

STAIRWAYS BURN AND TENEMENT IS SCENE OF PANIC

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WERE SUFFOCATED

Windows and Fire Escapes Packed by Terror-Stricken People. Firemen Rescue Scores of Men, Women and Children by the Use of Scaling Ladders, Passing the People from One to Another and Safety.

United Press Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Eight persons, three women and five men, perished in a fire of incendiary origin early this morning, which destroyed a five-story tenement on the East Side.

In addition seven were fatally burned. The dead were all suffocated.

The lives of scores were endangered, as the stairways were burned away before the alarm was general. Ten fire escapes and windows were packed when the firemen reached there.

It was only by the fiercest kind of work and constant exposure to danger that the firemen were able to save the lives of the tenants, who screamed and cried and were thoroughly panic-stricken.

Men and women panned the windows and begged for rescue from approaching flames.

After the firemen put scaling and extension ladders into place they passed the men, women and children from floor to floor until all were safe on the street.

FIX 2ND UNIT WATER RATES

LEVY FOR MAINTENANCE OF ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO RECEIVE ATTENTION AT MEETING ON SATURDAY

Matters of importance will be attended to at a meeting of the board of directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association, to be held Saturday. Among others will be the levying of an assessment for the maintenance of the association.

W. J. Camp, project manager for the reclamation service, will be present at the meeting. He and the directors will take up the matter of fixing the water charges for those under the second unit of the Klamath project. As yet they have not used irrigation, the unit being completed this fall.

ALUMNI DOWNED BY H. S. SQUAD

The high school basketball team again demonstrated their cleverness by administering a two-to-one defeat to the alumni team at Houston's opera house Tuesday night. The first half netted the high school team 19 to their opponents 5. Ralph Hurn, for the high school, starred in this period with four baskets and a foul. McClure was a close second with four baskets.

In the second half Noel threw three difficult baskets and one that the referee ruled out. Boller also slid into the spotlight with two clever baskets.

Motshenbacher made the major portion of the counts for the alumni, getting six baskets and four fouls. The final score was High School 38, Alumni 19.

The game was replete with brilliant interference and quite a sprinkling of rough stuff. The high school team, though lighter than their opponents, were as much at home in the rough and tumble game as their opponents.

The contest was an exciting one and kept the few loyal fans and referees at high tension throughout the entire mixup. Austin Hayden refereed, Earl Elliott umpired, Dr. Fred Westerfeld kept time and Warren Duhl acted as scorer.

PLEVNA PEOPLE HAVE SLEIGHING

IN ADDITION, PARTIES FROM
KLAMATH PASS THROUGH—
XMAS TREE—OTHER NEWS OF
INTEREST

PLEVNA, Dec. 31.—The people of Plevna have been taking advantage of the fine sleighing the past week. The roads have been and still are in excellent condition for sleighing and nearly everyone has had a good sleigh ride. Also numerous party sleigh rides have been in evidence of nights.

A Christmas entertainment was given at the Plevna school Wednesday evening by the pupils under the teacher, Miss Rose Quast. The rendition of the program showed marked ability on the part of the scholars and teacher. An old fashioned Xmas tree and Santa Claus added to the pleasure of the evening for the little ones.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Miller and daughter of Klamath Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ankeny of the Ankeny ranch spent Xmas at the Murdock ranch.

Clifford Sevits, a junior in the County High School, is spending the Xmas holidays at the Sevits ranch.

H. Murdock, Geo. Ager, R. A. Alford and G. F. Sevits were Klamath Falls visitors Wednesday.

A meeting of the Plevna School District Board of Directors was held Monday. Outside of regular business the proposed division of Dist. No. 15 was discussed, but no definite action taken.

Geo. Ager took a load of fat hogs to the Klamath Meat Co.'s slaughter house Monday.

Naomi and Leola Gay were reported on the sick list a few days last week.

Miss Myrtle Ess, a sophomore of the County High School, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Ess.

D. W. George took Xmas dinner at J. A. Bushong's Thursday.

H. A. Talbot and family spent Xmas with Mrs. Talbot's parents, Daniel Gordons, near Worden.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Alford spent Xmas day in Klamath Falls.

Pete Jones passed through this vicinity Saturday on his way to Keno.

G. F. and C. E. Sevits, D. W. George and J. A. Bushong attended the meeting of the School District Boundary Board in Klamath Falls Friday.

R. V. Ess and family and Miss Rose Quast were city visitors Saturday.

J. W. Adkins and Geo. Heavilin were in Klamath Falls on business Saturday.

Howard Van Valkenburg spent Friday night at Grant Gay's.

G. F., Charley, Clifford and Arthur Sevits were city visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shell were in Klamath Falls Saturday on business.

R. A. Alford went to Klamath Falls on Friday to attend to business matters and returned on Sunday.

Jim Thomas was a business visitor to Klamath Falls Saturday.

Chas. Inman hauled a load of fat hogs to Klamath Falls Monday for Hiram Murdock.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer of Harrison, Idaho, who are visiting relatives in Klamath Falls, spent Saturday and Sunday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—The United States Commerce Court went out of existence today under legislative enactment.

L. Botens, a former resident of New York, has arrived in Klamath Falls with a view to locating here. Although a veteran pounder of the telegraph key, Mr. Botens expects to go on a ranch in the spring.

Sinnott Seeking Aid

Congressman Wants Homesteaders' Assistance

The following has been sent to the Herald by Congressman N. J. Sinnott, explaining his "deferred residence homestead bill," recently introduced in Congress. A copy of the bill can be seen at the Herald office.

The salient features of the bill are: First: Three years after filing in which to establish residence. Present homestead law requires establishment in six months.

Second: Cultivation by second year of 1-32nd of area; 2-32nds by third year; 3-32nds fourth year, 4-32nds fifth year. The present law requires cultivation of 1-16th of land second year, 1-8th by third year.

Third: Requirements of residence after establishing same and privilege of absence are same as in the present law.

Fourth: In order to meet the charge that the deferred residence might invite collusion between entryman and speculator the bill denies the right of anyone to file on an entry who has purchased the relinquishment or secured the cancellation of the entry in a collusive contest.

Fifth: This bill only supplements but does not abolish any of the present homestead laws.

The object sought by this bill is to make it possible for the settler to make his homestead a fit place for himself and family to live in before he is obliged to take up actual residence thereon. It gives him the opportunity to earn the money to improve his land at the same time that he is making it habitable.

So many Eastern members of Congress are opposed to abolishing the residence requirements on homesteads because of their fear that lands would fall into hands of speculators instead of bona fide settlers that it is practically impossible to get such a measure through.

This bill, while not abolishing the residence requirement, helps the settler to get over the obstacles which now trouble him most. I am in hopes that it will meet with favor from Eastern members opposed to the abolition of residence requirement altogether and already have considerable encouragement to that end.

Will you ask your readers to write me their opinion of the bill and offer any suggestions or changes which might improve it, with reasons. It will also help me greatly in getting the bill through if settlers would write me their experiences and hardships on homesteads on account of the present requirements that they take up residence in six months after filing.

These would be even more effective if illustrated with photos or snapshots showing the difficulties of taking up a homestead. Armed with these stories and pictures I can present the matter more effectively to the Public Lands Committee.

Dayton's New Form of Government to Start

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Dayton will inaugurate its commission-manager form of government tomorrow.

Plans were completed today to celebrate the event appropriately. The operation of the system will be closely watched by civic experts and municipal authorities of the entire country because Dayton is the first city of any size to adopt the commission-manager form of government.

Henry M. Waite, former city engineer of Cincinnati, is to be Dayton's "General Manager." Col. George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, refused an offer of \$25,000 to accept the post. Waite will receive a salary of \$12,500 annually, or \$500 more annually than is paid to the governor of Illinois, the highest paid executive of any state in the union, and \$2,500 more than the governor of Ohio.

There are but four other states besides Ohio which pay their chief executives \$10,000 a year.

Politics are not to figure in the city manager form of government. City Manager Waite, an appointive officer, will in turn appoint every city official excepting, of course, the five city managers who were selected by the people.

The commissioners are George W. Shroyer, A. L. Mendenhall, J. M. Switzer, John R. Flotron and John A. McGee. Shroyer is mayor by virtue of having received a greater number of votes than any commissioner elected. There is no city council. Mayor Shroyer will merely preside over the meetings of the board of commissioners. Each commissioner receives an annual salary of \$1,200. The mayor gets \$500 additional.

Functions of city government under the commission-manager plan are divided into the departments of law, public service, public welfare, public safety and finance. City Manager Waite within the next few days will designate one of these departments for each of the five commissioners. Then he will appoint his city officials.

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It has been recognized for a long time that the position of Chinese representative at this port is almost as important as that of minister plenipotentiary to foreign countries. The action of Pekin in raising the rank to that of special envoy for foreign affairs appears to give the republic diplomatic and official precedence over all the foreign representatives. This does not, of course, in any way affect the extra territorial rights of foreigners.

Oscar Peyton of the Klamath Fuel company, left on Tuesday for San Francisco and other points in California. The object of Mr. Peyton's trip is to post himself more thoroughly on the fuel oil business and its application to a particular community. Mrs. Peyton accompanies him on the trip.

CHOLERA SERUM PLANT GOES UP

MANHATTAN, Kans., Dec. 30.—In order that Kansas may be better prepared to fight a sudden outbreak of cholera, the state is now erecting a new anti-hog cholera serum plant—to be the largest and best equipped in the world. The present plant has a capacity of something over 1,000,000 centimeters a month, enough to vaccinate about 20,000 head of hogs.

As a precaution against a sudden outbreak of cholera the laboratories here, which are operated by the veterinary department of the Kansas Agricultural College, keeps constantly in reserve enough serum to treat 10,000 hogs.

The Sunflower state was among the first to produce such a serum, and it is estimated 300,000 hogs have been saved to Kansas farmers by vaccination.

CHINESE REPUBLIC IS TO RUN ITS OWN AFFAIRS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.—The arrival recently of Yang Teheng, the first special envoy for foreign affairs, is evidence of the desire of the republic

DOINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF OLENE

LITTLE ITEMS OF THEIR COMINGS
AND GOINGS TERSLY WRITTEN
BY THE HERALD'S CORRESPONDENT

A large crowd attended the Christmas exercises at the school house Christmas Eve.

F. E. Maston was in Klamath Falls Friday.

P. E. Stiles of Swan Lake spent Saturday in Klamath Falls.

Jack Corkery spent Christmas at the ranch up in Poe Valley.

"Dad" Worthington stopped here Friday night on his way to Lake county.

Miss Madge McFall expects to leave for Central Point, Ore., Wednesday.

R. E. Bord was in Klamath Falls Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marshall delightfully entertained friends at dinner Wednesday evening.

DEFICIT IN THE C. S. A. PENSION

MISSOURI'S LEGISLATURE, IN MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR CONFEDERATE VETERANS, PLACED IT TOO LOW

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Many confederate veterans will be disappointed tomorrow for instead of receiving a \$30 check from the state of Missouri as the pension promised quarterly, only \$18.83 will be received by each old soldier, for there is a deficit of \$12,374.40 today. When the confederate pension act was passed by the legislature at the last session only \$30,000 was appropriated.

This proved to be more than 50 per cent under the amount needed and the attorney-general advised that it be pro-rated. The balance due will be carried over. Two thousand who were the gray for pensions under the act effective Oct. 1, seventy-nine were rejected for various reasons and 108 are being investigated.

ALLEGATION MADE THAT AMERICANS HELPING REBELS

FEDERALS FINDING AMERICAN CARTRIDGES

Conference Over This Report From the Front Is Held Today by Huerta and Embassy Secretary O'Shaughnessy, and at This, Dictator Gives No Credence to the Story—Rebels Gathering Near Ojinaga.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30.—Advices sent to the war office from the northern country this morning were to the effect that the constitutionalists are using quantities of American ammunition, which gets over the border, despite the embargo.

The dispatch stated that all the Federal commanders are finding American made cartridges.

At noon Huerta and Embassy Secretary O'Shaughnessy held an informal conference, regarding the rumors that the rebels were receiving American aid and American ammunition.

At this Huerta said he did not credit these stories. O'Shaughnessy said the reports were not worth consideration.

WOODMEN TELL TRADE SECRETS

There was no wood measure ordinance introduced at Monday night's meeting of the council. Instead, there were talks by several local dealers as how to beat the proposal that wood thrown loosely into a wagon with a 195-foot capacity constituted a cord.

W. E. Seehorn, P. C. Carlson and C. A. Arnold stated that such a law would enable them to so throw wood in the wagon that it would fill the standard space, and that the consumer would find himself short.

As there is a state regulation covering this matter, they stated that they did not see any need of such an ordinance.

SHAVER WOULD FORECLOSE ON WIDOW'S MITE

FILES AN ACTION IN
THE CIRCUIT COURT

Preliminary Hearing of Attorney on Charge of Keeping Widow's Pension Warrants in Progress Before Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen Today. Mrs. Daniels Testifies to the Holding of the Warrants by Shaver

Suit to foreclose an attorney's lien in three warrants of \$17.50 each, issued by the County Court as a widow's pension to Mrs. Altha Daniels, was commenced in the Circuit Court this afternoon by W. J. Shaver. Arthur D. Hay is his attorney.

Shaver in this action holds that he was retained by Mrs. Daniels to secure a pension for her and that he has not been paid. He has placed the three warrants issued Mrs. Daniels and drawn by him with Justice of the Peace Gowen.

For his services in securing the pension of \$17.50 a month, Shaver sets the cost in his complaint at \$50. In addition, he asks \$25 attorney fees for the pending suit.

On the charge that he is withholding warrants issued by the County Court as a widow's pension to Mrs. Altha Daniels, Shaver's preliminary hearing began this afternoon in the Justice Court. District Attorney John Irwin appears for the state and Shaver and Arthur D. Hay are conducting the defense.

According to Mrs. Daniels, Shaver proposed that she should make application through him to receive the pension. She said she agreed to pay him \$10 for the services. As yet, Mrs. Daniels says, she has not received any of the warrants issued. She said that she made application to Shaver for the three warrants, but did not receive them.

Although subjected to a cross-examination on the part of Shaver that was frequently stopped because the questions were held entirely irrelevant, the widow kept right to her story.

County Clerk C. R. DeLap testified that the three warrants issued by the court to Mrs. Daniels were drawn by Shaver, as the receipt stubs show. He said he hesitated about giving one of these to the attorney, but did so when Shaver told him the woman had a delicacy toward appearing at the court house in person for the warrants.

WOULD CONVERT WORLD'S PEOPLE

COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES PLEDGE SELVES TO CHRISTIANITY DURING THIS GENERATION

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Five thousand college students were expected to attend the quadrennial meeting of the Students' Volunteer movement which opened here today. Eighty foreign countries will be represented, headed by 200 Christian Chinese students.

Secretary of State Bryan and John R. Mott, who declined appointment of Minister to China, and scores of other speakers prominent in religious and educational circles will attend. All of the official delegates are pledged to devote their lives in an effort to evangelize the world in this generation.

A college education doesn't seem to improve a girl's education. She will come home after she has graduated and step off a street car backward.

Girls have peculiarly romantic names nowadays, but occasionally a girl baby is found with a good old-fashioned name.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 1.—Dr. William M. Davidson was expected today to assume the duties of the superintendent of the Pittsburg public schools. He was appointed by the school board in November, and immediately resigned as head of the schools in Washington, D. C.