a force of the enemy, estimated to number 7,000, with great gallantry, losing heavily, and falling back by degrees. The enemy in a donga in their rear pursued the flying guns until the approach of the Ninth division from Bloemfontein checked the pursuit.

CONDITION OF CROPS.

Unfavorable Reports of Winter Wheat in the Middle West.

The chief of the climate and crop division of the weather bureau reports the crop condition on the 1st of April. East of the Mississippi River, except in the Southern States, the season has been generally backward and unfavorable for farm work, with excessive rains in portions of the Gulf States, and heavy snows in portions of the lake region and New England. On the Pacific slope and in the Rocky Mountain districts exceptionally favorable conditions have prevailed, and farming operations are progressing rapidly.

Unfavorable reports regarding winter wheat continue from Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and portions of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Maryland; elsewhere the

crop looks favorable and enters spring in excellent condition. Outside of a limited area in Southern California, winter wheat on the Pacific coast is well advanced and promising. Some spring wheat has been sown over the southern portion of the spring-wheat region, and also in Montana, where the season is unusually advanced.

Corn is being planted in the Southern States, some as far north as North Carolina. In Southern Texas the bulk of the crop has been planted. Oats are being sown in Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Kentucky, and are coming up to good stands in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi. Reports of winter killing of the fall crop are received from Virginia and Georgia. Cotton planting has begun over the southern portion of the cotton region. The prospects for fruit are favorable, although peaches sustained some damage in Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Ohio.

The soil is in good condition and considerable plowing has been done in all except the more northerly sections, where frost still remains in the ground, and in portions of New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, where this work has been delayed by wet weather.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

One hundred and twelve pupils of the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., have been received into the Catholic Church. The school has 162 pupils.

The British Foreign Bible Society intends to provide all Boer prisoners with Bibles printed in Dutch, and the plan will be carried out within a few weeks.

Cardinal Vaughan received from the Pope a dispensation remitting the Lenten fast on thirty-eight out of forty days of Lent. This act of his Holiness was owing to the prevalent influenza in England.

The queerest church in the world is in Bergen, in Norway. It is completely made of paper, and rendered waterproof by an application of quicklime with curdled milk and white of eggs. Over 1,000 people may be seated in its interior.

The Rev. Francis Edward Carter, honorary canon of Canterbury, has been appointed-dean of Grahamstown, South Africa.

The Churchman's Liberal league in Great Britain has issued a monthly journal in the interests of disestablishment of the Church of England.

The First Baptist Church in Dover, Pa., has converted a building heretofore used for church social affairs into a shirt factory, where church members are given preference in employment. Five per cent out of the wages is to revert to church work in the town.

A MOTHER'S STORY.

Tells About Her Daughter's Illness and How She Was Relieved—Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham.

"MRS. PINKHAM:—I write to tell you about my daughter. She is nineteen years old and is flowing all the time, and has been for about three months. The doctor does her but very little good, if any. I thought I would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, but I want your advice before beginning its use. I have become very much alarmed about her, as she is getting so weak."

MRS. MATILDA A. CAMP, Manchester Mill, Macon, Ga., May 21, 1899.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—It affords me great pleasure to tell you of the benefit my daughter has received from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After beginning the use of your medicine she began to mend rapidly and is now able to be at her work. Her menses are regular and almost painless. I feel very thankful to you and expect to always keep your Vegetable Compound in my house. It is the best medicine I ever knew. You have my permission to publish this letter if you wish, it may be the means of doing others good."—MRS. MATILDA A. CAMP, Manchester Mill, Macon, Ga., September 28, 1899.



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A Swallow
is one of the earliest indications of spring—an equally sure indication is that feeling of languid depression. Many swallows of HIRES Rootbeer are best for a spring tonic—and for a summer beverage. 5 gallons for 25 cents. Write for list of premises offered for sale. Charles E. Hires Co., Malvern, Pa.

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Apply Balm into each nostril.
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The best remedy for whooping-cough. Give the child Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, relief will come at once and the sufferer will soon be cured. Price only 25 cts.

Quite Different.
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"She's hard to beat, I tell you."
"I'm glad to hear that; you won't figure so often in the police reports now."—Boston Courier.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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Sacred Treasures.
Teacher—Bobbie, did you look up the story of the prodigal son, as I told you?
Bobbie—No'm. Pa wouldn't let me take the Bible. She's pressing autumn leaves in it.—San Francisco Examiner.

Libby, McNeill & Libby.
Housekeepers frequently feel the need of luncheon meats which are either ready to serve or can be prepared for the table at a moment's notice. Such a need is abundantly supplied in the superior meats put up by the old reliable house of Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago, one of whose specialties is advertised in another column of this paper, and their booklet, "How to Make Good Things to Eat," is offered free on application.

Mary's Record.
A good little girl of olden days was Mary Osgood Sumner, whose "Monitor," or diary, contains a black list of her misdoings, which does not disclose any very serious fault, and a white one showing what duties she performed. She writes:
July 8—I left my staise on the bed.
July 9—Misplaced Sister's sash.
July 10—Spoke in haste to my little Sister, split the cream on the floor in the closet.
July 11—I left some Osgood's dress on the bed.
July 12—I left the brush on the chair, was not diligent in learning at school.
July 17—I left my fan on the bed.
July 19—I got vexed because Sister was a-going to cut my frock.
July 22—Part of this day I did not improve my time well.
July 30—I was careless and lost my needle.
Aug. 5—I split some coffee on the table.
The white list, which is a very long one, shows her as saying her catechism, making tart and pudding, and being "mildly diligent."

Reason for It.
"Why is she only in half mourning?"
Of course, she married old Skinsphint for his money, but she ought to respect his memory now that he's dead."
"Oh, she thinks she's doing all that's required under the circumstances. He only left her half his fortune."

LAUNDRY WORK IN MIDOCEAN.

Soiled Clothing Is to Be Cleansed While Vessels Are at Sea.

An innovation in the shape of an "ocean laundry" has come into existence. The experiment first is to be tried on the steamship New England, which starts from this port on a nine weeks' trip in foreign waters. The usual practice with an ocean liner is to allow its own laundry to assume large proportions somewhere down in the hold, while the soiled linen of its passengers becomes an individual care and trouble until the end of the voyage. Soon, however, all this will be different. The passenger will give his laundry to the steward and from the laundryman below in a few hours linen will be returned to him, fresh and clean. The new plant will handle on an average of 7,000 pieces of linen a day, with a capacity of doing the entire washing of about 800 people. It will be as complete in every way as a laundry on shore. The plant has a daily consumption of fifty barrels of soap and twenty barrels of starch, aside from other necessary supplies used in a laundry. One item alone is the use of 4,000 gallons of water per day, which is condensed on the ship by special apparatus.

The machinery of the plant consists of a large steam mangle and washing and ironing machines. Napkins and towels can be "fed" to the mangle machine at the rate of 4,000 pieces an hour. There are two large washing machines which by skillful manipulation can turn out linen well washed and wrung out to the amount of 10,000 pieces a day. Washing is the first consideration in the process of laundry work, and the successful results from these machines are assured. Other appliances include those for starching properly and to suit individual tastes. One of the most difficult operations of the laundryman is ironing. In the machines which have been provided, however, this part of the work may be done with entire satisfaction. One machine is capable of ironing from 8,000 to 10,000 collars and cuffs a day, to say nothing of other articles. The system to be used to prevent loss of goods or misunderstanding as to ownership is an admirable one. E. M. Fielding of Boston, who first conceived the idea of this ocean laundry, and who is to act as superintendent on the first trip, while realizing the practicability of all ocean liners adopting this method of handling their washing, said it would not, in all probability, be generally adopted at once, but that for long voyages it readily commends itself.—Boston Transcript.

Had Strong Scruples.
"Look, Tom, this is the preacher's house! The window's open, an' all the folks are at church, an' they don't keep no dawg, so that we couldn't have a softer snap!"
"The preacher's house, do you say? Ah, Bill, I have been a bold, bad man, but I have never yet robbed a preacher. They are a hard workin' lot, an' their pay is small; besides, some of the tenderest recollections of an innocent boyhood is coupled with my Sunday school. But, Bill, you haven't got the same feelin' in the matter as I has; an' if yer've made up yer mind to enter the place, why I'll stay outside an' keep watch, an' I'll give a whistle if I see any one coming!"
The external debt of Spain is 136,700,198 pounds. About 16,000,000 pounds of this total is the cost of Spain's military operations in the colonies.

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May Get Some More.
President Kruger's ultimatum was the first that had ever been received by Great Britain.

Business Chance.
We want a responsible person to buy \$1,500 interest in a profitable manufacturing business. He may have all the profits till he gets his money back, including fair salary, then divide profits equally. THE RECORD COMPANY, Sioux City, Iowa

All sensuality is one, though it takes many forms; all purity is one.—Thoreau.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—John F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

A giant among giants is not aware of his own size.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for CHILDREN soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

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ALABASTINE Is a durable and natural coating for walls and ceilings, made ready for use by mixing with water. It is a cement that goes through a process of setting, hardens with age, and can be coated and recoated without waiting for the old coats to be removed. Alabastine is made in white and fourteen beautiful tints. It is put up in five-pound packages in dry form, with complete directions on every package.

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FAGGED

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That's Impure Blood

Now you know what the trouble is, you certainly know the cure,—a perfect Sarsaparilla. "Sarsaparilla" is simply the name of the medicine, for in a perfect Sarsaparilla there are a great many remedies.

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Spring Body Cleaning

Every spring you clean the house you live in, to get rid of the dust and dirt which collected in the winter. Your body, the house your soul lives in, also becomes filled up during the winter with all manner of filth, which should have been removed from day to day, but was not. Your body needs cleaning inside. If your bowels, your liver, your kidneys are full of putrid filth, and you don't clean them out in the spring, you'll be in bad odor with yourself and everybody else all summer.

DON'T USE A HOSE to clean your body inside, but sweet, fragrant, mild but positive and forceful **CASCARETS**, that work while you sleep, prepare all the filth collected in your body for removal, and drive it off softly, gently, but none the less surely, leaving your blood pure and nourishing, your stomach and bowels clean and lively, and your liver and kidneys healthy and active. Try a 10-cent box today, and if not satisfied get your money back—but you'll see how the cleaning of your body is

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