

# 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.

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The Hastings Daily Tribune had the following to say, on its front page, after the volunteer firemen of that city had saved the state of Nebraska several thousand dollars in helping save property at a fire at Ingleside, two miles from town:

It's fine to be a volunteer fireman. They have no road taxes to pay. They are exempt from jury duty. They are immune from every kind of military service. It's all privilege for the man who has the volunteer's star. There is a little excitement now and then in standing around while the regulars fight fire, but think of the remuneration—\$1 per hour whenever water is used. It's all soft—the volunteer's lot.

That's one side.  
 Here is another: When the fire at Ingleside lighted up the heavens last night the Hastings volunteers got busy. Ingleside is outside of their jurisdiction, two miles away. It was separated from town by seas of mud. A torrential rain was falling. Not even the volunteer's pay was in sight, for the city doesn't pay the state's bills.

Nevertheless several groups quickly formed and made the dash to Ingleside by automobile and worked until 2:30 this morning helping the hospital brigade.

I. A. Zook drove a roadster with four passengers riding in the seat built for two. Splashing mud to the ditches on either side Zook let his motor out, taking the turns on the Second street road at high speed. As he was making the last turn there was a sharp bolt of lightning and in the flash Zook saw the figure of a man beating across the field. Wet to the skin the man was going overland to help save the hospital.

Zook stopped his car and called. The man waded through the ditch by the roadside, stumbled through the mud and was given a place on the running board.

The man was J. M. Tennant, volunteer fireman.  
 It's fine to be a volunteer fireman.

The Crawford fire department is going after the 1916 convention in dead earnest. They are already raising a fund for advertising purposes and are going to keep busy from now until January, 1915, when they will ask the annual convention held at Nebraska City to designate Crawford as the place in 1916.

H. H. Easterbrook, 122 Montague St., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes me as follows: "I want to purchase one or more hand pumping fire engines of the Button or Smith pattern. If you know of any second-hand machines for sale please advise me. I want them of large size for tournaments." If any of the Nebraska firemen know of any engines of this class for sale, please write Mr. Easterbrook, mentioning The Herald.

The Alliance Fire Department were the honored hosts on Friday of last week of noted men from different parts of the state, as well as visiting members from other departments, as far east as North Platte. Governor Morehead, State Fire Commissioner Ridgell, Hon. Frank J. Taylor of St. Paul, Dr. Day, the noted live stock specialist, State Treasurer Fred Alexander of Scottsbluff, and others were among the guests. Speechmaking was indulged in for a couple of hours, following which a delicious lunch was served in the council chamber. Governor Morehead takes a great interest in the state firemen and should receive credit for part of the fine record made by Mr. Ridgell during his term of office.

Members of the Nebraska City department were greatly pleased to receive the following letter, with check, from a prominent business man of that city, whose property they had risked their lives to save in a serious fire:

"Enclosed find check for \$50. We are also sending you 200 of our favorite brand of cigars and beg to thank you and your gallant fire boys for the valued service rendered to us during our recent fire. Nebraska City ought to be proud of their fire department. We do not think there is another volunteer company so efficient in the middle west." The letter was signed by E. K. Bradley.

The Beatrice department is planning on a big picnic soon. The committee appointed is as follows: John L. Schiek, chairman; H. L. Harper, of Hose Company No. 1; J. S. Walker and A. D. White, of Ipatrick Bros. Hose company; I. L. Lock and G. D. Kuhn, of Hose company No. 5; Chas. Guttner and E. A. Gamble, of the Mook and Ladder company, and Ed Cashion and J. H. Arney of Hose company No. 6.

The committee will formulate plans and prepare a program of amusement for the day. The picnic will be held either up the river or at the chautauqua grounds.

A large barn on the state farm near Hastings was lost by fire June 12, when lightning struck the large brick barn at the Ingleside hospital,

and insurance of \$3,000 was carried.

The town of Kearney is going to celebrate the Fourth of July in great fashion this year. The firemen will take a prominent part in the celebration and be one of the chief attractions.

One of the attractive features of the past celebrations was that of holding a "water fight" and this will in all likelihood be on the program for the coming year. Other features in which the fire boys will take part are slated and they will all be worthy events.

The playing of a game of baseball between the firemen and the grocery-men of the city may possibly be played on the morning of the Fourth, this having been suggested. Excellent teams could be chosen among the two and a good game is assured in the event the meeting takes place.

Wayne has an active fire department. The Wayne Herald of June 11 had the following to say regarding their work:

Thursday evening, just after the excitement over the windstorm, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Morrow went over to their room at the Wheeler house, and decided to sit on the south porch to cool off, but had scarcely gotten located when Mrs. Morrow discovered a flame in the back room of their store building. They rushed over to the store, but on the way Mrs. Morrow told a traveling man to turn in the alarm. Not knowing where to go, he told someone on the street, and while Mr. and Mrs. Morrow were walking through the store and back the firemen were on hand. In talking afterwards, the traveling man made the remark that he was used to city life, and did not expect much of a fire team in a town the size of Winside, but that he never saw such quick action anywhere. Fortunately, the fire was quickly put out without the fire boys' help, but it certainly is encouraging to the citizens to feel that they have such an energetic team, ready to move at the first call, and that at an hour when many of the boys had already retired. This building was the scene of a fire in the early spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Morrow suffered considerably from water in the store, and this month they were in the flood. Mrs. Morrow called for help at once, and is now regretting her haste. Winsiders, however, feel that she did just right, for a little headway gained by fire in such a building would certainly have been disastrous.

The Alliance Fire Department spent Sunday, June 14, at a big picnic at the Jack Lister grove, six miles south of town. The trip was made in a big hayrack. There were plenty of good things to eat and drink, and everyone had a good time. The boys manage to have one or more picnics of this kind each year.

From the Tobias Express:  
 Fire was discovered in the Premium Store about 1 o'clock Monday night, and in a few minutes the entire stock was destroyed and the building badly damaged. The fire department responded to the alarm promptly and by good work saved the adjoining buildings from burning. The Masonic hall on the south had one window burned nearly out but escaped other damage. The barber shop on the north was on fire once but a stream of water from the hose soon put it out. It looked as if a big fire was going to develop, so citizens carried everything out of the barber shop that was loose but the fire was kept under control and soon extinguished. Mr. Hibbens, the proprietor of the Premium Store, had \$200 in insurance on his stock and his loss will be twice that amount. Will Fisher, owner of the burned building, had \$400 insurance. Mr. Hibbens has not yet decided whether he will again engage in business or not, and Mr. Fisher has not yet decided whether to rebuild or not. This is a very unfortunate fire and is a serious loss to Mr. Hibbens, a young man just starting in business.

The Aurora Sun of recent date said:

The month of June is the Jubilee month for the Aurora Volunteer fire department, and the members are celebrating it by throwing their charter open as a special invitation for new members. The regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday evening, and eight new members were admitted, while quite a number of others have signified their intention of doing so. During this month the usual membership fee of two dollars is remitted, so there is no cost to become a member. The fire department plans to increase its membership to from 60 to 75 members, which will enable them to have three companies, and add new fire fighting equipment. This would double the fire fighting efficiency of the department. Members who serve five years are given certificates which exempt them

from poll tax and jury service for life. Members also participate in the dividends that are declared from time to time and which are derived from entertainments, the annual ball etc. At the Tuesday night meeting members enjoyed a smoker and social hour. The officers at the present time are Oscar Oberg, president; George Houser, secretary; Fred Ukhin, treasurer, and Ed DeWaters, chief.

The Nebraska City News stands up for its volunteer fire department. In a recent issue it said:

When there is a fire in Nebraska City, there are a lot of people who occupy the curb stones and criticize the firemen, because they do not fight the fire according to their judgment. These men never take hold of a nozzle, never assist in managing the hose, never do anything to aid the firemen, but are always in the way and handicap the firemen as much as possible. They make slurring remarks, attempt to tell the firemen what to do, and make so much noise that the orders of the chief and the captains cannot be heard.

This was particularly noticeable at the fire Saturday night. There were more critics than there were active firemen. While the noble, brave, courageous firemen were risking their lives, facing death to save the property of others, these sidewalk warmers were condemning them.

The fact is that Nebraska City has one of the most efficient, able and courageous volunteer fire departments in the state and all should take their hats off to them. They deserve encouragement and not criticism.

The town of Arnold has a new fire department. The company organized by electing Dr. Chiles as chief, Wm. Phiffer as assistant chief, Eddie Robison as secretary-treasurer, and Jay Walker, Arthur Schooner and Neal Lokan as trustees. A suitable place will be chosen by an appointed committee for the installation of a fire bell.

The Wynot volunteer fire department at its regular meeting recently elected the following officers for the coming year: President, M. T. Bonertz; vice president, E. A. Miller; secretary, H. A. McCormick; treasurer, H. J. Sonnemom; chief, Chris Jensen; assistant chief, A. T. Duman; captain, P. A. Sullivan; assistant captain, O. M. Konegni.

FOR SALE at a bargain, one fire bell, complete. Used only a short time. For description and price write Secretary, Florence Hose Co., Florence, Nebr. 28-21-3689

Guide to Mesa Verde National Park  
 Detailed information regarding the cliff dwellings in the Mesa Verde Park is contained in a circular just issued by direction of Secretary

Lane. This park is situated in southwestern Colorado and may be best reached from Mancos. Within the park are many notable prehistoric ruins, the cliff dwellings comprising a group of great importance to the study of American archaeology. The principal and most accessible ruins are the Spruce Tree House, Cliff Palace, Balcony House, and Tunnel House. Spruce Tree House is located in the head of Spruce Tree Canyon, a branch of Navajo Canyon. It originally contained about 130 rooms built of dressed stone laid in adobe mortar, with the outside tiers chinked with chips of rock and broken pottery. Cliff Palace is located about 2 miles east of Spruce Tree House, in a left branch of Cliff Canyon, and consists of a group of houses with ruins of 146 rooms, including 20 round kivas, or ceremonial rooms, and a tapering loop-holed tower, forming a crescent of about 100 yards from horn to horn, which is reputed to be one of the most famous works of prehistoric man in existence. Balcony House, a mile east of Cliff Palace, in Ruin Canyon, contains about 25 rooms, some of which are in almost perfect condition. Tunnel House, about 2 miles south of Spruce Tree House, contains about 20 rooms and 2 kivas, connected by an elaborate system of underground passages, and a burial ground of 5,000 square feet; in each of these villages is an elaborate system of fortification, with, in some cases, walls 2.3 feet thick and 20 feet high, watch towers 30 feet high, and block houses pierced with small loopholes for arrows. Campers desiring to visit the ruins may obtain horses either at Mancos, Cortez, or Dolores. In addition to the rules and regulations the circular contains plans of the principal ruins and lists of books and magazine articles.

## Comments on Work

In a three-day campaign for new members, the Alliance Commercial Club secured two hundred fifty-five, making a total of three hundred and twenty-nine; the largest membership in the state of Nebraska for a city of five thousand population. During this three days campaign funds for the Commercial club work for the year were raised amounting to \$4,371, making a total of \$6,051. This is also the biggest amount of money ever raised by a Commercial club for one year's work in a city of five thousand. During this campaign \$1,306.25 was collected in cash. Secretary W. D. Fisher, formerly with the Norfolk Commercial club, but who is now secretary of the Alliance Commercial club, put on this campaign, assisted by thirty live members of the club. Fisher is making good at Alliance as we knew he would.—Norfolk Press.

## Here During Convention

Hugh B. Eller, the well known traveling agent for the Chicago & North Western Railway, who makes

his home at Fremont, Nebraska, spent some time in Alliance during the convention visiting old friends and making new acquaintances.

## Taylor Likes Alliance

Frank J. Taylor, of St. Paul, candidate for congressional nomination for the Sixth district on the democratic and peoples independent tickets, was much pleased with the town of Alliance. He was in town both Thursday and Friday. While here he made several speeches and many friends.

## Ball Visits Alliance

Woodruff Ball, of Cherry county, republican candidate for nomination for state senator in the 28th senatorial district, comprising Rock, Brown, Cherry, Sheridan, Dawes, Box Butte and Sioux counties, was an Alliance visitor during the convention. He expressed himself as being much pleased with the big changes being made in town, and the large number of new building improvements.

Walter Clark, sheriff of Garden county, was in town during the convention.

Luther Phipps, of Whitman, was an Alliance visitor the last of the week.

PAPER ICE BLANKETS—Hamilton's.

## ATTENTION, ELKS

In July the national Elks' convention will be held in Denver. Many of The Herald readers who are Elks are planning to attend this convention. Those who do so will want to take with them emblem cards with their name printed or engraved there on. The Herald is equipped to furnish these on short notice. The prices are very reasonable. Different styles can be furnished. Phone 340 or call at The Herald office and see the samples. HERALD PUBLISHING COMPANY. 291f

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our most heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness and the sympathy shown us during the sickness and burial of our mother and grandmother.

MR. AND MRS. P. J. STURGEON  
 AN RELATIVES.

## Estimate of Expenses

Following is the estimate of expenses made at the special city council meeting Monday night, for the municipal year ending the first of May, 1915:

Officers' salaries	\$5,000
Streets and alleys	5,000
Fire and water	5,000
Stationery and printing	500
Street and city lighting	4,000
City library maintenance	1,300
Interest on water bonds	3,000
Interest water exten'n bonds	1,000
Sewer maintenance	1,500
Interest on city hall bonds	480
Interest on city park bonds	250

## "The Home of Waxed Oak"

You are cordially invited to call and examine our large stock of Waxed Oak Furniture. It is the most elaborate ever shown in Alliance and the price is within the reach of all.

The soft brown finish of Waxed Oak gives a hospitable air to the room and blends with almost any other color in your furnishings. It is destined to be a lasting style and has good wearing qualities. Wood finished in this way is easily kept clean and free from dust.

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