

O'LEARY COW DIDN'T DO IT.

Green Hay in a Mow Set Chicago on Fire, a Son of the O'Learys Says. New York, Dec. 6.—Renewed attacks were made on the theory that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lamp and so caused the great Chicago fire of 1871. The son of Mrs. O'Leary, James O'Leary, denied the story following an announcement from the Chicago pulp that the cow had kicked over the lamp when two youths tried to milk her to get milk for punches. O'Leary said the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in the hay loft. A load of green hay had been put in a few days before. The cows, he said, were kept underneath the hay loft. "It was Sunday night. I went to bed before 8 o'clock," said O'Leary. "I had not got to sleep yet when I heard the firemen shouting in front of the house and we all got out. The first we knew about the cow and the lamp was when we read about it. Father and mother died and at heart over that world-strewn fake."

WON'T TAX BOND INTEREST.

Exemption of Federal Paper Decided Upon by Treasury Department. Washington, Dec. 6.—The treasury department has decided that in determining what is "net income" under the corporation tax section of the new tariff law, a deduction will be allowed on money received as interest on United States bonds. This exemption is not provided in the law itself, and the question of whether it was a proper one arose only a few days ago. After careful consideration it was decided that, as United States bonds are exempt from taxation by law, it would not be proper to tax the income on such bonds.

TO OUST MAYOR JIM.

Governor Shallenberger to Hear the Charges. Lincoln, Dec. 6.—Governor Shallenberger, after pondering since November 9, has cited Mayor James Dahlman and the other members of the Omaha fire and police commission to appear before him December 11 at 10 a. m., and show cause why Attorney General W. T. Thompson should not be directed to begin ouster proceedings in the supreme court under the Sackett law to remove them from office on the charge of non-enforcement of law, particularly the enforcement of laws against gambling and the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. Mayor Jim is an avowed candidate for governor next year and maybe Governor Shallenberger will be a candidate for the same office if he is not a candidate for United States senator.

HOG CHOLERA NEVER SO BAD.

Scourge is Costing Kansas Farmers Millions, C. E. Sutton Says. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 6.—The hog cholera epidemic in Kansas is a much more virulent form of the disease than ever before has been found in the state, according to C. E. Sutton of Lawrence. Mr. Sutton is president of the Kansas board of agriculture, and is one of the largest hog raisers in the state. "Kansas has had more bad cholera years," Mr. Sutton said, "but none of them has been so deadly as the last two. Last year I lost 137 hogs from my herd, while over the entire state the loss must have totaled \$2,000,000 at the least estimate. "The cholera this year is much more virulent than we ever have experienced. It takes the hogs suddenly and they die in a few hours. I have seen them walk up to the trough to eat and fall over dead. One neighbor was looking at his herd just before he went to bed and remarked what a fine, healthy lot of hogs he had. When he came out to feed them in the morning he found fifteen dead. "I do not know just what relief can be expected from the government, but the farmers of Kansas will watch any experiments made with great interest. "Recently a successful test of anti-hog cholera serum was made at the stock yards. A report was submitted to the department of agriculture, under whose surveillance the test was made, but no bulletin has been issued by the government and no effort made to make the serum available to farmers."

LOVE CAME LATE IN LIFE.

New York Society Surprised by a Coming Marriage. New York, Dec. 6.—Into the old fashioned, simple life of Miss Louisa Ewen, member of an old New York family now extinct except for three maiden ladies—sisters—who still bear the name a romance has come. Her fifty years have been spent in the well ordered regularity that belongs to another generation and she has always devoted herself and her wealth so wholly to her charities that her friends can scarcely credit the report that she is to be married. Baron Boris von Koenitz, a young German who has been in this country a few years, is mentioned as the prospective bridegroom, but if the wedding takes place it will be over the protests of Miss Ewen's sisters, who are much disturbed at the revolution pending in the family peace that has endured for more than half a century. They do not know the baron well enough, they say, to welcome him into their home circle and they have heard stories that lead them to believe he is seeking a fortune rather than a bride.

MILLION DOLLARS LOST.

Government Expects to Unmask Mabray Gang in Iowa Trials. Des Moines, Dec. 6.—When the cases of James C. Mabray and several scores of his associates are taken up for trial

this week the public will learn for the first time the full details of a colossal scheme to separate the unwary from their money.

For more than a year some of the shrewdest men of the United States secret service have been engaged in gathering evidence against the Mabray band. Their investigations have extended to every section of the United States and to Canada and Alaska. At Council Bluffs last September the United States grand jury indicted James C. Mabray and eighty-four associates on a charge of conspiring to defraud through the use of the mails. Several of those indicted are in jail here awaiting trial. Some of the accused have never been located by the authorities, while a few others have been successful in fighting extradition. Wrestlers, pugilists, turfmen and other sporting men have been involved. Others of the band are declared to be well known criminals with long records.

Although specific amounts were not mentioned in the indictments, it is said that the amounts lost by the alleged victims of Mabray and his associates will exceed a million dollars. The sums lost run from \$1,500 to \$30,000, the later sum having been placed on a fake horse race, according to the evidence at hand, by a Missouri banker.

Victims in eighteen states, the territory of Alaska, and the dominion of Canada are named in the indictments, indicating the wide range of territory over which the band plied their vocation. As a basis of operation, the cities of Little Rock, St. Louis, Seattle, New Orleans, Denver, Council Bluffs, Burlington and Davenport, to which places victims were taken by "steerers."

TO MAKE CHICAGO DRY.

A Big Anti-Saloon Campaign Begins This Week.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The opening efforts in the campaign to make Chicago "dry" through a local option vote at the April election will be begun this week. The saloon question will be brought to the front as an exceedingly live issue, and a number of noted speakers have been engaged to hammer the temperance doctrine into the minds of Chicago voters.

Twenty mass meetings in various parts of the city, with ex-Governor J. Frank Hanly of Indiana and Seaborn Wright, for twenty-five years active in the Georgia legislature, as the principal speakers, have been arranged for the week.

James K. Shields, superintendent of the Illinois Anti-Saloon league, who is at the head of the movement to place the saloon question on the ballot next spring, announced today that "no-license" petitions have been put into the hands of 500 workers, who will devote their spare moments between now and February 1 to getting signatures. Mr. Shields is certain that the required 90,000 signatures will be obtained and that, for the first time in the history of the city, the prohibition forces will be able to force a vote on whether or not Chicago shall have saloons.

The petition must be filed with the election commissioners by February 1. If the temperance workers achieve their goal February and March will witness one of the most bitter contests over the saloon on record. The saloon men say it is the height of absurdity to say that Chicago will ever be voted dry, but with the uncertainty due to the fact that the proposition has never been placed before the electors they do not intend to take any chances. The United Societies for Local Self-Government already is planning a series of mass meetings in different parts of the city to defeat the no-license movement.

Would Beat Railroad.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 6.—The region near Bancroft was the scene of an exciting chase, the pursued being a native of the "show me" state, while the pursuers were Station Agent Engel of Bancroft, and a number of his friends. The Missourian had jumped a freight bill and after taking a passenger train to make his way out of the country, was pursued for a number of miles by the station agent and his friends, who had impressed a hand car into service in the effort to overtake the fleeing man. The Missourian arrived at Bancroft a few days ago with a carload of apples. Before paying the freight charges, which amounted to \$186, he broke the seal of the car and commenced selling the apples from the track. From day to day he promised the station agent he would pay the freight charges. When the apples were nearly all sold the Missourian promised the station agent he would pay the amount due the next day. That evening he slipped aboard a west bound passenger train. His departure was soon discovered and the station agent and his friends started in pursuit on the band car. Falling to overtake the passenger train they sent word ahead to Huron to arrest the fugitive, but before the police could search the train after its arrival at Huron the Missourian had made connections with the south bound train and was on his way to his home. If he can be located he may be put to the expense of being brought back to South Dakota to stand trial on the charge of defrauding the railway company.

Madison County Deputies Named. Madison, Neb., Dec. 6.—Special to The News: County Clerk-elect S. R. McFarland, after careful consideration, has tendered the deputy clerkship to S. C. Blackman, who has accepted the position and will take up his duties as such at the commencement of the official year. S. C. Blackman is the senior editor of the Chronicle and secretary of the

republican county central committee. He is well known and highly respected throughout the county, enjoys the unqualified confidence of business men and, in every way, is competent and worthy of the trust which came to him unsolicited.

It is unquestionably Mr. McFarland's right and privilege to select for his assistants the persons whom he personally desires to have associated with him so intimately in the administration of the office, inasmuch as he is chargeable with responsibility of their acts; but in the selection of Mr. Blackman for his deputy, Mr. McFarland is to be complimented upon his good judgment and wisdom, and he can rest assured that this, his first official act, will have the approval of the people.

William Harding, the present efficient copist, so far as is known, will continue to attend to this part of the office work under Mr. McFarland. Monroe Smith, brother of Sheriff-elect C. S. Smith, and equally as well known over the county, will qualify as deputy sheriff.

W. L. Darlington will remain in the office of County Treasurer Peterson as deputy.

WARD BUYS ABSTRACT BUSINESS

Purchases the Books and Business of County Attorney Nichols. Madison, Neb., Dec. 6.—Special to The News: A. E. Ward has purchased the abstract business, books and fixtures of County Attorney James Nichols and took possession of the same Saturday. Mr. Ward is an experienced abstractor, has filed with County Judge Bates a surety company's bond in the sum of \$10,000, and will devote himself exclusively to this business and is prepared to give prompt attention to all calls of this character. His office is in the Douglas block, one door east of James Nichols' law office. County Attorney Nichols transacted legal business today at Schuyler.

HE WANTED NO GEISHA GIRLS.

When Lord Kitchener Visited Tokio There Were No Dances. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 6.—By order of the Japanese government geisha girls were barred at entertainments given recently in Tokio in honor of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener, out of deference to the marshal's reputed dislike for women. This was the information brought here today by persons on board the steamship Bellerophon, just in from Oriental ports. At the entertainment given at the Tokio municipal geisha girls were replaced by men in ancient armor carrying weapons used in medieval days, while the waitresses at the Maple club were replaced by men.

Boiler Explosion Kills.

Kansas City, Dec. 6.—Two men were killed and four others were injured following the explosion of a boiler in the basement of a six-story building at 810 Broadway in the wholesale district here shortly before noon today. The dead: James Foley, steamfitter. James Cox, driver. Fatally injured: Andrew Meyers, plumber. A negro janitor and two other workmen were seriously but not fatally injured. One of the men killed was an expressman passing by on his wagon at the time of the explosion. The other victims and injured were artisans employed in remodeling the first and second floors of the building. The two lower floors, which are vacant, collapsed. The building above the second floor was not seriously damaged. No person in the upper stories was hurt.

Tilden Man Wins Prizes.

Omaha, Dec. 6.—Special to The News: R. W. Hopkins, a Madison county, Neb., farmer, living near Tilden, has won two prizes in the national corn show. He won prize No. 2 for the sample peck of black oats, known in premium list as No. 112, class G-12. The prize is worth \$5. He also won prize No. 3 for a peck of oats other than black or white. This prize is a feed mill, worth \$4. It is premium No. 113, class G-12.

Elks' Memorial Service.

Jack Koenigstein, exalted ruler of the Norfolk Elks, presided at the memorial services in honor of the deceased Elks, which were held at the lodge rooms Sunday afternoon. Appropriate remarks were made on the life of Ira G. Westervelt, who died January 24 this year. The regular ritualistic services are held by the Elks the first Sunday of every December throughout the United States. A large number of members were present at this meeting Sunday. The secretary read the following names of the deceased members: Allen C. Powell, L. Rosenthal, J. W. Parker, G. A. Luskart, D. M. Owen, George O'Connell, Otto F. Tappert, R. L. Bransch, Thos. M. Ryan, Chas. D. Jenkins, Wm. M. Robertson, C. W. Bernsch, D. W. Woodruff, Chas. A. Madson, Samuel Wilder, B. M. Smith, William A. Smith, Ira G. Westervelt.

MONDAY MENTION.

George Henkel returned to Milwaukee. Mrs. Ira M. Hammon was a Stanton visitor. Jack Koenigstein had business at Madison. Richard Rohrke of Hoskins was in the city on business. G. T. Sprecher returned from Pilger where he has been transacting telephone business. Miss Jessie Kate of Pierce was in the city visiting friends. Miss Stella Luskart expects to go to Johnston City, Tenn., to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. James R. Fain. Rev. William Henkel, who was here attending the funeral of his mother, has returned to his home at Morrison, Wis. John Koenigstein has gone to Fort Smith, Ark., where he will join his

BELMONT HAUNTS STAGE DOORS.

A Mysterious Visit of the Millionaire to Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 6.—Unheralded, almost unnoticed, except by hotel clerks who were ordered to secrecy regarding his movements, August Belmont, the

New York financier, slipped into Chicago Sunday night and left yesterday almost as quietly as he came. Mystery characterized every action. Chicagoans, however, are wondering if the presence here of Miss Eleanor Robson, known to all play world and just closing a successful run at the Grand in "The Dawn of a Tomorrow," was not responsible for the visit.

The fact that Miss Robson has been reported engaged to be married to Mr. Belmont and the further fact that a number of times she has been his guest at his own home, is taken as supporting evidence. Mr. Belmont left the city before it was generally known he was here. Whether he saw Miss Robson is not known, and Miss Robson declines to tell. She also declines to answer any questions bearing upon her reported engagement to Mr. Belmont.

PURSUED A CHILD IN MOTORS.

Father and Grandmother Fought for a 7-Year-Old Heiress in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 6.—A wild race about Chicago in motor cars by deputy sheriffs in search of a 7-year-old girl heiress and her father, into whose custody the child was given by a circuit court judge, was won in the end by the fleeing father and daughter, who are thought to be now on their way to the father's home in the east. This incident marked the latest developments in a legal fight for the possession of Kathryn A. Good, daughter of Henry F. Good of Lock Haven, Pa. The mother of the girl, Mrs. Annie Hoxie Good, who was divorced from her husband several months ago, was killed in a motor car accident near Buffalo, N. Y., September 15. At the time of Mrs. Good's death the child's grandmother, Mrs. John R. Hoxie, of this city, was made the guardian of the girl's estate, which is valued at about \$400,000.

KEEP WATCH AT THE TOMB.

Harriman's Grave is Under the Eye of a Watchman. New York, Dec. 6.—"I reckon Mr. Harriman's body is pretty safe with me around nights." The speaker was lean of jaw and firm of mouth and his eyes roved over the expanse of mountain and valley. They were the eyes of a hunter or sentinel. This man, James Coan, guards the body of Edward H. Harriman. He maintains constant vigils against possible ghouls. Four times a night Coan steals down to the rough slab that marks the grave of the great railroad financier in the little graveyard at the small Protestant Episcopal church at Arden, known as "St. John's in the Woods."

BABY DUSTED WITH ARSENIC.

Volunteer Nurse, Who Thought She Was Using Talcum Powder. Chicago, Dec. 6.—A neighbor woman who was taking care of the 12 day old baby of Mrs. Frank Davis at Salisbury, Ill., sprinkled the child with powdered arsenic, which she mistook for talcum powder. The baby died and a coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental poisoning. The arsenic and talcum powder, although plainly labeled, were in similar packages. Twice Mrs. Davis' neighbor dusted the child with the powder after she had given the babe a bath. The mother, seriously ill before she lost her child, is now prostrated.

THE AGE TO TRAIN HORSES.

A Circus Buyer Says 5-Year-Olds Make the Best Material. Kansas City, Dec. 6.—"Five years is the age at which horses are bought for the circus," S. D. Delaven, horse buyer for the Ringling circus, said last night at the Blossom house. He is in Kansas City buying horses this week.

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Pretest Against Attacks on Loggoff.

Brussels, Dec. 6.—A protest against the attacks upon Congo administration to newspapers has been issued by members of the cabinet, the presidents of the houses of parliament, the president of the court of cassation, the archbishop of Brussels and other dignitaries. The protest declares that the attacks upon Pelletum are unmerited and appeals to England to stop the campaign of demand.

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Gregory County Farmers Win.

Omaha, Dec. 7.—Winners of prizes offered for South Dakota growers only in corn, wheat, oats and barley at the national corn exposition have been announced. They are: For best ten ears yellow dent corn—J. P. Thompson, Elk Point, first prize, \$50; George H. Whiting, Yankton, second prize, \$18. For best ten ears dent corn, other than yellow—Hugh C. Pierce, Fairfax, first prize, \$32; Bunner Bros., Hurley, second prize, \$15. For best ten ears flint corn, any variety—L. H. Kruger, Orient, first prize, \$20; George H. Whiting, Yankton, second prize, \$5.50; Peter Neuberger, Sioux Falls, third prize, \$2. For best single ear dent corn, any color—J. P. Thompson, Elk Point, first prize, \$5; John Laking, Hurley, second prize, \$4; George H. Whiting, Yankton, third prize, \$2. George H. Whiting, Yankton, third prize, \$3.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Wilhelmina Henkel, who died last Tuesday, were held at the residence at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Services were held at the Christ Lutheran church at 2:30 by Rev. J. P. Mueller, after which the body was interred at the St. Paul's cemetery. Mrs. Henkel was a widow and was 77 years old. Two sons, Rev. William Henkel of Morrison, Wis., and George Henkel of Milwaukee, were present at the funeral. The pallbearers were: C. F. Hlanke, Ferdinand Schulz, Gottlieb Brummund, William Wagner, Fred Wachter, Herman Korth.

Traveling men report much trouble in trying to make a stop at Lead, S. D., where a strike of the miners of the Homestake mine is now on. Miners believing the traveling men are either "spotters" or detectives, wait at the stations and allow none of them off the trains. A Lead paper, however, reports one lucky traveling man who had the town to himself. This man is Frank Hirsch of Norfolk. The Lead paper says: "Frank Hirsch of Norfolk is in the city and is calling on his customers, not being deterred as have other traveling men, from coming to the city by reason of the existing trouble."

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