

FIVE MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN ALBANY

West Wing of Magnificent Capitol in Albany is Destroyed Early Wednesday Morning.

PRICELESS PAPERS ARE BURNED

Six Hundred Thousand Volumes in the State Library Are Gone.

RECORDS COVER A LONG PERIOD

Many Date Back to Revolution and Cannot Be Replaced.

LEGISLATIVE RECORDS BURNED

Appropriation Bills and Other Pending Measures Go Up in Smoke.

LEGISLATURE IN THE CITY HALL

Governor Calls Session to Consider the Situation.

BLAZE BREAKS OUT AFRESH

Shortly After Ten O'clock Fire Again Gets Beyond Control and Number of Firemen Are Caught by Falling Debris.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 29.—Five million dollars probably could repair the damage done by fire in the state capitol today, but money cannot restore the historical records which were the pride of its state library. After examining the exterior walls with a transit State Architect Ware said the building was as plumb and true as ever.

The flames broke up the state library, the court of claims assembly library and document room, most of the offices of the executive department and the quarters of the senate finance committee. Water and smoke took up the work that flames laid down and the damage from this cause extends to every part of the building.

The fire was still burning tonight in the ruins beneath what was once the beautiful painted ceiling of the state library reading room and the water kept pouring in from several lines of hoses. Water still dripped through ceilings in nearly all parts of the west wing and cascaded down the stone stairs, but the fire was subdued and the work of repair had already begun. A hundred national guardsmen patrolled the streets outside to protect the dismantled end of the building.

Delay in State Machinery

Next to the financial loss the chief effect of the fire will be the delay in the machinery of state government.

Although the senate chamber stands practically untouched and a few thousand dollars can restore the meeting place of the lower house, a week or longer may intervene before legislative business can proceed in its accustomed channels.

Both houses met today in the city hall, across a park from the capitol building, the senate in the common council chamber and the assembly in the county court room, where the joint session also was held, and the same arrangement will be followed tomorrow. The burned-out department forces found temporary quarters where they could.

The fire was discovered by a nightwatchman and the alarm was sounded at 2:40 o'clock. Before the flames reached the main structure, priceless documents, books and records stored in the assembly library had been destroyed and other documents were being destroyed. The main chamber, composed of paper mache, was partially destroyed, as was also the famous \$1,000,000 staircase in the west wing.

Valuable Records Burned.

On the third floor where the flames gained their start, the departments wholly or partially destroyed by fire or seriously damaged by the fire, containing 600,000 volumes, among them the most valuable genealogical works in the United States, together with legislative business documents of them dating back to 1776 and irreplaceable.

The assembly and senate libraries, stored with thousands of volumes of law and code books, also a number of documents and manuscripts that can never be replaced.

The finance committee room in which

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\$3,700 Reward

A reward of \$3,700 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer who killed Herman Cohn Saturday night. More than one deserving claimant, the reward will be equitably divided between them. This reward is offered at the solicitation of The Bee following business firms, contributing in equal amounts:

- Publ. Co., Inc. \$100
- Omaha National bank \$100
- Hayden Bros. \$100
- Thomas Klipfisch \$100
- First National bank \$100
- Merchants National bank \$100
- Omaha Gas Co. \$100
- Ralph Kitchen \$100
- United States National bank \$100
- The Dentist Co. \$100
- Miller, Stewart & Beaton \$100
- Carpenter Paper Co. \$100
- Nebraska Telephone Co. \$100
- M. E. Smith & Co. \$100
- Omaha Electric Light and Power Co. \$100
- Byrne-Hammer Co. \$100
- Pastor & Gallagher Co. \$100
- Metz Bros. \$100
- Orchard & Wilhelm \$100
- M. C. Peters \$100
- Sol Bergman Jewelry Co. \$100

\$1,000 Additional Reward is offered by Arthur, Emil and Hugo Brandeis upon the above conditions.

\$500 Additional Reward is offered by M. Levy, partner of the murdered man.

Miss Couzins Speaks Against Illinois Suffrage Bill

Suffragette Leaders Listen with Displeasure to Arguments Against Women in Politics.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 29.—Snapping eyes and an indignant toss of the head from time to time evidenced the displeasure of Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCullough, Miss Harriet Grim and other suffragette leaders, as they listened to the address of Miss Phoebe Cousins of Washington, D. C., in the hall of representatives this morning.

In language keenly sarcastic Miss Cousins excoriated equal rights and votes for women. Her address was the first argument presented in the session against woman suffrage by a woman.

Iowa Republicans Are Trying Caucus

Meeting Held, but Only Sixty-Three Signers Names Were Secured to the Call.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—A republican caucus was held in the house chamber this evening to select a candidate for senator. The managers of the caucus were disappointed in not having secured more than sixty-three signers to the call, and some of these had their names taken off on the ground that they had been deceived. The movement was in behalf of Kempton.

Today's joint ballot stood: Deemer, 26; Kenyon, 63; Porter, 50; Judge, C. G. Lee, 1; paired, 1; absent, 7; necessary to elect, 26.

WHOLESALE SMUGGLING OF FURS FROM CANADA

Innocent Purchasers of Goods to Be Delivered Duty Paid Are Ultimate Losers.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—A system of wholesale smuggling of furs from Canada in which innocent purchasers in the United States have been the ultimate losers has been discovered by Chief Wicks of the secret service department, Houston, Me., said to have been the base of operations and the trade came to the attention of the customs officers because of the unusually great amount of express matter shipped from Houston, which is a comparatively small station.

WOUNDED DEFECTIVE DEAD

Green Rose, Who was Shot While in Engine Cab at Baxter, Ky.

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., March 29.—Green Rose, the railroad detective who was shot at Baxter, Harlan county, Kentucky, from an ambush last Saturday, died today. Rose was acting as a guard during the recent strike of white firemen on the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific railroad, and was shot while in the cab of an engine. His murderer has not been arrested.

GOVERNOR SIGNS HOME RULE BILL

Cities of Nebraska of Over Five Thousand Gain Right to Make Own Charters.

OLLIS YARDS BILL SIGNED

Senate Passes Commission Form Measure for Cities.

LEE'S JUDICIARY ACT FAVORED

House Will Raise Pay of Many County Boards.

ADVANCE SENATE BILLS NO MORE

House Today Will Take Similar Action on Its Own Bills and Grand Writup Rush Will Be On in Earnest.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The governor signed the Reagan bill giving home rule to all cities over 5,000 in population and cities of that class have now the right to make their own charters, with a commission form or any other form of government. It does not interfere with the right of the state, however, to regulate all such things as the sale of liquor and the closing hour for saloons.

The bills stock yards bill, in spite of dire predictions, was also signed and becomes a law, and with it the two bills by Senator Brown which gives corporations the privilege of paying corporation taxes and filing fees on paid up capital instead of capital stock, as is now the case.

Senate Passes Commission Bill.

Two bills for a commission form of government in Nebraska cities were passed by the senate this morning. The Banning bill, the measure pushed by the Ad club of Omaha and amended to exempt from its provision the Omaha Water Board was passed without dissent and also the Tanner bill, which is confined to South Omaha. The Tanner bill provides a commission for Senator Tanner's own town with slightly different regulations from those in the Banning bill.

The senate put on third reading a number of bills, including the bill for a new form of legislature drawn by Senator Volpp. It provides a four-year term for senators and a two-year term for representatives, and each of these officers is to receive \$500 a session, just twice what is given now. It also limits the introduction of bills to the first twenty days of each session instead of the first forty.

Senate Passes Primary Bill.

In the house the Gustafson-Evans closed primary bill passed, 88 to 4. The four dissenting votes were by McKisick, Hatfield, Harrington and Bailey. The bill provides for a party primary with fusion privileges and a preferential vote for president and vice president. The delegates to the national convention are to be elected, four at large and two from each congressional district.

Banks at Night Session.

The house members celebrated the sixtieth day by refusing to hold a night session. The senate passed a resolution ordering that hereafter only bills coming over from the house shall be taken up and no more senate files will be lifted from the general file or committee. The house will probably pass a similar resolution tomorrow.

The reason assigned for not holding a night session is that last evening's attempt

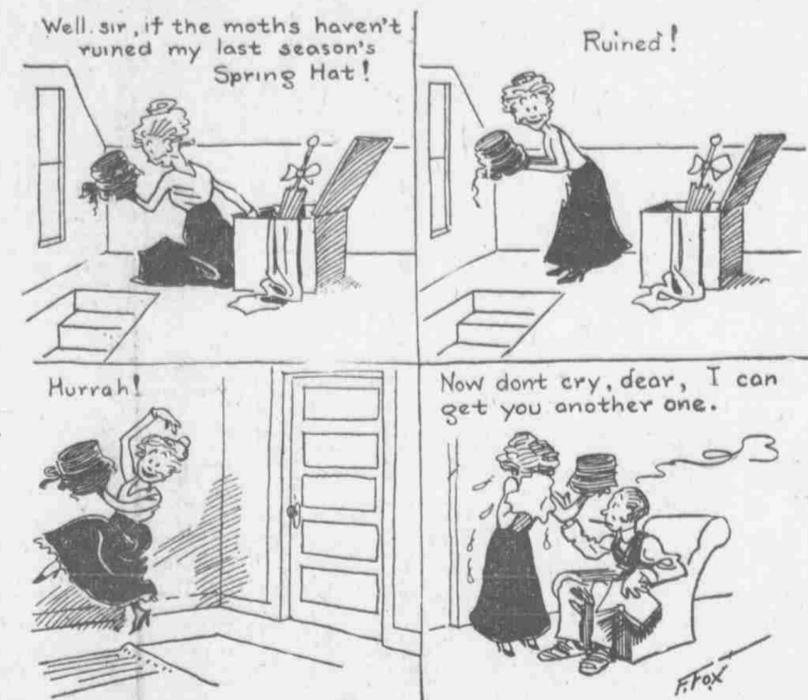
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The Bee a Real Help

OMAHA, March 28, 1911.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your generous assistance to the Child Saving Institute, in re-publishing the splendid Sunday article on our work in the Monday issue, and your gift of 2,000 copies to be sold for the benefit of the institute, has been greatly appreciated by our Board of Trustees and by all associated together in the work. The Theatrical company turned over to our treasury \$66.90.

I am requested to write and assure you of our gratitude. Please accept the thanks of our board, and be assured of our very best wishes. Sincerely yours, A. W. CLARK

"A Woman's Way"



From the Chicago Evening Post.

KOHLSAAT REFUSES TO TELL

Chicago Editor Says \$100,000 Was Spent to Elect Lorimer.

DECLINES TO SAY HOW HE KNOWS

Committee of Illinois Senators May Send Him to Jail for Not Revealing Source of His Information.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 29.—H. H. Kohlsaat, publisher of the Chicago Record-Herald, told the senate investigating committee today that he knew \$100,000 had been used to procure the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate. He then refused to give the committee the source of his information, notwithstanding that the committee has the power to imprison him because of his refusal.

When Mr. Kohlsaat was first called to the stand he was asked if he obtained his information on which he wrote an editorial saying \$100,000 had been raised to elect Lorimer.

Mr. Kohlsaat declined to answer a number of questions, stating that he could not violate a confidence.

Attorney Healy put direct questions to him, asking if his informant had said he was asked for \$10,000.

"I decline to answer," he said. "Did he say that nine other men had been asked for \$10,000 each?"

"I refuse to answer." "Is he a resident of Chicago?" "I decline to answer." "Is he alive now?" "He is."

"Would you denounce any citizen who takes the stand you have taken here?" asked Senator Burton.

"Any man who will violate a confidence is not worth a snap. I would not let my newspaper violate a confidence. No newspaper man can violate a confidence. That is my code of morals."

"You have been demanding this investigation and now you refuse to aid us." "I appreciate the position, but I will not violate this confidence," concluded Mr. Kohlsaat.

The committee then went into an executive conference. Every one except Mr. Kohlsaat, Attorney Healy and members of the committee were ordered out of the room.

The questions were again put to Mr. Kohlsaat in this secret session. Again he refused to answer. The doors were then reopened and Mr. Kohlsaat was given a third opportunity to answer the questions of the committee. This he again refused to do.

FORCED TO RESIGN FROM THE DIAZ CABINET.

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Four Sicilians Are Charged With Murder of Policeman

Arrests Made in Kansas City in Connection with Assassination of Officer Palmo Tuesday.

KANSAS CITY, March 29.—In a little room in a house in the Italian section, detectives today arrested Lorenzo Messina, Nick Debernado and Sam Gennuso, Sicilians. In connection with the assassination last night of Joseph Palmo, an Italian policeman.

The police declare they are members of the organized black hand which was also responsible for the murder of Mrs. Pauline Pizano, an Italian woman, who was mysteriously slain on December 14, last. Shortly afterward a fourth man, Joe Denusolo, was arrested. In the room where the men were found were three shot guns like those found last night near the dead policeman. Mrs. Pizano was killed while opening her store one morning.

Joseph Palmo, an Italian policeman, was shot and killed while he was patrolling his beat in the Italian district here last night.

No one saw the shooting take place. Pedestrians found Palmo's body lying on a sidewalk. Two shotguns, containing empty shells, were found in a vacant lot near the scene of the shooting. Palmo was shot in the back.

W. G. Evans Becomes Head of Moffat Road

President of Denver Tramway Company Chosen to Control Denver, Northwestern & Pacific.

DENVER, Colo., March 29.—W. G. Evans, president of the Denver City Tramway company, was today elected president of the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railroad (Moffat road) to succeed the late David H. Moffat. Fred G. Moffat was elected vice president and Gerald Hughes was named as a director of the company.

JAPAN RATIFIES TREATY

Exchange of Signatures Will Be Made on the Fourth of April.

TOKYO, March 29.—The navy cabinet today ratified the treaty of commerce and navigation with the United States. The ratification exchange will be made on April 4.

REVOLVER POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED

Weapon Left Behind by Murderers of Herman Cohn is Recognized by Several.

BOYS WHO OWNED IT CAUGHT

GUN IS SHOWN AT THE SHOP

Suspects Are Put Under Rigid Examination by Police.

HOLDUP VICTIMS VIEW THEM

First is Caught When Stealing a Banana from a Stand.

LEADS TO THREE OTHER ARRESTS

Letters Showing the Character of the Suspects Found in Their Rooms, as Well as Loot from the Printing Shop.

From hour to hour the situation in the Cohn murder case changes from convincing suspicion to seemingly hopeless mystery, and then back again, yet with the rapid shifting of events the police still believe they have in custody the persons who shot down the well-known merchant last Saturday night.

By a singular coincidence, which can be construed either as a vindication of the youthful prisoners or a decisive circumstance against them, a weapon similar in every respect to the one with which Mr. Cohn was murdered has been dug up by the police.

The duplicate weapon was found on the person of Charles Bluebaugh of South Omaha, who was arrested Wednesday afternoon as one of the pals of Henry Steninger, Lemuel Tiggs and Carl Ireland, who were picked up the night before on suspicion of being implicated in the murder.

The original theory that Cohn was shot by an amateur holdup man whose gun got away from him has not yet been shaken. In fact the finding of the second revolver serves in a way to strengthen the belief. The trigger of the weapon picked up near the scene of the murder had been filed in such a way that it was necessary to snap the trigger to bring fire. The same defect was found in the revolver found on Bluebaugh. The filing of weapons in this manner is said to be in strict accord with the perverse idea of youthful criminals who strut through the pages of yellow-back novels, of which a number were found in the room occupied by the young suspects.

Compose Victim's Gains.

Though they still have hope of gaining from the boys a confession that will point to the guilty person they were not as hopeful last night as they were earlier in the day. They declare, however, that if none of the boys is guilty of the murder it is certain that they compose the gang which has been guilty of a number of holdups and jobs of thieving which have been reported to headquarters during the last few weeks.

It was a small job of thieving that led to the arrest of Twigg, De Land and Steninger, all of whom hail from St. Louis. One of the gang, who stole a handful of fruit from a stand on South Fifteenth street, was chased to his room, 317 1/2 North Fifteenth, where all three were found.

Letters found in their possession telling of vicious exploits, including murder, in St. Louis, and their partial identification as young men who have been holding up late wayfarers with a high hand, do not serve to attract their protests of innocence of the Cohn murder.

NO NEW TESTIMONY AT INQUEST

Coroner's Jury Recommends Activity of the Police.

The coroner's jury in the inquest on the death of Herman Cohn brought in a verdict Wednesday afternoon, after being out for about thirty minutes, as follows: "We,

Culp-Langworthy Clothes Shop

New City National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska

The Omaha Daily Bee, Omaha, March 4, '11.

Gentlemen:—

We have been advertising in The Bee for about three months and no investment, not even the purchase of our merchandise, has satisfied us more. The assistance you have rendered us in moulding our knowledge of this business into attractive advertisements has been a large part of our success. Add to this the large circulation you have given us and you will find you have been helpful in building up a new business for Omaha.

We have aimed to give the public satisfactory goods and the public attests this effort on our part, but we could not have acquainted the whole public with what we have to offer had it not been for your assistance.

It is therefore a very pleasing task which you have set for us, that of expressing good will, satisfaction and confidence in The Omaha Bee.

Very truly yours,

F. Culp

THE WEATHER

FOR NEBRASKA—Fair, colder.
FOR IOWA—Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
8 a. m.	35
9 a. m.	35
10 a. m.	35
11 a. m.	35
12 m.	35
1 p. m.	35
2 p. m.	35
3 p. m.	35
4 p. m.	35
5 p. m.	35
6 p. m.	35
7 p. m.	35
8 p. m.	35
9 p. m.	35
10 p. m.	35
11 p. m.	35
12 m.	35

Comparative Local Record.

	1911	1910	1909	1908
Highest today	35	35	35	35
Lowest today	27	30	31	26
Mean temperature	32	32	32	32
Precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Longest and shortest durations from the normal.				
Normal temperature	32	32	32	32
Deficiency for the day	0	0	0	0
Total excess since March 1	0	0	0	0
Normal precipitation	30	30	30	30
Deficiency for the day	0	0	0	0
Total precipitation since March 1	0	0	0	0
Deficiency since March 1	0	0	0	0
Deficiency for the period 1911-1910	0	0	0	0
Deficiency for the period 1911-1908	0	0	0	0
Deficiency for the period 1911-1907	0	0	0	0

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station	State of Sky	Temperature	Rain
Omaha	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Lincoln	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Des Moines	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Sioux Falls	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Wichita	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
St. Paul	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Chicago	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
St. Louis	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Indianapolis	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Cincinnati	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Cleveland	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Pittsburgh	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Philadelphia	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Baltimore	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Washington	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
New York	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Boston	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
San Francisco	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Los Angeles	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
San Diego	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Portland	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Seattle	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Albany	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Syracuse	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Buffalo	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
Rochester	Partly cloudy	35	0.00
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L. A. WILSON, Local Forecaster.

Chorus Girls Who Sold The Bee for Charity



MEMBERS OF THE CHORUS OF THE "MERRY WIFE" COMPANY WHO HELPED THE CHILD SAVING INSTITUTE BY SELLING THE BEE ON THE STREETS.