

# GREAT FIRE AT PORTLAND FAIR

The Missouri Building, One of the Finest Structures at the Exposition, Reduced to Ashes.

THE LOSS WILL EXCEED \$50,000

How it Started Unknown—Secret Service Agents Working on Theory it Was of Incendiary Origin.

**Portland, Oct. 13.**—The Missouri state building at the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, one of the most attractive structures on the exposition grounds, was completely destroyed by fire tonight. Practically nothing of the magnificent exhibit gathered by the Missouri state commission was saved and the beautiful collection of art and statuary which was one of the features of the Missouri display will prove almost a complete loss, but few of the features of the art room being saved from the flames.

It is estimated that the pecuniary loss will exceed \$50,000, with no insurance save \$5,000 on the art exhibits.

All that remained standing when the flames pent under control was the colonnade entrance surmounted by a half dozen winged figures which stood sentry-like against the gloom of the night.

Now the fire started is a mystery which will perhaps remain unsolved, the flames were first seen by a youth who was walking near the ruined building. He immediately turned in the new alarm, which summoned the police and city fire departments to the scene.

The secret service agents are working on the theory that the fire was of incendiary origin, and that it started among a collection of packing cases stored just in the rear of the building, swelling the parcel of dismantling of the Missouri exhibit, which was to follow the formal closing of the exposition tomorrow night.

Superintendent of the building Edward C. Pollock, of Columbia, Mo., is the only person within the structure at the time of the fire, has another and more probable theory. He stated to the Associated Press after the conflagration that when he discovered the fire the wall of the building at the base of the dome and between the kitchen and the dining-room was a mass of flame, but he is positive that there was no fire nearer than 15 feet of the main floor. Crumblings is of the opinion that the fire originated in the same family electrical construction which has been the cause of the several incendiary blazes which have occurred in different buildings during the fair.

Three-quarters of an hour after the first alarm was sounded the Missouri building was in ruins. That the flames did not spread to some of the adjoining buildings was due to the almost complete absence of wind and to the valiant work of the firemen, who fought the flames desperately to save adjacent public places.

The Missouri building was one of the favorite state buildings and visitors were always hospitably received.

Attached to the building were elaborately furnished lounging rooms for ladies and gentlemen. A grill and a handsomely fitted dining-room also made the Missouri building an attraction.

The only casualty was the serious injury of an electrician named Harry Keeler in the early stages of the fire, mounted on the roof to cut the electric wires and who fell to the main floor of the building.

EVIDENCE POINTS TO INCENDIARISM.

**Portland, Oct. 14.**—Evidence which tends to confirm the report that the fire which destroyed the Missouri building at the Lewis and Clark exposition last night was of incendiary origin is accumulating. F. E. Beach, a reputable business man of this city, has come forward with a statement to

## STOMACH TROUBLE

QUICKLY CURED BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

After Months of Suffering Mrs. Law Found Relief and Cure in The Tonic Treatment.

Loss of appetite, distress after eating, shortness of breath, a feeling of utter weakness—these are symptoms that are familiar to most sufferers from stomach trouble. Too often the ordinary doctor's treatment serves but to weaken the diseased organs.

The new method of treating disorders of this kind does not aim to do the work of the stomach, does not demand that the food be predigested, but builds up the weakened organs, so that they can do the work that nature intended.

Mrs. L. O. Law, of No. 324 North street, Horton, Kansas, says: "In 1887, while we were living on a farm in this neighborhood, I became generally debilitated as the result of overwork. I had severe digestion, lost my appetite, suffered from a sense of suffocation and from obstruction of the circulation, so that arterial blood had to be used to restore it. After suffering for months without finding any relief, I tried a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills of which I had read in a newspaper. The first few boxes made me lots better, and after using the third box I felt entirely well.

"I am now in excellent health and am not only to take care of my husband but also to assist my husband in a store which he has lately taken. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured me and I can recommend them. They are so simple, so easily taken and so prompt in their action."

Mrs. Law's case is only one of hundreds. Among your own neighbors you will find cases just as wonderful in which Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have struck at the root of other diseases, anemia, rheumatism, sciatica, headaches and the sufferings of growing girls and women. Remember Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do not act on the bowels. They make no acid on the bowels. They make no acid on the bowels.

The Twenty-ninth battery is one of the six making up the first provisional regiment of the British army at target practice. The battery guns had been placed and its eight limbers loaded with ammunition, were at the rear, with six horses hitched to each limber. The drivers had dismounted. When the battery was ready for firing a large red flag was run up on a staff as a signal to the range party at the targets to get out of range of the guns.

The wind blew the flag out in the faces of the horses and they stampeded. Some drivers succeeded in getting into the saddle, others were dragged, but the most of the drivers were left behind. The horses dashed over a small cliff and went down in a frightful mass.

The Twenty-ninth battery belongs at Port Levenworth, and came here the latter part of July for target practice. Private Laste enlisted in the service last January. His home is in New York.

**PEORIA BANK AFFAIRS.**

**Oliver J. Bailey, President of School Board, Indicted.**

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 13.—The grand jury returned a final report today with a true bill against Oliver J. Bailey, chairman of the finance committee of the Peoria school board, and holding him on the charge of malfeasance in office.

Peeling, an independent, performed his duties as such public officer and suffered and permitting Newton J. Dougherty to misappropriate and unlawfully convert to his own use the school money so charged.

Mr. Bailey is president of the Dime Savings bank and director in the Central National bank, and an officer in many other financial institutions.

The jury censured the entire board for "criminal negligence in administering the affairs of the city schools."

Forty-three additional indictments were also returned against Dougherty for embezzlement and forgery. The jury was discharged formally.

**Negro Trooper Kills Private.**

Junction City, Kan., Oct. 13.—Private James A. Keith, a negro trooper in the Ninth cavalry, shot and killed Private M. H. Smith of Tacoma, was expelled for "gross immorality," and Capt. A. G. Woodward of Seattle was also expelled for conduct unbecoming a minister of the gospel.

**Colored Ministers Expelled.**

San Jose, Cal., Oct. 13.—At today's session of the Oregon and California African Methodist Episcopal church the Rev. Dr. H. W. Smith of Tacoma was expelled for "gross immorality," and Capt. A. G. Woodward of Seattle was also expelled for conduct unbecoming a minister of the gospel.

**Russians Fight Insurgents.**

Corsica Island of Crete, Oct. 13.—Russian soldiers, gendarmes and other guards yesterday occupied the village of Armino, in the Italian zone, and a fight with the insurgents ensued which lasted until tonight. The details have been censored by local papers report that five of the insurgents were killed, and eight wounded, and that the Russian troops suffered no casualties.

**WHAT JOY THEY BRING  
TO EVERY HOME**

With joyous hearts and smiling faces they romp and play—when in health—and how conducive to health the games in which they indulge, the outdoor life they enjoy, the cleanly, regular habits they should be taught to form and the wholesome diet of which they should partake. How tenderly their health should be preserved, not by constant medication, but by careful avoidance of every medicine of an injurious or objectionable nature and if at any time a remedial agent is required, to assist nature, only those of known excellence should be used; remedies which are pure and wholesome and truly beneficial in effect, like the pleasant laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. Syrup of Figs has come into general favor in many millions of well informed families, whose estimate of its quality and excellence is based upon personal knowledge and use.

Syrup of Figs has also met with the approval of physicians generally, because they know it is wholesome, simple and gentle in its action. We inform all reputable physicians as to the medicinal principles of Syrup of Figs, obtained by an original method, from certain plants known to them to act most beneficially and presented in an agreeable syrup in which the wholesome Californian blue figs are used to promote the pleasant taste; therefore it is not a secret remedy and hence we are free to refer to all well informed physicians, who do not approve of patent medicines and never favor indiscriminate self-medication.

Please to remember and teach your children also that the genuine Syrup of Figs always has the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—plainly printed on the front of every package and that it is for sale in bottles of one size only. If any dealer offers any other than the regular Fifty cent size, or having printed thereon the name of any other company, do not accept it. If you fail to get the genuine you will not get its beneficial effects. Every family should always have a bottle on hand, as it is equally beneficial for the parents and the children, whenever a laxative remedy is required.

## ARTILLERY HORSES IN A STAMPEDE.

They Dash Over a Cliff and Guns, Men and Horses Become a Mangled Mass.

## PRIVATE ALBERT LASTE KILLED

Two Others Fatally Injured—Number Have Broken Limbs—Occurred Near Fort Riley.

Junction City, Kan., Oct. 13.—Privates Albert Laste of the Twenty-ninth battery of field artillery was killed at Fort Riley at noon today. Privates John Connolly and J. G. Simpson of the same battery are thought to be fatally injured, and Privates Leury, Norman, Lancaster and Cline of the same organization are in the hospital with broken limbs and internal injuries. A large number of other artillerymen were badly hurt. The accident that caused the death of Laste and injury of the others occurred about two miles north of Fort Riley.

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**REPUBLICANS REFUSED TO ENDORSE ATTY. JEROME**

New York, Oct. 14.—The Republican convention to select candidates for the various offices in the borough of Manhattan and in New York county took place yesterday. Before the conventions met the executive committee discussed for two hours the question whether or not the county convention would endorse Dist.-Att'y Jerome. Although there are no official relations between the borough and county conventions they are substantially the same, and until the leaders who made up the executive committee could settle the Jerome question both conventions were blocked.

Of the 37 members of the executive committee a dozen were in favor of Mr. Jerome and insisted that he should be renominated for the office which he now holds. The balance of the committee was bitterly opposed to his candidacy.

As no satisfactory arrangement could be arrived at, a message was sent to William M. Ivins, the nominee for mayor, inviting him to appear before the committee and express his views. Mr. Ivins made a long speech in favor of Dist.-Att'y Jerome, saying that he was very anxious for the selection of Mr. Jerome and that he had no objection to it. It would afford him great personal gratification, he said, but even so, he added, he did not wish the members to feel that his personal feelings should rule, and he would be willing to abide by their vote.

Several other members spoke in favor of Mr. Jerome. Among these was Chairman Halpin, who urged that Mr. Jerome should be selected. A vote was then taken on the proposition and it resulted in 27 to 8 against Mr. Jerome's nomination.

On the call for nominations in the county convention for district attorney, Charles A. Flanner was placed in nomination by Abraham Gruber. The mention as a candidate of William Travers Jerome by R. K. Prentiss set the convention in an uproar, but when the roll was called Jerome received only nine votes against 237 for Flanner.

Mr. Jerome said, when told of the result of the convention:

"It has not happened in my memory that a man has been so honored or received such an endorsement as has been practically unanimously given me in the opposition of the district leaders of all political parties in this city."

**JEROME IN FIGHT TO STAY.**

New York, Oct. 13.—Dist.-Att'y Jerome, speaking of his independent campaign for re-election, and the fact that Tammany Hall nominated a candidate to oppose him at last night's Democratic county convention, said today:

"I am in the fight to stay, and will make it over the heads of the bosses directly between the people and myself. I repeat now that nominations of party candidates are made by our men, and sometimes by the enemies of mine. These men are usually shiftless, wholly irresponsible and not infrequently corrupt. I don't say, of course, that all are corrupt. From what I have heard I believe that John Kelly, the former Tammany Hall leader, was an honest man.

"I have spoken about certain men in the Republican organization in the past and what I said then was true. I do not see why they should be no more favorable to me. It makes no difference to me whether I am elected or not. I can make a living at any time, but at the same time I shall put up a strong fight."

**EQUITY OF CHARCOAL.**

Few People Know How Useful it is in preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking, or after eating onions, garlic, etc.

Charcoal effectively heals and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminent safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowel; it dissects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest charcoal, white sugar, camphor, and other harmless articles.

Septic tablets in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The board of trustees is composed of former President Grover Cleveland, Justice Morgan J. O'Brien and George Westinghouse.

**KING OSCAR RESUMES REINS.**

Stockholm, Oct. 13.—King Oscar will resume the reins of government tomorrow, putting an end to the regency of Crown Prince Gustave.

**J. D. KERNAN AND W. C. REDFIELD RECOMMENDED FOR ELECTION.**

New York, Oct. 13.—John D. Kernan of Utica and William C. Redfield of Brooklyn were recommended for election to the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance society at a meeting of the trustees of that society today. Mr. Kernan is a member of the state railroad commission and Mr. Redfield is a manufacturer. The selections in both cases were to fill vacancies.

Redfield, who will succeed the policyholder, "levelling an expression of their wishes touching the selection of the persons to be voted for by the trustees or directors of the society at the annual meeting to be held in November."

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**EQUITABLE TRUSTEES.**

**A COLD IN THE HEAD IS A COMMON SIGHT,**

**THEN CATARRH, THEN CONSUMPTION**

**Then follow the unpleasant symptoms**

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