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MILLIONS LOST BY BIG FIRES IN MANY CITIES LAST NIGHT

Indianapolis, Chicago, Kansas City and Detroit Have Fires In Which Losses Will Aggregate Over \$3,000,000.

BIG WAREHOUSE BURNING IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Flames Started Last Night And Have Not Yet Been Checked—Various Estimates of the Losses.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29.—This afternoon has not brought an end to the all night fight of the fire which rages in the warehouse of the Henry Coburn Storage and Warehouse company. The loss is roughly estimated at \$1,000,000, but may go higher. Flames which have gutted the entire Georgia street side of the building are spreading south.

Owing to the number of concerns doing business with the Coburn company and the many interests sheltered beneath the roof, an accurate estimate of the loss was impossible this morning. However, according to the most conservative, it will reach \$1,000,000 easily. Some men, members of firms having goods either stored in the great warehouse, or being shipped through, place the loss at \$1,500,000. Hundreds of farming implements and hundreds of barrels of sugar, groceries by the carload, paper and dry goods in great quantities, together with the merchandise of a score of other varieties—thousands of dollars' worth owned by the commercial concerns of Indianapolis and elsewhere—burned or is burning. Three firemen were injured by falling walls this morning.

The Coburn warehouse was one of the biggest of its kind in the middle west. Fronting on Georgia street, it reached back fully 300 feet to the rail yard and covered a half square of ground. It contained store rooms leased by firms of this city as well as general shipping rooms used for the accommodation of shippers, all of which were well filled with thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise temporarily stored or being held for shipment. Many of the firms who will feel the loss are concerns of the East and elsewhere doing a general agency business in Indianapolis and the state.

THIRD CHICAGO FIRE.

Disastrous Blaze Does \$1,000,000 Damage.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—The third disastrous fire in the business section of the city in as many days caused a loss last night estimated at over \$1,000,000 in the almost complete destruction of the building at 144 Washington avenue, occupied by Alfred Peats & Co., dealers in wall paper; the building adjoining on the south, occupied by John A. Colby & Sons, furniture dealers, and that in the rear, occupied by the millinery firms of Edison, Keith & Co.

The losses, as apportioned tonight among the various firms, were:

Alfred Peats & Co., \$25,000; John A. Colby & Sons, \$200,000; Elson, Keith & Co., \$600,000; Gage Bros., \$25,000; Theodore Ascher Co., \$25,000. Others who suffered losses, chiefly by smoke and water, were: Carl Netcher, artificial flower dealer, \$10,000; Remington Typewriter Co., \$5,000 and John A. Bryant Co., pianos, \$5,000.

STANDARD OIL LOSSES.

\$150,000 Fire Destroys Tank in California.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jan. 29.—Fire, which was started yesterday afternoon in an oil tank belonging to the Union Oil company at Port Hartford by a stroke of lightning, burned all of last night and until this afternoon, consuming with their contents the tank which was first set on fire and three others belonging to the Standard Oil company.

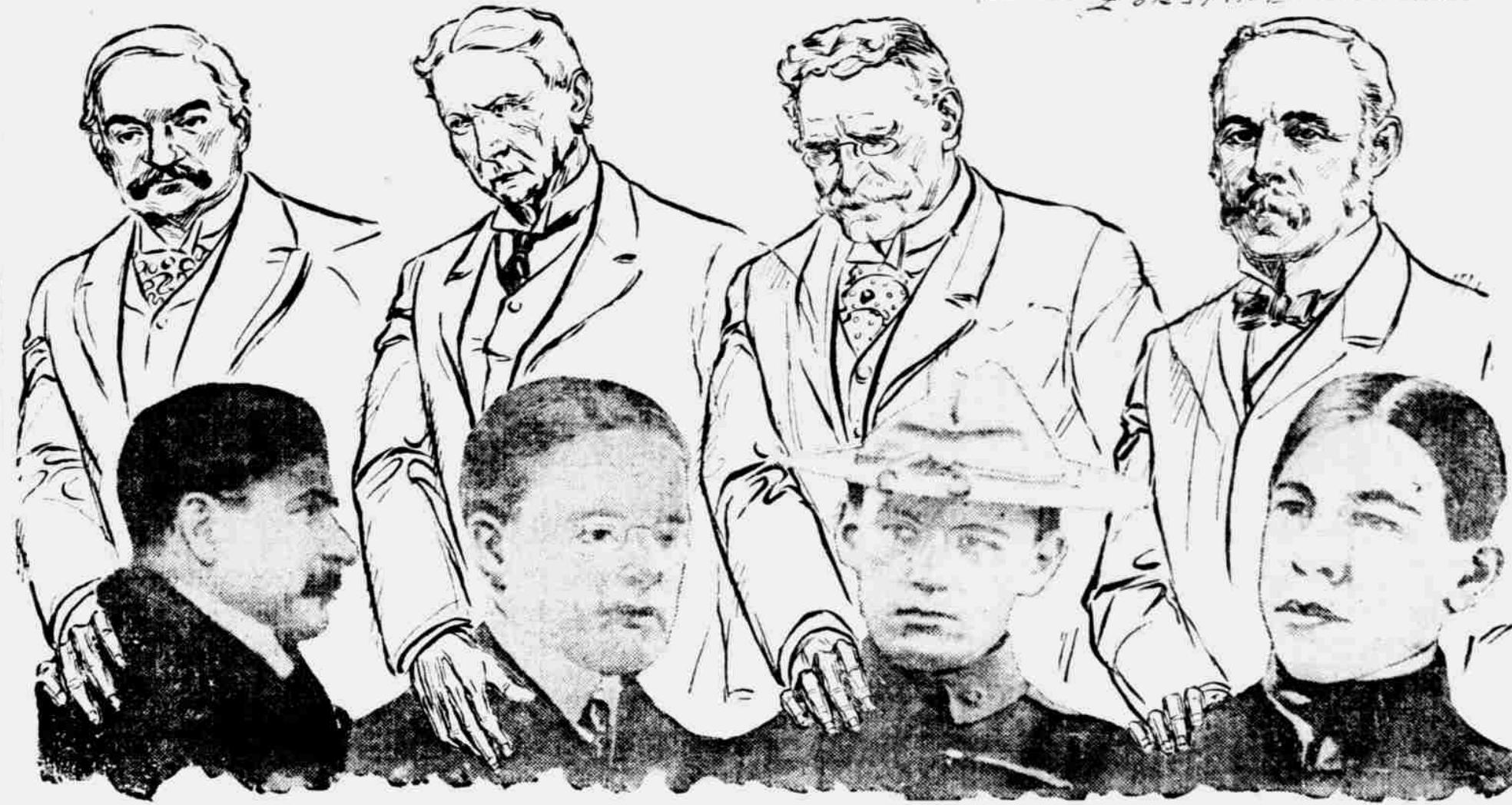
The total loss is roughly estimated at \$150,000.

NELSON MORRIS & CO'S LOSS.

The Canning Department Is in Ruins.

Kansas City, Mo., January 29.—Fire of unknown origin started in the canning department on the second floor of one of the main buildings of Nelson, Morris & Co., Kansas City, Kan., last night, threatening destruction of the entire plant, and caused a loss estimated at \$500,000 before it was under control. The building in which the fire started contained the canning department. The coolers, the dressing rooms, the wholesale department and the killing beds, and the contents supplied the fire with fuel which made the flames difficult to combat. The box factory in the rear of the main building was entirely destroyed. The

Young Men Will Take Up Business Cares of Their Millionaire Fathers Soon



A number of America's most famous financiers either recently have retired or are on the eve of retiring from active business, leaving the conduct of their gigantic interests in the hands of their sons. In this picture are shown four of the young men who are now to take up the work laid down by their distinguished and successful fathers. From left to right they are J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., John D. Rockefeller, Jr., H. H. Rogers, Jr., and Earl P. Shaw, son of the former Secretary of the Treasury. Their fathers are in the sketch standing behind the young men.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO BE SELECTED FRIDAY

Men Who Will Represent Voters of City and County in District and State Conventions to Be Selected.

TIME OF MEETINGS HAS BEEN ARRANGED.

Township Conventions Will Be In Afternoon and Ward Meetings at Night—District Convention of Importance.

Delegates and alternates to the republican district convention at Cambridge City February 4, and to the republican state convention at Indianapolis April 1 and 2, will be chosen by the republican voters of Wayne county Friday of this week. There will be the same number of delegates and alternates to the state convention as to the district convention. Eight townships will hold joint meetings. These townships and the places of meeting are as follows:

Abington and Boston at Abington, Perry and Dalton, at Economy, Harrison and Clay, at Greensfork, Webster and New Garden, at Fountain City.

At each of these joint meetings one delegate and one alternate to each convention will be chosen. Wayne and Jackson township will each select two delegates and alternates respectively to the district and state conventions.

All the other townships in the county will each choose one delegate and one alternate to the district convention and the same number to the state convention.

In Richmond, the fourth, fifth and sixth wards will each select two delegates and two alternates to the district convention and two delegates and two alternates to the state convention. One delegate and one alternate to each convention will be chosen at meetings in the first, second, third, seventh and eighth wards. All township meetings will be held Friday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock. Ward meetings in this city will be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Voters in Wayne township outside the city will meet at the court house.

The following are the places where the various ward meetings will be held:

First ward—Court House, Second ward—City hall, Third ward—G. A. R. hall, Fourth ward—K. of P. temple, Fifth ward—No. 3 Hose house, Sixth ward—Geyer's shop, Seventh ward—Little's barn, Eighth ward—W. S. R. club.

At the district convention two delegates and two alternates to the republican national convention will be chosen.

One of these delegates will probably be R. G. Leeds of this city.

At the district convention there will also be chosen a presidential elector, subject to the approval of the republican state convention.

At the state convention a ticket will be nominated and a platform adopted.

C. W. Fairbanks' candidacy for president will also be endorsed.

DOYLE WILL NOT ASK FOR NEW TRIAL

Sentenced to Term of Two to Fourteen Years.

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 29.—Shirley Doyle, convicted of attempting to murder his sweetheart, Miss Lida Scott by cutting her throat and then slashing his own throat in attempt at suicide, will not ask for a new trial. Judge McClure sentenced Doyle to a term of two to fourteen years in prison and fined him \$10.

WORLD PROHIBITION CONFEDERATION AGITATED

Important Conference in London Today.

London, Eng., Jan. 29.—An important conference was held here at the instance of Edward Page of Chicago, in view of forming a world's prohibition confederation.

POLES SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM MAIN STREET

Members and Directors of the Commercial Club Think So And Adopt Resolution to This Effect.

O'NEAL OPPOSED THE ADOPTION LAST NIGHT.

Said that If Bell Company Was Forced Off Main Street It Could Place Wires Underground with Open Franchise

The board of directors of the Commercial club met yesterday afternoon and unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the Main street pole ordinance. This resolution was reported to the club at the meeting last evening and after considerable discussion the club endorsed the action of the executive board.

W. P. O'Neal, a member of the board of public works, during the discussion of the resolution stated that he was opposed to it. Mr. O'Neal held that the removal of poles from Main street would permit the Central Union telephone company to place its wires underground under the terms of the open franchise it now holds.

He said that this company should never be permitted to go underground until it had accepted a franchise similar to the one now held by the Home telephone company, which contains a maximum rate clause.

Mr. O'Neal was the only one who opposed the pole ordinance. W. A. Bond, John L. Rupe, W. K. Bradbury, Kay K. Shively and others spoke in his favor.

L. ERT SLACK WILL WORK FOR THE NOMINATION

He Desires to Be the Next Democratic Nominee for Governor of Indiana and Will Lay Plans to This End.

UP TO DATE HE HAS BEEN A RECEPTIVE CANDIDATE.

It Was Not Until the Past Few Days That He Decided to Enter the Race—Made Favorable Impression Here.

L. Ert Slack, state senator of Franklin, Ind., announced last evening just before his address to the Commercial club, that he would be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. Some time ago Mr. Slack asserted that he was a receptive candidate for this office, but last night he said he had reached the decision to make an active canvass for the nomination.

Mr. Slack will make the race on a good government and prohibition platform. He says that the democratic party in Indiana has too long borne the stigma of being known as "the whiskey party." To redeem itself in the eyes of the public, he holds, it will be necessary for the party to take a firm stand for prohibition.

Slack has always been a firm advocate of good government and in years past he has, on several occasions, openly rebelled against the actions of the state democratic leaders in allying the party with the liquor interests.

He is confident that at the state convention the democratic party will clear itself of the "whiskey" stigma.

In his address before the members of the Commercial club last evening Mr. Slack made a most favorable impression. He is a splendid speaker and he handled his subject, "Expenses, Debts and Taxes" in a most able manner, although some of the local bankers took exceptions to his remarks on the American banking system. He spoke on the present financial depression, its cause and the remedy that should be applied to relieve the condition.

He held that the financial depression was the result of over borrowing. The great volume of business transacted in this country, stated Mr. Slack, was not based on the material wealth to place the business of the nation on a sound footing business men must be more conservative and borrow less. Mr. Slack presented many statistics, many of which were of a startling nature. To some of these statistics local bankers took exceptions.

REVIVAL OF INTEREST.

The service at Grace M. E. church was well attended last evening and much interest manifested in the theme "The New Birth." Services will begin this evening at 7:30, being preceded by a union Sunday school teachers' meeting at 6:30.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Much colder Wednesday night; Thursday, fair, not quite so cold.

OHIO—Much colder Thursday; snow northwest portion.

DAIRYMAN DENIES SWEEPING CHARGES AGAINST BUSINESS

O. L. Daily Claims That There Are Sanitary Dairies in the County and Points to His as An Example.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION IS NOT FAVORED NOW.

As He Sees It Milk Prices Will Necessarily Have to Be Increased if Conditions Are Met, as Asked.

O. L. Daily, proprietor of the Wayne dairy, denies the sweeping charge recently made by Dr. J. T. Weller that there was not a model dairy in Wayne county.

Mr. Daily says that the Wayne dairy is a model one and that he thinks there are several others in this county just as good as his. Mr. Daily is not in accord with the plan proposed by the local health authorities and physicians for the inspection of milk sold in this city. He states that he would not favor inspection of dairies by federal inspectors until he understood government inspection better than he does now. He opposes the plan of compelling all dairymen to deliver their milk in bottles and he is also opposed to the plan of superceding the milk tickets with coupon books.

"Milk Inspector Hoover, Dr. Weller and Dr. Bramkamp recently inspected my dairy and when they left Dr. Hooyer told both myself and hired hand that he was well pleased with everything that he had seen and that he didn't see how the conditions existing at my place could be improved upon," stated Mr. Daily.

He took exception to the statement made by Dr. Weller that in all the dairy barns which he had inspected he found no cement floors, no whitewashed walls, low ceilings and poor ventilation. Mr. Daily says that the floors of his barn are cemented and kept clean; that the ceiling is at least 12 feet above the floor; that the walls are whitewashed and that the ventilation is good. "Particular pains are taken to keep the cows clean," he says. Mr. Daily states that after the milk is drawn in sterilized cans it is taken to the house, one hundred yards distant from the stable, and is there strained and cooled.

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NO CARD GAMES IN INDIANA SALOONS

Supreme Court Rules That This Is Illegal.

Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—The supreme court ruled in the case against John R. Mason of Frankfort, convicted of violating the liquor laws because he had a cardroom in connection with his saloon, that when a room is used for saloon purposes it cannot be used for anything else without violating the statutes.

WHIPPING POST IN SHELBYVILLE

Unruly Boys Will Get a Good Spanking.

Shelbyville, Ind., Jan. 29.—Mayor Swain has instituted a whipping post in the basement of the city building, giving parents of unruly boys the alternative of administering punishment in the presence of the police or paying a fine. Last night Ehrhart Hey was found guilty of assault on Miss Clara Kipplinger. His father, in the presence of the chief of police, gave the lad a whipping he will long remember.

Wear Violet Too Long.

Led for so many years through the pain of humility by the meek and mild Beveridge, we have worn the violet too long. It is time to thrust the sunflower through our buttonholes. Walt Whitman sang himself—let us to more majestic measures sing ourselves. O that I had the power of Zeus to compel, not the clouds, but the recognition of the universe for the hegemony of Indiana in all things that sparkle with divine fire.

In a school in Denmark the problem was given, "Name six animals native

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FOULKE WAS BIG SPEAKER AT THE INDIANA BANQUET

Chicago Prodigals Gathered In Chicago Last Night and Richmond Man Made the Principal Address.

HE SPOKE OF INDIANA'S OUTPUT IN ALL BRANCHES

Praised the Authors, Business Men, Statesmen and Journalists and All Who Were Advancing Interests of State.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—The annual banquet of the Indiana Society of Chicago was given in the ballroom of the Congress hotel here last evening. 250 guests, practically every one of them Indians, were at the table. John T. McCutcheon, whose fame as a cartoonist is equal to his renown as a war correspondent, presided at the post-prandial program which followed the discussion of the menu.

The principal address of the evening was made by William Dudley Foulke of Richmond, Ind. Other speakers were Booth Tarkington, the novelist, of Indianapolis; W. D. Nesbit, the poet, now of Chicago; Will T. Hodge, the actor, starring in "The Man from Home" and Daniel Fraser of Fowler.

Foulke Talks of Output.

Dudley Foulke of Richmond, Ind., was given a rousing welcome by the society. His theme was "Indiana's Output." He said in part:

In a negro church in an Indiana town the pastor thus addressed his congregation: "Bridgeman and Sisters: Ma sermon is divided into tree parts—de subjeck, de subjeck mattah an' de 'rousement.' As de hour is late we will omit de first two parts and proceed directly to de 'rousement.' And he did. Now, with me, the subject and the subject matter of my toast, when I come to think of it, are too gigantic for after-dinner treatment. My ideal of the after-dinner speech is that which corresponds in length to the skirt of the ballet dancer—"qui commence a peine et finissoit deja."

"Indiana's Output." If I go into that subject as I should, where shall I begin and when shall I end? And, alas! I have not the Ethiopian qualifications for the "arousement." Indeed great as is my delight to be among you, I can not quite understand why I am here. That saying, uttered by unknown lips and foully attributed to one of her own sons, that "all bright men come from Indiana, and the brighter they are the sooner they come," is a saying that naturally appeals more powerfully to a Hoosier who lives in Chicago, than to one who dwells in Indiana.

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