

GIGANTIC COMBINE DENIED BY MUDGE

Says the Report is Entirely Without Creditable Foundation.

WILL CHOP OFF COMMISSION.

Col. Dodge Says All the Lines Will Surely Come to This—The New Through Sleeper.

"I have no faith in the reports that the railroads of the country are organizing a gigantic combine," said H. U. Mudge, general manager of the Santa Fe road, says the Denver News. "The report is on the same foundation as the announcement which has been made that the Santa Fe has entered into a combination with the Southern Pacific in California. There may be a business understanding on the coast, so as to prevent ruinous competition, but so far as I know, that is as far as the matter goes. East of the Mississippi river the railroads have a fierce competition which may be modified by agreements, but if general combinations are formed between the roads I hardly think they could extend so far as to take in the large roads of the West. Conditions are different in this part of the country from what they are in the East. For many years to come, it appears to me, the roads of the West will be operated as independent systems and without dictation from outside lines. The Santa Fe has a large business at this time and the outlook is brighter than has been known for a long time. Our line passes through such a wide region that we have many diversified interests. A prolonged drought in Kansas has materially but other injury is being developed along the line and every year new sources of traffic are discovered."

Mr. Mudge is on a trip of inspection for the purpose of introducing C. F. Huesigle, the new general superintendent of the Santa Fe, and P. J. Parker, president of the Western division, to the east coast. Mr. Dyer at Pueblo on the first of next month. Jas. Dun, master mechanic of the road, is also a member of the party.

Will Surely Come.

Colonel D. C. Dodge of the Rio Grande Western is of the opinion that the plan of Eastern railway magnates will go into effect the first of next month and the payment of commissions to agents of the passenger department will then cease. Other railway officers are not so certain that the change can go into effect at the time named. The hostility of the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern causes officers to feel that the program may be postponed until some means can be found to bring the recalcitrant railway presidents to submission. The managers of the two lines named have given it out in plain terms that they will continue to pay commissions. If the decision is adhered to it will affect agencies on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts but can have little effect on business in the interior of the country. There may be some inconvenience in the change, but it will go into effect just the same. There is no reason why one road should assist in paying the salary of the employees of another road, and the practice ought to be stopped. One ticket man advances the idea that railway companies ought to increase salaries of ticket agents if commissions are taken off. This point is to be presented to the attention of railway officers. A story is told of a ticket agent whose commissions averaged \$100 a month, whereas his salary was \$15 a month.

New Through Sleeper.

The Denver and Rio Grande management has given notice to the Rio Grande Western that the proposed through sleeping car service had been considered favorably and a through car would be run from Chicago to San Francisco, using the Denver and Rio Grande tracks in Colorado. The service is to be instituted by the Burlington out of Chicago, although it may be possible that the Rock Island will, in some way not yet determined, be able to appear in the through car to pass over the Burlington one day and the Rock Island the next. This has not been decided. The Southern Pacific at Ogden will assume charge of the car and two of the local lines will be speeded so as to become of importance. The meeting at San Francisco which is to take place January 29 will put the finishing touch on the program and it is expected that through cars will be running before the middle of next month. It has not yet developed what part the Colorado Midland will take in the changed conditions.

Santa Fe Appointments.

C. F. Huesigle, the Santa Fe's new general superintendent, has sent out his first circular of appointments. The following appointments and changes, which have been approved by General Manager Mudge, are announced: R. J. Parker, to be superintendent of the western division, vice Charles Dyer, who recently resigned to enter the employ of another road; F. T. Dolan, to be superintendent of the middle division, vice R. J. Parker; transferred; D. D. Bailey, to be superintendent of the Oklahoma division, vice F. T. Dolan; transferred; and H. A. Tice, to be superintendent of the Panhandle division, vice D. D. Bailey, transferred.

RAILROAD NOTES.

General Agent Walker of the North-western has returned from Idaho.

This year there will be an enormous amount of railroad construction work done in the West.

Contracts for the Sherman hill and other improvement work on the Union Pacific will be let in a day or two. Numerous bids have been received at the office in Omaha.

Thomas F. Powell has been appointed freight agent for the Erie at Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Powell was formerly with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul in Salt Lake.

General Passenger Agent D. E. Burley has returned from the East. He has succeeded in securing the adoption, for the benefit of the Short Line, of a flat passenger rate to Spokane, Wash., and Montana points via Ogden and Grand.

On Monday the conference of railroad passenger officials which adjourned from Salt Lake a few days ago will reconvene in San Francisco for the purpose of arranging a transcontinental schedule for the Rio Grande Western and eastern connections.

On next Thursday the ticket offices of the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific railways, in this city and in Butte, will be consolidated. In both cases the Short Line people take precedence and will have charge; H. M. Clay and



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The meeting of Oregon Short Line, Oregon Railway & Navigation and Union Pacific officials which was announced to take place in this city on Wednesday, Jan. 27, for the purpose of talking over the general railroad situation, has been postponed for one week, or until Wednesday, Feb. 7.

THE VACCINATION QUESTION.

To the Editor:

One of the gentlemen who compose the board of health has a pet phrase and I desire to examine it.

The said phrase is used and relied upon by this particular member as a justification of his action in voting for compulsory vaccination.

Here it is: "A consensus of medical opinion is in favor of vaccination." This statement is made with slow emphasis on each word, and with such an air of self assurance that by his use of the word "consensus" (which by him) to be settled once and for all.

There can be no further room for debate on this matter when we are informed with so much seriousness that "a consensus of medical opinion is in favor of vaccination." The statement is so manifestly conclusive in its logic and so withering in its effect that it is intended not only to silence the objector, but, like a yodite shell, it is expected at the same time to kill every unsuspecting anti-vaccinationist within the city limits.

As one who has miraculously survived the shock occasioned by this mental explosion, the writer proposes to attack the central idea intended to be conveyed by the above statement, viz: That a majority of medical men endorse the vaccination theory.

Suppose for a moment we concede this, what of it? It should be remembered that these medical gentlemen, though perfectly honest, are nevertheless interested witnesses in the case and their testimony correspondingly biased. If the vaccination theory is a medical delusion—a fraud in fact, as many eminent physicians declare, it is not rendered harmless or more beneficial by reason of the increased number who believe in and practice it. This matter cannot be decided by votes, but by facts, and as regards these facts the public are as capable of discerning them as the doctors.

With all due respect to that body it is nothing short of arrogance on their part to assume the exclusive right of expressing an intelligent opinion on the subject. True, physicians are supposed to know, and certainly ought to know, more about physiology and therapeutics than the average individual; but that the doctor knows it all and the layman knows nothing is contradicted by facts and opposed to common sense.

The mechanic, the merchant, or the laborer can read English though they might be puzzled to write a prescription in Latin.

For instance, when Dr. Abernethy of London declares "that disease increases among the people in proportion as the medical men increase in numbers," the layman can understand this. It is a plain, straightforward statement, and the layman can grasp the full meaning of it and then believe it or disbelieve it as he chooses.

So again when Prof. J. Rhodes Buchanan of Boston says: "Of all known sciences none is more unstable and contradictory than medicine; that it not only changes from year to year but from day to day, in different cities and in different schools etc." the ordinary mechanic can perceive what is meant. It does not require a medical diploma to appreciate whatever truth there is in this statement.

Again, when Dr. Ramage, F. R. S. C., asserts that the present system of vaccination is a burning reproach to its professors; that it rarely does any good and frequently does harm; that the sufferer would be safer without a physician than with one; etc.; the merchant or the tailor can fashion all the deep hidden mysteries of these remarks. To be sure this kind of testimony causes the unsophisticated layman to think; but he is not specially handicapped by reason of being an "outsider" or ordinary



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citizen. Just so in reading the history and results of vaccination. If the layman really knew all that the doctors knew in addition to what they profess to know, this certainly would be an advantage; but were he without this knowledge there is much to be learned. For instance we can obtain the names and addresses of soldiers whose arms were amputated as a result of vaccination in San Francisco during the late war. We can read of hundreds who have been vaccinated and re-vaccinated and afterwards died of smallpox. We can ascertain the various forms of diseases that are directly transmissible to vaccination. We can read in the Registrar General's Report of over 1,000 children being killed by vaccination in England and Wales, according to the admission of medical men themselves.

There is no lack whatever of material for earnest and progressive study on these lines; and though it may not be strictly a pleasant pastime, yet it is certainly interesting just now when a small coterie of men, clothed in a little brief authority, would like to make the abominable practice a compulsory law in the State.

All this valuable information may be acquired by the ordinary, everyday layman who is denied the advantage of spending from one to five years in a medical college to master the wonderful intricacies of that system which Dr. Evans, Fellow of the Royal College, says: "Is the most uncertain and unsatisfactory system known; and which has neither philosophy nor common sense to commend its confidence."

When the layman has progressed so far that he is not afraid of being denounced publicly as an ignoramus by some cultured physician, he can then venture to ask the doctors to kindly define what vaccination is. Of course the layman himself has some idea what the operation is and what the results may be; but it requires a physician to explain exactly what vaccination is. It requires a physician to explain just what physiological changes take place in a healthy person when the vaccine enters the blood.

No ordinary layman can understand that. Then again the manufacturers of the wonderful glycerized lymph that is supposed to be so much superior to the old fashioned "points" that "fairly swarm with diseased germs," that this lymph is constantly undergoing change according to age, temperature, etc., and no one but a physician should presume to say just when this lymph is safe and when it is unsafe. A layman must be silent on these advanced scientific questions. Even the physician cannot tell when the lymph is harmless and when it is dangerous. By the use of some mysterious instrument that has not yet been invented.

Considering the remarkable absence of conflicting testimony among medical practitioners, and the astonishing harmony that prevails in their system of therapeutics, considering the absolute and "mathematical exactness" of the science; and above all the exceptional opportunities to study these matters, it should occasion no surprise that "A consensus of medical opinion favors vaccination."

A few years ago other medical fads were induced by "a consensus of medical opinion," but today are universally denounced and discarded. Vaccination must go. It is a loathsome, beastly practice, and a consensus of public opinion is they will not have it.

Respectfully, N. Y. S.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Abstract of transfers filed in the recorder's office, Salt Lake county, Utah, January 26, 1900.

Lorenzo Snow Jr. to Myrtle F. Pence, warranty deed, 321 rods northeast from 5 rods east of southwest corner lot 1, block 6, plat B. \$ 1,800

E. S. Darling to Aaron Keyser, warranty deed, 3x52-3 rods southeast from northwest corner lot 4, block 22, plat D. 100

W. T. Noall to Maren J. Nelson, warranty deed, part section 34, township 3 south, range 1 west. 1

J. A. Wright to Eliza Lester, warranty deed, 15 acres lot 9, block 4, section 36, township 1 south, range 1 west. 1

Susan E. W. to Silver Bros. Co., warranty deed, 4x127 feet southwest from 317 feet west of northeast corner lot 1, block 88, plat A. 1,800

Eliza D. Young to Mary E. Y. C. Cannon, warranty deed, 24x7 rods southeast from northeast corner lot 4, block 3, plat I. 1,250

Mary E. Y. C. Cannon to Eliza D. Young, warranty deed, 7x3 rods northwest from 4 rods east of southwest corner lot 4, block 3, plat I. 1,500

James Corbett to D. P. Park, warranty deed, south half lot 15, block 17, ten-acre plat A. 500

C. H. Lashbrook to Charles Zeigler, quit-claim deed, interest Paragon lodge, West Mountain. 1

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J. M. Walker to Joseph Lerwill et al, quit-claim deed, Yukon lodge, etc., West Mountain. 1

Peter Tavey to J. K. W. Bracken, quit-claim deed, parcel main Bingham canyon. 1

United States to Peter Clays et al, patent Clay's placer, West Mountain. 1

Total \$ 8,950

TO RIVAL THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Declaration of A. C. Anson, Sponsor for the Association Club.

WANTED A CLUB IN N. Y.

Will Recommend It to the Capitalists Behind Him—Chances Look Slim for Chicago.

A. C. Anson, sponsor for the American Association club to rival the National League in Chicago, made an important declaration today in Chicago, regarding his policy toward the new organization. "Unless we succeed in locating in New York I doubt very much whether I shall recommend to the capitalists behind me that we form a club in this city," said the veteran in discussing the situation. Continuing he said:

"I don't think it is big enough. We want a club in New York or Brooklyn that will draw the crowds and without the chances of success are much diminished. I cannot consistently advise my backers to expend a large amount of money on a second class circuit. With clubs in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore everything would be all right. Don't misunderstand me, however. I expect yet to see a club in New York. But if we don't have one there chances look bad for Chicago, as New York has all along been the keystone to the situation."

EDUCATIONAL.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, LOGAN.

Logan, Jan. 26.—The ball given by the Young Women's Literary society Saturday evening was a success in every way. About \$50 was made, which will be used to furnish the new society room—one of the dressing rooms in the large auditorium. The young women are studying Longfellow's poems, and listening to lectures alternate meetings. The last program contained an essay on Hiawatha, by Miss Cooper, with music by Miss Goodwin. At the next meeting Professor Robinson will give the lecture.

The Young Men's Debating society will hereafter meet on Saturday evenings. At the last meeting a spirited debate was had on the proposition: "Self-made men are the strongest men."

Mrs. Goodwin entertained at dinner in the domestic arts rooms on Thursday, Attorney and Mrs. Keeler, the Misses Morehead, Prof. Clure, Miss Moeuch and Mr. C. I. Goodwin. Each guest had as souvenir a fine bouquet from the college greenhouse.

New shelving is being put into the newspaper room of the college library to accommodate about 1,500 volumes of public documents and numerous pamphlets.

President Tanner went on business to Ogden on Thursday. He will visit Salt Lake City before returning, to meet with the State board of education—the meeting being called for Monday.

The enrollment is now 40, six less than the entire enrollment of last year.

BEAVER BRANCH.

The second semester's work began Monday morning with an enrollment of 115 students.

The telephone line between here and Beaver has been completed, and is a perfect success. The telephone will be of great advantage to us in many ways. The domestic department will be organized this week, with Sister Harriet Cluff as instructor.

Sister Cornelia Clayton, from Provo, is here in the interest of the Y. L. M. I. A.

BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY.

Provo, Jan. 26.—The Polytechnical society will give a ball this evening in room D.

The Beaver branch of the academy is overcrowded.

Provo seems to be free from either contagion or fear of contagion, a fact which the students are not slow to rejoice over, for they are enjoying unusual good health and the fine weather.

President Cluff will go to Beaver next week. One object of his going is the planning for a six-weeks' summer school to begin the first of June.

The commercial college has reached an attendance of one hundred students, necessitating the purchasing of new furniture. This is a larger attendance than ever before.

Owing to the fact that there are over nine hundred students in the academy, social parties will be given every two weeks. They will perhaps be given under the auspices of different classes, thus giving all a chance to attend.

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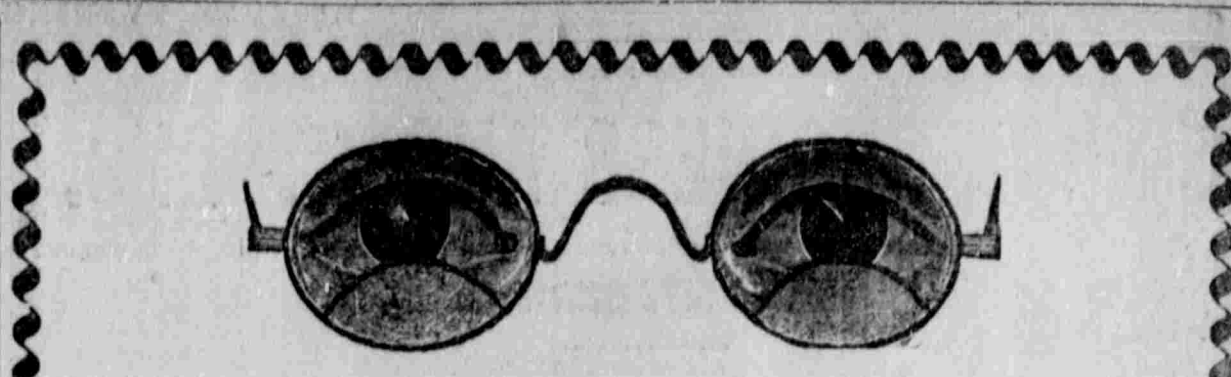
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city on lines lately followed in other high schools in our country.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS' COLLEGE.

Prof. Paul and Mr. Clark are now suffering from attacks of vaccination, the latter has gone to bed and the former is preparing to go to bed.

The missionary students are still coming in.

Several of the College students have had to remain out of school on account of sickness caused by vaccination.

The classes in the night school are increasing in size.

Mr. Horace Ensign is doing good work in leading the singing in the missionary course.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Co-op Wagon and Machine company management will have the house warming for their new building in the shape of a complimentary reception and ball on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 15th. In the neighborhood of 1,000 invitations will be sent out to their friends in Utah and Idaho. The dancing will be on the second floor of the new building—a mammoth floor space of 32 feet wide and 230 feet in length, having been provided. Prof. Olsen and a band of twenty will furnish the music, and Prof. Daynes will render various piano selections assisted by the famous pianola attachment. It is likely that a colored quartet will sing. The building will be decorated, and thoroughly lighted and heated. The incidental music by Prof. Daynes, with the quartet, together with refreshments will be served on the third floor, and to fully commemorate the opening of their new home suitable souvenirs will be distributed to the ladies. Without doubt the reception and ball will be the big social event of the month, and it will appropriately celebrate the opening of a new epoch in the history of the Co-op Wagon and Machine Co.

Mrs. Fisher Harris and Mrs. Pfoutz entertained at a Kensington on Tuesday. The rooms were decorated with carnations and ferns, and the event was a most delightful one. The guests were: Mrs. James X. Ferguson, Mrs. E. L. Carpenter, Mrs. G. E. Kimball, Mrs. J. Kenworthy, Mrs. R. N. Piper, Mrs. R. Savage, Mrs. Fred J. Hill, Mrs. E. G. Clark, Mrs. G. H. Peabody, Mrs. W. H. Pentrose, Mrs. G. B. Wallace, Mrs. W. Edmunds, Mrs. E. R. Dickinson, Mrs. J. G. Reeves, Mrs. W. H. Meyers, Madame Meyers, Mrs. W. L. Green.

A pleasant surprise was given Wednesday evening to Miss Rachel Vincent, by her friends. The evening was pleasantly spent in cards, music and games, after which refreshments were served. Those present were Misses

Birdie Vincent, Lena Mackintosh, Mattie Gillespie, Emma Jeremy, Pearl Hatch, Sarah Williams, Mamie Henderson, Belle Newman, Cora Payer, Grace Richmond, Messrs. O. Riser, W. Gillespie, E. Busath, A. Busath, Lowry, C. Richmond, Lees, W. Pollock, Frank Eardley, W. Emery, C. Rasmussen, Vincent, E. Butterworth, Selander, Parry. On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent entertained in honor of Mrs. Vincent's birthday. A musical program was rendered during the evening and card playing was indulged in. A beautiful present was presented to Mr. Vincent. The guests number thirty were mostly members of the family.

The Misses Hattie Jennings and Belle Barton left for New York this forenoon.

Mr. W. J. Lawrence has for his guest this week Mr. Fyler of Philadelphia.

On Thursday evening a number of the friends of Mr. Reuben Trandland gathered unexpectedly at his home, the evening being most delightfully spent. Among the guests were the Misses Nellie Bull, Gertrude Alcock, Pearl Frankland, Edith Everett, Myrtle Frankland, Emma Anderson, Florence Frankland, Millie Howarth, Messrs. Reynolds, Pierce, Hunt, Taylor, Farnes, Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinkead, Miss Letitia Dousman and Mr. Charles Brough made one of the last parties at the Theater last night.

Last night a social reunion was held at the Collegiate Institute, the pupils, patrons and friends of the school taking part.

The occasion was chiefly for the discussion of plans for an entertainment on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the school, which occurs in the spring, and when it is expected that Prof. Coyner of California, who organized the school, will be present.

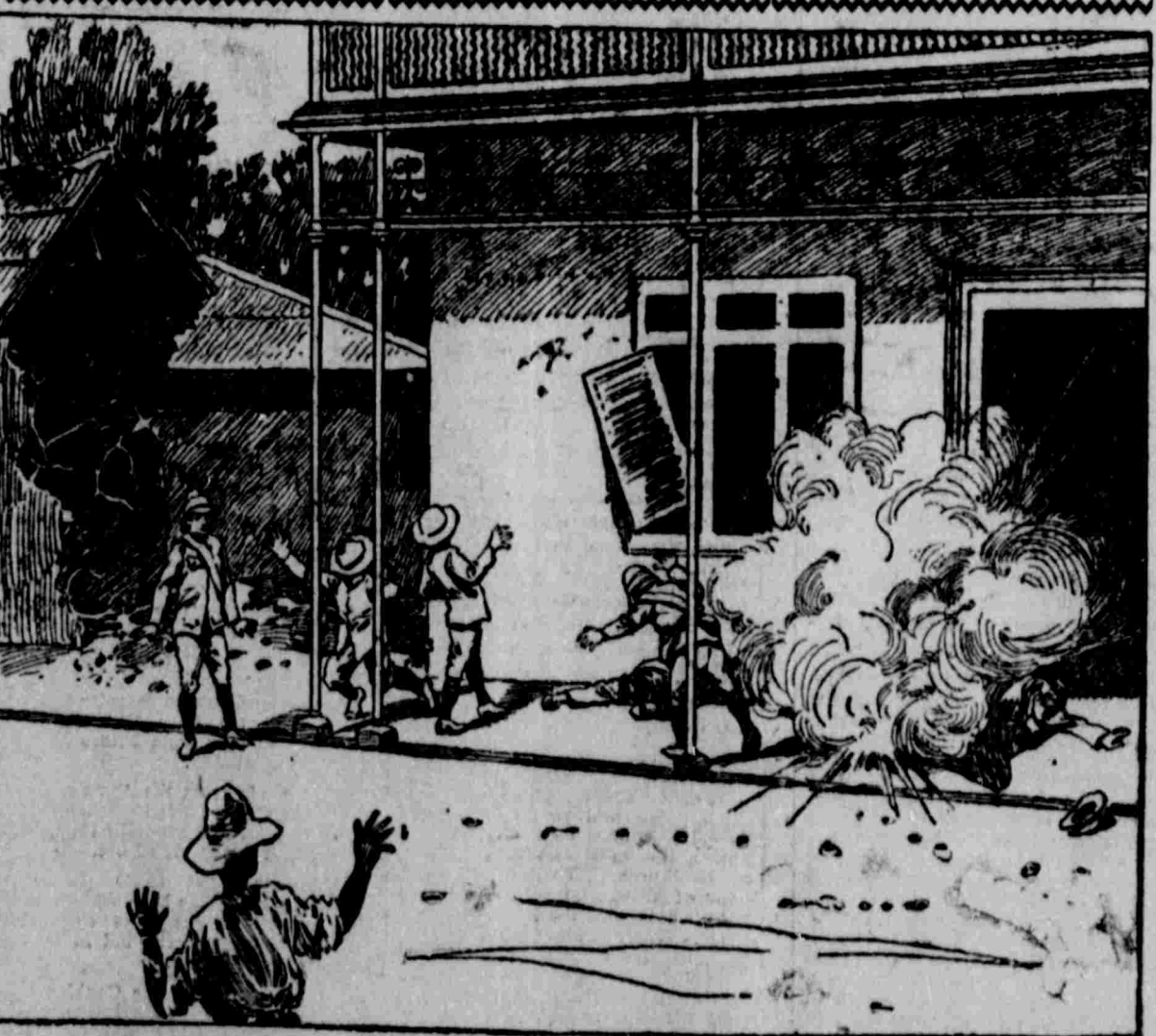
On Monday night Prof. Evan Stephenson will be the recipient of a testimonial reception and ball at Christensen's. A musical program will be rendered, and the event promises to be a delightful one in all respects.

The Warwick Social Club gave a most enjoyable ball at Christensen's last night.

A number of box parties are being planned for the Nance O'Neil performances next week.

A pleasant dancing party took place at the Seventeenth ward hall last night, a large number being present. Another party will be given this evening at the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Wallace entertained a box party at last night's performance of Peg Wodington.



A BOER SHELL BURSTING IN THE ROYAL HOTEL, LADYSMITH.

This picture, which is from a sketch on the spot by George Lynch, shows a common incident of life in Ladysmith during the siege. This particular shell came through the Royal Hotel when correspondents and officers were at dinner. It entered by the roof and passed out by the front door, where it burst, taking off the legs of Dr. Stark, the naturalist, who died two hours later. Three others were wounded.

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