

CHICAGO POSTOFFICE ACCIDENT

Scaffolding for Plaster- ing Interior of Dome Gave Away.

Thirteen Workmen Dead or Fa- tally Hurt—Some Feli- Dis- tance of Eleven Stories.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—With a crash that startled hundreds of pedestrians in Clark and Adams streets the huge scaffolding built for the dome in the interior of the new postoffice building gave way at 1 o'clock this afternoon, carrying down fifteen men. Thirteen are believed to be dead or fatally injured. The scaffolding rose like a network to the dome a hundred and sixty feet high where men were plastering the interior. Some men fell seven stories.

Work digging the bodies from the immense mass of wreckage was put under way immediately after the accident. Not all the men were on top. Some were working at side sections which struck by falling timbers carried them down. Timekeeper Anderson stepped off the scaffolding to a place of safety forty feet up just as it gave way. He says the scaffolding was then groaning and creaking, and that immediately after the nails holding planks pulled out.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—To the surprise of contractors and all others in the postoffice accident, it was found at two o'clock that only one man was killed and one injured when the contractors assembled all the men and called the time rolls. Escapes in many instances were miraculous but similar to that the men feeling the scaffolding falling clutched edges or projections at sides then made their way to places of safety. The amount of debris is readily calculable when it is known that a hundred thousand feet of lumber fell into a tangled mass of wreckage.

POSTOFFICE GRAFTERS SENTENCED

Washington, Feb. 27.—Former fourth assistant postmaster General Nathan and his conspirators, Lorenz, Dillon and Groff, in the postoffice department fraud cases were each today sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Mountville, West Virginia, and to pay a fine of \$10,000. Sentences are to date from the day they arrive at the penitentiary. Samuel Groff has a motion pending for a new trial. Judge Kimmeler, attorney for Lorenz, made an eloquent plea for his client when the latter stood up to receive sentence, telling the court he had borne a reputation for rectitude credit on his family. Judge Pritchard said he would make no remarks on the case at present, as one other remained to be sentenced. Sentence was delivered in an empty court, none being present except the prisoners and the attorneys in the case.

Murder and Suicide.

Buffalo, Feb. 26.—Henry Schwartz, prominent attorney, was this morning fatally shot by Hugh Knowles, Knowles and Gardner, a prominent goods firm. Knowles after killing the police at bay for a few minutes blew out his own brains. Murder took place in Schwartz's state office through a dispute over business troubles.

Iowa Capitol Accident.

Des Moines, Feb. 26.—An elevator sent in the capitol building the morning resulted in the death of Fountain, of Valley Junction, her mother Mrs. Hongo. They were going to visit the senate. Both were adjourned on account of the accident.

Another Attack Imminent.

Petersburg, Feb. 27.—The Japanese are massing a powerful naval force at Port Arthur, according to a dispatch today from Viceroy Alexeff. He believed that another attack is imminent. The fleet now off the coast includes 17 battleships and 8 torpedos destroyers.

SACRAMENTO RIVER FLOOD

Sacramento, Feb. 27.—The river is 27.6 feet above low water at noon today with a light rain. The backwater at Nicolous and Vernon is higher than ever before known. The river is rising. It is feared the levees will give way as the crest of the flood has not passed Red Bluff. A break at Edwards' ranch below this city is nearly a hundred feet wide with an immense volume of water pouring through. The water is up to the foot of street levees but there is no danger to the city.

MARSHALL'S ACTION COMMENDABLE

Washington, Feb. 27.—The state department today transmitted to Russia Commander Marshall's reply relative to the gunboat Vicksburg at Chemulpo. The state department holds that Marshall's action was entirely commendable.

The incident referred to was that Commander Marshall refused to allow rescued Russian marines and sailors aboard his vessel after their ship had been sunk by the Japanese, and refused to join with the commanders of the other foreign warships in protesting against the Japanese making such an attack.

Panama Treaty Finished.
Washington, Feb. 26.—President Roosevelt this afternoon signed the proclamation announcing the exchange of ratifications of the Panama treaty.

New York Republicans.

New York, Feb. 27.—The Republican state committee went into session this morning in the Fifth Avenue hotel. The meeting lasted only ten minutes. The state convention will be held April 12th. Strong resolutions were adopted endorsing Roosevelt's nomination.

Swell the War Fund.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Count Tolstoy today contributed a thousand sets of his books to be sold for increasing the war fund.

\$75,000 Fire.

Sacramento, Feb. 26.—A fire this morning destroyed nineteen buildings in the business section of Nicholson, twenty miles from here, entailing a loss of \$75,000.

A Coal Mine Surface Cave-in.

Sacramento, Feb. 26.—A cave-in covering thirty acres and affecting two hundred dwellings occurred in Bellevue, near this city, at eleven last night. At three this morning the cave-in gave indications of spreading. The fissures opened up today are from two to five inches wide. The cave-in is over a portion of the mines which were worked thirty years ago. Some houses are completely wrecked while others are out of plumb. Utility doors and windows cannot be opened. The cave-in was caused by the settling of the surface over the Diamond vein of the Bellevue coal field of the Deane and Luckawanna Railroad Company. Many families are rendered homeless.

JAPANESE VESSELS SUNK

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Viceroy Alexeff reports that at the Port Arthur attack on Feb. 25, the battleship Retvizan apparently sunk two Japanese torpedos destroyers. Subsequently several Russian torpedo boats went out to sea and one which was cut off took refuge in Colubina Bay where it was shelled by the Japanese.

London, Feb. 27.—The Chefoo correspondent to the St. James Gazette wires that one Japanese gunboat was badly damaged in the attack on Port Arthur. The boat made for Chefoo but sank before reaching port. Eight of the crew arrived at Chefoo and reported that several boat loads of the survivors had landed east of Chefoo.

London, Feb. 27.—Minister Hayashi received an official report this morning of the battle at Port Arthur in which the statement is made that up to the present time no Japanese ships have been damaged.

JUNCTION HOTEL PLANT SOLD

Junction City Improvement Co.
Pays \$17,000 for It—
Other Items.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Junction City Hotel Co. some time ago, the directors were authorized to sell the hotel in order to get the corporation on a business basis. It seems that the indebtedness was guaranteed by personal security by certain members of the company and under our incorporation laws each individual surety was liable for the whole amount. The sale was therefore authorized by the stockholder and the sale was made to the Junction City Improvement Company for the consideration of \$17,000. The new company is composed of J. A. Bushnell, J. P. Milliron, C. W. Washburne and W. M. Pitney. The new company expects to make some extensive improvements to the property this spring.

Grandma Houston and daughter Mrs. Minnie Peeler came up from Salem Sunday. They left Monday for Roseburg where Mrs. Houston will make her home for the present with her daughter.

Jones Brothers are opening up a stock of dry goods, notions and millinery in their new building in the city hall. They have a very neatly arranged room.

Born, in this city Monday, February 22, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bucknum, a daughter. This is their first born and Papa Bucknum is therefore stepping pretty high these days. We extend congratulations.

A brass band was organized in Harrisburg last week and Prof. Sibbets of this place has been employed as instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Thomas of Portland were guests at Col. Fosom's Sunday. Mr. Thomas is a brother of Miss Nellie Fosom.

G. F. Skipworth was off duty Wednesday and Thursday on account of sickness.

W. C. Washburne is able to be out again and assumed his duties in the bank Wednesday.—Times.

BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATED AGAIN

The U. O. basketball team met with another defeat last night at the hands of O. A. C. at Corvallis, the score standing 20 to 11 in favor of O. A. C. The U. O. team may at least have the satisfaction that they have played the season consistently.

Courthouse Items.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS:

Harry L. Russell to J. R. Welty and Emma Blake 100 acres in tp 15, r 7 w, 8800.

Leonard G. Bown to Mathias and Susanna Beyer 100.22 acres in tp 18, s 3 w, 22500.

Frank H. and Lavelle L. Tivey to Margaret R. Sides lot 2 blk 7 Skinner's addition to Eugene, 8850.

Catherine C. and John D. McDonald to James U. and Mary S. Cole 46 acres in tp 11 s, r 3 w, 82000.

Spencer Butte Lodge, I. O. O. F., to O. C. White lot 86, I. O. O. F. cemetery, 825.

Mrs. E. J. Nichols to S. O. Hamblin, lots 2 and 3, blk 5, Wayne's ad to Cottage Grove, 8450.

G. L. and Sarah M. Hunt to Mrs. Lucretia Thomas, lot 5 blk 1, N. P. Christian's ad to Cottage Grove, 850.

State of Oregon to Geo. W. Gordon, 160 acres in tp 18 s, r 8 w, 8200.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Della E. Thomas vs the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., to determine title to certain land in tp 15 s, r 1 e, J. A. Buchanan and John M. Williams attorneys for plaintiff.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

William Austin and Addie Buss, James A. Austin witness.

MINING LOCATION.

F. D. Kuzur locates Grey eagle mining claim, Bohemia district.

A Yerrington's Funeral.

(Daily Guard February 27)

The funeral of A. Yerrington at 2 o'clock this afternoon was largely attended. The services which were conducted at the residence at East Tenth and Mill streets were in charge of the Masonic fraternity, to which Mr. Yerrington belonged. The G. A. R. and the W. R. C. attended in bodies, besides a large number of friends of the deceased.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

WISCONSIN CAPITOL RUINED

Fire in State House at Madison This Morning.

The Loss Will be \$800,000 With
But Small Insurance—Build-
ing Originally Cost
\$1,000,000.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 22.—A fire at 3 o'clock this morning, starting from crossed electric wires completely gutted Wisconsin's beautiful capitol building. The loss will be \$800,000 with insurance or only \$20,000. The fire was not discovered until under great headway. The local firemen were unable to cope with the flames and an appeal was made to Milwaukee but the aid was too late.

The fire will necessitate the build-

PREMIER KATSURA OF JAPAN.
Count Katsura is Japan's premier and minister of the interior. Soldier as well as statesman, he received his



GENERAL COUNT KATSURA, military education at a German war college and is a field marshal in Japan's army.

ing of a new capitol. A special session of the legislature will be called and it is probably that there will be a renewal of the agitation to remove the capitol from Madison to Milwaukee.

The east and west wings of the building are entirely ruined. The building cost \$1,000,000.

Governor LaFollette personally directed the fight against the flames. Students and citizens assisted in removing the records and law books. The vaults are believed to be intact. Only \$8,000 are on hand. Fire Chief Bernard was seriously injured by falling bricks.

THE STORM EXTENDS WELL SOUTH

Redding, Cal., Feb. 16.—Another heavy storm is raging. A veritable cloudburst occurred at Dunsmuir last night. The Sacramento is rising rapidly. The third land-slide of the week at Cantara this morning and small slides continue. Fears are entertained that the whole side of the mountain will slough off onto the railroad track.

BUT TWENTY AND ON GALLOWS

Chas. Wardrip, Aged 20, Hung
in a California Peniten-
tiary Today.

San Quentin, Calif.—Chas. Wardrip, aged twenty and the youngest man ever executed in the penitentiary here was hanged at 1:40 o'clock this morning. He mounted the scaffold with a smile on his face and died game.

U. S. Vessels for Korea.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The navy department is informed that the cruiser Cincinnati has sailed from Shanghai for Chemulpo, where she will remain indefinitely. The Vicksburg also remains at Chemulpo.

Reports Untrue.

London, Feb. 27.—Reports that the Russian cruiser Askold has been lost at Port Arthur were this morning officially denied.

J. H. BOOTH QUIT BOOTH-KELLY CO

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Feb. 26.—At the suggestion of the Oregon senators, James H. Booth, receiver of the Roseburg land office, has disposed of his interests in the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company and all other companies that are dealing in public lands. This action was necessary before the president would agree to reappoint Booth to his present office. At the conference with the senators the other night the president said he had no objection to J. H. Booth, and found nothing wrong with his record, but he did not like the appearance of having a land officer at Roseburg who was generally known to be an official in a lumber company that did considerable business before that office. The president's sole objection to Booth having been removed, it is expected that both he and Register Bridges will be reappointed within a few days.

THE SPRINGFIELD BRICK BLOCK

Bids Were Higher Than the
Woodmen Expected—
Springfield Notes.

The time for opening bids for the first new brick in Springfield to be arrived last Thursday night at which time there were quite a number of bids which were rejected immediately. It seems there is a little disappointment among the committee, and other woodmen, who had been misinformed as to the estimated cost of the building.

The lowest bid was \$5,980 and the highest was \$6,000, both a few hundred higher than the committee believed the organization could stand. The W. O. W. are amply able to build a brick hall and had the bidders kept any ways near their first assertion as to the cost, the preliminary arrangements would have been under way.

However, the boys have not given up the idea of a new hall, but further investigations will be made either for a smaller brick or a good sized frame structure.

Later—The committee held a meeting Wednesday evening to investigate further the advisability of building a brick. Contractor Roney of Eugene was there and gave some suggestions which will materially reduce the cost, and it is now thought the structure will be built.

OTHER NOTES.

Last Saturday afternoon as the Springfield stage came from Eugene and reached the east side of the steel bridge it tipped over, caused by the front wheel sinking in the saw dust.

A RUSSIAN STATESMAN.
Count Lamsdorff, Russia's minister of foreign affairs, is a veteran diplomat



COUNT LAMSDORFF, and has been very conspicuous in the negotiations between his country and Japan.

road a few paces from the main road. The vehicle contained 11 women and children, and aside from being frightened, none were seriously hurt. The team stood still until freed, apparently not knowing what had happened.

R. W. Smith, who came here from Cedar, Minn., will in the near future open a real estate office in Springfield. Mr. Smith is an old-timer in the real estate business and is already listing lots of property.

The News is informed that some time in March there will be opened in the Nickerson building on Main street, a first class millinery store—News.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
E. W. Parke & Sons, Chicago, Ill.
Signature of *Chas. H. Pritchard*

MILLIONS WENT UP IN SMOKE

Big Conflagration at Rochester, N. Y., Today.

Burned Area Covers Three Acres
—Finest Buildings in City
Went Up in Smoke—
Outside Help.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Fire broke out in the very heart of the dry goods district of this city this morning at 5 o'clock and continued for several hours, entailing a loss of several million dollars.

The fire started in the central elevator shaft of the Rochester Dry Goods Company 32 Main street. Ten minutes after the alarm sounded the six-story building was a mass of flames. In less than half an hour the rear wall fell and the flames spread to the seven-story fire-proof building of Sibley & Carr Co.

Buffalo and Syracuse were appealed to and special trains given by the railway companies started, carrying extra fire apparatus. At 7:30 o'clock series explosions occurred, followed by breaking out of flames in a twelve-story building at the corner of St. Paul and Main streets.

Within half an hour flames were belching through the roof. At 10:15 the fire was practically under control.

OUTSIDE HELP ARRIVES.

At 8:15 o'clock, the Buffalo and Syracuse fire companies arrived. It seemed at that time as though the fire would cross Main street east and the windows in stores across the street began to burst out under the terrific heat. The entire police force held the crowds in check. The employees of the threatened buildings were allowed to assist in removing goods. The streets were filled high with merchandise, the merchants fearing another Baltimore disaster. In Sibley & Carr store alone there are 1500 employees and as many more in others. These were utilized but with small success as in the actual fire district the salvage was small. The fire wall of the Sibley wholesale building temporarily stopped the spread of the flames to the north. The inhabitants of several houses on Mortimer street were removed from their homes by the police. Shortly afterward the Sibley wall fell, crushing these houses. The west wall dropped into St. Paul street. This was followed by the explosion of boilers that threw fire into the Granite building whose twelve stories were soon ablaze through the shaft. It had been regarded absolutely fireproof and was the finest office building in the city. The heat was so great that the iron and rear walls bulged out and became dangerous. Shortly after 9 o'clock the front wall of the five-story Marble building fell outward into Main street, compelling the firemen to abandon the fight in that direction. Several companies mounted upon the roof of the six-story Burk & Fitzsimmons department store and began throwing streams. Assistant Fire Chief Jones fell from a window and was seriously injured.

The Syracuse relief consisted of two engines and two hose companies and the same from Buffalo. All the streams were concentrated on the Granite building and surroundings. Shortly after 10 o'clock a big 30-inch main burst, materially diminishing the pressure.

THE BURNED DISTRICT.

The burned district includes territory on Main street east midway between Clinton Avenue and St. Paul street, thence north to Division street, thence half way to Mortimer street. The fire wall of the Cox building marked the line of flames on the north side. Up Division street the burned district extends half a block. The total burned area is three acres. The fire was confined within this section, but there probably will be little relief for the firemen until tomorrow.

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Sacramento River Flood.

Sacramento, Feb. 26.—The Sacramento river is rising slowly here. All levees are intact so far as heard from. Trains are still delayed by water near Marysville. Back water is coming up in Washington. A break is reported in the levee at Edwards, three miles below the city on the Sacramento river, 50 feet wide. John Sherman was drowned in Yuba City.