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The Great Fire of St Louis

St Louis.

Crewmen doused a mattress fire on the steamboat White Cloud, moored at the North End on the city's landing. They aired the bedding on deck, then dragged it back into the cabin.

They must if missed an ember. About 10 pm, flames burst from the passenger deck. Watchmen along the crowded clanged bells of alarm. Volunteers of the Missouri Fire Co. No. 5, first to the scene, saw fire leaping from the White Cloud onto the adjoining steamboat, the Edward Bates

A hard wind blew from the northeast across the Mississippi River. It would serve as a bellows for the long, destructive night of May 17-18, 1849 - St. Louis' Great Fire.

The firestorm added misery to the city's worst single disaster, a cholera epidemic that has killed at least 4,300 people. The May 17 newspapers were filled with news of death. The White Cloud was just another steamboat from New Orleans.

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The Bates burned free of its mooring on what is today's Laclede's Landing and drifted downriver, spreading fire. Crews on boats without steam cut their lines and tried to escape in the current, but wind pushed them back into the gathering inferno. In 30 minutes, 23 steamboats were ablaze along the riverfront. Embers fell on hemp, tobacco, wood and other freight stacked upon the landing, which then was made of limestone blocks. Fire jumped Front Street onto shanties along Locust and Vine streets.

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Great Fire.

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It spread south and west into the business district, where lawyers and bankers frantically retrieved books and papers. Another fire south of Market Street, sparked by burning boats, roared through wooden homes.

Firefighters and residents retreated while still battling with bucket brigades and weak streams from hoses fed with river water. The fire skipped a few all-brick buildings but consumed almost everything on nine blocks north of Market Street. It moved toward the (Old) Cathedral at Walnut and Third streets.

Firefighters saved the cathedral block with a firebreak by blowing up buildings along Market. A premature blast at Phillips Music Store, Market and 2nd, killed fire Capt. T. Targee. Firefighters protected the Market Building, the city hall at Market and Front, by kicking embers off the roof.

Not until dawn, when the wind finally stilled, could they make headway.

The Great Fire destroyed 418 buildings on 15 blocks. Three people were confirmed dead, but more probably perished on the steamboats. At least one burning boat blew up.

Deadwood resident has patents accepted

Recently the sound of activity coming from the blacksmiths has had everyone intrigued. Patrick Kennedy, originally from New Ross, Ireland has been working hard on developing his 8 round revolver which he calls the 'Kennedy Revolver'

He claims that it is a step up from the recently developed Samuel Colt 'Baby Dragoon' revolver allowing the firer an extra two rounds without any loss of stopping power, range or accuracy.

Last week, he proclaimed joy at having two patents accepted by the US Patent Office however he stresses that he has another ten designs in progress which due to monetary reasons he has had not had time to develop fully as yet.

He asks that anyone willing to invest in his fledgling company, 'The Kennedy Armaments Company' contact him in Deadwood or send him a telegram for his attention.



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Deadwood Poker Tournney Winner



Deadwood Saloon Poker Tournament Won By An Australian.

A raucous night was to be found last Saturday night in the Deadwood Saloon as the Poker tournament, sponsored by the Peabody Corporation was held.

Entrants from all over the world were to be found in the town over the weekend, the majority coming in on the Steamboat Willie Mason which arrived on the Friday night.

The tournament began early on the Saturday evening with the final prize of **\$15,000** going to the eventual winner Mr Nigel Wilson, a recent arrival into the United States, originally hailing from Australia.

Mr Wilson explained to this reporter that he arrived in the United States to make good his fortune and it would seem that this win would certainly be helping on his way.

Other players commented that Mr Wilson's playing style was certainly dogged as he ground out his win on the final table into the small hours of Sunday morning. In fact, players losing out to Mr Wilson commented on his great stamina.

"I've wrestled crocs that were easier to win against than my fellow finalists. They sure made it one ripper of a final but in the end there was only gonna be one winner." He said in a statement to the paper.

Second Place Mr Marx stated, "next time you're mine, limey cocksucker", which should make any rematch interesting.

Mr Waller, representative from the Peabody Corporation announced that the tournament was a massive success. "People will be talking about it for a long time, I say that it was one of the best tournaments evaa", he was quoted as saying.

Rumours are abound however, that the top prize had been stolen by bandits on the evening of the event, and that regulators failed to secure the area.

"Mr Dawkins as acting Head Regulator worked above and beyond the call of duty to secure a high profile game like this. This proves once and for all Regulators can provide results, all winners were happy with the result", Mr Waller said after the event. And indeed, late into the Sunday afternoon, gunshots could be heard as the participants returned to the riverboat jetty, however they are all reported to of made it safely onboard,



. Residents of Deadwood

By Virtue of a Writ of Feiri Facias to me directed, will be sold at a public venue.

On TUESDAY

The 14th of August, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house lately occupied by Doctor Thomas Ruston.

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Peterson Boys Finished???

. The Deadwood Sheriff along with a posse formed from visitors to the Southern States Tournament dealt the final death blow to the Peterson Boys Gang last Saturday. The Gang had been attracted to town by the large sums of money which had been collected to give as prize money. Pa Peterson, leader of the gang, was captured by the posse before being killed while in jail during an abortive rescue attempt by members of his gang. It is unknown who fired the shots.



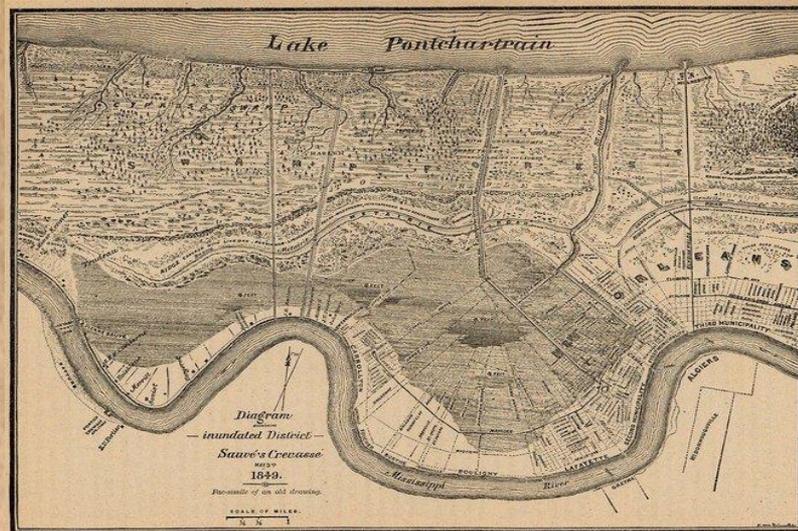
Jake Petersons final attack on Deadwood.

Jake Peterson, Pa's eldest son was killed in town whilst on a revenge spree after his sister was killed in the woods.

The gunfight went on for some time with at least 20 dead on the Petersons side and only a few minor casualties amongst the local populace.. The Petersons finally tried to shoot-up town but were gunned down by the regulators.

A local correspondent is supposed of said, 'Thank the Lord on High that we have seen the last of these lowlifes..'

The sheriff has used the bounty for these characters to pay for their burials and repair any damage.



New Orleans Floods

On May 3, the Mississippi poured through a crevasse at Pierre Sauve's plantation in present-day River Ridge.

According to a vivid account in The Picayune, "Yesterday we visited the scene of the crevasse at Mr. Sauve's plantation, fifteen miles above the city, and returned again at 2 o'clock this morning. The trip was most tedious and wearisome, and but for the novelty of seeing the mighty river rushing out of its banks and flooding thousands of acres with its turbid waters,

we should not willingly have continued on our course even after starting. The roads are filled with water and mud to such a degree that it is next to an impossibility to pass over them."

After filling the swamps and plantations of Jefferson Parish, the water inundated low-lying parts of the city and still remains there till this day.

HELP WANTED

Dr Artemis Lovett, previously from New Orleans, Louisiana has requested that any local trapper with knowledge of the indigenous native tribes presents himself to the good Doctor whilst he is in Deadwood.

Dr Lovett, has decided to make good his home in Deadwood following the recent Poker tourney held at the Deadwood Saloon where he made it through to the final table.

Dr Lovett has also promised to make a payment to any respondant to this advertisement, should the information be of value.

Dr Lovett is currently residing at the Deadwood Saloon until further notice.

Mexican War Stalemate

The deadlock in the Mexican War still stands, with neither side gaining any advances in recent months.

Ex Military Colonel Cornporn stated "The Mexicans lack the training and are yella b****s, but unless we can start getting supplies towards Texas on a large scale our boys are not gonna make any progress either.

The situation has been at a deadlock since late last year with the Mexican Army having upgraded their general firearms, and are also now better

supplied with rations which are coming through to their front line regularly, also the addition of many new regiments have given the Mexican command some much needed confidence.

Rumour has it that our valiant troops are being aided by Mexican rebels fighting against the regime. President Taylor has not declared his alliance with these rebels, but it appears that both sides seem to have taken the idea that the enemy of my enemy is my friend.



Chinese Strikes across the country.

Chinese workers across the West staged an organized protest Wednesday last week with a put down in tools. Those these protests have happened in the past the level of organization has taken many Railroad companies by surprise.

Past protests have been one off over very specific issues, done on the spur of the moment.

The stated issues from the protest from any member of the Chinese community was to "Make sure that workers are paid on time and for the days completed." No specific leader at any camp was found and how they were organized is still a mystery.

