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FIRE IN NEW YORK THEATER

Blaze Breaks Out in Upper Gallery at Herald Square Playhouse.

AUDIENCE GOTTEN OUT SAFELY

Curtain is Hung Down and Few Know of Fire Until After They Leave Building—Damage About Twenty Thousand.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Fire broke out in Herald Square theater at thirty-fifth street and Broadway last night ten minutes before the close of the performance of "The Three Twins," and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building, had driven the actors and chorus into the streets in their scant costumes and had caused great commotion among the crowds on Broadway.

It was just ten minutes before the time for the performance to end when two women came down from the second gallery and reported to the theater attaches that there was smoke in the upper part of the building. Treasurer Lyon quickly went behind the curtain and explained the situation to the actors and led them to cut the play short.

following his arrival from Europe last night. "The reform has been accomplished on the Pacific," declared Mr. Lemieux, "and it will soon come about on the Atlantic."

Another equal appeared in the suffrage situation today when the announcement was made that the Equal Franchise society had been organized at the home of Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, with Mrs. Mackay as president.

DIAMONDS—FRENZER—15th and Dodge.

CHARTER TINKERS ARE NIL

No Attention Paid to Their Work by the Douglas County Legislators. Has all the work done by the charter revision committee been done?

California-Mexico. A series of first-class passenger escorted, all-expense tours from twenty-one to fifty-three days' duration, have been arranged by the tourist department of the Chicago-Union Pacific & Northwestern line to include Old Mexico, California and Colorado.

Albert L. Snavely Missing. North Omaha man disappears and friends know nothing of whereabouts.

Impulsive Legislation Decried. Impulsive legislation was decried and the blessings of intelligent moderation in the conduct of public affairs was dwelt upon by former Governor Frank E. Black of New York.

Cheaper Cable Rates. That not only cheaper, but very much cheaper rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand was the assertion of Ralph Lemieux, the postmaster general in the Canadian cabinet.

Building Permits. William Stein, architect and Hamilton streets, double brick dwelling, \$4,000.

Day Before Christmas

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BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Root Print. Rudolph F. Swoboda, Public Accountant, photographer, 18th & Farnam.

William H. Holmes Goes to Penitentiary. William H. Holmes, the attorney, convicted of embezzling his client's money, was taken to the penitentiary Wednesday morning by Sheriff Bratley.

Mad Penny Always Returns. The police are convinced of the old adage that a bad penny always returns. Maggie Moore, who has not bothered the officers for a long time with her particular weakness of shop-lifting and petty thievery, was arrested in a large department store Tuesday by Patrolman Carney.

Artificer of Ak-Sar-Ben is to Remain in Omaha, at Least for the Present.

Renze Back From The Coast. One of the artificers of the Ak-Sar-Ben, designer of the floats in the big parade and general carnival promoter, returned last night from a month's visit to the Pacific coast.

Charley says "No Guilty". Entering a plea of "no guilty" to the charge of keeping a disorderly house, Charley Sing, the Chinese proprietor of the Royal chop suey parlor at 133 Douglas street, had his case set for hearing next Tuesday when he was arraigned in police court Wednesday morning.

Brewery Wins Law Suit. Under order from Judge Sutton the jury in the case of Herman Gasson against the Willow Springs Brewing company returned a verdict for the defendant.

Surprise Party for Sam McDonald. A surprise party was arranged by Mrs. William B. McDonald, 148 North Twenty-third street, last night, in honor of her son, Samuel McDonald of Chicago.

Rubber Holds Up Saloons. One man robbed Pat Hannigan's saloon Tuesday night at Thirty-ninth and Q streets, securing \$10.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Charter Revision Committee Decides on Limit of Various Funds.

DOUBLE SHIFT FOR FIREMEN

Also Decides in Favor of Twelve Councilmen, Six to Be Elected by Wards and Same Number at Large.

The meeting of the charter revision committee last night was important for the struggle for a double shift for the fire department and the adoption of the general committee report on South Omaha expenditures. That report provides, as amended, the following recommendations:

General fund.....\$15,000 Fire fund.....25,000 Police fund.....35,000 Light fund.....12,000 Water fund.....14,000 Library fund.....5,000 Park fund.....2,500 Street repair fund.....4,000 Plus county road fund.....25,000 Total.....\$133,000

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