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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

Pictures of the Ruin That Was Wrought by the Devastating Fire Which Visited the Business District of Ogden During the Early Hours of Yesterday Morning.



FRONT VIEW LOOKING EAST WITH RUINS OF LOWE BUILDING AND BURTON BLOCK IN FRONT

VIEW OF DESTROYED SECTION LOOKING SOUTH ON WASHINGTON



VIEW BURNED SECTION FROM REAR LOOKING TO THE NORTHWEST

YOUNG BANK MAN GOES TO THE BAD

Friends of Arthur Brown, Formerly of Flock to See Him.

THEY THROU THE CITY JAIL.

Committed Forgery, Started to Flee From City With Deadly Poison in His Pocket.

Ominous Hints of "Covering Up" at The Bank—Arrangements for Settlement Being Made.

At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon Captain Burbridge arrested Arthur Brown, for a long time receiving teller at the Commercial National bank and later employed by A. J. Orem & Co., just as Brown was about to board an outgoing train. The charge that caused the young man's detention was for the alleged forgery of his employers' names to checks aggregating \$3,500.

As stated, Brown was in the Commercial National bank for a long time and at one time was trusted implicitly. He left that institution about two months ago, and his accounts were reported to be straight. He then entered the employ of Orem & Co., whose headquarters are in the Atlas block. Of late he had bought heavily of mining stocks, and it is believed that financial stress brought about the trouble in which he now finds himself.

CASH ON HIS PERSON.

When arrested, Brown had over \$500 in his pockets. He had not yet purchased a railroad ticket, and it is not known where he intended to go, but it is stated that he was preparing to flee from the state.

DEADLY POISON IN POCKET.

In his pocket was found a small bottle of cyanide of potassium, a most deadly poison. It is believed to have been taken along for suicidal purposes in event of trouble. After being locked up in the city jail, Brown was visited by a number of relatives and friends. Among the callers was Mr. Orem, by whom the young man was employed, and whose name was written on one of the checks. It is said that arrangements were under way to have the matter settled without prosecuting the accused. No one is lower by Brown's actions, as the bank upon which the checks were drawn is in possession of securities belonging to Brown's insolvent to fully cover the amount involved in the alleged forged checks.

Brown feels keenly the humiliation of the situation in which he finds himself. He absolutely refuses to talk in regard to the matter. Despite the interest manifested in his behalf by friends, he spent the night in jail.

CALL TO SEE HIM.

This morning a great many friends of the young man called to see him. He talked to them freely but when representatives of the press called he refused absolutely to talk about his case.

"I don't care to talk to you people at all," he said.

Utah County Atty. Hanson stated today that no complaint had been drawn up as yet, and he could not say when one would be filed, but probably the document would be drawn up this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

When Capt. Burbridge arrested Brown at the station last evening, the young man was "as cool as a cucumber," he said, and took the case as a matter of course.

"You will have to come to the station with me," said Capt. Burbridge.

"All right," replied Brown.

"Are you the young man who worked for the Commercial National bank?"

"Yes, I am the one," was Brown's reply.

HINT AT OLD OFFENSE.

This morning it was hinted in police circles that there is considerable more to the case than appears on the surface. It has been reported that there were very cleverly covered up or money. This statement could not be verified, however, as the police authorities professed to know little about it.

NO HELP WANTED.

"Keep out. No help wanted." A card, containing the foregoing words, was posted on the door of the office of the Apex Mining company in the block building today. The object was to keep away a deluge of applicants for purchasing agent, which place suddenly vacated yesterday when

company in that capacity for about two months, transferred his residence to the city jail, where he is being held because he exercised the privilege of signing checks without being duly authorized to do so.

Applicant after applicant filed into the offices during the forenoon, and all wanted to see Manager Walter C. Orem. Finally, it became unbearable, and no one was permitted to see the busy manager without first stating for what purpose the call was made. But the sign on the door had the desired effect; for after it went up no one had the nerve to say that he had a desire to fill the place which Brown had so unceremoniously left. Even the telephone was kept busy, but until Mr. Orem gets around to it, it is safe to say that he is going to promise the job to no one.

MONEY FOR IRRIGATION WORK ON UTAH INDIAN LANDS

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., May 23.—The conference on the Indian appropriation bill, after listening to the arguments of Senator Smoot yesterday and Senator Sutherland this morning, have agreed to the item for irrigation work on Utah Indian lands.

Chairman Sherman of the house conference was opposed to the appropriation in toto at first, and he would agree only to appropriate \$25,000 for experimental investigation; but after the Utah senators had explained the urgent necessity of a prompt settlement of the water problem, Mr. Sherman receded from his position and conference have agreed to appropriate \$125,000 at once and to fix the limit of ultimate cost at \$500,000.

The Utah senators are naturally greatly pleased.

THOS. W. POINDEXTER DEAD.

Butte, Mont., May 23.—Former State Auditor Thomas W. Poindexter of Dillon died in this city yesterday. His death followed an operation for ulcer of the stomach. He was 42 years old and was born at Canyon City, Ore., and went to Dillon, Mont., in 1880, where, with his father, the late T. W. Poindexter, he entered mercantile business, in which he continued up to 1888, when he was elected state auditor on the Democratic ticket.

SENATOR DOLLIVER IS NON-COMMITTAL

Has Not Expressed Himself Either Way in the Senator Smoot Case.

HASN'T READ THE EVIDENCE.

Committee May Make Report With Understanding No Action This Session.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Senator Dolliver, when seen this afternoon by the "News" correspondent, and asked if he has decided what course he will take in the Smoot case, said:

"I have only recently been appointed on the committee. I have not read a word of the evidence, and I regard the subject as of too much importance to warrant action without knowledge. I have positively not expressed myself one way or the other to any man in or out of the senate."

It is reported this afternoon that the committee will endeavor to submit some sort of a report to the senate next week with the understanding that no action shall be taken by the senate this session.

OWEN GETTING MAD.

Unless the senators agree promptly to fire Senator Smoot out of the senate, without any further delay, they are likely to strain their relations with Charles Mostyn Owen. That gentleman is getting real angry and says very wicked words when he refers to senators who decline to see things through his spectacles. Mostyn keeps himself busy now in the endeavor to dig up flaws in records of postmasters in Utah and Idaho and it provokes him greatly to learn that his investigations are not regarded of any value by senators whom he regards as in his class. Unless there is a change in attitude of these recalcitrant lawmakers, Charles Mostyn may be compelled to sever his relations with Utah. He is still here but has drawn no fees from the senate contingent fund for several months and in all has had less than \$1,000 from that source.

WILL NAME UTAH COMMISSIONERS.

Governor Cutler Will Appoint Them to Attend Divorce Law Conference.

WILL BE HELD IN ST. PAUL.

Proposed Uniform Law for All the States—Question Now Agitating The Country.

Gov. John C. Cutler has received a letter from William H. Staake, chairman of the executive committee of the congress on uniform divorce laws, in which it is stated that much interest has been awakened in the question of general uniform state laws since the divorce convention was held on Feb. 24 last. It is stated that the next meeting of the commissioners will be held at St. Paul, Minn., in August next, preceding the meeting of the American Bar association on the 29th, 30th and 31st of that month.

ASKS FOR COMMISSIONERS.

The letter says: "It is desirable that every state in the Union should appoint commissioners on uniform state laws, who can participate in the annual conference of commissioners from the various states. If your state has not already appointed commissioners, we would respectfully urge that such appointment should be made. Thirty-three of the states and the District of Columbia have appointed commissioners. I enclose you a copy of the act recommended by the conference of commissioners authorizing the appointment of commissioners. Proper vision should be made for the payment of the expenses of the commissioners as well as for a moderate appropriation by each state to the treasury of the national conference of commissioners, to defray the annual expenditures of such conference."

May 1, on behalf of the officers of the executive committee of the conference of commissioners on uniform state laws, ask that you recommend to your state legislatures the passage of an act authorizing the appointment of commissioners, and that upon such passage, commissioners may be appointed to represent your state."

GOVERNOR WILL APPOINT.

When seen today, Gov. John C. Cutler said that he would appoint the commissioners, as requested by Chairman Staake. The act that has been recommended by the conference of commissioners, referred to in the letter, is as follows:

An act to establish a board of commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States.

Section 1. Within thirty days after the passage of this act, the governor shall appoint three suitable persons, and they and their successors are hereby constituted a "Board of commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States." Any vacancy in said board by resignation, death or however otherwise arising, shall be filled by the appointment by the governor of a suitable person.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of said board to examine the subjects of marriage and divorce, insolvency, and the execution and probate of wills and other subjects upon which uniformity of

OGDEN'S ENTERPRISE.

It is Shown in Clearing Away Ruins for New Business Blocks.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, May 23.—That that portion of Ogden burned out in Monday night's fire will speedily arise phoenix-like from the dust is evidenced by the fact that already the debris is being cleared away, preparatory to the immediate beginning of the construction of new buildings. A large force of men was put to work this morning, overhauling the ruins and preparing the brick to be used for interior purposes. Although the cheerfulness and energy displayed by the losers is noteworthy, they show no spirit of discouragement, but are proceeding at once to rebuild the portion of the city laid waste by the ravages of fire, and the structures that will be erected will be far superior to the ones destroyed.

LEGISLATION IN THE VARIOUS STATES.

legislation in the various states and territories of the union is desirable, but which are outside the jurisdiction of the Congress of the United States; to confer upon these matters with the commissioners appointed by other states and territories for the same purpose; to consider and draft uniform laws to be submitted for approval and adoption by the several states; and generally to devise and recommend such other or further course of action as shall accomplish the purposes of this act.

Sec. 3. The said board of commissioners shall keep a record of all its transactions, and shall at the session of the legislature, in each year, and may at any other time, make reports of its doings and of its recommendations, to the general assembly.

Sec. 4. No member of said board shall receive any compensation for his services, but each member shall be repaid from the state treasury, the amount of his actual traveling and other necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duty, after the account thereof has been audited by said board and by the state auditor; the said board shall keep a full account of its expenditures, and shall report it in each annual report.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

Cornerstone of a New One in New York Laid.

New York, May 23.—Draped in the flag which declared the neutrality of the American Red Cross on the battlefields of Cuba, the cornerstone of the new Red Cross hospital on Central Park west, between Ninety-ninth and One Hundredth streets, was laid yesterday by the president, Wm. T. Wardwell.

Mr. Wardwell, in speaking noted the fact that the hospital does not use alcohol in any form, and Archdeacon Geo. F. Nelson, who followed him, congratulated the institution on eliminating not only the beer ration which used to be a regular part of hospital diet, but all alcoholic ration.

It is expected that the new building, which is to be of white brick, faced with limestone, will be ready for occupancy in August. It will cost \$150,000, exclusive of the site, and all but \$50,000 of this amount has been raised.

GERMAN DISCOUNT LOWERED.

Berlin, May 23.—The rate of discount of the Bank of Germany was today reduced from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent.

WOULD AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Presbyterian General Assembly Wants a Sixteenth One Adopted.

FOR PROHIBITING POLYGAMY.

Adopts Resolution to This Effect and Orders Copy Sent to the President.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 23.—The following telegram was sent by the Presbyterian general assembly in session here to the Cumberland Presbyterian assembly in session at Decatur, Ill., today:

"Presbyterian general assembly in session at Des Moines sends sincere greetings. Read first Corinthians, first chapter, tenth verse. (Signed)—W. H. Roberts, stated clerk."

The passage referred to was:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

This reply was received from Decatur:

"With prayerful good will and brotherly love we acknowledge gratefully your greetings. Read First Corinthians, second chapter, sixteen and seventeen verses. (Signed) Ira Landrith, moderator."

The Scripture referred to in the reply follows:

"Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always; for the wrath is come upon them to the end; they that are unrepentant, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavor with great abundance to see your face with great desire."

This exchange of sentiments is taken here to indicate that before the adjournment of the assemblies union between the two churches will have been effected.

ANTI-POLYGAMY RESOLUTION.

The assembly today adopted the following anti-polygamy resolution:

"The assembly hereby its gratification and satisfaction in the proposed submission to the legislatures of the several states a new article, to be known as article 16 of the Constitution of the United States, prohibiting polygamy and polygamous cohabitation in the United States, and it reiterates its former counsel to all members of the church to exert their influence in their several localities to secure the ratification of such amendment if said joint resolution proposing said amendments be adopted by the senate and the house of representatives of Congress."

It was ordered that copies of the resolution be sent to the president of the United States and the presiding officers of the senate and house.

In striking contrast to this was the action of the assembly in turning down the resolution, offered yesterday, memorializing Congress against appropriations of public money for sectarian purposes.

J. D. Moffatt, chairman of the committee on bills and overtures, explained that the precedent was for the assembly to keep hands off of questions of civil legislation. The request

of the committee that negative action be taken was upheld by a small majority. The committee offered no plan for regulating the adoption of a memorial on polygamy which was unanimously adopted.

An effort was made to continue the discussion of the book of forms today, but after debate further consideration of the subject was put off until late this afternoon.

The assembly received and endorsed the recommendations of the board of foreign missions which included the following:

Resolution to membership of John Fox, D. D., of New York; W. R. Richards, D. D., of New York; Cleland D. McAfee, of Parkville, Mo.; Darwin R. James of Minneapolis; W. P. Stevenson of Chicago and Charles R. Edman, D. D., to succeed Robert Booth, deceased.

That board send secretary to South America.

That appropriations for 1907 be increased.

That Christmas and Easter collections in all churches.

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA.

Entire Business Portion of the Town Destroyed by Fire.

Seattle, Wash., May 23.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer tonight states that the entire business section of the town of Fairbanks, Alaska, was destroyed by a fire which started in the Fairbanks building, a three-story frame structure, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Details of the disaster are very meagre, but it is feared that the food supply of the town has been destroyed and great suffering may result.

Nothing was left standing in the section lying between water front and Third avenue and Stacey and Turner streets. The work of the fire fighters was centered on the block of warehouses owned by the Northern Commercial company, in order to protect the food supply of the town and the result is still in doubt.

The loss is estimated at a million dollars and it is announced that the heavier business interests of the town are already planning to rebuild. No lives were lost.

REFUSED TO GRANT AN INJUNCTION.

Judge Johns Would Not Restrain The Union of Presbyterian Churches.

THE CASE HAS NO PARALLEL.

Holds That Courts of Equity Will Not Pass on Doctrinal Matters.

Decatur, Ill., May 23.—Judge Johns today refused the application for an injunction to restrain the union of the Presbyterian churches. He said the case has no parallel in the jurisprudence of the United States. He treated the church as a voluntary organization, the acts of whose highest tribunal are binding on all members and will not be interfered with by the courts if the acts are fair and honest. He held that courts of equity will not pass on doctrinal matters, the decisions of ecclesiastical judicials being binding on civil courts as to matters of faith. The decision sets forth the various acts of the Cumberland general assembly and says:

"These actions of the assembly must be held to be a determination of its right and power."

As to doctrine, the court held that "whether the doctrines of the Cumberland and Presbyterian church are widely variant from those of the Presbyterian church is an ecclesiastical question solely, upon which, having been decided by an ecclesiastical judicial, the civil court is powerless to inquire."

The decision adds:

"No court has ever enjoined an ecclesiastical body from considering what action it should take. This application is without precedent."

A LYNCHING AVOIDED.

Wichita, Kas., May 23.—To avoid a possible lynching, three negroes, "Bud" Gibbs, Leonard King and Peter Dunn, were hastily removed from the police station this afternoon and placed under a strong guard in the county jail. The negroes were arrested at noon on the charge of probably mortally beating and robbing William Sutton, a prominent grocer, of \$245 Saturday night. King confessed to Chief of Police Cubbon, implicating one negro not yet arrested. Threats of violence are heard all over the city and trouble is feared tonight.

OUTLOOK IN RUSSIA NOT ENCOURAGING

Milukoff Despondent Over Prospect of Staying Tide of Revolution.

HE BLAMES THE GOVERNMENT

Fears it Will Not Grant Full Constitutional Regime to Calm People's Passions.

Constitutional Democrats Will Try to Place Country on a Solid Constitutional Basis.

St. Petersburg, May 23.—Prof. Milukoff, the spokesman of the Constitutional Democrats, according to a thoughtful article published by him in the Rech today, is rather despondent over the prospect of staying the tide of revolution in the country. He bases his pessimism upon the conviction that the government will not yield a full constitutional regime with which he says it is still possible to calm the passions of the people. He regards Premier Goremykin and his cabinet as mere puppets, doing the bidding of the powerful influences at court, and believes that Emperor Nicholas is destined to throw away the opportunity, as Louis XVI did, of transferring the country to a peaceful, parliamentary regime. This the professor considers to be the government's last chance, and that a refusal to do so will cut the ground from under the Constitutional Democrats and strengthen the revolutionary elements, which are preaching that parliamentaryism is an illusion, and make anarchy and a bloody revolution inevitable. Nevertheless, the Constitutional Democrats will persevere in their attempt to place the country on a solid, constitutional basis, and if they fail and disaster follows the responsibility will not be upon their shoulders.

The central committee of the Constitutional Democrats has completed the drafts of the laws to be introduced in parliament, including universal suffrage, irrespective of sex, and equal rights for all citizens; laws guaranteeing immunity of the person and inviolability of domicile without due process of law, providing also the guarantee of habeas corpus and specifically excluding all exceptions.

While no party at court favors a complete surrender to the demands of the lower house of parliament, the Trepoff cabinet, which secretly favors a dissolution of parliament, is not strong enough for the moment to seriously urge such a course. The emperor continues well disposed, and is supported not only by many nobles at the court, but by other big landed proprietors throughout the country, who now seem fully convinced that unless the peasants can be manacled to the nobles, the compromise on the land question, a revolt of the peasants against the nobles will be aroused, which will ruin the latter, as the peasants will forcibly seize their property to the accompaniment of horrors and excesses.

The provincial papers are filled with advertisements offering estates for sale, inserted by property owners who are despairing of saving their property, and ready to accept what they can get and flee from the country.

CHINESE MINISTER VISITS S. F. BURNED DISTRICTS.

San Francisco, May 23.—The Chinese minister from Washington, Chen Tung Liang Cheng, escorted by Mayor Mott of Oakland, came to this city and called on Mayor Schmitz at the Century club yesterday afternoon. The visit was brief and after the exchanging of a few compliments the oriental diplomat was taken for an automobile tour of the burned and unburned districts of the city, to the temporary Chinese quarter near the presidio, and to Hunter's point, that he might view the site where it has been proposed to locate the new Chinatown. He had little to say on this proposition. In conversation with Mayor Mott, ex-Major Phelan, A. Ruef and President Wheeler of the University of California, who were of the party, the minister said that he wished his people would be content to scatter about the city, but he had no idea that they would be willing to live other than together. As to their moving back to the old Chinese quarter, that was something on which he could give no expression.

He remarked that there were 40 Chinese merchants who owned the ground on which their former buildings stood, and he supposed if they chose to rebuild and move into the new structures that they would have the right to do so.