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NATIONAL NEWS

PHILADELPHIA FIRE
Six Persons Are Buried Beneath the Central Theatre Ruins
Philadelphia, April 29—At noon the director of public safety visited the scene of this week's fire and made careful inspection. He was accompanied by Chief Engineer Cantlin, and Fire Marshal Thompson. The director penetrated far into the ruins and was interviewed by a reporter of The United Press. “I have given orders that all things possible be done to recover the bodies of the dead,” he said, “and work will be commenced at once. Up to the present time but six have been reported missing, and they are all members of The Devil’s Auction company.”

“Before the bodies can be reached the walls standing at the rear of the theatre must be taken down, as they are in a dangerous condition and liable to fall at any moment. Fire Marshal Thompson has been instructed to go to work at once. After the walls are down the work of recovering the bodies of the dead will proceed rapidly. The water, which has a depth of seven feet in the cellar, will have to be gotten out and we are already trying to pump it off from the Samsom street side.”

The following is a list of the dead: Thomas Lovell, comedian, and wife Flora, Ballet dancer; Vencentia Chittenden, premiere dancer, one of the Chittenden sisters; Earnon Conyers, juvenile actor; Sarah Golden, Ballet dancer; N. L. Brooks, leading man.

A Vest Pocket Speculation
El Paso, Tex., April 29—Jay Gould purchased the White Oaks railroad, ten miles in length, paying $350,000 for it. Construction train were at once set at work grading, and the line will be extended to White Oaks, its original prospective terminus. It is said that Gould will extend this line through the Panhandle and Oklahoma to Kiowa, Kan., to connect with the Missouri Pacific, and then he will extend a line from this city to Guaymus on the gulf of California, where he has valuable concessions, as an outlet to his northern and southern systems.

A Michigan Town’s Heavy Loss
Detroit, April 29—The entire business portion of the town of Chase, located on the Marquette river and the Flint and Pierre Marquette railroad, seven miles west of Reed City, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. The wind was blowing a gale, and in less than two hours every building on both sides of the street for three blocks was in ruins. Sixty-two buildings were destroyed, including four general stores, three hotels, Old Fellows’ hall and post office. The loss of J. W. Wells, hardware dealer, is $10,000. Mrs. Jennie Gordo, general store, losses $4,000; insurance $1,000. J. Knevels, general store, loss $2,500; no insurance. On all other property the insurance is not more than $4,400. The fire was the work of an incendiary and a warrant is out for the suspected party.

A Big Steamer Goes Down
Atlantic City, NJ, April 29—Another was added to the New Jersey coast’s list of wrecks on the grounding and sinking of a large side wheel steamer. The boat was in tow of a tug going down the coast, and was seen by the life saving crew of Chelsea station. Captain Gaskell’s life saving crew put out to her rescue, but before reaching her the tug cut loose and steamed some distance from the vessel. When the crew reached the vessel, the stern was so far under water that her name could not be distinguished. Several life buoys from the boat were washed ashore and on them was the name “George Leary.” The captain and crew are supposed to have transferred to the tug, and no one connected with the vessel has been seen by any one here.

MURDER AT CALDWARD, KAN.
Caldwell, May 2—In a dispute over a game of cards, Charles Smith was shot four times and fatally wounded by a hatter named Bert Williams. Williams is now closely guarded to prevent a lynching, which is threatened.

Three Killed in the Melee
Bayou Sara, La., May 2—A constable attempted to arrest two noisy men. They resisted, drew revolvers and began firing. Several men came to the constable’s assistance. Edgar Hamilton and two others were instantly killed. Two other men were wounded.

Fear for a Missing Crew
Duluth, Minn., May 2—The steamer A. Everett arrived here without her tow schooner, the Sophia Minch, and grave fears are felt for the crew of nine men and their boat.

Notorious Criminal Shot Down
Chicago, May 2—Joseph LaMontagne, a notorious criminal, was killed in a desperate fight with officers.

Silver Purchases
Washington, May 3—The treasury department purchased 313,600 ounces of silver as follows: 28,000 at 87.23c; 18,000 at 87.26c; 13,000 at 87.30c; 47,000 at 87.35c; 25,000 at 87.38c and 182,000 at 87.40c per ounce. The offers were 443,600 ounces.

School Children Strike
Philadelphia, May 3—Five hundred school children connected with the Vaughn Grammar school in Kensington went on strike because a new principal had been put in charge of the school. They locked the gates of the school by wrapping wire about the posts and it was found necessary to call in the aid of eight policemen, who finally drove the recalcitrant boys away and opened the school.

Death and Destruction
Topeka, May 4—A cyclone swept over a scope of the country, three by ten miles, eight miles from this city, carrying death and destruction in its path. Within thirty minutes after the bank of clouds was first seen they “fused,” as one eyewitness puts it, and the cyclone burst in all its fury on the Mission creek valley. In a twinkle houses and barns were torn to pieces and scattered in every direction. Joseph Heil’s farmhouse was crushed like eggshell and Mr. Heil was terribly injured in the back and about the head. It is not believed that he can live. His little daughter had her arm broken, a boy had his collar bone and his leg broken and all the other

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members of the family were more or less bruised. The house of Thomas Brooks was entirely destroyed, not a vestige of it being left, except the foundation. Twenty-five farmhouses and barns were destroyed and nearly a score of families were left homeless. Aid has been sent from this city.

**Kansas Farmers for North Dakota**

Grand Forks, N.D., May 5—One-half of the town site of Conductor on the west line of the Great Northern railway has been sold to a syndicate of Kansas capitalists for $7,000 cash. The company will expend $40,000 in improving the property and erecting buildings. The syndicate is also buying land half of the town site of Conductor on the west line of the Great Northern railroad.

**Dates to Remember.**

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**Grand Island & Hall County News.**

The Grand Island Plattscheich Vereen celebrated its second anniversary last Saturday night with a ball.

The new depot will rapidly rise.

**HALL COUNTY NEWS.**

Fred Nye, our own Fred Nye of Fremont, has been promoted to the position of night editor of the Chicago Herald. He gets a princely salary, and earns it too.

Two men from Wisconsin blew out the gas in their bedroom in an Omaha hotel, swallowed the escaping gas, and were found unconscious next morning. One of them was resuscitated in the afternoon, the other one will probably die.

**Platte Valley Tinshop**

**North Front Street Railroad Town, Nebr.**

L. Miller
The Baptist College to be Opened September 13th.

The trustees of the Baptist college held a meeting at Lincoln, Monday of this week. Brothers W.H. Thompson, George H. Thummel, L.M. Bryan and Reverend House of Grand Island being in attendance. The time set for opening the Grand Island college was fixed for September 13th.

Rev. Evens of York, was appointed financial agent to solicit funds and students. Dormitory building is to be completed and everything in readiness to the opening time.

The dreaded car-coupler has another victim. Charles Larson, while coupling cars in the B. & M. yards in Omaha yesterday was killed falling beneath the wheels.

The cave-in of a sand pit near Omaha yesterday buried Wm. Haley alive. Every effort was made to rescue him but when they reached the body life was extinct.

Those having collections of fossils or curios which they wish to exhibit at the World’s Fair should correspond with the secretary of the Nebraska historical society, Lincoln.

Walt Appeldorn has enlarged and refitted his ice cream parlors.

WANTED—100 ladies to bring May baskets to the Congregational church on Thursday night, with supper for two.

WANTED—100 men to buy the above mentioned baskets, and help the ladies to eat the contents.

GARDEN TOOLS OF ALL KINDS. COM.

For Sale, cheap, 80 foot of hose with mounting. Inquire 903 W. Third street.

Fire and tornado Insurance written. Call on Dill & Huston.

We will store heating stoves this season; will get them, take good care of them and replace them in your homes at your order to good shape, without any inconvenience to you. HUPER & CO.

Lawn mowers sharpened, repaired and set by Wm. Conow, Sr. Gunsmith.

Gardening is progressing now. Buy a new surrey or phaeton of Dean & Powers, 4-23d.

FORE SALE—Majesty ast. made to order, 10 rooms, modern conveniences, corner Koenig and Green, D. ACKERMAN.

Wm. Evans was fined $30 and costs yesterday for stealing shoes from Martins and Leboritz. That means about twenty days in the county jail. The suspicion of murder which was placed upon the Steinbeck brothers, farmers in Merrick county, by the sudden disappearance of Gustave Hagener their employee, has been cleared away. It appears that Hagener is alive and well at some point in Colorado. So writes a letter to Hagener’s father living in Duff, Nebr. Thus the innocence of the Steinbecks is verified.

A. H. Wilhelm, the Water Commissioner, calls for all water rents to be paid by May 1st.

Wanted—An energetic man to manage a branch office. Only a few dollars needed. Salary to start $75 per month and interest in the business. The Western Co., Kansas City, Mo. 3-21d

Black Demi Laces are now more popular than ever. We have them in all sizes from 2 inches to 23 inches from 8 1/4 to 98 cts a yard, we close as usual at 6:30 except Saturdays P. MARTIN & CO.

The “Quickmeal” new process gasoline stove is still the leader in that line.

A circus agent fell upon us and captured us today. You will see his card next week on the first page.

Corn planting is at hand, but corn planting weather is a little tardy. A good four room house to rent for rent. Enquirer of G. H. Andrew, 100 East First street.

The S. K., A. O. U. W., will hold their regular meeting this eve at 8 o’clock sharp. all comrades are requested to be present.

Road Wagons from $30 up; former price, $45. We warrant these goods just as if you had the OLD PRICES, J. & B. ROGERS.

Prof. S. S. Hartill, author of new science of elocution will give Shakespearean impersonations, humorous, pathetic and tragic at the A. O.W. Hall Tuesday night for the benefit of the High School. Attend it.

That “Imported” Labor

The Grand Island Democrat and the Grand Island Journal, in the hope of making a little capital thereby, have been tearing their undergirders by their ranting about alleged “imported” labor employed on the beef farm of the Oxnard beet sugar company. The real facts are that no imported labor has been employed on said farm. It is simply true that among the help there employed are about one hundred and fifty German Russians, counting men, women and children, but all of them were secured from neighboring localities in this state, and not from any other state or from any foreign country. They are all inhabitants of Nebraska and were hired at Hastings, Geneva, Sutton, Lincoln and in the vicinity of said towns. They are hired for six months, for doing the hand labor only, and are paid eighteen dollars per month each, including both men and women, and this includes their board and living expenses, and this we believe is about the ruling price paid by farmers for common farm hands hired through the season. The children old enough to work in the field are paid from $10 to $17 per month, each, according to age and ability to work, and the children not able to work are charged only $2 per month for board and keeping, a price seemingly quite low enough, and of this $2 per month the parents of the children pay only $1.00 and the company the other dollar in additions to the wages paid the parents. The people have resided in this state from a few weeks to three years, and are industrious frugal people, and none of them illiterate. Some of them have already taken out their papers, they are a Sunday observing people, and we believe will make good desirable citizens. They were simply unemployed people in neighboring localities, hired because of inability of the company to get enough men at home to go out to the farm and work through the season at the ruling price for common farm laborers, hence there is no just ground for criticism. All the team work on the farm is done by neighboring farmers at prices mutually agreed upon.

This hue and cry is simply to create prejudice and political capital.

The people employed have the same right to earn a living as any other class of people, and most of those who are doing the kicking would not do the work they are employed to do, at any price. They would prefer to stand on the street corners and work their mouths complaining about having nothing to do, and yet unwilling to do the work there is to do. Those who know all the facts can find no cause for complaint in regard to the labor problem on the sugar beet farm.

RAILROAD TOWN NEWS

The General Mercantile Emporium is crowning about their new line of goods and stock on hand.

We sell the Thomas lawn mowers. They can’t be beat. Muchow & Congrow, 4-28.

The exceedingly dry winter has finally given away to a bit of moisture that is desperately needed.

We will store heating stoves this season; will get them, take good care of them and replace them in your homes at your order in good shape, without any inconvenience to you. Muchow & Congrow.

Subscribe for the INDEPENDENT. Mr. Miller has taken on Mr. Abood as an apprentice.

Railroad Time Tables

Union Pacific—Main Line

Going East

No. 2, Daily.............4:15p.m. 4:20p.m.
No. 3, Daily.............10:10a.m. 10:15a.m.
No. 4, Daily.............11:30a.m. 11:35a.m.
No. 5, Daily.............5:30a.m. 5:50a.m.

No. 1, Daily.............6:30a.m. 6:35a.m.
No. 2, Daily.............10:45p.m. 10:50p.m.
No. 3, Daily.............4:25p.m. 4:30p.m.
No. 4, Daily.............12:20a.m. 12:25a.m.

St. & G. I. R. R.

Going South

No. 1 Mail and Express...LV 7:30a.m.
No. 2 Hastings Local....11:15a.m.
No. 3 Mail and Express...6:10a.m.
No. 4 Hastings Local...4:18p.m.
No. 5 Freight......................5:15p.m.
No. 6 Freight......................5:15p.m.

No. 1 Mail and Express....6:35p.m.
No. 2 Mail and Express....7:40p.m.
No. 3 Mail and Express....7:45p.m.
No. 4 Mail and Express....8:00p.m.
No. 5 Freight..............8:30p.m.
No. 6 Freight..............8:30p.m.

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Going West

No. 1 Mail and Express...6:40a.m.
No. 2, Daily.............12:35p.m. 12:40p.m.
No. 3, Daily.............10:40p.m. 10:45p.m.
No. 4, Daily.............4:40p.m. 4:45p.m.
No. 5, Daily.............12:20a.m. 12:25a.m.

Chicago

No. 44, Daily.............7:10a.m.
No. 46, Daily.............9:15a.m.
No. 48, Daily.............9:15a.m.
No. 56, Daily.............9:15a.m.
No. 66, Daily.............9:15a.m.

Passenger West

No. 41, Daily.............4:10p.m.
No. 43, Daily.............12:25a.m.
No. 45, Daily.............7:10p.m.
No. 47, Daily.............7:10p.m.
No. 49, Daily.............7:10p.m.
No. 51, Daily.............7:10p.m.
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Humor
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"John," said Mrs. Harkins, "there are burglars downstairs."
"Very well, my dear. Go tell them to move on."
"Why, you awful brute!"
"Why? You requested me not to interfere in domestic matters last night. Surely this is one."
—Harper’s Bazar.

But He Was Not a Theif.
Jeezon—Did you ever see a man rob himself?
Gaszon—No. Did you?
Jeezon—Yes. I just saw a butcher steal his knife before cutting his steak.
And Jeezon smiled wickedly as he vanished round the corner.—Comic.

Not The Coffee
Customer—This coffee tastes like an old tobacco pipe.
Waiter—I’ll bring you a basin of water so you can wash y’r mustache.—Good News.

A Put Up Job
Mother—Get off the table at once!
Boys—Not while two rats are in the room.—Truth.

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A Clever Arrangement
Briggs—Is Jagway drinking just as hard as ever?
Griggs—Worse. So much so that his people had to move into Hicks street.
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Do you think that it is too early to consider your entries for the Railroad Town Agricultural Fair? The Fair Committee thinks otherwise! Make plans now for your entries for the Fair to be held on September 10th and 11th this year. The Committee has been hard at work to add to the attractions of this year’s fair to include:

* Children’s Reading of Agriculturally themed poetry at noon on Saturday—sponsored by the Railroad Town Literary Guild
* Exhibitions Sponored by the Tomato Growers Association - C. A. Miller, President.
* Exhibitions sponsored by The Platte Valley Poultry Sassiety .
* Exhibitions sponsored by the Farmers Alliance.
* The return of the Jones Traveling Medicine Show.
* Apple Peeling Contest.
* Special Premiums sponsored by local businesses.

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