

Manager Grier of the Fort Pierre line took in the situation and a wood train with ten or fifteen cars was hastily started toward Piedmont, gathering up the people along the line of the road with a few hastily picked up household goods.

The train arrived here at 8 p. m. with about 150 men, women and children who had fled from their burning homes.

It is reported that Elk Creek is entirely wiped out. The town contained one large general store belonging to the Homestead Mining company, blacksmith shop, drug store, saloon and number of dwellings.

At 10 p. m. a special train left for the scene of the fire, supposed to be near Hunkle, with 114 soldiers under command of Captain Luff, together with a large number of citizens.

Persons who escaped say that it is certain that a number of woodchoppers and timber men with their families have perished. Tens of thousands of cords of wood and large quantities of hewn timber belonging to the Homestead Mining company have been destroyed.

Chief Seavey Has Ordered an Investigation of the Cause of the Early Sunday Morning Fire at 27th, Waverly Street, and Detectives are Encouraged to Find out Whether it is of Incendiary Origin.

In the neighborhood of where the blaze occurred all sorts of rumors are afloat. The building was uninsured and belonged to Mrs. I. M. who had a small grocery store.

At the time of the fire it was occupied by Mrs. Nelson as a feed store and Mrs. Clemens with a small stock of groceries. The latter is reported to have a man named Baker in charge of her store who also slept there every night, except the last one, when he claims to have been in attendance on Mrs. Clemens, who, it is said, was sick at this time.

It is also alleged that a supply of fire crackers was found in the place where the fire started in the grocery store.

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Federal Elections Bill and Silver.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The silver men in the senate are feeling decidedly encouraged as the prospect that the federal elections bill may reach the senate, which would be one of the leaders today, with a prospect of getting the election bill here in that time, and I am assured today that we will get it here in that time.

Wanted by the Police.

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—Police are looking for Dr. Eugene West, who they think is responsible for the death of Miss Addie Gilmour, the young woman whose head was found floating in the bay. The police have a theory that Dr. West performed a criminal operation on the young woman, which resulted in her death, and that in order to conceal the evidence of his crime he cut her throat and threw it into the bay.

Wrecked by a Motor.

St. Louis, Sept. 20.—This morning, while running full speed down Mount Pleasant hill, in the southern part of the city, motor car No. 99 ran into a wagon containing four persons, throwing them out, wrecking the car and wagon, and killing William Esauhammer. Dick received serious injuries in the back and hips, also internally. He will die. Joseph Wells and former having a rib broken and the latter a leg. The motorman is charged with the responsibility for the wreck, but says he rang his horn in time to prevent the disaster.

TOOK TWENTY-EIGHT ROUNDS

Johnny Van Heest Gets the Best of Napier at New Orleans.

SOME HOT FIGHTING AND SLOW WORK

Both Were Eager, but Neither Could End the Affair in a Hurry—A Stomach Punch Did the Business

New Orleans, Sept. 20.—Van Heest and Napier fought tonight in the Olympic club before an assemblage of 4,000 for \$2.00. Napier entered the ring at 10 o'clock promptly and was accompanied by Steve O'Brien, Mike Haley and Andy Bowen, with W. H. Robinson as timekeeper. Van Heest followed soon after, with Charles Gleason, John Cass, Tim Dwyer and Leon Barre, B. Y. Morris as timekeeper. John Duffy acted as referee.

Napier was a strong favorite with the betting masses. Frank Campbell was the official timekeeper with George W. Barrett of the police force was in charge of the fight.

The men advanced to the center of the ring at 9:12 and the first round commenced. The men fought continuously throughout the round. Napier missed several well intended heads and Van Heest did not do any damage with the blows he landed.

In round 2 there was some hard fighting. Napier nearly upset Van with a terrific heart punch, though the latter landed a little better on the tenth.

Napier gained first blood in the fifth, though Van Heest landed the larger number of telling blows, landing frequently and knocking down Van Heest several times.

Nothing was done in the next four, but Van Heest recovered his wind. Rounds 16 and 17 were in his favor. In the third round Van Heest being knocked down repeatedly. The fight was a close one.

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CINCINNATI, Sept. 20.—Results: First race, three-fifths (sixteen of a mile): Sillig (3 to 1) won, Park Owens (3 to 1) second, Miss Mosley (9 to 5) third. Time: 1:24.

Second race, one mile: Pearl N (4 to 1) won, Miss G (5 to 1) second, Harry Waldon (12 to 1) third. Time: 1:07 1/2.

Third race, three-fourths mile: Six O'clock (3 to 1) won, Johnna (2 to 1) second, Governor Brown (10 to 1) third. Time: 1:16 1/2.

Fourth race, mile and sixteenth: Prince Carl (2 to 1) won, Buck was (3 to 1) third, Buck Rep (7 to 1) third. Time: 1:07 1/2.

Fifth race, one mile: Anna Victor (4 to 1) won, Dispatch (5 to 1) second, Duvoy (10 to 1) third. Time: 1:03.

Sixth race, three-fourths mile: Say On (5 to 2) won, Indus (2 to 1) second, Henry Jenkins (7 to 1) third. Time: 1:22 1/2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

New York Shows Louisville How to Win Two at Once.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 20.—The Giants turned the tables on the Colonels and won both games. The Colonels lost the first game by rapid base running. It took eleven innings to decide the game.

Second game. In the second game the Giants batted Wittrock hard in the first inning. Attendance, 3,000. Score: New York, 3; Louisville, 0.

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York City for duty as attending surgeon and examiner of recruits in that city, relieving Captain Guy L. Edge, assistant surgeon. Captain Ed. F. Kelly, relieved by Captain Shannon, will repair to this city and report to the attending surgeon for duty in his office at 10 o'clock.

Captain Fayette W. Roe, Third Infantry, is relieved from further duty with his company at Chicago and will return to Fort Snelling, Minn., and report to the commanding officer of this regiment for such duty as may be required of him until his company shall have returned to its permanent station.

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The Buffalo councils have lately prepared and are now canvassing a petition to the president and members of congress asking that no action be taken by this government officially to recognize Mgr. Satelli as the papal legate in this country, and protesting against such action as a "confrontation" of the interests of the country and the latter as well as of the spirit of the constitution of the United States and the liberties of the people.

KEEP IT DARK.

W. J. Broatch and the Old Twenty-First Cavalry.

As the campaign begins to crystallize the old Twenty-Eight cavalry is appearing again at the surface and preparing to resume operations under the leadership of their former chief, W. J. Broatch, who is, however, keeping quietly in the background at the Mercer hotel.

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FATAL PANIC IN A THEATER

Battle Scene in "Michael Strogoff" Ends in a Tragedy.

Opera House at Canton, Ill., Burned.

Twenty People Caught in the Crush of the Escaping Crowd and Badly Injured—Three Will Endlessly Die of Their Wounds.

CANTON, Ill., Sept. 20.—An appalling loss of life was narrowly averted last night when the Canton opera house was burned. Twenty-five people were badly bruised and burned, and one has since died.

The fire began during the third act of "Michael Strogoff" when the fireworks are set off during a battle scene. The sparks from the fire ignited some scenery, and in less than two minutes the company was compelled to retire from the stage.

The audience first rose en masse and would have made a wild plunge for the doors had not men in different parts of the house called loudly, "Sit down; sit down." Some did sit down and among them those in the gallery.

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Extra quality Canton Flannel at... 10c

65c and 75c fine Henriettas and Serges, the great values of the season, at... 39c

50 pieces of 50c Worsted Dress Goods, grand value at... 25c

Gray Blankets, weight 5lbs—worth \$1.50 a pair—at... 98c

Case of \$2.50 White Blankets on Thursday at... \$1.85

1 lot of all wool Scarlet Flannel, worth 40c a yard, for... 25c

Children's \$3 School Wraps tomorrow for... \$1.99

If you would have an extra yard of material well worth \$1.75 a yard, buy it tomorrow... \$1.10

Ladies' Muslin Drawers, cluster tucks and lace edge, a pair... 25c

Children's Aprons, Gingham and Mother Hubbs, hard styles, at... 40c & 60c

Boys' all wool Combination Suits, with extra pants and hat... \$5.00

5 pieces of Red Table Damask, worth 25c a yard, tomorrow at... 12 1/2c

Good 5-8 Napkins, well worth \$1.25 a dozen, for... 98c

French Pique Bed Spreads, worth \$1.50, Thursday at... 98c

An extra large size Crochet Spread, Marseilles design, for... 98c

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