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DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

NEBRASKA PRAIRIE FIRE BURNING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH.

Property Valued at \$100,000 Has
Been Already Destroyed—Three
Deaths Reported—Railroad
Company Sends Men
to Save the Towns.
Other News.

Loomis, Neb., 23.—A prairie fire is raging through this section of the state, and already three deaths are reported, while a number of farmers are missing. Houses and stock running far toward \$100,000 have already been lost, and the fire continues with unabated fury.

August Olson, an aged farmer, is known to have been burned to death and two of his hands are missing. James Lewis and William Anderson, ranchmen, are also dead. A number of cowboys are reported missing from different directions.

The flames are past all hope of control, and are leaping across the prairie at racehorse speed, burning everything in their path.

The Burlington railroad has sent a special train with fire-fighters from Holdrege to assist the ranchmen in saving the small towns in the path of the flames. From Loomis to the Platt river, 15 miles, the whole country will undoubtedly be swept clear by the fire. Further to the west, toward which the blaze is sweeping, the prairie country extends for nearly 200 miles. There are no streams of note along this country, and the fire may sweep to the bend of the Platte river in that direction.

Basett, Neb., March 23.—A disastrous prairie fire has been raging in Rock county since early this morning. The fire originated in Loup county, and driven by a high wind, burned a strip five to ten miles wide from the south line of the county to the railroad near Newport, a distance of 40 miles. Thousands of tons of hay, many residences, outbuildings and stock have been destroyed. The fire continues, and an army of men and teams is fighting it.

Kearney, Neb., March 23.—A prairie fire ignited the Burlington Railroad Platte river bridge today and partly destroyed it.

Milton, Or., March 23.—Either Otis C. Ingle must make an abject apology to the members of the Christian church, of this place for the insults which he heaped upon the head of the pastor, Rev. R. L. Cartwright, and for which the minister soundly thrashed him, or else his name will be stricken from the rolls of the congregation.

"I can attend Christian Endeavor meetings, but it is impossible for me to sit and listen to that thing," cried Mr. Ingle last Sunday, before the horrified church members.

Fined \$5 for assault and battery upon the person of Mr. Ingle, the pastor of the Christian church Sunday before last apologized from the pulpit for the disgrace which he had brought upon the congregation and upon Christianity. "But it was impossible for me to withstand the insults thrust upon me by Mr. Ingle," was the pastor's plea.

The church members either believed that the minister's offense should be forgiven in a Christian spirit, or else they were proud of a preacher who could call a man from his place of business and thrash him on the spot, so by a unanimous vote the church exonerated Mr. Cartwright. He has presented his resignation, but it was not accepted then, and probably will not be.

Excitement reigned in the Christian church when the pastor made his apology. Though he made no excuses and asked forgiveness from none, the exonerating vote was immediate. Then the members thought that Mr. Ingle should extend the hand of friendship and call it square. He was called upon for an apology, but none was forthcoming. He was given until next Sunday to save himself from expulsion.

Until Rev. Cartwright entered upon his work here two years ago Mr. Ingle had been the leader of the Christian Endeavor society, and

in all social affairs, and was very popular with the fair sex. But he found his popularity waning when the handsome, stalwart Kentucky preacher won the hearts of his people. Inspired by jealousy, it is said, he circulated stories to the pastor's detriment. As punishment he was severely walloped on the street by the minister.

Tacoma, Wash., March 21.—A vivid description of the first attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and the remarkable dashes into the inner harbor by the Japanese torpedo boats is given in a letter to the Tacoma News from Allen Fairweather, of Tacoma, purser of the steamship Pleiades, which had arrived at Port Arthur with a cargo of flour a few days before the attack was made. He says:

"We arrived at Port Arthur Feb. 7. The Russian fleet, consisting of 14 battle ships and cruisers, were all lying outside the mouth of the harbor. We got a birth just inside of the low spit which forms one side of the entrance.

"Monday night about 11 o'clock we heard heavy firing, which continued until about 12:30 a. m. Every one thought the forts were engaged in some kind of night target practice, but in the morning, when we saw two of the largest and best of the Russian warships aground on the new spit, we knew that something more than practice had been going on. It developed that a fleet of Japanese torpedo boats had come along quite close inshore, flying the Russian flag and giving the Russian signal. They had passed right under the forts, along the spit side of the harbor, and had passed by the patrol boats at the entrance, giving the countersign.

"They passed through the small entrance to the harbor proper, turned around and passed out, going up to the other coast until directly behind the largest and best of the warships lying outside, when they turned and fired torpedoes into three of them.

The remarkable part of it was the dash of the torpedo boats through the 100-yard wide mouth of the harbor and there turning around inside.

"The Russians fired a shot at the torpedo boats, but apparently did no harm. They then attempted to get their warships into the harbor, but two of the worst disabled ran aground on the spit and were then in a sinking condition.

"The next morning the Japanese fleet moved in to within firing distance and fired shells for 45 minutes. The Pleiades was behind the spit, but in direct line, and the shells fell all around us. Our deck was covered with pieces.

"Later the Russians got their grounded warships off the spit and inside the harbor, where they now lie on the bottom, practically submerged. By working hard they succeeded in bringing in a five funneled cruiser, which sank in the harbor the next day.

"We had great difficulty in getting away. We were obliged to take 300 Chinese women away with us."

North Yakima, Wash., March 22.—The body of Jack Gingle, who was killed at Footbill, Spokane Co., by officers Sunday morning in a hand to hand fight, was brought to this place this morning and will be buried in the potter's field tomorrow. Several people viewed the body as it lay in the morgue of Flint & Shaw.

George Pyburn, Charles Mabrey and Flavey Quay recognized the dead man as the one who held them up in Shadlow's saloon one night in January, 1901, and robbed them of \$800. Other parties also recognized him. He is one of the robbers who held up the saloon in the Arlington Hotel, Arlington, Or., and robbed it of \$800.

His brother, Jim Gingle, who is in jail here charged with being connected with the robberies in which his brother was implicated, was taken to see his dead brother today. He appeared stolid and unaffected at the coffin, but when taken back to jail broke down and wept. He will have a preliminary hearing on Thursday afternoon.

Cured Consumption.
Mr. B. Evans, Charwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Billard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

SEEDLESS APPLES

REFUSES TO DIVULGE THE SECRET OF HIS WORK.

Charles Spencer's Narrow Escape
from Going Over Willamette
Falls—Lands Thrown Open
for Settlement—
Other News.

Glenwood Springs, Col., March 15.—After experimenting for 7 years John F. Spencer, an old nurseryman and fruit grower of Grand Junction has produced a seedless apple. The new fruit very much resembles the seedless orange in that the meat is solid and there is a slightly hard substance in the navel end. The trees have no blossoms.

Spencer says he began experimenting with the apple shortly after the seedless orange appeared. He reasoned that if it was possible to destroy germination in the orange it was possible in the apple. He originally produced five trees that would bear seedless apples and then experimented to see if he could make the buds reproduce others. In this he succeeded and secured forty additional trees. From these he has budded two thousand more.

He has kept his experiments to himself for all these years and he now refuses to divulge his secret.

Mr. Spencer claims that with the seedless apple many diseases due to the laying of eggs by moths in apple blossoms will be avoided.

Ashland, Or., March 22.—A storm of unusual severity for March has been raging through the mountains and valleys of Southern Oregon and Northern California since last night, and snow and rain have been falling almost without cessation. The Southern Pacific has its snow plows out from Ashland and Dunsuir keeping the track clear of snow on the Si-kiyou and through the Sacramento Canyon section, where in some places it has fallen to a depth of two feet or more. Tonight it is drifting badly, but no serious difficulty is anticipated.

Oregon City, Or., March 22.—Charles Spencer, a logger in the employ of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Mills, of this city, narrowly missed going over the Willamette Falls, which would have resulted in certain death. As it is, he is laid up with a serious fracture of both bones in the right leg just below the knee.

Spencer is employed with a crew of men that conveys rafts of logs from the company's boom at Station A, on the east side of the river. While directing a raft today, Spencer became entangled in the rope and was knocked into the water and carried to the bottom of the

river. He managed to free his fractured limb from the rope after having drifted down stream for several rods, and came to the surface, only to discover that he was about to be carried over the breakwater and into the falls. His frightened companions hastened in a boat to his rescue and pulled the helpless man out of the river just in time to save his life. Spencer was hurriedly brought to this city, where his injuries were treated.

Oregon City, Or., March 22.—Nine and a fractional sections in township ten South, range 11 west, were thrown open to settlement at the Oregon City land office at nine o'clock today. The tract embraced more than 6000 acres, and all the land was filed on with the exception of a quarter section by the 34 applicants who stood in line for an hour before the office was opened.

The land, which is located in the Siletz reservation, was opened to settlement under the provisions of the homestead law, and was taken almost entirely by Salem and Albany people. Two similar tracts in the same section of this land district will be opened to settlement on April 6 and 13 respectively.

Denver, Colo., March 22.—Colonel William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," made a deposition before a notary in this city today in the action for divorce which he has begun in Big Horn county, Wyoming. Colonel Cody will sail for Europe shortly, and will be absent from the country when his suit is tried. In the proceedings today, Colonel Cody was interrogated by his attorney and was subjected to cross-examination by counsel for Mrs. Cody.

"Mrs. Cody tried to poison me three years ago," the Colonel testified. "She has frequently. We were visiting in Rochester, N. Y., during the holidays of 1900, and the day after Christmas I was ill. I supposed the turkey and plum pudding did not agree with me. She said she would fix me up. She pretended to give me medicine. It was poison. It almost finished me. I was unconscious for some time. I think it must have been an overdose, for it made me vomit and I suppose that is what saved my life."

In his testimony today Colonel Cody related many instances of his wife having humiliated him at his former home in North Platte by her conduct toward his guests.

"She drove my friends away," he said. "When they were no longer welcome in the handsome residence I built and elaborately furnished it was no longer my home."

The witness went into details and recited many specific instances of his wife's discourtesy to his guests.

T. D. Campbell has taken charge of the Benton County Lumber yard near the S. P. depot. Will furnish building material. See Mr. Campbell before you buy.

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