

AMERICAN FORK HAS A \$65,000 FIRE

Biggest Blaze in the History of the Town—American Fork Co-op Completely Wiped Out—Only \$15,400 Worth of Insurance—Will be Rebuilt Immediately.

(Special to the "News.")

American Fork, May 10.—The most destructive fire in the history of this place occurred between 4 and 7 o'clock this morning when the American Fork Co-op, carrying \$50,000 worth of goods, in a building worth \$15,000 more, was completely wiped out of existence. A total of about \$65,000 worth of goods was saved. There was \$15,400 in insurance on the property, all carried with Heber J. Grant & Co.

The origin of the fire is unknown and the whole town is in mourning over the loss of the building that has come to it. The fire broke out in a thriving condition and was rapidly growing. It was housed in a new brick building, 500 feet in area with a basement extending throughout its entire width and length. It was up-to-date in all of its appointments and methods and was one of the biggest and most influential business concerns in Utah county. Most of the stock was in Utah county. Though not a little of it was owned elsewhere.

The fire was discovered at about 4 o'clock this morning when Mrs. Eliza Jackson was passing the place. She found smoke pouring forth from the building in great volumes and she immediately sounded an alarm. The neighbors quickly responded and soon a large bucket brigade was formed.

However, it was practically impossible for the reason that it was impossible to locate the exact seat of the fire. The doors and all avenues of the building were kept closed in order to shut off all draughts while investigation was going on. The heat became so intense that the fire spread to the whole town and surrounding country. In the meantime the bucket brigade worked heroically to extinguish the fire but to no avail. In fact it nothing but that members of the brigade got so hot near enough to throw the great quantity of water onto the flames and the little that was thrown on and the fire to fan them into greater volume.

For three hours citizens worked assiduously to save the doomed property but out of the great stock of goods only \$15,000 worth of goods was saved. The building adjoining which was in the old building adjoining the new, and about \$250 worth of clothing and a sample sewing machine, were saved.

The origin of the flames remains a mystery. Superintendent Clark was the last to leave the building about 7 o'clock last night. It was later than his usual hour of departure but he was kept there up to that time by reason of the presence of the store of some ladies who had come over from Provo to do some shopping. When they left he went down into the basement with one of his clerks to extinguish a couple of lamps that were there burning, being brought into requisition by reason of the fact that the power plant, through some cause, had failed to furnish light last night. Neither Mr. Clark nor his clerk struck a match on their visit to the basement, and are as a consequence at a complete loss.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES GO UP.

Word was received in this city by the various fire insurance agencies to-day that some of the eastern fire insurance companies are being exceedingly hard pressed by reason of the extreme risks and heavy losses of the past three years as stated in the "News" last evening. As an illustration of actual and approaching conditions the fact was cited that on the 15th inst., the Manhattan Fire Insurance company of New York was unable to pay an obligation of \$87,15, and as a result the company's principal office was taken possession of by a deputy sheriff. It is stated that the officers and stockholders of the company will probably ask for a receiver. The company has no Salt Lake office.

THREE PEOPLE INJURED.

Robert Canham, wife and son thrown from a buggy.

An accident occurred on East Temple street at about 7:30 o'clock last evening in which Robert Canham and wife and 7-year-old son Sidney were quite severely hurt.

Leo Christensen was driving the "News" mail wagon, and when between First and Second South streets a collision occurred between the two vehicles. The Canhams were thrown out onto the street, and their vehicle was demolished. Little Sidney's right forearm was fractured and his head was cut. Mrs. Canham sustained a gash in the head and also on the right shoulder. Mr. Canham was also bruised about the body. The three were taken to the office of Dr. Benedict where their wounds were dressed very carefully, and Sidney's arm was set. They were then taken to their home, 325 Cannon street, where they are recovering from the shock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS.

President Snow Made General Secretary of the Sunday School Union.

As stated in last evening's "News," the general board of the Deseret Sunday school union met yesterday afternoon in the office of President Snow, who was made the general superintendent of the Sunday schools to succeed the late George C. Cannon.

President Snow is now the editor of the Juvenile Instructor with Elders Reynolds and Tanner as the associate editors. The children's department will be in the hands of Lulu Green Richards. Horace S. Ensign, the general secretary, will leave next month for Japan with Apostle Heber J. Grant, and who his successor will be is not known.

CHANGE IN THE STUDIES.

Supt. Cooper Talks Over Eighth Grade Matters With the Teachers.

At a meeting of the eighth-grade teachers with Superintendent Cooper yesterday afternoon Mr. Cooper expressed the opinion that in the higher grades more time should be given to the study of history than is now provided; that at least one and one-half years should be devoted to the history work. The teachers also thought that more attention should be paid to civics and literature, and that one more classic should be added.

It was thought that the spelling should be confined to words that are used by people of ordinary culture. Mr. Cooper thought that many words are of little value aside from being "vocabulary words." There should be more word analysis and study of synonyms in English classes.

The teachers should pay particular

to account for the fire. They are all the more mystified by reason of the further fact that the fire had its beginning in the basement. Every evidence carries out the theory that it smoldered and inflammable matter throughout the night, gradually spreading until it burst forth in disastrous form at an early hour this morning.

Superintendent Clark feels the loss greatly but gives it as his opinion that the institution will soon be on its feet again. He stated that the insurance that it would recover, while not great, the outstanding accounts, and the valuable real estate that it owned would furnish ample funds to put it in the business field again. Some of the leading stockholders who were seen today expressed the same view, saying that they had little doubt that this would be done.

The institution will be able to realize considerable upon its real estate, which is among the best in the city. A number of the books were rescued from the flames, although those which remained in the safe may be much damaged. It is thought, however, that when the safe is taken out of the debris the books which it contains will be legible enough to decipher the accounts registered in them. It is not known when the building of the new store will be commenced, but it is probable that action in that direction will be taken at once.

The president of the institution is J. E. Jensen, and he, together with the following, comprise the principal stockholders: Charles Logie Jr., Thomas E. Steele, D. Adamson, and Joseph J. Jackson. There were a number of others who had holdings of considerable value, but these are the main ones. They secured control of the concern two or three years ago and have since conducted it in a thorough and business-like manner. The only other competitor the store had was the Chipman Mercantile house. These two divided the trade of the place between them.

There were many stockholders in the Co-op—a great number who had interests varying from \$25 to \$500. They are scattered all over the county. In fact, it may be stated that they reside in all parts of the State, as people who have moved away from American Fork, ever since 1885, when the association was formed, have, as a rule, retained their stock. The loss is more or less keenly felt by them, as it is felt by the entire community.

Grant & Company Notified

At the insurance office of Heber J. Grant & Company, this morning, it was learned that the American Fork Co-op, carrying \$15,400 insurance, \$600 of which had been placed on a new brick building adjoining the store only day before yesterday. Mr. Heber J. Grant was notified of the fire at 5 o'clock this morning, and his brother, B. F. Grant, manager of the business, at once took the train for American Fork, where he is now engaged in adjusting the loss. The insurance was divided between three companies as follows:

Hartford Insurance Co. \$6,550.00
North British & Mer. Ins. Co. \$6,550.00
Home Fire Insurance Co. 2,300.00

attention to the methods of work, characteristics and ability of pupils promoted to the high school and detail them to the teachers of the High school.

VARIOUS COURT CASES.

Jennie M. Snyder was yesterday granted a decree of divorce from John H. Snyder, a locomotive engineer who deserted her last July, neglecting since then to provide anything towards her support. The court allows Mrs. Snyder \$50 alimony a month.

Deputy sheriff Raldis's visit to Bingham Junction has resulted in a warrant being issued by Justice Sommer for the arrest of W. H. Zien of Bingham Junction for running a roulette game in his saloon. Late yesterday afternoon Judge Hall granted a decree in favor of plaintiff in the suit brought by Joseph A. Jennings against the heirs of the Linforth estate to quiet title in the Yampa Northeast Extension mining claim at Bingham and property in the neighborhood acquired by the Highland Boy Gold Mining company. The defendants waived time to answer the complaint and consented to the issuance of the decree which was purely formal. Some what of a sensation was caused by A. Harvey Parsons of Denver for the Highland Boy company tearing up a certified check for \$8,000, the check not being in proper form, and after gathering up the pieces and pasted them together as he thought it unsafe to leave around even the torn pieces of so considerable a sum of money.

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CINCINNATI TIED BY PITTSBURG.

Pittinger Pitches a Beautiful Game for the Beaneaters.

CHICAGO EASY FOR PIRATES

Errors at Critical Stages, Bases on Balls and Well Placed Hits Decide the Contest.

Cincinnati and Pittsburgh are tied for first place in the race for the national league championship. Each have played fourteen games, won nine and lost five.

Brooklyn, last year's champions, are not far from the bottom of the ladder. In yesterday's game with the Boston's Pittinger struck out seven of their good batters and only gave one pass to first. The Pirates had an easy time in defeating Chicago.

STANDING OF CLUBS.

Cincinnati	P. W. L. P. C.
Pittsburgh	14 9 5 .635
Boston	14 9 5 .635
New York	11 6 5 .545
Brooklyn	14 7 7 .500
St. Louis	15 7 8 .466
Philadelphia	15 6 9 .406
Chicago	17 5 12 .292

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Boston, 5; Brooklyn, 2.
New York-Philadelphia, postponed; rain.

TODAY'S GAMES.

Brooklyn at New York.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.
Philadelphia at Boston.
St. Louis at Chicago.

Boston, 5; Brooklyn, 2.

Boston, May 9.—Pittinger pitched a beautiful game for Boston today, striking out seven men and allowing only one man base on balls. Attendance, 2,000.

SCORE.

Baton	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	2 7 2
Batteries—Pittinger and Kittredge; McCann and McGuire. Umpire—Nash.	

Cincinnati, 9; St. Louis, 3.

Cincinnati, May 9.—Breitenstein last-of-the-year against his old comrades, Sudhoff was hit hard, but was lucky. Hahn had the visitors at his mercy throughout. Attendance, 1,800.

SCORE.

Cincinnati	R. H. E.
St. Louis	3 9 2
Batteries—Hahn and Peitz and Bergen; Breitenstein, Sudhoff and Scriver. Umpire—Emslie.	

Chicago, 1; Pittsburgh, 8.

Chicago, May 9.—Errors by Chicago at critical stages, two bases on balls and a few well-placed hits gave Pittsburgh an easy game today, the fourth straight. Attendance, 200.

SCORE.

Chicago	R. H. E.
Pittsburgh	8 12 2
Batteries—Mead and Phil; Phil and Zimmer. Umpire—Dwyer.	

DETROIT AND CHICAGO TIED.

The Teams are on an Even Footing—Leaders Defeated.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Detroit	P. W. L. P. C.
Chicago	14 10 4 .713
Baltimore	11 7 4 .636
Washington	13 5 6 .454
Cleveland	14 6 8 .428
Philadelphia	12 4 8 .333
Milwaukee	14 4 10 .285

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Chicago, 4; Cleveland, 2.
Milwaukee, 7; Detroit, 6.
Boston, 7; Philadelphia, 3.
Baltimore-Washington; postponed; wet grounds.

TODAY'S GAMES.

Chicago at Cleveland.
Detroit at Milwaukee.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Washington at Baltimore.

Milwaukee, 7; Detroit, 6.

Milwaukee, May 9.—Owen pitched a good game until a ball from Friel's bat struck his hand in the eighth inning and after the home team batted him hard, winning out in the ninth inning. Attendance, 1,000.

SCORE.

Milwaukee	R. H. E.
Detroit	6 14 1
Batteries—Reidy, Houstoning and Leahy; Owen and Buelow.	

Cleveland, 2; Chicago, 4.

Cleveland, O., May 9.—Earl Moore, Cleveland's new pitcher, held the Chicago nine innings without a hit and only gave one base on balls. In the tenth inning the visitors secured two hits and the victory. Attendance, 400.

SCORE.

Cleveland	R. H. E.
Chicago	2 6 2
Batteries—Moore and Wood; Katon and Sullivan.	

Boston, 9; Philadelphia, 3.

Boston, May 9.—Boston won today by bunching hits with the Athletics' errors. Capt. La Jole was benched by the umpire for protesting too vigorously in the first half of the first inning. Attendance, 3,500.

SCORE.

Boston	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	3 9 2
Batteries—Cuppy and Criger; Fraser and Powers.	

THE CHRISP MCCOY MATCH.

What Charley Mitchell Thinks of the Champion.

The sporting world is poking much fun at the contemplated match between George Chriss and Kid McCoy. Chriss bears the hollow title of heavy weight champion of England. Recently Chriss issued a challenge to meet any man in the world and winds the same up by a clause which reads: "No body but Americans barred." Lou Houseman in writing of him says: "It seems that shortly after the new champion was benched, by virtue of his victory over Ben Taylor, the aggression of British sports who promoted the contest were struck with the brilliant idea that Chriss could gain fresh laurels in the United States and actually formed a syndicate for the purpose

of defraying their champion's expenses while en route to the promised land.

There are perhaps a dozen or more middle weights of third rate grade in this country who would put Chriss out of business in short order. What would happen to him if turned over to the mercies of an American heavy weight with any pretensions to "class" is too sad a possibility to contemplate. Chriss is the first pugilist that England has owned as heavy weight champion for many years, as Mitchell contested him with the title of "boxing champion" and Jim Smith proved a rank and dismal failure as a Queensbury glove fighter.

What Mitchell thought of Chriss and Taylor from a professional standpoint, may be inferred from a remark he made during his recent visit to America when questioned by a reporter as to the ability of the twain.

"Chriss and Taylor," said Charley with an expression of unmitigated contempt. "Want to know what I'll think of 'em? Well, I'll tell you straight, old chap. They're a pair of bleedin' old cows."

Mitchell is unquestionably a good judge of pugilistic merit it is safe to assume that the longer the British sports keep Chriss safely beyond the reach of his Yankee professional brothers the better it will be for their champion and his backers.

LOCAL EVENTS.

HIGH SCHOOL VS. UNIVERSITY.

Second Game in Series of Interscholastic League.

The second game in the interscholastic league was scheduled for this afternoon between the High School and University teams. The grounds, and seating arrangements have been greatly improved since the last game, which will make it more convenient for the players and spectators. Bergstrom and Moore are on the rubber for the High School and Steffenson and Muir for the U. of U.

Lowells Won Out.

A closely contested game with a score of 15 to 14 was played yesterday afternoon between the Lowells and Bryants. The result was in favor of the Lowells. The teams lined up as follows:

Lowell	Postions	Bryant
Peacock	Catch	Berkley
Cammeron	Pitcher	Sheldrake
Shepard	First Base	Hooper
Fife	Second Base	Moore
Pratt	Third Base	Riddle
Hansen	Short Stop	E. Earls
Nurcut	Left Field	V. Earls
Hoffman	Center Field	Felt
Armstrong	Right Field	Webb

Will Cross Bats Tomorrow.

The most bitterly contested game of the season will be played on the eighth ward square tomorrow afternoon, when the "Passengers" and "Freights" of the auditing department of the Oregon Short Line will cross bats for the championship of the building.

Great rivalry has existed between these departments and the keenest interest in the outcome has been shown. Betting is quite lively with the odds slightly favoring the "Passengers" and considerable money will change hands on the result. The line-up will be as follows:

Freights	Passengers
Lawson	P. W. Campbell
Nelson	..... C. Coulsh
Coulter	..... J. Reemer
J. Campbell	..... S. B.
Ball	..... T.
Richmond	..... S. S.
Bowen	..... L. F.
Butler	..... R. F.
Warburton	..... C. T.
Subs.	Umpire, Sub.
McNite	P. S. Thorne, Cruickshank
Shepherd	..... Perkins
Bladick	..... Stuart

Sporting Notes.

ack McNecke's crew of gold diggers of Park City will be here tomorrow to try conclusions with the Salt Lakes down at the league park. Both teams have had considerable practice of late

and should put up a rattling good game. The diamond is in excellent shape and the local ball tossers are feeling O. K. Hawley will pitch for the home crowd, while Webster will hold down short. Billy McCausland has given notice to other members of the team that they will have to get their batting clothes on, as from this time hence he is going to lead in batting. Billy injured his ankle the other day while practicing, but it will be all right tomorrow. Fendergraft will do the shooting for the Parkites. Sunday, Father Gim's lobsters and Pittinger's railroad are going to play here. Clipping expects a new pitcher here by that time, but who it is has not been learned.

Lovers of the national game in this city hope that the management of the league will do all in its power to insure as good Saturday games as those usually played on Sunday. This may sound strange to some, but it is a fact nevertheless that last season the Sunday games were much better than those played on Saturdays, and it is hoped that such will not be the case this year. There is a large percentage of the supporters of the sport who will not patronize Sunday baseball for various reasons, and it is those who are complaining.

It is said that the grandstand at Park City is now completed and that the diamond is in good shape. The fans of the mining town are anxious that everything shall be in the very best condition possible on the occasion of the opening game there on the 26th. Quite a number have signified their intention to go to Park to witness the opening of the season there.

It was announced last evening by Manager Clippinger of the Railways that he had every reason to expect Walter of Omaha to come out here within a few days to cast lot with the team. Walter is a good infielder and can do good work in almost any position, and would therefore materially strengthen the Railways.

In the opinion of many of the ball players now in Salt Lake, there will be a wall of anguish and disappointment among the Boston fans who are admirers of the American league team when big Ben Beville gets to working with the team. Beville left here yesterday with the idea that he is going to immortalize himself on the rubber for the Beaneaters, but those who profess to know him seem to think that Ben will have a awful hard. He will certainly have some good men to pitch against, and Boston is winning about everything in sight these days.

A number of interesting races occurred on the Higgins' boulevard last evening, witnessed by a large crowd. The event which occasioned much talk was that between J. Lynch's Lord Mortimer and Dr. Whitney's Lord May R. ran like a streak of lightning and easily defeated Lord Mortimer. Mayor Thompson was out with his iris and came off victorious over all competitors.

OFFICERS PASS THROUGH.

Lieuts. Frank and Apple Bring Messages from Captain Andrew Burt.

Lieutenants C. S. Frank, George N. Apple, and Lieut. Bain passed through the city yesterday afternoon on their way home from Manila. They bore letters of introduction from Capt. Andrew J. Burt to some of the latter's Salt Lake friends, who entertained the young officers royally. Their comments on Capt. Burt were very flattering. They say that he is very popular with the officers and also with the men. He is now serving as an inspector of one of the Manila police districts, and has 400 men under him. They say that his district is the most orderly and the best patrolled in the city. When they left Capt. Burt was undecided as to whether or not he would remain in Manila, his action depending on the salary that will be offered him after he is mustered out on June 30. He is now getting \$165 per month, with an additional \$75 for expenses. If he desires he can retain his position at a salary of \$2,000 a year, but he will then be a civil officer.

Lieut. Bain is now of Washington, D. C. His father was formerly a resident of Salt Lake. Bain was in Company B, Thirty-ninth Infantry. Lieut. Frank lives at Coln. Ill., while Lieut. Apple's home is in Denver.

A GALA OCCASION.

City Will be Handsomely Arrayed on First of Next Month.

The business portion of this city will be handsomely decorated with flags and bunting on Saturday, June 1, in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of President Brigham Young and also for McKinley day. B. Morris Young, who has the management of the celebration of President Young's one hundredth anniversary, made a canvas of the banks and mercantile establishments today and yesterday and the general sentiment is that the city should be finely decorated. The different committees will be announced within a day or two.

The railroads intend to make a half rate fare from all surrounding points, the tickets to be good for a six day trip. This will enable visitors to attend the President Young celebration, the Mutual Improvement conference and the reception of President McKinley.

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