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FIRES IN GRAIN FIELDS

A THRESHING MACHINE IS DESTROYED, MAN BURNED.

NEAR ATKINSON YESTERDAY

Another Blaze Did Damage Near Meadow Grove—Lightning in the Air Was Promiscuous and Struck Several Places, Starting Blazes.

Atkinson, Neb., Sept. 14.—Special to The News: The steam threshing machine belonging to T. M. Elder and the Fullerton Bros., was destroyed by fire while at work twenty miles from town. It was in the midst of a number of stacks of grain. The fire started in two stacks at almost the same moment and it was impossible to save anything at all. The machine chain broke when trying to move the same, the separator being a total loss. The engine was saved. About 1,500 bushels of grain went up in the fire. The fire occurred at the home of Mr. Hunt. James Fullerton, in trying to save the machine, got his hand badly burned, and also his neck. No other hurt or injury has been reported.

The loss will be \$1,000 and \$2,000. Mr. Elder, manager for the boys, had quite a scare on the recent tornado passed through the section, his wind-mill being destroyed, also taking most of the barn and other buildings.

There was no insurance on the loss by fire yesterday.

TWO BOLTS AT MEADOW GROVE

Two Cows Killed and Grain Stacks Ignited by Lightning.

Meadow Grove, Neb., Sept. 14.—Special to The News: A severe rain and electrical storm passed over here yesterday, doing damage.

Lightning struck and killed two cows for Gus Lutten, a half mile southwest of town. Mr. Lutten is a hard working man and feels the loss keenly. There was no insurance.

A half mile south of Mr. Lutten's fire, lightning struck a grain stack for Harvey Cook. Mr. Cook was absent but neighbors turned out and saved the other five stacks after three hours of heroic work. The stacks were bunched and some of them had to be torn down while water was applied to the burning stacks by buckets as fast as possible. It was hot work and fast. The loss is covered by insurance.

BARN NEAR CREIGHTON.

New Building on Farm of William Grunke is Burned.

Creighton, Neb., Sept. 14.—Special to The News: Lightning struck the new barn of William Grunke, six miles east of here, last night and the building, with all contents, was totally destroyed. The loss is about \$1,000. There were no horses in the barn at the time. All harness in the barn was burned. The building was erected this summer.

GASOLINE STOVE STARTS ONE.

Wisner Fire Boys Were Called Out to Make a Run.

Wisner, Neb., Sept. 14.—The fire boys were called out to make a run to Ludwig Knoll's residence. Fire was caused by an explosion of a gasoline stove that had just been filled. It is supposed that either the tank leaked or the stove was filled too full. Loss of \$500 was covered by insurance.

WISNER'S FINE STOCK SHOW.

Opened Yesterday and Will Close Today—Best in Nebraska.

Wisner, Neb., Sept. 14.—Special to The News: The third annual stock show at Wisner opened yesterday and will last until tonight. The 600 feet of shedding for the cattle is all filled. Thirty hog pens are all taken and 100 feet for horses.

Wisner claims to have the best lot of Shorthorns, Jerseys and Herefords in the state, some having refused \$2,000 for an individual Shorthorn heifer. It would pay Norfolk and other stockmen to come down and look at these animals.

BIG CROWD AT CREIGHTON.

Rain Kept Farmers Out of Their Fields for Circus Day.

Creighton, Neb., Sept. 14.—Special to The News: This is circus day in Creighton and, because of the rain which fell last night to keep farmers out of their fields, there is an immense crowd in town. Gollmar Bros. are here.

Hosiery Combine Formed.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Representatives of twenty-two hosiery manufacturers in the states of Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin met here and formed an organization. Perry Starkweather of Minneapolis was elected president and W. L. Hixon of Mankato, secretary and treasurer. The avowed purpose of the association is to regulate freight rates and discounts. The present discount of 6 per cent on bills will be done away with and goods will also be sold free on board at the factory. It is denied that any advance in price is contemplated.

HERZIG'S BODY IS FOUND

Man Who Confessed to Murder of an Ohio Girl Hanged Himself.

Minot, N. D., Sept. 14.—The dead body of Charles Herzig, who left a written confession of the crimes of assault and murder committed near Youngstown, O., over thirty years ago has been found by a posse of searchers hanging to a tree in a secluded ravine just over the line in the unorganized county of Wallace. Pinned to his breast was a piece of wrapping paper, on which was written the following:

My name is Charles Herzig. Over thirty years ago I murdered a young girl named Lizale E. Grombacher, near Youngstown, O. Charles Sterling, an innocent man was tried, convicted and hanged for the murder of this girl. If my body is ever found, notify my mother, Catherine Herzig, at Girard, O.

If Herzig had not left a written confession and threat of suicide at the Byer ranch his body might not have been found for years, as it was hanging in a spot seldom visited.

Missouri Day at Portland.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 14.—Governor Folk of Missouri, accompanied by his staff and a distinguished party, are guests of President Goode of the Lewis and Clark fair. Today is Missouri day at the fair.

DRAGS WIFE BY THE HAIR

THEN TRIED TO MURDER HIS FIVE CHILDREN.

INJURED HIS HELPLESS BABE

Harm Huls, a Drink-Crazed Farmer Living Near Beatrice, Started in Yesterday Afternoon to Clean Out the Whole Family—Now in Jail.

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 14.—Harm Huls, a drink-crazed farmer living two miles north of here, knocked his wife down with a club yesterday and dragged her about the yard by the hair.

Then he attempted to kill his five children. The older children escaped, but the drunken father struck his baby over the head, injuring the little helpless child seriously.

Neighbors prevented further attack. Huls is now in jail.

Reception to Mrs. A. A. Adams.

Superior, Neb., Sept. 14.—A public reception was tendered to Mrs. Abbie A. Adams, the newly elected national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, in this, her home town. The meeting was held in the Grand Army of the Republic hall and was presided over by a past commander, but the attendance was general and large. Expressions of congratulation and confidence were numerous, hearty and well spoken. The national headquarters of the order are established in Superior for this administration. The "Battle Hymn of the Republic" has been designated as the hymn of the order. Mrs. Mary R. Morgan of Alma, Neb., has been appointed and installed national secretary.

Plan Reception to President.

Washington, Sept. 14.—A movement is on foot to give President Roosevelt a cordial popular reception on his return to Washington, Sept. 30, from his summer home at Oyster Bay. It is intended that the demonstration shall be entirely of an informal character, without parade or speech-making, only an assembling of the citizens of Washington on Pennsylvania avenue to greet the president. It was originally proposed that the reception should be more formal and in recognition of the president's services in bringing the Portsmouth peace conference to a successful termination, but the simpler plan is believed to be more nearly in accord with the wishes of the president.

Child and Animal Protection.

Denver, Sept. 14.—A committee from the Colorado state board of child and animal protection has left Denver to present to President Roosevelt the memorial adopted by the Colorado legislature last spring urging upon the president and congress the creation of a government board of child and animal protection. In Colorado alone the protection of children and dumb animals is made a regular part of the state government and with remarkable results. In all other parts of the country it is left to efforts of voluntary societies, few in number, whose efforts are necessarily limited.

Colorado Murderer Hanged.

Canon City, Colo., Sept. 14.—Joseph Johnson was hanged in the penitentiary here for the murder at Trinidad last April of John F. Fox, former treasurer of Las Animas county. Johnson was angry with Fox because the latter objected to him being deputized to bring back from California a prisoner.

Veterans of Foreign Service Meet.

Altoona, Pa., Sept. 14.—The fifth annual convention of Veterans of Foreign Service, composed of men who participated in the war in Cuba, Porto Rico, China and in the Philippines, opened here. Delegates from both the eastern and western branches were present. It was decided to amalgamate.

VEVUVIUS CAUSES ALARM

THE VOLCANO CONTINUES IN ITS ERUPTION.

THE PEOPLE ARE FRIGHTENED

German Ships in Port at Madrid are Isolated Because of the Fear of Cholera Spreading into the Southern Country.

Naples, Sept. 14.—The eruption of Mr. Vesuvius continues and the turmoil has begun to cause grave alarm among the people of this country.

HUNGARIAN MINISTER QUILTS.

Resignation of the Cabinet Minister is Accepted. Budapest, Sept. 14.—The resignation of the cabinet minister has been accepted.

ISOLATE GERMAN SHIPS.

Spain Fears Cholera and Isolates German Boats at Madrid.

Madrid, Sept. 14.—The German ships at this port are all isolated for fear of the spreading of cholera.

ST. LOUIS PRINTERS STRIKE

Nine Hundred Men Employed in Job Offices Quit Work.

St. Louis, Sept. 14.—After a session lasting several hours, the St. Louis Typothetae unanimously voted against the eight-hour day proposition, thus bringing to a crisis the controversy between the employers and the local job printers. Following this action the executive committee of Typographical union No. 8 began calling out its members. The total number of printers involved is 900.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—A general strike of printers in Chicago, which will be part of a similar movement throughout the country, will be called today against all book and job printing firms that refuse to sign the union agreement providing for an eight-hour day. Three hundred Chicago concerns, employing 2,000 printers, will be asked to grant the union demand. A strike is on at present against nineteen of the thirty-seven firms belonging to the Chicago Typothetae and it involves 450 members of the union. All the remaining firms have agreed to either resign the eight-hour day Jan. 1 next or have promised to hold aloof from the fight being waged between the union and the Typothetae.

Washington Woman Suicides.

New York, Sept. 14.—Miss A. A. Wilkey of Washington was found dead in her room at the Manhattan hotel here, shot through the right temple, with a cup nearby containing the dregs of a poison. A revolver, with one empty chamber, which lay beside the lady, caused the coroner to begin his investigation on the theory that the young woman had taken her own life. A note was found in the room signed "Miss A. W. Wilkey," and containing only the statement that her body would be called for.

Sixty Passengers Injured.

Pittsburg, Sept. 14.—Sixty passengers were injured, nine seriously, by the overturning of a trailer attached to a traction car on the Homestead division of the Pennsylvania Railway company near the Glenwood bridge. The most seriously hurt were taken to the Homeopathic hospital, where they will be compelled to remain for some time. The others were able to proceed to their homes after having their injuries dressed. The accident was caused by the failure of the brakes to work properly.

Woman Perishes in Fire.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 14.—A woman, who registered as Mrs. Brown at the Miller house, a small hotel on South Main street, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed that building. Strenuous efforts were made to rescue the woman, but she was apparently crazed by fright and successfully resisted all attempts to take her from her room.

Three Civil Engineers Killed.

Cortland, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Three young civil engineers in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad were killed by a work train while returning to Cortland on a bandcar. They were J. M. Rowe, H. O. Blessecker and J. B. Funk of Binghamton.

Alleged Embezzler Arrested.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 14.—Charles Winter has been arrested here for embezzling from a Portland, Ore., brewing company, by which he was employed. On his person was found a belt in which was sewed \$1,780 in gold.

Nash's Successor Chosen.

New York, Sept. 14.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Smelting and Refining company in Jersey City the retiring board of directors was re-elected, with the exception that W. S. McCormick of Salt Lake was elected in the place of Edmund W. Nash, deceased.

Death of Editor Nagle.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—Lambert Nagle, for twelve years editor of the Montana Staats Zeitung, founder of the Minneapolis Friebe Presse, veteran of the civil war and survivor of the New Ulm (Minn.) Sioux Indian massacre, is dead here, aged seventy-three years.

Union Veteran Legion Encampment.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 14.—The Union Veteran Legion of the United States began its twentieth annual encampment in this city. The feature of the day was a parade of the veterans, headed by General William H. Manning, commander-in-chief.

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS

Six Candidates Will Contest for First Place on Ticket.

Lincoln, Sept. 14.—Six candidates will contest for first place on the ticket, associate justice of the supreme court, at the Republican state convention to be held here today. The candidates are John H. Ames of Lincoln, Edward R. Duffie of Omaha, O. A. Abbott of Grand Island, Samuel P. Davidson of Tecumseh, John L. McPhely of Minden and Charles B. Letton of Fairbury. Their strength, seemingly, is not far different. Two candidates for regents of the university of Nebraska will complete the ticket. The strife for places on the ticket has not been bitter at any time, the question of main interest being a resolution which will be introduced committing the party to opposition to railroad passes.

Minister Powell to Resign.

Camden, N. J., Sept. 14.—William F. Powell, United States minister to Hayti, who is on leave of absence at his home here, announced his intention of tendering his resignation to President Roosevelt at once. He gives as his reason for resigning the prevalence of revolutions, riots and fever in Hayti.

Death Warrants for Iowa Murderers.

Des Moines, Sept. 14.—For the first time in Iowa in many years death warrants were issued from the governor's office for the execution of two murderers, one, Joseph Smith, Friday April 13, 1906, the other, Louis Busse April 20, 1906. Both men have made a hard fight for executive clemency but the governor declared that there has been no irregularity anywhere in the proceedings to justify interference on his part. Busse murdered his wife. Smith is a negro who killed a woman with whom he was boarding. The executions will take place in the state prison, where the men are confined, unless the legislature interposes.

New Witness in Williamson Case.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 14.—Joel E. Calvin, a school teacher of Prineville, Ore., is the first new witness which the government has presented in the third trial of Congressman John N. Williamson, D. V. Gessner and Marlon R. Biggs, on the charge of having conspired to defraud the government of a part of its public domain. Calvin testified that it was understood between him and Gessner that Calvin should locate and prove up a tract and then convey it to Williamson and Gessner. The trial is proceeding slowly, the evidence being merely a repetition of that which was heard in the preceding trials.

Taggart Case Brought to Close.

Judge Announces He Will Render Decision in Ten Days.

Woonsocket, O., Sept. 14.—The trial of the divorce suit brought by Captain Elmore F. Taggart against his wife Grace Cutler Taggart, which has been on here since Aug. 2, was brought to a close, the final summing up of the attorneys having been heard. The trial has been one of the most sensational ever heard in Ohio courts, and has aroused widespread interest. A number of well known army officers have been called as witnesses during the trial. The scenes of the alleged misconduct on the part of both Captain Taggart and his wife have covered a wide area. Captain and Mrs. Taggart having lived at different times at Port Leavenworth, Kan.; Columbus, O.; Havana, Cuba, and in the Philippines, where the husband was in the service of his country. The principal interest is centered in the awarding of the care of the two children, both boys, of Captain and Mrs. Taggart.

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Home for Superannuated Preachers.

Oscola, Ia., Sept. 14.—Daniel Francis, a retired capitalist of Des Moines, has made a gift of \$30,000 to the Des Moines conference of the Methodist Episcopal churches for the founding of a home for superannuated preachers. If the conference will raise a like sum within five years, the conference heard the announcement of the gift and arranged to raise its \$30,000. The home will be located in Des Moines.

Warship to Back Merry.

Washington, Sept. 14.—After consultation between the state and navy departments it has been decided that a warship shall be sent to one of the Costa Rican ports to convey American Minister Merry, at last accounts in San Jose, northward to the nearest point on the coast of Nicaragua to the place where William R. Albers, an American citizen, and his brother are confined, pending a trial on the charge of resisting legal process and of insulting the president of Nicaragua. The officials of the state and navy departments decline to make any statement whatever on this subject just now, but it is known that it has received serious attention and that the lack of information as to the nature of the offense charged against Albers and the possibility of his not receiving a fair trial, have caused an effort to be made to get in closer touch with the prisoner. The gunboat Princeton, now at Panama, is the nearest warship to Ocotla, where Albers is imprisoned. The Port Limon company, whose agent Albers was, has sent a lawyer named Brubaker from Philadelphia to Ocotla to assist in his defense.

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IN MEMORY OF M'KINLEY

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF LATE PRESIDENT.

BEING OBSERVED IN CANTON

Flags of the City are at Half Mast. Beautiful Floral Contributions From All Sections of the Country—Mrs. McKinley Visited Grave Early.

Canton, O., Sept. 14.—Today is the fourth anniversary of the death of the late President McKinley and all the flags in the city are at half-mast. Beautiful flower pieces were sent from all parts of the country and were deposited on the McKinley vault.

Mrs. McKinley visited the cemetery early this morning and deposited flowers on the resting place of her deceased husband. Many citizens of Canton and some visitors from outside paid their respects to the former president and decorated his grave. Among the flower gifts were some by President Roosevelt, Secretary Wilson and other members of the cabinet and several high officials, judges of the supreme court and others.

This afternoon the cornerstone of the national monument to the memory of McKinley will be laid on Monument hill by Justice William R. Day, president of the McKinley Memorial association and an intimate friend and neighbor of President McKinley.

Sweden Only Desires Peace.

Stockholm, Sweden, Sept. 14.—Political officials disavow any desire on the part of Sweden to oppose the arbitration treaty demanded by Norway, but they point out that only the preliminary negotiations in regard to the form and contents of such a treaty can be discussed at present, as the conclusion of a treaty is impossible until Norway has accepted Sweden's conditions and the latter has recognized Norway as an independent sovereign state. The Swedish intentions, it is declared, are wholly pacific.

PROBING MUTUAL LIFE

TREASURER FRED CROMWELL DEFENDS SYNDICATES.

OFFICER'S PERSONAL PROFITS

Says He Made Quarter of a Million Dollars in Five Years From These Transactions—Must Go to Syndicates to Make Investments.

New York, Sept. 14.—A vigorous defense of syndicates and their operations in connection with the insurance business and a frank statement of personal profits gained through their operations, made by Frederick Cromwell, treasurer of the Mutual Life Insurance company, was the feature of the session of the special legislative committee appointed to probe methods of life insurance companies in this state. The defense of the syndicate was made by Mr. Cromwell soon after he was called in the morning. Before he was asked a question, he begged leave to say a few words, and on being directed to proceed said:

"The law of combination, which affects finance as everything else, has made syndicates necessary. When I became treasurer of the Mutual Life Insurance company the total assets of our company were \$100,000,000. The transactions in my department are now over \$100,000,000 per annum. When our receipts were less, twenty years ago, it was quite possible for us to buy from bond dealers and pay the successive profits, now it is impossible to buy advantageously large blocks of securities, except as they are floated by these combinations of capital, popularly called syndicates."

"The acknowledgment of personal profits was made in a tabulated statement. It showed that Mr. Cromwell had made a personal profit of \$230,261 from syndicates during the last five years in which he individually and the Mutual Life Insurance company participated.

Seventeen hundred agents of the Equitable Life Assurance society, with 400 friends, attended a dinner in the Oriental hotel, Manhattan beach. The dinner marked the close of the convention of the agents. Gage E. Tarbell, second vice president presided. Paul Morton, president of the Equitable, spoke briefly. Mr. Morton said: "Some of our neighbors have lately been on the gridiron. We are all sorry for them, but it is not for us to rejoice at their trouble. Some disclosures have recently been made by the legislative investigating commission so different from the virtues attributed to the insurance companies that they are hard to believe. William M. Day said that when he took the office of comptroller of the Equitable he was to be trustee of a fund of \$195,000,000 in the Equitable vault. He said he was almost overwhelmed by the amount, but he was staggered when on investigation he found not \$125,000,000, but \$726,000,000."

Lodge Advocates Ship Subsidies.

Peabody, Mass., Sept. 14.—A speech by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge strongly advocating subsidies as the best method of reviving the New England shipping and opening new markets of trade was the feature of a dinner held by the Essex club at the town hall.

Situation is Improving.

London, Sept. 14.—A telegram received at the Biblebat company's London office contained much more favorable news from Babu and its neighborhood. On the Biblebat oil field everything is quiet and the re-erection of derricks has commenced.

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ARE HELD IN JAIL IN NICARAGUA

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