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### RIOT AT HOT SPRINGS

Five Men Are Killed and Another Seriously Shot.

County Officers and City Police Were the Participants and Politicians Alleged the Cause.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 18.—Five men are dead as the result of a terrible riot which occurred here between some of the most prominent men identified with local politics. The affair is the outgrowth of the campaign for city officer which has been growing hotter and hotter each day for several weeks.

The dead are: T. C. Toler, chief of police; Tom Goslee, sergeant of police; J. E. Hart, city detective; Lonnie Hinkle, a business man; John O. Williams, son of the sheriff of Garland county.

Ed Spears, a deputy sheriff, shot through the neck and will be probably fatal.

As a sequel to a street duel between Policeman Tom Goslee on one side and Sheriff R. L. Williams and his son, John O. Williams, on the other, a fearfully bloody riot occurred at 5 Thursday afternoon. It was the most horrible affair in the history of Hot Springs. The memorable Elin-Doran riot of 1884 did not compare to it in terrible results. It was a bloody sequel to the affair earlier in the evening in which Goslee and Williams participated. A portion of the police faction headed by the chief and a portion of the Williams faction met on the sidewalk in front of Lem's beer depot and the furious firing began.

The police were going down the street and the other party was coming up. Who began the affray cannot now be ascertained, as nearly all the principals are dead. Fifteen or twenty shots were fired.

The streets were crowded with people and the wildest excitement prevailed. Chief of Police Tom Toler, his sergeant, Tom Goslee, of the police faction, lay dead upon the sidewalk. On the other side John O. Williams, son of the sheriff, lay mortally wounded and Ed Spears was shot and out in the neck. Lonnie Hinkle, the driver of Schwab's best car, was killed by a stray bullet. Hinkle was not a participant in the feud.

Sheriff Williams was not present when the battle occurred, but soon appeared and on learning of the death of his son, became frantic. His brother, Coffee Williams, and nephews Sam and

Will Watt, were with him and all were armed and crazed with grief. About 20 minutes after the main battle another affray occurred in which four or five shots were fired. This occurred on the sidewalk a little below where the other dead bodies lay. The great multitude which had gathered stampeded in the wildest excitement, tumbling over each other in every direction. In this fusillade Detective Jim Hunt went down with the whole top of his skull blown off.

Panemonium reigned for an hour and crowds of citizens and visitors rushed up and down the streets. When a stir occurred stampedes would take place at once. Finally Constable Sauter and Deputy Jack Archer succeeded in quelling the excitement to some extent and cleared the streets in the vicinity of the awful scene. A big freight wagon was ordered up and the bodies were loaded into it and taken to Cross' undertaking establishment.

When the news of the tragedy was conveyed to the homes of the dead men the shrieks of anguish from wives, mothers and sisters were heartrending. Besides his father, John Williams leaves a mother, and three grown sisters. Goslee leaves a wife and children, the youngest an infant. Toler has no relatives here. Hart leaves a wife and children, and young Hinkle, the innocent victim, has relatives here.

All the men were considered brave and never knew what it was to run.

### QUIET AT HOT SPRINGS.

Extra Police Patrolling the Town to Prevent Further Trouble.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 17.—Peace and quiet prevailed in this city Friday, although details of Thursday's bloody street riot in which five well known citizens were killed, are eagerly discussed on the streets.

Governor Jones has arrived from Little Rock and the presence of the state's chief executive has done much to pacify the community. Judge Belding, who was sworn in as chief of police, has appointed 150 special policemen, and the entire city is being patrolled by these officers.

There are many conflicting reports as to the cause of the riot, one report is that the hot municipal political campaign now going on is responsible for the affair, and this is considered the correct version. Sheriff Williams was elected at the last election as an independent candidate in opposition to the regular Democratic nominee, and since then has been looked upon as the head of a very strong faction in local politics. His young dog poison from St. John Nolans, crockery, glassware, etc. at Rackett Store.

### TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

The Governor Vetoes the Austin and Northwestern Purchase Bill.

Austin, March 18.—The veto of the governor of the bill permitting the Houston and Texas Central railroad to purchase, construct and maintain the Austin and Northwestern railroad may be said to have been a great surprise to the legislators. It was not, however, any surprise to the railroad men. They were prepared for it and have been for several days. A bill of like character was passed by the legislature during the gubernatorial life of Governor Culberson and it was vetoed by him. The senate passed the bill over his veto, but he was sustained by the house. When the veto was read yesterday it was at once sent to the senate committee on internal improvements. The message was only submitted to the senate, because it originated in that body.

The existence of a suit to forfeit the charter of the Austin and Northwestern railroad and the probable prejudice to the side of the state in the courts if the consolidation is permitted is one of the grounds for the veto. But behind that is the expressed opinion that the law might be unconstitutional.

The senate devoted the entire time to the general appropriation bill, after disposing of a few unimportant measures. The house passed a number of bills, but none were of special importance.

Austin, March 21.—The first thing before the senate yesterday was the message of the governor vetoing the bill allowing the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road to purchase the Sherman, Shreveport and Southern railway. The message was referred to the proper committee.

The senate adjourned from 11 to 3 o'clock out of respect for the death of Representative S. P. Evans, who died on Sunday and was buried yesterday at Van Alstyne.

On motion of Potter the senate concurred in the house amendments to his bill requiring railroads to furnish cars on application of shippers within three days.

### St. John & Powell, DRUGGISTS.

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The general appropriation bill on third reading came up, but was still pending when the senate adjourned. As soon as the house was called to order a resolution was adopted adjourning until 3 o'clock on account of the death of Representative S. P. Evans.

When the house reconvened resolutions of respect were adopted on the death of Representative Evans. The house then adjourned without transacting any further business.

Another Railroad Bill Vetoes. Austin, March 21.—Governor Sayers has vetoed the legislative enactment authorizing the consolidation of the M. K. & T. and the Sherman, Shreveport and Southern railroads on constitutional grounds that they parallel and are competing lines. This is the second railroad consolidation bill he has vetoed this session.

Death of S. P. Evans. Austin, March 21.—Representative S. P. Evans of Grayson county died here Sunday after an illness of about two weeks. He was first stricken with an attack of the grippe and his death was due to a complication of diseases brought about by that sickness. He was aged 29. His remains were shipped to Van Alstyne, Tex., for interment, accompanied by a legislative committee.

### PERISHED IN A FIRE.

Many Lives Lost in a Hotel at New York City.

Fourteen Persons Are Dead, Half an Hundred Missing and Over Fifty Injured, Some Fatally.

New York, March 20.—The Windsor hotel, costing \$1,000,000, was destroyed by fire late Friday afternoon. The flames originated from the igniting of a lace curtain burst forth from the first floor of the Windsor hotel as the St. Patrick's day parade was passing the building, and in a few minutes they had leaped up to the roof and enveloped the entire fifth avenue and Forty-seventh street fronts of the hotel.

Ten minutes later the flames were roaring through the interior of the hotel and all escape by means of stairways and elevators was cut off. There was the wildest scene of excitement within and without the building. Hundreds of guests and employes were in the hotel when the fire broke out and for many of them escape with safety was impossible. Probably from 10 to 15 lives were lost within a half hour and 30 or 40 persons injured in jumping from windows and rushing through the roaring flames on the corridors and on the stairways. Many who were injured died later at nearby residences and at hospitals and others who made their way to the stone sidewalk were so badly injured that they are still hovering between life and death.

The flames could not be checked and in two hours from the time the fire broke out the entire structure was in ruins and the streets on three sides of the building were filled with debris from falling walls and chimneys, while the streams of water being thrown upon the interior of the ruins had no other effect than to fill the air with clouds of scalding steam, making it impossible for any one to approach near enough to search for the bodies of those who perished.

The Windsor hotel was seven stories high and almost square in form, had a frontage of 200 feet on Fifth avenue and occupied the entire block between East Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets. The front center of the building was eight stories in height. It had also two wings each seven stories in height and 75 feet in height. There were more than 500 rooms in the hotel. The building was chiefly of brick. It was thoroughly equipped for fighting fire and

had pumps equal in force to six of the most powerful fire engines.

The Windsor was opened in Sept. 1873. For many years it was one of the most exclusive hotels in the city, and was in the height of its glory up to 10 years ago. It was the rendezvous of all the great wall street operators from the days of Commodore Vanderbilt and Daniel Drew. The hotel became known as "Wall Street by Night," because of the visits of the great financiers. President and Mrs. McKinley always stopped at the Windsor, and celebrities of all kinds were its guests.

### TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

Governor Sayers Vetoes in Two More Votes to the Senate.

Austin, March 22.—Another railroad bill has been vetoed by Governor Sayers. He objects to the absorption of the Texas Southeastern road by the Cotton Belt railroad. This makes three railroad bills vetoed by the governor. The governor also vetoed the Potter bill.

The senate passed the bill amending the charter of the city of Paris. Turner's bill extending the Forty-first judicial district into El Paso county was passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Grieman's bill, amending the school laws making numerous minor changes and corrections as suggested by the superintendent of public instruction passed, finally.

Board of managers of the Southwestern Insane Asylum granted the right to lease the sulphur water from the artesian well of that institution.

Stafford's bill, creating a commission to be known as the Texas state historical, was killed on final passage by a vote of 8 to 13.

The bill fixing marriage licence fee at \$1 and 12 1/2 cents for recording, was finally passed.

Several other unimportant bills were passed. In the house Mr. Smith of Grayson called up the motion introduced by him some time ago to reconsider the vote by which his bill to provide for the investment of the permanent public school fund was passed.

An effort was made to substitute the senate bill, but it failed and the bill was repassed by a vote of 14 to 29.

The Confederate pension bill, which was made pending business several days ago, was taken up, and the committee substitute for the several bills referred to it was adopted.

Several proposed amendments were defeated and the bill passed to engrossment after four hours' debate.

On motion of Mr. Staples the regular order of business was suspended and his bill to amend the law relating to passenger fare on railroads, so as to strike out the provision that where the fare is paid to the conductor, the rate shall be a cent per mile, was taken up on its second reading.

The enacting clause was stricken out and there the bill rested.

Several minor bills were passed.

San Francisco, March 18.—The steamer China from the orient via Honolulu, brings news of the death of Princess Kaitiani on the morning of March 8. The cause of death is attributed to influenza rheumatism. The princess was born Oct. 16, 1873.

SEE B. L. BOYDSTUN'S LARGE AD. ON NEXT PAGE.

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