

Downers Grove Reporter.

By HUGH M. WHITE.

DOWNERS GROVE - ILLINOIS.



A freight train on the Northern Pacific was wrecked by a landslide near Seattle and Fireman Charles Fletch was burned to death...

Foreman Charles Haggerty of the Breadhead Construction company has been arrested at Greenville, Pa., being charged with manslaughter...

At Lima, O., Frank Shaw, employed at the steel works, was crushed to death by a heavy ladle falling on him...

Thos. Kenny, who was supposed to have been killed by a street car in Peoria, appeared at the morgue there and denied that he was dead...

"Big John," one of the best known Ute Indians in Utah, is dead as the result of drinking a bottle of lemon extract, which he took for a cold...

Curtis Harris and Robert Willis, two prominent farmers who lived near Bycamore, Ill., died suddenly...

The 6-year-old son of John Jokaski of Krebs, J. T., broke through the ice while skating and was drowned...

During January two new oil wells were brought in at Corsicana, Tex., taking a total of sixty-four producers in the field...

The Red Wing (Minn.) Sewer Pipe company's plant was destroyed by fire entailing a loss of from \$75,000 to \$100,000, with insurance of \$50,000...

The district judge of Grayson county, Tex., fined C. M. Adams, who had a case pending, \$100, and a juror in the case \$50, because the former invited the latter to drink and the juror accepted...

T. A. Colbert, a prominent Mason, aged 67, dropped dead at Guthrie, Okla., while building a fire...

Nora Easter, aged 7, started a fire with kerosene at her home at Hillsboro, Tex., and was burned to death...

Norman Jones, aged 21, postmaster at Keck, Tex., is dead of hydrophobia, resulting from the bite of a pet dog...

It is rumored that a road is to be built as a rival of the Three I's. The route is to be from Toledo by way of Findlay, Fort Wayne and Kankakee...

The Mexican Central is reported to be in the market, and the Santa Fe and Rock Island roads are said to be rivals for its possession...

Dr. Lyman Abbott, in an address at Carnegie Hall, New York, declared for local option in the saloon question...

Horace W. Ward, a lawyer of Cleveland, was indicted for "using the United States mails in pursuance of a scheme to defraud..."

Three small children, suffering from cold and hunger, were found huddled together in a small bed at Chicago. They said they had eaten nothing but dry bread for almost a week...

Several families were driven out in the cold by a fire which destroyed the four-story building at 125 North Peoria street, Chicago, entailing a loss of \$30,000...

Oscar Bell was shot and killed by James Goode at the latter's home at Clayton, N. M. They were partners in the cattle business...

Armstrong Hensley, convicted of assaulting and murdering his 6-year-old step-daughter last spring, was hanged at Erwin, Tenn...

Because one of the jury commissioners of Gonzales county, Tex., was not a freeholder the convictions had at the present term will probably be reversed. The acquittals will stand...

Not in many years have there been so many auction sales by farmers of central Kansas as this year. Many farmers are selling out to move to town, while others are going to Oklahoma...

The farmers of Bee County, Tex., have made contracts for the sale of all the watermelons to be raised on 2,000 acres. Most of the melons will be handled through St. Louis and Kansas City...

During January ten miles of the Houston (Tex.) ship channel were completed. Gov. Ferguson of Oklahoma announced that he will appoint J. C. Roberts of Kingfisher attorney-general...

The round-bale gins at various Texas towns are being closed down. This ends the Texas cotton season...

The state department at Washington has been informed of the death of Du-bouché Gregoire, United States consular agent at Lille, France. Mr. Gregoire was one of the veterans of the consular service...

T. W. Ridgeway, aged 65, died at Pierce City, Mo. He had been a postal clerk for over twenty years...

John, alias "Shorty," Councelle was shot and killed by a St. Louis patrolman while attempting to escape after holding up a street car conductor...

Defiance Starch, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Senator Mason is making an effort to relieve from the hands of charity the widow of Gen. John B. Turbin, now past 80 years of age...

Frederick Schults was hanged at St. Louis for the murder of Mrs. Cook, with whom he lived...

WEEK'S DOINGS IN CONGRESS

Business Transacted by the House and Senate in the National Capital.

FEELY MAKES MAIDEN SPEECH.

Chicago Congressman Comes Out Victorious in a Tilt with Representative Tawney on the Oleo Bill—Philippine Tariff Thrashed Over in the Senate.

Wednesday, February 5. Throughout the session the senate had under consideration the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, and just before adjournment passed it substantially in the shape in which it was reported to the senate by the committee...

Thursday, February 6. For four hours the Senate had the Philippine tariff bill under discussion. The measure was completed so far as the Philippine committee is concerned, all of the committee amendments being adopted...

Friday, February 7. Senator Foraker of Ohio will move an amendment to the Philippine tariff bill, making the reduction upon Philippine imports to the United States 50 instead of 25 per cent of the Dingley rates...

Saturday, February 8. Representative Lanham of Texas, Democratic member of the House Judiciary committee, presented a minority report on the bill for the protection of the President against assault and conspiracy...

Sunday, February 9. Throughout the entire session of the Senate the Philippine tariff bill was under consideration. Mr. Turner (Wash.) concluded his speech begun last Friday on the legal and constitutional phases of the Philippine question...

Monday, February 10. Representative Feely of Chicago made his maiden speech in the House and acquitted himself with great credit. The oleo bill was his inspiration...

Tuesday, February 11. Representative Tawney of Minnesota, author of the oleo bill and one of the leaders in the fight for the dairy-men, attempted to confuse Mr. Feely. When he had Mr. Tawney in a position from which he knew he could not escape, he unmasked his battery and annihilated him...

When the Philippine revenue bill was called up Mr. Turner of Washington said it was in conflict with the clause of the constitution which requires uniformity in the laying of taxes, duties and imposts...

The House passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. It carries \$25,171,969, which is \$503,721 in excess of the current law.

While agreeing with the idea that the United States should not be made an asylum for Anarchists and those who oppose organized government, he dissented from giving the President protection not accorded to other citizens...

Representative Feely of Chicago made his maiden speech in the House and acquitted himself with great credit. The oleo bill was his inspiration...

Representative Tawney of Minnesota, author of the oleo bill and one of the leaders in the fight for the dairy-men, attempted to confuse Mr. Feely. When he had Mr. Tawney in a position from which he knew he could not escape, he unmasked his battery and annihilated him...

Senator Mitchell introduced a joint resolution extending the elective franchise to women by means of a constitutional amendment. The new navy, it is officially reported, has cost the United States \$99,893,928 for construction and \$9,343,235 for repairs on completed vessels...

Gen. Torrance, commander in chief of the Grand Army, denies that he asked the President to remove Pension Commissioner Evans. The Grand Army has temporarily abandoned the fight against Evans, believing that it will be fruitless...

Gen. Samuel Pearson, who acquired his military title by virtue of some service in the Boer army, has sent a formal letter to President Roosevelt, in which he makes threat that unless the federal authorities put a stop to the operation of a camp established near New Orleans by agents of the British army he will organize a force and make an armed attack upon the camp...

Teachers After Traction Companies. The Chicago teachers will present a monster petition to the city council asking that traction extension be refused until corporations' back taxes are paid...

Public Official Commits Suicide. Deputy City Clerk Crawford of Bloomington killed himself, fearing the effects of a surgical operation...

Fire Causes \$325,000 Loss. Fire in the car works of the Rock Island railroad at Horton, Kan., caused the death of two persons and a loss of \$325,000. The dead: P. H. McKeon, president of board of education; W. H. Davis, employe of the car works...

Cagayan Governor Quits. The governor of Cagayan, island of Mindanao, has resigned, charging that the military authorities, there do not recognize his authority in refusing to receive his writs of habeas corpus...

FLAMES SWEEP OVER PATERSON

Five Hundred Buildings Are Destroyed, Inflicting Loss of \$10,000,000.

SUFFERING FROM FIERCE GALE.

One Thousand Families Are Rendered Homeless—The Conflagration Covered Twenty-Six Blocks in the Business District—Eleven Killed at St. Louis.

The finest part of the business section of Paterson, N. J., was destroyed, and with it 500 residences and apartment buildings were burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$10,000,000.

Twenty-six blocks in the heart of the city were swept by flames. In some of them there is not a single building left standing. In others one or two structures escaped. Others suffered only partial destruction.

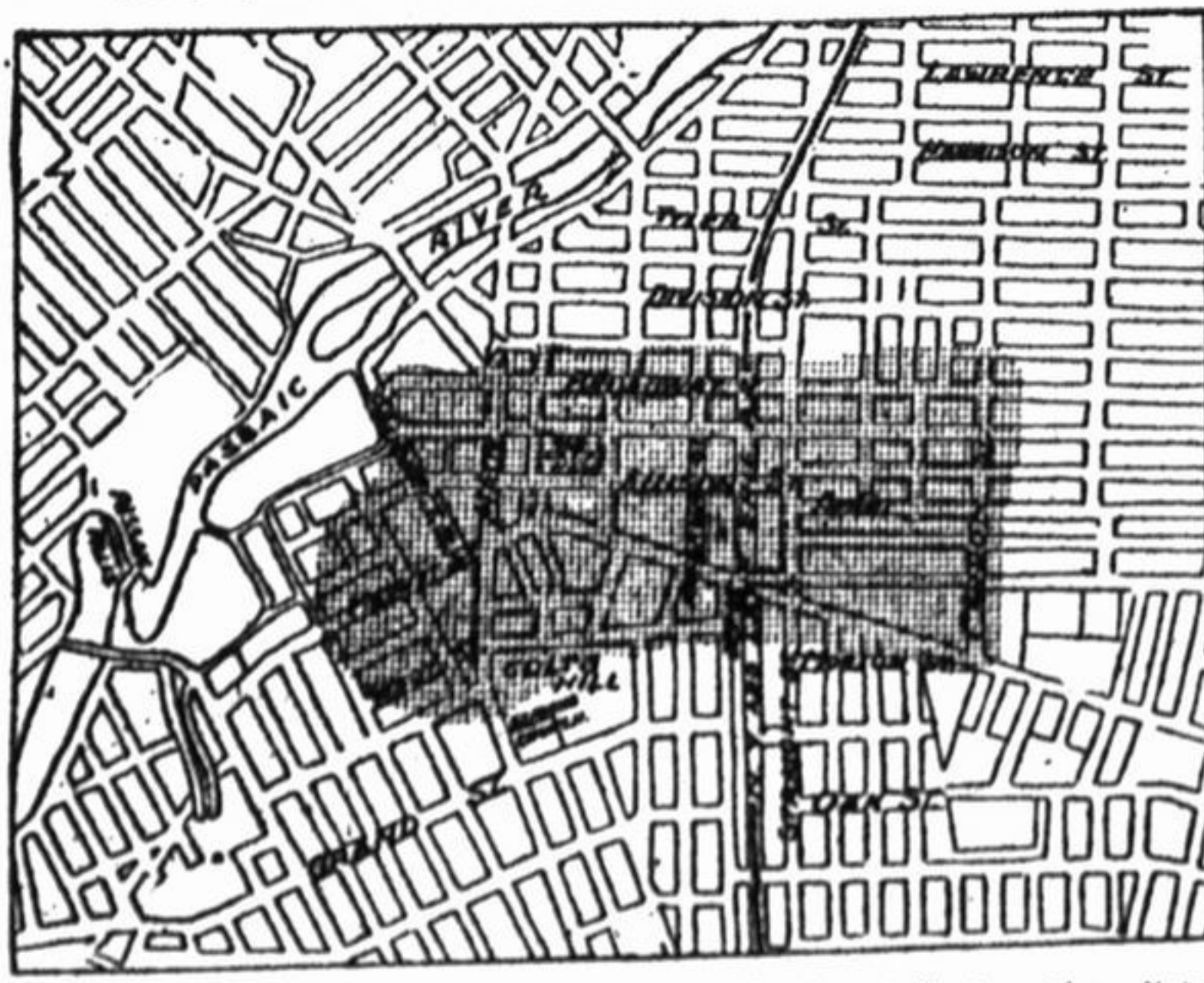
One thousand families, it is estimated, are shelterless. Thousands of men are left without employment.

No lives were lost and comparatively few persons were seriously injured. Twenty were hurt, but most of them only slightly.

The great manufacturing industries of Paterson, its silk mills and its locomotive works, were untouched by fire, so that the many thousands who earn in them their bread have their sources of income left, even if they are among those who lost their homes.

In some of the downtown dyehouses, however, \$2,000,000 worth of raw silk was burned. The effect of this, it is predicted, will be to raise the price

MAP SHOWING EXTENT OF PATERSON FIRE.



The shaded portion of this map of Paterson, N. J., indicates the district burned in the fire.

of certain lines of silk by at least 10 per cent, and of raw silk considerably more.

The extent of the ruin in the business district is almost inconceivable. Hardly a single one of the handsome structures of the city escaped.

The city hall, five churches, every national bank with one exception, and the high school are gone.

No perishable thing could withstand the mighty wall of fire as it moved forward. Firemen and fire apparatus were helpless.

Over the smoking ruins militiamen are standing guard. Thieves are abroad and the property that remains must be protected.

Martial law has been proclaimed. The night was one of the coldest of the winter. Once the fugitives were out of the peril of flames the heat became less intense, and in the safety zone it ceased entirely...

Over the smoking ruins militiamen are standing guard. Thieves are abroad and the property that remains must be protected.

Quartermaster General Donnelly sent to Paterson by special train tents, blankets and other camp equipments.

ELEVEN KILLED AT ST. LOUIS.

Fire Destroys the Empire Hotel and Lodgers Are Burned to Death. Eleven persons were killed and eight severely injured in an early morning fire which destroyed the Empire hotel, a large three-story lodging-house at 2700 and 2702 Olive street, St. Louis, patronized by men exclusively...

Thirty-five to forty persons were in the building, and it is believed that all have been accounted for. It is thought that \$20,000 will cover the damage to building and contents, which were totally destroyed.

The dead: A. J. Allen, C. F. Cantrot, S. T. Corey, Tobe Davis, Sarah Harris, John C. Lueders, father of Deputy City Marshal Leo Lueders; Vance Marlin, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. A. Mc-

Shops Burn at Springfield, Ohio. At Springfield, Ohio, the East street shops built by William N. Whiteley, the reaper king, were destroyed by fire. The loss is between \$500,000 and \$750,000. Eight hundred men are thrown out of work.

Illinois to Have Portfolio. In the event that the department of commerce is established President Roosevelt has promised Senators Cullom and Mason that the portfolio will be given to an Illinois man.

Regulars Cannot Try Volunteers. The federal court at St. Louis has decided that regular army officers cannot sit as members of courts-martial to try volunteers. Two hundred prisoners were freed as a result of the decision.

THE KANSAS PEOPLE ARE IN LOVE WITH WESTERN CANADA.

They Say the Land There is the Finest on Earth.

A great number of delegates have been influenced through the agency of Mr. J. S. Crawford, the Canadian government representative at Kansas City, to visit western Canada, and whether from Missouri or Kansas the story is always the same—they are pleased with the new country being opened up. Isaac H. Levagood writes from Didsbury, Alberta, as follows:

"I met three delegates from Kansas yesterday at Didsbury, and took them home with me and took them out in the afternoon and showed them some of the finest land that lays on top of God's green earth. They are more than pleased with this country. They stayed with me last night; this morning I took them to Didsbury, and they went on north. When they come back they are coming to my place and I am going to help them to run some lines and they are going to locate in sight of my house. There have been over 1,200 acres of land changed hands here in our neighborhood this spring...

FOR AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Industrial Commission Makes Some Important Recommendations. The third part of the industrial commission's final report treats of labor, immigration, taxation and irrigation. The working day of all public employment, it says, should be eight hours, in the hope that it will bring private employment to the same standard. The period of work in underground mines should be eight hours a day. The states should adopt a law providing that labor should be paid in cash or cash orders without a discount, and not in goods or due bills, and that company stores should not be allowed. Regarding injunctions the commission deprecates the abuse of power shown by so many judges.

REVISION OF CREED.

Changes So Far Made by the Presbyterian Committee.

The work of the creed committee of the Presbyterian church, so far as completed, provides a declaratory statement for chapter 3 of the confession of

Road Sign Posts in France.

Cyclists who contemplate touring in France will be pleased to learn that the road from Dieppe to Paris is now so completely provided with sign posts that a foreign cyclist landing in Normandy without a map would not have the slightest difficulty in making his way to Paris if he followed the road-side directions. The entire route is divided into numbered sections and at frequent intervals the cyclist is informed by sign posts as to the turnings, inclines, distances, etc. All the great highways from Paris are to be treated in the same way.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 18 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Truck, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Walzing, Kansas & Marvia, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Millionaire Beautifies a Town.

Fairhaven, Mass., is proud of Henry H. Rogers, the old magnate, who was born there and has spent millions of dollars and much of his time in improving and decorating the town as he might beautify his own home. He has already given to the town a library, waterworks, a drainage system, town hall, schools and a church.

Honesty of the Chinese.

In a recent book of travels in China special point is made of the general honesty of the people, as illustrated by the numerous stalls and shops that are left to look after themselves without danger of theft.

"Trym!" Overcomes

Constipation, the danger signal of Stomach, Liver and Nervous troubles. If you are a sufferer cut this from out—it is worth 25c—and send it with address to R. J. Sarazy & Co., Jacksonville, Fla., and get a package of Trym! Tablets free. They are guaranteed to fulfill all claims or money will be returned.

The Oldest Policeman.

John M. Penniman, a patrolman on the police force in Boston, has been a police officer for fifty years. He is claimed to be the oldest policeman in the country.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

Porto Rico, borrowing an idea from Connecticut, has begun to raise tobacco under cheesecloth tents, which keep off insects and temper the wind, rain and sun.

No man can be brave who considers pain the greatest evil of life; or temperate who regards pleasure as the highest good.—Cicero.

The word "prevent" originally meant nothing more than to go before. It is used in this sense in several places in the Scriptures.

If you have not yet tried Defiance Starch, just ask your dealer what others say about it.

This would be a better world if pessimism were treated as one of the contagious diseases.

Mrs. Austin's Buckwheat has a world wide reputation on account of its purity and genuine Buckwheat flavor. Don't forget the name.

A swallow, flying for home, made 140 miles at the rate of 125 1/2 miles an hour.