

FIRE DAMAGES GRIFFIN STOCK

Blaze in Grocery Establishment Causes Considerable Loss

Fire in the building occupied by the Griffin Grocery company at an early hour this morning caused damage to the stock, estimated by the owners at between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

The flames were discovered by a Western Union messenger boy, and but for the prompt alarm and ready response of the fire department a conflagration which would have threatened many valuable buildings on Polk street would have resulted.

The exact origin of the blaze could not be determined up to a late hour.

COMMISSIONER SCALES RETURNS FROM EL PASO

United States Commissioner Rollo H. Scales returned Sunday from El Paso, where he went in company with J. M. North, Sr., on official business. Mr. Scales states that the Border City is active, and fully in the spirit of the holiday season. He reports that the holiday travel is heavy on the railroads, and that a general atmosphere of prosperity and goodwill is prevailing throughout the country.

Deputy Marshal North proceeds to his home in Fort Worth, having come here almost a week ago, having in charge a man who is alleged to have violated a federal law.

WIFE OF COUNTY FARM SUPERINTENDENT ILL

Mrs. J. J. Clark, wife of the county farm superintendent, is quite ill at the family home west of the city from effects of pneumonia. Mrs. Clark has been ill four days, but during that short time, the disease has made rapid progress, and the family and friends are apprehensive as to the outcome of the attack.

Everything possible is being done for the alleviation of Mrs. Clark. Physicians and other attendants are active, and despite the short duration of her illness friends from the city have visited to make inquiry.

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BOYS MAKE SPREAD OF OLD TROUSERS

One of the many presents received by the Day Nursery, and perhaps the most unique of the lot was a comfort made of the cast-off trousers of the Sunday school class at Park's chapel, southwest of the city. This bed cover was not only made of the trousers of the little men of the class, but was made by them. The boys under instructions from their mothers sewed the pieces together and, basting the batting on a blanket, "tacked" the quilt themselves.

When the cover was thus finished it was put up and duly labeled to Mrs. Jennie C. Young, special agent for the United Charities. Mrs. Young was so pleased with the spirit prompting this gift that she caused it to be displayed to all visitors at the home. She will make formal return of thanks to the class as a whole, after the holiday rush shall have passed.

REV. WORSHAM LEAVES FOR CHRISTMAS HUNT

Rev. and Mrs. Milton R. Worsham, accompanied by their little daughter, Miss Ethel Worsham, left yesterday evening for a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Don Linticum at Farwell. Rev. Worsham will become a member of a hunting party at the Linticum, while his wife will be the guest of honor at a number of holiday functions arranged by Mrs. Linticum and friends.

It is stated that Rev. and Mrs. Worsham will be absent from the city until Thursday or Friday of the present week.

Lightning Kills Few

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madden, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at Amarillo Drug Store.

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McVEY WINNER OVER LANGFORD
Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 25.
—In a fight here today between Sam McVey and Sam Langford, both American heavyweight pugilists, McVey was declared winner on points.

GOVERNMENT TO OWN OR CONTROL

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to regulate railroads and to enforce equal use of their facilities by all the people is just as imperative as though the ownership of the railroads was in the government.

"It is regarded as settled, therefore, that the large shippers must not be favored over the small shipper, that communities may not suffer from discrimination in rates, that schedules may be examined by the government, that rebating and other evil practices shall be punished and that unfair rates may be changed.

"The power to change rates has been given by congress to an administrative tribunal. The railroads and the public are inter-dependent and it is the function of this tribunal to determine the right of all controversies. The shipper is not always the underdog, so to speak.

Evil of Competition.

"It is my observation," continues Judge Knapp, "that most of the evils of which complaint has been made are the outgrowth of the competitive system. It is my deliberate opinion that railroads should be permitted by law to associate for the purpose of making reasonable uniform rates and for the abolition of destructive competition.

"Our whole future depends on the solution of these problems of interstate commerce. If we are to go forward, the revenues of the railroads should be sufficient to pay such a return upon honest investment that capital may be attracted for the construction and extension of railways and the development of regions that await us. It may surprise you to know that in the old state of Maine there is a territory larger than the whole state of Massachusetts which has not one mile of railroad.

"Our methods of dealing with the railroads are still in the experimental stage. I see serious danger in the present condition. Congress is con-

stantly agitated. So are the legislatures of all the states. There is the menace of stubborn conflict between the railroads and their two million organized employes. Finally there is the menace of railroad influence. If the regulation which is now sought to be enforced shall be found inadequate, government ownership of the railroads is the only alternative."

Regulation or Ownership.

At the present time, Judge Knapp states, the problem of the "hour" is that the revenues of the railroads should be large enough to pay all employes wages which will make for national progress. The fundamental social problem confronting this country he declares, is the more equitable distribution of wealth. Likewise, he argues, there should be an increase in the revenue of the railroads that there shall be a betterment of existing lines without the need of increased capitalization. Such methods he continues, mortgages the future and imposes burdens upon generations to come.

Judge Knapp, who has made a long study of the railroad question in the country, has been chosen chairman of the interstate commerce commission and later organized the new commission court sums up by saying that the methods of dealing with the railroads is still in an embryonic condition, but that out of it probably will arise the necessity of extended regulation or government ownership.

Mortuary

An infant kept as a charge at the Day Nursery for several weeks, and later placed in the care of a lady who desired to mother the homeless little one, was buried yesterday afternoon from the home of its foster mother, in Llano cemetery.

Maynard—Nannie Grace Maynard, the one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Maynard, was buried yesterday afternoon in Llano cemetery, following funeral services at the family home, 502 Arthur street, Rev. W. I. Caughran, pastor of the Houston and Buchanan Street Methodist church officiating.

A Terrible Blunder.

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SHEEP BROUGHT TO COUNTY FOR FEEDING

E. D. Wight of Trinidad, Colorado, is shipping four thousand head of mutton sheep from his ranch in the state named, to a point near this city, on the ranch of F. J. Trigg on West Amarillo creek. At this place the sheep will be fattened for market, maize and kaffir corn being used for that purpose.

Only recently Mr. Wight shipped a similar number to the Panhandle stopping on the Rock Island a little way out from the city. He is well pleased with the progress and development of his herd being fed on maize and kaffir, and will probably continue the movement to this section of the Panhandle through the remainder of the season.

was the one holding that Russia a Christian country which can be defected from the ranks of banality, but can not acknowledge

bill recognizes the unrestricted right of religious adherence only reasons of age. Forty days must be after the formal declaration of banishment from one to another before it can take effect, but this term may be dispensed in the case of persons stricken with serious illness. Article five of the measure expressly declares a person passing from one confession or creed to another not suffer on that account any penal or civil and political rights of the law. A reactionary amendment to deprive deserters state office, acquired or inherited rank, and of exercising the of jury, as well as active and electoral right, was rejected overwhelming majority of the

most important provisions of deal with the religious adherents persons under age. Children fourteen remain in the church they were baptized, unless parents or the single living parents from one sect to another. In case they may follow their parents in the new sect, if they desire it. Children over fourteen remain in their former faith, or join their parents' or single parent's church with their consent. In case only one of the parents changes their faith, the

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Hymeneal

Stringfellow-Graham.

W. E. Stringfellow and Miss Katharine Graham were quietly married yesterday evening in the rectory of Saint Andrew's Episcopal church, Rev. Milton R. Worsham, the rector, officiating, in the presence of the required number of witnesses. The wedding was informal, but was followed by a marriage dinner at the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. J. A. Graham, 1009 Van Buren street. Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow will leave for their home in California about January 15.

The bridegroom, a son of the late lamented R. L. Stringfellow, was reared in Amarillo, and has a host of warm personal friends in this city. He spent several months ago to Los Angeles, California, where he has been engaged in business.

The bride is one of the most popular of Amarillo's younger social set, and counts her friends by her acquaintances. She has lived here since childhood, and there will doubtless be many congratulations not only from Amarillo friends of the happy pair, but from those residing in other sections of the country.

Stenger-Kimbley.

Sunday, immediately after the morning service at the Central Presbyterian church William Stenger and Mrs. Zoe Kimbley were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. R. Thomsen, in the study of the church.

The impressive ring ceremony was used. The Misses Davidson, intimate personal friends of the bride, were the only witnesses.

Mrs. Stenger came to Amarillo four years ago from Independence, Kansas. She has a large circle of friends and admirers in this city.

Mr. Stenger is in business on East Tenth street and is well and favorably known in the business circles of the city.

Their marriage at this time was perhaps something of a surprise but their many friends unite in extending most hearty congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Stenger will live at 608 Pierce, where they are at home to their friends.

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