

UNION MERCANTILE CO. SUFFERS \$15,000 FIRE

Last Friday evening one of the most serious fires we have had for some time in our city occurred when the Union Mercantile Company's store was completely destroyed. The alarm sounded about 7 o'clock and the fire department at once responded, but before they could get the hose into operation the fire had obtained a firm hold on the building. For nearly five hours the firemen worked strenuously and, although they succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to the adjoining buildings, they were unable to prevent serious damage from being done to the company's valuable stock.

The damage amounts to \$15,000 and is fully covered by insurance, but at the present time the amount of damage done by the loss of goods cannot be valued by dollars.

The store is of wooden construction, and situated as it is in a densely populated locality, it was fortunate that no greater calamity occurred.

A very sad incident occurred during the progress of the fire, and many volunteers willingly offered their services. One man, named James Arthur, while standing on top of a ladder in front of the building was overcome by smoke, and fell onto the concrete sidewalk below. He was taken into a neighboring store and medical help was summoned. It was found that he was suffering from a compound fracture of the right leg and a fracture of the skull. After being treated he was removed to the hospital, where we are pleased to say he is progressing favorably.

Fortunately no wind was blowing at the time and what might have been a calamity was prevented.

The firemen had no sooner reached home and the engine apparatus returned to the station than the alarm again sounded for the same building. By this time very little was left to burn, and the fire was soon completely extinguished.

The fire department should be congratulated upon the manner in which they grappled so serious a proposition, and by their hard work and persistent efforts they prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings and causing what might have been a calamity.

ROCK SPRINGS MAN MARRIED IN LARAMIE

A wedding occurred on Wednesday in Laramie in which one of the well-known young business men of this city was the groom, the contracting parties being Miss Hilda Cline, of Laramie, and Mr. John E. Whisenand, of this city.

The bride has frequently visited in Rock Springs and has many friends here. The groom is one of the owners of the Rock Springs garage. They have arrived in Rock Springs and will go to housekeeping on C street, where they will receive the congratulations of their friends.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT IS SURPRISE TO FRIENDS

Friends of the contracting parties were much surprised by the announcement of the marriage of Eleanor the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fordran, and Mr. F. Antwiler, which occurred on Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, at the rectory of the South Side Catholic church, Rev. Fr. Walsh officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bunning were the attendants and the ceremony was witnessed by the immediate relatives. The young couple will make their home in Rock Springs, where they have a host of friends, who join with The Miner in extending congratulations and good wishes.

MIKE RADAKOVITCH HAS FINE WAR GARDEN

We have had several good war gardens in the city this season but as an example of what really can be done when one puts his mind to it and is willing to work it is worth anyone's while to see the garden of Mike Radakovitch at the section house on Walnut street. Mr. Radakovitch recently cut four sacks of cabbages and has still more to come. He has not only been able to supply himself with all kinds of vegetables and store enough to carry his family over the winter, but has been able to sell to other people. In that small piece of ground by assiduous labor he has grown good crops of potatoes, radishes, onions, beans and other vegetables, and the supply is by no means exhausted. Mr. Radakovitch sets a good example to others. It means hard work to cultivate ground in our city, but the harder the work the greater the victory, and several people in the city have shown that it can be done.

Why does Doc Osborne have his political cards printed in Colorado instead of Wyoming?

CITY LOSES TWO VALUABLE OFFICIALS

The city of Rock Springs has suffered the loss of its city treasurer and mayor, both of whom have recently gone to enter officers' training camps.

Dr. F. S. Davis, city treasurer, left several weeks ago for Camp Pike, Ark., where he will take the officers' training. On Tuesday, Dr. E. S. Lauzer left for Fort Riley, Kansas, where he will enter the training camp for medical officers. Both Dr. Davis and Dr. Lauzer will be greatly missed in Rock Springs.

OVER 500 CASES OF "FLU" IN EVANSTON

Never in the history of Evanston has there been such a feeling of gloom as has existed during the past week, owing to the sickness and the deaths caused by the influenza and its deadly follower, pneumonia, says the Evanston Press. There has been no other topic anywhere, and every human activity of the people has been to check the spread of the disease and in the sad duty of burial.

It is impossible for us to enumerate all in the city who have been afflicted with the disease, and who are yet sufferers with it, but statements of the doctors is that the number ranges slightly over 500.

Every doctor in the city has been working night and day, and their efforts coupled with those of volunteer and professional nurses, has been heroic.

The town council at a special meeting Monday night, ordered that saloons, pool halls, cigar and candy stores, etc., remove chairs, lounges, etc., and ordered the strictest enforcement of the non-congregating idea. All public meetings, theatres, schools, etc., have been closed and the work of gaining control of the disease is being done systematically.

The disease has gained a footing on the Hilliard Flat and in the Bridger Valley, at Cumberland and Diamondville.

TROOP TRAIN STOPS HERE FOR A SHORT WHILE

A trainload of soldiers en route from California to the east stopped in Rock Springs for about an hour at noon today. They stopped in order that one of their men might be taken to the hospital to have his stomach washed out. He was suffering from indigestion and there was no equipment aboard the train for the necessary treatment. During their stop the men were drilled. They were a fine looking lot of men and attracted an admiring crowd of spectators. Everyone was sorry that the Red Cross had not been notified of their coming and a hot lunch prepared for them.

BODY OF E. J. YOUNG IS LAID TO REST

The funeral of E. J. Young was held at ten o'clock this morning. It was held out of doors in order to conform with the board of health regulations. The service was in charge of the B. P. O. E., their ritual being used. A quartet composed of J. B. Young, Wm. Smith, S. Rogers and Sam Ward sang "Lead, Kindly Light" and "The Vacant Chair." As the service started the first snowflakes of the season began to fall. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful.

LINWOOD, UTAH, BOY IS KILLED IN ACTION

In the casualty list for publication Oct. 23 is the name of Alonzo Finch, of Linwood, Utah, among those killed in action. The young man belongs to one of the pioneer families of Sweetwater county, and is the brother of Mrs. Tony Ramsey. No particulars of his death are known at this time.

The first body brought home to Sweetwater county during the present war was that of Walter Stoll, another boy from the Linwood section, and it would seem that that little community is paying a heavy toll.

The Miner expresses the sentiments of the people of the community in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives, whose greatest consolation will be the thought that he died the death of a hero.

UNKNOWN MAN DIES AT THE HOSPITAL

A colored man named Turner was brought to the hospital on Tuesday and died the same night. Deceased was employed as a watchman on the U. P. railroad south of Green River. There was nothing upon the body to give any means of identification and beyond the fact that he gave his name as Turner nothing else is known. The body was taken to Aco's undertaking parlors where it is being kept while inquiries are being made.

FIFTEEN CASES OF "FLU" IN EDEN VALLEY

Dr. C. M. Freeman, health officer, made an official trip to the Eden Valley on Friday, where he found fifteen cases of influenza in four homes. The first symptoms were shown on Wednesday evening and several of the cases have developed to the pneumonia stage.

A careful investigation of the cases indicates that the germ was carried to the valley on Sunday. This conclusion is reached from the fact that four stockmen arrived in the valley from Green River on that date. The stockmen visited the four homes only while in the valley, and the four homes are the only ones in which cases have developed. If we are to judge from this investigation, the influenza germ can be carried and that it develops in three days.

Reports from Green River show that there are between sixty and sixty-five cases in the town. The cases were so numerous that it was impossible for the resident physicians to give them the necessary attention and a physician was sent from Omaha by the railroad company to assist.

THIEVES LOOT UNION MERCANTILE CO. STORE

Some time during Tuesday night, thieves broke into the Union Mercantile company's storeroom and carried away a large quantity of merchandise. Just what goods have been stolen or their value it is difficult to determine as no invoice has been taken since the fire of last Friday night.

FALL TERM OF COURT CONTINUED

Because of the epidemic of influenza raging at Green River, the fall term of the district court has been continued until Dec. 9.

GEORGE G. GRAVELLE IS A VICTIM OF "FLU"

Another victim of influenza at Green River was George G. Gravelle, a well known citizen, whose death occurred last Sunday. The deceased was born in Green River, his funeral occurring on his forty-first birthday. He leaves a widow and two children.

BODY OF MINER IS FOUND IN BITTER CREEK

Shortly after twelve o'clock Thursday afternoon the dead body of Vic Eidelman was found in the water of Bitter Creek about two miles west of town. The body was covered with mud and was in a very bad condition from the length of time spent in the water. It was brought to this city where preparation for burial was made.

Eidelman was a native of Finland, 35 years of age, married, and had one child. About two years ago he returned to Finland and took his wife and child with him. The two latter remained in Finland, but the husband and father returned to Rock Springs where he was engaged as a miner in No. 4 mine. About three months ago Eidelman broke his leg while at his work. He had sufficiently recovered to return to work on Wednesday of last week. During the day his leg troubled him considerably and after he left the mine in the evening he was not again seen until his body was recovered.

As near as can be determined, Eidelman jumped into the creek about 300 yards west of West Flat. The water was high from the rains and his body was washed some distance. It is supposed that his act was caused through despondency from his physical condition.

EMPLOYEES SUPERIOR-ROCK SPRINGS COAL CO. BUY MANY BONDS

The employees of the Superior-Rock Springs Coal company have established a record in regard to the fourth Liberty Loan, which it will be hard to surpass. There are 112 bonds amounting to \$12,500. L. A. Hay is the superintendent of the company.

AUSTRIAN MINER DIES AT GUNN

Matt Skala, an Austrian, employed as a miner at Gunn, died on Tuesday and the body was brought to Aco's undertaking parlors the same night. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon. Deceased was 45 years of age and has a wife in Austria. The services will be conducted by Local 2702.

HOUS' DECEIT

He Would by Trickery Deceive the People by Use of Private Letter.

Frank L. Houx, as a candidate for governor on the democratic ticket, has seen fit to publish a letter from his private files from Robert D. Carey, in which Mr. Carey declined an appointment as lieutenant-colonel. His idea of fairness, however, is so far below the standard of common decency and honor that he would not only reserve his answer to Mr. Carey in which he assures Mr. Carey that he has no doubt of his loyalty and patriotism and that his reasons for not accepting are sufficient, but he keeps from the people the fact that Mr. Carey afterwards called upon him and agreed to accept the appointment as shown by the following letter from Mr. Carey to Mr. Houx, which Mr. Houx, in furtherance of his campaign of deceit, has failed to give publicity:

"October 21, 1918.

"Hon. F. L. Houx,

Cheyenne, Wyoming.

"My Dear Governor Houx:

"Today I noticed in the Cheyenne Leader a page advertisement in which was published a letter which I wrote you declining an appointment in the Wyoming National Guard.

"While there is nothing in the letter of which I am ashamed, knowing that any fair-minded man who reads the letter will agree that my reasons for declining the appointment were good and sufficient, I believe that if part of the correspondence is published, all of it should be published.

"Since this letter came from your private files, you of course are responsible for its publication, and I would suggest that you also publish your letter of July 20th, 1917, which was in reply to my letter declining the offer, in which you say:

"I fully realize your position and while I would be very glad to have you identified in this capacity, I cannot, under the circumstances, insist upon it. I am thoroughly convinced beyond a doubt of your loyalty and of your desire to serve your country, and I certainly appreciate it very much, but under the circumstances will not urge upon you to accept my offer to appoint you to this position."

"I suggest that you at the same time publish a statement that after writing the letter declining the appointment, I called upon you at your office and informed you that in spite of my reasons for declining, I would accept the appointment offered in the Wyoming National Guard and you informed me at that time that you had wired Burke Sinclair and that he had accepted the appointment.

"If you desire to play fair, I feel certain that you will do as I have suggested.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) ROBERT D. CAREY."

SLOVENIAN MINER DIES OF INFLUENZA

Another death from Spanish influenza occurred at the pest house, on Wednesday night, when Frank Benedict succumbed to the dread disease. The young man was a Slovenian and was 29 years of age. He had been employed at the Black Buttes mine, from which place he was brought to the pest house two days ago. He was unmarried and leaves an uncle, Valentine Benedict, who lives in this city. He was highly respected by his countrymen, who mourn his death.

LADIES RUSTLE WELCOME TREAT FOR SOLDIERS

A little group of ladies gathered near the railroad track to watch the soldiers dismount from the troop train. Of course, everyone wished she had a good hot dinner ready, for the boys all said "we're so hungry." The next best thing seemed to be a treat of some kind to add to the regular mess.

This idea was acted upon without loss of time and the sum of \$32.65 was quickly collected and was invested in the following: four cases of apples, ten cartons of cigarettes, one bucket of candy and 3 1/2 pounds best home made candy. These things were put aboard the train just as it pulled out and the boys left, waving their thanks to their friends.

The ladies who had the inspiration to think of this plan and carry it out were Mesdames John Firmage and Pete Schinazy and Misses Clarice Johnson, Mary Berta, Hilda Nelson and Rose Wold. They have helped to sustain the reputation of Rock Springs.

FIVE KEMMERER BOYS TO GO TO MARE ISLAND

On Sunday induction papers were received at Kemmerer for Clifford Bell, George Easton, William Hunter and Frank Christmas, to report at the Mare Island Navy Yard. Mahlon Quealy was disappointed in not receiving his orders, as the boys had hoped to go together. But Mahlon received his orders yesterday morning, and all of the boys left last night on No. 18 for Salt Lake, and from there they will go to Mare Island.

The young men were all well known and well liked in Kemmerer and the host of friends who bid them farewell at the station was only slight evidence of the good wishes that follow them.—Kemmerer Camera.

EIGHT-MONTHS-OLD CHILD PASSES AWAY

The death of Mary, the little eight-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ribovich, occurred at their home on East Flat on Thursday morning. The funeral will be held on Saturday, the Rev. Fr. Schifferer officiating.

DEATH CLAIMS INFANT OF MR. AND MRS. GOODIN

The death of Genevieve, the little two months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodin, occurred at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning at their home on K street. Death resulted from stomach trouble. The funeral service will take place on Wednesday afternoon at St. Joseph's cemetery.

WORK ON DIAMOND MT. ROAD PROGRESSING

(Vernal Express)
Three miles of new road has been completed on the Diamond Mountain highway. There is a force of men at work under Supervisor Oaks, and they have completed the road out of Brush creek onto the bench. Work will be pushed steadily on to completion. It is expected everything will be done this fall.

The county appropriated \$500 and the sheepmen who have ranges in the district appropriated \$850. Through Enos Bennion, the sheepmen have promised another \$400 or \$500. The farmers in the district have promised their share in labor, which it is expected they will immediately furnish.

The completion of this road will be a big improvement and aid to the farmers and sheepmen alike. When the course is completed, an automobile may easily traverse the route. Even in the present shape of the road an automobile made the trip for the first time, a few weeks ago. Wm. O'Neil, of Roosevelt, and a party were headed for Rock Springs. They negotiated the trip easily. The chug and purr of the automobile startled natives on the mountain.

The harvest on the mountain this year have been exceptionally good and next year it is supposed it will be better than ever. New entries are being made all the time, and there is but a few choice tracts remaining.

SUDDEN DEATH OF WELL KNOWN CITIZEN

Rock Springs mourns the loss of one of its most prominent business men in the person of Emil J. Young who died on Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, 1918. Mr. Young, accompanied by his brother, Fritz, of Green River, left for Mount Sterling, Ill., called there by the death of their brother, Valentine. On the return journey the following Sunday, Mr. Young was taken very sick and, when the train arrived in Rock Springs, had to be assisted to his home. Nothing serious was anticipated and the news of his death came as a sad shock to his many friends. The cause of death was acute bronchitis.

Mr. Young has been in business in this city for over fifteen years, and, although he never held any public office he always took an active interest in everything which pertained to the welfare of the town he had helped to build.

In August, 1907, he was married to Miss Mary Calderwood, who lives to mourn his loss. He is also survived by two brothers, Fritz, of Green River, A. G. Young of Mount Sterling, Ill.; and three sisters, Mrs. Ed. Hagel, of Elgin; Mrs. Anton Morschauer, of Illinois, and Clementine, of Seattle. His mother died three years ago and his father twelve years ago.

Mr. Young belongs to an historic family. His father was one of the pioneers in that section of Illinois, where Emil was born and up to the time of his death was one of the prominent business men in the city of Mount Sterling of which he was one of the founders.

By the death of Mr. Young, another familiar figure has been removed from amongst us, but his memory will still remain and his wife and relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community in their sudden and sad bereavement.

The Elk lodge, of which deceased was a member took charge of the funeral arrangements and the earthly remains of our departed townsman will be laid to rest in Mountain View cemetery with an out of door funeral service at the home tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

ROY DOUGLAS IS MADE TRAINMASTER

E. E. Cunningham, trainmaster of this division, left last Saturday for Omaha, where he will spend several weeks before assuming his new duties as trainmaster for the division between Green River and Evanston. Roy Douglas, the new trainmaster, was in Rock Springs on Friday, inspecting the road, in company with Mr. Cunningham. It is not known whether Mr. Douglas will remain in Rawlins or make his headquarters in Green River.

Mr. Douglas is well known in this city and his many friends here join with the employes of the Union Pacific in congratulating him on his promotion.

SECOND VICTIM OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

Spanish influenza has claimed its second victim in Rock Springs, in the death of Mrs. Edna Adrance, which occurred on Saturday evening. Mrs. Adrance was engaged to care for Mrs. Andrew Rae, and while nursing Mrs. Rae contracted the disease, which in her case proved fatal. She was 30 years of age and leaves a husband, who arrived on Sunday from Ogden, and a brother, Clyde Womack, who came from Elka, Nev. Her funeral was held from the Fitzpatrick & Rogan undertaking parlors on Monday morning.

EMIL BERTAGNOLLI SAYS AUSTRIA MUST QUIT

John Bertagnolli this week received a letter from his nephew, Emil Bertagnolli, who is now with the A. E. F. in France, in which he says he is located in a beautiful country and feeling fine. He says the longer he remains in the army the better he likes it, and that almost all of the men in his company are feeling the same. Emil says his detachment is guarding a large number of Austrian prisoners, and that he has talked to a number of them in their own language. In their statements they say Austria cannot last much longer in the war. Food is very scarce and the prisoners showed their lack of it by their emaciated condition. The prisoners are glad that they are in the hands of the United States soldiers, as they are well treated and well fed, which is an agreeable change from what they have been accustomed to during the past four years. Emil asks to be remembered to all his Sweetwater county friends.

Why did Osborne wait for nine years after his marriage before obtaining a home for his wife in Wyoming?