

DISASTROUS LINCOLN FIRE Pressed Brick Plant of the Backstaff Brothers Destroyed. MANY MEN THROWN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT. Loss Sustained Estimated to be About One Hundred Thousand Dollars—Freight Cars Impounded by the Fighters' Work.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special to The Bee.)—The vindictive and press brick works, belonging to the Backstaff Bros. Manufacturing company, were almost entirely consumed by fire at an early hour this forenoon and as a result the company has sustained a loss of over \$100,000 and 120 men have been thrown out of employment. The works were the most extensive in the west and have been running to their full capacity for the past year.

The flames started in the drying sheds and were confined within the walls for a long time before they finally burst into view. The sheds are about 100 feet long and were divided into large number of smaller compartments, built for the purpose of drying the soft molded brick and were so arranged that a strong current of hot air could be forced through the several compartments. Adjoining buildings were caught fire and in a few minutes more the entire structure was a mass of flames.

The work was owned by the Backstaff Bros. Manufacturing company, which was incorporated last July with a paid up capital of \$1,000,000. The company has a working capital of \$2,000,000 and has a high quality to the city of Lincoln, while paying contractors at Omaha total \$2,500,000. Late in the afternoon of Monday the fire was so large as to permit them to be operated at their full capacity during the winter months. Over 125 men are thrown out of employment.

The company has as yet arrived at no conclusion as to its immediate course; but it is certain that some form of reorganization is once and possibly upon a larger scale than ever. No estimate of the loss has yet been made, but it is believed to be fully \$100,000. How the Insurance is Divided. The insurance \$400,000 is divided as follows: Two thousand dollars each in Underwriters, Pennsylvania, Manchester and American Fire, \$9,000 in the Insurance Company of North America, \$10,000 in the Hamburg-Bremer Phoenix Assurance, Oakland Home, Spring Garden, Northern and Etina, and \$1,000 each in the Sun, North British, Phoenix, American Fire, Hudson's Bay, Mutual, Scottish Union, American Central, Northern Assurance, Fire Association of Delaware, Grand Rapids, State of Des Moines, Hartford, Phoenix, Commercial Union, London and Manchester, Milwaukee Merchants, Providence of Washington, Granite State, Fireman's of New York, Commercial Union, American, New York, Atlas of London and Detroit Fire.

Asked for \$10,000. Lillie Roberts asks the district court for \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained by her run down car, which she says she had on Christmas day, 1932, she hailed a car that was passing her home near South and Fourteenth street. It was without a motor and the motorist stopped in front of her home. She started the car backwards. When it struck her, she was caught under the platform and pinned to it. Her crushing head and neck injuries, and inflating injuries permanent in their character. Fred Albrecht, administrator of the estate of John Drummond, asks the district court to set aside the deed made by John Rodden to his son-in-law, John Warren, of his farm near Crete, and cancel the mortgage executed by Rodden to a promisee, Jacob Peterson, on his farm near Crete, and cattle on the ground that they were made without consideration and with intent to defraud the estate of John Drummond. Judgment of \$1,000 against Rodden, obtained for injuries inflicted on Drummond in a fight.

Lincoln Divorce. Five petitions for divorce were filed this morning in the district court. Charles Milington, cruelty and desertion; Daisy Jester vs. A. H. Jester, cruelty; Benjamin S. Colver vs. Lida Colver, desertion; George L. Buchanan vs. Helen Buchanan, cruelty and desertion; Lizzie J. Loftis vs. James H. Loftis, desertion. Mrs. Lewis was granted a divorce this morning from her husband, Arthur Lewis, for cruelty and desertion. Judge Tibbets is now engaged in hearing a hotly contested case where Augusta Biel asks for a divorce from her husband, Peter, a prominent farmer in the north part of the county. Each is anxious for a divorce, but the amount of the money to be divided is the subject of contention. The woman's principal allegations is that Peter contributed to her mental anguish by contracting the habit of sleeping on her toes while his heavy boots were on. He wanted to annoy her and induce his stepson, aged 23, to make faces and run out his tongue at her. Peter's chief complaint appears to be that his wife left him three times just when he needed her most—at harvest time. City in Brief. The management of the manufacturer's carnival, which opens in the Hovey block on North Tenth street Monday, reports that the applications for space for exhibitors are much greater than expected, and the success of the enterprise practically assured. The republican are in a snarl over the action of the city central committee Tuesday evening in giving such ward twenty-five delegates instead of following the usual plan of apportioning the number according to the vote of the last election. The chairman of the committee claims it was illegally held, and has called for a new election for Saturday night in spite of the fact that the committee adjourned until Friday evening. W. B. Price, attorney for G. F. Betts, asked Judge Hall today to call up Betts' case first, as he was very desirous of being relieved of the irksome necessity of remaining in jail so long while the other indicted are trying their motion. It will not be passed until tomorrow. William Kosbau was arrested today on a charge of obtaining a bribe from Max Wolpa on false pretenses. Max claims that Kosbau traded him a ring claiming it to be gold, whereas it was simply brass. Insurance of the merits of DeWitt's Little Pills regulate liver, cure headache, dyspepsia, bad breath, constipation and biliousness.

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TAX FIGURES. Collections for January—Prospecta for the General Fund. A statement of the taxes collected during January for the special funds has been computed by City Treasurer Bolin and makes the following showing: Paving, \$51,372 07; Alley paving, 1,429 41; Curbing and gutting, 7,064 03; Sewer connection, 1,250 00; Sidewalk, 2,536 30; Filling lots, 136 61; Sleeping banks, 64 15; Boarding, 656 26; Street improvement, 1,632 38; Sewer connection, 214 15. Total, \$78,674 73. The regular taxes collected amounted to \$16,610 31, making a total of \$95,285 11. In response to an order from the city council, Comptroller Oles has made a comparison showing that 90 per cent of the 12-mile levy for the general fund will produce \$219,145.00 on the basis of the assessment now made, which is liable to some change. Last year the general fund received \$254,302.58, and there was still \$30,161.90 on hand February 1.

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