

FIRE PARTIALLY DESTROYS
Herbarium of Department of Botany
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Fire in the main college building destroyed a large amount of valuable botanical material. The Parry Herbarium was saved, except the duplicates which were nearly all burned. A part of the grass collection was saved and a few of the other specimens. The general collection contained about 80,000 specimens; more than 50,000 of these were burned besides a large number of duplicate specimens numbering many thousands. Many valuable western plants collected by the writer, representing four years of labor were destroyed. Also sets of plants from Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado and Texas were burned and much of the private library was also ruined as well as the department library. Most of the microscopes and other apparatus were burned. Manuscript on grasses of the state besides one on thistles and some smaller papers ready for publication were also destroyed