

Hotel register he was taken to the central station, where he is being detained. Mrs. Sheppard's son was one of the first to be awakened. He awoke his mother and both began screaming. Many persons were thus warned of the danger and made their escape. The woman was so panic-stricken that she was not among the first to attempt to escape and she was making her way into the most dangerous part of the building when a fireman seized her and her son and conducted them to the floor below, where he dropped them out of a window.

J. E. Herbert, of Salsville, O., jumped from the fourth floor, where he had been sleeping. He struck on the roof of No. 178 Madison street, near where Mrs. Sheppard fell. His right leg was broken and he suffered internal injuries. He was taken to the county hospital.

W. J. Thomas, a mail clerk of Cedar Rapids, jumped through a window on the fourth floor and in his blind haste narrowly escaped falling to the street. He managed to make his way to the fire escape and climbed to the ground. Previous to Thomas' escape twenty-five to thirty persons had climbed down the fire escape to the street. All were in their night clothing.

Makes a Perilous Escape. Allen Oldorf of Milwaukee made a perilous descent from the fourth floor by scaling the wall by means of the iron shutters. Oldorf stated that he had seen at least a dozen persons on the top floor vainly endeavoring to make their way from the building by means of the front stairway.

Many of the bodies were in the beds in the position of slumber. Others were found in the hallways, lying face downward. In positions that must have portrayed how they had vainly endeavored to save their lives. Some were half-clad and others were nothing but night clothing.

It was by means of articles and letters in the pockets of what little clothing some of the dead persons wore that many identifications were made.

F. A. Smith, proprietor of the hotel, said: "I am certainly not to blame for the awful catastrophe. Three weeks ago the agents of this building came to the top floor stairway in the rear of the building, and also to build a fire wall around the freight elevator in the rear. The contractors came and looked the building over, but nothing was done. Last night our seventy rooms were all filled and should judge that we had about 125 to 150 guests.

Most of our guests last night were persons who came to Chicago to visit the stock market and knew little of the building.

Chief Muehler of the fire department said that it was the worst fire he had attended during his career as a fireman, and that so dense was the smoke that it was impossible to reach the imprisoned guests, who died like rats in a cage.

"The building," said the chief, "was one of the worst fire traps I have ever seen. The floors in places had cracks in them large enough to drop a penny through, and the smoke just sifted through and suffocated the inmates of the rooms before they had time to make their way to the hallways."

Of the people injured it was necessary to take only three to the hospital. The others, suffering from slight cuts and bruises or from the inhalation of smoke, were cared for at neighboring drug stores and departed without their names being reported to the police.

A coroner's jury was empaneled this afternoon and after viewing the bodies of the victims went to the ill-fated hotel, where an examination was made of the various rooms. The jurors were then dismissed to meet for the inquest on December 12.

At the conclusion of the inspection the coroner said:

"The fire was undoubtedly caused by the explosion of an oil stove in the rear of the third floor. The building was carelessly constructed, the fire-escape is worthless, the building short of a crane that would lift nothing should have been used as a housing place for human beings.

FAIRBURY IS TO THE FORE (Continued from First Page.) hand, the surveyor apparently holds that they are not sample in a strict construction of the law, and therefore doubtful. The department has no information as to the case, and at the instance of Representative Hull has wired Redmon to forward a report setting forth the facts in the matter.

Rejects Widow's Land Entry. Secretary Hitchcock today affirmed the decision of the general land office in rejecting the application of Charlie F. Rugg, assignee of Dolly Mathias, for soldiers' additional homestead entry for certain land in the heyenne, Wyo., land district. He holds that neither the widow nor the soldier had any rights to assign.

Minor Mention. Rev. A. A. Walburn of Coia, Ia., is in the city on a short tour of relaxation from his ministerial duties. Mrs. Henderson, wife of the speaker, is expected to arrive in Washington about the middle of next week.

A postoffice has been established at Lakesboro, Carroll county, Ia., with Charles H. Peters as postmaster. The postoffice at Lafayette, Lin county, Ia., has been ordered discontinued and mail sent to Alburnett.

The corporate existence of the Fremont National bank of Fremont, Neb., has been extended until the close of business December 4, 1902.

Dr. George B. Dent has been appointed a pension examining surgeon at North Platte and Dr. B. B. Baker at Lexington, Neb.

Mrs. Nellie Cobb of Tomah, Wis., has been reinstated as baker at Yankton Indian school, South Dakota, and Miss Naomi Kairbo of Wyandotte, Minn., appointed teacher at St. Paul, Iowa.

SPEAKS TO STOCK RAISERS

Salmon Addresses State Sanitary Commission at Chicago Show. ILLINOIS EXHIBITORS TAKE MOST PRIZES Awards Leave Iowa Severely Alone for Day, Being Distributed Over Other Central Western States and Ontario Instead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—This was a banner day at the International Live Stock exposition, 70,000 people passing through the turnstiles. In the Dexter park amphitheater the crowd was so dense tonight that a police reserve was sent into the ring to prevent a crush and to lend assistance in case of an emergency. No accidents occurred, however, and the cheers of the multitude were deafening as the prize winners composing the evening's parade passed along the exhibition space.

The judging of sheep carcasses at the packing house was one of the attractive features of the day, a large crowd gathering to witness the selection of the winner. The cattle and swine tests will be made tomorrow.

Messrs. Spoor and Skinner of the exposition and A. G. Leonard of the Union Stock Yards company gave a dinner tonight to the railroad live stock agents attending the exposition, at which several matters of importance to the guests were discussed.

This afternoon Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, addressed a meeting of the state sanitary commissions and a number of representatives were present from Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee and Kansas.

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SOLVES THE MONEY PROBLEM

New York Chamber of Commerce Has Plan Which Will Be Presented to President. NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The finance and currency committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce made a report today on a "feasible measure" to provide against tightness in the money market.

The report says in part: "We must come right down to the proposition that the only thing which can be done to make our financial system safe and sound and solid is to get down to one legal tender, and that is gold, and then to bank upon a currency circulation enlarged beyond the present authorized issues of national banks and based upon the credit of the legitimate trade of the country and rigidly safeguarded under the law."

The report suggests that banks be permitted to retire their circulation at will, recommends that the coinage of \$1,500,000 silver dollars per month cease and that the silver bullion and silver dollars in the treasury be coined into subsidiary silver coins, and that the secretary of the treasury be permitted to deposit customs receipts as well as internal revenue receipts in national banks.

The report was adopted and the committee was directed by resolution to present the report in person to the president of the United States.

A resolution favoring the speedy negotiation of a reciprocal treaty with Cuba was adopted, and also a memorial to the United States senate urging favorable consideration of the proposed reciprocity treaty with France.

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COTTON BROKERS STEAL NEWS

Obtain Details of Government Crop Estimate Before Publication. TRY TO SELL INFORMATION TO DEALER Leak is Used to Hoist Prices Both in New York and Liverpool Day in Advance of Issue.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The Journal of Commerce will say tomorrow: In recent years there have been many reports that the agricultural bureau cotton report has leaked out, in other words, that its general condition has become known to a favored few before official publication, but never has the belief been more fully held by the cotton trade than in the instance of the report issued by the department on Wednesday.

It is impossible to give specific evidence that the report was dishonestly made known, for direct evidence of this character could only be received from parties themselves participating in the theft. But the course of Wednesday's market is accepted as being absolutely and unequivocally decisive that large market interests had definite information of the character of the reports. In addition the following specific information is available:

First—The exact figures (10,457,000 bales) of the government estimate were definitely known at least twenty minutes before the official hour for publishing the report.

Second—The news was generally known before 3 o'clock that the departmental estimate would be 10,457,000 bales.

Third—Advance information regarding the character of the report was offered early in the afternoon to a large commission house, which refused to enter into negotiations to consider the purchase of the stolen information.

But the best evidence that the information was dishonestly obtained was contained in the action of the market itself, and there are many responsible members of the New York cotton trade who believe every evidence that both the New York and Liverpool markets were forced up to a selling basis.

But, smiling, the old gentleman waved his hand to one of his long-time friends, who related the story for him. "It's this way, you see, Denver was not Denver then. It was really before the actual birth of the town, though there was a settlement there. Mr. Croft owned the best part of that settlement, and it is now regarded as the heart of Denver, and he wanted to get further west, so he traded his land interests for a good, strong yoke of oxen and started out. He had none of his oxen and his westward movement received a serious check, though not fatal, back for he resumed and finished his trip to the coast later."

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TREATY MAY BE READY

Rumors that Cuban Reciprocity is Arranged Are Partially Confirmed. SENATORS AGREE TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL Call on President on Guarantee Assistance in Ratifying Any Reciprocity Document Which May Be Decided on in Havana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The report from London that the reciprocity treaty with Cuba will be signed today receives partial confirmation here.

The latest advices from Mr. Squires, dated about two days ago, were to the effect that in his judgment the treaty would be completed and ready for signature in the course of three or four days.

It is understood that it does not differ materially from the outline draft which was prepared.

President Roosevelt is assured that if the negotiations are concluded satisfactorily the treaty will be ratified by the senate during the present session.

While many senators were, and still are, opposed to direct legislation on Cuban reciprocity, some of them, at least, and perhaps a majority of republicans, will vote to ratify a reasonable treaty.

Senator Elkins of West Virginia, who led the anti-Cuban reciprocity forces in the senate last session, had an extended interview with the president today.

He informed Mr. Roosevelt that he would support a proper Cuban reciprocity treaty and expressed the belief that such a treaty would be ratified by the senate soon after its presentation.

Such a solution of the commercial obligations of the United States to Cuba would be entirely satisfactory to Senator Elkins and many of his colleagues who opposed the enactment of direct legislation because they feared such action would open up a tariff controversy, which, in the view of strong advocates of the protection system, might prove embarrassing, if not dangerous, to the republicans.

President Roosevelt, it is understood, has received assurances from other senators who last spring opposed reciprocity legislation that they will support by voice and vote a Cuban reciprocity treaty.

Havana Congress Causes Hitch. HAVANA, Dec. 4.—The reciprocity negotiations are practically at a standstill, the Cubans desiring to await the outcome of the bill introduced in the house of representatives providing for a committee to draw up a bill defining the limits of the concessions which the Cuban government can offer. A committee of the house began the study of the question today.

It is known that Senator Zaldo and Montes have reached a satisfactory agreement with General Blise and that practically all that is left to be done is to sign the agreement, but they do not wish to assume any responsibility, especially since the recent cabinet nomination on the part of the nationalist party to oppose the government.

In a discussion in the senate today Senator Sangulity said an agreement signed by President Palma and Secretary Zaldo and Senator Montes would not be binding and that the matter must be brought before both houses. Congress, he said, should be informed regarding the particulars of the proposed treaty in order that it might intelligently discuss the changes in the tariff.

FIGHT FOR DRUNKEN VETERANS Grand Army Claims that Discharged Drinkers Should Be Cared For. MARION, Ind., Dec. 4.—A committee has been appointed from the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic to investigate the charges made by several veterans of the civil war who have been discharged from the National Home for disabled Volunteer Soldiers for drunkenness.

The Grand Army of the Republic claims that the home was established for men who were unable to take care of themselves and any that it has been charged with taking the matter before congress.

Education Changes Location. BOZEMAN, Mont., Dec. 4.—Prof. W. F. Williams of the Agricultural college has resigned and accepted a position as assistant professor of electrical engineering in the University of Illinois, at Urbana, in that state.

A MILD CASE Of Contagious Blood Poison never existed. It is always had though sometimes no external symptoms of the disease appear for a long time.

Because the disease is slow in developing, does not indicate that the case is a mild one, for the poisonous virus at work in the blood and system may be working its force upon the internal vital organs while you are looking for external signs. Contagious Blood Poison does not affect all alike. In most cases the first little sore is quickly followed by painful swellings in the groin, a red eruption upon the body, sores or ulcers in the mouth and throat, unsightly copper colored blotches, loss of hair and eyebrows and other symptoms of this miserable disease.

When the poison is thus fighting its way through the system, exposing the disease in all its hideousness, we call it a bad case, but Contagious Blood Poison, whether working internally or externally, is a dangerous, treacherous disease.

S. S. S. is the only remedy that cures Contagious Blood Poison thoroughly and permanently. It is an antidote for the deadly virus that produces the awful eruptions, sores and ulcers, and destroys the bones, Mercury and Potash dry up the skin eruptions, but in so doing drive the poison further into the system, where it slumbers for a time, but comes back again with redoubled fury.

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