

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN WAKE OF CAROUSAL

Upsetting of Kerosene Lamp During Drunken Revel at Troutdale Causes Death by Incineration of One and the Fatal Burning of Another.

The upsetting of a kerosene lamp in a drunken carousal resulted in the destruction of business houses valued at \$20,000 at Troutdale at an early hour yesterday morning. W. J. Smith, one of the revelers, was burned to a crisp, and another, Richard Nicholson, is in a dying condition at Good Samaritan hospital in this city. Merchants whose stores were destroyed are reopening for business in tents at the scene of the conflagration.

Business Block Destroyed.
The property destroyed comprised the best built business block in Troutdale, and included the following: J. C. Buckley, Troutdale hotel, loss \$25,000, insurance \$1,000; Harlow, dealer in hardware, loss \$5,000, insurance \$5,000; Union hotel, loss \$2,500, insurance \$1,250; S. S. Logan store building, loss \$1,000, insurance \$500; Louis Holmquist hotel, loss \$1,250, insurance \$500; James Allison, hotel fixtures, loss \$1,500, insurance \$1,000; Weinhard estate, loss \$1,000, no insurance; Aaron Fox, post office building, loss \$1,000, insurance \$500; Richard Latourneau, saloon fixtures, loss \$1,000, no insurance; Larson Bros., saloon, loss \$200, fully insured; Osborn Bros., store, loss \$100, fully insured; Robert White store building, loss \$500, no insurance; George N. Reynolds, meat market, loss \$500, no insurance; Richard Latourneau, livery stable, loss \$500, no insurance.

The jamouse that led up to the holocaust began Saturday night in the Red Front saloon. Half a dozen men who had sampled the firewater in various dispensaries of the town drifted to the Red Front and there engaged in a drinking bout that was later continued from bottles in a room over the annex

of the Troutdale hotel, where a number of them boarded and lodged. Smith, who recently came to Troutdale to work for the Union Meat company, became hilarious and oratorical and, owing to the effect of his frequent potations, he was careless in his gestures.

Escape Impossible.

When the carousal reached its height, about 3 o'clock a. m., Smith upset the kerosene lamp with which the room was lighted. The oil must have communicated to his clothing, for he was unable to escape the flames that instantly surrounded him. His charred body was afterward found in the ruins.

Richard Nicholson, another member of the party, was badly burned, but succeeded in making his escape from the burning building. He was found wandering on the streets in a delirious condition, and was bandaged and sent on the first train to Portland. He is under treatment at Good Samaritan hospital. The entire town would have been destroyed had it not been for the heroic work of the bucket brigade and the hosecart crew. The only means of fighting fire in Troutdale, aside from the bucket brigade, is a small hosecart with 500 feet of hose, and water is secured from a tank supplied by a spring some distance up the hill. Large quantities of merchandise were saved from the burning stores. Every able-bodied man in Troutdale turned out to help, and some rapid work was done in moving all kinds of commodities and valuables. The safe in the postoffice preserved the stamps and books, and Postmaster Harlow was able to resume business last night. The telephone exchange was destroyed but long-distance communication has been restored. The losses on buildings and goods will reach \$30,000, and the insurance will not exceed \$12,000.

KEEN CONTEST OVER POSSESSION OF A GIRL OF TENDER YEARS

A determined effort will be made by Rev. H. O. Henderson of Lents to retain the custody of Daisy McNemee, the young daughter of C. H. McNemee, and this morning he filed in the county court an answer to the objections made by the little girl's relatives to her adoption by the minister.

Daisy McNemee has lived with Rev. Mr. Henderson's family since her father died. Recently Rev. Mr. Henderson filed a petition asking that she be authorized to adopt the child. This petition met with strong objections from

some of the child's relatives, who live in Kansas City, Missouri, and Ellis, Nebraska. In answering these objections, Rev. Mr. Henderson declares that several of the child's relatives, namely, Clyde McNemee, Emma Miller, Mrs. Hattie Highland, Mrs. Gittie Morris and Mrs. Grace Puterbaugh, are not opposed to the adoption. He offers copies of a number of letters to prove that he is the most proper person to have the child's custody. Among the letters is one from Mrs. Highland, in which she states that the use of her name in the objections that were filed was not authorized.

**FOR THE GOOD OF
SELF AND PARTY**

**FEEDLE-MINDED
TO HAVE HOME**

Washington, July 22.—The few Democratic leaders at present here discussed Bryan's pronouncement regarding government ownership as a non-issue in next year's campaign with great interest. The majority of them see a double notice in the Nebraska declaration, the removal of an embarrassing position in which Bryan himself had placed the ticket in 1906, and the keeping in cold storage of the underripe issue in question in case some other man makes the race and Bryan should be compelled to defer his White House hopes until more propitious times. With government ownership in the Democratic platform and himself a candidate, he fears the chances for election would be against him, not for him, no matter how favorable the situation might appear otherwise.

Saturday Was
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**PHOTOS OF NEGROES
IN HOME OF BELLE**
Dusky Queen Mixed With Fair Co-Eds Three Glorious Years, Till Pictures Were Dug Up.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, July 22.—Clay Johnson, sister of "Mushmouth" Johnson, the most notorious negro gambler in America, quipped it over the University of Chicago for three years, according to a discovery made by the co-ed. She scattered smiling largely to admiring women students and the dancing men of the midday school because her face was masked with a peach and cream complexion. How she did it all will remain a mystery for future students to wonder at. How she ruled as a sorority head and a favorite at Greek letter functions behind her dual identity until her brunette beauty was branded as that of a negro will be closed chapter for her former club sisters. Cecelia Johnson has fallen from her high estate. Her sorority has been disbanded and her friends have faded away for university students know now of her heritage. She made against her inheritance. None of her social and social ambitions. None of her social and social ambitions. None of her social and social ambitions.

today, when the subject was broached at a student gathering. The negro gambler's ambition to make a "fine lady" of his little sister is really the cause of the discovery. For her friends became curious over her many jewels and her luxurious clothes. Suspicion was aroused and an investigation was started. Then one of the sorority sisters who visited her home chanced upon a collection of negro photographs and the unmasking followed.

**LAND FENCERS TO
HAVE NO IMMUNITY**
Actual Search for Them Temporarily Less Active, but Prosecution Is Unrelenting.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, July 22.—Acting Secretary of the Interior Woodruff's attention has been called to articles in several papers to the effect that the department of the interior will not prosecute illegal fence cases this year. He contradicts this statement in emphatic terms. He says: "It would be unfortunate should such an idea get abroad among western people, because it is not true. If any fence depended upon it, he might get into serious trouble. That the special agent force of the general land office and the special inspectors of the interior department will be especially occupied during the summer with the more paramount and immediate duty of protecting the public lands from being acquired fraudulently. For that reason few of them can be detailed to search specifically for illegal fences. "On the other hand, as fast as illegal fences are discovered in the regular routine of the special agents, and whenever complaint is made to the department of the interior or the department of justice concerning illegal fences, prompt and vigorous action will be taken. In the courts if necessary, to force the removal of such unlawful obstructions."

**ACTOR FALLS DEAD
ON STAGE AT BUTTE**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Butte, Mont., July 22.—During a matinee performance by the Sutton stock company at the Grand opera house yesterday afternoon J. R. Davis, who only recently joined the company from Chicago, fell dead. It was in the second act of "Lost in Siberia." Davis was reading his lines, when without any warning he fell forward, striking on his face. The curtain was rung down and Davis was carried to the wings, where efforts were made to revive him. It was not realized at first that he was dead and the third act had begun before the doctor, who had been called, pronounced him dead. The curtain was rung down and the audience dismissed. Davis, who was a young man, had been with the company for only the past month, coming here from Chicago. The fatal stroke seemed to come as a cramp of the heart, for he merely stiffened, gasped for breath and fell.

VISITED HERE BRIEF PERIOD

"Sugar Cane George" Carter, Governor of Hawaii, Spent Two Hours in Portland.

Governor George R. Carter, of Hawaii, "Sugar Cane George," as he was facetiously dubbed a number of years ago on account of an advertising stunt he performed with a sugar cane stalk, was in Portland yesterday for a couple of hours on his way from Tacoma to San Francisco.

Governor Carter was appointed chief executive of the islands without solicitation on his part. He was busy looking after the plantation which furnishes some of the saccharine grains for this country when the news came that he was it.

He took the job without protest. Then he began to wield the big stick, whose use he had developed while exploiting the attractions of the islands to the world at large before political honors were thrust upon him.

Governor Carter has made good people out of some bad ones while he has held office. He put his commercial acumen into the channel of graft-hunting and found some of it took up the chase, landed his victims and as a result there is much cleaner municipal and governmental conduct in the islands at the present time than at any time heretofore.

American newspapers and the people themselves in the states are largely responsible for the war scare with Japan. He does not hesitate to say so, and berates the tendency of Americans to nurse anything and everything that will furnish a line out of the ordinary or supply a little excitement. The chief executive has been in America since May 10, spending the larger part of his time in Washington, conferring with officials. He and Mrs. Carter will visit a short time in San Francisco before returning to Hawaii, where Governor Carter will be succeeded by Judge W. F. Frear, November 22.

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