

BIG BLAZE IN OMAHA

ELEVATOR AND FLOURING MILL ARE DESTROYED.

High Wind Carries Flames to Adjoining Buildings and Firemen Make a Hard Fight—Scores of Box Cars and Contents Burned.

At a late hour Sunday night fire broke out in the 1,000,000-bushel central grain elevator owned by the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company, located at Twenty-eighth and Oak streets, Omaha, Neb., and owing to a high wind, quickly spread to the adjoining flouring mill of the Maney Milling company, both of which properties will be a total estimated loss of \$500,000.

The independent elevator, the property of the Great Western Railroad company, was on fire several times, but being principally of steel tank construction this building has withstood the ravages of the flames.

Nearly 100 box cars, about half of which were loaded with grain, standing on nearby tracks, were destroyed. A number of small nearby residences were only saved by the most strenuous efforts of the fire departments of Omaha and South Omaha, between which places the scene of the fire lies. At 2 a. m. the fire was still burning, but is under control.

Great danger was experienced to houses in the residence district, many blocks distant, owing to the flying embers. It is reported, but not confirmed, that the Omaha Wool and Storage warehouse near the Nye-Schneider-Fowler elevator was destroyed. A large quantity of wool and nearly 100 automobiles were stored in the building.

SHOOTS HUSBAND DEAD.

Demented Mother Then Kills Her 4-Year-old Child.

Mrs. Delbert Allen, of West Union, N. Y., the mother of an infant only a few hours old, Sunday called her husband to her bedside and shot him dead. Their 4-year-old son heard the shot and ran into the room to meet the same fate that befell the father.

Mrs. Allen, apparently with an unbalanced mind, now is under guard at her home. Her condition, resulting from shock and exertion, is so serious that there is little hope of saving her life. She is the mother of eight children.

ITALIANS ARE ENRAGED.

Threaten to Lynch Motorman and Conductor of Trolley Car.

When a trolley car in Philadelphia Sunday struck and seriously injured 3-year-old John Taconelli, in the Italian district, an enraged crowd attempted to lynch the motorman and conductor. A rope was secured and strung over an iron awning pole, but the carmen drew revolvers, and, aided by two policemen, held the crowd at bay until reinforcements arrived from a police station. The crew of the car and the leaders of the mob were arrested.

Theft of Postage Stamps.

J. Mason Smith, a clerk in the mailing department of the stock yards office of one of the packing firms of Chicago, was Sunday charged with the theft of \$12,000 worth of stamps. The theft was said to have covered a period of seven years.

Cross Country Flight.

The French aviator, Emil du Bonnet, Sunday won the "Review of Nature" prize, making a splendid cross country flight from Savigny-sur-Orge, to Ferte St. Aubin, a distance of about 68 miles, in one hour and fifty minutes.

Another Wage Increase.

Although no official announcement has been made, it has been reported on good authority that the Delaware and Hudson company has agreed to a 6 per cent increase in the wages of its conductors and trainmen.

Killed by a Steer.

Garret Woods, a farmer living near Lancaster, Ky., was attacked by a vicious steer Sunday and gored to death before help could reach him. His two little daughters witnessed the tragedy.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves, \$6.50@8.50. Top hogs, \$10.75.

Bryan in Porto Rico.

William Jennings Bryan arrived at San Juan, P. R., Sunday on the steamer President. He will be the guest of the governor and will probably remain there ten days.

Bank Cashier Arrested.

Ezra Mayfield, cashier of the Bank of Pine Valley, W. Va., has been arrested. He is charged with embezzling \$10,000 of the bank's funds.

MEN GRANTED AN INCREASE.

New York Central Makes a Sweeping Advance.

There was real money in April Pools' day purse the New York Central men picked up Friday. After a special meeting of directors, a general order was issued increasing by 7 per cent all the pay of all employees on the New York Central lines east of Buffalo who now earn \$200 a month or less. Vice President C. F. Daley said that the directors of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, the New York Central and Big Four would probably take similar action at an early date. The order goes into effect immediately.

Those employes whose demands for a wage increase are now under advisement, namely, the telegraph operators, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors are not included, as a settlement with them will be reached on a separate basis.

Directly affected are the locomotive engineers and firemen and the entire clerical force. Yard switchmen and yard conductors receive three cents an hour advance under a separate classification in accordance with the terms of agreement recently reached through the federal board of arbitration between the western railroads centering in Chicago and their yardmen.

It is estimated the general increase will cost the eastern divisions of the New York Central lines \$2,500,000 a year.

SEE THEIR HOME LOOTED.

Bride and Groom Tied to Bedposts While Robbers Work.

Dr. Thomas F. Gleason and his bride of one day, with the former's sister, Miss Anita Gleason, were compelled to witness the looting of their home at San Francisco, Cal., Friday afternoon, and while tied hand and foot to bed posts they implored the two robbers to spare their wedding presents.

The robbers, after gathering the silver wedding gifts in a sack, retreated and left the sack in the hall. When Miss Gleason answered the doorbell she was confronted by two men who held revolvers at her head. Her screams attracted her brother and his wife. They joined her in the hallway and also were overpowered and tied to bedposts in an adjoining room. Gleason freed himself and released the two women after the robbers left.

DRIVER LOSES CONTROL.

Auto Injures Four Persons and Kills Two Cows.

While going at a very high rate of speed on the grand prize race course near Savannah, Ga., Friday night an automobile in which were Albert M. Marshall and Harry Noyes, young society men, became unmanageable, left the road and struck first a small negro girl, then a negro man and later a negro woman who were on the sidewalk, probably fatally injuring each. Then, after killing two cows, the machine turned turtle, seriously injuring Noyes.

Noyes was sent to a hospital. Marshall was arrested and is at police headquarters, to remain there until the result of the three negroes are indicated.

PANIC IN A THEATER.

Many Persons Injured in a Stampede for the Exits.

Many persons were injured, none seriously, in a panic in the Grand theater at Fort Smith, Ark., Friday night. Six hundred men, women and children became terror stricken and rushed for the doors when the building of Swift & Co., across the alley from the theater, caught fire.

Swift & Co.'s building was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$90,000.

Police Chief Killed.

Assistant Chief of Police William Murphy, of Houston, Tex., was shot and killed Friday night by Earl McFarlane, a former patrolman, who had been recently discharged from the force. McFarlane was arrested and lodged in jail.

Adjudged Insane.

Miss Lena Hackbatch, of Cedar Mills, Minn., who on Monday confessed to having sent poisoned candy to Miss Minnie Luthen because of an alleged wrong done her by Frank W. Urdel, Miss Luthen's fiancé Thursday was adjudged insane.

Eleven Men Drown.

Eleven men were drowned Friday by the sinking of a fishing boat caught in the heavy storms sweeping the north coast of Portugal.

Carpenters Go on Strike.

All union carpenters at Ogdensburg, N. Y., went on strike Friday to enforce a demand for \$3 and a nine-hour day, an increase of 50 cents a day.

Peary Has Had Enough.

Commander Robert E. Peary, who arrived in Chicago Friday, declared he was positively through with polar explorations for all time.

Fatal Street Duel.

In a duel in the streets at Herrin, Ill., Thursday night, Special Officer Robert Hilton was killed by Otis Kearney, who died later. Kearney resisted arrest.

Call to National Banks.

The controller of the currency Friday issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business March 29.

300,000 MINERS QUIT WORK.

Miners Quit Work in Bituminous Coal Fields.

Three hundred thousand organized miners of the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas quit work at midnight Thursday pending settlement of a new wage scale.

Officers of the United Mine Workers of North America declared that the walkout was not a strike, but merely a suspension of work because no wage scale had been made to replace the old scale, which expired with the month of March.

The miners demand an increase of pay in some instances of 5 cents a ton and in other instances of more, with certain changes in working conditions.

Confidence was expressed by the operators that there would be no general coal famine, large supplies of fuel having been stored in anticipation of the walkout.

While the miners predict that the suspension will be cut short by a prompt signing of wage scales, some of the operators maintain that the mines may be kept closed for a month or longer.

The first settlement came in an announcement from Brazil, Ind., the center of the Indiana block coal field, where the men's demand for a 5-cent increase was granted.

President Lewis, before leaving to visit the centers of the different mining fields, made the following estimate of the number of miners affected by the suspension of work:

Western and central Pennsylvania, 100,000; Ohio, 47,000; Indiana, 18,000; West Virginia, 10,000; Illinois, 72,000; Iowa, 15,000; Michigan, 3,000; Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma, 25,000; Colorado, 5,000; western Kentucky, 5,000. Total, 300,000.

HERRICK'S FEE PRUNED.

New York Attorney's \$9,000 Charge for Services Cut to \$90.

D. Cady Herrick's fee of \$9,000 for nine days' service as referee in the Eleventh avenue litigation between the city of New York and the New York Central railroad was cut to \$90 Thursday by Archibald Watson, the corporation counsel.

Mr. Herrick had already been paid by the railroad, which then sent a bill to the city. Mr. Watson thought the bill excessive, and offered to compromise at \$5,000. The railroad refused, whereupon the corporation counsel cut the bill to the \$10 a day allowed by the law.

BRIBE STORY RELATED.

Mississippi State Senator Tells of Accepting \$645.

State Senator Theodore Bilbo appeared before an executive session of the Mississippi senate Thursday night and told in detail a story of acceptance by him of an alleged bribe of \$645 from L. C. Dulaney, a planter, to change his vote from former Gov. Vardaman to Leroy Percy for United States senator. The story said to have been related by Bilbo to the senate is almost identical with that already published when the charges were made public and denied by Dulaney.

Another Bomb Explodes.

The explosion of a bomb in the basement of an East Thirty-ninth street tenement in New York Thursday shook the structure to its foundations, shattered every pane of glass in it and created a panic throughout the entire block. Police attribute the explosion to Black Hand operators.

Insists on Going to Jail.

Former Probate Judge John T. Gale, of Columbus, O., who was indicted Wednesday on three counts charged with giving bribes to George E. Woods, applied at the court house Thursday to give himself up. He insisted on going to jail, saying he would ask no man to go his bond.

Higgins Jury Disagrees.

The jury at Greenvu, Ky., disagreed in the trial of Mrs. Sarah H. Higgins, 60 years old, charged with having hired Fred Ferguson to assassinate William Culbertson, a railroad agent, last July. The woman will be tried again in June.

Given Time to Plead.

Albert Wolter, of New York, the 19-year-old youth accused of the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a stenographer, began a fight for delay Thursday when arraigned. He was given twenty-four hours' time in which to plead.

Federal Court Clerk Dead.

John R. Green, for nineteen years clerk of the supreme court of Missouri, died at Denver, Colo., Thursday. He went to Denver from Jefferson City last September, hoping his health would be improved. He was 51 years old.

Marie Corelli Ill.

Marie Corelli, novelist, is seriously ill of pneumonia at her home, Masoncroft Stratford-upon-Avon, England. Her condition has given rise to considerable alarm.

Eight Years for Bigamy.

Emil von Muejler, "the marrying man," was sentenced at Jersey City, N. J., Thursday to eight years' imprisonment for bigamy.

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UNABLE TO SOLVE CASE.

Jury Finds Kaderia Came to Death by Suicide or Foul Play.

After a session of five hours, hearing testimony in the August Kaderia murder case, the coroner's jury at Kearney brought in a verdict that he met death by two gunshot wounds inflicted either by himself or by some party unknown to the jury.

Fred Kaderia, a brother, on the witness stand, told a straight story that cleared himself fully. Drs. H. S. Bell and J. P. Norcross held an autopsy and reported that the man was murdered and that either of the two wounds inflicted would have caused instantaneous paralysis and that he could not have inflicted a second after inflicting the first. Three wounds on the side of his head had been inflicted by some blunt instrument and were the result of a hard blow.

Kaderia's body was found lying in a field north of Riverdale last Friday. He had been missing for fifteen days and no effort was made by his relatives to locate him. There was no blood on the grass where Kaderia lay. Kaderia generally carried some money with him and two or three rare foreign coins. His pockets were empty when the body was taken charge of by the sheriff. Kaderia had been a party in a law suit a few weeks previous in which one of his neighbors was the defendant and this neighbor found the body.

Kaderia was well fixed financially and no excuse can be offered for his committing suicide.

HORSE THIEF CAPTURED.

Silver Creek Marshal Arrests Man for Stealing Team in Iowa.

Charles Bowers, a young man supposed to have been living since his birth north of Columbus, Platte county, was arrested in Silver Creek by Marshal Lucas on advice from Sheriff Her, of Merrick county. He was charged with having in his possession a team of bay horses that did not belong to him.

When Marshal Lucas arrested him he made a dive for the wagon, but did not succeed in reaching it. When the wagon was searched a .38 caliber, 8-inch Colt revolver was found under the seat. Also a bottle of strychnine was found.

People in Silver Creek had read with interest the story of a scour of the country by Deputy Sheriff Thomas and Detective Devreese, of the Omaha police force, in search of a man alleged to have stolen a team from John P. Peterson, of Honey Creek, Ia., described to be a bay team, one with two white feet and the other with four white feet.

Harry Letton Gets Appointment.

Adj. Gen. Hartington has appointed Harry P. Letton assistant chief engineer of the National Guard. The new engineer will take a special course at the Fort Leavenworth school at the expense of the government, by reason of the appointment.

Fish Car to Northwest.

Fish Commissioner O'Brien and Game Warden Gullus left Tuesday with the state fish car for the northwestern part of the state to plant fish. The plant amounts to 80,000 small fish and 3,000 yearlings and 2-year-olds.

Fire Takes Old Landmark.

Fire starting from a spark from a passing locomotive totally destroyed the Union Pacific storehouse in the west end of the yards at Columbus. This building is one of the landmarks of Columbus, as it was the original Union Pacific depot, built in 1866.

Robner Tired of Living.

J. D. Robner, of Calhoun, hung himself Tuesday in his brother's barn on his farm three miles northwest of Calhoun. He was 84 years of age; had been ill a long time and was despondent over his life.

Steer Six Feet High.

A steer which weighs as much as a big team of horses is the property of Dan Dunovan, living three miles from Chapman. To be exact, he tips the scales at 2,620, is 4 years old and stands over 6 feet high.

Horses Found, Robbers Gone.

The team of horses that was stolen from Peter Sibbers, six miles south of Bloomfield on March 20, was found Wednesday five miles northwest of Pierce. Nothing has been seen of the robbers.

Engine Shaves Automobile.

Both F. M. Wilkinson, an automobile driver, and a passenger, narrowly escaped death near the city of Axtell as they were leaving that place. They had rounded a turn in the road and were crossing the railroad track when an engine, running "light," crashed into the car, taking the radiator and the front of the auto almost completely off.

HAS CIVIL WAR RELIC.

Paper Published at Vicksburg, Miss., in 1865.

W. M. Williams, of West Point, is the possessor of an interesting relic of the civil war—a copy of the Daily Citizen, Vicksburg, Miss., issued on Thursday, July 2, 1865. It is printed on the back of an ordinary sheet of wall paper, four columns wide. It is filled with fiery denunciation of the hated "yanks" and breathes a spirit of intense sectionalism. The following are extracts from the paper:

"We lay before our readers in this issue an account of Lee's brilliant and successful onslaught upon the abolition hordes, etc." This refers to Lee's raid through Virginia and Maryland and the writer concludes the paragraph thus: "Today Maryland is ours, tomorrow Pennsylvania will be, and the next day Ohio, now midway, like Mohammed's coffin, will fall. Success and glory to our arms, God and the right are with us."

Another interesting item is: "The great Ulysses, the yankee generalissimo, surnamed Grant, has expressed his intention of dining in Vicksburg on Sunday next and celebrating the Fourth of July by a grand dinner. Ulysses must get into the city before he can dine in it."

TO DIVIDE CUSTER COUNTY.

Callaway Citizens Back of Project to Create Five Counties.

At a meeting held at Callaway recently R. E. Brega, John Moran, W. T. Keyes, H. H. Andrews, G. H. Lafleur, E. W. Rusk, Charles Humphrey, M. E. Schneringer and Will M. Durh were elected as delegates to attend the county division lines convention to be held at Grand Island. It is thought that a five-county cut has been practically decided upon, and if these lines are adopted they will throw a portion of Broken Bow in the county with Ansley and the other portion in the county with Callaway. Sargent, Ansley, Merna, Oconto and Callaway will be the prospective new county seats. In the campaign last year lines were drawn favoring Broken Bow and giving that city a territory which would always give it a county seat, but the citizens of Broken Bow, it was learned, will fight division on any lines, and now no mercy will be shown it and it will be thrown in two counties if the present plans are carried out in the coming convention.

RUSHVILLE BOYS QUAREL.

Will Westover Shot by Leland Dale in Struggle for Revolver.

The shooting of Will Westover, son of Judge Westover, of Rushville, Friday night in front of Joe Warren's store by Leland Dale, a son of Horace Dale, was the result of some rough play between school chums. Westover was going to punish Dale for throwing some rotten bananas and oranges the night before. Dale was willing to take the punishment, but as he was dressed for a dance he wanted the boys to let him off till next day. Westover advanced to grab him, when Dale pulled out a .38-caliber revolver and said he would shoot. Westover grabbed the gun and Dale pulled the trigger. The bullet passed through Westover's hand, shattering one of the fingers and slightly penetrating his breast about the heart. The wound in the hand is the most serious. Dale, who is quick-tempered, surrendered to the sheriff and is now in the county jail.

WEST POINT TO TEST CORN.

Agricultural Class of High School to Have Charge of the Experiments.

The agriculture class of the West Point high school has made arrangements to test seed corn for the farmers of that section. Much trouble is being experienced in securing seed corn that will germinate properly, the bulk of last year's crop being entirely unfit for seed.

The high school class will do this work for the farmers free of charge, and will guarantee their tests to be correct. This move, originated by Superintendent Campbell, is much appreciated.

Two Bootleggers Fined.

Ben F. Shultz, of Curtis, was found guilty of the illegal sale of liquor on two counts. He was fined \$500 on the first count and sentence was suspended on the second. Jess Cronk, who pleaded guilty to seven counts, was fined \$400 on the first count and sentence was suspended on the other six counts until next term of the district court.

Fruit Damage Exaggerated.

Ray Hesselstine, an expert fruit grower of Peru, says that the fruit crop has not been damaged as much as reported. He says that all present indications point to plenty of fruit in the vicinity of Peru.

Newspaper Changes Hands.

The Orleans Chronicle changed hands last week, Horace Phelps assuming the editorship in the place of J. F. Albin.

CHICAGO PIE MAN POISONED.

Coroner's Jury Finds A. J. Moody Died from Eating Drugged Meat.

Alexander J. Moody, the wealthy Chicago pie man, whose death on February 20 was attributed to ptomaine poisoning, really died from the effect of arsenic, was the startling assertion made by Coroner Hoffman. That the poison was contained in hamburger steak eaten by the decedent seems clear to the authorities. Moody inherited a fortune from his father, who was the founder of the pie firm of Moody & Waters. Moody occupied a fine residence in the city and owned a summer residence in Wisconsin and a farm in St. Charles. The remaining portion of the steak was taken to Dr. Walter Haines, the chemist whose name is familiar in the Swope case at Kansas City, for analysis. The latter, in a report to the coroner, stated the meat contained enough arsenic to have killed a half a dozen persons. The kidneys, heart and stomach of the decedent, according to the coroner, also showed pronounced traces of poison. Detectives have kept a close watch on all who might shed light. A year ago Moody is said to have narrowly escaped poisoning in soup. The servant who had previously tasted it, was later seized by cramps. Moody is said to have carried insurance of \$15,000 in favor of his wife. Her maiden name was Anne Olson, and married twenty-five years ago.

SENATOR ALLDS FOUND GUILTY.

Verdict on Bribery Is 40 to 9—Move to Probe Grafting.

After seven weary weeks of investigation the New York Senate has convicted Senator Jotham P. Allds, of Norwich, of accepting a bribe of \$1,000 to influence bridge legislation. The vote against him was overwhelming—40 to 9. By the unexpected move of sending in his resignation Allds relieved the Senate of the painful duty of expelling him. The resignation was sent on the advice of his attorneys, who were convinced that he had lost and who desired to put the blame on political interference with the Senatorial jury from Washington and elsewhere.

There is every indication that Senator Benn Conger, who accused Allds in an effort to defeat him as majority leader, will be expelled within a month unless he resigns in the meantime. A resolution for a committee to prepare charges of bribe-giving against him was offered. Nor will this end the matter. The proposition for a general investigation of all sorts of bribery charges will undoubtedly be presented and can hardly fail of passage.

Ex-Senator Allds declared that he would seek vindication from the Senate verdict and \$100,000 damages from Senator Conger in the civil courts.

GIRL ACCUSED OF POISONING.

Catherine Manz Clings to Story of Strange Man.

Pleading not guilty and waiving preliminary examination, Catherine Manz, the 16-year-old girl who is accused of murdering her sister, by strychnine poisoning, was lodged in jail at Canton, Ohio, to await the action of the grand jury. That body will not convene until May.

The girl has clung to her original story of a mysterious man who gave her two supposed quinine tablets, one of which she claims her sister took accidentally. She gave the man's name as "Murray" and stated he lived in Canton, but the police have been unable to trace him and express the belief that he is a myth.

The girl's father and other relatives, who disowned her in the first shock of the tragedy, have now come to her assistance and engaged attorneys for her defense. A special grand jury may be summoned to consider the case, but this action probably will be forestalled by a lunacy inquiry. The girl's relatives claim that her brain has been affected ever since a fall received in early childhood.

Family Loses Two in Fire.

Two children were burned to death in the residence of George Rowe in Washington, Pa., and the mother and three other children are suffering from shock and smoke inhalation. Katherine and Sarah Rowe are dead, and the injured include Mrs. Rowe and three other children, Jennie, Louise and Marion.

Lilesville, N. C., Swept by Fire.

Lilesville, forty-five miles east of Charlotte, N. C., was nearly wiped from the map by fire. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The loss will reach \$250,000, with insignificant insurance.

Prairie Fire Burns a Girl.

While playing in the yard of her home at Banner City, Kan., the 6-year-old daughter of Jacob Fiedley was caught by a prairie fire and burned to death.

Child Is Frozen on Prairie.

During a blizzard the 6-year-old boy of Nicholas Kozala, a homesteader near Rushville, Neb., wandered from home and was frozen to death. The body was found on the prairie.

Band of Gypsies Drowned.

A caravan of fifty gypsies broke through the ice on Cherenetzki lake, near Luga, Russia. Of the men, women and children all but a few were drowned.

Twenty-five Burn to Death.

Twenty-five women and children were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the state cotton warehouse at Bhillwara in the district of Rajputana, India.