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ELEVEN BEDFAST

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FIVE IN ONE ROOM

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JUMPS IN FRONT OF TRAIN.
Salesman Commits Suicide in Fit of Despondency.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 9.—Believed to have been suffering from a fit of despondency, Frank De Long, a traveling salesman, threw himself in front of a Rock Island train at the depot here, and a dozen or more people saw his body cut almost to shreds by the wheels of the engine. Letters show that he lived in Sioux City, Ia. He was identified as the same man who went into a local hardware store and asked for a revolver. When it was given him he tried some cartridges in it, pointed it in his face and attempted to pull the trigger, which failed to work. He left the store and almost immediately he went to the depot and threw himself in front of the train.

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ANNUAL SESSION

Great Northern Fair Association Will Meet Monday

TO ELECT OFFICERS

Will Hear Financial Report and Discuss Next Year's Fair

The Great Northern Fair association will meet next Monday in annual session at the Modern Woodmen's lodge room on Madison street. At this time will occur the election of officers for the ensuing year and the matter of giving a fair next year will be thoroughly discussed. Of course a fair will be given for the association and the community both desire it, but there are many details and plans to be arranged. At this time also a report of the receipts and expenditures for the past year will be announced and the exact financial condition of the association given to each member and stockholder. This meeting will be one of the most interesting ever held by this association and the success of next year's fair depends considerably on the amount of ginger displayed at this meeting. People of this city and county should remember that the fair is worth many times the trouble and time and money expended and should do everything possible to make the next one bigger and better and more profitable to every one concerned. One good year will more than repay the stockholders and the truth is that no one can tell just when that year is at hand. This was one of the poorest in history all over the country, for the fair managers, and the boys here deserve credit for working even a little ahead of the game.

SOME BALL DOPE

Scout C. O. France Signs

Three Players for Dallas Team

FOR NEXT YEAR

Farnan, Floyd and Robinson

—Jack Cullen Goes to New York

C. O. France, northern scout for the Dallas, Texas, ball club, has signed Red Farnan, catcher and Lewis Floyd, pitcher, both of Fort Wayne, who will report in the southern town early in the spring. Farnan formerly played here and last season and the previous one was with the South Michigan league. He is one of the best minor league catchers in this section. Floyd has been pitching the Fort Wayne city league and is a comer. He is six foot in height, has all kind of speed, good control and good curves. Both these boys should make good. Cal Robinson of this city has also been signed and will go with the Fort Wayne boys when they leave next March. All three of these boys should make good. Jack Cullen a former Decatur player, has been signed by the New York American league club. He was with Sharon, Pa., club this year, and led the O.P. league as a third baseman. He was the only one of the I.O. bunch who made good in that league, though several tried out. Pitcher Gray, a Portland player, has been signed by the Boston National league club for next year.

BEARS A CHARMED LIFE.

Calcutta, Nov. 9.—An attempt was made by a Bengali to assassinate Sir Andrew Henderson Leith Frazer, the Lieutenant governor of Bengal. Like three other attempts that have been made to take the life of the Lieutenant governor since his appointment to that office in 1903, this latest attack upon him proved unsuccessful. Sir Andrew escaped without any injury whatever.

"HERO" KILLS "VILLAINESS"

Rehearsal of Amateur Play at Hibbing, Minn., Results in Tragedy.

Hibbing, Minn., Nov. 9.—Edna Geary, 12 years old, was shot and killed this evening while rehearsing an amateur play. She was the "villainess" and Russell Barrett, 13 years old, was the "hero." While reciting the lines of the play young Barrett aimed a gun, supposed to be not loaded, at the girl and pulled the trigger. The girl fell dead with a bullet in her brain.

WARM TIME AT BONFIRE.

Boys Season Policeman With Generous Supply of Pepper.

Baltimore, Nov. 9.—A gang of hardy youngsters celebrated the election by building a huge bonfire at the corner of Lafayette and Fulton avenues and when Patrolmen Scriber and Boone sought to break up their sport they surrounded the policemen, pelted them with missiles of various kinds and finally threw pepper over them and in their eyes. Despite the rough treatment, the policemen collared five of the lads and took them to the Northwestern Police Station. This morning Justice Tyson fined the alleged ring-leaders—John Belt, 1818 north Calhoun street and Lester Kelmet, 904 north Stricker street—\$1 and costs each; dismissed two others and held one for a further hearing. It is stated that the boys, to add fuel to their fire, took a carriage from in front of a nearby livery stable. The owner of the vehicle, to prevent any one taking it, had removed the wheels, but the lads merely lifted the carriage and carried it to the fire. It is said that the boys also took some of the doors of a stable near by, while hundreds of boxes and barrels were consumed.

CARMACK KILLED

Tennessee Statesman is Assassinated by an Enemy

AN EX. U. S. SENATOR

Politics is at the Bottom of the Tragedy—A Bright Man

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 10.—Ex-United States Senator Edward Ward Carmack, editor of the Tennesseean, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock on north Seventh avenue, in front of the Polk flats by Robin Cooper, son of Col. Duncan B. Cooper. Mr. Carmack was going north on Seventh avenue in front of the Polk flats and Col. Cooper and his son Robin were approaching Seventh avenue on Union street. Soon after they came in sight of each other the shooting began. Robin Cooper, it is said, firing two shots and Senator Carmack one. Col. Duncan B. Cooper is said to have drawn his pistol, but did not fire. Mr. Carmack fell, dying instantly. Robin Cooper was shot in the shoulder, but was not hurt badly. It is understood the trouble is one of the results of the recent Democratic gubernatorial primary in which Carmack was defeated. Carmack has, since he has been editor of the Tennesseean, been quite caustic in criticizing what he called the Democratic machine and has had editorials about Col. Cooper. Within the last few days it is said, Col. Cooper notified Carmack these editorial criticisms must cease. This morning another editorial reference to Col. Cooper appeared in the Tennesseean and this is supposed to have been the immediate cause of the tragedy. As soon as Mr. Carmack fell on the edge of the street Col. Duncan Cooper put his arm around Robin Cooper and both walked a few feet down Seventh avenue to Dr. R. G. Fort's office, where the wound in Robin's shoulder was examined and treated. Dr. Fort stated the wound was slight.

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VOTE AGAINST COURT HOUSE

Brazil, Ind., Nov. 9.—The proposition to build a new \$200,000 court house in this city was overwhelmingly defeated.

The friends of the question paid little

attention to it on account of the ex-

citement over the general election and

the enemies struck it hard. Clay coun-

ty is badly in need of a new court

house, as the present building is dilap-

idated.

COST 1000 PLUNKS

A Solid Silver Cup to Be Given for the Best Ten Ears of Corn Exhibited

IS A GREAT TROPHY

The Cup is Thirty Inches

High and Rests Upon