

The Thirteen Towns.

FOSSTON, (Polk Co.) MINNESOTA.

The darkest hour of human misery comes just before the dawn of delivery.

Boxing bouts which have been held in the basement of the South Division High school, Chicago, under the supervision of Principal Smith, have found favor in the eyes of the Board of Education authorities. Superintendent Andrews not only indorses the exercise, but says that he believes that boxing is the best sport in which the students can partake.

Who are the ten greatest men in the nineteenth century? This is a favorite conundrum just now across the water, but we have seen only one attempt to solve it in print. It is by a Dublin, Ireland, editor, and names Lincoln, statesman; Napoleon, soldier; Darwin, scientist; Thackeray, novelist; Pasteur, medicine; Froebel, educator; Beethoven, musician; and Morse and Stephenson, first masters of electricity and steam.

Consular reform is brought perceptibly nearer than it ever was before by the action of congressional committees. Both in the Senate and in the House of Representatives a favorable report has been made upon bills dealing with the organization of the consular service. The bills differ in details, but are one in purpose. They aim to make the foreign service of the United States something like a profession, for which men may fit themselves with a reasonable assurance of finding employment, and from which, when their fitness has been proved, they may not be dislodged by political caprice or the restless ambition of some one who wants a place.

In Europe there are many young men whom fate has destined to be the rich men of the next century. For a long time it was supposed that Lord Belgrave, who inherited the wealth of the Duke of Westminster, would head the list, but since the duke's death it is reported that his fortune has been greatly overestimated. At present this young man is but 20 years of age, but it will not be many years before he will become one of the richest men in the world, according to accepted belief in England. At the same time he has succeeded to every rank in the British peerage from baron to duke, as well as to three of the finest estates in the united kingdom, and a racing stable that cannot be surpassed.

A recent review of the progress of the University of Illinois reveals the fact that there are six different colleges and four schools united under one head. These are the College of Agriculture, College of Literature and Arts, College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Law, College of Medicine, the School of Library Science, School of Pharmacy, School of Music and the Preparatory School. The following official figures indicate the remarkable growth of the institution in number of students, during the last thirteen years: 1887-88, 377; 1888-89, 429; 1889-90, 469; 1890-91, 510; 1891-92, 552; 1892-93, 714; 1893-94, 810; 1894-95, 858; 1895-96, 1,075; 1896-97, 1,585; 1897-98, 1,824; 1898-99, 2,250.

There is a general desire for a decision by the Supreme Court of the United States to determine the question whether the new island possessions are a part of the United States, or its property. It was thought that a suit brought by a New York firm of importers to recover duties paid on Puerto Rican goods might furnish a basis for the desired interpretation; but this suit has been halted by the refusal of the lower court to grant the injunction which was applied for. A case has now arisen at San Francisco, occasioned by the collection of tonnage dues on vessels from Hawaii, in the same manner as from foreign countries, which may afford an opportunity for the settlement of the broad constitutional question.

The free town library, one of the best educational gifts to the nineteenth century to the world, bids fair in the twentieth century to become still more than it is now a stimulant to intellectual progress. Collections of books for the scholar and the rich there have been from the earliest times; but a library belonging to the whole community, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, laborer and professional man, is purely a product of the last half century. Fifty years ago there were about a score in Massachusetts. Today all but seven of her 350 towns have a free library. In the whole country there are not less than 10,000 such libraries. But a mere collection of books, without a faithful librarian, however valuable, is like an undeveloped mine, practically of no use. The town librarian is, like the library itself, a product of the closing century, and has become a new intellectual leader in the community.

To the dwellers in northern latitudes the coming of spring is like a release from prison. Barriers built by snow and ice are leveled, and doors sealed by the frost swing open. To all, doubtless, the season brings a feeling of emancipation; it is perhaps to the bicyclist that it speaks most directly of "fresh woods and pastures new." One who watches the wheelmen taking advantage of the first good weather and dry roads can hardly fail to notice the look of new-found liberty so often reflected in their faces.

MAY YET REACH 300

TERRIBLY FATAL RESULTS OF THE UTAH MINE EXPLOSION.

Relief Work in Progress Conducted by Shifts of Men—Arriving Trains Constantly Bringing Relatives of Victims—One Theory of the Explosion is That It Was Caused by Fins Secretly Taking Giant Powder into the Mine With Them—Most Disastrous Mine Explosion That Has Ever Occurred in America.

Scotfield, Utah, May 4.—The latest estimate of the number killed in the terrible mine explosion here Tuesday is 250, but the total death list may reach 300. Relief work is still in progress, being conducted by shifts of men. The shift now in the mine has fifty bodies ready to bring out, and the number of corpses yet to be reached is still uncertain. Arriving trains are constantly bringing relatives

from outside points and the coal company has designated a committee to carry the dead to Salt Lake, Ogden and other cities. On account of gas No. 4 mine has been abandoned as a means of rescue and bodies are arriving at the mouth of No. 1 mine by the carload. Ferrish level has been cleared of dead and all are burned and unrecognizable. The theory of Bishop Parnalee regarding the cause of the explosion is that some of the Fins recently imported secretly took giant powder down into the mine

to assist them. They were extremely anxious to make a good showing and make as much money as possible, and it is thought this form of explosive was used in order that great bodies of coal could more easily be dislodged. It is thought that the giant powder was touched off and ignited the dust of which every coal mine has more or less.

Inquiry among the miners brought out the fact that they entertained various opinions with regard to the explosion. Some were terribly bitter in their denunciation of the company, while others took a more moderate view. One of the miners sent over from Castle Gate to aid in the rescue said: "This explosion has been the most disastrous so far as loss of life is concerned that has ever occurred in America. There are 250 killed. At Almy two years ago there were 65 killed. We had terrible experiences in getting through the galleries. Several of our party were overcome by the after damp, but we got them out in time. When found the bodies of the men in every conceivable position, but generally they were lying on their stomachs with their hands to their face. The men died almost instantly. They did not suffer. They just became unconscious and then died."

Sympathy From Great Britain. London, May 4.—The Daily Telegraph, after alluding editorially to the generous sympathy and aid of Americans in connection with the Ottawa fire, and commenting at length on the Scofield disaster, concludes as follows: "There will be deeper sympathy with America in this awful catastrophe than has been evoked by any event on the other side of the Atlantic since the loss of the Maine."

TWENTY TROOPERS FALL

A Squad of the Forty-Third Suffers Heavy Loss at Calabig.

Manila, May 4.—An American garrison of Calabig, island of Samar, consisting of thirty men belonging to the Forty-third regiment, was attacked by rebels. Twenty of the Americans were killed. The remainder were rescued. The Americans were quartered in the church, which the enemy, numbering several hundred men, surrounded and fiercely attacked. The fight lasted two days and then the rebels managed to ignite the roof of the church, and it burned away and finally fell upon those inside the edifice. The walls remained intact, however, and were used as a shelter by the Americans for three days longer, the enemy attacking the building on all sides at once. The Americans continued firing from the windows and doors of the church and did great execution among the Filipinos. It is estimated that over 200 of the latter were killed, many dead bodies being removed from the scene of the fighting. After five days' resistance the Americans, the lieutenant and eight men arrived from Laonon and engaged the besiegers, who thereupon retired.

Belief That Aguinaldo Was Killed. Gen. Funston has discovered a rebel warehouse near Cabanatuan, province of New Eglia, containing all the archives of the Malolos government and correspondence of Aguinaldo up to the time of his flight, and valuable history. The belief is growing that Aguinaldo was killed by the Igorrites. There is no proof that he has been seen since Maj. Peyton, of the Thirty-third regiment, abandoned pursuit, and a rebel officer who has surrendered says Maj. Tinio holds this belief. Maj. Tinio was in regular correspondence with Aguinaldo until Dec. 26, and since that time has heard nothing from him.

Schooner Goes Down. Marquette, Mich., May 4.—The first wreck of the season on the great lakes occurred off Stannard rock, twenty miles west. The schooner Halloran, ore-laden, sprung a leak, went down, but her crew of eight were taken off by the steamer Drake, which had the schooner in tow.

Building Trades Strike. Duluth, Minn., May 4.—The building trades strike can scarcely amount to much. Private employers are paying the low scale very generally and may force the contractors into it. In some lines the men are half at work already.

Engineer Was Killed. Roseburg, Or., May 4.—One of the engines of the Booth-Kelley Lumber company, five miles east of Saginaw, exploded, killing the engineer and seriously injuring two others.

BOERS PUSHED BACK.

But Nothing Definite was Accomplished.

London, May 4.—The main objective of Lord Roberts is to establish a line of British forts from one frontier of the Free State to the other at right angles to the railway, thus preventing Boer raids southward. It is thus important that the Boers should be expelled from the rugged country of Thaba N'Chu and be forced to retire to Ladybrand. After desultory firing Monday and Tuesday the Boers were pushed back a few miles, but nothing definite yet appears to have been accomplished. The Boers continue their harassing tactics. The enemy nearly captured a convoy Tuesday, but they were driven off after a brisk fight.

Preparations for an advance continue at Kimberley. Sir Alfred Milner has written to the mayor of Kimberley assuring him that the relief of Mafeking has not ceased to occupy his attention and that of the military authorities, and that nothing will be left undone to raise the siege at the earliest possible moment. The British garrison along the railway toward Warrentown has been strengthened and supplies

Are Going Forward. A mounted force has gone to Baryl West in consequence of the Boers having occupied Winderfontein. A thousand Boers threaten the communications between Boshof and Kimberley.

Mala, chief of the Taungas, has informed the British that the Boers are preparing to resist their advance at Phikowani, twenty miles north of Warrentown. A correspondent at Lourenzo Marques cabled Tuesday that a large portion of the investing force at Mafeking has been withdrawn.

Gen. Buller continues quiet. The Boers say they are delaying an attack upon him in the hope that all the horses of the British will die of horse sickness. According to a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph with Lord Roberts' President Kruger is now again seeking peace. The Boer commission's departure from Holland for the United States is for the purpose of converting American ideas to the Boer side of the war. The Daily News says: "Men who control in the United States are not likely to accept the views the commission is prepared to place before them."

Boer Prisoners Picked Up. Lourenzo Marques, May 4.—The French steamer Cortalis picked up at sea off Table Bay twelve Boer prisoners who escaped from Simonstown. They were in an open boat with but few provisions. The Cortalis landed them here and they have gone on to Pretoria.

DEWEY SEES THE CANAL.

Says There's Nothing Like It on the Suez.

Chicago, May 4.—"There's nothing on the Suez like it" was Admiral Dewey's verdict last night on the Chicago drainage and ship canal. Inspection of the great new artificial channel cut through the continental waters that had for centuries separated the waters of the great lakes from the tributaries of the Mississippi by the feature of the last day of Admiral Dewey's visit to Chicago. The admiral was particularly struck with the size of the canal, saying he had no idea of the magnitude of the work. He imagined it was simply a drainage ditch and was surprised to see a channel big enough for a ship. Admiral Dewey inquired closely about the details of the work, and remarked at the amount of labor, larger proportionately than the work required on the Suez. During the trip the admiral and his aides were the guests of the sanitary district canal trustees. A special train on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe took the party to party to Cook, Ill., a short distance from Chicago, and from there to Lockport, Ill., the end of the canal proper. The trip was made in the yacht Hinda, a number of the other pleasure craft following. The visit of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey to Chicago ended at 8 o'clock at 8 o'clock this morning when they took the special Baltimore & Ohio train on which they came from Washington under the care of J. M. Mady of the Baltimore, and left over the Chicago & Alton for St. Louis, stopping at Jacksonville and other towns along the way.

WIPED OUT BY FOREST FIRES.

Small Hamlet in Michigan Is Destroyed.

Menominee, Mich., May 4.—Gerondale, a hamlet on the Wisconsin & Michigan railroad thirty-eight miles west of here, was destroyed by forest fires yesterday afternoon. A large stock of cedar products and several settlers' houses and barns formed the principal loss. The fires are abating somewhat owing to a sudden change of wind. Much additional destruction of property is reported between Ingalls on the Chicago & Northwestern and the Bay Shore roads. Several lumber companies of this city have their stock of logs and cedar shingle timber piled on the shore north of here and several crews of men have been fighting fire to save the property from destruction. Wires are still up between Fisher and Faithorn.

Nebraska Republicans.

Lincoln, Neb., May 4.—The state republican convention yesterday named a full state ticket headed by Charles H. Dietrich for governor and E. P. Savage for lieutenant governor. For delegates at large to the national republican convention Edward Rosewater, Senator J. M. Thurston, John H. McClay and John A. Ehrhardt were named. Presidential electors were also nominated. The platform indorses the administration.

Levees Swept Away.

Dallas, Tex., May 4.—The Trinity river flood yesterday swept away the levees of the Dallas Hunting and Fishing club, destroying two fine lakes and sportsmen's resorts twelve miles below this city. Much property is destroyed.

Another Fool Bridge Jumper.

New York, May 4.—Albert M. Bryan, an Englishman twenty-two years old, jumped from Brooklyn bridge yesterday, holding an umbrella to break the fall and bladders to keep him afloat, and was seriously injured.

IN ADMIRAL DEWEY'S HONOR.

Magnificent Celebration of the Anniversary of the Battle of Manila.

Chicago, May 3.—Yesterday's celebration, the first in America at which Admiral Dewey could be present on the anniversary of the battle of Manila bay, was worthy of the famous victory. Fully 600,000 people were gathered along the line of march of yesterday's parade and for four hours the admiral was busy bowing acknowledgments of the cheers that met him from all sides. When the parade entered the thickly crowded streets down town the admiral met with his real reception, and it was most enthusiastic. The cheers made practically one continuous roar, at many times so loud that it was difficult to hear the music of the band which marched ahead of the admiral's carriage. The sidewalks were packed from curb to walls and every window which afforded a sight of the parade was filled with as many heads as could be thrust through it. After traversing the business part of the city the parade was reviewed by Admiral Dewey in the presence of thousands of people wedged in a literally solid mass for blocks on either hand. A luncheon at the Union League club followed at 8 p. m. Admiral Dewey and his aides were the guests of the University club, while Mrs. Dewey and the members of the women's reception committee were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Arthur Canon. At 11 p. m. Admiral Dewey and party visited the Naval Reserve Veteran association ball at the First regiment armory.

CHANGE OF VENUE GRANTED.

To the Defendants in the Goebel Murder Case.

Frankfort, Ky., May 3.—After hearing the testimony of about forty witnesses and brief arguments by counsel for both the prosecution and the defense, Judge Cantrill granted the petition of five of the defendants charged with complicity in the Goebel assassination for changes of venue. Those who joined in the petition were Secretary of State Caleb Powers, Capt. John W. Davis, Henry E. Youstey, Harlan W. Whitaker and Richard Coombs, colored. The attorneys failed to agree upon what county the venue shall be changed to. The defense suggested Bourbon county, where the next term of court begins the second day of June. The prosecution objected to go into Bourbon county, basing the objection on statutory grounds, and suggested a special term of court to be held for the exclusive purpose of these trials in either Woodford or Scott county. Judge Cantrill took the matter under advisement and will decide to-day to what county the trial shall go. The hearing of proof in the motions for bail for these defendants and also for W. H. Cullton, who did not ask a change of venue, will begin to-day, and according to the present outlook will take up the remainder of the week and will be practically complete so far as the available defense on both sides is concerned.

THE STRIKE GROWS.

Seven Hundred More Car Repairers Have Joined It.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 3.—Approximately 700 more car repairers have joined the strike which was begun by the men of that craft employed by the New York Central railway, and this constitutes yesterday's developments. The much deferred ultimatum stands over until to-day, when Supt. Wait, of the motive power department, is expected from New York to confer with the executive committee of the strikers. The announcement that Mr. Wait would not be here to-day caused a perceptible ruffle at strike headquarters. The strike of 550 Lackawanna and 150 Nickle Plate shopmen is not technically regarded as an aggressive extension of the strike, according to labor ethics, but a logical sequence to a demand that they repair crippled cars for the New York Central.

TURKEY WILL PAY.

Fearing the Establishment of an Undesirable Precedent, Will Cash Up.

London, May 3.—The Standard's Constantinople correspondent says that though he is unable to confirm the report that Turkey has consented to immediately pay the American claims, he is tolerably certain that a settlement is near. Turkey fearing a naval demonstration which would establish an undesirable precedent.

Miners Warned in Time.

Bristol, Va., May 3.—An exaggerated report of a fire in the coal mines at Toms Creek, Va., reached here yesterday. An official investigation shows that the miners were warned of the danger in ample time and that only two perished. These men started to leave the mine but became confused and lost their way. The fire was extinguished by flooding the mine.

Porte's Not Satisfactory.

London, May 3.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard says: The note of the porte on the customs dues is declared by the embassies to be completely satisfactory. Negotiations for the adoption of a specific tariff next year are expected to begin soon. Thus the porte closes what threatened to be a disagreeable question.

Massachusetts Lynching.

Gloster, Mass., May 3.—Henry Radcliffe, colored, was hanged by a mob last night. The negroes are enraged and retaliation is feared. Radcliffe shot three men and the mayor sentenced him to three months in jail and \$25 fine. He was serving his sentence when he was lynched.

Want Their Wages Raised.

Cleveland, May 3.—Two hundred and fifty union boilermakers employed by various concerns in this city struck yesterday for an advance of 25 cents a day. At several shops the demand of the men was granted.

Four Persons Injured.

Chicago, May 3.—An explosion in the soap factory of B. McBurnett & Sons almost completely demolished the plant and injured four persons. The accident was due to the boiling over of a large cauldron of grease.

News of the Northwest

A TOWN WIPED OUT.

Makes the Fourth Destroyed by Forest Fires in Michigan.

Menominee, Mich., May 3.—The town of Arnold has been wiped out by the forest fires. This makes the fourth town to be destroyed. A passenger train reached here yesterday for the first time in two days. The coaches were blistered by heat. Big cedar yards owned by Perrigo & Sons, C. H. Worcester & Co., and the Lindsay company are burned. The losses will reach \$300,000, with no insurance. The wires are all down and railway traffic is suspended. The forest fires cover an area of thirty miles, extending westward as far as Swanson, and northward to Carbondale, Mich. They are spreading. Much concern is felt for small towns in Menominee county along the Northwestern, Wisconsin Central and Michigan & Northern roads. Serious damage must result as high winds prevail.

Forest Fires Threatening.

Crystal Falls, Mich., May 3.—Forest fires are raging in this vicinity and are assuming threatening proportions. The city is safe, but the outlying exploring camps and the railroad construction camps are in great danger. East of the city a fire has been raging for two days along the Mansfield road, cutting off communication with that place. The mail carrier could not get back through the flames yesterday.

Homesteaders Driven From Their Homes.

Rhineland, Wis., May 3.—Forest fires are burning in the pine slashings near this city. Dense clouds of smoke fill the air and homesteaders have been obliged to leave their homes for fear of being suffocated. The dry nature of everything in the forest in the surrounding country causes considerable apprehension.

ELECTION IN ST. PAUL.

The Democrats Practically Sweep the City.

St. Paul, May 3.—One of the most stubbornly contested municipal campaigns in the history of the city was brought to a close last night and resulted in a sweeping victory for the Democrats. R. A. Smith (Dem.), for mayor, wins over C. A. Smith (Rep.), by at least 1,000 majority. For controller the vote is close, with the chances favoring the Republican candidate, J. J. McCarty, and at this writing it looks as though he had been elected. The Democratic candidate for treasurer was elected by a good majority. The council is overwhelmingly Democratic, the Republicans electing but two assemblymen and two aldermen. The charter was carried almost unanimously.

Democratic Delegates Named.

Port Huron, Mich., May 3.—The first state political convention in Michigan was held here yesterday when the Democratic representatives of seventy-seven counties elected delegates to the national convention and adopted resolutions embodying their views on the various political questions at issue. Three delegates at large were elected unanimously, but the three-cornered fight which ensued over the election of a fourth developed enough acrimony to offset for the time being the harmony which had prevailed up to that point.

Nelson Agrees to Quit.

Albert Lea, Minn., May 3.—Adolph Nelson was arraigned yesterday charged with assault upon Tom Thompson, and also for selling liquor without a license. He pleaded guilty to two charges of the illegal sale of liquor and was fined \$25 and costs on one charge, and sentence was suspended in the other case, and the assault case was dismissed on condition that he quit business and close up his place, which he agreed to do.

A Thrilling Experience.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 3.—S. W. Story, a rancher in the Black Hills, and his wife, had an adventure with a wild cat a short time ago. While Mrs. Story was in the yard which surrounds their home the wildcat came from the timber in the immediate vicinity, seized a chicken and in a moment had again returned to the shelter of the timber.

Masked Burglar Robs Operator.

Sparta, Wis., May 3.—A masked burglar entered the operating room of the Chicago & Northwestern depot, and presenting a revolver at the night operator's head, demanded him to turn over the money. The operator being the only person around the depot at the time had no alternative but to comply. The robber secured about \$30.

Accidentally Killed.

Grand Forks, N. D., May 3.—Henry Thompson, sixteen-year-old son of Albert Thompson, a farmer living three miles from Hannah, was killed by the accidental discharging of his gun while hunting geese at McDonald lake, Cavalier county.

New York Liquor Revenue.

New York, May 3.—The total received for liquor licenses in this city for the coming year is \$4,809,130. This is \$6,000 more than was paid last year, and includes the fees for licenses from saloons, hotels, restaurants, drug stores and clubs.

Section Men on Strike.

Toledo, Ohio, May 3.—A special to the Bee from Tiffin says that the section men on the Tiffin division of the Big Four struck for an increase in wages of from \$1.15 to \$1.25 per day. The company refused to accede to the demand.

Beat His Wife to Death.

Grand Forks, N. D., May 3.—On Sunday a half-breed named Houle, living seven miles north of Bathgate, beat his wife to death with a club. His daughter was present, but could do nothing to help her mother.

Strike at Racine.

Racine, Wis., May 3.—Two hundred carpenters struck yesterday and fifty hod carriers and masons went out. All building has been suspended. The carpenters demand an eight-hour day and double pay for overtime.

DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

Fire at the Sannity Logging Road Worse Than First Reported.

Duluth, Minn., May 4.—The fire on the Sannity logging road, about twelve miles from the city on the Wisconsin side reported Tuesday was more serious than at first believed. Two bridges, 800 and 200 feet long, were burned out, instead of one, as reported. The logging train, caught between the blazing bridges and the fire, consisted of twenty-nine cars. In order to extricate it it has been found that the most practical way is to build a temporary track across the country and connect with the Eastern Minnesota. At the nearest point the roads are about 1,000 feet apart. A force of men are now at work grading and laying steel. When the train crossed the bridge Monday night and went to the end of the branch there seemed no prospect of fire in that vicinity. An hour later the bridge was burning fiercely and also the surrounding woods. The fires around Duluth have all died down and all prospect of danger is now removed. No reports of serious damage have been received.

STRIKE EXTENDS.

Montana Central Switchmen Join the Trainmen.

Great Falls, Mont., May 4.—The Montana Central switchmen have joined the trainmen. The local passenger from here to Butte tried to take out four cars of perishable freight and was held in the yards five hours by the derailling of a freight train ahead. The company claims that the train on the Neilhart branch was delayed over six hours in the yards by cars that had been placed on the main track. No freight is moving on the Montana Central, but there is no trouble on the main line.

BLAZE AT MILBANK.

Fire Destroys \$20,000 Worth of Property.

Milbank, S. D., May 4.—A disastrous fire, started by a gasoline stove in Frank Mehegan's billiard hall, destroyed \$20,000 worth of property here yesterday morning. The principal losers are J. D. Burkhardt, flour and feed stock and building, \$3,000; Frank Mehegan, billiard hall, \$1,000; Mehegan & Fairchild, building, \$1,500; Grant County Review, \$4,000; Charles Hocksmith, saloon and grocery, \$2,000; George and Ed Merry, buildings, \$2,000. Insurance about one-third. Rebuilding will begin immediately.

FARMER'S HEAVY LOSS.

Eight Large Barns and Twenty Head of Cattle Burned.

Langdon, Minn., May 4.—Sparks from a passing locomotive set fire to the sheep yards on the farm of F. E. Woodward, a mile and a half west of here, and the flames, fanned by a strong southwest wind, quickly spread to the buildings, and within ten minutes eight large horse and cattle barns, together with twenty head of milch cows, harnesses, grain, hay, feed, wagons, machinery, chicken houses, etc., were a mass of ruins. Loss, \$20,000.

FIRE AT REEDSBURG, WIS.

Ten Thousand Dollars in Property Destroyed.

Reedsburg, Wis., May 4.—The largest fire for years occurred here yesterday. Ten thousand dollars' worth of property was destroyed, and only by gallant work on the part of the fire company one-half of the residence portion was saved. There was no insurance. J. & P. Lasallettes' livery stables and residence are a total loss. D. D. Russell's residence and several barns and contents were destroyed. Aid was summoned from Baraboo.

TEAMSTER KILLED.

Neck Broken in a Runaway—Former Home at Chippewa Falls.

Valley City, N. D., May 4.—Charles Campbell, a teamster employed by Foley Brothers, who have a contract for building the Casselton and Dickey extension of the Northern Pacific, was killed in a runaway. A heavy wagon loaded with railroad material passed over him and his neck was broken. His home is supposed to be at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Possible Lynching.

Marshall, Minn., May 4.—While walking to her boarding house Miss Stewart, a teacher, was assaulted by an unknown man, who knocked her down with a club, causing a serious wound on the forehead. Her screams brought help immediately and the assailant escaped without detection. No cause is known for the assault. If captured there is likely to be a lynching here.

St. Paul City Election.

St. Paul, May 4.—Official returns from Tuesday's election indicate the election of the Democratic candidate for controller by a majority of 15. The Democratic candidates for mayor and treasurer received comfortable majorities. The Republicans elected a majority of the assemblymen, while the Democrats captured a majority of the aldermen.

Big Driving Enterprise.

Merrill, Wis., May 4.—The Gilkey & Anson company has a crew of men driving logs on the Tomahawk, Squirrel, Pelican and Little Rice, about 150 men in all. They are driving about 75,000,000 feet of logs, some for other parties.

West Concord Fire.

West Concord, Minn., May 4.—The farm residence of Mr. E. Bean was entirely destroyed by fire. The contents were partially saved. The fire is supposed to have caught from a defective chimney. Insured.

Thorp Convicted of Murder.

Minot, N. D., May 4.—The jury in the case of Hans Thorp, who murdered his wife, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree, being out two hours. A motion for a new trial was made.