

WORK OF THE FLAMES

A Fire in San Francisco Causes Nearly a Million Dollar Loss.

AN IOWA TOWN OBLITERATED.

Baltimore Visited by the Largest Conflagration It Has Known For Years—Canadian Paper Mill Destroyed.

San Francisco's Big Blaze.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Shortly before 4 this afternoon fire broke out in the basement of L. & E. Emanuel's furniture establishment on Market street, between Third and Fourth streets, and rapidly spread to A. L. Bancroft & Co.'s stationery and publishing establishment on the corner of Third and Fourth streets, which is five stories high, and gutted the entire contents consumed. The fire spread to adjoining smaller buildings, a number of which, with their contents, were also destroyed. The total losses are estimated at three-quarters of a million dollars. A. L. Bancroft & Co., building, \$150,000; insurance, \$70,000. Stock and plant, \$200,000; insurance, \$120,000. E. M. Emanuel, stock, \$120,000; insurance, \$20,000. Losses on the surrounding buildings and contents, \$200,000. Very little was saved. The late Patrick Bealy was killed by the falling wall of Bancroft's building while endeavoring to escape from the building. A number of others are reported killed and several seriously injured.

Heavy Loss in Iowa.

CHICAGO, April 30.—The Daily News Key-stone Iowa, special says: The postoffice and other buildings were destroyed by fire last night. The fire spread rapidly and it was with great trouble that the postoffice records and mail matter was saved. Much of that destroyed was unimportant mail matter. The fire expended itself after destroying the business portion of the town.

Cedar Rapids, April 30.—A Republican school on Key-stone places the loss by the fire to-day at \$25,000 to \$40,000. All the houses in town except three were destroyed.

A Scoop at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, April 30.—The most disastrous fire that has taken place in this city in many years broke out shortly after 7 o'clock to-night in the five-story warehouse, 519 West Baltimore street, occupied by S. W. Ploss & Co., wholesale grocers. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity, and the entire fire department was called upon. But the brick wall carried the fire to the addition, buildings, and they were badly damaged before the water could exert its influence. The total loss cannot be less than \$200,000. The insurance of about two-thirds of that amount. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A Paper Mill Burns.

LINDSAY, Ont., April 30.—The Seuzog paper mill was burned to-night. Loss, \$35,000; insurance \$30,000.

JAY GOULD'S PLAN.

Gratuitous Advice to the Working-men of the Country.

NEW YORK, April 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The Times this morning has a three column interview with Jay Gould. While he professes to believe in labor organizations generally, he finds nothing but evil in the strike methods of the Knights of Labor, which, he says, he has found to be a stirrer of strife and breeder of discord. He speaks of the strike on the Missouri Pacific as causing only momentary annoyance and says the final result does not displease us. We have compact organizations manning our property. We are not to be intimidated by a strike. I look for little immediate good to anybody, least of all to the working people, who are directly and vitally interested, from the species of agitation that is now shown to us most conspicuously. The workingmen, so far as we see, are in their bodies of the stamp of the Knights of Labor, are doing themselves an inestimable amount of harm. Organized labor, as we get a presentation of it, is in the wrong path. Unscrupulous and designing leaders are blinding the masses. Properly organized, the laborer must be a stronger man, more thoughtful, and a better citizen. I think the true mission of labor organizations should be to properly educate their members and weed out black sheep and provide an insurance scheme whose benefits would be worth having.

The Congressional Committee.

ST. LOUIS, April 30.—The congressional committee went into executive session, last night the greater part of the morning. Immediately after adjourning, the committee gave a list of names of the most prominent men in St. Louis to the sergeant-at-arms and requested him to see that they were present at a meeting to be held this afternoon, when the taking of testimony will begin.

Iowa's High School Contest.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 30.—The eighth annual high school contest, which was held in this city to-night. The first and second prizes for dramatic reading were awarded to Miss Rose St. John, Des Moines, and Miss Cora Lee, Iowa City. The prize for humorous reading was given to Hattie Connor, Des Moines.

Nominations and a Veto.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate to-day: Postmasters—At Fort Snelling, Minn., J. C. Curtis; at Baltimore, Md., Frank Brown, vice J. F. Vezev, resigned.

A Bloody Double Tragedy.

MATTOON, Ill., April 30.—William Gallamore yesterday inflicted fatal wounds on Mary Sargent and her son, John. Both will die. Gallamore is said to be a half-witted young man and has been annoying the girl with lover-like procreantious some time.

A Petition for the Pardon of Fife.

NEW YORK, April 30.—A petition is being circulated in this city asking the pardon of James D. Fife. The petition is said to be signed by over 900 depositors of the Marine bank and by many officers of banks in this city and throughout the country.

Two at a Jump.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Lionel Somerfield, white, and Richard J. Lee, colored, were hanged in the city jail at 11:30 this morning. The crime for which Somerfield died was the murder of his son-in-law, Gottlieb.

A Day Throttled.

Hudson, N. Y., April 30.—Giuseppa Soopa, the Italian convicted for the murder of Antonio, was hanged in his cell at 10 o'clock last night by hanging.

Cora Lee Still Living.

ST. LOUIS, April 30.—The Post-Dispatch's Springfield, Mo., special says: "The statement that Cora Lee was dead, sent from here last night, is mistaken."

Thanks for the Gift.

ROME, April 30.—The pope has sent an autograph letter to Emperor William thanking him in a very courteous manner for the recent gift of the gold cross.

The Week's Failures.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The total number of failures in the country during the last seven days was 207.

The Stock Yards Hotel.

Since the completion of the large four-story brick hotel and exchange building at South Omaha, there have been a good many inquiries as to the future management of the hotel. For some reason the stock yards company have kept it very quiet. At one time it was rumored that the Pacific Hotel company would run the hotel, but it is now claimed that the house will be leased by George Canfield.

Uncle Sam and His Servants.

The new distribution of mail in the postoffice, made necessary by the recent increase in the number of our letter carriers, was attempted last night for the first time. It worked slowly, of course, but as time advanced the mail will become more expeditiously delivered, especially themselves to the new order of things. To-day the new carriers will appear with their bags for the first time.

A Regular Jacob Law.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston, April 30.—A law for the immediate execution of railway train wreckers, when apprehended in the act, was passed in the house of deputies to-day.

Hung in Private.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 30.—James Walker, colored, was hanged in St. Augustine to-day for the murder of Charles Harper November last. The execution was private.

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JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE.

Is Labor Marching to Oppose the Contractor?

Notwithstanding the fact that to-day, mechanics engaged in the construction of houses were to insist upon an increase of wages, there is but little apprehension that the change will be attended with a very great strike. While it may not be stated with authority that the contractors will accede to the wishes of their men, there is reason to believe that they will go a great distance to meet the wishes of the same. They feel their men will not reasonably also and both may effect a happy compromise. Notwithstanding the length of time this change has been pending, it is questionable if any of the associations desiring the change are now prepared to strike. But there is no telling what may happen on the spur of the moment. Certain it is, so far as the laborer's case may be up to last night, no association had decided irrevocably, unless perhaps it was the brick maulers, to go upon a strike this morning.

With regard to the most of these mechanics, there would be found, the reporter was informed a strong sentiment and support in their effort to obtain a raise in their wages. None of them, brick layers, carpenters, stone masons, stone cutters, or plasterers, have been able to get little beyond the necessities of life during the past five months. Very few of them do or can work during winter, even if work could be had. But it is not that. These men are therefore poor in pocket, and a cry for a slight reasonable increase would find many supporters among other artisans.

This is especially true of plasterers. Their last work is done early in the fall, as a rule, and does not again open until all the other trades have been able to erect homes and edifices. Even now there is no work for them, and, as they say of themselves when they have no work, they surely can command no price for labor. But they are not a bricklayer's union, and both work for their mutual interests.

The plasterers' union met last night in the hall northwest corner Fourteenth and Douglas streets. The session was sover, and it was felt that all action on the raise of wages was to be deferred until their committee on conference can confer with a like committee on Tuesday next from the "Bricklayers' Hall."

A number of brick maulers met in met in Wolf's hall, southwest corner Cumming and Twenty-second streets. There was a large attendance of seemingly intelligent and honest men. But there were a couple of busybodies, and so the presence of a reporter was worse than the death plant. The scribe was compelled to withdraw. The maulers adopted a constitution, and finally resolved to strike to-day if they failed to get the raise to \$3 per day.

Other associations met throughout the city, but their actions were secret.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

It Will Probably be Celebrated on a Large Scale by the Masons.

The recent success of the Odd Fellows' celebration in this city has induced some of our other civic associations to look toward a celebration of the same general character. The first to take a step in this direction has been the Masonic fraternity of this city. They have appointed a committee to report upon the advisability, as well as the feasibility, of holding a celebration upon some one of the festivals of the society. The committee has not yet reported, but it is pretty generally understood that they will suggest the St. John's day as the most suitable time on which to hold a celebration. With delegates and lodges from all parts of the state and Iowa, a display could be made which would attract thousands of people to our city.

Two Colored Men Play at Billiards for Fifty Dollars.

Last night, a highly interesting game of billiards was played by two colored men in Frank Bellamy's saloon on the northeast corner of Capitol avenue and Twelfth streets. It was for a purse of \$50, between Frank Bellamy and Thomas Presser, the latter playing 350 points to Golden's 300. The game ran along very evenly, Presser being slightly in the lead almost throughout the game.

When the close approached, but thirteen shots intervened between the two. When Golden got the balls where it was thought he might trundle them and defeat his opponent who now had but one point to make, he was very cautious. He played with caution, so that he missed one of the easiest shots and the other, James Harris acted as marker and G. F. MacBeth as scorer.

The Last Turn—Extravagance is Bad. Marshal E. L. Bierbower left the night before last for North Platte. It remained there but a short time, returning, as is expected, to-day. He went to serve subpoena upon certain witnesses who are required to be here on next Tuesday, at which time the both the United States circuit and district courts convene here.

Mr. Brewster will be here Monday night, ready to commence business on the following morning. One of the notable cases which comes up for attention will be that of the "Yellow Lead" fraud. Both of these are implicated in the fraud fraud which took place a few months ago, Legend, the convicted man of means from Chicago, will come here and be sentenced. He was on his way here when caught in a snow blockade about a year ago.

Mr. Patk Egan, of Lincoln, was in town yesterday. He showed the Bee a copy of the Gladstone bill relating to Irish legislative independence. It is printed on coarse soft blue paper, and comprises about forty pages, each the size of one of our legislative enactments. The bill reads differently than it did when first printed in the papers. It is admirably arranged, one feature, the index or glossary of words with its peculiar and technical meaning being most convenient. The first clause will be read with a good deal of interest to English ears. It runs as follows: "On and after the first day of June next, all laws published in Ireland a legislature consisting of her majesty, the queen, and an imperial legislative assembly."

Omaha and a New Bridge Company. The Usher & Russell foundry and machine shops have now located in Omaha. Both members of the firm will be here on Monday next. The work of building their shops will then be begun. Both the structure will be erected before the 15th of June.

Accompanying these gentlemen will be representatives of the Missouri River bridge company. This will give employment to 150 men. It wants to locate here, and can be induced to locate if it is rightly managed. It builds iron bridges and has