

WEATHER FORECAST
Fair tonight and Friday.



TO ADVERTISERS. Don't sit down in the meadow and wait for the cow to back up and be milked—go after the cow.

ALTA HOUSE FIRE WORK OF INCENDIARY

YOUNG COUPLE SAW FIREBUG FLEE FROM SCENE OF CRIME

Sam Bitner Suffered Heavy Loss Last Night—Property Destroyed Worth \$20,000, Insurance \$4500.

Eight Head of Horses Burned and Many Vehicles Destroyed in the Fire—Burning Stable Held 80 Head of Stock and Only by Heroic Work Were Most of Them Saved—Firemen Again Won Unstinted Praise—Rumors of Other Incendiary Attempts Last Night Cause Property Owners Uneasiness.

One of the most dastardly crimes this town has ever suffered was committed last night when the Alta House and stable were maliciously set afire by an unknown wretch.

actions of the fellow attracted the foreman's attention and he says he felt disposed to follow him and did so for a short distance.

According to Whitlock the man he saw was rather heavy in build and he wore a light suit of clothes.

A Disastrous Blaze.

The fire was started in a shed between the Alta House and the feed stable. It was a shed in which slops from the hotel were placed and it connected the hotel with the stable.

Firebug Was Seen.

According to Shafer, he and Miss Town saw a man come stealthily down the street from the side of the Alta house just a moment before the fire was seen.

From the little shed the flames spread with lightning like rapidity to both the stable and the hotel, though the barn burned the faster.

Eight Horses Burned.

When the fire started the big stable was completely filled with horses and vehicles. Nearly 80 head of horses were tied in the stalls, every stall being taken.

Alta House Destroyed.

While the fire made slower headway on the hotel it was no less sure in its destructiveness.

Firemen Were Victorious.

But while the loss was heavy last night it would have been much worse had it not been for the hard and efficient work done by the fire department.

A Mysterious Prowler.

Earlier last evening Julius Whitlock, foreman at the scouring mill, saw a man moving mysteriously about that portion of the town.

Boy Heard Match.

Further evidence to the effect that the fire was of incendiary origin is furnished by Frank Fowler, dishwasher at the Alta House.

Feared for Son.

A pathetic incident of the big fire was the mental suffering of a man named Owenby, who with his little son were sleeping in the barn when the fire started.

Firemen Had Lunch.

A peculiar incident of the fire was a lunch some of the firemen had near the close of the conflagration.

residence of Judge Joe H. Parkes, on Alta street, was so threatened that few believed it could escape.

The East End Grocery, owned by John Dyer, was also in imminent danger, but so successful were the firemen in protecting it that really no damage was inflicted.

But the John Town home, just south of the stable did not fare so well.

Many Suffered Losses.

All the horses that were burned belonged to parties who had stabled them there and most of the owners were farmers who were in for the night.

Walter Jones, the expressman, lost both his team and express wagon. He had purchased the outfit but a few weeks ago.

A farmer named Brown also lost a team, but his wagon was saved.

Hohbach Bros. had a team and three wagons in the stable. The horses were gotten out but two of the vehicles were burned.

Wray, the marble dealer, also lost a buggy and a set of harness.

Colonel J. H. Raley also had a team and buggy in the barn, but the horses were gotten out.

A man named Hartle lost a rubber-tired buggy in the blaze.

Andy Larson of Vansycle, lost a buggy, but his horse was saved.

Herman Bolt lost a buggy and a set of harness.

Three buggies and a wagon belonging to Sam Bitner were burned in the fire, but all of his horses were gotten out.

Lee Hummel of Cold Springs had a team and a wagon inside the barn at the time and the team was burned but the wagon was saved.

A farmer named Torgenson, a fruit peddler of Milton, also lost a team but his wagon with a load of fruit was gotten out.

Upon Sam Bitner, owner of the Alta house and the stable falls a heavy loss and today Mr. Bitner has had sincere sympathy from his friends and acquaintances.

A four year old child, apparently left alone, was taken from the second story of the Alta house by one of the Knight boys who heard the child crying.

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Reconciliation Not Complete.

Toledo, Sept. 3.—Foraker let loose a bombshell this afternoon when asked about the widely heralded "reconciliation" with Taft.

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CAN FLY TOO. Two Cornell Students Surprise Aeronauts With a New Machine.

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 3.—John C. Buckhardt of Portland, Ore., and Oscar Trolight of Indianapolis, students at Cornell university, started all aeronauts today with an exhibition of an aeroplane built by themselves which proved capable of traveling at the rate of 41 miles an hour at a height of 51 feet.

MOTHER OF FOREST SAVED. Fires in Vicinity of Big Trees Now Under Control.

Stockton, Sept. 3.—The forest fire which has been burning in the vicinity of the big trees since Monday is now under control and practically out.

WAR ON CANNON. Democrats and Labor Union Forces Combine to Defeat Him.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—Leaders of the democratic forces, assisted by labor union allies, are planning the water-loo of Speaker Cannon in his campaign for reelection to congress.

MOTHER RECOVERS KIDNAPED CHILD

SEARCH LASTED DURING PERIOD OF THREE YEARS

After Spending Thirty Thousand Dollars Father Loses Possession—Says Mother Deserted Babe When Only Two Weeks Old.

Los Angeles, Sept. 3.—After a search lasting three years and covering the principal cities of the Pacific coast, Mrs. A. B. Gross today has her daughter Marchie, whose life has been a continual series of kidnappings.

They are both now on the way home in the east. After being kidnapped six times during the war for her possession, Marchie fell in the hands of her father the last time at Pasadena three months ago.

Wreck in Pacific.

Point Arena, Sept. 3.—It is reported that two horses came ashore south of here, indicating that a ship was lost last night.

After an all night search in a heavy fog for the steam schooner supposed to be wrecked off this point tonight, Captain John Stitt of the life station, returned this morning without result.

Lumber floating first gave an indication of a wreck. Captain Williams, a lighthouse keeper, found a nameless hatch of a schooner ashore with the lumber. The search is now proceeding.

Pope in Poor Health.

Rome, Sept. 3.—Expressing a fear that he will not live much longer as the burden of the church is becoming too much, the pope in an interview with Bishop Burke of Albany, N. Y., declared that he is anxious to return to private life in Venice.

Roberts' Condition Serious.

Atlantic City, Sept. 3.—It is reported today that the condition of Charles Roberts, the Baltimore merchant who was shot by an unknown assailant on the board walk while with Mrs. W. S. C. Williams, a week ago, is very precarious.

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BRYAN'S FRIEND BEATEN.

Mayor Dahlman Defeated by Shallenberger for Governor.

Omaha, Sept. 3.—Returns indicate that this city, consisting of 96 precincts out of the total of 400, give Congressman Shallenberger the democratic nomination for governor by a plurality of 10,000 over Mayor Dahlman, who was Bryan's candidate.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS TO ADOPT PLATFORM

Stockton, Sept. 3.—The platform to be adopted by the democratic state convention being held here today, which will probably be the last nominating state convention in California, will contain a plank declaring against the removal of the state capital from Sacramento to Berkeley.

Tacoma Secures Next Meeting of Spanish War Veterans.

Boston, Sept. 3.—The United Spanish War Veterans today chose Tacoma as the annual meeting place for next year.

VETERANS COME WEST.

Those who attended this dinner are authority for the further statement that when Senator Foraker left the dinner he was called on the long distance telephone from Chicago by Chairman Hitchcock of the national committee and requested to open the republican campaign in Kansas.

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TAFT CONFERS WITH FORAKER

BURY THE HATCHET AND WILL WORK TOGETHER

Thousands Witness Meeting of Big Chiefs and Cheer When They Shake Hands—Both Make Addresses at Reunion of Veterans.

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 2.—That Taft and Foraker are politically together is not only the public admission of both Taft and Foraker here today but also the political sentiment of Ohio.

Senator Foraker is an avowed candidate for United States senator to succeed himself and his services in the national campaign have been sought by Chairman Hitchcock and the senator has promised to take the stump.

At a dinner given here last night by Charles T. Lewis, who is incidentally the host of Judge Taft at the Middle Bass Island club, being president of that organization, there were present Senator Foraker, General Henry Corbin, Representative J. Warren Keifer of Ohio, and James Hoyt, an attorney of Cleveland.

This dinner resulted in an invitation to Senator Foraker to attend both the review of the parade of the G. A. R., in the stand with Judge Taft, and reception to be given later by the Lincoln republican club.

Those who attended this dinner are authority for the further statement that when Senator Foraker left the dinner he was called on the long distance telephone from Chicago by Chairman Hitchcock of the national committee and requested to open the republican campaign in Kansas.

Senator Foraker has not yet given his answer to this invitation, but, it is said, told the national chairman that he would take part in the speaking program for the contest.

Judge Taft left Middle Bass Island at half past six o'clock this morning on a small power yacht and after a tempestuous voyage of four hours reached Toledo, very damp from the spray, but otherwise unimpaired.

He was taken in an automobile direct to the reviewing stand. Judge Taft said on the journey that he did not know of any arrangement whereby he was to meet Senator Foraker, nor did he know of any endeavors to effect such an arrangement.

But the city of Toledo seemed to know all about it, and when after the candidate had been in his place only a few minutes, a carriage, which headed the parade, stopped in front of the stand and discharged its passengers, there was a tremendous shout as the thousands who were within sight of the stand in the immense stands adjoining and across the street caught sight of the senator and his colleague, Senator Dick, Governor Harris and Mayor Whitlock.

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WIDOW OF MARSHALL FIELD MARRIED

London, Sept. 3.—Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., daughter-in-law of the late Chicago merchant prince, was married in the registry office today to Maidwin A. Drummond, second son of the late Edgar Drummond.

The announcement of the wedding caused great surprise here. Her sons Marshall, aged 15, and Henry, aged 13, heirs of the Field estate of \$150,000,000, were present.

Chicago friends say that King Edward, who was trying to match Mrs. Field with Prince Francis of Teck, an impecunious relative, is disappointed.

Drummond is connected with several titled families.

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