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RAWHIDE WIPED OUT

FIRE DESTROYS BUSINESS PORTION OF MINING TOWN.

Many Buildings Blown Up to Check Progress of the Flames—Fund of 5,000 Is Raised and Relief Train Started from Reno.

Three thousand people homeless, a score or more injured and a property loss of over \$750,000 is the result of a disastrous fire at Rawhide, Nev., which started at 9 o'clock Friday morning in Dr. Gardner's office located in the Rawhide Drug company's building. Fanned by a gale the fire swept rapidly south and east to Balloon avenue and up Rawhide avenue to within fifty yards of the People's hospital.

Over a ton and a half of dynamite was used in the demolition of buildings which in a measure stayed the flames' progress. The volunteer fire department and 500 miner volunteers worked heroically, but on account of the inflammable construction of the buildings they were swept away like tinder.

At 11 o'clock the business portion of Rawhide was a smoldering mass of ruins, the flames being finally checked south of Balloon avenue.

Wild excitement prevailed and the scenes that occurred were the same as at Goldfield in July, 1906, at the fire of Cripple Creek in April, 1896, and during other big conflagrations in mining camps. Many people were slightly injured, but none seriously. Many acts of heroism are recorded.

A famine was feared as all the supply houses and grocery stores were wiped out. A subscription list was started and in a few minutes over \$5,000 was raised and a relief train started from Reno at 4 o'clock carrying thousands of pounds of food and bedding.

All the mining towns of the state came quickly to the assistance of the Rawhide sufferers with cash contributions.

JORDAN MAKES CONFESSION.

Boston Butcher Arraigned in Police Court.

But few points in connection with the horrible and gruesome murder of Mrs. Honora Jordan, an actress, aged 23, of Boston, by her husband, Chester S. Jordan, remain to be cleared up by the police. The confession of the husband is believed to be a substantial recital of the incidents of the brutal crime, but several minor details of his confession conflicted with each other, and his story is unconnected in parts. When arraigned in police court Jordan pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder. The case was continued until Sept. 11 and Jordan was remanded to jail.

MANY GIRLS IN A PANIC.

Fire on Fifth Floor of a New York Skyscraper.

Four hundred young women employed on the upper floors of a twelve-story building at 652 Broadway, N. Y., became panic stricken Friday when a fire on the fifth floor filled the stairways so full of smoke that they were impassable. A number of frightened girls jumped to the roof of an adjoining building a story or more below and were injured. Many girls were fainting or unconscious when the elevators reached the ground floor. Others were hysterical with fright and created great commotion by their screams.

Suit to Recover Road Lands.

Suit to recover lands granted the Oregon and California Railway company, now controlled by the Southern Pacific company and valued at over \$40,000, was begun Friday by Special Assistant to the Attorney General B. D. Townsend, on behalf of the United States government.

To Withdraw Alabama Troops.

It has been announced that all the troops at Birmingham, Ala., will be sent to their home towns within a few days. This decision followed a ratification by the local miners' union convention of the action of the national officers in calling off the strike.

Noted Labor Leader Dead.

Frank P. Sargent, commissioner of immigration of the department of commerce and labor, died in Washington, D. C., Friday. Aged 54 years.

Calls an Extra Session.

Gov. Hanly has issued a call for an extra session of the Indiana legislature to meet Sept. 18, to consider county local option law.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Bees, \$5.50 to \$5.75. Top hogs, \$6.60.

John A. Hall Dead.

John A. Hall, of Springfield, Mass., president of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company, died in London Thursday. Death was caused by heart failure.

Chicago Merchant Dead.

Emanuel Mandel, first vice president of the firm of Mandel Bros., one of Chicago's most successful merchants, died Thursday at Basel, Switzerland.

BODY HACKED TO PIECES.

Boston Police Find Remains of Actress in Trunk.

The most brutal crime committed in Greater Boston since the death of Susan Geary, a chorus girl, four years ago, and one much resembling it in its details, was disclosed Thursday night by the discovery of the torso of Mrs. Honora Jordan, an actress, aged 23 years, of Somerville, in a trunk in a boarding house at No. 7 Hancock street, on Beacon hill, Boston, Mass. Later the head and bones of the limbs were found in the furnace of the Jordan home at Somerville and the scalp, hair and other remains were taken from the kitchen range of the house.

Chester Jordan, aged 29 years, an actor of Somerville, is held by the police charged with the murder, and Thursday night, according to the officers, he made a complete confession of the crime.

According to Jordan's confession he accidentally killed his wife Thursday in a quarrel at their home and becoming desperate over what he had done he went out and bought a butcher's knife and hack saw, cut up the body and placed the torso in a trunk. He then planned to take the steamer Harvard for New York and throw the parts of the body overboard. The fact that the Hartford was laid off, owing to an accident, disarranged his plans and he was obliged to hire a hackman to take the trunk to a Boston boarding house to await a more favorable opportunity.

The discovery of the crime was due to the suspicions of the hackman, Jas. Collins, who had in mind the numerous robberies which have taken place about Boston recently and, surmising from its weight that the trunk contained silverware, notified the police. Collins reported that he had taken the trunk from the north station train, it having come in from Somerville on a local train.

COLOR LINE DRAWN.

Spanish Veterans Favor Separate Camps for Negroes.

The drawing of the color line in the organization of the United Spanish War Veterans at Boston, Mass., was the most conspicuous of the convention proceedings. This action was brought about through a resolution declaring the Charles M. Thomas camp of Washington, D. C., "unattached."

Commander in Chief Hale left his chair at the convention Wednesday night to defend the resolution and he was vigorously opposed by members of the colored camp from the floor. The commander in chief explained that it was the policy of the national body to have all colored camps unattached until such time as the colored camps could become a department for themselves. He acknowledged that the charter for the particular camp placed the camp on the same footing as white camps in the department of the District of Columbia, but explained that the charter had been granted by mistake.

NEW FEAT WITH AIRSHIP.

Wright Machine Rises in Flight Without Aid.

Wilbur Wright made a ten-minute flight at Lemans, France, Thursday at an altitude of 75 feet and covered six miles. A second attempt made later was a failure owing to troubles with the motor.

The French experts were greatly astonished at the demonstration given by Mr. Wright of his ability to leave the ground again after having touched it. It has been supposed that it was impossible for him to launch his machine without the starting apparatus. This fact practically assures Mr. Wright the prize for high flight. One of the conditions is that the machine shall leave the ground without the use of outside help.

Arkansas Roads Score.

Federal Judge Vandevanter Thursday granted the injunction requested by the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern and three other railroads operating in Arkansas, restraining the Arkansas state railroad commission from enforcing the new 2-cent fare law and from interfering with the railroad in raising their freight rates on interstate traffic.

Thaw Must Stay in Jail.

Justice Morescauser refused Thursday to grant an order transferring H. K. Thaw from the Dutchess county jail to some other institution. The application for the order was made by the counsel for Sheriff Canby, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who alleged the jail was not a proper place to keep a prisoner who was committed as insane.

Mystery in Shooting.

An American woman, known at the Paris hotel where she lived as Marion F. Collett, of New York, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by shooting Thursday. She fired two bullets from a revolver into her breast. It is believed she will recover.

Mrs. Field Is a Bride.

Mrs. Mashal Field, jr., of Chicago, was married at Westminster registry office Thursday morning to Malvern Drummond, second son of the late Edgar A. Drummond, of London.

Cannot Open Ballot Boxes.

A writ of prohibition was granted by the supreme court at Jefferson City, Mo., Thursday to prevent the opening of the ballot boxes containing the ballots cast at the recent primary election.

Frost in Indiana.

Frost Thursday night was reported from points in central and northern Indiana. No particular damage was done.

AERONAUT FALLS 500 FEET.

Daring New Yorker Killed at Waterville, Me.

In full view of 2,500 horrified spectators assembled on the central Maine fair grounds at Waterville, Me., Wednesday, Charles Oliver Jones, the well known aeronaut, of Hamilton, N. Y., fell a distance of 500 feet to his death. Among the witnesses of the frightful plunge were Mrs. Jones and child, and they were the first to reach the dying man. The aeronaut died, an hour and a half after the accident.

Jones had been at the fair grounds with his dirigible balloon "Boomerang" since Monday. He arranged to make a flight between 3 and 4 o'clock, but a strong wind prevented. However, at 4:30 o'clock he gave the word to have the machine released. When the aeronaut reached a height of more than 500 feet the spectators were amazed to see small tongues of flames issuing from under the gas bag in front of the motor. Many persons endeavored to apprise Jones of his danger, but it was several minutes before he noticed the fire. Then he grasped the rip cord, and by letting out the gas endeavored to reach the earth. The machine had descended but a short distance when a sudden burst of flame enveloped the gas bag and the framework. Jones fell from the frame work of his motor. The physicians found that Jones had no chance to survive, as he was injured internally and his spine was broken.

Jones had trouble with his balloon Tuesday on account of cold weather. Monday night, which caused a number of leaks through the contraction of the gas bag. It is thought the bag leaked again Wednesday and a spark from the motor caused the disaster.

BOMBHELL FOR FRANCE.

Germany's Change of Front Regarding Morocco Causes a Sensation.

The action of Germany in breaking up the concert of the powers with regard to Morocco, by notifying the signatories of the Algeiras act that she considered the actual situation demands the immediate recognition of Mulai Hafid, the usurping sultan of Morocco, has fallen like a bomb shell in Paris, and a feeling of approaching consternation is manifested in official circles.

The notification, which was made verbally, is not accompanied by any explanation of Germany's "brutal change of front," as it is termed here, and in government circles the action of Germany and the dispatch to Fez of Dr. Massel, Germany's consul at Tangier, can no longer be dissociated.

The officials can see in Germany's action only the virtual proclamation of her intention to disregard the Algeiras act and seek a special position in Morocco for herself. The consequences both from an international and French standpoint are expected to be deplorable.

LUMBER CUT GROWING.

Government Report Shows Increase of Two and a Half Billion Feet.

Figures of the lumber cut in 1907 compiled by the bureau of the census and the forest service, at Washington shows the largest total ever reported in the United States, exceeding by more than 7 per cent, the cut reported in 1906, until then the record year.

In 1907 28,850 mills made returns and their production was more than 40,000,000,000 feet of lumber. In 1906 23,398 mills reported about 37,500,000,000 feet.

Although lumber prices have been steadily going up during the last half century, the per capita consumption of lumber has also been going up. In 1850, according to the best figures obtainable, the average consumption to each person in the country was 250 feet, in 1900 460 feet and in 1907 480 feet.

"Dry" Leader Opposes Hughes.

A proposal to nominate Gov. Hughes which was made at the state prohibition convention at Syracuse, N. Y., was opposed by Aaron S. Watkins, of Ohio, the party's candidate for vice president. Mr. Watkins took the ground that the convention should make a straight out party nomination.

To Be Eastern Manager.

Robert E. Hudspeth, chairman of the New Jersey state democratic committee, announced Wednesday that he had been appointed and accepted the position of vice chairman of the national democratic committee and that he will be the eastern campaign manager for Bryan.

Recover from October Panic.

The Trust Company of America, of New York, upon which a sensational run was precipitated during the financial panic of 1907, has managed its business so successfully as to enable it to pay off a loan of \$25,000,000 in its entirety.

To Bore Oil Well in Lake.

Monterey, Mexico, capitalists will form an oil company to exploit an alleged discovery of oil in Lake Tamaulipas district in the state of Tamaulipas. The prospect is within the confines of the lake, which is located near the Dos Bocas.

Grain Merchant Commits Suicide.

L. B. Gibbs, of Grand Forks, N. D., president of the Gibbs Grain and Fuel company, committed suicide by shooting himself. Business worry is given as the cause.

Chum of "Huck Finn" Is Dead.

Judge Bacon, chum of the original "Huck Finn," made famous by Mark Twain, died at Hannibal, Mo., Tuesday. He was a member of "Tom Sawyer's gang."

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

From Day to Day Condensed

FOR OUR COZY READERS

GRAND ISLAND MAN ENDS LIFE.

Rids Children, Family and Himself at His Home.

S. P. Peterson, aged about 55, the father of seven children, committed suicide in his home in Grand Island by shooting himself. The bullet entered the right temple. One shot was sufficient and death was instantaneous. Peterson has for the last four years been a widower. Ever since his wife died he has been somewhat despondent. The death of his mother-in-law, following within six months after that of his wife, and after she had begun to keep house for him, and illness in his family, added to the man's cares and he became gloomy. Coming home from the city and passing through his yard, he remarked to a daughter that she should be a good girl, he would soon be dead. The girl thought little of the remark, but was terrified when a few moments later she heard a shot in the upper rooms of the house. Immediate investigation disclosed that he had gone up, removed his shoes, lay down on the floor, his head pillowed on an old coat, and ended all. The older of the children are married. The youngest is 9 years of age. He was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and leaves some insurance and some property. He was at one time the most successful transfer man in the city, and still ran a hack line.

CEMENT TANK HOUSE COLLAPSES.

Five Persons in Building at the Time Seriously Injured.

The cement block house at Ogallala, with a metal tank on top, containing sixty barrels of water, collapsed at Peter Girman's residence. There were five persons in the tank house when it happened. All are injured. Mr. Girman is badly bruised on the chest and head. His 10-year-old boy had his leg crushed, necessitating amputation below the knee. His other boy, 7 years old, had his collar bone broken and was bruised. The hired man, Frank Kalliet, had his leg crushed and was otherwise injured. Amputation at the hip joint was necessary and recovery is doubtful. Alfred Festrum, a stone mason, was helping Mr. Girman connect water pipes into the tank. He was bruised on the head and body and his shoulder dislocated. Dr. Hollingsworth, the only one here now, has sent for a surgeon to assist with the amputations. There are two other resident physicians, but both are absent.

CARELESSNESS CHARGED.

Wreck on Northwestern Near Kilgore Investigated.

The coroner's jury, after being in session at Valentine two days and making a thorough investigation, in which time they visited the scene of the wreck, reached the following verdict:

"Malcomb H. Hawkins, Foster Speas and George Kennedy.

"That the said above named parties came to their death from injuries received in a rear end collision on the morning of Aug. 30, 1908, at about 3:40 a. m., about three-fourths of a mile west of Kilgore, Cherry county, Nebraska, on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, the accident being caused, in our opinion, through the criminal negligence of the officials, the train dispatcher and trainmen of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands, the day and year aforesaid."

Crawford from West Point.

James C. Crawford, who has lately been appointed assistant curator of the National Museum at Washington, is a native of West Point, the son of the late Judge James C. Crawford. His promotion is a source of great gratification to his fellow citizens at West Point. He has been in the government service five years, and is a pupil of Prof. Lawrence Bruner, state entomologist of Nebraska.

Child Fatally Burned.

The little child of George Daily, of Wilcox, was fatally burned by pulling a lighted lamp over on itself, the oil overflowing and catching fire. The hired girl had her hands severely burned in putting out the flames. The mother, who was confined to her bed by illness at the time of the accident, is in a serious condition as a result of her sickness and shock due to the accident.

"Commoner's" Campaign Fund.

Chas. W. Bryan has sent a check for \$2,000 to Gov. C. N. Hackel, of Oklahoma, comprising the receipts over expenditures in the Commoner office from July 21 to Sept. 1. He also sent a check for \$320 as the receipt from fifty-nine contributors to the fund.

Adventists Meet in Hastings.

The camp meeting of the Seventh Day Adventists in Heartwell park, Hastings, which opened Thursday evening, promises to attract from one-third to one-half of the entire denomination in this state before it is over. The present number of Adventists in Nebraska is approximately 2,500. State conference headquarters are located here and the facilities for this year's camp meeting are better than ever before.

Farmer Has Leg Crushed.

A farmer named Chris Paulsen, living seven miles southeast of Minden, was seriously injured by falling into a water wheel while he was operating. His leg was dangerously crushed, but the doctors think they can save the limb.

Nebraska Fair Races.

The largest crowd for many years saw the state fair races. Chief interest centered in the 2:25 trot, purse \$1,000, which was won in the first time of 2:16 1/4 by Jeremiah, with Twin S second and Capt. Aubrey third.

WOMAN DEFENDS HOME.

Stands Off Sheriff, Surveyor and Constable for Homestead.

At the point of a 38 Colt revolver Mrs. Vena Taylor, a little 90-pound woman living on a homestead near Brewster, put to rout a party of claim jumpers, who, in the absence of the little woman's husband, attempted to take possession of their homestead. As the result of her nerve, the Taylors still have possession of the ranch, while the "jumpers" are the laughing stock of the community.

Four years ago the Taylors moved from Omaha and took up a claim. Government land was plentiful at that time and was not of much value, but in the last three years the land has increased in value until today it is worth \$10 to \$15 per acre. The Nebraska homesteads contain 640 acres, and the Taylor homestead is worth from \$8,000 to \$8,500.

Some time after the Taylors made entry on the claim, Samuel Martin, owning a claim adjoining the Taylor homestead, filed a contest on the Taylor homestead. The local land office decided in favor of Taylor, who immediately began the construction of a house and barn on the claim.

Several months ago Martin asked a rebarring, and to the surprise of the county, the case was decided in his favor. The Taylors immediately took an appeal and there the case rested.

But bad luck came to visit the Taylors homestead this spring and he was a heavy loser through the death of so many of his horses and cattle that he found it necessary to go to the city to work for ready cash.

That was Martin's chance and he proceeded in a rough-shod way to take possession of the ranch. Martin appeared at the Taylor home and told Mrs. Taylor he intended to make a survey of his property. Mrs. Taylor warned them off the place and Martin left without succeeding in his object, but told the little woman that he would return later.

And he did so. Martin, accompanied by the surveyor and the sheriff, came to the Taylors' and announced that they would begin right then. The surveyor unloading his sextant and got ready for work.

Then Mrs. Taylor walked into the house and a moment later she reappeared. The surveyor looked up just as the muzzle of a revolver rose to a level with his eyes.

"Take your machine and get out of this place," calmly said Mrs. Taylor. And the surveyor "got."

"Arrest her, Mr. Sheriff!" yelled Martin. "What did I bring you out here for?"

"You are under arrest, madam," shamefacedly said the sheriff. "Where's your warrant?" demanded the little woman.

"Oh, I'll get one when we get back to town," said the sheriff.

"Whenever you get a warrant for me you can serve it without any trouble. Until then, you get off the place or I'll put a bullet through you," and the sheriff suddenly found himself covered by the gun.

Then the sheriff joined the surveyor out in the road. Martin held his ground for a moment, but when he saw the gun swing into line with his own head, he, too, "got," and Mrs. Taylor was left in undisputed possession of the ranch.

BURNS FINDS ENOUGH WATER.

Tests Made at Grand Island Show Supply Is Sufficient.

Tests of three new wells at Grand Island, dug by Contractor Joseph Burns, of Lincoln, under a stipulation that he is to furnish 2,000,000 gallons of water daily, indicate that the water shortage days are over in Grand Island. The compressors involved in the plan were tested on two of the wells and a big flow of water was shown, a stream being thrown twenty feet out of a six-inch opening. The reservoir, constructed in connection with the improvements, has undergone its second test and found to leak about an inch an hour. Though this is a great improvement over the first test, the reservoir holds about 400,000 gallons and it is believed that the present leakage is largely seepage caused in part by the immense pressure of the water. No difficulty, it is believed, will be met in remedying this defect. The improvements will be made by a direct levy, slightly increasing city taxes this year, thus avoiding a bond issue and an increase of the debt.

Peter Jensen's Body Found.

The body of Peter Jensen, who was drowned in the Platte river June 22, was recovered near Plattsmouth Monday afternoon. Jensen was working on the Burlington bridge and was thrown off a targe.

Struck by Automobile.

While crossing the street in the business section at Grand Island, George Shreever, a cobbler, was run down by an automobile, the machine, driven by Mr. Smith, knocking him down and running over him.

Corn Eats Shucks.

William McElwain, a prosperous York county farmer, examined his fields of corn and states that the ears of corn are making a more rapid growth than the shuck and that ears are protruding two to three and most perfect ears of corn ever raised.

Farm Destroyed by Fire.

A small farm, owned by William L. Sewell, of Grand, was destroyed by fire. The building with all its contents was consumed. Loss partly covered by insurance.

Deaths of Teachers.

Theresa M. Deitrich and most of her class, a party of about twenty, were in the city of St. Paul, Minn., on a tour of the city. The party was returning to the city of St. Paul, Minn., on a tour of the city. The party was returning to the city of St. Paul, Minn., on a tour of the city.



A new union of carpenters has been formed at Virgins, Porto Rico.

Scottish blacksmiths are taking a vote of the members as to affiliation with the English Labor party.

The Governor of Porto Rico has recommended to the Legislature a law creating a labor bureau on the island.

The membership of the British Provincial Association of Cotton Spinners is 18,143, an increase of 1,611 on the year.

The Marine, Longshoremen and Transport Workers' Association has decided to increase its per capita tax from 5 to 15 cents.

The German ironmasters threaten to close down all iron works because of skilled labor's refusal to accept reductions in wages.

San Francisco (Cal.) Iron Trades Council will vote on a proposition to join the recently formed International Metal Trades Association.

The recent Scottish Trade Union Congress passed resolutions in favor of old-age pensions and in favor of compulsory intervention in labor disputes.

The Scotch Shipbuilding Employers' Federation and the men's union are arranging for a joint agreement, and the men's union has appointed seven well-known representatives to draft a constitution.

During June the average number employed daily at the docks and principal wharves in London was 12,049, a decrease of 3.1 per cent, as compared with a month ago, and of 0.2 per cent, as compared with June, 1907.

The eight-hour demonstration in Brisbane, Australia, recently was marked by the participation for the first time in the history of the day of organized women workers. The new recruits represented the Clothing Trade Female Employers' Union.

The officials of the International Brass Molders' Union, which was organized October, 1904, report that their membership has now reached 10,000 in this country. The union has established a sick benefit fund, and also a death and burial fund.

In Wheeling, W. Va., there are over forty stogie factories. All of them are union shops. In them over 800 stogie-makers, all union men, are employed, and, in addition to these, between 400 and 600 apprentices, not to mention the several hundred tobacco workers employed in Wheeling as a result of the stogie industry.

By referendum vote the various photo-engravers' unions have agreed to levy an assessment of \$2 on each member to raise a fund that shall be used to maintain an establishment in which members of the trade who may be affected with tuberculosis may be treated. How this plan is to be established and kept up is to be decided by the international body.

The United Railway Men's organization of the State of New York, which is a legislative body made up of members of the five railroad brotherhoods, will hold a special meeting at which a resolution will be passed demanding an amendment to the law creating the State and city public-service boards, providing for the appointment of a representative of labor on both boards.

At New Bedford, Mass., three unions of carpenters and joiners have appointed a committee to examine applications for admission into either union. The applicant must demonstrate by working out fifteen or twenty problems with his tools, and if he can do that he is admitted, otherwise rejected. This rule has been adopted because of many complaints that membership in a union is not absolute proof of competency.

Shoemakers were among the first of the trades to organize a union in this country; also among the first to engage in strikes. In the fall of 1792 the pioneer union of the shoe workers was organized in Philadelphia. It grew to be considered a power, and in 1794 a strike in all the shops of the city was ordered to enforce a demand for an increase of wages. It lasted but a few days, the employers recognizing the demand.

The Bureau of Labor has made public figures gathered by an investigation of the principal wage working occupations in 4,160 establishments, representing the principal manufacturing and mechanical industries of the country. The data collected, it is asserted, demonstrates that the average wages an hour in 1907 were 3.7 per cent higher than in 1906; the regular hours of labor a week were 4 per cent lower than in 1906, and the number of employees in the establishments investigated was 1 per cent greater than in 1906.

A League of Carpenters known as the Gran Liga de Carpenteros has been organized in the City of Mexico for purposes of mutual protection. The by-laws of the