

BIG ELEVATOR DESTROYED

Fire at St. Louis Does Damage of Million and a Quarter Dollars.

FIRE SPREADS TO TRANSFER STABLES

Many Horses Burned to Death—Explosion of Oil Tank Cars Sets Fire to Seven Houses.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 4.—Fire which originated in the last grain elevator in East St. Louis, Ill., last night, after completely destroying that structure, spread to surrounding buildings and freight cars in the yards of the Terminal association and caused damage estimated at more than \$1,250,000 before its progress was checked.

WRECK ON THE ROCK ISLAND

Seven Cars Tumble Down Embankment in New Mexico and Eight Persons Are Hurt.

DURHAM, N. M., Feb. 3.—Fifteen persons were injured, two of them probably fatally, in the wreck of an eastbound Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train four miles from Durham today. The wreck probably fatally hurt are: Mrs. Munda, Anchor, N. M.

CHICAGO OFFICIAL INDICTED

Clerk of Superior Court of Cook County Accused of Several Crimes.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—John A. Linn, clerk of the superior court of Cook county, was today indicted by the grand jury, which has charged him with larceny, embezzlement and forgery.

MENTAL HEALER CONVICTED

Helen M. Post Will Appeal from Decision of Florida Court in Fraud Case.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 3.—Helen M. Post, the famous "mental healer," after a trial of twelve days, was found guilty in the United States court today here and sentenced to pay \$500 fine and serve thirty days in jail.

PECULIAR SUIT AT DULUTH

Woman Accused of Hiring Man to Marry Her Mother to Secure Estate.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 3.—Alleging the payment of \$1,000 to James Lindsey as an inducement to marry her mother, thereby securing thousands of dollars worth of property under the provisions of her father's will, the charge in the department of Alonzo J. Whitman, now serving a sentence in Auburn (N. Y.) prison for forgery, against his sister, Mrs. A. J. Gibbs, in the suit to be tried in federal court in this city February 14, to set aside a deed alleged to be fraudulent.

EXPLOSION IN SALT MINE

Fifty Men Burned by Accident in Shaft Near Cuylerville, New York.

GENESECO, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Fifty men were burned, many of them seriously, in an explosion at the Sterling Salt company's mine near Cuylerville, tonight. The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas in the sand house near the surface.

SHOSHONE OVER NIGHT OF WAYS

The work of grading the Northwestern switches and yards here has been stopped pending a settlement of the disagreement between the Northwestern and the Burlington with reference to the rights of each.

PUSHING NEW ROAD TO ENCUMBRANCE

SARATOGA, Wyo., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Work on the Saratoga & Encampment railroad from Wyoming to Saratoga and Encampment, is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. A large party of graders has just arrived from the Snake river country.

MOB AFTER MISSOURI NEGRO

Sheriff Fails Attempt to Lynch Man Accused of Attacking White Woman.

Question of Amending Federal Constitution May Be Considered

DES MOINES, Feb. 3.—Following a conference with Governor Cummins held several days ago, Senator L. W. Lewis of Page county stated today that he would at his earliest opportunity introduce a resolution in the Iowa senate instructing the governor to invite the governors of several states to appoint committees from their legislatures to meet in Des Moines next summer for the purpose of adopting a new constitution.

LAID ROOSEVELT AND CUMMINS

Iowa Corn Belt Meat Producers Endorse Rate Regulation.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The Hamilton county branch of the Iowa Corn Belt Producers' association selected five delegates today to attend the state meeting in Des Moines next week. A resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing President Roosevelt in his rate regulation campaign and Governor Cummins for his bold stand against the railroads and other corporations in Iowa.

CRIMINAL CASES AT HURON

HURON, S. D., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Peter McDevitt, brought here from Canada a short time since on charge of grand larceny, has been released from jail on bond for his appearance at the March term of circuit court.

MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED

TAMA, Ia., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—"Darby" Nelson, suspected of complicity in the murder of Marshall Smith at Chelsea, December 9 and of a subsequent attempt to loot the Chelsea bank, is under arrest here.

ALLEGED MURDERER ARRESTED

DES MOINES, Feb. 2.—"Darby" Nelson, believed to have been implicated in the murder of Marshall J. B. Smith of Chelsea, Ia., and in the subsequent robbery of the Chelsea bank, is under arrest at Tama, Iowa.

FACTS IN ALLEGED MERGER REVEALED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The reply of the Interstate Commerce commission to the house resolution calling on the president for information regarding an alleged merger of the Pennsylvania railroad and other companies, was placed in the hands of the president today.

ALL DRUG BIDS ARE REJECTED

New Ones Advertised for Kennard and Are Maintained Their Alliance on Vote.

At the Saturday morning meeting of the Board of County Commissioners rejected, by a vote of 3 to 2, all bids heretofore received for drugs and prescriptions.

TRIBE OF BEAUR

Beauregard court No. 12 met in regular session this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FEDERAL UNION OF AMERICA

Omaha lodge No. 31 will entertain at a social hour this evening at 8 o'clock.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY

Grand circle No. 6 has received assurance from Mrs. E. M. Gray, Mrs. E. M. Fife, that she will visit Omaha in about two weeks.

VETERANS WILL CELEBRATE

Company I Plans to Observe Anniversary of Opening of the Philippine Insurrection.

Old Company I association will commemorate the opening of the Philippine insurrection with a smoker and informal program of speaking and entertainment in the Thurston Rifles armory.

CHIEF WARNS AUTO RUNNERS

Once More Admonishes Them to Slow Down, Especially on the Business Streets.

Automobile owners and chauffeurs are once more advised by Chief of Police Donahue to slow down, particularly on the downtown streets, where traffic is more congested.

CHILD REFORMERS ARE BUSY

Probation Officers and Juvenile Court Judges Have Their Hands Full During the Week.

Probation Officer Bernstein and his two assistants are still busy with the campaign of child reform.

Both Judges Used up all of Saturday morning hearing particulars of small escapades with which several boys and girls were charged.

EAGLES TO KEEP BIRTHDAY

Will Celebrate Anniversary Tuesday Night and Hold Memorial on May Sixth.

The anniversary date of the founding of the Omaha Aerie of Eagles will be celebrated Tuesday evening in Eagles' hall.

CABLES ARE BEING STRUNG

Telegraph Wires Are Placed Underground by Western Union and Postal Song Follows.

The Western Union Telegraph company has begun stringing cables in its downtown underground district and probably will finish the job inside of three weeks.

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school is more efficient than that received at a public school. The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has decided to propose the following subject, "Benjamin Franklin, a Typical American," to the senior class of the high school for the annual gold medal essay competition.

The Dunder Women's club will meet on Wednesday with Mrs. T. K. Hunter. The Round Dogen club was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. J. Linn on Friday evening, January 26.

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