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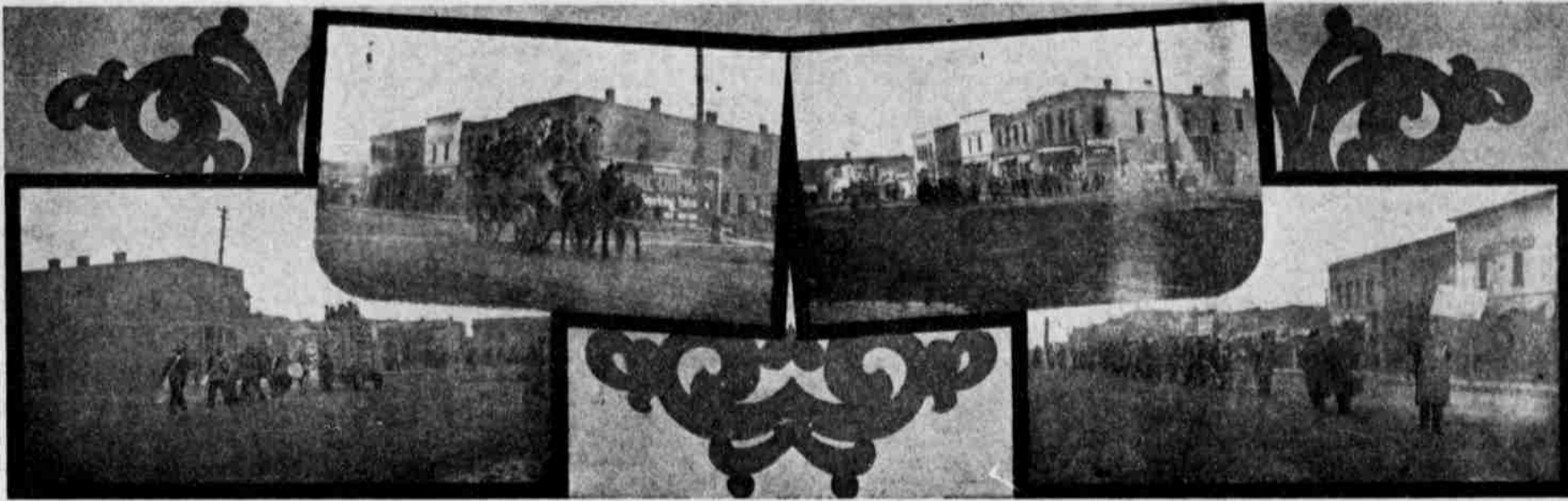
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State Firemen's Convention Passes Into History as the Best Ever--All Delegates Leave for Home.



Scene during the Convention. From left to right, the Cowboy Police and the Cage. A Jolly Bunch on the Water Wagon. Putting out the fire Tuesday afternoon. "We're going home"—Norfolk.



W. S. Ridgell, Alliance.

The Herald of last week, which was distributed to each visiting fireman as he left the banquet hall on Thursday evening, contained a write-up of the convention to Wednesday morning. The rest could not be gotten in because of lack of time and space.

This paper is always crowded to the limit with news. It ought to be a daily, for we're always asking the question on pressday, "What shall we leave out?" Some papers have a hard time filling up and have to rely on big gobs of plate matter to fill up. Not so here.

The boys all slept well Tuesday night after the light lunch which had been served by Bill Becker. He is a good cook, and his meals are guaranteed to let you sleep.

At nine-thirty Wednesday morning the convention was called to order by the president and the regular order of business taken up. Reports of the different committees were read. Several amendments to the constitution were suggested. In an association of this kind, representing as it does over thirty thousand men, there are many questions to be settled and things come up every year that have to be gone over at the yearly meeting.

In the afternoon the convention was addressed at length by the Hon. Chas. H. Randall, formerly state senator, and recently appointed by Gov. Aldrich as chief fire commissioner.

He explained that his duty consisted in looking over and inspecting the different fire equipments in the different cities of the state. He also has the power of ordering unsafe



J. W. Guthrie, Alliance.

structures torn down, when located in the fire limits of any city in the state. He stated that thirty-five per

cent of the fire losses in Nebraska during the last year were caused by the careless handling of gasoline. After he had spoken many of the members of the convention questioned him regarding the enforcement of the law, etc.

Chas. E. Hartford of Norfolk, state delegate to the national convention at Rochester, N. Y., last year, gave a full report of that meeting last September. The retiring president, J. C. Elliott, was elected as state representative to the convention in St. Louis this year.

And the Lobster Banquet that evening! Ah, such a feast and such eloquent speeches as were made! It takes a gathering of jolly, good men, bound together by the bonds of an association like this one, to enjoy each other's company and to throw off the restraint that unfortunately rests on banquets of this kind.

Most of the men attended the ball at the opera house and then came to the banquet. A few didn't go to the ball, but every one of them went to the lobster banquet. Big, red lobsters, cooked as only the chef at the Burlington knows how, were served and eagerly devoured. For you know this high altitude and pure air up here makes a man who is not used to it very, very hungry.

Fremont has Lobster Club number one and Alliance has Lobster Club number two. Mayor Harris of Alliance is the president, and he fills power. The following gentlemen,

with others, made speeches that were enjoyed by all: Father McNamara, I. E. Tash, F. M. Broome and J. W. Guthrie of Alliance, W. F. Roseman of Fremont, J. C. Elliott



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of West Point, M. Bauer of Nebraska City, George Howe of Fremont, L. W. Hague of Minden, C. H. Randall, state fire commissioner.

After the little German band had played and been encored time after time, the boys voted one and all that Lobster Club number two was qualified to hold its place another year. Small lobsters were distributed around as souvenirs.

On Thursday the much talked of question of the yearly tournament was taken up and much time spent in discussing it. Some suggested that the state be divided into two districts, the Platte river to be the dividing line, and a yearly tournament be held in each district. Some



J. C. Elliott, West Point.

of the delegates wanted the state divided into still smaller districts, but this was looked upon with disfavor by the majority. The association has heretofore appropriated the sum of \$200 each year for the town that gave the tournament, and it was argued that several tournaments in different parts would be very expensive.



H. L. Boyes, Hebron.

It was moved and seconded that the question be laid on the table. This carried. Then J. W. Guthrie of Alliance moved that a committee of five be appointed to go into this matter and report at that time. This was carried. Right here we wish to

state that Alliance has two firemen who have a great deal of influence in this association. One is J. W. Guthrie and the other is W. S. Ridgell, who was elected second vice president without a single opposing vote. Alliance is proud of these men as well as her other delegates, and she made a good showing.

J. C. Elliott, the retiring president, gave an instructive talk in favor of the yearly tournament. He showed how that they stimulated interest among the firemen and how that without them interest might lag. They keep the spirit of competition up between the different companies and help make them efficient. He was in favor of having the convention and tournament at the same time, as it would lessen the expense and the crowds would be larger.

Mike Bower of Nebraska City then gave a short talk showing that at times professionals had been employed by different departments to make the couplings in races. He deplored this condition of affairs and was heartily in favor of it being done away with, as it is decidedly unfair to those who are amateurs. He was heartily applauded. He also suggested that the city of Alliance should have a fire auto as the streets are level and well adapted to the use of one. It would not take very many losses to pay for an auto.

The following officers were elected:

J. H. Parker, Albion, president.
H. L. Boyes, Hebron, first vice president.
W. S. Ridgell, Alliance, second vice president.
E. A. Miller, Kearney, secretary.
H. W. Winters, Norfolk, treasurer.

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Geo. Howe, Fremont.

Board of control: Jacob Goshring, Seward, Chairman. George Howe, Fremont. Wm. P. McCune, Norfolk. Thos. E. Jeffries, North Platte. Bert J. Gailey, Columbus.

The convention adjourned to meet next year at Kearney. Scottsbluff was a contestant for the place but lost out, although she received a goodly number of votes.

Thursday evening the opera house was crowded for the boxing match, which was a clean bout, no loud language being allowed. The boys, Tommy Smith of Crawford and Jack Fitzgerald of Omaha, were well matched and boxed fifteen rounds to a draw. The Herald had two reporters stationed at the ringside and while the match was going on the report was being set up in The Herald office by rounds, as the forms of that edition were held for this bout. Referee Barnes declared it a draw in the fifteenth round. The Herald extras were out fifteen minutes later.

One of the largest crowds ever assembled at a banquet in Alliance gathered around the tables in the new Wood-Reiman building Thursday night. About five hundred were present, but the ladies of the First Presbyterian church had anticipated a large crowd and had made ample preparations and served a menu that delighted all present. The Alliance High school orchestra furnished music, under direction of Prof. G. H. Williams, which brought frequent applause from the guests.

As toastmaster, Judge W. S. Ridgell showed himself to be the man for the occasion and helped to overcome a few minor inconveniences such as the reported blowing out of the electric light fuses and some

necessary changes that were made in the program. The toasts were responded to by Father McNamara, Supt. W. R. Pate and Wm. Mitchell of Alliance, Hon. J. C. Elliott of West Point and Hon. J. C. Cleland of Fremont. Not the least interesting part of the program were the vocal solos by Mrs. Rousseau, which were heartily encored, Mrs. Wayne Zediker accompanying.

Although several good cuts were secured of street scenes and photos of prominent men at the convention, we are very sorry that the most important picture of all, the photo taken of all the delegates in a group, was not secured in time for a cut for this issue of The Herald. If secured in time this will be published in the next issue.

Following is a complete list of the delegates who were registered at the headquarters of the Alliance fire department:

FREMONT:
Herb Barge, Frank McGinnis, Geo. Dorr, Ed Hem, P. I. Krise, A. C. Christiansen, Geo. Howe, H. J. Harrison, Albert Whitaker, Ernest Halm. (Continued on page four.)

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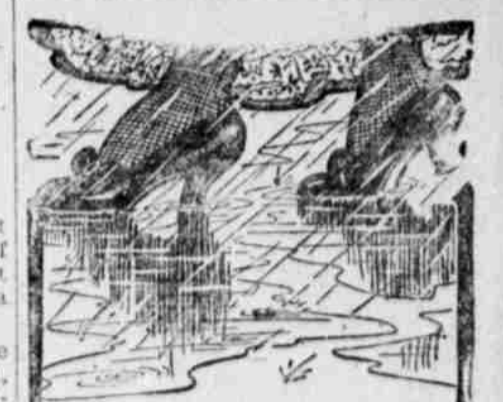
New

Ginghams

Just

Open

NORTON'S



The Cause of a Cold

OR cough cannot always be traced. It is sufficient, however, to know that you have one and ought to get rid of it. "Great caks from little acorns grow," and too frequently the slight cough of today is the pneumonia of tomorrow.

Jexall
Cherry Juice Cough Syrup

Is the best cough insurance in the world. As a remedy for cough, hoarseness, difficult breathing, etc., it is without a peer. It soothes and heals the inflamed throat and passages and restores the voice to its natural tone, all in a very short time. Cures the most stubborn coughs. Very pleasant to take, perfectly harmless and good for children as well as adults. Try a bottle!

HOLSTEN'S

"Look Before You Leap"

Is an old saying that holds goods in starting a bank account.

Before You Place Your Money in a Bank Look for the Following Safeguards:

Notice the character and ability of the men who have charge of the bank; see that the officers are experienced bankers and the directors are responsible men. The bank should have ample capital, the larger the capital, the greater protection for the depositor. A large surplus and profit fund is also an additional protection.

Read the bank's statements; notice whether or not they carry a good reserve in cash and demand loans, also notice if the bank is prospering—if a bank don't make money, it is not a safe bank.

All the above mentioned security is afforded our customers; if safety for their funds, with liberality and courtesy is what they want.

The First National Bank of Alliance, Nebraska