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PAPERS IN VAULT ARE SAFE

Union Transfer Enabled to Continue in Business Despite the Fire.

OFFICE FORCE WORKS IN ANOTHER BUILDING

Examination of Papers Shows Insurance Heavier Than Supposed—Firm Looking for New Warehouse for Present Use.

Although minus its stock and building after the conflagration of Tuesday evening, the Union Transfer company was doing business yesterday in new quarters. The office force, which was practically all that was left of the concern, was installed yesterday morning in a portion of the Fuller & Johnson company's building, at the corner of Main street and Seventh avenue.

The large vault in the burned building was opened shortly before noon yesterday by cutting a hole through the wall. The books and papers of the firm were found to be in surprisingly good condition. Some of the loose papers were more or less scorched on the edges and were somewhat damp, but otherwise were intact and were perfectly legible. The desks and other office implements, which had been placed in the vault when the fire was first discovered, were in good condition, although the seven typewriting machines on being exposed to the air at once became covered with rust. Everything, however, was in such shape that the office force as soon as it secured office quarters in the Fuller & Johnson building was able to go to work at once.

The checking up of the insurance carried by the Union Transfer company showed the amount to be \$65,000, instead of \$50,000 or \$20,000, as was believed to have been the amount by Manager W. A. Southard Tuesday night.

Insurance on Stocks.

The companies and the amount of insurance carried by them is as follows: Firemen of New Jersey, \$1,500; American of New Jersey, 2,000; Connecticut of Hartford, 2,500; New Hampshire of Manchester, 2,500; Phoenix of Hartford, 2,500; Western of Toronto, 2,500; Western of London, 2,500; Williamsburg City of Brooklyn, 2,500; American Central of St. Louis, 2,500; Fire Association, 3,000; National of Hartford, 3,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, 5,000; Western of Pittsburgh, 1,500; Fidelity, 2,000; Spring Garden, 2,000; London and Lancashire, 2,500; Commercial Union, 2,000; Detroit Fire and Marine, 3,000.

The Sterling Manufacturing Company.

The Sterling Manufacturing company carried \$100,000 on its stock as follows: Phoenix, \$2,500; Queen, 5,000; Total, \$7,500. The insurance on the building was \$25,000 as follows: Mechanics of Philadelphia, \$2,000; Citizens of Philadelphia, 3,000; Citizens of Missouri, 2,000; Royal of Liverpool, 3,000; Total, \$10,000.

As Mr. Southard estimated the value of the stock carried by the Union Transfer company at between \$75,000 and \$80,000, it will be seen that with \$65,000 insurance the loss will not be very great. The loss on the building, however, is large, as the structure could not be rebuilt, it is said, for less than \$50,000 or even more.

Remain in Council Bluffs.

Mr. Southard yesterday was unable to state what the future plans of the company would be, otherwise than that it would continue in business. He said: "I cannot say where we will locate, but I know of no building in this city large enough for our purposes. Of course a new building might be erected for us on the site of the old one or elsewhere, but I don't quite see how we can wait until such a building is erected. We transacted over \$60,000 worth of business during this year and we have plenty of work ahead of us straightening this up and completing deliveries. Of course, until we secure a new warehouse and can stock up again all deliveries will have to be made direct from the factories. We will certainly stay in Council Bluffs at least for the present, and that is about all I can say at this time."

New Cottage Burned.

While the firmen were still working at the Union Transfer company's warehouse blaze late Tuesday night, a frame cottage on Avenue D between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, was burned. The cottage had just been completed with the exception of painting and was unoccupied. It was owned by James Guild, an employe of the Hafer Lumber company, who it is said was to be married within a few weeks and was preparing the home for his bride. The loss is said to be partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Just enumerate all the gifts you can think of in gold, silver, precious stones or coin of the realm, and then consider, if you please, their relative value as compared with a piano. A piano is not only an instrument for pleasure and an educator in the highest and best things for which the world strives, but it is, in thousands of instances, a means of support to the recipient and entire families. A. Hope Co., 26 South Main street, Council Bluffs, make the lowest prices, easiest terms.

Combination gas and electric chandeliers and the celebrated Welbach incandescent gas burners. Why not see us before you buy. We can certainly please you on price and quality of goods. Stephan Bros., 329 West Broadway.

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City Council Proceedings. The city council held a short session yesterday afternoon as a committee of the whole to consider certain matters which had been referred to it at the last session.

Real Estate Transfers. These transfers were reported to the Recorder December 12, by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

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Business is the life of trade. If you want to enter the business world you must have an up-to-date business education, the old way of doing business does not go any more; enter Western Iowa college and get the good business education and be in the swim.

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plaintiff's wife while the third is her brother. Dr. Sweet and Miss Kibler were married in Woodbine in 1888 and he alleges in his petition that the systematic efforts of her parents and brother to alienate his wife from him were because he declined to accede to their desire that he become a member of the Latter Day Saints church, to which they belonged. It is stated that the Kibler family is wealthy.

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Meat Producers Not Satisfied with Either Freight or Passenger Tariffs.

CORN CROP OF IOWA AN IMMENSE ONE

State Agricultural Society Elects Officers for the ensuing Year—Awards on Corn in Northern Iowa Exhibit.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DEER MOINES, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association today strong resolutions were passed favoring a 5-cent rate law, a joint freight rate and the enactment of a law authorizing the attorney general of the state to prosecute before the Interstate Commerce commission all discriminations in rates by Iowa railroads. The slow time on live stock trains was condemned, and the position taken that the government should pay the cost of inspecting meat under the inspection law. The resolutions were the chief work of the association today. A committee was busy in drafting the resolutions all day and reported late this afternoon. They praise President Roosevelt and those with him for the interstate commerce law and the meat inspection bill and endorse the organization of the Co-Operative Live Stock Commission company, which has offices at Chicago, St. Louis, Sioux City and Omaha, and which was organized for the purpose of bucking the other commission houses which had raised their commission rates.

The resolutions then proceeded to praise Secretary Wilson for his work in the Department of Agriculture and for the meat inspections and condemn the movement to force the packers or the live stock producers to pay the costs of the inspection. The congressmen of Iowa are urged to exert every possible influence to secure an appropriation large enough to enable Secretary Wilson to make adequate and thorough inspections.

State Fair Has Profit. The report of Secretary John C. Simpson of the Department of Agriculture to the state agricultural convention today showed the total receipts of this year's fair to be \$10,524, the largest in the history of the fair. The disbursements were \$9,735 and the premiums \$2,703, leaving the net profits \$3,492. The secretary in his report recommends some appropriations for the coming year. While the fair is made a state institution, the state has spent only \$84,000 on the fair, and the report of the secretary shows that the profits ten years ago were but \$1,524. Since that time the premiums paid have more than doubled and the management of the fair has been such that the profits have enabled the management to erect buildings and make vast improvements in the grounds.

At the agricultural convention today at the state house John R. Sage of the state crop service reported the yield of corn for this year to be 38,348,250 bushels, an increase of 4,318,590 bushels over last year. This estimate is made on the most careful investigation of the conditions and acreage in each county of the state. The total of the main crop of this state, as estimated by Director Sage, with the value at the current prices, is as follows:

Crop. Total Products, Value, Dec. 1, 1906. Corn, 38,348,250 bushels, \$12,115,143; Winter wheat, 1,492,000 bushels, 1,042,250; Spring wheat, 5,000,000 bushels, 3,500,000; Oats, 14,026,580 bushels, 28,053,160; Barley, 1,000,000 bushels, 500,000; Flaxseed, 250,000 bushels, 500,000; Hay (green), 11,000,000 tons, 5,500,000; Hay (wild), 4,852,500 tons, 9,705,000; Hay (straw), 1,110,000 tons, 6,060,000; Total, \$60,990,000.

With garden truckland miscellaneous products of the farms, bringing the total value of the farm products of the state up to \$30,455,421 for the year. The average yield of the various products of the farm is given as follows: Corn, 41 bushels to acre; winter wheat, 32; spring wheat, 15; oats, 34; rye, 17; hay, 75; potatoes, 101; tame hay, 13 tons; wild, 17 tons.

Results of Election. The election of directors and officers of the State Agricultural convention today resulted as follows: President, C. E. Cameron of Alta; vice president, W. C. Brown of Clarion; treasurer, G. D. Edlyson of Des Moines; directors from the even numbered congressional districts: Second, C. W. Phillips; Fourth, R. T. St. John of Riceville; Sixth, T. C. Loges of What Cheer; Eighth, John Ledgerwood of Leon; Tenth, O. A. Gleason of Forest City; Eleventh, Royce of Waverly, Ia., was elected director from the Third congressional district, to succeed W. C. Brown, who was elected president.

An effort was made by Seaman of Davenport to commit the farmers to the parcels post bill. Without giving the bill by name, he read a resolution favoring the bill now in congress, naming its number, and argued that it was to provide for the deficit in the Postal department. The nature of the bill was disclosed by Food and Dairy Commissioner Wright, whereupon Phil Shaller of Polk City denounced the bill as killing off the country store for the mail order house. The resolution was tabled in a hurry.

Awards on Corn. Awards for the corn exhibits from the northern district of the state were completed at the state house this afternoon. The first prize went to H. L. Pelter of Wauka for the best ten ears of large yellow dent. The first prizes on small yellow dent, large white and small white yellow dent all three went to A. J. Doore of Greens, in Butler county. The prizes for the other districts of the state will be awarded tomorrow.

Iowa Grader Injured. AMES, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—George Bartholomew of Des Moines, who is employed on the Des Moines and Ames, was seriously injured by an explosion of dynamite last evening. He may lose the sight of one eye.

Republicans May Lose Congressmen. BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The election contest here developed the fact enough republican votes were defectively marked to have elected Tracy, democratic candidate for congress in the First Iowa district over Kennedy, republican, who was declared elected by a small margin. The court will decide concerning whether to throw out the votes tomorrow.

"TAKE ME HOME TO IOWA," SAID THE "LITTLE BROWN JUG" OF KENTUCKY WHISKY AT THE JARVIS STORE.

Western Girls at Smith College. NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Among the students in the entering class at Smith college, in the city of this state, are Misses Katherine Lee Grable, Omaha; Eugenia Blunt, Clinton; Anna Finkbine, Des Moines; and Katherine Eleanor Jenkins, Keokuk. The notable feature of this year's freshman class is the predominance of western girls.

Iowa News Notes. NEOLA—R. R. Roane, a prosperous young farmer of this vicinity, and Miss Zella Klyon, the daughter of a Neola farmer, were married this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Rev. Mr. Barnes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Council Bluffs.

NEOLA—Mrs. S. Kinzella of Neola while shopping in an Omaha store Tuesday afternoon had the misfortune to have her hair and a pair of gloves stolen from a chair on which she had placed them. She had placed the articles on a chair beside her while writing at the table in the rest room and they were gone when she finished writing.

The New Books

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