A MAIL TRAIN BURNS UP

FAST MAIL ON MISSOURI PACIFIC FROM ST. LOUIS.

IT CARRIED NO PASSENGERS

At Gasconda Bridge, Twenty-seven Miles From Jefferson City, the Flyer Was Wrecked and the Cars Soon Were in Flames.

Kansas City, Feb. 14.—Fast mail train No. 7, westbound on the Missouri Pacific, which left St. Louis at 3 a. m., was wrecked at the Gasconade bridge, twenty-seven miles east of Jefferson City early this morning.

Three mail cars were ditched, caught fire and were destroyed.

Several members of the crew were hurt but none was killed.

The train carried no passengers.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

S. M. Cate of Pierce is in the city on business.

Mrs. Fred Klentz returned from Neligh this morning.

Alfred Igner of Bonesteel stopped over between trains Wednesday.

Loy Boyer was down from Battle Creek on business Wednesday.

Ed Crew of Tilden was in the city Wednesday evening on business.

Blaine Skeen of Spencer stopped over Wednesday night in the city.

M. C. Hazen went to Madison Wednesday morning on business.

Sanford Parker of Spencer was in the city between trains Wednesday.

T. K. Johnson of Stanton stopped over Wednesday night on business.

A. Matson of Hartington was in the city Wednesday evening on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Deane of Randolph were in Norfolk Wednesday noon.

Miss Hattie Lichtenberg of Hadar is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Gust Uecker.

Carl Beyendorf is moving his family from Stanton to his new home in Hillside Terrace.

Harry Dignan has gone to Clinton, Iowa, to visit for some time with his grandmother.

J. B. Maylard has been on the sick list for several days because of a severe toothache.

Dr. Pilger returned from Omaha Tuesday evening where he had been for several days.

Earle Harepr went to Omaha Wednesday in the interests of the Harper Medicine company, and will return Thursday.

Mis Mayme Thill left for Dell Rapids, S. D., this morning and will make her home there.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Pippin have returned from an extended and pleasant visit in Missouri.

Mis Fay Watts returned to Columbus today after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blakely.

City Attorney E. P. Weatherby left today for Bristow and Spencer to look up some bankruptcy cases.

R. B. Dundvall of Neligh, who has been visiting with Burt Kummer, left for Omaha and the eastt oday.

Darius Mathewson is on the sick list with a strained back, which he received on a snow-covered walk.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo Morrow, formerly of Norfolk, will leave Omaha tomorrow for an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morrow in Washington state.

T. F. Loescher and his children, Bertha and Will, will leave for Los Angeles tomorrow, where they intend to make their future home.

The social session of the Ladies guild, which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. Anna Madsen on Friday, has been postponed.

Mrs. S. T. Skeen gave a delightful party last evening at her home for friends of her daughter Agnes on the occasion of her thirteenth birthday.

A new sanitarium is being built at Battle Creek, Mich., that will cost $500,000. It will soon be opened as an osteopathic and surgical sanitarium.

Fireman Smith, who was injured at Oakdale night before last by getting his foot caught and turned in a track, was brought to Norfolk and is getting along nicely.

The marriage of Miss Minnie A. Brandenberg to William A. Maas on March 1 at the Evangelical church has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Wilhelmina Brandenberg.

A severe epidemic of colds is traveling about Norfolk just at present and about half of the people of the city are afflicted with the ailment. Red eyes and constant sneezing are to be found in almost every home. The physicians are kept constantly going in efforts to check the illness, which assumes almost the severity of grip in some cases.

Ed Beels went back on his mail route today on account of the improved condition of his mother, Mrs. S. F. Beels. While her condition is still serious it is not such as to give alarm.

Miss Lulu B. Condon was married to Arthur H. Brown by Rev. J. F. Poucher last evening. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manning at the Junction. The newly married couple will make their home in Elgin.

Isaac Nightingale of Norfolk has been made district manager in Albion for the Sturgeon Music Co. He will handle four or five counties with as many assistants out of Albion. Mr. Nightingale will remove there within the next month.

Miss Elizabeth Schram entertained a number of her friends last evening at a party at the home of her parents on South Third street. The evening was devoted to cards and games. Refreshments were served before the evening broke up.

N. L. Packard of Lincoln, state missionary for the Congregational churches, will hold a series of meetings at the Second Congregational church at the Junction, commencing next Sunday, and will continue every night of the following week. Everybody is invited to attend these meetings and a large audience is expected.

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COMMISSION CO.

Views of the Live Stock Market at South Omaha, Neb., C. A. Mallory, Manager.

South Omaha, Feb. 15.—The second storm of this remarkable winter occurred this week, and while not severe, is mostly responsible for the moderate supplies of live stock. The cattle trade is moving along smoothly with prices gradually improving, all grades selling at the best prices of the season, with the Omaha and other "river" markets well in line with all other markets.

Choice fat cattle are scarce and are selling $5.00 to $5.50, but the bulk of the offerings are medium to good steers, which are selling $4.50 to $5.00. Butchers stock is not very plentiful, and prices are well maintained with favorable prospects during this month and next. Stockers and feeders are in good demand at the best prices of the season. Good to choice steers selling $4.00 to $4.50, with the common to fair grades $3.50 to $4.00.

We advise any of our readers who may want to buy cattle this spring, to place their orders with us soon as possible.

There will be a fair supply of hay fed cattle during March and April, but we still have confidence in better prices for fat cattle as the season advances.

Hogs—The hog market continues on its upward march, with prices well up to the 6c mark all around. The bulk of the hogs are selling here at $5.85 to $5.95 at present, and while we have confidence in better prices later, we always believe in being conservative, and suggest it might be well to "play" for a little reaction before the week is out.

Sheep—Sheep and lamb receipts have been moderate this week. The quality of the stuff offered has been as poor as any time this season. Good stuff sells readily, at prices steady with last week's close. Best lambs $7.00 to $7.15, yearlings $5.85 to $6.15, wethers $5.75, ewes $5.00 to $5.30.

The common and medium grades are more neglected by mutton buyers than at any time. Feeders are buying a few, but the prices they are paying are so low, that there is not much probability of the shipper making anything out of his feeding.

We do not look for any increase in shipments for this week's market, nor very much improvement in values, but there is a good prospect of heavier receipts next week.

We advise sorting stuff closely, and shipping only good stuff, unless you will be satisfied with feeder prices.

Lambs are selling from 5.75 to $6.50, yearlings $5.40 to $5.75, wethers $5.00 to $5.25, ewes $3.75 to $4.50.

During the last week we have had the following sales:

No.		Ave.	Price
484	sheep and yearlings	92	$5.85
232	lambs	71	7.00
40	lambs	61	5.50
405	lambs	71	6.75
17	lambs	54	5.25
88	ewes	89	4.00
153	lambs	59	6.25
226	ewes	107	4.85
141	ewes	96	4.00
260	wethers and yearlings	90	5.90

LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY.

Claman Stock Company Closes Three Nights' Engagement.

"Little Lord Fauntleroy" as presented at the Auditorium last evening by the Claman Stock company proved a very entertaining diversion. As a play it abounds in clean, wholesome humor with nothing strained or unnatural in the plot. It points a moral inconspicuously in the reformation which Lord Fauntleroy, as a boy full of love and kindness, effects upon his crabbed old grandfather. In fact it fulfills its purpose of amusing without tiring, most excellently.

In the title role Baby Claman naturally overshadowed the other members of the company. Her opportunities were greatest and she used them well. The full sweetness and love of the little lord was displayed well in the caresses which she heaped upon her grandparent. To both Mr. and Mrs. Claman fell double roles of opposite characters, which they handled well. Mrs. Claman in her portrayal of Minna, the adventuress, introduced the audience to a woman they could not help but hate and despise. She was loud; she was impossible; she was everything that the mother of a lord should not be. Then as the mother of the little lord she became a mother, who loved both her child and her dead husband and who was loved in return. Haversham, the hard headed lawyer with a heart, was excellently given by Basil Newman. He was distinctly an Englishman and distinctly a legal man. The remainder of the company played their parts very satisfactorily.

A Quilting Party.

A quilting party was given this afternoon by Mrs. August Brummund to the ladies of Johannes Lutheran church.

Superior engraved cards. The News.

VALENTINES SWELL MAIL

COMIC VALENTINE HAS LOST ITS OLD POPULARITY.

BETTER ONES HAVE GAINED

One Valentine Heart in a Box This Morning Bore the Words, "Fragile, Do Not Crush"—Mail is One-Third Larger for Valentine Day.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

The valentine has not lost its popularity by any means, unless it be the comic valentine which has come to be the medium of the children only. Beyond a few comic valentines there are mighty few valentines in Norfolk today that can be bought for less than fifteen cents. Even of the finer grades there are not so very many left in the dealers' hands. They are crowding the pouches of the mail carriers instead. So great has been the flood of valentines that the volume of mail has increased one-third, and the carriers left the postoffice this morning with their pouches piled high with boxes and large envelopes as in the Christmas season.

The sales of the higher priced missives of love and remembrance are an indication of the hold which the day is taking upon the older persons. Their offerings are not those of paper lace and gilt, that they knew in their younger days, but more artistc offerings of silk and satin and celluloid with the verses and the decorations painted in by hand. Each carrier had a load of the larger packages with these in them this morning. One of the freaks in the mail, while perhaps not intentional, had a most pathetic note of humor in it. It was a heart-shaped box, whose contents could be easily guessed. On the outside was written besides the address, "Fragile. Please do not crush." There was no indication as to whether it was a message only to the postal clerks or to the person, who was to receive it.

There were also any number of parties given as offerings to St. Valentine and at each one the idea of the missive of love was carried out in the decorations, the programs or some other feature of the entertainment. But these were but slight indications of the general acceptance of the day compared with the valentines that went through the mails.

SORE OVER WEDDING.

Senators' Wives and Others Feel Slighted by Roosevelts.

The wives of senators are among the most disappointed ones over not receiving invitations to the Longworth-Roosevelt wedding, says a Washington report. No senators are known to have been invited except Lodge, who is the president's personal friend, and Kean, who is related to the Roosevelts by marriage. There is a rumor that one or two others are on the list, but this rumor is not yet verified.

Only 200 guests were present at the wedding of Nellie Grant to Algernon Sartoris in 1874, in this same east room, which on that occasion was very comfortably filled. The number of invitations issued for Saturday's event is perhaps upward of a thousand, and just where the guests will all be put is the problem that white house attendants are now trying to solve. Had the senate set been invited en bloc, the house set could not have been omitted, and straightway there would have been a crush which would have exceeded that at the formal white house receptions and made the wedding a perfect mob. The list of guests is already much larger than the president and Mrs. Roosevelt intended it should be.

It is said with authority that the east room arrangements are being closely patterned after those made for the Sartoris-Grant wedding, and that a person reading a description of the room for that occasion will have a clear idea as to how it will look next Saturday. The raised platform on which the bridal party will stand will be of the same size as that used in 1874 and will stand in the same place. The bridal party will enter by the same doors, the white ribbons will be stretched across the room in the same way, and the floral decorations will be similar.

Senator Kean of New Jersey is connected with the Roosevelt family by marriage, through his sister having married Emlin Roosevelt.

The senator is to give a dance the night before the wedding for all the Roosevelts, and on Sunday, the day after the wedding, Mrs. Cowles, the president's sister, will give a tea, which will be the signal for another family reunion.

The family is said to be very clannish. They stand high in New York but insist on remembering their old Knickerbocker traditions, and are conservative to a degree that is annoying to some of their would-be friends in New York society. The Roosevelts, the Minturns and one or two other families are all that are left of the old Knickerbocker set, and they are apparently proud of the distinction growing out of this fact.

Many members of the old set have married into newer families and taken up newer ways, but the Roosevelts have not done this much.

They use the old family carriages and cling to old family customs.

Representative Longworth is making extensive preparations for his farewell bachelor dinner, which will be given Thursday night. His best man and ushers will arrive in time to attend and the list of guests will number about fifty. After his visit to the floor of the house yesterday afternoon he went to lunch with his mother and sister, Countess de Chambrun, and late in the afternoon for a drive with Miss Roosevelt. He has practically recovered from his tonsilitis and the danger that the wedding might have to be postponed has vanished.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., will attend the bachelor dinner.

So many flowers were sent to the white house yesterday on account of Miss Roosevelt's birthday that the stately mansion will be fairly buried by the time other flowers begin to arrive for the wedding. In accordance with previous custom, it is probable the bride will order these offerings distributed among the hospitals of the city.

The supreme court has named a committee composed of Chief Justice Fuller and Justices White and Holmes to determine whether that august tribunal shall send an elaborate gift or each member of it shall content himself with a garland of flowers. It is said that the sentiment of the court inclines to the purchase of some substantial thing which, properly inscribed, may be handed down in the family for generations.

A curious feature of the wedding, as now planned, will be the absence of boxes for the wedding cake. Just what the idea is in dispensing with these no one seems to know, as there s no special economy in it, even if that were to be practiced. Besides, it is not as if the guests were not expected to take pieces of cake with them. On the contrary, the waiters will have pieces of pretty oiled paper in which to wrap bits of the cake which guests will carry away.

All kids of funny stories are going around in regard to what this, that and the other one is planning to do in the absence of boxes for the wedding cake. One of the foreign ministers actually has received a letter from a man in his native country asking him to secure a plate for him from Miss Roosevelt's wedding to add to his large collection of china pieces.

WINE?. WHY NOT?

New York Women of W. C. T. U. Will Not Intrude Protest.

The storm created by some temperance people over the suggestion that there will be wine served at the wedding breakfast of Miss Alice Roosevelt does not seem to ruffle people in this town, says a New York dispatch.

The New York county organization seems to consider the matter of alcoholic or non-alcoholic refreshment at the nuptial feast nobody's business but Miss Alice's own. No matter how much the members may personally object, they refuse to utter one word of criticism.

Mrs. A. C. Allen, secretary, does not see why her temperance society should make a fuss just because "the poor girl" happens to be the president's daughter.

"Miss Roosevelt can serve all the wine she wishes at her wedding breakfast without our interference," she said. "It is not our party. The New York county chapter of the W. C. T. U. would not think of addressing a girl on so personal a matter just because she happens to be the president s daughter.

"I think the poor girl already has suffered too much from publicity and curiosity. At least she shall not be bothered by any protest from our branch of the society.

"Whether she has wine or not, it is none of our business."

WAYNE COUNTY FIRES.

Two, One at Wayne and One at Winside, Cost $37,000.

The Wayne fire caused a loss of $22,000. This, together with the Winside fire, caused a loss of $37,000 in Wayne county. At Wayne the general store of I. Reiffel was gutted and the roof also caved in. The merchandise was almost entirely destroyed. The fire communicated to the dry goods store of Chas. Robbins and a fresh stock of dry goods valued at $8,000, which was being installed preparatory to opening the store on Saturday was burned. Insurance had not been taken out on this stock. The origin of the fire is not known.

For a time it looked as if most of the business part of the town was doomed, but an explosion in the Reiffel store brought the fire down where it could be handled. The explosion blew out the plate glass front of the Ed Raymond drug store across the street.

The losses:

Reiffel merchandise stock, $12,000.

Building owned by P. L. Miller, $2,600; insurance, $2,000.

Chas. Robbins stock of dry goods, $8,000.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Will Entertain.

A dinner party for Friday evening, February 23, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Erskine of Columbus, has been announced. The dinner will be given by Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Erskine, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Walker at the home of the former.

FIRE IN FARM HOUSE.

Young Man is Injured by Jumping From High Window.

Howe, Neb., Feb. 9.—The farm residence of George Mathews burned here yesterday. The oldest son was severely injured by jumping from the second story window and Mrs. Mathews lost all of her possessions excepting the clothing she wore.

HISTORIC BUILDING.

Old O'Neill Hotel, Scene of Shooting, is Torn Down.

O'Neill Frontier: Another old land mark has been dismantled and is being rapidly torn down and moved away. John Horiskey has bought the old hotel building that stood almost since the oldest inhabitant can remember on the lower end of Douglas street and is conveying it away to build an ice house. The old building had something of a history. In the early days it was occupied as a small store and was later converted into a hotel. The premises were deeded to St. Patrick's church by the original owner who died many years ago. For fifteen years the building had been in a state of decay and was occupied by Polk, an old man who was popularly supposed to have hidden wealth but who was apparently destitute when he died some two years ago. The building was the scene of the Sheriff Kearns shooting some twenty-six years ago.

CENTER'S BATH TUB.

Comment of the Paper Which Printed the Item That Started Things.

Center Register: There's a town called Center and it has a hotel, barber shop, bath tub and a newspaper. Of course, it has other business institutions, but those mentioned are very much in evidence all over the United States, as the marked copies of daily and weekly papers and the letters telegrams and telephone messages which have been pouring in this week will testify. And we wish to call the attention of business men generally to the fact that your town and all it contains would be an unknown quantity but for the little weekly newspapers which go forth from week to week to tell the world that you are in existence. You may be sure that your announcements in their columns will be seen and read, though they may not make the stir that did the following innocent little local which appeared in the Register two weeks ago:

"We are requested to inform the ladies of Center that Thursday will be ladies' day at the new bathroom in the Saunders hotel annex. None but ladies will be allowed to bathe on that day, and they are invited to take advantage of the new tub. Every courtesy will be shown patrons."

This item was clipped and commented on by the great dailies from Augusta, Maine, to San Francisco, and from Duluth to Tallahassee. Marked copies of the papers of Minneapolis, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Omaha, Denver and San Francisco have been received and we have been asked by 'phone to furnish views of the town and prominent people. We republish a part of the articles which have drawn attention to our town and which are samples of all the rest. The last article draws the moral although the amount should be tens of thousands and all credit should be given to the little four-column sheet which set the ball a rolling:

The comment referred to, as showing the true moral, is the following from The Norfolk Daily News:

"Center's new bath tub has been worth $1,000 in advertising the town. Its reputation has spread over this country to corners that never knew there was a Center or a Knox county before."

AGONY FROM BURNS; NO DOCTOR

Zion City Girl Fatally Injured, But Dowieites Deny Her a Physician.

Estelle Smith, principal of the Twenty-sixth street school in Zion City, was refused medical attention by her parents and the deacons of the church Sunday, after she had been so seriously burned by the explosion of a lamp that her death is considered a question of but a few hours, says a Chicago report.

Prayer services were offered for the recovery of the young woman in the tabernacle in lieu of the treatment of physicians, and the elders prayed at her bedside throughout the day and night.

The burning of Miss Smith was almost identical with that of Miss Esther Dowie, daughter of the "First Apostle," who died in Chicago three years ago without medical attention after twelve hours of the most excruciating torture.

Miss Smith was also crimping her hair for church services when the kerosene lamp used exploded. With her head and shoulders in flames she ran into the room where her parents were seated and fell at her father's feet. He extinguished the fire with a curtain jerked from a window, and the young woman was carried to her bed.

She begged piteously for relief from the pain, and the elders of the church were summoned to the bedside. There they knelt and prayed all day long, their supplications being punctuated by the moans and shrieks of the girl.

Even the father and mother joined in the prayers, turning a deaf ear to every appeal of the girl for medical relief.

Miss Smith is 25 years of age, pretty and accomplished.

COLLEGE YELL A SUCCESS.

All Columbus is Telling About the Success of it.

All Columbus is talking today about the "Bible yell" introduced in the First Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Alfred H. Pitkin, says a Columbus report.

A special service for children was held in the church auditorium after the regular Sunday school service. Each youngster had been provided with a slip of paper on which was printed in bold type:

Say, my chum, have you seen
II. Timothy, ii., 15; iii., 15;
I. John, i., 7, 9;
Romans, viii., 16?
I. Thessalonians, v., 22,
Tells you exactly what to do.

The adult members of the congregation had not been informed of what was coming. Rev. Mr. Pitkin mounted the pulpit and announced that the service would open with the "Bible yell" instead of the usual hymn by the choir, and that the cornetist who leads the singing would lead the yell, he having been taken into the pastor's confidence.

The youngsters had by ths time learned the mystic symbols, and when the pastor and cornetist led the way the building fairly shook as these words rolled out of 200 youthful throats, every little sinner putting all his voice into the work:

Say, my chum, have you seen
Second Timothy, two, fifteen, three fifteen;
First John, one, seven, nine;
Romans, eight and sixteen?
First Thessalonians, five, twenty-two,
Tells you exactly what to do.

Some of the older members of the congregation didn't know whether to feel scandalized or pleased, but the great majority enjoyed the novelty and applauded vigorously.

After a few trials the children had the "Bible yell" down pat, and gave it with true rhythm and proper emphasis; and how they did seem to enjoy it!

The yell was repeated as often as an excuse could be found throughout the service.

Speaking of the matter today, Rev. Mr. Pitkin said:

"The Bible yell roused the interest of the children and fixed in their minds the parts of Scripture referred to. There probably is not one person, young or old, who attended the service who has not looked up the chapters and verses named n the yell, and I assure you if they were read with care every one has been benefited.

"I am not sure that the yell will be made a part of the regular Sunday school service. That will depend largely upon the sentiment of those besides myself who have authority in the church. It may be a little too noisy for a regular Sunday feature, but I think it served a good purpose yesterday.

"No, I do not object to noise if it is made to the glory of God."

BOYS BAREFOOT EVERY DAY.

L. C. Bargelt Writes From Pacific Coast That Weather is Warm.

The children of L. C. Bargelt, formerly of Norfolk but now of Marshfield, Ore., have been barefoot every day this winter. A letter was received from Mr. Bargelt today by J. T. Wolfkiel, in which the writer stated that that section of the country is enjoying delightful weather, and that he likes it. "Our children," he said, "have not missed a day going barefoot this year."

F. P. SKEEN HURT.

Mr. Skeen Slipped on Icy Sidewalk and Received Bruises.

F. P. Skeen, operator at the Creighton station, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon due to a fall on the slippery sidewalk at Seventh street and Park avenue. His cheek was badly bruised and his lip cut in the fall but not seriously enough to confine him to his home.

RECEPTION TO MRS. RICKER.

Ladies Honor President, Who is About to Leave.

The Foreign Missionary society and the Home Missionary society of the M. E. church are giving a reception at the home of Mrs. Kuhl this afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Ricker, who will remove from the city in a few days. About fifty ladies are in attendance and light refreshments will be served. A handsome souvenir of remembrance will be presented to Mrs. Ricker, who has served as president of the Home Missionary society for some time.

INDIANS IN TOWN.

Party of Nine Were Here Over Night Enroute to Genoa.

A party of nine Indian children in charge of P. M. O'Neill stopped over night in Norfolk while on their way to the Indian school at Genoa. They came from the Winnebago and Omaha reservation and are going to Genoa for the first time.

Very Low Rates to Denver, Colo.,
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