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SEVEN DIE IN FIRE

Chapter House of Psi Fraternity at Cornell University Burned.

OUR STUDENTS AND THREE FIREMEN DEAD

Volunteer Fire Fighters Who Were Killed Are All Prominent Men.

MANY STUDENTS SLEEPING IN BUILDING

Several of Them Hurt by Jumping from Third-Story Window.

BUILDING KNOWN AS THE FISK MANSION

It Was Built by Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fisk at Cost of \$130,000.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 7.—All day smoke has drifted across Cornell campus from the ruins of the Psi Fraternity house, the burning of which at an early hour was attended with a loss of life that has not only thrown the whole university, but the city into mourning.

Tonight the dead numbered seven. Of these four were students and the others prominent townsmen who had responded to the alarm in the capacity of volunteer firemen.

Among the students who escaped death in the flames, seven were injured, and of these C. J. Pope of East Orange, N. J., it is feared, will not long survive. Several of them jumped from third-story windows.

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CHECK IN LARCENY CASE

Photograph Order for Cash to Louis Payne Shows at Bureau's Trial.

OHIO MEN BACK OF BRIDGE

Seek to Have Franchise at Yankton Extended by Congress.

POST AT AVERY GOES BEGGING

Be Discontinued Because No Can Be Found Willing to Take Responsibility of the Position.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—It appears Ohio capital has become interested in the construction of a railroad and passenger bridge across the Missouri river at Yankton, S. D., and now Senator Forsaker comes forward with a bill to extend the time given under the original charter for another term of years.

Congress in April, 1904, authorized the Wisconsin and Gulf railroad to construct a combined railroad, wagon and foot bridge across the Missouri river at Yankton, but the company gaining the charter has not yet made a move to carry out the work.

The concession is a valuable one and the company apparently does not desire to abandon it. New blood in the shape of capital has been sought and the life of the concession is sought to be extended by Senator Forsaker, who, it is said, represents constituents who have invested in the project.

Office Goes Begging. The first assistant postmaster general has notified Mr. Kennedy that the office of the postmaster general, Nebraska, will be discontinued January 2. Anthony R. Bradley has been postmaster. Under the rules of the department the postmaster should reside within the delivery of his office, while Mr. Bradley spends his office hours at AVERY in Omaha.

For hours at AVERY in Omaha. For that reason the department called upon Mr. Kennedy last fall to recommend some suitable person for postmaster. No suitable person could be found living in AVERY. Paul Smith, living half a mile out, offered to take the place if permitted to reside in the city.

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PRISONER CONFESSES MURDER

David Curtis Without Emotion Tells Attorney He Killed Dona Gilman.

COAL TRUST CASE LENGTHENS

Trial Will Be Prolonged More Than Was First Anticipated.

MANY ADDITIONAL WITNESSES TO COME

Defense Has Its First Hearing, Laying Foundation for Big Superstructure.

DEFENSE OF PELEAS

The most of the evidence for the defense was presented at the afternoon session.

The defense sought to show the relation between Omaha prices and Chicago wholesale prices, but this evidence was ruled out by the court as having no bearing on the charge. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to evidence tending to show Omaha firms were not conforming to the alleged rule of the exchange not to solicit patronage.

The constitution adopted in 1903 prohibits soliciting by drivers, clerks or agents by card or otherwise, except printed postal cards with the address on one side or by circular letter.

This question became of vital importance Friday afternoon when Judge Sutton in ruling on an objection to the introduction of evidence said it was the opinion of the court and he would instruct the jury that section of the constitution regarding soliciting was in violation of law, and if it were shown to be in full force and effect with the defendant assisting in enforcing it, the jury should convict.

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TOWN PARTLY BURIED IN MUD

Awful State of Affairs Prevails in Flood-Stricken Clifton, Arizona.

SOLOMONVILLE, ARIZ., Dec. 7.—Reports from the flood-stricken city of Clifton indicate that while the water has subsided the town is paralyzed by deposit of mud and debris.

The mud is so deep that it is still impossible to reach many sections and no definite list of the dead can be obtained. It is now known that the calamity was principally caused by the breaking of a reservoir near Chase creek.

The dam, which came down after dark Monday night, formed a dam of wreckage and threw three currents over the town. The store of the Arizona Copper company, carrying \$50,000 worth of stock, was flooded five feet deep.

The smaller works built over the stream were wrecked. Other large works, suffering heavy losses were the Gila Valley bank, Becker Franz, S. J. Forbes and Hostfield & Hagerauer. Six miles of the tracks of the Coronado branch is destroyed.

The tracks under which the Arizona and New Mexico railroads are running are also damaged.

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REPORT ON FIRE LOSSES

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Hears Statement from Board of Trustees.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—The report of the special committee of the board of trustees of the Chamber of Commerce on its insurance settlements after the big fire which has just been published, says:

The total area burned was about 3,000 acres, or about 47 square miles, containing 1,000,000 cubic feet of stock, valued at \$100,000,000.

The amount of insurance covering property destroyed is estimated at approximately \$200,000,000. All of this had been written by companies authorized to do business in the state, except \$5,000,000, which had been placed outside of the state.

The value of buildings and contents destroyed in the fire must have been about \$200,000,000, being 80 per cent of the total value of property destroyed.

The known ratio of insurance to value (about 70 per cent), and a guess that there were 100,000,000 worth of property destroyed, carried an immense amount of insurance money had been paid in this city, a far larger sum than companies have been called to pay at one time before.

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Forecast for Nebraska—Snow Saturday, Sunday Fair and Cold.

COAL FRAUDS IN UTAH

Federal Grand Jury at Salt Lake City Hands Down Indictments.

HARRIMAN AND GOULD LINES INVOLVED

Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific Coal Company on List.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SMALL DEALER

General Superintendent Buckingham and Local Agents Also Indicted.

CHARGES AGAINST UTAH FUEL COMPANY

Officials of Gould Corporation Accused of Securing Titles to Mineral Lands by Irregular and Unlawful Methods.

WHITE'S TRANSFER REGRETTED

Italian Ambassador Says American is Personal Friend of King of Italy.

MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

United States Makes Rapid Advance in This Trade with Other Nations.

ARGUMENT IN OIL CASES

Standard Attorneys Attack Regularity of Proceedings in the Courts of Ohio.

ALASKAN LINES SUCCEED

Congress May Be Asked to Extend Telegraph System in Far North.

CHICAGO DOCTOR KILLED

Wisconsin Man Shoots Doctor in Lawyer's Office, Alleging Family Is Ruined.

COAL FAMINE IN KANSAS

Towns in Southwestern Part of State with Less Than Week's Supply on Hand.