

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE - ILLINOIS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

James R. Hill, a retired capitalist, was killed by a street car at St. Louis.

William Seville, a fireman, was drowned and another fireman is missing as a result of a fire which caused \$50,000 loss to the steamer Saxon at Philadelphia.

Fred Hennig, aged 8 years, while playing with a rifle, shot and probably fatally wounded the 5-year-old daughter of Philip Trowbridge at Mishawaka, Ind.

Charles O'Neill was found frozen to death in a corn field near Winona, Minn.

W. R. Wanser of Seattle, H. Cole and M. M. Martin were drowned near Leavenworth, Wash., while surveying a location for a power plant.

Annie McMahan, a domestic employed in a hotel in Springfield, Mo., was found dead in her room with a bullet wound in her back.

The American Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, as receiver, took possession of the Barrett & Barrett elder mill at South Haven, Mich.

The three men who are supposed to have robbed the bank at Bridger, Mont., and escaped with \$3,738 were captured after a wild ride of 300 miles.

The Pickering Manufacturing Company of Lowell, Mass., maker of knitted cotton underwear, announces its failure, with liabilities over \$300,000.

Thomas Thornton, receiver for the defunct Lemars National Bank of Lemars, Iowa, has filed his final report showing that creditors get 50 cents of the dollar.

Mrs. Claypool, an aged woman, was fatally beaten by Frank Fleming and Arthur Griffith of Elkhart, Ind., who robbed the home of Isaac Murphy at Niles, Mich.

A girl aged 6 years and an infant of 8 months, children of Mrs. Anisley Bowers of Saginaw, Mich., were burned to death while their mother was absent from the house.

The Reichstag held the longest session in its history, caused by the debate over the tariff bill, during which the opposing factions became involved in serious rows.

Secretary Shaw's report has created deep interest in Berlin and is the subject of much comment in the German press.

The French chamber of deputies has ratified the monetary convention between France and three other continental countries on the coinage of more silver.

The motor vehicle manufacturers have decided to call a convention in Chicago during the automobile show to ask congress for \$20,000,000 for a great national highway.

The Rome correspondent of a Milwaukee Roman Catholic paper cables that neither Bishop Spalding nor Auxiliary Bishop Muldon will succeed the late Archbishop Feehan, but that Bishop Quigley of Buffalo is the choice of the cardinals at Rome.

Miss Ella Weston was probably fatally burned near Bertram, Tex., her clothing catching at an open grate.

Dr. Lorenz, the Austrian specialist, accompanied by Dr. Friederich Mueller, has arrived at Washington.

The buildings of the Crystal Ice and Cold Storage Company at Anderson, Ind., burned, causing a loss of \$50,000.

Actor Barry Johnston, who shot and killed Mrs. Kate Hasset at Philadelphia and wounded himself, is reported dying.

President King of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, announces a gift of \$50,000 to the institution, but withholds the name of the donor.

Crossed wires started a fire at Alton, Pa., which destroyed the wholesale dry goods store of Bittner, Hamaker & Co. Total loss \$170,000, insurance, \$112,000.

Fireman Frank Elliott and Express Messenger Richard Heim were killed and five other men seriously injured in a collision on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad at Sunbright, Tenn.

At the apex of the Springfield diocese of the Episcopal church in session at Springfield, Ill., Bishop Seymour announced that he wanted no successor named at present.

Frances S. Brooks, Republican, for congressmen-at-large from Colorado, has 840 plurality over Alva Adams, Democrat, and in the First district John P. Shafer, Democrat, has 2,782 plurality over Robert W. Poynage, Republican.

The plant of the Brookville Manufacturing company at Brookville, Ind., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000, with insurances of \$33,000.

Frank Ashby, aged 33 years, of Sheboygan, Wis., died sitting in a chair at the breakfast table. Apoplexy is supposed to have been the cause.

John Vanderberg of Neillville, Va., was accidentally shot while out hunting. J. Free his companion, mistook him for a deer.

The green bugs have appeared in Hills county, Tex., creating considerable alarm among the wheat farmers.

WITH LAWMAKERS AT WASHINGTON

Doings in Both Houses of Congress Set Forth in Terse Paragraphs.

EVENTS OF NATIONAL INTEREST

Discussions on Measures Proposed for Enactment into Law Succinctly Summarized for Our Readers by Capable Correspondents.

Tuesday, Dec. 2.

There were two events of interest in the senate, the swearing in of Gen. Russell A. Alger as a senator from Michigan and the presentation of the President's annual message.

The house session lasted an hour and forty minutes. Immediately after the reading of the Journal Gordon Russell, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. C. De Graffenreid of Texas, and Edward Swann, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Amos J. Cummings of New York, took the oath.

The speaker announced the following committee appointments: Mr. Hill (Conn.) on ways and means, Mr. Palmer (Pa.) on judiciary, Mr. Fowler (N. J.) director of the Columbian Institution for Deaf-Mutes, and Mr. Jenkins (Wis.) as consulting trustee

public buildings and grounds, Mr. Shepherd, Democrat (Texas); to visit the naval academy, Messrs. Watson (Ind.), Adams (Pa.) and Clark (Mo.); to visit the military academy, Messrs. Hull (Iowa), Steele (Ind.) and De Armond (Mo.).

Thursday, Dec. 4.

The Senate was in session one hour and five minutes, most of which time was spent behind closed doors. After the reception of a number of bills and petitions and the adoption of a concurrent resolution calling on the President for the papers in the Plus fund case, recently arbitrated before The Hague tribunal, Mr. Beveridge had read the resolution adopted by the delegates to the Oklahoma non-partisan convention favoring the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state and opposing the House omnibus statehood bill.

The house was not in session.

Friday, Dec. 5.

The House devoted the day to bills on the private calendar. The most important bill passed was one to adjudicate in the Court of Claims the claims of certain importers of steel blooms, who between 1879 and 1882 paid customs duties equivalent to 45 per cent ad valorem, when, it is claimed, the correct rate should have been 30 per cent.

The Senate was not in session.

Saturday, Dec. 6.

The senate was not in session. Immediately after the reading of the Journal the house entered upon the consideration of the pension appropriation bill. Mr. Barney (Wis.), in charge of the measure, explained that appropriations it carried, aggregating



Uncle Sam: "Say, suppose you settle those questions before you shut up shop again."

of the reform school of the District of Columbia. The deaths of Representatives De Graffenreid and Sheppard of Texas, which occurred during the recess, were announced.

Wednesday, Dec. 3.

The senate began the real work of disposing of the business before it. When an adjournment was taken out of respect to the memory of Representatives De Graffenreid and Sheppard of Texas the bill to amend the immigration laws was under discussion. Early in the day Mr. Nelson, from the committee on territories, reported a substitute for the omnibus statehood bill with the recommendation that Oklahoma and Indian Territory be admitted into the Union as one state under the name of Oklahoma.

The house passed the bill to appropriate \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the anthracite coal strike commission and then adjourned until Friday, when the London dock charge bill will be considered. There were two hours of discussion on the commission bill, during which the president's course in creating the commission was highly commended except by Mr. Burton, a Missouri Democrat, who contended that the commission was created without authority of law or Constitution. The bill was passed without division. The speaker announced these appointments: Member of the committee on

\$129,847,000, were practically identical with those for the current year, and that it contained no new legislation. The bill then was passed without a word of comment. Bills were passed to readjust the time for holding court in the western judicial district of Texas; to confer jurisdiction upon the Circuit Court and district courts of South Dakota in certain Indian cases; to create a new division of the western judicial district of Missouri; to incorporate the Society of Military Surgeons; to increase the maximum period in which live stock can be confined in cars without unloading from twenty-eight to forty hours; to authorize the federal railroad company to construct a bridge across the Missouri river at Oacoma, Lyman county, S. D.; to construct a bridge across the Missouri river within five miles north of the Kaw River, Kansas; to empower Minnesota to file its selections for school lands immediately upon survey and prior to approval and filing of plat; to increase the size of homesteads in Alaska from eighty to 220 acres; to construct a steam revenue cutter for service in Albemarle and Pimlico Sounds, N. C.; to set aside certain lands in South Dakota as a public park to be known as Wind Cave National Park; for the relief of certain settlers upon Wisconsin Central Railroad and the Dalles military road grants; to incorporate the general educational boards; defining what shall constitute and providing for assessments on oil mining claims, and fixing the punishment for the larceny of horses, cattle and other live stock in Indian Territory.

Disc of Cancer.

Milton, Wis., special: Ludwig Kuntz, professor of natural history and physiology in Milton college, is dead of cancer of the throat. He was a man of note as a naturalist and was accepted as an authority in many lines.

Murks Canadian Packers.

Toronto, Ont., dispatch: The report from South Africa that Canadian owned goods are very inferior to the American has caused consternation among government officials and the Canadian packers.

Carnegies Sail for Home.

London cablegram: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie have left London to embark on the steamer Oceanic for New York. Mr. Carnegie, who showed traces of his recent illness, was accompanied by a physician.

Changes Age Limit.

Washington special: Senator Hale introduced a bill fixing the age for admission to the naval academy between the age of seventeen and twenty years. The present limit is fifteen and twenty-one years.

FOURTEEN DIE IN CHICAGO HOTEL FIRE

Out-of-Town Visitors to International Live Stock Show Mostly the Victims.

SURVIVORS OF THE CATASTROPHE TELL THRILLING STORIES OF THEIR ESCAPE

Those Who Perished Died Without a Chance to Save Themselves--Firemen Do Splendid Work in Rescuing Imprisoned Inmates of Burning Building--Heroism Displayed by Young Boy.

Fourteen lives were lost in a fire that broke out in the Lincoln hotel, at 176 Madison street, Chicago, shortly before 6 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 4. Caught in a trap of horror and death, with avenues of escape cut off by smoke and flames, the victims of the disaster met their fate amid scenes of dramatic terror.

The fire department fought the flames and battled for life against grim odds. The building was practically without safety appliances.

Some Leaped Four Stories. About 125 persons were in the building when the flames were discovered. Most of them were guests here to visit the live stock exposition. Unused to hotels, they were doubly bewildered when the fire cry went up. Some dashed to windows and leaped four stories to certain death.

THE DEAD.

YOCUM, I. C., 50 years old, fire insurance dealer, prominent in Davenport, Ia., visiting stock show.

YOCUM, SAMUEL, son of I. C. Yocum, 24 years old; connected with his father's business, Davenport, Ia.

COON, A. B., 40 years old, lawyer, Marengo, Ill., married; connected with the law firm of Joslyn & Raymond, Chicago.

BOB WELL, B. F., 35 years old, Chicago.

SLOCUM, T. V., 48 years old, machine dealer, prominent in Lake county, Ill.; lived in Wauconda, Ill.

WOODS, H. K., Lebanon, Ind., 43 years old.

EWING, F. L., mail clerk, Marietta, Ohio; employed on Pennsylvania system.

TONER, EDWARD, 40 years old, printer; lived in Milwaukee.

COREY, F. W., 29 years old; employed in the postal service; lived in Bucyrus, O.

LOWE, WARD, 27 years old; employed as a mail clerk in the postal service, Sechierville, Wis.

HARDY, M. M., 38 years old, Janesville, Wis., employed as city agent by Kirkhoff & Neubarth, wholesale liquor dealers, Chicago.

COWAN, C. P., 48 years old, married, St. Louis, Mo.; employed as a collector on the Wabash railroad.

GRAVES, GEORGE B., employed as compositor on a morning paper; lived at hotel.

CLINE, JOHN A., Duluth, Minn. Most of the persons killed were in the rear rooms of the hotel on the fourth floor when the blaze was discovered. A narrow stairway leading to all the floors of the structure, which is of brick and four stories high, was afire.

Among the first to reach the hotel after the alarm was sent in were Detectives Anderson and Ellsworth of central station. They plunged up the stairway and reached the fourth floor, where the helplessness of the probable victims was most apparent.

The officers here rescued Mrs. Belder and her 11-year-old daughter Cora, and Mrs. George Klepp and her 9-year-old son, all of Cairo, Ill. They carried the women and their children down the stairs through the choking smoke and the hot breath of the flames and landed them safely at the street.

Another thrilling rescue was that of Mrs. J. Shepard. Her 10-year-old son caught her about the waist when dreading death by fire she was about to leap out of a fourth-story window.

"Stop, mamma," he cried; I know they will help us.

The boy had only uttered this last remark when the firemen, under command of Capt. Benjamin Conners, placed the ladder against the side of the building and started to the rescue.

The ladder rested upon the roof of a restaurant, two-stories below the imprisoned mother and son, and when the firemen reached the window they found the boy still clinging to her offering words of advice.

Ladder Sways; Woman Falls. As the firemen stood upon the window edge and assisted Mrs. Shepard to the ladder the boy stood calmly behind her, warning her to be careful. Fearing that she would not be able to make the descent two firemen attempted to take her in their arms.

As the three stood upon the top rung of the ladder it began to sway and before they could catch hold of the window sill they lost their hold on Mrs. Shepard and she fell to the roof two stories below.

The boy, after witnessing the accident clambered onto the ladder, and with the firemen ahead of him, made a quick descent to where the unconscious form of his mother lay on the roof, surrounded by a dozen firemen. She was taken to the county hospital, and the boy, clad only in his night robe, followed.

Cattle Breeders Look for Friends. The scene around the partly burned building, after the terrible results had become generally known throughout the city, was pathetic in the extreme. The hundreds of strangers, principally farmers from near-by states who came to Chicago to take part in the live stock exposition at the Stock Yards, knew that the Lincoln hotel was largely occupied by their friends and acquaintances, and they hurried into Madison street and inquired anxiously as to whether their particular friend, in some instances a brother or near relative, had been saved.

Night Clerk Discovered Blaze. The fire was first discovered by E. C. Weber, the night clerk. He detected smoke on the second floor, where in a manner not yet known it is supposed that the fire began. Within five minutes after the alarm was sounded through the building scores of anxious faces appeared at the Madison street windows and also the windows in the rear of the building.

The crowd in the street shouted repeatedly for the frenzied occupants of the hotel to remain where they were for a few minutes longer, as the fire department was then responding to the scene.

Refuse to Heed Cry of Warning. The flames and smoke drove most of the already panic-stricken people on to desperation, and many of them refused to heed the cries of warning. At least a dozen were seen to leap from the second and third story windows.

SURVIVORS TELL OF ESCAPE. Awakened by the Smoke They Have No Time to Dress. R. C. Hamilton, Lebanon, Ind., was the first of those who escaped to give a coherent narration of the plight of the hemmed in unfortunates.

"There were three beds in the room I was in," said Hamilton. "All of them had two occupants. A little after 5:30 o'clock I woke up. At that time no alarm had been raised. I was just on the verge of going to sleep when I heard some one on the floor below shout 'Fire!' Everyone in the room got up at once. Smoke was coming up through the cracks in the floor and within two minutes the smoke was suffocating. I gave up trying to dress. The room was in total darkness and in the smoke no one was able to find the gas jet. I groped my way to the rear of the building and struck several matches to try to find the stairway. I looked for the fire escape signs, but could find none.

"By chance I found a window on the west side of the building. I broke the glass. Fifteen feet below was the roof. Just then I heard a woman sobbing. She was huddled in a corner a few feet away, a small boy hugged tightly in her arms.

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"I dragged the woman and child to the window. Then I picked the boy up and dropped him to the roof. The fall apparently did not hurt him in the least. Then I took the woman and lowered her by the hands as far as possible. Then I let her drop. She moaned and was motionless. Then I jumped on the roof and we remained there until the firemen took us down the ladder. While on the roof we

could hear cries of the guests on the third and fourth floors."

Wakened by Water Stream. Edward E. Burgan, another survivor, said: "I was one of the crowd that escaped by jumping out on the roof. I am a heavy sleeper, and I was awakened first by a stream of cold water through the window that drenched me to the skin. I grabbed my trousers and put on my shoes and climbed over the window sill. The drop was a pretty severe one, but I am mighty glad to get out."

Slid Down a Rope. L. C. Brooks, Northville, Mich., was one of the first of the rescued who were taken down the ladder from the fourth-story front.

"There were four of us in one of the front rooms," he said. "We were awakened by some one pounding on the door. Below we could hear the sound of persons running back and fourth along the main hall. I ran to the front and broke a window to let the air in. Then I shouted for help. The fire engines were just beginning to come. We saw no fire, but the smoke was coming up from the third story in suffocating streams. While I was standing in the window Floyd Northrup caught hold of a rope that reached from the sidewalk to the roof and slid down. He was injured and his hands were cut to the bone.

"Several guests sought to jump into the street. 'Wait. The ladders are coming,' we cried. Some of these, however, were so panic-stricken they ran back into the rear of the building. 'Where are the fire escapes?' we could hear them ask. I saw several persons rush back into their rooms. Some of these I am positive covered their heads with the bed clothes and were suffocated. It seems impossible that any one could have slept through the panic and smoke."

Saw a Woman Jump. A. H. Warren, who with his brother was here from Ovid, Mich., to attend the Live Stock Exposition, was in a front room on the third floor.

"It couldn't have been more than 10 seconds after the shouting before we woke up, but the place was then so full of smoke that we could hardly find our clothes. Both of us decided to risk climbing out on the ledge, as it seemed suicidal at least to try to fight our way through the mass of people in the halls. We worked our way along the ledge to the west side of the building and jumped. People seemed to be fairly swarming out of the windows on that side. I saw a woman jump from the same floor as ours. She had a baby in her arms, some one said, but I couldn't vouch for it myself. My brother and I got most of our things out, certainly everything of any value.

One Stops to Pray. One man stopped to pray and was suffocated before he had ended his petition. His body was one of four found near the head of the stairway on the fourth floor. He had occupied a room from whose window the fire escape ran. R. C. Hamilton, Lebanon, Ind., broke open the door and found a man, whom he warned to flee.

"Let us pray first," said the occupant of the room. Hamilton did not stop, but later identified the body of a large man as that of him who had insisted on waiting to pray.

A shutter saved the life of Olaf Oldorf as he was about to drop two stories. From it he swung to the roof. Fire Laid to Carelessness. The fire started in a rear bedroom on the fourth floor. Richard Gillen, fire insurance patrol reporter, says it evidently was caused by a pan of smoldering sulphur which had been used for fumigation purposes. It had been carelessly left under a bed, it is said.

Was a Hopeless Fire Trap. The fire marshal declares that the building was a hopeless fire trap and that it could not have been worse had it been constructed with criminal intent.

Two months ago the building inspectors condemned the place as unsafe.

Genius Surely.

"I wonder of it's possible that genius is a-runtn' in that boy's head now?" said the Georgia farmer. "Dunno. What sot you to thinkin' 'bout it?" "Way he takes on. He's been actin' queer ever sence the old mule kicked him!"

Opportunity.

"Morris! Sol. Ketchin' many fish?" "Only tollerble." "Any duck jistridy?" "Struck 'em good and struck 'em hard. Den sailed about too much and lost 'em all." "Dare now; dare now! Mind what I see a-tellin' yo'. When yo' git among 'em, drap yo' anchor."

Only Medical School in Egypt. Cairo has the only medical school in Egypt.

Taking His Shop Home.

"Close is the meanest railroad president in the business," snorted Little Bluffer fiercely. "He has refused me a pass every time I have asked him for one."

"It's the man's nature," exclaimed Caggy. "They say he will never pass dishes at the luncheon table at home."

Most Common Japanese Name.

The name of Kikyo or Kikuno--'Chrysanthemum'--is as common in Japan as Mary is in America.

Increase in British Coal Miners.

British coal-mining industries show increased employment of 1.5 per cent over that of a year ago.