EVENING NEWS.

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A MODERN BURNING BUSH.

A SINGULAR story is told by a Cleveland, Ohio, paper of a mysterious flame said to have appeared on several occasions, to the serious annoyance, alarm and expense of a man named John Bush, who came to that city several months ago, from Amherst, where he had resided for thirteen years, and had been a switchman on the Lake Shore railroad. While there his house was destroyed by fire, as he then supposed through a defective flue, but subsequent occurrences have led him to think otherwise.

On the 18th ult. the first appearance of the mysterious fire that troubles him was seen in his residence on Lincoln Avenue, Cleveland. "Some clothes, a coat, vest and dress, which hung upon the wall, suddenly began to smoke, sending forth a peculiar sickening smell. This was followed in a moment by a dark blue blaze that leaped hungrily over the garments and almost consumed them before the fire was extinguished by the astonished Bush. His wife said that matches in his pocket had ignited, but he was positive there were no matches there. On the following day he went to work as usual, and when he came home was met by his wife, who was frantic with fear. During his absence the fire had appeared seven different times. In the first instance the bed upon which one of the children lay sleeping took fire, reappearing twice after it had been put out. Being of a superstitious nature she feared that some evil spirit hung over them and craved for the life of the youngest child. To appease the wrath of the unknown, whatever it was, she went out in the fields and cast to the winds all the money they had, some $30. All but $10 of this was afterwards found. The father decided to stay at home the following day and watch, calling in a friend to do the same.

By this time the mystery was being noised about somewhat and everybody that came in decided that the children had been playing with matches. There seemed no other explanation, but the youngest stoutly denied this feature of the case. Dr. J. B. McGee, living near, was called in to make an examination. He thought at first that it was an ignition of phosphorous, but on hearing the story in detail gave the solution up. Bush made up his mind to quit the place and move to a house on Lussenden Avenue, hoping thereby to shake off the mystery. On Friday the 23d the fire once more appeared, burning the straw in one of the beds. The straw in a barrel that stood on the shed was also burned in the same manner on Saturday, together with several coats that hung on the wall. The family by this time had nearly become crazy. Many of their household goods and clothes had been destroyed, and some of the neighbors, filled with sympathy, came in and endeavored to console them and pacify their fears as best they could."

But the fire does not appear to have been exclusively devoted to burning up the Bush property. On the following Sunday a lady named Foland called in to converse with and, if possible aid the Bushes. She took off her hat and laid it upon the table, where it had not remained five minutes when a large feather upon it was touched by the strange flame and nearly consumed. A *Leader* reporter called upon Mrs. Foland herself, who fully corroborated this statement and exhibited the hat as proof.

On Monday the fire appeared twice, each time destroying some clothes. Yesterday morning a child's dress that hung on a peg near the door, smoked, blazed for a minute or two and fell to the floor. These singular occurrences have been witnessed by neighbors, who came into watch out of curiosity, and there is no one living on the street but believes everything that has been told.

The reporter selected one man from the crowd that stood about while Bush was making his statement. He appeared intelligent and ready to tell all he knew. Bush's story he pronounced true in every particular. He had himself seen a coat burn in the mysterious manner described, but, like the rest, could offer no explanation whatever.

The *Leader* considers that there is no reason to doubt the story told by Bush and others in relation to this singular manifestation. The victim of the fire says he knows of nothing that he has done which renders him worthy of such affliction, and is satisfied that the flame is of supernatural origin.

We do not pretend to offer any explanation of this alleged phenomenon, to vouch for its truth or to dispute its existence, but merely give the particulars as they are said to have occurred, leaving our readers to form their own conclusions as to the facts, the cause and the outcome of this latter-day development of the flame and the Bush.

THE UTAH EASTERN.

THE public have not heard much lately about the Utah Eastern Railroad. It was supposed by many that the one man power, represented by Governor Emery, had put a quietus on the enterprise, in the shape of an absolute veto on the bill which passed the Legislature, authorizing certain counties to take stock in the projected road. But this was a great mistake. The Utah Eastern is not dead nor even sleeping.

The necessity of some method of pulling down the price of coal to reasonable figures is so urgent, that the building of an independent railroad to the Coalville mines cannot remain a lifeless issue. While coal exists in immense quanties within so short a distance from this city it seems to all live, practical minds, the height of folly that the fuel interest of this region should be monopolized by one corporation, and that too not really identified with the progress of the Territory except so far as its personal profit is concerned. Arrangements have been progressing quietly for the pushing forward of the railroad project and now, we are informed, they have reached a point where practical measures can be inaugurated for the building of the road.

The management of the concern will be so arranged that the stockholders here can pool their stock, to be held by trustees, so that the body of the people will hold the controlling interest in the road, not to be sold to outside parties. The rest of the stock will be open to outside purchasers, but the heaviest portion will be retained under the management we have mentioned, so that it cannot pass into the hands of the monopoly which now has the coal business in its grasp.

We have no disposition to rail against the great corporation on which we have been dependent for some time for coal for domestic and manufacturing purposes. It has the right to look out for its own interest. So have the people to look out for theirs, and the only way to reach anything like independence of its dictum is to open the door of competition. This the Utah Eastern Company proposes to do and to begin at once, and the public will bid its efforts God-speed. We shall be pleased to report progress as the good work goes on.

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Excellent Condition of Foreign Crops.

NEW YORK, 6. — The *Bulletin's* Liverpool correspondent says: All reports from Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Spain, Italy, Hungary and Algeria, represent the crop prospect excellent and early indications favor at least average crops of grain. At present, therefore, we have every prospect of cheap bread at an early day all the world over, which will prove to be one of the best possible means of confining the recovered trade of this country and of helping recuperation that is asserting itself against so many difficulties in European countries. It is quite possible that the sudden cheapening of breadstuff may involve that particular branch of trade in serious difficulties but beyond that it can only be productive of immense advantage the world over.

Water Proof Goods.

A trial was made here yesterday of a newly discovered process of making cloths, silks and even bonnet trimmings and kid gloves water repellant. The goods are immersed in a solution of certain hydrano carbon gums, and dried in high temperature without affecting the color or lustre of the most delicate fabrics. The exhibition was made yesterday before a number of the most prominent citizens. The goods so treated were drenched with water, without making them damp or limp.

One Consolation.

The *Herald* says: The celestials in Mott Street may be consoled with the thought that other people have suffered in the same way, and that were their habits a hundred times worse than they are, they will find plenty of landlords in better neighborhoods ready to receive them so long as they pay rent promptly.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

Samuel W. Canfield, president, and Richard W. Eals, secretary of the defunct Rockland Savings bank, have been arrested in a civil suit to recover $38,000, the amount charged that they embezzled.

Immense Oil Fire.

BRADFORD, Pa., 6.—In torpedoing the well of the Oakshade Oil Company this afternoon, the well flowed and took fire. The dry condition of the woods caused the flames to spread rapidly among other oil property, and at present writing a great fire is raging among the wells of the Oakshade company and the McCalmot Oil Company, near the summit on the Kendall and Eldred Railway.

Later—Reports say three distinct fires are now in the woods among wells at different points.

An unauthenticated report says: In a premature explosion of a torpedo near Rew City, three men were seriously, if not fatally burned. The fires now raging at Caver Wells threaten several villages besides a large amount of oil property. The excitement is very high in this city.

Kew City, a village ten miles from Bradford, is composed of about 100 houses, and is entirely burned, not one building remaining. The extent of Territory being so great it is impossible to get the exact amount of property destroyed. The fire is now all under control. It is estimated that 300 derricks and great quantities of oil have been consumed. The loss will reach $300,000, with no insurance, except a small amount on buildings in Kew City. The report of several men being injured by a glycerine explosion is unfounded.

A Convict Kills his Keeper.

ELMIRA, N. Y., 6.—This Morning while McKelvey, chief keeper of the Reformatory Institution, was endeavoring to punish an insubordinate convict named Edward Symonds, from New York, Symonds suddenly turned upon McKelvey and plunged a sharply pointed case knife into his stomach. KcKelvey reeled from the cell into the corridor and fell dead. Symonds then handed the knife to the assistant keeper and was locked up in a dark cell. McKelvey was from Detroit and an old officer of the Michigan State prison. He leaves a wife and three children.

Poor Tobacco Prospects.

PETERSBURG, Va., 6.—Intelligence from different sections report a greater scarcity of tobacco plants than has been known in a number of years, those growing being so rapidly destroyed by the tobacco fly. Farmers are so discouraged that in many instances ground prepared for tobacco is being planted with corn and peas. It is thought not more than one-fourth the usual crop of tobacco will be raised this year.

Iron Reduction.

EITTSBURG, 6.—Relative to the reduction card rate of iron to 2¼ cents, iron masters state that it was an absolute necessity by reason of reports submitted at a meeting that stores in Cleveland and Chicago were selling at that figure, and manufacturers here were dumbfounded at such reports, and said it was easily to be understood why no orders were received here with a card rate at 3 2-10 cents per pound; therefore, reduction was ordered.

Suicide!

BOSTON, 6.—Isaac Houghton, aged 50, cashier of the Custom House, committed suicide by hanging himself at a boarding house in this city on Tuesday night. His body was discovered by his wife, who returned from Worcester to-night. He was a popular officer and recently has been promoted for efficient service. It s believed his suicide was caused by despondency bordering upon insanity.

Distillery Fire.

ST. LOUIS, 6.—The explosion of a copper still in the third story of Thresher & Co's distillery, at the foot of Spring Street this p. m., set fire to the building and was entirely destroyed, involving a loss of $80,000; insurance $35,000. Fred Schreiber, one of the employees, was burned to death, and it is said another man is missing.

Suspected Forger Arrested.

General B. A. Morton, president of the National Liberal League, was arrested here to-day charged with having forged the name of Governor John M. Palmer, of Ills., to a check for two hundred dollars on a bank in Joplin, Mo., about a year ago, upon which he got the money. Several hundred dollars in money, jewelry of great value, said to belong to his wife, railroad passes on a large number of roads, dies, stamps, different kinds of pens, were found on his person, or among his effects when arrested. Morton is arrested at the instance of Jno. B. Sargant, cashier of the bank upon which the forged check was drawn, who recognized him in a railroad office here. Morton claims it is a case of mistaken identity.

Cheaper Mails for the Australian Colonies.

WASHINGTON, 7.—During the debate in the House yesterday on the Star service, Horace Davis submitted an amendment authorizing the Postmaster General to remit in favor of the colonies of New Zealand and New South Wales so much of the cost of overland transportation of the Australian closed mails as he may deem just. He hoped that the House would adopt the amendment as an act of justice to the Australian colonies. We had established a line of monthly steamers consisting of American vessels, sailing under the American flag, at an annual expense of $500,000, and they carried all the United States mails through the Pacific Ocean except the Chinese mail, and charged nothing for that service. In return for that this great country charged those colonies for their closed mails through this country. It was not consistent for the United States to allow those colonies to pay an enormous subsidy and carry its mail for nothing and then charge them for the transit of their mails. Last year the people of New Zealand and New South Wales, had bought over $7,000,000 worth of American products, not only from California, but from Boston and New York and the east. The British government was anxious to break up that mail service, and for that purpose had given treble facilities for carrying the mails by the Red Sea and around the Cape of Good Hope.

He therefore asked the House as a matter of generosity, of justice, and of business prudence to adopt the amendment. The amendment was agreed to.

Volcano and Earthquake.

Advices from the City of Mexico on the 3d state that the volcano at Colima continues in active eruption. The town of Larella, at the foot of the volcano, is reported sinking and the inhabitants are panic stricken, and abandoning their homes.

A heavy earthquake was felt at Flactula, yesterday, passing from north to south.

Squatters in Indian Territory.

A *Republican* special from Reno, Indian territory, says: Squatters have entered the northern and eastern parts of the territory, and that two detachments of troops have been sent to drive them out with instructions that if the invaders do not leave speedily to confiscate their property.

Appropriation Bills.

The sub-committee of the appropriation committee have completed the sundry civil bill, and will report it to the full committee on Monday. It appropriates $16,211,283 considerably under the estimates. The sundry civil and general deficiency bills are well in hand and may be reported to the House within 10 days.

Big Conflagrations.

NEW YORK, 7.—At one this morning a tremendous fire occurred in Jersey City, and is still beyond the control of the firemen. It is located at the property of the Central Railway of New Jersey, and is out of the way for firemen. Though the night was clear the heavens were grandly lighted up. Though the buildings thereabouts are mainly of wood the loss must be great, as they comprise oil works, abattoirs, ferry and station houses, dockyards, etc. Shortly before three another large fire occurred near the railway terminus and still burns furiously.

A fire broke at Communipaw, New Jersey, about 1.30 this morning and is still burning furiously, the conflagration is extensive and the loss no doubt will be very heavy but no particulars can be obtained yet.

Sherman Courts Investigation.

The *Tribune's* Washington correspondent interviewed Secretary Sherman, who said he had nothing to say touching the *Times'* recent publication further than that he was willing and anxious for all the world to know the full details.

Cuban Conspiracy.

The *Herald's* Madrid special says: A very great sensation has been created in political circles here by the receipt to-day of two telegrams from the Governor-General of Cuba, stating that a conspiracy has been discovered in one of the central provinces of the Island. The dispatches also further announce that the troops were immediately called into requisition, and that already 42 of the principal promoters of the intended movement have been arrested. Some of them are Creoles of prominence and position. They will be immediately tried by court martial.

The Great Uncertainty.

The *Herald*, which is supposed to be neutral and independent, says of the conventions: The democratic conventions foreshadow nothing, and the republican conventions leave it still a debateable question whether the ex-President or Blaine will be the stronger candidate in Chicago.

Contrary to Unit Rule.

The *Tribune* argues strongly against the unit rule and points to the position taken on that question by all the conventions.

Shaw's Collection.

The *World* publishes the adventures of Mr. Shaw, of San Francisco, whose library was recently purchased by Jay Gould. Shaw is reported as saying, When I started from San Francisco for a tour around the world, I intended returning there in a few years to build a large house and establish it. All the art collection was made with the intention of finally giving them to California. Wherever I traveled I bought characteristic objects to the extent of my means. My property was chiefly in real estate in San Francisco. After I got home, with Kearneyism and other disturbances, it so depreciated in value that I felt embarrassed and finally concluded that I must sell my books and paintings. I had hoped they would still remain in California, but I found few persons there who appreciated their worth and I brought them to New York. The boxes are being opened and the articles arranged now for exhibition about the middle of May, when I suppose everything will be sold. I had hoped to be able one of these days to found with my collection a gallery and art museum for Californ-

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