

## BIG FIRE AT SALIX

FLAMES DESTROY ABOUT \$10,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY.

Hurry Call Sent to Sioux City for Aid, but Blaze is Controlled Without Any Outside Help—Ed. Morris Gives the Alarm in Early Morning.

Salix, Io.: Breaking out Saturday morning shortly after midnight, fire, starting in the center of the business district, did from \$10,000 to \$15,000 damage at Salix. The blaze started either in the J. D. Devin harness shop or in the Davis machine shed. The origin is unknown.

Ed Morris, who runs a barber shop in the Harrington building, discovered the blaze and spread the alarm. The flames by this time were sweeping over both buildings and rapidly communicating to other buildings. The opera house was soon a mass of flames and is a total loss.

Because of the lack of an adequate water supply, it looked for a time as if the whole town was doomed. Willing hands formed a bucket brigade and every well in the vicinity was worked to the limit.

A hurry call was sent to Sioux City for aid while the flames were at their height, and Fire Chief G. M. Kellogg declared he was willing to do anything in his power to help fight the flames. Arrangements were made for a flat car to carry the Sioux City chemical wagon to Salix, but by this time the flames were under control and Chief Kellogg was notified not to come. Offers of aid also were made by Sloan, but were not accepted.

Salix has only one chemical wagon but it was pressed into service and used to good advantage.

The opera house will be a total loss. It is valued at \$5,000 to \$6,000. The Harrington building, also destroyed, is valued at \$2,500. The machine shed was destroyed. It is worth about \$500. Several smaller buildings and barns were reduced to ashes. The fire swept district covers about a half a block.

### TWO PERISH IN FLAMES.

Others May Have Lost Lives in a Big Chicago Fire.

Chicago, Ill.: Two people are known to have been burned to death and several others are believed to have perished in a fire which destroyed a dwelling in the southwest side early Saturday morning. Those known to be dead are a woman and her child.

The burned building was a two-story frame structure in South Ashland avenue, occupied by many people, and at 1 a. m. the entire place was wrapped in flames. Some of those who escaped declared a number of people had been trapped. In the hallway firemen stumbled over the bodies of the woman and the child. The woman had endeavored to escape with the child when she was overcome.

Several families were asleep in the upper floor when the fire broke out, and the police, unable to account for them, were confident that at least some were unable to get out and perished. How many were missing was not known.

### DRYS ARE TURNED DOWN.

Chicago Loses Its Chance to Vote on Saloon Question.

Chicago, Ill.: Chicago has lost its chance to vote on the saloon question at the election on April 5, according to a decision reached by the election commissioners Friday night.

The commissioners decided that the petition offered by the drys to have the question, "Shall this city become anti-saloon territory?" put on the ballots, lacked sufficient signatures.

The wets had filed a complaint, asserting that out of the 74,000 names 26,128 were those of persons not registered. The commissioners sustained this charge after an investigation, and the prohibition forces Friday night declared too little time intervened between now and election to permit of a court action to have the question submitted to the voters.

This decision nullifies the work of hundreds of prohibition workers, including many women, who for weeks stood in the downtown streets, on elevated train platforms and in public buildings seeking signatures to the petition.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top steers, \$7.35. Top hogs, \$10.80.

### Says Shortage is \$250,000.

Washington, D. C.: A report received at the treasury department from Examiner Samuel M. Hann declares that the shortage in the funds of the City National bank of Cambridge, Mass., will reach about \$250,000.

### Will Observe Arbor Day.

Springfield, Ill.: Sixty-two counties have notified State Superintendent Blair of their intention to observe Arbor and Bird day.

## LINEN STAINED WITH BLOOD.

Exhibited to Jury in Saylor Murder Trial.

Waukegan, Ill.: Bloodstained clothing taken from the body of John B. Saylor was exhibited to the jury Friday in the trial of Dr. W. R. Miller, Mrs. John B. Saylor and John Grunden, for the murder of the Crescent City banker last July.

As garment after garment was unfolded and lifted up in the courtroom, Mrs. Saylor, one of the three defendants, bowed her head and shrank back in the seat, the face of her father and co-defendant, John Grunden, was seen to twitch convulsively, while Dr. W. R. Miller remained calm and impassive.

Golda Saylor, daughter of the woman on trial, leaned closer to her mother and hid her face, while a hush fell over the courtroom.

The garments were identified by Ben W. Druesler, the undertaker, who prepared the body for burial, who testified to finding four bullet wounds; two through the chest and one in each arm.

Duesler declared that Mrs. Saylor expressed no regret when she viewed the body of her husband, and testified that all Mrs. Saylor said when she saw the wound in his right arm was: "I did not think it went clear through. I did not think he was shot that many times."

The witness told of seeing two incased bullets of about 32-caliber, which had pierced the body.

Cross examination failed to shake his testimony.

### BOMB THROWN IN CHICAGO.

Explosion Wrecks Gymnasium in a West Side Building.

Chicago: Bomb throwers again became active in Chicago Thursday night. They threw a shell loaded with dynamite into a gymnasium under construction in the rear of a saloon owned by Robert D. Lincoln on the west side. The explosion wrecked the gymnasium, shattered the windows in adjoining buildings and threw passengers in an elevated train nearby into a panic. The shock shook the elevated structure so severely that the passengers feared they were going to be toppled over to the ground, and only the presence of mind of the conductors prevented serious consequences. Scores of families were frightened from their homes by the explosion. No one was injured. The police assert the bomb throwing was due to labor troubles and has no place in the long series of explosions in the so-called gamblers' war.

### KILLED BY A POSSE.

Falcone, a Black Hand Operator, Meets Death at Pueblo.

Pueblo, Colo.: Samuel Falcone, a black hand operator, was shot through the heart and instantly killed Thursday afternoon in a fight with a sheriff's posse headed by Under Sheriff Warren Hill. A companion escaped on horseback, but is believed to have been wounded.

The shooting followed threats made to Tony Santuso, ordering him to place \$2,000 at a point several miles beyond the county poor farm. Then, after he complied with the demand, and when the two men were taking the money, the sheriff's posse ordered them to throw up their hands. They refused and opened fire. At the first return volley one of the black hand men fell dead.

### SHERWOOD'S BILL FAVORED.

Provides Pension of \$1 a Day for Old Soldiers.

Washington, D. C.: One dollar a day for all old soldiers incapacitated in the service is provided in a bill reported favorably from the house committee on military affairs by Representative Sherwood, democrat, of Ohio. The bill has been before the committee six or seven years, and comes before the house now as an amendment to a measure introduced by Representative Townsend, republican, of Michigan, providing for retirement of army officers at the age of 70 on one-half or one-third pay, dependent upon length of service. Representative Sherwood, himself a veteran of the civil war, retired as a brigadier general, was jubilant over the successful reporting of his bill.

### Unable to Support U. S. Plan.

London: Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, explained in the house of commons that the British government was unable to support the American government in its Chinchow-Aigun railroad plan because of the Anglo-Russian agreement of 1899, which had never been abrogated.

Princeton, Ind.: Suit for \$10,000 damages was filed against Elmer Ritchie, a grocer, for the death of Mrs. Jacob Kraemer, who was fatally burned by an explosion of oil. Joseph Danks, administrator, charges that Ritchie sold the oil to Mrs. Kramer knowing that it was a mixture of coal oil and gasoline.

### American Held as Thief.

Berne, Switzerland: The police here have arrested a hotel thief who gives his name as John Tauer, of New York. Tauer, who is 19, has confessed to numerous robberies at Berne, Zurich and Lucerne.

### Cotton Supply.

Washington, D. C.: The census report shows the total supply of cotton for the six months ending February 28 to have been 11,552,361 running bales.

## GREAT SCANDAL IS GROWING.

More Light on the Corruption in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburg, Pa.: Thirty-one former and present members of the city councils of this city were indicted by the grand jury Friday afternoon.

A grand jury presentment, replete with civic scandal, was handed down Friday by the nineteen grand jurors comprising the graft investigating body. The sensational story giving the insides facts of corruption in the selection of city depositories in 1903 was the burden of the presentment. Three indictments were ordered reported against William Brand, Charles Stewart and Hugh Ferguson, all former members of councils and all of whom have already been indicted.

The grand jury made formal demands, to be returned next Monday, upon the directors of six city depositories for information as to what they had done and are doing toward ferreting out the existence of bribery operations carried on in their institutions in connection with the councilmanic graft cases. The grand jury also demanded whatever knowledge they have of implications in their respective institutions and orders the return of city depositories.

### FOR A SANER FOURTH.

Gov. Hadley to Begin State Wide Fight in Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo.: Gov. Hadley, within a few days, will begin a state wide fight for a saner celebration of the Fourth of July. The police department here was notified Friday of the executive determination to minimize accidents on the coming natal day. He is having letters printed which will be forwarded to the police departments of all cities in the state asking that regulations for the sale and discharge of works be made at once.

One reason for the governor's early inauguration of his fight is that he believes dealers will not purchase large supplies of dangerous explosives if they are notified now that such fire works will not be countenanced.

### SHOOTS WIFE OF FRIEND.

Woman Had Rebuffed Man Who Had Made Love to Her.

Wabash, Ind.: After having fatally wounded Mrs. Floyd J. Webb, the wife of his friend, with a shotgun, Verne Hartleroad went to the county jail late Thursday night.

"I'm the man you're after," said Hartleroad, and later in a cell he related that he had fallen in love with Mrs. Webb and that she rebuffed him. Hartleroad, who is 23 years old, had lived with the Webb family for several years. Webb was away from home.

### Shakers Ask and Get Receiver.

Lebanon, O.: J. A. Runyan has been appointed receiver of the United Society of Believers at Union village, the Shaker colony here. The trustees of the society filed a petition in the common pleas court asking that they be relieved of their duties because of their extreme old age, sickness and infirmities. The society owns property estimated to be worth more than \$500,000.

### Shoots Three; Takes On Life.

New Orleans: Enraged because his wife had gone to the theater with her brother, talking the children of the family with her, Alfred Mitchell, a carpenter, shot and probably fatally wounded her, seriously wounded their 12-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter, and then shot himself in the head, dying instantly.

### Maryland Gets Pure Food Law.

Annapolis, Md.: The legislature has passed a pure food and drug bill modeled after the national law. The law, which Gov. Crothers will sign, was a compromise, in which the views of the state board of health, representatives of the trades interested, and a state commissioner figured.

### Cairo Will Buy Riot Guns.

Cairo, Ill.: The Alexander county board of supervisors has recognized for the first time the possible need of firearms to protect prisoners in the county jail, and twelve repeating rifles, known as riot guns, will be purchased at once.

### Fire Damages a Resort.

Kansas City, Mo.: Fire threatened for a time to destroy Excelsior Springs, Mo., the watering place twenty-six miles northeast of here. The flames were checked after thirteen small houses, a bath house, and a plumbing shop had been destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

### Mrs. Stevenson Ill.

Mexico City: Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, widow of the novelist, is ill at her apartments here, due, it is believed, to the high altitude. She arrived Monday from Santa Barbara, Cal. It is not believed her illness is serious.

### \$150,000 Fire at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man.: Fire Friday destroyed the Winnipeg County club house. Loss, \$150,000.

### Judge Buick for Congress.

Rochester, Minn.: Judge H. L. Buick, of Winona, has been selected by the democratic conference as candidate for congressman in the First district.

### Denver to Get Electrical Show.

Denver, Colo.: Arrangements have been concluded to hold a national electrical exposition in Denver October 8 to 15.

# Nebraska State News

News of the Week
In Concise Form

### TEACHERS LACK AUTHORITY.

Those Granted by Illegal Board Held to be Invalid.

Joseph Sparks of the State Board of Examiners for Teachers has notified Principal Crabtree of the Peru Normal school that certificates issued by the recently defunct state normal board are of no effect and therefore it is his duty to certify the names of these teachers to the state normal board so their cases may be passed upon legally.

At the first meeting of the state normal board following the decision of the supreme court that the law enacted by the legislature creating the new state normal board was invalid, Mr. Crabtree was instructed to request graduates of the school who had diplomas signed by the defunct board to surrender them and secure new ones signed by the real board.

As a result of the neglect of Mr. Crabtree to follow the instruction of the board there are between 175 and 180 teachers employed over the state who have no authority to teach.

The supreme court has held, so attorneys say, in cases of this kind, that when the act is unconstitutional the invalidity exists from the time of its passage, so the board is not considered a de facto board and none of its acts are legal.

### BIG DITCH AUTHORIZED.

Pender Votes on Proposition to Straighten Logan Creek.

An election was held at Pender Tuesday on the proposition of organizing a drainage district for the purpose of constructing a ditch from Wakefield to connect with the ditch now under construction from a point about three miles south of Pender, the whole to form a new channel for the Logan creek, making it practically straight, whereby it is supposed the frequent overflows that have heretofore occurred will be prevented.

That the proposed ditch would be of great benefit no one doubts, but some appear to fear that the Indian lands will not contribute towards the expense, and without that the burden would be too heavy on the white owners of land in the district.

### LAUREL PIONEER GONE.

Mrs. Emil Weber is Found Dead in Bed at Wayne.

Mrs. Emil Weber, one of the pioneer residents of Laurel, was found dead in bed Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Lathrop, at Wayne.

Mrs. Weber retired Tuesday night in apparent good health and her death was a shock to her relatives and friends. Heart trouble is ascribed as the cause. She was 55 years of age and is survived by her husband, two daughters and one son. Mrs. Weber had been twice married. Her son, B. J. Holle, is a member of the firm of Holle & Ware, of Laurel. Her husband, who is a miller, was in Wayne on business when her death occurred.

### NORFOLK MAN LOSES LIFE.

Head is Mangled While Working on Press.

Frank Kayl, of Norfolk, the Daily News pressman, whose head was crushed in a press Tuesday night, died during the night. He had turned the lever to stop the power, but did not wait for the motor to die and the machine started while his head was in the press.

Once before during the afternoon the press had started up from a tight belt that slipped because the motor had not been stopped and Kayl had been warned never to work around the machine without stopping the motor. Kayl was 28 years old and was unmarried.

### SHOOTS WIFE AND SELF.

His Injuries Are Fatal, but the Woman Will Recover.

Despondent over inability to sell his home and because of his wife's long illness J. A. Custer, of Norfolk, shot his wife, for years an invalid, and then himself. The shooting was done with a 22-caliber rifle. The bullet glanced off his wife's head and she will live, but he will die.

Custer is 61 years old and his wife is 45. He has grown children in Omaha and had planned moving to Omaha.

### New School at Silver Creek.

By a vote of 113 to 21 the proposition to build an \$18,000 school house in Silver Creek was carried. The building is to be built of brick and will be commenced as soon as possible.

### Last Chamberlain Case.

The last one of the cases of the state against C. M. Chamberlain of Tecumseh, growing out of the failure of the Commercial Banking house in 1902, was dismissed in the district court at Beatrice Wednesday morning.

### High License at Kearney.

At the regular meeting of the Kearney city council held Monday evening it was decided to make the license fee for saloons the coming year \$1,500.

### CORN TEST SUCCESSFUL.

Farmers Bring Grain to Peru Agricultural Department.

The co-operative seed corn test, inaugurated by Prof. C. R. Weeks, of the agricultural department of the Peru normal, is proving to be a success. The agriculture building is crowded every Saturday afternoon when the test boxes are opened showing the farmers the test on their corn which they then pick out from the rack according to the results of the test. Each farmer is permitted to bring in one bushel to be tested and is given a written record of how each of four kernels on each ear grew, using the words "strong," "weak," "dead." The poorest corn tested thus far germinated 36 per cent, while the best grew 90 per cent. The corn that tests in the 80 per cent and 90 per cent was husked early and well housed. Corn husked after the first real cold spell last fall, tests anywhere from 36 to 60 per cent good. All ears were thrown out in which one kernel did not grow or two kernels grew weakly.

### SEARCH FOR LOST CHILD.

Fire Alarm is Sounded at North Platte—Lad Found at Dawn.

Mrs. Dennis Breen, who resides some distance north of North Platte, visited her father, Mr. Elias, Saturday, accompanied by her 4-year-old son, who stayed away about 7 o'clock. After searching several hours the parents of the child became desperate, and shortly after midnight a fire alarm was sounded to call the department to search for the child. More than one hundred men began the search which lasted from midnight until dawn. About 6 o'clock Sunday morning the child was found by a searcher on horseback. The lad had strayed eastward toward the junction of North and South Platte rivers, and when found was about two miles from the city. The night was not cold and the child suffered but little from exposure.

### KILLED WHILE HUNTING.

Ed Von Trott, of Omaha, Accidentally Shot Near Tekamah.

Ed Von Trott, an employee of the Driebush Candy company, of Omaha, was accidentally shot and killed near Tekamah Sunday. He, with two companions, went to Tekamah Saturday to spend a few days hunting. Sunday morning they were in their boats on a lake near the Missouri river when Von Trott's boat capsized, and in grabbing his gun it was discharged, causing almost instant death. The county coroner went to the scene of the accident, but did not deem an inquest necessary. Mr. Von Trott was a single man, aged 25 years.

### Wheat Has Suffered.

Farmers are of the opinion that wheat has suffered badly by the alternate freezing and thawing of the last winter. Some claim that 75 per cent of it is ruined completely. Others believe that the damage will not be over 25 per cent.

### Court House Bonds Voted Down.

The vote for a \$100,000 court house to be erected in Lexington was short by 75. The third election will be held soon, as the county commissioners are anxious to replace the old and small court house by a larger structure.

### Fate of Boy Convict.

Gov. Shallenberger has been asked to pardon 15-year-old Andrew Krupicka of Cheyenne county, who is serving a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary for shooting his stepfather.

### To Hold Examinations.

Eighth grade examinations will be held in the office of the county superintendent at West Point and in the high schools at Bancroft, Wisner and Beemer March 25 and 26, April 21 and 22 and May 12 and 13.

### Farm Mortgages Filed.

The total number of farm mortgages filed in the clerk's office at West Point during the past month was 52, amounting to \$217,200, during the time 29 being released, aggregating \$56,663.

### Editor is Arrested.

Charles Weisz, of Hartington, editor of the Cedar County Wachter, was placed under arrest for giving Judge Guy T. Graves a little advice in regard to discharging of his duties as district judge.

### Davis Wins in Debate.

Clarence Davis, of Beaver City, won the debate in the contest for southwestern Nebraska and will represent that district in the state contest to be held in Lincoln May 13.

### To Vote on License Question.

A hot campaign is being waged in Elm Creek on the question of license or no license. The election takes place April 5.

## 48 DEAD, 43 INJURED IN COSTLY RAIL WRECK

Chicago and St. Louis Trains on Great Western Road Leap Rails in Iowa.

### CHICAGO DOCTOR IS A HERO

Organizes and Leads the Work of Rescue Among Panic-Stricken Passengers.

Forty-eight persons were killed and forty-three injured, many probably fatally, in a wreck at 8:30 o'clock the other morning four miles from Green Mountain, Ia.

The train wrecked was a combination of the Rock Island road's "Twin City express" trains, bound for Minneapolis from Chicago and St. Louis, and being routed over the Chicago Great Western tracks. The wreck, which is the worst in the history of Iowa railroading, was caused by the tender of the first of the two engines drawing the combined train jumping the track and plunging into a clay bank lining a deep cut near Green Mountain.

A relatively unimportant freight wreck on the Rock Island at Shellsburg the previous night was the indirect cause of the catastrophe. In this freight wreck traffic was so tied up that it was necessary for the Rock Island to make a temporary routing arrangement with the Chicago Great Western to care for its passenger trains to and from Minneapolis.

The Chicago "Twin City Express" and the St. Louis train were combined at Marshalltown. As there was no turn table, it was necessary for the two engines to be coupled at the head of the train with their tenders ahead and pull the cars backing up. It is supposed that this unusual method of running the engines caused the tender of the first locomotive to leap the track in the cut. The tender plunged into the bank and stuck there and the two locomotives leaped the rails and jammed into the cut.

Next to the engines was the heavy Pullman sleeper of the St. Louis train, in which many of the passengers had not left their berths. Directly behind the Pullman were two lighter cars, first a smoking car and then a day car, and behind these were the ten other passenger, baggage and express cars which composed the train. Although the train was not traveling faster than twenty-five miles an hour, the enormous weight back of the lightly constructed day coach and smoker telescoped them against the immovable bulk of the heavy Pullman and the two locomotives. Most of the fatalities and serious injuries occurred in these two cars, which were ground almost to bits. The passengers in the St. Louis Pullman escaped with a shaking up and minor bruises, while the ten cars back of the telescoped section of the train remained on the rails and those riding in them suffered only trifling injuries.

Wild scenes of panic ensued. The presence on the scene of so many uninjured passengers, unaccustomed to acting in emergencies and overcome by the horror of the catastrophe, added to the confusion. A young Chicago physician, Dr. John W. De Vry, stands out as the hero who brought order out of the chaos and was responsible for the organized work of rescue that doubtless saved many lives before the special train from Marshalltown, bearing doctors and nurses, had reached the scene.

### GIVE UP HEREDITARY SEATS.

Lords Vote to Accept Principle of Roseberry Resolution.

By a vote of 175 to 17 the House of Lords in London renounced the hereditary right to legislate which has been the cardinal element of the British upper house for centuries. The occasion of the fateful division was Lord Roseberry's third resolution dealing with the reform of the house.

The house agreed the previous day that reform and reconstitution was necessary. The complementary resolution was passed was "that a necessary preliminary to such reform and reconstitution is acceptance of the principle that possession of a peerage should no longer of itself give the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords."

It is significant that fewer than 204 of the 616 members of the house shared in the fateful division. Many of the absentees were reluctant to sanction the extinction of the hereditary principle. Nevertheless, they so far recognized its expediency as not to oppose it.

### AMERICAN SAVINGS LEAD WORLD

Figures Issued by New York Bankers Show Average Deposit is \$380.

Figures made public through the savings bank section of the American Bankers' Association show that the average deposit in American savings banks is almost four times as great as the average for the other countries of the world and that the average deposit per capita is six times as great in this country as abroad. The savings deposits of the world aggregate more than \$15,000,000,000, and of this sum more than \$5,500,000,000 belongs to Americans. One American in every six of the total population has money in a savings bank, and the average deposit is \$380.