### owners Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE - ILLINOIS



Cholera has practically disappeared from Egypt. Cairo is free from the dis ease which is rapidly decreasing in phia. Palestine.

Count Von Wedel German ambassador to Italy, has been definitely appointed to succeed Prince Von Eulenturg as ambassador of Germany at Vienna.

Sydney Waterlow, attache of the British embassy at Washington, was married in London to Alice, daughter | tiary. of Sir Frederick Pollock. The bishor of Winchester officiated at the ceremony, which was attended by Amhassador and Mrs. Choate.

It is asserted in Brussels that owing to the opposition of Germany, Great Britain, the United States and other powers the proposal which has beer advanced to mane French the official language of the international arbitration court at The Hague will be withdrawn.

dent of Bloomington, Ill., died at his home. He was 87 years old and a pio- reinsurance on the Clydesdale. neer merchant of central Illinois, having settled in Metamora in 1840.

Harry Wilfred Dupuy, a Yale senfor, whose automobile killed Ditmas Thorpe Munro of New Haven, Conn., is said to have given the heirs \$5,000 in settlement.

Richard Payne, a bartender, was shot and instantly killed at Pueblo. Col., by Clara Humphrey, who said she shot him because he owed her \$1.65.

Daniel Webster's barn, four and a fields of Burmah. burned. His son Arthur, 30 years old, who had been sleeping in the barn, perished in the flames.

Rock Island, Tex., was blown open by Kansas City, Mo. professional burglars. They secured all of the money in the vaults.

farmer at Carlock, Tenn., was found | Bend, Ind. Nixon, with his sweet of money which she was known to back" and Nixon fired. have was missing.

the office of Walker & Stratman, soap | field Company, mason contractors, the manufacturers, at Pittsburg. Pa. They | loss being estimated at between \$75, secured \$600 and did \$6,000 damage to | 000 and \$100,000. the building.

John Wojtko at Reading, Pa., John | involved in a quarrel with the bridea club.

Albert Salesman, a farmer near Brazil, Ind., was killed by a tree fallhome.

Amos Clark of Centralia, Ill., celebrated his 96th birthday anniversary with a dinner, at which the annual watermelon saved from the summer crop was served.

Secretary Moody resumed his offter an absence of several weeks in the stabbing to death Emil Kuhn, of Mil took active part in the political cam- near the barracks at Fort Morgan

Nathaniel Clark, a farmer of Schuyler county, Ill., was killed at a Wabash crossing east of Clayton. He tried to drive across the track ahead of a train and was struck by the pilot and knocked 70 feet.

Congressman-elect Robert N. Nevin of Dayton, Ohio, has announced himself a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

"The Oaks," the historic Kimbal homestead on Prairie avenue, Kenosha. Wis., was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$11,000; insurance, \$5,000. "The Oaks" was built in 1837, being the first kouse in that section and the first house of note in Kenosha.

Official returns from Oklahoma indicate beyond a doubt the election of B. S. McGuire, Republican, as delegate to Congress, over W. M. Cross, Democrat, by a majority of about 300.

If Republicans unseat Teller men in the Colorado house, the senate, which strongly Democratic, threatens to deadlock the legislature, so it will be impossible to elect a successor to benator Teller.

Charles W. King, engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern road, was instantly killed at Kendall, Wis., by being run over by a car.

Clark's sawmill and handle factory near Ridgeway, Ill., were burned.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Indian Territory Traction company the contractor for road work on the street railway line from South McAlester to Halleyville I. T., was let to Donald G. Grant of Faribault,

The Rev. W. C. Rabe, pastor of the German Baptist church, Omaha, and Miss Augusta Busch, missionary, were found dead in each other's arms in the rmer's church; the pastor is be lieved to have turned on the gas to nd their lives; he was married and fine Busch was his assistant.

In order to wind up the business of oves Brothers, one of the largest en's furnishing concerns in Boston, eceivers have been appointed.

In a row between George Perkins Robert Beck at Conroe, Tex.,

was shot and instantly killed.

The grand jury at St. Louis has taken up the investigation of election STRIKERS frauds. taken up the investigation of election

John Perew dived fifty feet and rescued John Dugan from drovning at Cleveland.

The Liberal University of Silverton, Oregon, is to be removed to Kangas City after the first of the year.

William Richards, aged 82, of Wellsville, Utah, committed suicide by nanging. He was a veteran of the Crimean war.

The Hammond Packing Company of Cheyenne, Wyo., will rebuild its plant there and spend \$50,000 in improvements.

The remainder of the Pennsylvania troops which have been on guard at Hazleton have returned to Philadel-

Miss Lulu Decs shot and killed Samuel Johnson (a negro, who attempted to force an entrance to her room at Poplar Bluffs, Mo.

Roy Kaighn, the youthful slayer of Willard S. Hayes, a Chicago traveling man, at Salt Lake City, has been sentenced to five years in the peniten-

Two workmen who were walking down the Jamestown and Franklin tracks at Ashtabula, O., were instantly killed by an engine. One was Frank Linsler of Ashtabula, and the other was Charles Sinkler of Footville, Trumbull township.

The British ship Riverside, in port at Astoria, Ore., reports that November 3 it spoke the British bark Clydesdale, 122 days from Newcastle, Australia, to San Francisco. The Clydes-George W. Parke, since 1850 a rest. dale was in latitude 34.55 north, longitude 131 west. There is 80 per cent

The Tennessee River Improvement association has decided to ask the fifty-eighth congress for a larger appropriation for the improvement of the Tennessee river and it will be recommended that work be prosecuted all along the river simultaneously instead of concentrating at one point.

A dispatch received in London from Calcutta says the Indian government has refused the Standard Oil company permission to prospect in the oil

half miles north of Alexandria, Ind., i. Fearing arrest. John McAtee, aged 24 years, a cierk in the office of the Kansas City Southern railroad, accused of attempting to rob a fellow The safe of the H. S. Lundy bank at | employe, killed himself by shooting at

John Riffel of Johnstown, Pa., was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by Mrs. P. J. Henderson, wife of a Earl Nixon, 17 years old, at South murdered on the mountain side near | heart, Anna Carl, was returning from her home. She had been shot, the a drive when Riffel approached. He bullet penetrating the heart. A sum failed to observe a warning to "stand

Fire in New Haven, Conn., de Burglars dynamited four safes in ctroyed the plant of the E. A. Chat-

At a conference between official While celebrating the marriage of of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad and shop employes at Dan-Mortera and John Odlajansky became | ville, Ill., the latter were granted an increase of 3 cents an hour in lieu of groom, who was beaten to death with the demand for 5 cents an hour. This applies to all machinists over the whole system.

Complete returns in New Hampmg on him in the woods near his shire for governor show: Bachelder, (Rep.) 41,996; Hollis, (Dém.) 34,096; scattering, 1,725.

The election of Wilson (Dem.) for delegate to congress from Arizona is conceded by a plurality of less than

John Stewart a former United cial duties at the navy department af. | States soldier, who was convicted of west and in New England where he | wankee, also a United States soldier, Ala., has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Congressman Curtis, Congressman Long and Governor Stanley of Kanras have entered actively into the fight for the senatorship to succeed W. A. Harris (Dem.).

Nearly complete returns show that the Republicans made a clean sweep in Montana for the first time in ten years. There was a bitter factional right between Clark and Heinze, and the Democrats elected very few members of the legislature.

Lawrence Cavanaugh, the 16-yearold son of John F. Cavanaugh of Mason, Ill., was accidentally killed while hunting. It is supposed tht while climbing a fence be'h barrells were

discharged into his body. Rev. J. E. Johnson, aged 65, a Methodist minister for twenty-five years, is dead at his home at Caddo Mills, Tex. Senator Hanna has been initiated at Cleveland as a member of the Loy-

al Legion of Ohio. The Minnesota Harvester company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, has been incorpòrated at St. Paul. Its object is believed to be to fight the big har:

vester combine. The big coal deal by which an Eastern syndicate was to have secured the A3 shipping mines of Sangamon, Christian and Menard counties is reported to have fallen through.

David Ernest of Little Rock, Ark., a conductor on the St. Louis, Memphis & Southeastern railroad, was killed at Delta, Mo., while compling cars. A tinner named Martin was fatally hurt by falling sixty feet from the

The initiative and referendum and the election of United States senators by popular vcte was favored by Chicago voters by 131,000 majority each.

roof of a new building at Palestine,

City Marshal Jordan, Tony Jones and Jeff Chenault were killed in shooting affray at Orange, Texas.

Patrick Gardner, aged 61, was run down by a Big Four train at Brazil, Ind., and ground to pieces under the

A train load of cotton was burned near Laporte, Tex. The ergineer ran into a prairie fire before he could stor and the cotton on open carr caught.

# WITH CAVALRY

French Mob Repels Attack by Military to Aid Constabulary Mounted Soldiers by Throwing Bricks.

INFLICT INJURY ON OFFICERS

Coal Miners Refuse to Accept Arbitration Award and Resent Policy of Government in Keeping Troops in the Vicinity of the Collieries.

Paris cable: Rioting by the strikers at Lens and Anzin ended in serious encounters between the cavalry and strikers, in which a number on both sides were badly injured. At Anzin the cavalry was sent to attack the strikers and a lively clash ensued. Lieutenant Duval was injured by being struck in the breast with a brick, two other officers were hurt, and several of the cavalry horses were disabled. Only the timely arrival of reenforcements dispersed the strikers.

Mob Throws Bricks.

At Lens when the cavalry attempted to disperse the rioting mob the latter replied by throwing bricks at the soldiers. Gendarmes were hurried to the rescue of the cavalry and they too were assautted with bricks. One soldier was injured. After a fight lasting several minutes the strikers were

All through the Pas-de-Calais coal district the strikers are making vigorous remonstrances against the policy of the government in keeping troops in the vicinity. Six thousand striking coal miners held a meeting at Lievin (department of Pas-de-Calais). They decided not to accept the decision of the arbitrators against an increase of the present rate of wages and to continue the strike.

Investigating Committee. The Chamber of Deputies took up a resolution moved by M. Rouanet, Radical-Socialist, for the appointment of a commission of thirty-three members to investigate the condition or the miners and to report upon means to prevent economic conflicts. Premier Combes said the government had no objection to the appointment of such commission, and the resolution was adopted by 367 votes to 148.

The government arbitrators announced their decision against in creasing the wages of the striking miners in the department Du Nord. The grounds of the decision are similar to those in the Pas-de-Calais arbitration, namely, that the rates are proportionate to the selling price of coal. The large companies in the Nord have agreed to establish pensions for a term of five years.

SMITH SEEKS REINSTATEMENT

to Re-enter the Army.

Cleveland, O., special: Gen. Jacob H. Smith, who was retired by President Roosevelt as punishment for is

suing the "kill and burn" order in Samar, was in Cleveland in conference with Senator Hanna, and it is said be will seek to bring influence to bear to secure reinstatement in the army Gen. Smith came here alone and had several talks with Senator Hanna. He was reinforced by his brother-in-law. Judge J. W. Bannon of Portsmouth. who had a long conference with the

WOMAN EDITOR SENT TO JAIL

Is First One Convicted Under the Irish Crimes Act.

Dublin cable: Mrs. Annie O'Ma honey, the first woman imprisoned under the crimes act during the pres ent campaign, was arrested at Water ford and sent to jail, where she will undergo a two months' sentence. Mrs. O'Mahoney, who is the proprietor of the Waterford Star, refused to furnish bail to guarantee that she would cease the publication of boycotting notices. H. P. Lynan, editor of the same paper, was also arrested and sent to jail for a similar term.

IOWANS PICK MONUMENT SITE

Three Shafts to Be Erected on Ten-

nessee Battleground. Chattanooga, Tenn., dispatch: The fowa park commissioners visited the battlefield of Lookout mountain and selected the site for one of the three monuments which the state of lowa will build here to commemorate the services of lowa troops during the civil war. The monument will be located near the Cravens House on the scene of the "battle above the clouds," in which lowa troops were engaged.

Premature Explosion Kills. St. Louis., Mo. special: At the office of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado railroad it was stated that iwo men blasting in a cut at Jeffriesburg, Mo., were killed by a premature explosion. A number of laborers were injured.

injury to German Officer. Berlin cablegram: Col. von Heyden Uhlans, Hanover, was seriously jured at the Karlshorst race. The Colonel's horse fell and the officer's head and breast were badly crushed.

Koch Weakens on Theory. Paris cablegram: Prof. Brouardel, who represented France at the tuberculosis congress in Berinn, says Prof. Koch no longer denies the possibility of the communication of bovine tuberculosis to human beings.

in Eradicating Bandits in the Philippines.

SOLDIERS TO PROTECT TOWNS

Troops Will Garrison the Larger Places While the Civil Officials Take the Field Against the Marauders in Ri zal, Bulacan and Cavite.

Manila cable: The government contemplates asking the military to aid in the extermination of the ladrones in the provinces bordering on Manila. The plan is to have the military corporation with the civil authorities, the latter not surrendering entire control to the army.

The ladrones are active in the provinces of Rizal, Bulacan, and Cavite. They have committed many depredations, levied tribute and terrorized the people. The constabulary have been vigorously used against them without complete success, but it is believed that with the aid of the military they can be quickly exterminated.

Plan Campaign. A vigorous campaign by native volunteers that were organized in Bulacan province has driven the ladrones! as the result of his work the lightning into Rizal province. The first joint | rod virtually has passed out of exisoperation will probably be in the latter privince. General Davis strengthened the garrisons in Rizal province, and will co-operate with the constabulary. A big campaign is expected.

The army will be asked to garrison ture passed laws regulating the stanand protect the largest towns, while dard of this oil other states followed. the constabulary take the field. The further extent of the military assistance will depend on circumstances. It finers in nearly every state in the is possible that martial law will be union. Commercial fertilizers became proclaimed, and the writ of habeas, another menace to the prosperity of corpus suspended in Cavite province | the farmer, through the rascally operawhen the campaign commences.

Ladronism has been quelled by the virtually coal ashes to farmers all over constabulary. in many other parts of the island, including the province of Tayabas, where Rioz's band has been completely broken up.

Seek Railway Rights. The Manila and Dagupan railway has applied for a franchise to build a branch from Guigeto to Cabanatuan. The company announces that later it desires to extend the line from Cabanatuan across the mountains and nown the Cagayan valley to Aparri it asks the government to give it the right of way and certain tax concessions. The Philippine commission plans to give a public hearing prepara tory to drafting a railway law. is expected Americans will seek to obtain a franchise, as the Aparri line will be an important link in the in land's railway system in the future.

General Desires Senator Hanna's Aid BURGLARS KILL A BALL PLAYER

Shot Dead When He Refuses to Obey Sentry's Command. Pomeroy, O., dispatch: Harry Allemang, a ball player who pitched in the Southern league this season and who had signed with Cincinnati for 'be coming year, was shot and mortally wounded at Mason, W. Va., his Lome. Allemang was returning home at 3 o'clock a. m. He found burglars at work in the postoffice. A sentry on the outside ordered him to hait. No attention was paid to the command and the sentry fired, the bullet entering Allemang's back and lodging in the left lung. Physicians say the wound is fatal. When Allemang had tallen to the ground the robbers took

WHITEFISH IN BAY

\$980 from bim.

Man and Two Boys Go Down When

Sailboat Capsizes. Alpena, Mich., special: Three per sons were drowned in White Fish bay by the capsizing of a sailboat. The dead: George Millard, Alexander Cyr, Anthony Monsor. Two other lads in the party were rescued by two men who saw the accident and put out from the shore with another boat. The boat capsized over a sandbar and Millard and the two boys were drowned while trying to swim to shore a half mile distant.

Spanish Dignity Not Hurt. Madrid cablegram: At Bilbao, the jury in the trial of Sobino Arana, leader of the autonomist party in the Basque provinces, who was charged with having sent to President Roosevelt last spring a congratulatory dispatch on the granting of Cuban independence, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Cannot Limit Liability. New York dispatch: The Supreme court has handed down a decision that an express company may not limit its liability for property lost through its negligence, because of the statement on its printed receipts that it will not be liable for any sum exceeding \$50.

Dies in Sanitarium. Springfield, III., special: Mrs. F. C. Jayne, president of the state board of charities, died at a private sanitarium in Wisconsin, where she had been under treatment for nervous prostration.

Charge Negro With Murder. Washington dispatch: The coronet's jury has held Richard Cole, the colored porter, for the murder of Mrs. A.da Gilbert Dennis, the dressmaker who was assaulted on the night of Dec. 10 and who died recently.

## PROFESSOR KEDZIE

Was Long Noted as a Leader in Agricultural Studies and Was a Friend of Farmers.

Lansing, Mich., special: Dr. Robert

C. Kedzie, for forty years professor of chemistry at the Michigan Agricultural college, but who was retired from active duty last June and was made professor emeritus, died at the age of 79 years. Robert C. Kedzie was of Scotch-Irish stock. He was born in the hills of western New York and was taken to the backwoods of Michigan when three years old. Teaching country school and laboring with his hands as he could the boy went to Oberlin and was graduated in 1847. Still teaching between terms !.e was graduated from the medical echool of the University of Michigan in 1851; at Rochester (Mich.) academy he taught for two years, then for ten years practiced as surgeon in Vermontville, with one year in the volunteer service of the United States army. He was appointed to his late position in the Agricultural college on Feb. 25, 1863, and at a time when the idea of an agricultural college was hooted by almost every educator in the land. Almost thirty years ago Kedzie found the lightning rod "craze" spreading everywhere through the country and the agents of the manufacturers imposing upon the people to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. He set to work to demonstrate the false ideas, and tence. Explosions of kerosene had become great in the aggregate, and Dr. Kedzie began to look into the new substance to the end that the "Kedzie test" was established as the safety line in Kerosene. The state legislaand to-day the "Kedzie test" is the "150 test" demanded of kerosene retions of a few men who were selling the United States. This the doctor exposed, breaking up the business. In all of these moves the doctor was implored, threatened and prosecuted by the "vested interests" in all these lines, but he was victor.

JUDGE BAKER QUITS THE BENCH

Indiana Jurist Forwards His Resigna tion to the President.

Indianapolis, Ind., special: The resignation of Judge John H. Baker of the United States District court of Indiana has been received by President Roosevelt. It was the understanding at the time his son, Judge Francis N. Balter of the Indiana Supreme bench, was appointed judge of the United States circuit court in Chicago that the father would retire from the bench. The elder Judge Baker was appointed during the administration of President Harrison, assuming office in March, 1892.

THE LATEST MARKET REPORTS

Wheat. New York-No. 2 red. 77c. Chicago-No. 2 red, 72c. St. Louis-No. 2 red, 69c. Kansas City-No. 2 hard, 65@67c, Duluth-No. 1 hard 731/2c. Milwaukee-No. 1 northern, 7315c. Minneapolis-No. 1 porthern, 72% Corn.

New York-No. 2, 613/c. Chicago-No. 2, 54c. St. Louis-No. 2, 45c. Kansas City-No. 2 mixed, 42@42c. Peoria-No. 3, 52c. Cats.

Chicago-Standard, 30@32c. St. Louis-No. 2, 26 1/4 @ 29c. Kansas City-No. 2 white, \$16 Milwaukee-Standard, 33c. Peoria-No. 3 white, 29@2914c.

Cattle. Chicago-\$2,00@7.50. Kansas City-\$3,90@7.60. St. Louis-\$2.25@7.00 Buffalo-\$5.25@8.00. Omaha-\$1.75@8.00.

New York-No. 2, 34c.

Hogs. Chicago-\$3.55@6.85. Kansas City-\$5.75@6.47%. St. Louis-\$6.25@6.50 Buffalo-\$5.00@ 6.721/2. Omaha-\$6.40@6.55.

Sheep and Lambs. Chicago-\$1.50@5.40. Kansas City-\$3.00@5.25. St. Louis-\$3.25@6.65. Omaha-\$1.25@4.75. Buffalo-\$2.00@5.10

New Illinois Banks. Springfield, Ill., special: The state auditor of public accounts has issued a permit to organize the Ottawa Banking and Trust company at Ottawa. with a capital of \$125,000. The auditor also issued a final permit to begin business to the Addison State bank of Addison, Ill., with a capital of \$25,-

Army Officer Dies. New York special: Captain Oscar Linden, commander of the Royal Keuchler, daughter of Dr. W. M. Elting, U. S. A., who was retired in 1895, died at his home at Burlington, Vt., from heart disease. He entered the army July 30, 1861, as a private in the First New York volunteer cavalry.

> Claims to Be Virgin Mary. Winnipeg, Man., dispatch: At Yorkton a young and attractive Dukhobor woman has dressed herself in white cotton, with white canvas shoes, and proclaimed herself the Virgin Mary. Many Dukhobors believe her story.

### IS DEAD AT LANSING CUT PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN TWO

Secret Treaty Said to Exist Between Germany and Great Britain.

LORD CRANBORNE IS EVASIVE

Under Foreign Secretary Refuses to Discuss Matters, Claiming if Pact Existed He Could Not Be Expected to Make the Contents Public.

The secret clause of the Anglo-German treaty relates to the acquisition of the Portuguese colonies in Africa. By this clause Germany will acquire the northern part of the Portuguese possessions as far as Beira, while Britain will take over the remainder, as well as Delagoa Bay and Lorenzo Marques.

The general belief in London that a secret treaty is in existence between Germany and Great Britain relative to the prospective division of the Portuguese possessions in South Africa received some support a fortnight ago, owing to the evasive reply made on the subject by Lord Cranborne, under foreign secretary. He parried all queries, saying that if such a treaty existed he, in the nature of things, was precluded from giving its terms.

Terms of Concession. Details of the alleged treaty were published in December, 1899, by the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, which stated that Germany, besides receiving Portugal's Asiatic possessions, would, in return for a payment to Portugal of \$6,250,000, receive all the Portuguese territory in South Africa north of Mozambique, except a strip of land turee miles wide for Mr. Rhodes' \*ransafrican railway. England would on her part receive the remaining African possessions of Portugai, which contain 2,000,000 square kilometers and 13,000,000 inhabitants. The consent of Portugal to this arrangement, it was said, had already been ob-

tained in principle. Treaty Rights.

In the crisis of the South Africanwar it was regarded as highly probable that Britain would exercise the right of pre-emption she obtained under the Anglo-Portuguese agreement of 1891. This instrument says that "in the event of the two powers proposing to part with any of the territories to the south of the Zembesi, the other shall be recognized as possessing a preferential right to the territories in question or any part of them."

DOCTORS DEMAND SEPARATION

Want Legislation Regarding the Control of Physicians.

Centralia, Ill., special: The Southern Illinois Medical association, after a spirited discussion on the kind of legislation wanted, appointed a committee to assist the state society in pushing the bill to divorce the control of physicians from the other state boards of health on the ground that the present board has too much to do and a special board is needed. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. A. Helm, Metropolis; secretary, E. E. Fyke, Centralia: treasurer, A. T. Telford, Olney. The association adjourned to meet in Marion in November, 1903.

MAKE ATTACK ON SOCIALISTS

Police Take Hand in Riot That Is

Fomented my Anti-Semites. Vienna cablegram: Riotous disturbances marked the election in the Favoriten district of Vienna of members of the Landtag or provincial assembly. Anti-Semites stormed the headquarters of the committee of the Socialists and a fierce fight ensued. The rioters were charged by mounted police, and forty of them were arrested. Many received saber wounds. The anti-Semites carried the election by a majority of 30 out of a total poll of 13,-000. The Clericals now hold the entire representation of Vienna in the Land-

SHOCK IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Mysterious Rocking Is Felt in Hancock and Houghton.

Houghton, Mich., dispatch: Residents of Hancock and Houghton were greatly alarmed by a terrific shock. Houses were rocked and windows rattled as if an earthquake had occurred. Investigation in all directions failed to disclose the cause of the shock. This is the second occurrence of the kind within three months.

Short of Wheat,

Sydney, N. S. W., cable: Official statistics show that owing to drouth the wheat harvest in New South Wales this year has been very toor. The shortage is estimated at 11,000,000 bushels. Queensland other states of the federation probably also have very poor harvests.

Blow Postoffice Safe.

Culver, Ind., dispatch: Burglars blew the postoffice safe and got away with \$1,000 worth of stamps. There were three explosions of dynamite and the safe door was blown through the side of the building.

Flour Mill Burns.

Nashville special: The Model Flour mill and a large wheat elevator adjoining it were destroyed by fire. The loss approximates \$240,000, which is covered partly by insurance.