

FIRE AT MURRAY THIS MORNING.

Looked at One Time as Though
Business Section Would Go
Up in Smoke.

D. B. BARON & CO. BURNED OUT

Building Valued at \$5,000 and Stock
To Amount of \$14,000 Totally
Destroyed.

DANCE HALL IS ALSO IN RUINS.

Fire Originated from an Overheated
Stove Left After the Ball
Last Night.

Shortly after four o'clock this morn-
ing it looked as though the business
section of Murray would be wiped out
by fire. Owing to a stout brick wall
and a wind blowing in the right di-
rection, however, the flames were con-
fined to the premises of D. B. Baron &
Co. The store known as The Leader
and Boden's dance hall were gutted
and rendered a total loss.

The loss on the building is placed at
\$5,000 covered by \$4,500 insurance,
while the stock of dry goods, notions
and clothing destroyed is valued in the
neighborhood of \$14,000, with insurance
of about \$10,000.

The fire burned itself out, as Mur-
ray has no fire department to cope with
such emergencies.

The unfortunate affair had its origin
in an overheated stove in the dance
hall. It is supposed the pipe became
red hot and set fire to the ceiling. There
was a dance in the big hall upstairs
over the store last night, which even-
tually broke up about 1:30 a. m. Par-
sons who were the last to leave are au-
thority for the statement that when
the doors were closed the fire in the
stove was left burning merrily.

As soon as the fire was discovered
this morning the alarm was raised and
citizens turned out in short order. It
was at once seen that nothing could be
done to put out the fire, so all hands
concentrated their energy in the direc-
tion of getting the goods out of nearby
houses and stores. Everyone worked
with a vim and in a short space of time
the road was piled with stacks of
household goods. South of the store
some of the goods were piled up in
frames and it seemed almost impossible
that they would escape. However the
wind in conjunction with the stout
back wall of the burning store saved
the day.

The store, which consists of a two-
story brick structure, is owned by O.
Boden and leased by H. A. Baron. Mr.
Boden is at present in Chicago on a
business trip. He was notified this
morning by wire of the loss and will
doubtless return post haste.

DEATH AT NINETY-THREE.

Father Parsons, an Old Resident of Mis-
souri, Passes Away.

Seth Parsons, grandfather of W.
Ben Parsons, manager of the Ameri-
can Mercantile and Reporting agency,
died this morning at Mr. Putman's re-
sidence, 1157 Third street. The deceased
was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1811. For
many years he operated a tailoring es-
tablishment and accumulated a fair
competence. About 20 years ago he
went to Florida and purchased a
large orange grove. The severe win-
ter several years ago froze the trees
and as they were coming into bearing
he sold his property at great loss.
That time he had made his home
with his son, E. L. Parsons, of Shelton,
Mo., and with Mr. Putman of this city,
at whose home he took up his abode
last August. The old gentleman was
stricken with paralysis Wednesday
night and passed away at 5 o'clock this
morning. The remains will be shipped
to his old home in Missouri for inter-
ment, his son, Mr. Parsons, arriving
here in the morning for this purpose.

REDEEMING WARRANTS.

Those Outstanding Against the City
Being Paid Today.

City Treasurer Harris is today re-
deeming all of the outstanding war-
rants against the various city funds,
amounting in all to \$105,801.06. Of that
amount, \$79,684.84 is for warrants for
the month of December. The warrants
redeemed are divided among the vari-
ous funds as follows:

Contingent expense.....	\$ 32,086.63
Irrigation and water supply.....	21,854.04
Streets and drains.....	41.22
Streets and sidewalks.....	9,750.57
Special warrants.....	23,829.30
Waterworks fund.....	3,035.58
Public library.....	62.12
Total.....	\$105,801.06

SOCIAL FOR JANITOR.

Party Given in the Fourteenth Ward
Hall Last Evening.

A social party was given in the Four-
teenth ward hall last night under the
auspices of the Scandinavian commit-
tee for the benefit of Elder C. Gyllen-
van, who has been the janitor of that
ward for 20 years. A number of friends
turned out. A number of friends
turned out with music, singing, and re-
lations, the program ending with a dance. Elder
Gyllenvan was congratulated on be-
half of the Scandinavians by Elder
Charles Forsberg, and in his response
he said that there had been held, in
the janitor, over 10,000 meetings, and
was a great success from every point
of view. The Scandinavians are plan-
ning a large party to be held in Chris-
tiansen's hall on the 29th of February,
for the benefit of the latter-day Saint's
temple. The general public is cordially in-
vited.

BRUCE HELD TO DISTRICT COURT

Notorious Dive Keeper Must An-
swer for Using a Gun on
Patsy Burns.

HIS BOND IS FIXED AT \$200.

Judge Diehl Comes to the Conclusion
That Burns Was Hit and Not
Shot, as Alleged.

Robert Bruce Johnson, the negro ac-
cused of having assaulted Pat. J. Burns
with a deadly weapon, in a Commercial
street saloon fight a few nights ago,
was held to answer to the charge in
the Third district court by City Judge
Diehl this morning, under \$200 bonds.
In giving his decision, Judge Diehl
said that he had come to the conclusion
that the wound had not been caused by
a bullet, but by Burns having been
struck on the head with the gun. He
called attention to the fact that there
had been a great deal of perjury in
the testimony, but thought that the
gun had not been pointed at the com-
plainant. The evidence went to show,
he said, that Burns had thrown his hat
on the bar and had threatened to strike
Johnson, and that the latter had done
all that he could to conciliate Burns.
He said that it was only unfortunate
that Johnson had a gun at the time of
the trouble.

He said also that the evidence went
to show that Johnson had struck Burns
on the head with the gun, and that, in
the statutes was defined as an assault
with a deadly weapon, and that there
was cause to believe the defendant
guilty. He accordingly held him to
answer, continuing the bail deposited
at the time of Johnson's arrest.

Two Decrees of Divorce.

Judge Hall granted two divorces this
morning. Leona Mecklenburg was
granted a divorce from Louis C. Meck-
lenburg on the ground of failure to
support. They were married at Seat-
tle, Washington, on Sept. 28, 1892, and
have two children, the custody of whom
was awarded to plaintiff.

Desertion is the ground upon which
the court awarded John Belsel a divorce
from Ellen Belsel.

Charged With Assault.

Frank Ewing was arraigned before
Judge Morse in the criminal division
of the district court this morning on
the charge of assault with a deadly
weapon with intent to do bodily harm,
and entered a plea of not guilty to the
same. It is charged that Ewing made
an assault upon William Barragay with
a gun at Bingham Junction on Jan. 10.
The court appointed Philip S. Maycock
to defend the prisoner.

MRS. LIEFER WINS.

Judge Hall Appoints Her Administratrix
Of Deceased Husband's Estate.

Judge Hall this afternoon, after
down an opinion in the contest case of
the estate of Otto Liefer, deceased, in
favor of the contestant, Mrs. O. Liefer.
The widow, Mrs. Liefer, died several
years ago and left a large estate. A
will in which he bequeathed all of his
property to his wife. After the
execution of the will his wife died and
about six months ago she married the
contestant, Otto Liefer, Jr. The will
was without executing a new
will and when it was filed for probate
in the district court Mrs. Liefer con-
tested it on the ground that her husband
had constituted a revocation of the old
will. Judge Hall decided in her favor
and she was this afternoon appointed
administratrix of the estate, valued at
about \$50,000. Mrs. Liefer was repre-
sented by Atty. Price and McGee.

DANISH ATLANTIC ISLANDS.

Association Formed to Preserve
Them for Denmark.

Copenhagen, Jan. 29.—The Danish
Atlantic islands association has been
formed here with the object of arousing
the nation's interests in its outlying
possessions and preventing the dimi-
nution by sale or otherwise of territory
under Danish sovereignty. The move-
ment originated at the time of the
proposed sale of the Danish West In-
dies to the United States and has been
strengthened by the report that Canada
desired to purchase Greenland. Many
members of the Danish nobility are
among the leaders of this agitation for
the retention of the Danish West In-
dies, Greenland, the Farø Islands and
Iceland.

Operators and Miners Confer.

Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—The opening
of the joint conference of Indiana, Ohio,
Illinois and Western Pennsylvania coal
operators and miners, was delayed to-
day by the operators holding a caucus
to formulate their demands. At the
caucus last night the operators found it
impossible to get together. Many op-
erators make their demands conserva-
tive. The Western Pennsylvania and
Ohio operators announced that they
would refuse to consider the run-of-
mine basis, and the seven cents differ-
ential.

The demand of the operators was pre-
sented by H. L. Robbins, and was in
the form of a resolution declaring that
in view of the financial depression there
should be a reduction of 15 per cent in
the scale for the year beginning April 1.

The miners' demands were presented
by John Mitchell. The miners de-
mand an absolute run-of-mine basis for
the entire competitive field.

A day differential of seven cents dif-
ference between pick and machine min-
ing, that the pick price per ton in the
Pittsburg district, Hooking Valley, in
Ohio and in Indiana and in the Grape
Creek district of Illinois, shall remain
the equivalent of the present scale,
that all internal differences shall be re-
ferred to the districts affected for ad-
justment, and that there be a uniform
scale for outside day labor in the com-
petitive field.

No Senator in Maryland.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 29.—The Mary-
land legislature in joint session today
took another ballot for United States
senator without result.

CANCELLATION OF MORTGAGES.

Money Lenders Besiege County
Recorder's Office for
This Purpose.

IT COSTS NOTHING TO DO SO.

One of the Many Schemes Resorted to
In Order That Taxation May
Be Avoided.

As is usual at this time of the year
the money lenders of the city are caus-
ing all of the chattel mortgages held
by them and of record at the county re-
corder's office to be cancelled. It is be-
lieved by some that the cause of the
activity in this respect is to escape
having to pay taxes on the mortgages.
At this season of the year the county re-
corder sends a list of all the mort-
gages on file in his office down to the
county assessor so that the owners of
them can be assessed for the same.

Of late the recorder has received a
number of inquiries as to when he in-
tended to make up the list, and the
work of cancelling the mortgages has
commenced in earnest. About 35 chat-
tel mortgages were released in one day
for one money lender the first of this
week and others are coming in fast.

It only costs 25 cents to file a mort-
gage and nothing to release it on the
records. So instead of allowing it to
remain on record and be taxed, it is
much easier and cheaper to release it
and escape taxation and then file a new
one after the tax list has been made up.
It is believed that the county loses a
large amount of taxes by such tactics,
and it has been suggested that the Leg-
islature be asked to amend the law so
that a fee can be charged for releasing
a mortgage on the county's records and
then there would be so much of this ap-
parent tax dodging by the owners of
mortgages.

CABINET MEETING.

President Pays High Tribute to
Secy. Root.

Washington, Jan. 29.—President
Roosevelt, Secy. Root and Gov. Taft
were the principal figures at today's
cabinet meeting. The meeting after
the transaction of the usual depart-
mental business developed into a fare-
well for Secy. Root and a reception for
Gov. Taft.

President Roosevelt spoke with deep
feeling of the retirement of Secy. Root.
He wished it understood that, while un-
der the circumstances, he could make
no public expression of his feelings
without the appearance of treachery
on property, he was sincerely indebted
to Secy. Root for the great work he
had done. No one, not even a member
of the cabinet, could realize the labor,
self-sacrifice, generosity and disinter-
estedness which had characterized Secy.
Root's entire career as a member of
the cabinet, or how much his devotion
to his great task had meant to the ad-
ministration and to the country. Es-
pecially had all this been true of the
secretary's work during the past six
months when he had expended lavishly
of his energy and ability, without
thought of credit to himself, but solely
with the idea of advancing the in-
terests of the president, his successor
and the people of the United States.

In the president's tribute to Secy.
Root the other members of the cabinet
cordially joined.

During the meeting no reference was
made either to the Panama situation or
to that in the far east.

ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY.

A. M. Fragner Admits Taking
His Wards' Bonds.

New York, Jan. 26.—Albert M. Fran-
ger, a well known Brooklyn lawyer,
pleaded guilty today to an indictment
charging grand larceny in the first de-
gree in having taken bonds valued at
\$20,000, belonging to the estate of
Emilia and Edith Kalner, minor chil-
dren of the late Otto Kalner, an im-
porter. After complaint had been en-
tered, Fragner married an elder sister
of the Kalner children, and a settle-
ment out of court was sought but pre-
vented by the district attorney and
Judge Aspinwall, who refused to permit
the compromise of any claim affecting
the rights of minor children.

Japan Prohibits Coal Exports.

Manila, Jan. 29.—The prohibition of
coal exports by the Japanese govern-
ment threatens to create a fuel famine
in this city.

HERMANN SENTENCED.

Gets Thirteen Years for Robbing
Philippine Government.

Manila, Jan. 29.—George Hermann,
the ex-inspector of consular duty, who
robbed the government and fled from
Misamis, Mindanao, and was subse-
quently captured at Boyanan, has been
convicted and sentenced to thirteen
years' imprisonment.

HANLON-BROAD CONTEST.

Alex Greggains Has Been Selected
As Referee.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—The selection
of Alexander Greggains for referee has
completed the final arrangements for
the 10-round boxing contest tonight be-
tween Eddie Hanlon and Kid Broad.
Both men are in good condition and
each expresses himself confident of win-
ning. The betting is 2 to 1 in favor of
Hanlon, the defeat of Broad by Her-
era having been held in price at that
figure. There is said to be considerable
Broad money in sight, and the odds are
expected to change before the men en-
ter the ring.

O'Grady Out of Danger.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 29.—Ben O'Grady,
the Buffalo pugilist, who was knocked out
last night by Noah Brusso, of this city,
and then removed for treatment to a hos-
pital, was reported out of danger today.
Brusso will no longer be detained by the
police.

RUSSIA WILL TAKE HER TIME.

Wants to Feel Reasonably Sure
That Her Answer Will Not
Precipitate Trouble.

WILL SEND REPLY NEXT WEEK.

Fact That Japan Will Not Fortify
Straits of Corea Helps
Matters.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—The authori-
ties here now say that the Russian re-
ply to Japan will not be transmitted
until next week.

It is said that the delay was neces-
sitated in consequence of the extreme
care taken in drafting the document.
Viceroy Alexieff's views are also await-
ed before its transmission to the czar.
It is fully realized here that the for-
warding of the answer will mark an
other critical stage in the negotiations,
everything depending on Japan's atti-
tude. It is feared that the public pas-
sion influence the hands of the authorities
may be forced on account of the excite-
ment of the press and people.

A high official said:
"Of course, we cannot prevent war.
Russia will do her utmost to offer Ja-
pan a basis for a durable peace, but
there are limits beyond which we cannot
go. In Corea we grant practically ev-
erything, and in Manchuria we already
realize all the treaty rights of Japan
and all the other powers. Should Ja-
pan reject our conciliatory proposition
the world must place the responsibility
on Japan."

An important fact in connection with
the situation had been learned by the
Associated Press. Within a fortnight
both Russia and Japan have officially
communicated to the United States,
and to the European chancellors their
positions regarding some of the points
at issue. This course was considered
necessary in view of the wild and
varying reports disseminated.

Foreign Minister Lamdorff, in an in-
terview with the Japanese minister, M.
Kurino, last night, indicated that Rus-
sia's reply would be dispatched next
week.

It is known that the strategic situa-
tion was discussed by the military au-
thorities at today's meetings of the council of state.

MORE POWER FOR PLEHWE.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—The czar has
granted Minister of the Interior, von
Plehwé, and the governor of the provin-
ce of Tver special plenary powers
over the local officials of Tver, in con-
sequence of the latter's subversive ten-
dencies. The government has been
aware for some time that the admini-
stration of Tver was showing in vari-
ous ways sympathy with the oppo-
nents of the existing order of things.
Recently the local authorities ap-
pointed teachers in the national school,
who took advantage of their position
to stir up agitation against the gov-
ernment and religion. This was the
immediate cause of granting the plenary
powers which permit the minister
and the governor to make appoint-
ments to district meetings to expel ob-
noxious persons, to dismiss officials con-
sidered dangerous to public peace, etc.

RUSSIA STILL CONCILIATORY.

Paris, Jan. 29.—It is understood that
the conferences between Foreign Min-
ister Lamdorff and M. Kurino, the
Japanese minister at St. Petersburg,
have permitted the latter to advise his
government concerning the position
Russia is likely to take in the forth-
coming answer, but the officials here
say this was merely an intermediary
step towards adjusting the remaining
differences as the answer is subject to
change until officially communicated.
It is further said that Russia will not
answer until she feels reasonably sure
that her answer will not have the effect
of precipitating hostilities.

The officials here are gratified at an
apparent authority statement that
Japan does not intend to fortify
the straits of Corea. They say it will
remove one of the main obstacles as the
most recent negotiations showed that
Russia was unalterably opposed to the
creation of any condition in Corea
which would lead to closing that outlet
from the sea of Japan.

A strong intimation has been made
that the maritime nations of Europe
and America would have taken
up the question unless this declara-
tion had been made.

CONTENTS OF ANSWER UNKNOWN.

London, Jan. 29.—The Japanese min-
ister, Baron Hayashi, said today with
reference to the report published by
the Daily Graphic to the effect that
the Russian reply to Japan was com-
pleted yesterday, that it has been
communicated to the Japanese minis-
ter at St. Petersburg, and that it was
unfavorable, that M. Kurino officially
notified him that the council of state
could only consider the Russian reply
only when it had been received in St. Pe-
tersburg yesterday, as called to the at-
tention of the press. Baron Hayashi added
that the reply had not yet been sent
and that it will only be submitted for
the czar's approval today.

"The United States, therefore," added
the Japanese minister, "of know-
ing the contents of the answer, and as
to the probable trend thereof I have
no official information."

The Russian embassy, in denying the
Daily Graphic's statement, says the in-
formation received by the embassy con-
firms the statement on the subject made
in the Associated Press dispatch from
St. Petersburg yesterday.

REWARDS FOR KILLING FOREIGN OFFICERS.

Constantinople, Jan. 29.—The Aus-
trian and Russian embassies there
have arranged with the Albanians for
liberal rewards, to have them
kill every foreign officer sent in-
to the provinces in connection
with the reorganization of the
gendarmie under the reform
scheme of the powers. The ports,
therefore, objects to the officers
wearing foreign uniforms as their
lives are thereby endangered.

Will Not Reduce Wage.

Fayetteville, W. Va., Jan. 29.—At
a meeting of more than 200 coal opera-
tors and miners in the aggregate
\$200,000, it was unanimously voted to
not reduce the wages of miners this
year. This means no strike in the New
river district.

EX-MAYOR AMES A FREE MAN.

Minnesota Supreme Court Quashed
Indictment Against
Him.

OFFENSE WAS NOT PROVEN.

Two Justices Dissented from This—
He Was Charged With Ac-
cepting Bribes.

St. Paul, Minn., 29.—Ex-Mayor Ames
of Minneapolis is a free man. The
supreme court today quashed the in-
dictment against him.

The entire court held that the in-
dictment was faulty. Judges Start,
Collins and Lewis concurred in the ma-
jority opinion that the offense was not
proven, while Judges Lovely and Brown
disagree with that part of the opinion
of the majority. Dr. Ames was charged
and convicted in the district court of
Hennepin county of receiving money
illegally as mayor of Minneapolis from
women.

He was indicted for that offense Feb.
4, 1903, and after a trial of several
weeks during which much sensational
testimony was introduced, was found
guilty May 7, and sentenced to a term
in prison of six years. An appeal was
taken to the supreme court in Decem-
ber on the ground that the indictment
was not properly drawn, in that it was
ambiguous in character, charging in fact
more than one crime. This contention
was sustained by the supreme court to-
day. Dr. Ames was mayor of Min-
neapolis four times.

The majority opinion of the court,
written by Judge Lewis and concurred
in by Chief Justice Start and Justice
Collins, was a surprise to the defense
as well as to the state.

The court says the indictment was
valid and charged but one offense, but
declares that the state did not prove
the offense charged. After reciting the
charge in the indictment, namely, the
receiving of money, \$800, from certain
persons in order that they might be
protected from criminal prosecution,
the syllabus says: "Held. The in-
dictment stated one offense, it being in-
ferred that the money was a fund con-
tributed by the women specified in the
indictment and others in amounts rang-
ing from \$15 to \$25 in consideration of
which each was promised police pro-
tection; that the detectives and police
were furnished the first public view of
defendant and not of those making
payments; that there was no joint
agreement or understanding between
those paying the money; that the \$800
paid out to defendant by his agent in
one sum after it was paid to him by
women individually, was not a general
fund contributed by the understand-
ing that those participating should be
protected. Held. There was failure of
proof to sustain the offense charged."

Discussing the evidence the court
says: "There was no evidence that any
of the women acted jointly, or that
a fund was made up by them or in
their behalf, that there was no evi-
dence to justify the inference that
Gardner (Mayor Ames' clerk), consti-
tuted the agent of the women to take
their money and deliver it to Ames,
with the understanding that in con-
sequence their houses would be protected."

The court further says: "There was
a separate and distinct agreement en-
tered into with each person paying any
money."
In their dissenting opinion Justices
Brown and Lovely charged the defend-
ant with soliciting a number of bribes
or gifts from several distinct women.
"To our minds the vital question is
not the sufficiency of the evidence, but
whether one of the plainest principles
of the fundamental law upon which
the rights of all citizens depend has
been violated."

LULU PRINCE KENNEDY.

Jury Finds Her Not Guilty of
Husband's Murder.

Kansas City, Jan. 29.—Mrs. Lulu
Prince Kennedy Kramer, on trial a
second time for the murder in January,
1901, of her first husband, Philip H.
Kennedy, was found not guilty by a
jury here today. At her first trial she
was convicted and sentenced to 19
years in the penitentiary. The con-
viction was reversed on a technicality.
During her release on bond last Febru-
ary she married John Kramer, an at-
torney, who had defended her in the
first trial. She was later convicted on
a charge of conspiring with the de-
fendant to kill Kennedy.

Mrs. Kennedy killed Kennedy, who
was found agent for the Merchants' De-
pot Transportation company, a new corpo-
ration after they had been married. He
refused to live with her, bringing suit
to have the marriage annulled on the
ground that he had been forced in it.

Mrs. Kennedy's defense was com-
plicated by her defense attorney, who
insanity and evidence was presented
to show that her grandfather and great
grandfather had died in insane asylums.
The verdict of acquittal was found
solely on the ground that Mrs. Kennedy
was insane when she shot her husband.
The jury, however, found that "the
defendant has since regained her sanity,"
which will save her from being
sent to an insane asylum.

Big Timber Land Purchased.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 29.—Timber land
and mill property estimated to be worth
\$200,000, has been purchased by the
Alene Lumber company, a new corpo-
ration in which R. S. Largely, J. T. Car-
roll and Robert McBride of Butte, Mont.,
J. M. Daugherty of Omnia, Neb., and J.
W. C. Wakefield of Spokane, are direc-
tors.

The new company has bought the
lands and plant of the old Coeur
d'Alene Lumber company, limited, around
Coeur d'Alene lake in northern Idaho, and
about 4000 acres of timber on tributary
streams. The new owners propose to
build the planing mill burned last year
and enlarge the sawmill to a capacity
of 40,000,000 feet a year.

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KAFFIRS JOIN HEREROS REBELS.

United Forces Are Now Besieging
Okahandja Already Hard
Pressed.

GERMANS AWAITING SUCCOR.

Conditions Are Such as to Cause
Colonial Office at Berlin
Much Concern.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The commander of
the German garrison Hahit, lying at
Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa,
cables that he has received news
from Lieut. Zuelow, in command of the
German forces at Okahandja, that the
Kaffirs have effected a junction with
the Hereros who are besieging that
post. As Okahandja was already hard
pressed the announcement has caused
concern at the colonial office here.

The following dispatch from Lieut.
Zuelow, sent by messenger via Kara-
kum, was received here today:

"Okahandja, Jan. 29.—Am holding
Okahandja. Occupied Jan. 15, with
200 men after heavy fighting. Am wait-
ing for guns from the Hahit. Ask
for a division of artillery. Weak re-
lief corps with machine gun from
Windhoek repulsed twelfth and thir-
teenth. Loss reported eight reserves.
"In order to establish connections
with the rear and bring forward mili-
tary transports, we attempted today
with