

Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association

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A department devoted to the interests of the volunteer firemen of the state of Nebraska.

Edited by Lloyd C. Thomas, state publicity chairman.

Greetings, brother firemen. Greetings. With this issue of The Herald the new department (your department) opens. We have given a great deal of time and work to this edition and want it to be just a starter. We want every future edition to be just as interesting to you. Of course we will not devote so much space as in this issue but we will keep your department full of good, live state news regarding departments, fires and things of interest to volunteer firemen.

The convention at Columbus, which is reported in another section of the paper, was an event that we will all remember. It was a mighty big boost for the state association. We intend that this department of the newspaper, with the assistance of the publicity member to be elected from each department in the state, shall serve to keep us in closer touch with each other. When we go to the next convention, at Nebraska City in January, 1915, we want to feel acquainted with each other. We want the different fire departments to know what is going on with other departments in the state. If you make the proper use of this department in The Herald you can do this. We've got the ball started. Let's all help to keep it rolling.

These columns are open to you, for your use. If you have questions which you wish discussed send them in to be printed here. If you have a banquet, elect new officers, put out a good fire, or do something else equally interesting, tell us about it. Circulate the paper among the members of your department. See that they read it.

Get some interesting pictures of your department, your club rooms, your equipment, etc. Send them into this office with an article telling about them. We will be glad to print them here for you. The only expense to you will be for the cuts. And, furthermore, if you have suggestions of any kind to offer for the betterment of this department, don't be afraid to tell us. See that your publicity man is elected at once. Send me his name and tell him to get busy.

We have received letters from many of the different firemen and departments in the state, asking for information regarding this new department. These letters will be given attention without delay. The interest and promised co-operation is appreciated. We are making a special offer of one dollar per year for The Herald to firemen in clubs of five or more subscriptions, cash with order. Send in the names of the firemen in your department who wish to get The Herald so that they will not miss future issues.

Paper Deserves Credit

The Journal at Plattsmouth deserves credit for the attention it gives the firemen of that town. It is a live newspaper and is a genuine friend of the boys.



Harry Houser
 Chairman Board of Control and
 Chief of the Fremont Department

Crete Man's Home Burns

The home of Chas. Mooberry, located 300 yards west of the West Thirteenth bridge at Crete partially burned on the 11th of February.

"Asbestos" Wrapping Burns

The "asbestos" wrapping around the furnace in the Holden home at Dundee on Friday, February 6th, caught fire. It was soon put out.

The residence of Nick Klean east of Holstein caught fire on the 11th of the month and was entirely destroyed.

Thieves Set Barn on Fire

Chicken thieves are believed to have set fire to the barn of W. P. Laing at Geneva on the 16th. The barn was entirely destroyed but no trace of the chickens was found.

New Officers at Bloomington

New officers were elected for the Bloomington department on the 9th. They are: Chief—Bert Lovejoy; Assistant Chief—R. H. Miller; 1st Captain—Hye Dunn; 2d Captain—Wm. Etherton; Secretary—A. J. G. Dunlavy; Treasurer—E. S. Murray; Trustees—Jesse Mallek, E. S. Murray and Clayte Etherton.

SEND RIDGELL THE REPORTS

Chief Deputy Fire Commissioner Asks Chief to Make Reports According to State Law

(By W. S. Ridgell)

We are having a great deal of difficulty in securing reports of ALL fires occurring in Nebraska. The Fire Commission Department is the only official department in Nebraska where such statistics are compiled and if we do not obtain an account of each fire and the amount of damage sustained there will be no correct record of our fire losses and no way of estimating the number of fires occurring in the state. The enormous annual fire loss of the United States is awakening the citizens of the country to a realization of the fact that this great drain on our national wealth is costing each individual his share, not only in high insurance rates but in taxes, the cost of living, etc.; for this loss of our wealth by fire enters into every phase of our commercial life.

It is imperative that we keep a record and know just about how much Nebraska suffers up as a sacrifice on the altar of fire each year. The only way we can know is for



W. S. Ridgell
 Deputy State Fire Commissioner

each fire chief, mayor or village clerk, where no fire department exists, to report promptly to this office every fire occurring within his city or village. The law requires that he send these reports to us WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE FIRE OCCURS. We have not enforced this law rigidly in the past and I find that a great many fire chiefs and mayors are not complying with the law nor are they making any attempt to obey same; consequently our figures have not been complete.

During the coming year I am going to insist that every fire occurring within the corporate limits of any village or town be reported to this office WITHIN AT LEAST ONE WEEK AFTER THE OCCURRENCE THEREOF. If I find through the newspapers or otherwise that a fire has occurred and no report sent to us I shall proceed at once to file a complaint and enforce the law providing for a fine of NOT LESS THAN \$25 OR MORE THAN \$200. Probably after a few fines have been imposed officials will comply with the law without being forced to do so.

The reports are furnished by this Department and the data asked for is easy to give. The figures should



Geo. Howe
 President of the Association

be correct and the cause of fire given in detail. It is only a few moments work to fill out these blanks and mail them to us and fire chiefs and mayors should be most willing and anxious to assist this office to compile correctly and intelligently the fire losses of the state.

I trust every man whose duty it will send in these reports promptly and completely filled out and will willingly cooperate with us in carrying out the purpose of the law and reducing the fire losses of Nebraska.

Farmhouse Burned

The home of Joseph Hutchinson, a farmer living near Peru, was burned on Friday night, February 6th. The piano and a few small articles were saved. The loss was \$1,000, with insurance of \$700. The farm was located two and one-half miles from Peru.

Fire at Palmyra

The home of George Bogerief at Palmyra caught fire on Saturday, February 10th, burning to the ground. Two small boys narrowly escaped death. A cook stove was saved.

The home of Wm. Lee, living north of Nebraska City was partially burned on Monday, February 9th.

Early Morning Fire

Two barns, an automobile and several sheds were destroyed by fire at Wymore on the 11th. Wires carrying 2,300 volts of electricity were burned through. Charles Philbrick, one of the department members, made himself a hero by climbing a pole at great danger to himself and cutting the wires. The loss on the buildings was \$500, insured. The auto loss was \$1,500 without insurance.



Fred Alexander
 Treasurer of the Association

USEFUL RECORD

Norfolk Fireman Has Originated a Useful Record for Fire Department Secretaries

The secretary's record exhibited at the convention by Brother John Martin, secretary of the Chemical Engine company of Fremont, seems to be just what the secretaries were looking for as he reports quite a sale of them. The fact that they only cost \$5 and will last approximately fifty years, making the expense of the company record ten cents a year, is quite an item. The simplicity in keeping the record is also appreciated.

Brother Martin will have the first lot ready for delivery very soon. With each book is a specimen leaf giving full instructions how to proceed. Companies interested can get further information by writing to John Martin, Fremont, Neb., care of the Hammond Printing company.



E. A. Miller
 Secretary of the Association

Collie Dog Saved Family

The frantic barking of a collie dog saved the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kline and their three children on Friday, February 14th, when their home near Roseland was completely destroyed by fire. They escaped thru a window.

Many Attend Charity Ball

Several hundred people attended the Firemen's Charity Ball at Kearney on Thursday, February 12th. The revenue from the ball was donated to the "Mother Hull" hospital. The Kearney firemen always donate from \$300 to \$700 every year towards helping the hospital. The ball was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in the city.

Bad Blaze at Plattsmouth

The home of Rev. D. L. Dunkelberger caught fire at Plattsmouth on Tuesday, February 10th. The fire was discovered in the kitchen of the Dunkelberger home, burning thru the floor beneath the sink, and at once efforts were made to extinguish the flames and the alarm turned in for the city fire department, and a number of the firemen responded and it was thought that the fire was extinguished, but shortly afterwards the blaze was discovered to have broken out again and Mr. Dunkelberger succeeded in cutting a hole in the side of the room above the place where the fire was burning, and with the neighbors carrying water the blaze was finally put out after burning a considerable place in the wainscoting of the kitchen.



H. A. Graff
 First Vice President

Firemen Saved Postoffice

The department at Callaway saved the postoffice from destruction by fire on the 11th. The chemical engine was used in putting out the fire.

Fire in Tin Shop

The tin shop of Geo. Gunter at College View was partially burned on the 12th. The building was saved but he was badly burned.

Hardware Store Burned

The hardware store of E. C. Kendrick of Marsland, burned to the ground on the 6th. The cause was not known.

Store Fire at Trenton

The general merchandise store of C. L. Allen on the corner of Market and Washington streets at Trenton was badly damaged by smoke and water on the 12th when a small blaze was put out.

Burned Ice House

The Coors ice house at Bridgeport burned on February 11th. The cold was intense, freezing the water around the firemen as they fought. They were at their posts during the greater part of the night. Only by the excellent work done by the firemen was an entire block saved. Beer valued at \$300 was destroyed. The ice house was insured for \$500 but there was no insurance on contents.

Planning for Convention

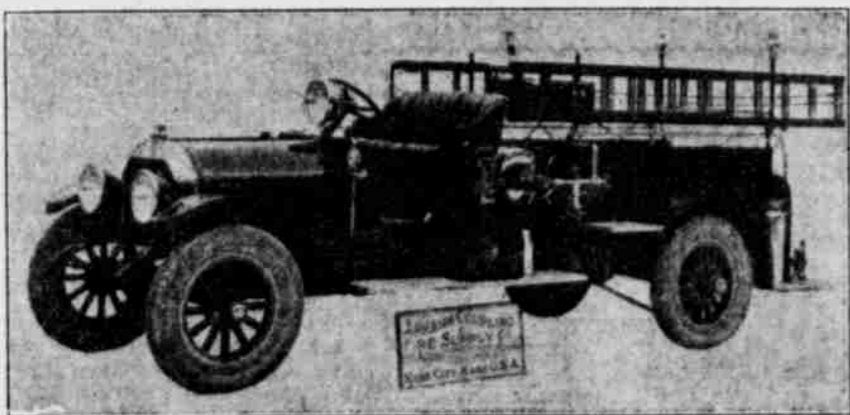
The Nebraska City department met on the 16th and planned for holding the next state convention in January, 1915. A committee consisting of three firemen and three merchants was appointed to solicit funds.



J. P. Hoffman
 Second Vice President

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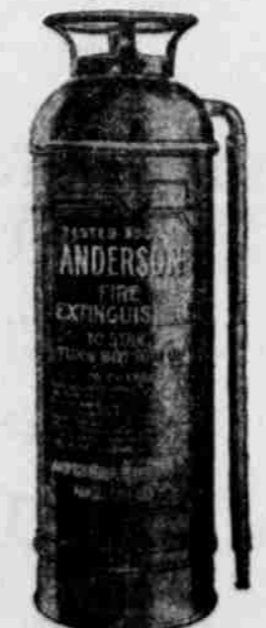
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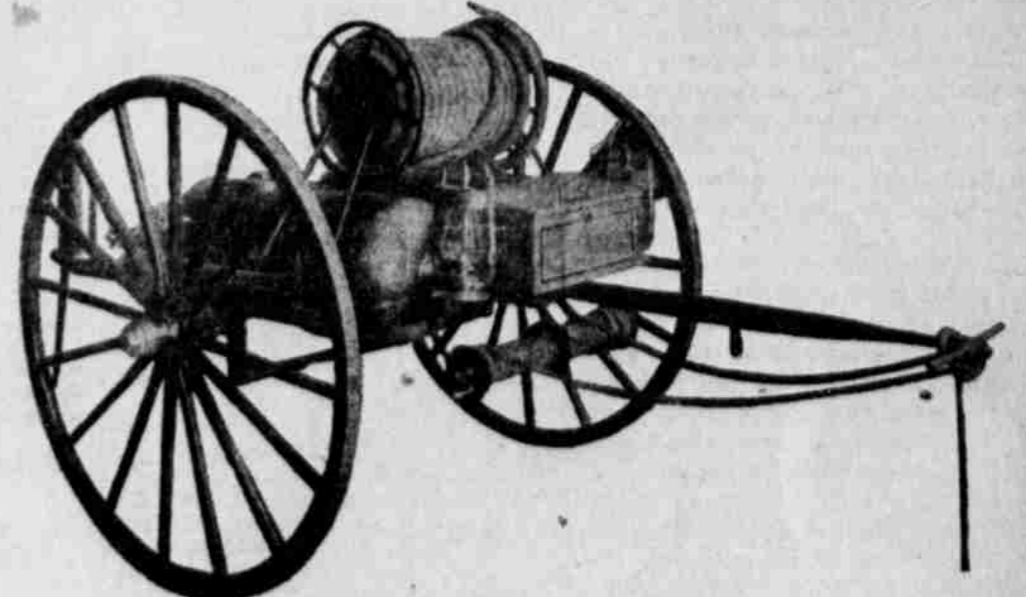
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