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 Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1885 with a membership enrolled of 15, and G. W. Rausch was made chief. This has grown in numbers until now the membership consists of 60 active members. The following are officers: H. M. Wine-land, president; Frank Martin, vice president; W. H. Payne, secretary; Leslie A. Thomas, treasurer; A. O. Hurlbut, chief; D. H. Butler, assistant chief; P. W. Hart, foreman hose company No. 1; Walter S. Young, assistant foreman hose company No. 1; A. W. Freeman, foreman hose company No. 2; T. J. Edson, assistant foreman hose company No. 2; T. E. Evans, foreman chemical company No. 1; O. R. Yohs, assistant foreman chemical company No. 1; M. S. Johnson, foreman hook and ladder company No. 1; G. H. Graham, assistant foreman hook and ladder company No. 1. When this department was first organized they owned 2 hose carts, 1 hook and ladder wagon, and 800 feet of hose. Beside this they now have 1 hose wagon, 1 40-gallon chemical cart, 1 smoke helmet, 15 coats and 1000 feet of hose. Everyone has enjoyed several social affairs in the present year. The first social function was a house warming banquet at the new city hall, given January 15, the proceeds amounting to \$80. A Glee Club concert given the 12th of February, receipts being \$25. On March 1st a supper was served by the ladies to the firemen, and a return picnic was given by the firemen to the ladies May 15th. Both occasions were well worth the effort and appreciated by the parties concerned.

Syracuse Fire Department.—The officers of the Syracuse Fire Department are: W. N. Hunter, president; M. J. Wilkins, secretary; J. L. Metzger, chief; A. H. Lorenz, assistant chief; Andrew Kastens, foreman hose company; Grover Miesbach, assistant foreman of hose company; J. H. Elliott, foreman hook and ladder company; Wm. Klineberg, assistant foreman hook and ladder company; W. N. Hunter, secretary of hook and ladder company; H. A. Bartling, secretary of hook and ladder company. There are 40 members in good standing, with several veterans who are still interested in the welfare of the department. Equipment consists of two hose carts with 1,000 feet of hose, one hook and ladder truck, one Ajax chemical engine, and numerous hand chemical extinguishers distributed over the city by the firemen. Department also reported in good financial condition, due in a large degree to the untiring efforts of Chief J. L. Metzger, who is a veteran of eighteen years' standing.

Utica Fire Department.—Organized in 1891, and has for present officers the following: M. R. Bukord, chief; E. L. Hurlbut, assistant chief; Roy Hemphill, secretary. Hose Co. No. 1 owns 1000 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose. Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 is a second company of this department.

Protection from fires is secured by a water system main with 20 hydrants, and has the air pressure system, the pressure being 90 pounds.

Stanton Fire Department.—Organized November 1, 1892, with a membership of about fifteen men and with it was born a spirit of activity which has prevailed ever since. At this time the following, some of whom are still residents of Stanton, were officers of the company: Louis Smithberger, president; John Schindler, vice president; V. B. Wells, secretary; T. L. Ackerman, treasurer; August Fuchs, chief; F. J. Smith, foreman. The present officers of the company are: Edwin A. Marshall, president; Dr. C. E. Bolzell, vice president; Harvey L. Nye, secretary; Arthur P. Pilger, treasurer; Foster S. Gamble, chief; Omer Van Housen, foreman. In 1900 the company organized a hose team with Al Marks at the head, and at York that year won a fair sized sum of money in the races. In 1902 the boys took nearly all the money in the events at Grand Island and in 1903 and 1904 took winning moneys at Norfolk. Records were made at Norfolk that have never been beaten since. The Nebraska state record for 100 yards was made by Al Marks in 10 seconds flat. Albert Felsch also took first money in the ladder event, running 50 feet and up a 24 foot ladder. His time was 4-4-5 seconds, beating the world's record by 1-5 of a second, a record which has not been equalled since. In 1905 the team won practically all the races at Fremont, but lost out on the decision of the judges. After the hose team had done so wonderfully well for the company, it further grew and everyone was boosting for its ever endurance. To date, the company is stronger than ever, and with a full company of fifty equipped men, why should not Stanton feel proud of its fire laddies. The company began its career with a meager amount of equipment, but with a determination that the company be self-supporting and not a burden upon the town. Each year funds were raised by giving a New Year's ball, and at the present time has over \$1,200 in the treasury, besides owning its own fire bell and fire whistle (both connected with central), hook and ladder cart, two hose carts and a 60-gallon chemical engine.

Plainview Volunteer Fire Department.—At the last election of this department the following officers were chosen: President, A. F. Drake; vice president, W. G. Squires; secretary, C. T. Nelson; treasurer, E. E. Gart; chief, Wm. Gart; assistant chief, A. W. Mauck; foreman chemical engine, F. F. Vedlow; foreman hose cart No. 1, B. C. Rasmussen; foreman hose cart No. 2, Chas. Julian; foreman hook and ladder wagon, W. G. Smith. Trustees appointed: Harry Johnson for three years; H. M. Holbert for one year. Equipment consists of 2 hose carts, 1 hook and ladder wagon, 1 chemical engine, and about 2500 feet of hose. During the last three years the de-

partment bought and have nearly paid for their hall. In the last year, there have been five members fall out thru death, and on June 13 a memorial service was held to pay tribute to the deceased ones, who were the first losses of the department. A large number turned out to witness and join in with this mark of respect and the graves of the brothers were decorated. In the evening, Rev. Jackson, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered a sermon in honor of the members of this worthy organization.

Sidney Volunteer Fire Department.—With a membership of 60 active members the secretary of the department reports that they are continually striving to make it one of the best in the state. Gus Weisner, president; E. D. Worden, secretary; V. A. Kline, treasurer; F. B. Tobin, chief; J. L. Sitton, assistant chief, comprise the officers. Trustees are Oscar Harris, George Davis and C. J. Hellwig. A fine city hall and fire house costing approximately \$18,000 is under construction. The equipment consists of three hose carts and one hook and ladder cart. On May 20, 1915, Brother William H. Gates passed away and resolutions drafted in his honor are herewith submitted:

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.
 Whereas, God, the all-wise Father, and Creator, has seen fit in His wisdom to remove from earth to Heaven Mr. William H. Gates, a beloved husband and father. Mr. Gates was one of the oldest and most faithful charter members of the Sidney Volunteer Fire Department.

Resolved, That the removal of our brother leaves a vacancy in our department that none other can fill;

Resolved, That while we mourn the loss of this brother, yet we feel that we must humbly submit to these changes, fully realizing that a life well lived is not lost.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Sidney Volunteer Fire Department, with sad hearts, extend to the wife and children our most sincere sympathy and condolence in their hour of sorrow; and commend her to him who doeth all things well, for comfort and support in this, their darkest hour, and bid them trust in His promise of a happy reuniting with their loved ones when the last trumpet has sounded, and the sea given up its dead; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy spread over the minutes of the department, and a copy sent to the Sidney Telegraph and also one to the Alliance Herald, the official paper for the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association, for publication.

E. D. WORDEN,
 F. W. VATH,
 F. B. TOBIN, Committee.

GEO. J. HAND, M. D.
 Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
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IOWA WILL COME

Committee from Iowa State Volunteer Association Will Meet Nebraska in Jan., at Crawford

At the annual convention of the Iowa State Firemen's Association, held in Council Bluffs, Iowa, November 17, it was decided to ask the Nebraska association to co-operate in a joint tournament to be held in Omaha at the Omaha Driving Park next summer. A committee was appointed to attend the annual convention to be held at Crawford in January and make arrangements for the joint tournament if the Nebraska association approves of the plan.

The following report of the Iowa convention, from the Omaha World-Herald of November 18, tells about the plan:

All Iowa and Nebraska firemen, and possibly some from other states, will probably meet in one grand tournament at the Omaha Driving Park next summer. The Omaha Driving Club has offered \$4,000 in cash prizes for the usual firemen's events, the Iowa Firemen's Association has appointed a committee to confer with the Nebraska association on rules for such a tournament, and has left their annual tournament in the hands of their board of directors, who are favorable to the proposition.

The officers of the Nebraska association expressed themselves in the Iowa men's convention at Council Bluffs Wednesday to indicate that the Nebraska firemen would be behind the movement. The tournament would take the place of both the Iowa and the Nebraska state tournaments for firemen.

One hundred members of the Iowa State Firemen's association gathered in Eagles' hall for the opening session of the annual business meeting. The day was destined to be one of pleasure for the visitors and one they will long remember. It was said by many visitors that it was the best in the history of the association.

Mayor Snyder gave them the glad hand at the afternoon session and let drop the hint that the police force would not interfere with the fun. The morning session was devoted principally to the appointing of committees and the approval of the minutes of the board of directors at the tournament held in Iowa City on July 20-23. In the absence of Thomas Price of Clinton, president of the association, the meeting was presided over by C. M. Nicholson of this city, first vice president.

Chairman Nicholson appointed the following committees: Treasurer, H. P. Hansen of Manning; Chief George M. Kellogg of Sioux City, and R. B. Oviatt of Shenandoah; financial secretary, Roy Hedges of Atlantic; C. L. Lutz of Marion and C. L. Sommers of Clarion; rules and by-laws, E. E. Lambert of Des Moines; Al Lenocker of Oakland and Peter Henchey of Newton; credentials, Frank Sanman

of Shenandoah, Bud Lynch of Atlantic and Dr. Wolf of Grand Mound, to draft a resolution regarding the president's absence, Kellogg of Sioux City, H. P. Hansen of Manning and L. J. Horan of Muscatine.

Routine business consumed most of the afternoon and the officers mentioned above were elected. The treasurer's report showed expenditures for the year of \$3,801.05 and a balance on hand of \$1,710.99.

The old fight on whether to buy a hook and ladder for the annual tournament was renewed, and finally left to the board of control, J. C. Cleland of Fremont, founder of the Nebraska State Firemen's association, spoke on the Nebraska association, and Mr. Graff of Seward, president of the Nebraska association, explained the differences in tournament rules which would have to be eliminated if the firemen of the two states meet. H. P. Hansen of Manning suggested that the harmonizing of the rules of these two associations should be a step in the formation of a national commission of rules, just as the national baseball commission formulates the rules of the national game.

A Dutch lunch at the Eagles' hall, followed by a program at the Nicholas theatre, where the firemen were guests of Mrs. Nicholas Amos, manager, and a farewell meeting at the hall, wound up the annual tournament. The place of the next convention will be decided later.

A number of well known entertainers were on the program at the hall in the evening, including George F. Hughes, Lee Evans, Milo Smith and Howard Butler, the Teddy brothers, grotesque wrestlers of Omaha and others. The program was high class throughout.

The new officers elected were as follows:

President—C. M. Nicholson, Council Bluffs.

Vice President—C. M. O'Gness, Atlantic.

Second Vice President—A. J. Seefeldt, Red Oak.

Third Vice President—H. P. Hansen, Manning.

Treasurer—E. E. Lambert, Des Moines.

Recording Secretary—E. E. Parsons, Marion.

Woman Fireman Dies in So. Dakota

Deadwood, S. D.—Friends from all over the Black Hills attended the funeral of Miss Elizabeth Ellis for eighteen years deputy register of deeds in this county and widely known. Miss Ellis was 48 years old and had resided in Deadwood since 1888. She was known for her many charities and was the only woman member of a fire department in South Dakota and took a keen interest in the welfare of the members. The funeral was held from the Baptist church with interment here. Miss Ellis is survived by her father, David Ellis, and a sister, Mrs. O. U. Fryce, who lives in Reno, Nev.

WALKER RESIGNED

Second Oldest Fireman in State, a Member Beatrice Department, Resigned on Account of Ill Health

John S. Walker, who was for twenty-nine years an active member of the Beatrice Volunteer Fire Department and with one exception the oldest volunteer fireman in the state, resigned as a member of the building committee and also as a member of the board of trustees of the department at a regular meeting held in June. The resignation was reluctantly accepted and J. R. Ellis was elected to fill the vacancy on the board of trustees.

The Beatrice Express had the following to say about Mr. Walker:

Mr. Walker is a charter member of the Kilpatrick hose company, joining the company upon its organization twenty-nine years ago, June 8. He is an ex-chief of the department, has represented the department at conventions of the state and national firemen's associations, and has served as a member of the building committee and of the board of trustees since the building project was undertaken over seven years ago. As secretary of the building committee, over \$20,000 has passed through his hands and been paid over to the secretary, C. O. Gudtner.

He is one of the most popular members of the department and every volunteer regrets sincerely that ill health has caused Mr. Walker to resign. He is also well known among volunteer firemen over the state, having in the past taken a prominent part in the affairs of the state association.

Following the resignation of Mr. Walker, the building committee was discharged from further duty, the department voting unanimously to place the building in the hands of the board of trustees, which board will have charge of the rental of the building and the raising of funds in the future.

It is the intention of the department to liquidate the indebtedness on the building within the next two or three years.

\$3,500 Blaze at Anselmo

Anselmo, Nebr., Nov. 14—Fire destroyed stock and fixtures of the Anselmo Mercantile Company early this morning, causing a loss of \$3,500. Shortly after the fire was discovered another blaze broke out in the Taylor meat market, one block from the first one.

This last fire was soon subdued and loss confined to fixtures amounting to \$500.

Evidence points to incendiary as strong smell of coal oil was in evidence at both places.

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