

**CITY ALL ABLAZE.**

**Baltimore Is Ravaged by Flames.**

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 7.—The most destructive fire in the history of Baltimore occurred here today, raging practically unchecked during many hours, completely destroying scores of the largest business houses in the wholesale district, involving losses which cannot yet be estimated, as the fire was still burning fiercely when night fell. Owing to the wide extent of the calamity it will be tomorrow before an approximate estimate can be made, though it is certain that it has already \$40,000,000.

The fire broke out shortly before 11 o'clock this morning in the wholesale dry goods store of John E. Hurst & Co., on Hopkins Place, in the heart of the business district, with a series of loud explosions, which were heard in remote parts of the city, and spread with fearful rapidity.

In a half-hour a dozen big warehouses in the wholesale dry goods and notions district were burning fiercely. The entire city fire department was called out, but was utterly powerless to check the spread of the flames, which were aided by high winds, and by noon there were savage fires in at least 30 big warehouses, and the flames were steadily eating their way into successive blocks northwest and south.

On Baltimore street, the block between Liberty and Sharp streets, was soon ablaze. Then came the next block east to Hanover, and after that the block on the south side to Charles street broke out into flames, the Consolidated Gas Company's building and Oehm's Acme Hall burning fiercely.

**Strated with an Explosion.**

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 7.—The whole city was notified of the fire by a terrific explosion some minutes after 11 o'clock. A sharp, splitting roar went up with reverberating thunder. This was followed by a peculiar whistling noise, like that made by the shrill wind.

The churches in the central section of the city were filled with worshippers, many of whom became frightened and, though no panic ensued, hundreds of men and women left their seats and went outside to see what had happened. In a few moments the streets all over the city were crowded with excited people.

Another deafening crash occurred and dense columns of cinders and smoke shot up over the central section of the city, and in a huge brown column moved rapidly toward the northeast. Borne on the strong southeast wind the column of smoke, blazing cinders, and even pieces of tin roofing spread over the center of the city and a rain of cinders fell, compelling pedestrians to dodge the coals.

Two more explosions followed and thousands of people hurried to the scene of the fire. Pieces of tin, six by eight feet square, were lifted into the air by the terrific heat, sailed upward like paper kites and, when they reached a point beyond the zone of the most intense heat, fell fluttering to the street.

Crash after crash followed within the burning district, but even the firemen could not tell from what building they proceeded. Walls and flooring fell in thunderous roars that echoed for blocks away.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, 5 A. M.—The Baltimore Herald, which is published this morning on the press of the Washington Post, estimates the loss at from \$75,000,000, to \$100,000,000, and says the insurance will be heavy.

**Water May Be Cut Off.**

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 7.—Hood River people are aroused to white heat excitement over the water question. The affairs of the Valley Improvement Company, owners of the large irrigating system which supplies the strawberry growers with water, have reached a crisis, financially, and there is a possibility of the farmers getting no water unless they come to the terms of the Valley Improvement Company's creditors and put up \$30,000 by March 1. The patrons of the ditch regard this proposition as a hold-up, pure and simple, and are not disposed to accept it without a fight for what they regard as their rights under common law.

Saturday afternoon a rousing farmers' mass meeting packed the large opera-house until there wasn't standing room. A motion to accept the company's proposition was voted down with a deafening roar of "noes," and, as a substitute motion, a committee of five was named to confer with the company's representatives and to report at another public meeting Tuesday afternoon, with recommendations regarding the best policy for the farmers to pursue.

**Escaped an Awful Fate.**

Mr. H. Huggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Chas. I. Clough, Druggists. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Most young men are too much infatuated with themselves to be seriously injured in an ordinary love affair.

**"Liar" Said Dr. Driver.**

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 7.—"You are a liar," was the epithet that one minister of the Gospel hurled at another in the presence of a startled congregation at an afternoon meeting in the Methodist Church Friday afternoon. The minister who applied the epithet was Dr. I. D. Driver, and the man at whom it was directed was Rev. Mr. Handsaker, pastor of the church of Christ in this city. The scene that accompanied the incident was dramatic in the extreme, and though the matter was kept quiet for a time, enough of the details have become public to arouse much interest in the affair.

As near as can be learned, the incident was the culmination of various minor attacks that Dr. Driver has made on the doctrines of the Christian Church with reference to baptism, since he began a series of lectures in this city two weeks ago. The word was apparently carried to Rev. Mr. Handsaker that the faith of his sect had been assailed, and from his own pulpit last Sunday the matter was quietly referred to.

At the afternoon service in question, Rev. Mr. Handsaker was present, and just before the close of the meeting he took issue with Dr. Driver. The debate was very brief, but it seems to have speedily assumed a personal character, when Rev. Mr. Handsaker is declared to have charges that, during a series of meetings recently held in Albany by Dr. Driver, the latter was challenged to debate the question of baptism with a Christian minister in Albany, and that he refused.

It was this charge that Dr. Driver met with a vehement assertion that Rev. Mr. Handsaker was a liar. The statement is that Rev. Frank L. Moor, pastor of the Methodist Church in which the evangelistic meetings are in progress, was quickly on his feet, and that he exclaimed:

"You must not use that language here, Dr. Driver."

The nomination of a ticket headed by Judge Parker and Carter Harrison would be equivalent to ordering a cold bird and a hot soda.

By licensing the carrying of concealed weapons Kentucky has struck an ingenious plan of requiring each citizen to bear his full share of the burdens of government.

The jury in the case of Colonel Ed. Butler, the millionaire St. Louis politician, on trial on a charge of bribing 19 members of the House of Delegates of St. Louis, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Luther Holbert and his wife, negroes, were burned at the stake at Dodsville, Miss., by a mob of over 1000 persons, for the killing of James Eastland, a prominent white planter, and John Carr, a negro, on Wednesday at the Eastland plantation. The burning of Holbert and his wife closes a tragedy which cost eight lives, has engaged 200 men and two packs of bloodhounds in a four days' chase across four counties and has stirred this section of Mississippi almost to frenzy.

The Oregonian Sunday night received a telephone message from Prineville stating that the news had been published there that 3000 head of sheep owned by Mr. McKewen, of Silver Lake, had been killed by masked men at his corral near Christmas Lake, and that the Sheriff had gone to investigate. Christmas Lake is in the southern part of Lake County, which is almost entirely given up to the which and sheep industries. There is probably as much open range there as in any Eastern Oregon county, and the war for its possession has broken out again, according to this announcement.

The steamer Edith, just in from a 15 days' fishing cruise, reports the shores north of Vancouver Island are covered with thousands of tons of herring and halibut. It is an unusual sight and the fishermen are unable to account for it, except on the theory that the unusual number of voracious whales and sharks have driven the smaller fish into the shoal water, and in terror of the monstrous enemies, they have been crowded out upon the land and stranded.

The Eastern Oregon roadmaster for the O. R. & N., Peter Grant, brought in the report from Huntington that it rained ashes at that place and as far west as Durkee, and it is not known how far east of Huntington. It rained several hours, and the ground was thickly covered with an ashy substance. Huntington is close to the Snake River and is surrounded by mountains. The people of Huntington and Eastern Oregon are anxious to know the direct cause and where it came from and are beginning to investigate the matter.

Charles Warren Fairbanks, the senior United States Senator from Indiana, will be the Republican candidate for Vice-President. He has yielded to President Roosevelt's wishes, and his friends have not only ceased to counsel him against accepting the nomination, but, recognizing that the demand is practically unanimous among party leaders, are lending their aid to its accomplishment. It can be stated as a fact that Senator Fairbanks has told the President that, while he will make no canvass for the nomination, and hopes the convention will select some one else, he will offer no objection if nominated.

**Dairy Strippings.**

Nature induced the cows to have their young in the spring, when the young grass was in its best stage for milk production. If we change the operations of nature we should have as nearly as possible the same conditions that prevail in the spring—hence succulent food should be furnished to the cow for weeks before she comes in.

A factory to reduce whole milk to powder has been successfully inaugurated at Delevan, Ill. It will manufacture by a cold process a perfected milk powder and frost cream, so that people will be able to buy milk powder and reduce it to milk by the addition of water. The animal heat is frozen out of the milk by a process that is in use by two eastern factories.

B. S. Bronson, a farmer of Boone county, Missouri, one day recently walked into the bank at Columbia, Mo., with a meatsack over his shoulder and poured \$2,000 in nickels and dimes through the cashier's window. Mr. Bronson said that the money represented the returns from butter and eggs for the last two years on his forty-acre farm.

Some may soil cows, but the number who do in the west is so small that we may say that everyone who keeps a cow or cows must have a pasture in the summer. It may be hired in the village or taken in on the free range, but the pasture we must have. We have neglected the pasture too long. Now we shall surely give it some attention. Too many pastures do not do the full duty. The fertility is in the land, but the stand of grass is not there, or, perhaps, the grass was grazed too closely last year. Weeds may choke out the growth of the more profitable grass. Knowing these facts now, the owner of the pasture can plan to remedy these defects.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

Furnished by H. T. Botts, Abstractor. F. R. Beals and wife to A. G. Beals, 1/2 interest in lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 6, Thayer's addition to Tillamook. \$250.00

Frank W. Crane and wife to Harrison T. Crane. W 1/4 Se 1/4 Ne 1/4 E 1/2 W 1/2 Se 1/4 and W 1/2 E 1/2 Se 1/4 Sec 35 2 N 10. \$2000.00

Frank L. Gladwell to Rachel A. Harden. Sw 1/4 35 3 S 9. \$800.00

Fred M. Davidson and wife to Sashel C. Woods. Sw Sw 28 2 S 9. \$1000.00

David Tempest to Elmer Hall. 1 acre described as in Sec 6, tp. 1 & 2 S., R. 10 W. \$25.00

H. W. Cottle and wife to James S. Bridgford. Lots 1 & 2, block 6, lots 3, 5 and 6, block 1, Cone & Co's addition to Bay City; lots 4 and 5 block 4, lots 1, 8, 9 and 10 block 5 Bay City and lot 5 block 68 and lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 block 57 Pacific addition to Bay City. \$400.00

Andrew J. Wallace and wife to A. A. Waymire. Lot 12 block 2, Malaney addition to Ocean Park. \$200.00

Edward Lowe and wife to John W. Blodgett. 1/2 interest in 21492.95 acres. \$100. Also deed between same parties for 1/2 interest in 9667.55

Delos A. Blodgett and wife to John Blodgett. 1/2 interest in same property as in last transfers. \$1.00

Nannie M. Nelson to Frank L. Owens. Nw Ne 27 4 S 10, except 1/2 acre. \$200.00

State of Oregon to A. B. Cox. Ne 25 3 N 8. \$200.00

State of Oregon to W. N. Jones. E 1/2 of W 1/2 24 3 N 8. \$200.00

A. B. Cox and wife to W. N. Jones. Ne 25 3 N 8. \$10.00

W. N. Jones and wife to Nelson P. Wheelert. Ne Sec 25 and E 1/2 of W 1/2 Sec 24 3 N 8. \$3840.00

Albert L. Perry and wife to Mrs. C. J. Angie Edwards. Lot 3, block 7, Stillwell's addition to Tillamook. \$200.00

Elmer Hall and wife to George W. Phelps. 1 acre in section 6 2 S 10. \$10.00

Esther E. Worthington and husband to Ida J. Ducham. E 1/2 lot 16, J. J. McCoy's addition to Bay City. \$400.00

One mortgage filed securing \$176.00

Two mortgage satisfactions filed releasing mortgages securing \$700.00

**January Weather.**

Jan.	Temperature.	Maxi- mum.	Mini- mum.	Mean	Rain- fall
1	51	44	47.1	0.48	
2	47	33	40.0	0.15	
3	45	39	43.1	0.44	
4	47	40	43.1	0.52	
5	45	30	37.1	0.32	
6	48	38	43.0	0.15	
7	54	39	46.1	0.07	
8	51	41	46.0	0.70	
9	41	35	39.1	2.42	
10	50	39	44.1	0.30	
11	48	40	44.0	0.92	
12	52	45	48.1	1.50	
13	52	48	50.0	0.70	
14	51	45	48.0	1.70	
15	50	36	43.0	0.20	
16	51	41	46.0	1.55	
17	44	37	40.1	2.04	
18	40	32	37.0	0.28	
19	49	28	34.0	0.36	
20	46	29	37.1	0.85	
21	48	37	42.1	1.92	
22	48	40	44.0	0.16	
23	47	39	43.0	0.15	
24	46	34	40.0	0.11	
25	46	29	37.1	0.02	
26	48	31	39.1	0.01	
27	50	30	39.1	0.01	
28	53	30	41.1	0.01	
29	47	29	38.0	0.02	
30	48	25	41.1	0.00	
31	50	29	39.1	0.00	
Sum.	14 90	11 22	13 14	21 04	
Mean.	48.2	35.6	42.4	"	

Summary.—Mean temp 46.0; Max temp 53; Date, 28; Min. temp, 28; Date, 17; total precip., 21.04 inches; total snowfall, 4 inches; Number of days clear, 3; cloudy, 28; Dates of frost light, 10 nights; Killing, 5, 19, 20; Dates of hail, 4, 8; sleet, 20; Prevailing wind, direction

N. W. Remarks: Solar rainbow, 10, 24; first snow on lowlands the 13th, 4 in. Latitude 45.26 north; Longitude 123.51 West of Greenwich. Look out for changeable and squally weather in February.

**Inklings.**

Remorse has ever been more popular than self-denial as an expression of the virtues.

When love comes in at the door logic flies out of the window.

Credulity is a masculine vice and a feminine virtue.

No, madam, we have very little honesty to-day, but we can show you candor, which looks just like it and is much less expensive.

When you hear a man bewailing the interestedness of friendship it is safe to assume that he has just tried, unsuccessfully, to get something from his friend.

A person may know how to do things well without knowing what to do; that is how we have artists who are not good critics.

Intuition is the inability to find a reason for one's opinions.

**Pointed Paragraphs.**

A woman's idea of a good complexion is one that will wash.

"It" is the most unsatisfactory word in the English language.

Look out for squally domestic weather after a December-May wedding.

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