

THEORY OF THE REES FIRE

Difference of Opinion Between the Fire and Police Departments.

POLICE THINK IT WORK OF AN INCENDIARY

Mrs. Usher Tells a Story of Having Seen a Man in the Building Just Prior to Turning in the Alarm.

The fire occurred on the night of August 6. Since that time the police of the city have been working on the theory that the blaze was of incendiary origin.

The suspicion of incendiarism was based. In the first place, upon a statement of Mrs. W. J. Usher, 812 Harney street, who was the first person to notice the blaze and who gave the alarm.

The theory of incendiarism is further supported by a story told by a man named Bradley, in the employ of the printing company.

THEORY OF INCENDIARISM IS FURTHER SUPPORTED BY A STORY TOLD BY A MAN NAMED BRADLEY, IN THE EMPLOY OF THE PRINTING COMPANY.

The police have enough faith in the stories, however, to be working on an investigation. Several parties are under suspicion, but they do not include any member of the firm or any employe of Iken & Co.

DOUGLAS COUNTY HAS ITS SHARE. Supply of Copies of the Session Laws Exhausted.

Copies of the session laws of the last legislature are in great demand and the law of supply and demand bids fair to send the price of them away above par.

Material for Interior Finish Comes Next Week.

Contractors who returned yesterday from Milwaukee and announced that the marble for the interior finish of the new postoffice building would all be here next week.

GOLD PRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIA

Over One Billion Dollars Since the Beginning of the Year.

PORT CROOK, Aug. 20.—(To the Editor of The Bee.)—Prior to 1848 the estimated amount of the world's gold in circulation was about \$2,500,000,000.

AFSAIRS OF THE GLOBE BANK. Officers Say They Are Making Progress in Closing Up Business.

W. B. Taylor was asked yesterday regarding the dispatch from Lincoln to the effect that the State Banking Board had discovered that no report of the condition of the Globe Loan and Trust Company's Savings Bank had been received.

PLANNED TO END HIS TROUBLES. James Fleming Goes to the Station Instead of the Grave.

James Fleming entered a drug store at South Omaha yesterday afternoon and demanded prussic acid or any other poison that would do the work.

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AT LAW. In Court, Best Charges Palmer with Perjury.

Charles H. Palmer, cigar dealer at 314 South Omaha, has been arrested on a warrant charging perjury, which was issued yesterday out of police court at the instance of Willard S. Best.

WAKING UP OTHER ROADS

Milwaukee-Rock Island-Midland Combination Seeks the Business.

RAILROAD ALLIANCE UNDER DISCUSSION

New Ties of Western Lines Brings in a Strong Competitor for Passenger Business to the Coast.

Only one subject was discussed in Omaha passenger circles yesterday. It was the establishment of two new transcontinental routes for tourist car service and the extreme probability of the later establishment of first-class passenger service by the same lines.

The new line of tourist cars from Pittsburg to San Francisco, which will run along the coast, is being organized by the longest continuous haul of the same kind in the country.

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Burlington officials are inclined to believe that the new combination will not get together long, and support this view by calling attention to the fact that the Burlington and Milwaukee tried to work together and failed.

Western railroads have agreed on these rates: One fare from all points in the West to the Missouri River, August 26; one fare and a third from all points in Nebraska to the Missouri River, September 2.

Residents of Jefferson Precinct Are Charged with Forgery.

Herman Timme, C. J. Warner and Claus Ott of Jefferson precinct, for whose arrest on the charge of forgery warrants were issued from the county court, were released from custody by Judge Baxter.

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GOES UP AMONG THE CLOUDS

Inventor of This Mechanical Contrivance Will Soon Arrive in Omaha.

AMUSEMENT FEATURE FOR EXPOSITION

Giant Umbrella to Be Erected on the Plaisance—Engineers Declare the Concern is Practical and Safe.

R. E. Sherman, the inventor of the umbrella, which will be the prominent engineering novelty of the exposition, has notified the Department of Concessions that he will be commencing active work on his machine.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION has sent to the printer an illustrated pamphlet of the exposition which will be ready for giving out some time next week.

German-Americans Incorporate. The movement among the German-American citizens of Omaha to participate in the organization of a German-American association is making rapid progress.

Advertising the Exposition. The Department of Publicity and Promotion has sent to the printer an illustrated pamphlet of the exposition which will be ready for giving out some time next week.

Committee to Hear the Brown Case. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—The committee which the Board of Public Works presented its case against Rev. C. O. Brown, now of Chicago, has selected the following representatives on the council of appeal to the supreme court of the state.

Attends College by Proxy. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—Attorney Lewis Titus of this city has just begun his third regular year at the University of California as a student by proxy.

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BIDS ON REPAIRING FARNAM STREET

Competing Contractors Beat Down the Prices.

West Farnam street will be repaved at the lowest price at which a paving contract has ever been let in Omaha.

Barber Asphalt Company—Asphalt, five-year guarantee, \$1.62; ten-year guarantee, \$2.02; brick only between street car tracks, \$1.44; stone block, \$2.32.

IMPROVEMENTS BY GAS COMPANY. The Omaha Gas Company took out building permits yesterday for improvements on its property at Twentieth and Center streets, aggregating over \$25,000.

IMPROVING BICYCLE PATH. The Board of Public Works is trying a new improvement on the south end of the Florence bicycle path, and if it proves satisfactory the same improvement will be made to the city limits.

STOCK MAKES REPLY. OMAHA, Aug. 20.—The Editor of The Bee: Upon my return from a short vacation, my attention was called to an article in the Evening Bee of August 3, headed "Council Will Look Into the Bills—Stuhl's Methods in Buying Supplies."

TEXAS ALLIANCE TO GO IT ALONE. Finally Decides to Cut Loose From the National Body.

NATIONAL UNION ELECTION. The former president of the national union of Omaha, U. S. Broder, was elected as commander-in-chief today.

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