

ROASTED TO DEATH IN THEIR STALLS

SEVENTEEN HORSES AND MULES WERE BURNED TO DEATH EARLY THIS MORNING.

STABLE OF THE PADUCAH TRANSFER COMPANY DESTROYED

Horrible Scenes Witnessed as the Flames Licked Up the New Frame Building Near the Corner of Second and Monroe—The Loss Estimated at Ten Thousand Dollars

Seventeen horses and mules were burned to death and a property loss of \$10,000 was sustained by the burning of the stable and office of the Paducah Transfer Company this morning. This fire forms one of a series of disastrous fires in Paducah recently. The transfer stable was discovered ablaze at 4:30 o'clock this morning. It was the new headquarters for the company and was well fitted up. It was situated on North Second street, adjoining the Western District warehouse No. 1, at Second and Monroe. The flames were discovered in the rear of the stable by the stableman, having apparently originated in the hay. An alarm was turned in, and both departments responded and fought the flames for two hours or more, before they were completely subdued. A large crowd assembled near the burning building, and a horrible scene was visible. The horses and mules, about fifteen in number, would not leave the burning building, and could be seen as they slowly roasted to death in their stalls, swelling and bursting as the flames finally hid them from view. Only six animals were saved out of about twenty-three. The stable was a new frame structure, and had been completed and occupied but about three months and a half. Messrs. Will and Bob Noble owned the place, being at the head of the company. It required hard fighting to prevent the flames spreading. There was a strong wind, but fortunately it was blowing towards the river, or the big warehouse and other buildings in the vicinity might have gone up in smoke also. When Eugene Bush, the stableman, was preparing to feed, he saw the smoke issuing from the rear of the stable, and at once gave the alarm. The entire loft of the building was packed with hay and corn, as was the northern portion of the shed. Mr. T. J. Laurie, the bookkeeper, was unable to estimate the loss on feed. He had all the papers last night, preparing to make an inventory of the stable's contents, in order

HE WAS DISAPPOINTED.

Evangelist Sam Small's Experience as An Army Chaplain.

By Telegraph to The Sun. NAYANAR, Ga., Dec. 30.—Rev. Sam Small, chaplain of the Third Engineers, U. S. A., is in the city. One of the first things he did was to give out an interesting interview. Among other things he said: "The chaplains are a sort of sop to the church sentiment without such substance in them. They just take a minister and put a uniform on him, with a silver cross on the shoulder, pay him \$200 a month and turn him loose on 1,200 men without any of the implements of the spiritual warfare to fight with. I've been disappointed. When I get out I am going to suggest that they do away with the chaplains. I suppose there may be a howl, but it is better to raise the issue and have the whole system revised. When we got down to Cuba I'll wager most of the men would rather go to a cock fight or a bull ring than attend services. To tell the truth, I am beginning to think there is a heap of baldpate about what the chaplains do accomplish outside of meeting the sentiment that calls for their presence with every body of troops."

HE SHOT FIVE FILIPINOS

Insurgent Commander Killing With Strong Hand in Iloilo.

By Telegraph to The Sun. MANILA, Dec. 30.—The expedition under Gen. Miller arrived at Iloilo Tuesday and found that the Spaniards had evacuated the place on Saturday. The rebels entered the city and trenches on Monday at noon. They immediately established a municipal government. Guards were placed over foreign property. Everything is quiet and orderly. There was some looting during the night, but five natives were shot and this had an exemplary effect. A new Filipino cabinet has been formed, the personnel of which is as follows: President of the Cabinet and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Mabini; Minister of War, Senor Luna; Minister of the Interior, Senor Arana; Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, Senor Buencamino; Minister of Public Works, Senor Canon. His Services are Required in the Philippines.

DR. RIVERS IS VICTORIOUS

WAS ELECTED CITY PHYSICIAN BY THE COUNCIL.

Aldermen Change Their Minds in Regard to Assistant Engineer—Brief Session.

The fight for the office of city physician ended last night by the election of Dr. H. T. Rivers, incumbent, whose only opponent was Dr. M. G. Milan. Three of the councilmen, Messrs. Clark, Robertson and Smith, were absent, and Dr. Rivers received six of the nine remaining votes. The council meeting was not lengthy. The improvement of the city between Sixth and Seventh streets, was referred to a committee. The matter of employing an assistant engineer by the month was discussed at some length. The mayor and city engineer were instructed to employ an assistant each month when one is necessary. The services of an assistant were dispensed with at the last regular meeting of the council. The matter of allowing a city official to give a guarantee company bond was discussed, but no action was taken. The appointment of Mr. W. T. Byrd as deputy assessor, made by Assessor J. V. Grof, was ratified. The improvement of Eleventh street from Madison to Trimble, was referred to the mayor, city attorney and engineer and street committee. Drs. Rivers and Milan were nominated for city physician, and Dr. Rivers received six votes, being elected. The council then adjourned.

TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

Six Regiments Chosen by the War Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—It is said at the war department that no change in plans as to the mustering out of troops will be made as a result of the threatening outlook in the Philippines. The secretary of war has made such progress in designating the volunteer regiments to be mustered out, but no announcements will be made until the list is completed. It is believed, however, that the list will include the Thirty-first Michigan, now at Knoxville; the Second Tennessee, at Columbus, Ga.; the Third Tennessee, at Ansonia; the Third North Carolina, colored, at Macon; the Sixth Virginia, colored, at Macon; and the First West Virginia at Columbus, Ga. These regiments would constitute a good part of the volunteer to be mustered out, for the entire number will not run very high owing to the purpose to first muster out the volunteers at Manila and reduce the regulars down to the number contemplated by law when the war closed.

GEN. LAWTON'S ASSIGNMENT

His Services are Required in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The war department has issued orders assigning Maj. Gen. Lawton to service in the Philippines. This assignment is considered one of exceptional importance, as General Lawton, who was one of the most conspicuous officers in the campaign against Gen. Quesada, and in the event of Gen. Quesada's appointment as governor general of the islands, will assume military command of the forces in the Philippines. His new duty will require a combination of vigor and tact. Gen. Lawton recently has been in command of the camp at Huntville.

TO SUCCEED HITCHCOCK.

Ex-Gov. Merriam Will Be Ambassador to Russia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Ex-Gov. Merriam, of Minnesota, is said to be slated to succeed Secretary Hitchcock as ambassador to Russia. Mr. Merriam's friends assert with every indication of assurance that the incident is closed between the president and the former governor, and his name is expected to go to the senate room after the holidays. Elected to Tennessee. Mr. Otto Anderson, of Murray, and Miss Ruth Brown, of the city, went to Paducah, Tenn., yesterday afternoon and were united in marriage. They will reside in Murray.

HE HAS HAD HIS DAY FOR A HOME RULE

TRUCKS USING COMPRESSED AIR IN HORSE'S PLACE. PRESIDENT M'KINLEY AND THE FILIPINOS.

PLANS FOR THE GOVERNMENT

A Desire to Allow a Measure of Freedom to the Inhabitants of the Islands.

By Telegraph to The Sun. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The New York Auto-Truck Co., with a capital of \$1,000,000, has been incorporated. With this capital it is proposed to place auto-trucks, operated by compressed air, in the streets of the city. At present the only persons whose names are made public in connection with this scheme are James E. Hoadley and Henry E. Knight. Mr. Hoadley is president of the compressed air power company. Mr. Hoadley and Mr. Knight combined their interests in compressed air motors some years ago and William C. Whitney became interested in their company. Joseph Leiter recently acquired a controlling interest in the foreign rights of the Hoadley-Knight patents. In an interview Mr. Leiter spoke guardedly of his plans for placing automobiles in London and other foreign cities, but said that it was merely a matter of time when all great cities would be compelled to adopt some form of motor in place of horses.

Mr. Hoadley declined to state whether the capitalists back of the New York Auto-Truck Co. were Mr. Leiter and Mr. Whitney or tell who they were. He said that the organization of the company is not yet completed and that until it is the names of its officers or directors would not be made public. Of the plans of the company he also spoke guardedly. "We have built auto-trucks," he said, "and used them at our works in Massachusetts. We can haul a load of eight tons 25 miles without replenishing the air. It is easier for our trucks to move eight tons than for three horses to haul six tons on an ordinary street. On wet asphalt horses are almost helpless, and with the substitution of asphalt for paving stones the horse must go from a sanitary standpoint and in the matter of cleanliness it would make a great difference in the city if the 150,000 or 160,000 horses in the streets were done away with. Our trucks will take up less room and will move much faster than an ordinary team, and they are under such perfect control that there is less danger to life and limb than with horses. "Electricity cannot be used for trucks designed to carry heavy loads, owing to the weight of the storage batteries that would be required. It does very well for cabs and light delivery wagons, but trucking is another matter. If we had had our trucks in the city when the last snow storm fell we could have removed it in 72 hours at the outside. An attempt is to be made to abolish the principal trucking interests in the city, and so gradually replace horse drays with auto-trucks without antagonizing the present owners. The plan proposed is similar to that followed in organizing trusts. Separate interests are to be purchased and truck drivers are to become partners. If this plan does not work there will be a fight between the old methods and the new."

By Telegraph to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The president's plan for a government in the Philippine islands is the same that he has for Cuba—a liberal allowance of home rule if he can find competent natives to administer affairs—the finances, the commerce, the customs, the schools, public works and the general direction of the islands. The tariff will be left to the hands of American experience. It will be arranged to produce a sufficient amount to maintain the government and schools and to provide for a general system of public works which will aid in the development of the wealth and commerce of the country. The military forces are to be a mixture of Americans and natives under the command of American officers until the natives can be properly educated to fill the places. The military forces will be 10,000 in the United States, but so far as possible the substitutes will be Filipinos.

By Telegraph to The Sun. MADRID, Dec. 30.—Senor Sagasta, who has been suffering from pneumonia, is much better today, and is now considered out of danger. Senor Emilio Castelar, the Republican orator and statesman, who was confined to his room for some days with serious pulmonary attacks, is improving.

SAGASTA OUT OF DANGER

Senor Castelar Also on the Road to Recovery.

By Telegraph to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Senor Romero, ambassador from Mexico, died here this morning. An operation for appendicitis was the indirect cause of his death. He was well liked by American statesmen and popular with all foreign diplomats.

IN AMERICAN MONEY

Customs Duties in Havana Must Be Paid.

By Telegraph to The Sun. HAVANA, Dec. 30.—Col. Bliss, collector of customs, has given notice to the merchants that customs duties must be paid in American money. Col. Bliss tonight submitted to Gen. Brooke his plan for the administration of the custom house. Preference will be given to Cubans, but at the beginning all the employees will not be changed. The inspectors will be the foreign consuls will meet today to take action made necessary by the transfer of sovereignty.

TOOK ANOTHER ROUTE

Kinney Tilley Threatened Suicide but Got Married Instead.

Kinney Tilley, packer at Veal & Allison's tobacco warehouse, went into Mr. L. A. Lagomarcino's saloon night before last and after taking a drink asked for a pen and ink and a sheet of paper. He was given the paper and a lead pencil, and wrote in an almost illegible hand a few words, saying that he was going to commit suicide by jumping into the river. He left and had not been seen since about the warehouse until this morning when Mr. Allison went out to look for him. Finally his search was rewarded, and he found to his relief that Mr. Tilley, instead of jumping into the river, had last night married Mrs. Minnie Moore, of South Second street, Justice Little officiating.

GOT A FORTUNE.

Wells-Fargo Express Company Robbed.

By Telegraph to The Sun. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30.—It is reported that the local office of the Wells-Fargo company suffered a big loss by robbery on yesterday afternoon. It is said that \$60,000 in currency and \$600 in gold is missing. The driver of the delivery wagon, who was entrusted with delivering the money to local firms, is missing. His horse and wagon were found last evening in the outskirts of the city in the brush.

SHOULD HAVE YOUR PATRONS FOR THREE REASONS...

Mr. Gilbane Enroute South. Assistant General Superintendent Gilbane, of the Illinois, who left with an inspection party yesterday for Louisville, returned last night and left on a south-bound special this morning.

HOUSEKEEPERS' PRESENTS SWEETHEARTS' PRESENTS

All can be found, and SERVICEABLE ONES, at WHOLESALE prices THIS WEEK at the mammoth store of The Paducah Furniture Manufacturing Co. 114 and 116 South Third Street. This Rocker at \$3.00 largest size. Everything Furniture.

BETTER THAN IMPORTED

Three for 25c And 10c straight. La Afamada Havana

GOLD FISH

We have just received the finest and healthiest lot of gold fish ever brought to Paducah. Select plain fish, 15c to 50c; select fan tails, 50c to \$1.50.

J. D. BACON PHARMACIST Seventh and Jackson. Phone 237.

Great Bargains

AT THE STORE OF Adkins, the Shoe Man, This Week

On Jan. 1 We will remove to 309 BROADWAY the building that L. Marks & Bro. recently occupied, and will open a first-class shoe store. Will carry everything in fine footwear.

ADKINS, The Shoe Man, 317 Broadway

Pre-Inventory Discount Sale

We are getting ready to take stock, and before doing so will try to get rid of as much clothing as possible. In order to do so we make you the liberal offer as below. POSITIVELY NO GOODS CHARGED AT CUT PRICES.

25 Per Cent. Off For Cash On all our Men's and Boys' Suits That Sold Above \$10

20 Per Cent. Off For Cash On all our Men's and Boys' Suits That Sold Under \$10

ABSOLUTELY NO STOCK RESERVED—BLACKS AND BLUES INCLUDED IN SALE. Please don't ask to have goods charged at cut prices, as under such circumstances will anything be booked except at regular prices.

B. WEILLE & SON

409-411 BROADWAY Your Money Back Here if You Can Buy the Same Goods Cheaper Elsewhere LEADERS IN EVERYTHING

BARRY & HENNEBERGER

Crabtree COAL Deanefield Screened Lump, Ec; Egg, 8c; Nut, 7c; All sizes Anthracite, \$7.50 per ton. Clippings, 1c per bundle. We will take care of our customers, so send us your orders, S'OT CASH. TELEPHONE 70

Dalton, The Tailor.

FOURTH AND BROADWAY OVER M'PHERSON'S DRUG STORE FIRST... He guarantees a perfect fit. SECOND... He does all his work with home labor. THIRD... He will sell you a suit of clothes made to order. As cheap as you can buy a custom-made

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