

THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS-JOURNAL.

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1901.

\$25,000 FIRE AT TYNDALL

Bad Blaze Guts Town Twenty Miles North of Niobrara.

FOUR BUSINESS HOUSES BURN

Flames Were First Noticed in Photograph Gallery of Bellew & Wilcox at 4 O'clock in the Morning—\$7,200 Insurance—Thriving Town.

Niobrara, Neb., Jan. 28.—Special to The News: Word has just been received here of a fire which took place at Tyndall, a thriving little town twenty miles north of Niobrara, in South Dakota, in which the photograph gallery of Bellew & Wilcox; the general merchandise store of Mr. Schartzman; a tailor shop and a saloon were destroyed.

The loss is estimated at \$25,000. Insurance \$7,200.

The fire is thought to have started in the photograph gallery and was first noticed at 4 o'clock in the morning.

New Armory at Menominee.

Menominee, Mich., Jan. 28.—Elaborate arrangements have been completed for tonight's grand ball which is to mark the dedication of the new armory of company L, Third regiment, M. N. G. Prominent military men and other guests will be present from many parts of the state.

WOULD BE BLESSING.

Electric Lines of the Niobrara Would Help Country.

Long Pine, Neb., Jan. 28.—Special to The News: Rumors are around for an electric railway from Long Pine to Springview by way of Winfield and Cuba postoffice. Such an enterprise would be a blessing to the people living north of the Niobrara.

It is Safe.

Long Pine, Neb., Jan. 28.—Special to The News: F. B. Mygatt, one of Long Pine's leading merchants, has installed a good sized safe, made by the Cary safe company.

MERCURY IS DEPRESSED AGAIN

Temperature Went to Fifteen Below Again Last Night and Reports are Continued Low From North.

The wind switched to the northwest again last evening about six o'clock and was not long in bringing a breath of rigidity that quickly pressed the mercury downward toward the bulb. The cold still hangs on this morning with no immediate prospect of moderating.

Other Temperatures.

The wires bring in reports of continued cold throughout the northwest, the following being some of the temperatures:

- Winnipeg—Clear, strong southwest wind, 24 below.
- Crookston—Clear, light southeast wind, 28 below.
- St. Thomas—Clear, calm, 20 below.
- Grand Forks—Clear, light southwest wind, 25 below.
- Mayville—Clear, calm, 18 below.
- Wahpeton—Clear, calm, 23 below.
- Jamestown—Clear, calm, 20 below.
- Fargo—Clear, calm, foggy, 23 below.
- Willmar—Foggy, calm, 20 below.
- Aberdeen—Part cloudy, light northwest wind, 23 below.
- Duluth—Clear, calm, 14 below.
- Eau Claire—Cloudy, calm, 15 below.
- Austin—Part cloudy, calm, 20 below.
- Mankato—Part cloudy, calm, 20 below.
- Fairmont—Clear, light northwest wind, 15 below.
- Winona—Clear, calm, 1 below.
- Sioux Falls—Clear, calm, 20 below.
- Forest City—Clear, calm, 10 below.
- Sioux City—Clear, northwest wind, 10 below.
- Des Moines, Cloudy, northwest wind 7 below.
- Omaha—Strong northwest wind, 13 below.
- St. Paul—Clear, light northwest wind, 14 below.

SIXTY HOURS IN BIG DRIFT.

Crew Forced to Use Snow to Keep up the Steam.

Crookston, Minn., Jan. 28.—Floyd Greenough, of this city, seems right in line for exciting adventure. The echo of his daring dash across the Mississippi bridge to save the fast train has hardly died down when he is made the principal actor of a snow storm adventure. Greenough, who runs on the Hannah line of the Great Northern, in Dakota, went out on his run Thursday of last week, and became involved in one of the monster snow drifts which at present practically cover the Great Northern roadbed throughout the state. With his engine at a standstill in the fifteen-foot drift Mr. Greenough bore the confinement patiently until the water in the tank started to run low, and then a skirmish with shovels had to be kept up in the snow banks and the hot water injector turned into the water tank to melt the chunks of snow. For nearly sixty hours the engine was kept alive by the melted snow, and neither Greenough nor his fireman

moved from the spot in which they were first stalled by the mighty drift of snow. The arrival of a rotary snow plow and large crew of men got the imprisoned crew out safely, but the experience will long be remembered by those who spent the sixty hours in the drift.

Kansas Y. M. C. A.

Newton, Kas., Jan. 28.—A spirit of enthusiasm characterizes the annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association, which formally opened a three days' session in Newton today. Every local branch of the association throughout Kansas is entitled to from two to a dozen delegates and all are fully represented. Besides discussing plans for the future of the association and reviewing the work of the past the convention will listen to papers and addresses by prominent Christian workers of several states. Splendid entertainment has been provided for the visitors by the local Y. M. C. A. and the various church organizations.

Stift and Trimble to Meet.

Eau Claire, Wis., Jan. 28.—A fifteen round bout between Ben Trimble and Bill Stift is scheduled for decision here tonight. Trimble has established a reputation as a hard hitter and is expected to give the Chicago fighter an interesting argument.

MISER MURDERED IN HIS HOVEL

In an Environment of Squalor and Every Sign of Poverty, Ortmann is Discovered.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Murdered in his hovel, environed by squalor and every sign of poverty, a miser by the name of Ortmann was found dead in Chicago this morning with \$1,000 sewed up in his clothing. There are no clues as to the murderer.

ACCUSED OF KILLING CHILD.

Indian Woman From Pine Ridge Under Arrest.

Deadwood, S. D., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Annie Running Bear, a full blooded Indian woman from Pine Ridge agency, has been sent to the Deadwood jail without bail charged with the murder of her infant child. The principal witness against her was Dr. James R. Walker, agency physician at Pine Ridge, who testified that the child had been born alive and had breathed after birth. Its body was found in a bank about 1,000 yards from the woman's home on the reservation.

Wisconsin Eye Doctors.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 28.—About one hundred prominent opticians filled the assembly room of the St. Charles hotel today at the semi-annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Optical society. Papers and discussions of little public interest but of great importance to the profession occupied the meeting.

TWO KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Fatal Accident in a Mine at Foster, California—Seven Workmen Seriously Injured.

Foster, Cal., Jan. 28.—In a mine explosion near here this morning two men were killed outright and seven others were seriously injured.

WINNING CORN GROWERS.

Awards Made in Recent Corn Judging Contest at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Jan. 28.—The judges of the corn show held at the state farm last week, have completed their work, and Prof. T. L. Lyon of the farm has prepared a list of the exhibitors, together with the score of the grain placed on exhibition by each. The five scoring highest are as follows:

- R. Hogue, Crete, Salline, Hogue's Yellow Dent, 89.75.
- F. B. Liphardt, Graf, Johnson, Mammoth Golden Yellow, 89.25.
- J. M. Wild, De Soto, Washington, Mammoth White Pearl, 88.25.

SITUATION MUCH MORE SERIOUS

Reported on Chicago Board of Trade that Russia and Japan are More Belligerent Than Before.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Bartlett, Frazer & Co., of the Chicago board of trade, have just received a direct cable from London, saying that the situation in the Far East between Russia and Japan looks more serious tonight than ever before since the beginning of the trouble between the two countries.

Illinois Historical Society.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 28.—A program of more than ordinary interest was carried out at today's session of the fifth annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical society. Mrs. John A. Logan of Washington, D. C., presented a paper on "Illinois in the Compend of the Nation." Other papers were as follows: "Illinois in the War of 1812-14," Frank E. Stevens, Chicago; "Newspapers and Newspaper Men of Illinois," E. A. Snively, Springfield; "The Part of Illinoisans in the National Educational Movement," Levi Selby, A. M., Chicago; "The Seafarer of Southern Illinois," Prof. Geo. W. Smith, Carbondale; "The County Lawyer," James A. Connolly, Springfield.

WRECK COSTS FOUR LIVES

Two Killed and Two Fatally Injured at Broken Bow, Neb.

SLIPPERY RAILS THE CAUSE

Two Burlington Freight Trains Came Together in the Switching Yards. Engineer Kelly Buried Under Locomotive—Fireman Eaton Killed.

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 28.—Special to The News: Two Burlington freight trains collided in the switching yards here this morning, killing two men and fatally injuring two others:

The dead are: Fireman Eaton, head brakeman. The fatally injured are: Engineer Kelly, passenger who was riding in the caboose.

Engineer Kelly was buried beneath his locomotive in the smash-up. Slippery rails which prevented stopping are given as the cause of the wreck.

Flynn vs. Walsh at Pueblo.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 28.—Fight followers of Pueblo and vicinity are on edge in anticipation of the fight to be pulled off at the Rover Athletic club tonight between Jim Flynn and Andy Walsh, the Brooklyn welterweight. Flynn is a local product and a great favorite. He has made an excellent showing in his recent fights and will look after bigger game if he beats Walsh.

Southern Education Discussed.

Washington, Jan. 28.—A special meeting of the trustees of the Peabody Education fund was begun at the Arlington hotel this afternoon. The principal business of the meeting is to elect a general agent to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. J. L. M. Curry. The question of whether the income, estimated at \$2,000,000, shall be devoted to the establishment of a great educational institution or to assisting country schools throughout the south also will come up for consideration.

IN A RAGE WITH W. J. BRYAN

Democrats Feel That He Has Spoiled Their Plans and Can't Explain His Motives.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Whiter Wellman, in a Washington report to the Record-Tribune says:

William Jennings Bryan's "rule or ruin" pronouncement has stirred democratic senators and representatives almost to a fury of indignation. Their public comments on Col. Bryan's declaration that the Kansas City platform must be reaffirmed are caustic enough, but their private remarks are absolutely unprintable. Leading democrats say they cannot understand Bryan's game. Some think he is determined to wreck the party in order to show that no democrat can succeed in winning the presidency where he failed twice.

Others believe he is consumed by vanity and a desire to advertise himself, and that he is suffering under the sting of a snub—for that is what it was—administered by the democratic national committee at its meeting here a few weeks ago. At any rate, nine democrats out of ten in Washington are thoroughly disgusted with his course. They say just as the party was trying to get itself in shape to put up a stiff fight for the presidency this year Mr. Bryan comes along and kicks a rumpus, which can do no one on earth the slightest good and which may do a world of harm.

One democratic senator brings forward a novel theory to explain Bryan's actions. He said he believed Mr. Bryan had no idea the Kansas City platform could be reaffirmed at St. Louis, and that in the end it would be found Bryan was carefully working a bluff to strengthen his position and give him capital to trade on.

"I have not the slightest doubt Bryan is working for Hearst," said this senator, "and that this is a part of a deep game. First, Bryan frightens the party nearly out of its wits by threatening to marshal his forces for the Kansas City platform. He succeeds in raising the practical question, 'How is Bryan to be disposed of? How is he to be replaced?' and when the proper time comes it will probably be found there is just one way to place the man from Nebraska and that is by giving the nomination to the man who is so loyal to the democratic ideals and platforms of 1896 and 1900."

INSULTER OF WOMEN.

Roughly Handled by Crowd and is Heavily Fined.

Laverne, Minn., Jan. 28.—Justice N. R. Reynolds imposed a fine of \$100 on John Banick for insulting a young girl while at a dance on Thursday night. During a quadrille at the dance given by the German Social club, Banick was who was intoxicated, insisted on swiping the ladies in the set very roughly. One of the ladies, a 16-year-old daughter of one of the highly-respected families of this city, objected to his actions and refused to dance

when the part brought Banick as her partner. Banick became very angry at her for refusing to dance and grossly insulted the girl, calling her the vilest names possible to apply to a woman. The young girl's father, who was present, attempted to resent the insult by thrashing his daughter's assailant, but was ejected from the hall by Banick's friends. The father then found an officer and had Banick arrested. While the father was being taken to the police station, Banick was being held by the management of the dance ejected Banick, also, when he was attacked by some of the girl's friends and badly beaten before the officer arrived.

When arraigned in justice court, Justice Reynolds gave Banick the heaviest fine possible, and, in default of the fine, a sentence of ninety days in jail. The fine, however, was paid by Banick's relatives and the prisoner was released.

Makes Carnation State Flower.

Columbus, O., Jan. 28.—"The State flower," the scarlet carnation, in honor of President McKinley, will be the result of the resolution offered in the house.

The resolution recites the noble service of McKinley to the state and nation, and declares that as a mark of love and reverence the state adopt the scarlet carnation, his favorite, as the "State flower" of Ohio.

BROKEN NECK FINALLY KILLS

Johnnie Fisher Succumbs as Result of Accident in St. Paul Last Summer.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 28.—John Fisher, aged 15 years, son of Mrs. E. Fisher died from a broken neck, which accident befell him on the 8th of last July as he dove at the public baths at St. Paul and struck on the cement bottom. His tenacity upon life was most remarkable and it was considered miraculous that his life was spared as long as it was. The funeral will be held at the Epiphany cathedral tomorrow at 9:30 a. m., Rev. J. L. Kirby officiating.

He was the son of the late John T. Fisher, a well known driver of fast horses. Last July he went to St. Paul to spend the Fourth with his sister. On July 8 he went to one of the public baths and went in bathing. The water was higher than usual and a portion of the cement pier leading out to the river was covered. Mounting a post, young Fisher dove below water, but instead of lighting in deep water he fell half bent over on the cement walk, breaking his neck. He was carried to a hospital there and as soon as possible was brought to his home in this city, where he seemed to rally. The past few days he has grown worse and his death occurred at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A damage suit for \$20,000 is pending against the city of St. Paul growing out of this accident.

WILL CIRCLE THE GLOBE IN AUTO

E. E. Smathers Left New York Today for a Tour of Europe in an Automobile—To Cross America.

New York, Jan. 28.—The departure of E. E. Smathers, the well known racing man, for Europe today marks the beginning of what probably will be the most extensive automobile tour yet undertaken. Arriving at Cherrington, Mr. Smathers will begin an auto tour that will include the greater part of Europe. Later he will tour Japan, and it is probable that a trip across America from San Francisco to this city will complete a circuit of the globe.

On the Fight Calendar.

St. Joseph, Mich., Jan. 28.—Plans have been completed for pulling off a fight here tonight under the auspices of a local athletic organization. Tommy Smith and Mickey Riley of Milwaukee are slated to furnish the star event.

BOTH WERE KILLED BY HORSES

One Funeral for Two Young Men, Cousins, Who Met Death in Accidents Almost Alike.

Lawrence, Neb., Jan. 28.—The funerals of Thomas Howard and Bert Henderson, cousins, were held Tuesday at Eckley church in Webster county. Both died Friday evening from nearly the same cause. On Tuesday Howard was kicked in the stomach by a horse. On Thursday Henderson was thrown from a broncho and was found unconscious by the roadside, receiving injuries about his head which caused his death. The deceased cousins were about 23 years of age and were born in Webster county, there being but seven months difference in their ages.

Lincoln Wants Park.

Lincoln, Jan. 28.—An ordinance has been introduced into the city council by Councilman Penitzer providing for the issue of bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of lots 21 and 32, section 20, town 10, range 7, and the improvement of this land for park purposes. The tract known as the Berrett property and lying between Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth street, contains about thirty acres.

KEEP BEST COTTON HERE

Foreigners Object to the Quality of the Raw Material.

LANCASHIRE TRADE DEPRESSED

Operatives Have it Charged up to the Favoritism Shown Home Manufacturers by the Planters and Dealers—Worst Since Civil War.

London, Jan. 28.—Apart from the continued exceptional dearthness of cotton, which is playing havoc with Lancashire's staple industry, there are other disturbing influences in many of the cotton spinning and manufacturing towns of the county.

Serious and growing complaints are being made by thousands of operatives concerning the inferior and coarse quality of the material they have to work—it is hinted in some quarters that the best fruits of the cotton plantations are kept in the United States for consumption by the spinners and loom owners there—other seriously indignant against the Lancashire operatives earning satisfactory wages.

When the cotton is coarse and poor it is much more difficult to work, and the production is, in consequence, curtailed. The weavers' unions have been endeavoring to obtain concessions from the employers for the losses sustained by the workpeople, but without much success. In most cases the employers have refused point blank to make any allowances, pointing out that they are handicapped as well as their work people by the indifference of cotton supplied them from the United States.

Never since the cotton famine during the American civil war has the Lancashire cotton trade been in so depressed a condition as at the present time. The depression, which is attributed entirely to the tactics of American speculators, has given a decided impetus to the time-honored British Cotton Growers project, but whether any material results will come from the scheme is a matter of doubt.

HATTIE PILCHER BEING TRIED

Many Witnesses in the Peculiar Case at Miller, S. D., in Which School Teacher is Accused of Robbery.

Miller, S. D., Jan. 28.—Before a crowd that completely filled the Hand county court room, the preliminary hearing of Hattie Pilcher, accused of administering ether to Wilber Quirk, with intent to rob, began at 11 a. m. today, Justice B. H. Douglass, to whom a change of venue was taken from E. J. Miller, presiding.

The evidence of Quirk, who related the details of the holdup in the Collins drug store the night of January 12, in no manner connected the defendant with the crime, but the state's attorney, J. H. Cole, told the court that testimony was at hand to establish that fact.

Miss Pilcher appeared in charge of Sheriff Abbott's wife. She was heavily veiled and at no time during the morning session did she permit a glance at her features. She sat quietly behind her attorney, Judge Pusey, with whom she occasionally consulted.

Her lover, Dick Romig, sat near the jury box with Wilber Quirk, the principal witness for the state. The young men came to court together. The defendant's former friends, who were among the most prominent people of Miller, declined to speak to her. She was later taken back to the jail. The only person acknowledging her bows was Quirk.

Miss Pilcher Laughed.

During the time Quirk was telling his story Miss Pilcher laughed, and at adjournment turned to her attorney.

"I wish you would put me on the stand right away," she said. "I've got something to say that will clear up this mess."

Judge Pusey declares his client has not told him what connection, if any, she has with the case. She still accounts for the bullet wound in her shoulder by saying she tried to kill herself.

Quirk's story in brief was that two men, a tall and a short one, the latter holding a gun in the left hand—the defendant is left handed—got into the drug store the night of January 12, and after forcing him at the point of the pistol to open the safe, they compelled him to fill a bottle of ether, drink some brandy and then looted and gagged him and then administered the ether. The small man stood by and only spoke once.

Many Witnesses Called.

No money was taken, Quirk having risen at the first demand for admittance and concealed it.

He thought the short man was about the size and build of Miss Pilcher. Thirty witnesses have been called. Among these for the state are Postmaster and Mrs. Rushfield, formerly representative, and Mrs. Robert Sedam, Dr. S. R. Wallace, Dick Romig, the defendant's lover, Frank Weber, manager for Kirk & Herbin Lumber company. The defendant's witnesses include Rev. V. G. Lacey, pastor of the Presbyterian

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-Four Hours Ending at 8 o'clock this Morning. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum temperature, 21
Minimum temperature, 15
Average temperature, 18
Snowfall, 1.00
Total snowfall for month, 7.25
Precipitation, .50
Total precipitation for month, .58
Barometer, 30.28

Chicago, Jan. 28.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Generally fair tonight and Friday. Warmest Friday and west portion tonight.

church, and his wife, State Senator and Mrs. F. E. Saitman, Justice Miller, Anna Bushfield, daughter of Postmaster Bushfield, Mrs. Mary Healy, wife of the editor of the Miller Gazette, Judge Pusey, the defendant's attorney, expects dismissal of the case. He says he can establish an alibi. He promises the defendant will tell a story involving some of the state's witnesses in a sensational manner.

TO SETTLE MINERS' WAGE SCALE

Conference Between Operators and United Mine Workers Begun Today in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—Opinion is at variance as to the probable outcome of the annual wage scale conference begun here today by representatives of the coal mine operators and the United Mine Workers, but it is generally conceded that the conference is one of the most important of the kind yet held, not even excepting that which preceded the great anthracite coal strike.

When the miners left Indianapolis last year, they did so with a 14 1/2 per cent increase in wages. Record-breaking industrial conditions making unprecedented demand for coal, the shortage of coal for all kinds of consumption, due to the strike in the anthracite region, the wrath of the public at the operators caused by the coal combines, and the fact that the mining industry was about the only one that had not shared in advanced wages, all contributed to the successful demands of the miners for substantial increase in wages.

This year the conditions are materially changed. Industrial conditions are not so good, the operators assert that there is overproduction at the mines and prices have been seeking lower levels. The result is that the operators have come to the present conference prepared to make demands for a decrease in wages, and probably, as a bluff at first, demanding a 15 or 20 per cent reduction. As a counter move the miners' scale committee will make a demand for an increase, amounting to about 10 per cent. Notwithstanding these conflicting demands it is believed that neither side expects to accomplish its announced purpose, but that both will be satisfied, on the other hand, to allow wages to stand pretty much as they are at the present time.

Old Soldier Wanders.

Benedict, Neb., Jan. 28.—Two or three months ago J. W. Kingston, an old soldier and an old settler of Arboville, left his home and the last seen or heard of him he was at Central City. In last Friday's News was a dispatch from Emporia, Kansas, stating that an old soldier who could not give his name or any account of himself had been found by the police. The Kingston family were notified and they at once sent a telegram to Emporia to hold the man and they forwarded a picture and description of Mr. Kingston by mail. The family are now awaiting developments.

GREAT WESTERN CUT AGAIN

Issues New Tariff on Grain Calculated to Help the Omaha Grain Market, Which Stickered Upright.

Omaha, Jan. 28.—The Great Western will, on January 30, put in effect a new grain rate which is intended to neutralize the recent rate of the Northwestern, which threatened to kill Omaha's proposed grain market.

Originally the Great Western lowered the proportional between Omaha and Chicago to 14 cents on wheat and 12 cents on corn. Other roads followed suit, so that shippers could stop grain here for grading purposes at little more expense than if they shipped directly to Chicago.

The Northwestern apparently killed this benefit by reducing the through rate 2 cents per bushel from points in the state.

The Great Western now announces a reduction in the Omaha-Chicago proportional from 14 to 12 cents on wheat and from 13 to 11 cents on corn. This rate is to be in effect as well from Kansas City and St. Joseph.

The Great Western also announces the reduction on rates from Omaha, Kansas City and St. Joseph to Minneapolis to 9 cents on wheat and 8 cents on corn.