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AND MANY INJURED.

Persons Killed, Twenty-two. Many of Whom Sustained Limbs—One Car Stalled. Was Run Into by Another. Speed—Many Minor Injuries. Scarcely Any Escape.

Jan. 27.—Twenty-two persons were injured in a street car collision this morning at Broad and Merriam streets, and as many were cut and bruised. William Miller and Walter S. Fred Allen and Joseph

Charles Morgan, the motorist, were fatally hurt. Many of the seriously hurt have sustained limbs and bad wounds. The accident was caused by a Broad street car, which stopped in front of a platform where a group of men and many women were waiting.

BAR LAW INVALID.

Barber Says it Confers Arbitrary Powers on Examiners.

Jan. 26.—On the ground of creating the State board of examiners confers arbitrary powers upon that body and to rights that should be in the legislature. Judge George, in the state circuit this morning rendered an opinion which holds the act to be unconstitutional and invalid. The decision of this decision is that of the board of examiners, of J. C. Wells, Frank T. H. G. Meyer, finds itself all the power which hereinafter and incapable of persons who may so desire to bring in the barber business regard to qualifications and calling.

Grant, whose contention is that in his opinion the board of examiners, says, is invested with the same rules and regulations of applicants to the engage in pharmaceutical

LAWYERS MEET.

Association in Session at Topeka.

Jan. 27.—The Kansas bar has come of age and today the event with the 21 years of its history and jurists in the section of the state filled the court room this morning gathering was formally President J. G. Stonecker and responses, the address of the president, the usual committees business of a routine nature the initial session. The meeting centers in the session tonight, when address will be delivered by Cummins, of Iowa. The session will close in the evening annual convention banquet at the hotel.

POULTRY ON SHOW.

Jan. 27.—One of the most notable exhibitions of poultry ever held in this section in Clinton today under the auspices of the Interstate Poultry Association. Nearly all parts of Iowa are represented by many exhibits of chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons and the judging of exhibits and prizes was begun today and will continue until Saturday.

DAKOTA HARDWARE MEN.

Jan. 27.—The Hardware Association of the North Dakota Hardware Association began in conjunction with the Hardware Association of the North Dakota and Minnesota Implement Dealers. A large attendance at the meeting and a programme compromise of the most notable of the trade ever held in the history of the country. The meeting will continue until Saturday.

The coffee tree reaches the age of production in 50 years, and should continue to be known to be as old as the hills.

VIEW OF TOM JOHNSON.

Indefatigable Worker for the Interest of His City.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 27.—Some 20 years ago, when the writer first had the pleasure of making Mayor Johnson's acquaintance, he was impressed with the fact that here was a man of more than ordinary attainments, and made the statement at that time that, given health, the history of this country would never be written without a prominent place having been given to Tom Johnson. Continued years of acquaintance have verified this prophecy. Today, unmindful of reverses, indifferent to criticism, pursuing the straightforward, persistent policy of a man who has a definite end in view, Mayor Johnson is applying himself to the task that he has laid down for himself.

Almost any day if you are in Cleveland, you can see Cleveland's chief executive whisking up to the city hall at about 11 o'clock. By this time he has disposed of his day's correspondence. He receives no mail at the mayor's office; all this is delivered at his home, where he has his workshop and secretary.

ANOTHER HILL STEAMER.

Monster Pacific Coast Liner Being Built at New London.

New London, Conn., Jan. 27.—Two weeks from today another monster cargo-carrier is to be launched from the yards of the Eastern Shipbuilding company here. It is a twin sister of the Minnesota, launched last spring, and will be christened Dakota.

TRAIN LOAD OF BURIAL CASES.

CONDITIONS IN MINE ALMOST UNBEARABLE.

All the Bodies Recovered Horribly Scorched, Mutilated and Torn—One of the Most Distressing Mine Horrors in the History of Pennsylvania.

Cheswick, Jan. 27. By daylight this morning 57 bodies had been recovered. Hoisting to the surface is slow by reason of the condition of the Cheswick Jan. 27.—By daylight this fine, arrived this morning.

THE STRIKE RECORD.

From the annual report of the United States commissioner of labor we learn that, between the years 1881 and 1900, there were in the United States 22,793 strikes and 1,005 lockouts, involving 127,442 establishments and 6,610,101 men. The average lengths of the lockouts was 21 days, and of the strikes, nearly 24 days. These involved a loss to the laborers of \$306,683,223 and to the employers a loss of \$142,659,104. Of the strikes 50.77 per cent succeeded, 13.04 per cent were partially successful, and 36.19 per cent failed. Of the lockouts 50.79 per cent succeeded, 6.28 per cent succeeded partially, and 42.93 per cent failed.

NATIONAL WEALTH.

The wealth of the United States in the year 1900 was computed to be \$94,300,000,000. The gold in circulation at the present time in the United States amounts to \$629,271,532, and the silver, \$151,400,000, total of \$780,671,532. The total value of articles in circulation (including bank notes) in the United States, \$2,246,529,412. The total value of articles manufactured in the United States in the year 1900 was \$13,039,279,566. The value of manufactures exported during the year 1902 amounted to \$1,381,719,401.

The menu card placed on the table of the czar is printed in red letters on a pure ivory tablet, surrounded by the imperial crest and arms.

PREMEDITATION ON THE PART OF BOTH BROWN AND WIFE.

Proof Which Cannot Be Questioned that Another Man Than Her Husband Shared Mrs. Brown's Affections.

Every Indication That She Went to Her Death Voluntarily — Coroner's Inquest Confirms All the Conclusions Deduced by the East Oregonian of Yesterday — Up to the Time of the Tragedy Mr. Brown and Wife Were Considered to Be Well Balanced, Rational and Happy People.

At 7 o'clock last night the coroner called the jury together at the morgue to investigate the cause of the death of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown, the school teacher and wife, who were found dead on the top of the hill southeast of the city yesterday morning. A great crowd of morbidly curious people had gathered around the morgue and was allowed to pass, a few persons at a time, through the room where the bodies had been placed side by side covered with sheets to await the inspection of the jury. The ghastly cut in the throat of the woman and the bullet wounds in the breast of both were inspected by the throng.

Unhealthy, Morose Disposition. Dr. D. J. McFaul was the first witness called. He had made a post mortem examination and testified that the man had come to his death by a pistol shot through the heart, and the woman had been shot through the heart and her throat cut. In his opinion, the man had cut the woman's throat, then shot her, and then killed himself. The man was of a tubercular tendency, dyspeptic, and liable to be of a morose disposition and easily discouraged or unbalanced.

Couple Seemed Congenial. Edgar Smith, the son of E. L. Smith, was called, and told of having been given a note to his father which had been found by his little sister in the room occupied by the Browns. He had taken the note to his father, who took it to the sheriff. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had come to his house two weeks ago and had seemed to be very congenial. She had studied a great deal to prepare herself for a school teacher, and was jolly and full of fun and talkative. The man, on the other hand, was very quiet and had never been known to laugh while in the house. He had never seemed to be of a specially morose disposition, though, but was dignified and reserved.

Left the House at 2 O'clock. E. L. Smith, the owner of the house, in which Mr. and Mrs. Brown had stayed, took the stand. He said that Mr. and Mrs. Brown had come home Monday night from the theater about 12 o'clock, and had gone straight to their room, where they remained until about 2 o'clock, when they came quietly down the stairs, carrying a lighted lamp. They went out of the back door, leaving the lamp on the refrigerator standing on the back porch and nothing more was heard of them.

He Was Reserved, She Was Jovial. The dead teacher had been very reserved in his actions, and dignified in manner. He never laughed and was quiet, reading a great deal, Monday evening he had appeared a little more reserved than usual but was pleasant at the table and conversed, as was his habit, on current topics. The wife, on the other hand, was of a sunny disposition and was in good spirits in the home, and played and laughed with the children. It was the evening of her 25th birthday and she had told the family that they were going to celebrate it by going to the theater in the evening.

She Went Voluntarily. The bodies were found in the corner of a field about two and a half blocks southeast of the house, on the top of the hill. To get to the place it was necessary to climb a fence made of three strands of barbed wire and a board, and it would have been impossible to have gotten the woman to the place where the bodies were found if she were unwilling to go. It would be necessary to assist her in getting over the wire. George Meeker testified to having been with the sheriff when the bodies were found in the morning. Mrs. Brown was on her back, with the arms outstretched and one leg drawn up. The man was lying on his face by her side, with the pistol pressed to his head and cocked.

Thrift and Harmony. Judge Stephen A. Lowell told practically the same story printed last night. The couple had come across the plains from their home in Nebraska in a buggy, for the benefit of Mrs. Brown's health, and had settled

in Rexburg, Idaho, where they lived for a couple of years. Last July they came to Pendleton, and shortly after that Mrs. Brown commenced to work for Mrs. Lowell, staying in the family until just prior to Christmas. She was a woman of refined tastes and had seemed more than ordinarily devoted to her husband, never leaving the house except in his company. For a month she had stayed with her husband on the Whitman ranch, and shortly after returning had gone to Will Patton's house, and from there to the home of E. L. Smith. She had given as the reason for the change that she wished to find a place where she could work for the board of her husband and herself and could be with him.

man had for causes unknown to them, murdered his wife, and had then committed suicide.

Telegrams Received. Dr. W. G. Cole, the coroner, has received telegrams from brothers of both Mr. and Mrs. Brown. The brother of the man is M. L. Brown, of Reinbeck, Iowa, and he telegraphs to "give bodies good burials. It is impossible to come. Take everything and send here. Send note that was found, and personal effects." Thomas A. Brown, of Summerville, Kan., a brother of the murdered woman, telegraphs: "Bury the bodies there. Secure personal effects and further instructions will follow."

Burial Tomorrow. The bodies will be buried tomorrow at 10 a. m. from the undertaking parlors of Baker & Folsom, under the auspices of the local lodge of the I. O. O. F. The interment will be in Olney cemetery.

LAWYERS THAT ARE NEEDED.

Illinois Judges Are Holding Important Convention. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 27.—The Association of County and Probate Judges of Illinois held its annual meeting here today with Judge Orrin N. Carter, of Chicago, presiding. The feature of the session was an address by Judge Peter S. Grosscup, of the United States circuit court, who took as his subject, "The Next Great Step in American Politics, the Repealing of Our Country's Industries."

FARMERS HOLD WHEAT.

Washington People Think Prospects of War Will Cause Better Prices. Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 27.—Rumors of war in the far east are causing farmers to hold on to their grain, according to J. W. Arrasmith, state grain inspector, who has just returned from an extended trip over the eastern part of the state. He estimates that about one-third of the crop is still in the state, and that about 20 per cent. of that is held by the farmers. He says that a small portion only of the remaining crop is likely to reach tidewater unless the price jumps upward, as the flour mills of the interior will use a considerable part.

PYTHIANS IN CONVENTION.

THREE DISTRICTS MEET IN PENDLETON MARCH 5.

One of the Most Interesting Events in the History of the Order in Northeastern Oregon — Large Attendance Desired and Expected.

T. G. Montgomery, of this city; M. L. Levy, of Union, and R. L. Nell, of Baker City, district deputy grand chancellor of districts 11, 12 and 13, of the Knights of Pythias, have, after a conference, decided to hold a joint convention of the three districts in this city on the evening of Saturday, March 5.

The district convention for this district, will be held in this city on the afternoon of March 5. There will be no rank work and no contests at the district convention, on account of the work of the evening in the joint convention. Only the business of the district will be transacted. The convention will be called to order at 2 o'clock and will be adjourned in time for the convening of the joint meeting.

RED BOY TO BE SOLD.

Judge Eakin Grants the Petition of the Creditors to Settle up the Affair. Baker City, Jan. 27.—At an adjourned session of the circuit court held here yesterday evening, Judge Eakin granted the plea of the creditors of the Red Boy Consolidated Mining Company, to sell the property to satisfy the claims against it, and will fix the date of the sale in the near future. He also granted the receiver the power to borrow \$1,500 on the property to cover current expenses pending sale. In Nine Mile Canyon, Utah, have been discovered 15 cliff dwellers' houses, which will be thoroughly explored by scientists. They are the farthest north of any ruins of this character.

Eastern Oregon Weather. Tonight and Thursday fair.

ARGUE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

Mayor Harrison Surrenders to the Sheriff and Voluntarily Releases His Bondsmen.

CLAIMS HIS DETENTION IS ABSURD AND ILLEGAL.

Holds There is No Warrant in Fact or in Law for Holding Him Responsible for Burning of Theater — Arguments for and Against Granting the Writ Are Being Heard Today — Released on His Own Recognizance.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Mayor Harrison at noon, in his efforts to have the coroner's verdict against him in the Iroquois case overruled, surrendered himself to the sheriff and immediately gave notice of an application for a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Tutthill, for release from custody.

Harrison's bondsmen notified, the sheriff they will not be responsible for his appearance. In the mayor's petition he alleges he is illegally restrained; that the charges made before the coroner's jury are without foundation, and that there is no warrant for holding him responsible for the theater disaster. He seeks a review of his case before the court.

Mayor Harrison appeared in court in the custody of a deputy sheriff. The court ordered the writ of habeas corpus to issue, released the mayor on his own recognizance and ordered the counsel on both sides to proceed with argument to determine whether or not the coroner's jury was in error in holding the mayor.

Mayor Harrison Discharged. Latest.—The court discharged Mayor Harrison from custody, holding that he was not responsible for the condition of the Iroquois, and that the coroner's finding was in error.

AFTER CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

St. Louis Board of Health Begins Crusade Against the "Cults."

St. Louis, Jan. 27.—Health Commissioner John H. Simon said today that he would at once begin a crusade against the Christian Science cult. While the legal department of the board of health is looking up the law, the board's detectives are compiling a list of all who regularly take cases and accept pay for treating them. When this list is completed information will be placed in the hands of the city attorney that these persons are practicing without a license, which is an offense punishable with a fine of from \$25 to \$500.

THE EAST FOR IRRIGATION.

Merchants' Association of New York Favors Government Reclamation.

The Merchants' association of New York, an immense and influential organization comprising the principal business houses of the metropolis, has been making a study of the general question of irrigation and forestry as relate to manufacturing and sales of factory products, and at its annual meeting decided to lend the subject its actual support. The matter has been in the hands of a special committee appointed last spring. The association concluded that the settlement of the arid land by home-builders was a subject in which they were deeply and directly interested and that they could lend their support to no movement, development of South American trade, expansion of Oriental markets, or anything else which promised such returns as the habitation of Arid America.

HAY PRICES FOR 1903.

Of 49 states and territories the highest average price of hay produced in 1903 is shown in Rhode Island, almost \$19, while the lowest price is reported from Nebraska, \$4.48 per ton, the average for the whole country being \$9.08. The figures for yield per acre put Arizona at the top of the list with 3.45 tons per acre, while New Hampshire is low with .92 per acre, and Maine next with .98 ton per acre.

Building Operations.

During the first nine months of the current year there has been a large falling off of the building operations throughout the United States. In eight of the largest cities this decrease has been tabulated, and amounts to \$42,250,000. This is an indication of the condition of the country as a whole. The loss to laborers is enormous, and this means a money shrinkage in the communities where these laborers purchase supplies.