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CASH OUT OF SIGHT.

ROTTEN CONDITION OF AN INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

Three Killed and Cremated in a Rock Island Wreck—Leavenworth's Bridge Opened—Nearly Successful Plot against the Car's Life—Short Texas Patches.

Looted and Wrecked.

At the instance of the present Board of Directors of the National Building Loan and Investment Company, headquarters at Chicago, an investigation into the affairs of that concern has been made and a report submitted to State Auditor Gore. According to the report, a sum of \$75,000 has been loaned on worthless securities, and peculiar business methods generally prevailed among the former officers of the company, some of whom have resigned. The National Building, Loan and Investment Society was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois in 1899 with a capital stock of \$10,000,000. The offices of the society are at present on the fifth floor of the Chamber of Commerce Building. The concern has not done such an extensive business as the American, yet it would have been exceedingly prosperous but for the manipulations of directors. Last year O. C. Kneale, who was a director of the American Building, Loan, and Investment Society in its earliest days, got his grip on the National. His partner, William Smith, has disappeared, but the State Auditor hopes to find him and get back the money said to have been loaned on unproven property.

BURNED IN A WRECK.

Shocking Fate Befalls Three Men on a Rock Island Freight. Under the ashes and twisted iron of what had been a passenger coach, a caboose and two freight cars, a wrecking crew found a few handfuls of human bones and the battered cases and wrecks works of two gold watches. Not a single article, flesh, not a shred of clothing, not another trinket of any kind was found to identify the bones of those who perished pitifully in a collision and wreck closely followed by fire near Linwood, twenty-seven miles west of Kansas City, on the Union Pacific, at 5:30 Tuesday morning. One man is known certainly to have perished in the wreck—J. H. Atwood, conductor of one of the trains, who met his death while bravely trying to warn his passengers of the danger. Two other men, stockmen, are missing and are believed to have perished, but this will not be definitely known until the Union Pacific surgeon has made a thorough examination of the few bones recovered from the ashes of the burned car.

POISON IN THE FISH.

Attempt Made on the Czar's Life at a Banquet.

On the 124th anniversary of the founding of the Imperial Order of St. George a grand dinner was recently given at Cracow, Poland, to all those who had been awarded the decoration. The Czar at the head of the guests present took part of the dinner. The first course was but half consumed, and the Czar ordered that what was left be sent to the Nicholas Orphan Asylum, where the children also ate of the food. Later in the evening the Czar, the guests at the banquet, and the orphans were all taken sick, and an investigation revealed the fact that the fish had been poisoned. The sickness in the orphan asylum was officially attributed to cholera.

NO GRAIN IN TEXAS.

Stockmen Desperately by the Scarcity of Feed and Water. A dispatch from Fort Stockton, Texas, says conservative men estimate that 50 per cent of the sheep in that section will die the present winter, for there is nothing for them to eat except dead grass. There is some water, but cow men are feeding and guarding it. The grass has been killed by the frost. The sheep men are moving their herds toward Mexico, and the cow men swear they will die before the sheep will go over their ranges. Both sides are armed and ready to shoot.

Across the Missouri.

The new steel drawbridge which crosses the Missouri at Leavenworth and which was built at a cost of about \$1,000,000 was opened Tuesday with imposing ceremonies. The strength of the bridge having been tested in the presence of the public by having ten large locomotives on it at one time, a train of 100 cars entered Leavenworth over the new bridge, loaded with wheat, lumber, iron, hogs and cattle, for Leavenworth mills, factories and packing houses, the value of the goods being more than \$100,000.

Watch Company Fail.

At Columbus, Ohio, the Columbus Watch Company's property has been placed in the hands of Philip H. Bruck, receiver upon application of T. M. and Louis Lindberg, who say they have sureties upon about \$30,000 of obligations of the company must soon meet, and it has no funds to meet them. The total assets of the concern are about \$400,000; liabilities, \$250,000.

Burglars Burn an Old Man's Feet.

At Kinston, N. C., burglars entered Solomon Polk's residence, tied him and his wife, ransacked the house and secured about \$100 in money and valuables. They tortured the old man by burning his feet with hot irons to make him tell where his money was secreted. His injuries are severe.

To Foreclose a \$50,000 Mortgage.

At Portland, Oregon, the Scottish-American Investment Company brought suit against the Portland Industrial Exposition Company to foreclose a mortgage of \$50,000.

Thrown and Killed at East St. Louis.

Ray Lowry, an exercise boy, was thrown from a horse at the East St. Louis race track and fatally injured, his neck being broken. He died shortly after the accident occurred. He came a short time ago from Dodge City, Kan., where his parents reside.

Natural Gas Nearly Burns a Town.

fires nearly destroyed the small town of Red Key, Ind., Tuesday morning. The total loss is estimated at \$75,000, about one-third insured. The fire was caused by natural gas. There is no fire department in the town.

New Bid for Cherokee Bonds.

In the matter of the Cherokee bond sale the impression is that the Chaddick option has expired. The bank of deposit was changed by him without authority from the Cherokees. A bid of par and \$100,000 interest is now in the name of the chief and will be submitted to the Legislature.

Wife Worth \$10.

A St. Joseph, Mo., woman, wife was killed by a train, has offered \$10,000 with the railroad company for \$10. He says she was a good wife, and her cooking could not be equalled in the State. She was worth all of that to me and I think you ought to pay."

STEAD'S BLUNT WORDS.

Unfinished Language Before the Women's Club at Chicago Makes a Stir.

Woman held her breath and looked at each other with trepidation while such stinging and plain words as they had never heard before outside of whispers were uttered by William T. Stead. And when he said that women of riches and talents who wielded them not in behalf of their less fortunate sisters were more disreputable in the eyes of God than the worst woman of scum in Chicago's vilest street, the startled women of the audience evoked such a medley of hisses, applause and startling evidences of amazement that for two hours after he left the hall the women were constrained to talk in secret as what he had said. Whilst the dazed condition into which the London editor's bluntness had thrown the throng still existed, Mr. Stead went out. It was said then that if he had not gone just when he did he would have been asked to go, but a little later the women began to inquire if there were not, perhaps, a little something in what he had said after all. "I do not know how he can be reached, but a man who would wantonly insult the best and purest element of Chicago society as he has done should be compelled to leave the city." This was the comment of Mrs. W. J. Chalmers in speaking of the address.

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MILKED THE COMPANY.

Petition for Removal of Northern Pacific Receivers.

Silas W. Pettit, of Philadelphia, General Counsel of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, has filed before Judge Jenkins in the United States Court at Milwaukee a petition for the removal of Thomas H. Oaks, Henry C. Payne and Henry G. Rouse, the receivers of the road, alleging that the best and purest element of Chicago society as he has done should be compelled to leave the city.

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RUN OUT WITH SMALLPOX.

Man with the Disease Driven into the Streets by Chicago Police.

After being run out of West Pullman by the police of that Chicago suburb, and out of Kensington on the police on duty there, after riding on the electric and cable roads from Kensington to Chicago during an hour of the night when traffic is very heavy; after walking the streets of Chicago all night, C. W. Sever walked into the health department the other morning displaying a well-developed case of smallpox. He informed the officials there that unless he was given treatment and a place of refuge he should place a card with the name of his address on it in the window of a pawnshop on his back and about the streets again until he found some one to care for him. Sever was taken into the private office of the Commissioner of Health, hungry, weary, footsore, and weak from his sickness. The officials sent out food for him and sent him out from the general throng, after which he was sent to the small-pox hospital. Sever is 58 years old, with a family in Michigan, and has been having hard luck since the hard times set in.

GUILTY THE VERDICT.

Carter Harrison's Assassin Must Explain His Crime with His Life.

Death is the penalty agreed for Patrick Eugene Joseph Prendergast for the murder of Carter H. Harrison. The last word of awful accusation was uttered by A. S. Trude at noon Friday; an hour later the Judge charged the jury, and sixty-two minutes after Prendergast's fate was committed to twelve of his peers a verdict was returned, which reads:

"We, the jury, find the defendant, Patrick Eugene Joseph Prendergast, guilty of murder, in the manner and form as charged in the indictment, and for the sum of \$10,000."

Then follow copies of the instructions to Mr. Blount, by Mr. Cleveland's greeting to President Dole. The narrative then proceeds to relate Mr. Blount's action in hauling down the American flag and the investigation which he made. It then discusses at length the President's power to appoint a diplomatic officer armful with power given to Mr. Blount without the consent of the Senate.

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