

## DANGEROUS FIRE STARTS IN THE COATES BLOCK

A Close Shave for a First-Class Conflagration Through the Carelessness of Someone.

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening about 7 o'clock the fire alarm sounded its warning to the citizens that fire had broken out in the main business part of the city, and those hurrying to Main street were horrified to see huge volumes of smoke pouring out of the third story of the Coates' block in the rooms occupied by the Elks' club, and at once a rush was made for the scene of action, where flames were discovered pouring out of a small storage closet beneath the stairs leading from the second floor to the rooms on the third floor occupied by the Elks' lodge and the Cosmopolitan club.

The blaze had gotten under good headway when discovered by Mrs. Sullivan, the lady who looks after the care of the building and whose rooms are near the stairway, and she at once gave the alarm and several men who were in the building at the time responded and at once began to carry water to try and subdue the flames, and others arriving, all sorts of attempts borrowed from the parties residing on the second floor were pressed into service to be used in the fight against the fire demon, and it was due to the efforts of the bucket brigade that there is any building left, as their efforts held in check the progress of the flames until the arrival of the fire department a few minutes later, when two lines of hose were soon played on the flames and shortly had them extinguished. When the fire department arrived the blaze had started to work its way along the ceiling beneath the Elks' room and in a very few minutes would have spread under the entire floor occupied by this club, as a number of the laths and timbers of the floor were in a blaze, when the hose were turned on them.

The intense heat in the stairway was so great that a window leading into the Elks' room was broken and the heat entering here blistered the fine piano belonging to the lodge, which was right beneath the broken window, and the rooms were filled with clouds of choking smoke that made the work of those fighting the flames very difficult. The firemen on their arrival soon got the fire under control and the loss to the building will not be great, as the stairway was the only object burned to any extent, although the water poured in to subdue the flames did a great deal of damage to the apartment of Herbert Cotton and Robert Gibson, which were adjoining the fire, and through which it was necessary to run one of the lines of hose.

The bakery and lunch room of Fred Wagner, situated on the first floor of the building beneath the scene of the fire was a heavy sufferer from the water and his loss will reach close to \$200, as he had received a large shipment of flour yesterday morning and a great deal of this was ruined by being wet. The steel ceiling in the rear room of the store sagged down in bad shape for several minutes under the weight of the water, and it was necessary to cut holes to allow the water to escape, and it then flowed down into the basement, where the ovens and store room of the bakery are located, and here it was necessary to chop up portions of the concrete floor to allow the water to run into the sewer, and Mr. Wagner and a large number of friends worked until a late hour to place the store in order, and this morning the regular baking was proceeding as though nothing had happened, although the loss to the proprietor was quite heavy. The stock of Mr. Wagner was partial-

ly covered by insurance, and he will not face a total loss.

Much excitement was created during the fire by the fact that H. J. Streight, who with his wife occupy apartments on the second floor of the building, near where the fire was, could hardly be moved from the building, as he was in a very feeble condition, but he was carried to a place of safety by friends and remained there until all danger was over.

The origin of the fire, which started in a small closet in which paper and other articles swept up in the building are placed until removal, is supposed to have been started by the carelessness of some small boys playing around there with matches, and as it is always the result of this combination, came near causing the loss of one of the largest buildings in the city, and there should be steps taken to see that such carelessness is not allowed in the future, as it is a wonder the building was not destroyed.

## MORE FIRE PROTECTION NEEDED IN PLATTSMOUTH

From Friday's Daily.

The fire in the Coates' block last evening clearly demonstrates the need of plenty of fire protection for the buildings on Main street in the shape of hose that can be used to extinguish the blaze as soon as discovered and save much loss of property and perhaps of life. There should be in every building on Main street fire hose and fire extinguishers for use in an emergency and they should be placed so as to do some good and not merely as a make-shift to comply with the state law. This is a matter that the property owners should give their immediate attention before some serious fire sweeps over the city as a result of the neglect or carelessness of those who should look after these matters. This is one thing that the fire department should look after by a rigid inspection of the different buildings within the fire limits of the business part of town, and it should be done at once.

## CHANGES IN THE BURLINGTON STORE HOUSE CLERICAL FORCE HERE

From Friday's Daily.

A change in the office force is to take place at the Burlington storehouse as the result of the transfer of John A. Johnson, one of the clerks, to Alliance, where he is to take up the position of chief clerk. Mr. Johnson is one of the most efficient members of the staff in the store department here, and has been assistant chief clerk for the past few years. He will be found a most able man for the department in his new position, and his friends here will be greatly pleased to learn of his advancement. Matt Jerousek will take the place here made vacant by Mr. Johnson, and George Weidman will succeed Mr. Jerousek, while Gene Brady assumes the duties that have been looked after by Mr. Weidman. These changes will give the office force a promotion all along the line, and this policy of the storekeeper, Mr. Hill, in recognizing the long service of his employees in making the changes in the office here will prove very valuable ones in carrying on the work.

### For Sale.

Good 160-acre farm, 3 1/2 miles southeast of Greenwood, Neb.; 125 acres in winter wheat, 30 acres meadow. Also good 160-acre farm 1 1/2 miles west of Greenwood, Neb.; 70 acres in winter wheat, 12 acres alfalfa. Call on or write, A. D. Welton, or Farmers State Bank, Greenwood, Neb.

Typewriter paper at the Journal office.

## POINTERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Those Who Have Prepared to Meet Wants of Those Seeking Suitable Presents.

From Friday's Daily.

The block between Fifth and Sixth streets on the north side of Main is filled with a number of stores which are all prepared for the Christmas trade, and they contain stocks of goods that will please the most exacting in the quality and quantity of the goods offered for sale, and the shoppers should not fail to visit this section on their search for the remembrances of Christmas time.

The firm of Krohler Brothers have a large number of very useful articles in the hardware line that will make substantial offerings, such as ranges, knife and fork sets, and all manner of aluminum and enameled ware, and those who desire to give something of this nature will find their wants easily supplied here.

"The Palace of Sweets," over which John Nemetz presides, is filled to overflowing with the most choice and dainty articles that could possibly be desired in the way of sweetness for the Christmas time, and the Fairy chocolates, of which there is no better in the world, will be found in large quantities, as well as other lines of different sweetmeats, all awaiting the purchaser, and here is where the Christmas candies can be secured in any amount, great or small, and at the most reasonable prices, and the genial proprietor is willing to serve the wants of all who call.

Fred Wagner, the proprietor of the Delicatessen, carries no special line of goods for Christmas, but here can be found the most luscious and well cooked articles for the inner man that can be conceived of and the dishes for meals served here are all that could be asked, and the shoppers too busy to prepare the regular meals can readily procure all the needed articles here for a feast already cooked and ready to serve.

The drug store of Smith & Mauzy is beginning to assume the aspect of the Yuletide season and the stocks of goods suitable for remembrances of the Christmas time are here in profusion. Manicure sets of the latest design are awaiting the pleasure of the purchaser, while the choicest of perfumes in fancy cases and boxes present their claims upon the seeker after suitable gifts, and there is in addition to this a large array of toilet waters in dainty bottles which would make a pleasing addition to the dressing table of any lady or gentleman of the most discriminating taste. Cigars of all the leading brands are also offered for the man who smokes, and there is ample store of the celebrated Hyler's chocolates in stock to please those who are fond of these delicacies.

At the large and up-to-date clothing establishment of Falter & Thierolf can be found the last word in the gifts for "him," as they have put forth special efforts to secure for their friends and customers the choicest offerings from the world that caters to the man who cares, and here is a large and varied assortment of the most beautiful combination sets of neckwear, hosiery and handkerchiefs in many designs and at surprisingly low prices. Smoking jackets in very attractive patterns and bath robes of all designs are here awaiting the purchaser's inspection, as well as a display of a large number of seasonable novelties, such as cuff and collar button sets, mufflers, gloves, laundry bags and everything that anyone could possibly ask for in the way of gifts of this kind. The drug store of Gering &

Co., which is under the management of Messrs. R. L. Rundstrom and Ludwig Miller, is prepared to look after the desires of those seeking for seasonable holiday gifts, and the array is very pleasing to the eye. This firm has what is known as a mechanical toy and it has proven a great favorite for the boys, as with it there is the possibility of making a large number of articles that causes the novelty never to grow old to the fortunate one who receives this gift. They carry also a small line of the finest dolls on the market and sell them at very low prices. As is the general policy of stores of this kind toilet sets, Christmas cigars, perfumes, brush and comb sets are displayed for the seeker after suitable gifts. This firm also has the Browne cameras and White-man chocolates for sale at tempting prices, and can treat well all who call on them for their supplies for the holiday season.

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## HANS ALBERT, NOW IN THE INSANE ASYLUM, MAY REGAIN SANITY

From Friday's Daily.

A special from Hastings under date of December 11, says: "Hans Albert, a musician of world-wide fame, at one time living in Omaha, and still a violinist equalled by few in the country, in spite of his mental condition, is recovering this week from an illness which has kept him bedfast for ten days, and physicians at the Ingleside hospital yesterday were hopeful that he may now fully recover his mental faculties and entirely regain his health. Albert this week joined the orchestra in regular practice, assisting the head violinist and playing in odd-time form. Not often does he ask for his violin. In fact, at times he is averse to joining the orchestra, but when his instrument is once in tune and he draws the bow across the violin he enters into the spirit of it with old-time vim, playing with quite as much expression as in former days. When Hans Albert was brought to the Ingleside hospital nine months ago his mental condition was such that he did not even realize where he was. Since his recent illness physicians say they have tried out a new course of treatment for paresis, to which Albert's system has readily responded, and he may now fully recover."

Mr. Albert, who was one of the most widely known violinists in the west, was a frequent visitor here some few years ago before his trip to Europe, and for a time had a number of pupils here and was heard here several times in concert, when his playing was of such a nature as to hold everyone who heard him enraptured. It is to be hoped that this brilliant genius of the musical world can be restored to his normal faculties and again be able to delight the music-loving public as of old.

## BONDS FOR THE EXTENSION OF TIME OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

From Friday's Daily.

The county clerk's office is busily engaged today in sending out bonds to the different county officials, justices of the peace, constables and road overseers to have filled out and returned in order that they may hold office over the coming year, as the change in the election laws gives all of them an addition year in their office. The bonds have all been prepared and it will only be necessary for the officials to secure the signers to the bonds.

### For Sale.

Furniture and fixtures in 14-room hotel, in good location. Best reason for selling. Mrs. S. E. Harris, Cedar Creek, Neb. 12-8-11wky

The Journal ads pay.

## ANOTHER ONE OF OUR BOYS GOES UP HIGHER

Thomas H. Beeson, Manager of the Telephone System at Alliance, Goes to Norfolk.

Another of the Plattsmouth young men who are rapidly forging to the front in their chosen callings, is Thomas H. Beeson of Alliance, Neb., who has just been promoted from the position of manager of the Bell Telephone company in that city to that of assistant commercial manager of the largest in the state. Mr. Beeson was born in this city and is a grandson of Mrs. Allen Beeson and a nephew of County Judge Beeson. He was employed here by the Plattsmouth company when that corporation was first launched in his work, having a great natural inclination toward this line of work. The Alliance Times has the following to say in regard to the promotion of Mr. Beeson:

Many Alliance people will learn with regret that Thomas H. Beeson, the affable and capable manager of the Nebraska Telephone company, will leave Alliance the first of December to become the assistant commercial manager of the Norfolk district, with headquarters at Norfolk. The new position is a fine promotion for "Tom" and is in recognition of the splendid services that he has rendered the company while in charge of the Alliance office. Mr. Beeson will have supervision over 45 offices in the northeastern part of the state, most of which are along the Northwestern railway.

Mr. Beeson came to Alliance in March, 1903, from Creston, Iowa, where he was employed in electrical work for the Burlington. He was born and brought up at Plattsmouth. He assisted the Burlington in installing the electric light plant for the company and was with the railway a year and then went to the local electric light plant in the capacity of stationary engineer. In 1906 he took a position with the Auburn Telephone company and has ever since been identified with the telephone business in this city, sticking with the company through its various changes of ownership until it was taken over by the Bell interests in 1910.

Mr. Beeson received his electrical instruction through a correspondence course in telephony, aided by his own observations and experience. He is a man who knows the telephone game from top to bottom and the kind that the big Bell interests are glad to move ahead rapidly. The new position, of course, carries a higher salary.

## CHICKEN THIEVES BUSY ROBBING HEN ROOSTS ALMOST EVERY NIGHT

In the past week or ten days there has been a great deal of complaint from residents in the south part of the city of depredations that have been committed on the hen roosts in that section. One of the worthy citizens who has suffered the loss of one dozen of the finest of his poultry yard and has been greatly vexed each morning as he arose to find that several of the chickens had gone mysteriously, and the owner would like very much to lay his hands on the party or parties committing the outrages. Another of the residents in the same locality has been visited in the same manner and suffered the loss of some of his fowls, and there is talk of organizing a shotgun brigade in that section to try and put the thief of the hen roosts.

Reguar Castoria week at Gering & Co. Genuine Castoria at 19c.

## Large Invoice of Hosiery.

From Friday's Daily.

One of the largest hosiery orders that has ever been given in this city was made yesterday by the firm of Westcott's Sons to the Sterling Hosiery company of Chicago for 600 dozen pairs of the celebrated guaranteed brand of hose that sells in boxes of six pair for 60 cents. This order means 7,200 pair of hose or 14,400 single socks, which is certainly some hose and should furnish our people with plenty of changes in footwear during the coming year.

## To Wed Christmas.

Invitations are out this week for the marriage of Miss Gertrude Estell McKinley of Crete to David G. White of Missoula, Mont. The wedding will occur Christmas night at Crete. Both Miss McKinley and Mr. White have many acquaintances in Lincoln.—State Journal.

## MRS. KATE OLIVER SUSTAINS A VERY SERIOUS FALL ON SIDEWALK

From Friday's Daily.

This morning Mrs. Kate Oliver sustained a very painful fall while stepping onto the walk in front of the Grand building. The curbing was quite frosty and Mrs. Oliver, being well advanced in years, was slowly stepping on the walk when one of her feet slipped and she was thrown to the walk, falling in such a manner as to badly fracture her left wrist. She was assisted to her feet by bystanders and proceeded on her way to the office of a doctor to receive medical assistance, declining all offers of assistance. In a person of Mrs. Oliver's age such a fall is a very serious matter.

## A "WEARY WILLY" IS LET OFF ON PROMISE OF LEAVING THE CITY

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon with bowed and lowly head George Fisher, a wanderer, stood before Judge M. Archer and confided to his honor that he was taken up by the police in a state of intoxication and was deserving of severe punishment. The judge, disapproving that George was not possessed of any of the goin of the resin and so decided to allow him to go his way, provided that he left the city and didn't further violate the laws and ordinances of the city of Plattsmouth and the state of Nebraska, and he suspended the fine of \$5 and costs and the prisoner departed, feeling much rejoiced over the outcome of the case.

## SANTA CLAUS HAS FULL SWAY AT THE STORE OF H. M. SOENNICHSEN

The windows of the splendid establishment of Mr. Soennichsen are among the finest in the city and the artistic hands of the lady clerks have formed a most beautiful Christmas scene in the window on the dry goods side of the store. A Christmas tree decorated with all the beautiful trimmings of the Yuletide is one of the chief features of the window and the tree is surrounded by many choice gifts, while at the east end of the window a large fireplace makes a very inviting place for the descent of Old Santa. The window is trimmed in keeping with the season and is very pretty indeed, and attracts a great deal of attention.

## Beautiful Shetland Ponies

for sale at all times, for the next 100 years, unless I die in the meantime. I have now an extra fine stallion, the best in the state, for sale. Well broke for both harness and saddle.

Wm. Gilmore, Plattsmouth, Neb. R. F. D. No. 1.

## THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS IN FINE SHAPE

Interesting Meeting of Board of Control and Many Subjects of Interest Discussed.

The public library board held a very interesting meeting at the library building on Thursday evening to discuss matters of interest to the library and its patrons, among which was the report of Superintendent W. G. Brooks of the city schools, showing the Thanksgiving offering of the schools, which amounted to \$23.70, and the board expressed their thanks and appreciation of the interest shown by the pupils of the schools in the welfare of the library and the sum collected from the scholars will be used to secure new books for the use of the library. A committee consisting of Miss Olive Jones, Miss Vera Leonard and Mr. Brooks was appointed to see about securing new books with the money donated, as well as to select the magazine that will be used during the year.

The library has just received a very welcome donation from Mr. Sampson of this city in the shape of a set of the Century dictionary and encyclopedia, which will all a long-felt want in this institution, and a gift that will be much appreciated by those who are patrons of the library, as this work will be found one of the greatest reference works ever published. The story hour feature each Saturday morning at the library is also attracting a great deal of interest among the young folks of the city and the attendance at the one last week brought out some 225 children to enjoy the delight of hearing the story tellers, and this feature is proving a splendid tie that binds the home and school to the public library, as one of the best institutions in the city and also the most useful, as it brings within the reach of all the gems of the literature of the world.

## RUMORED CHANGES IN RUNNING OF TRAINS ON THE BURLINGTON

There has been for some few days past various rumors as to a number of changes contemplated in the train service of the Burlington, which it is claimed will effect the trains running out of this city. One of the changes that is in the air is the putting of No. 1 out of Omaha at 7:30 a. m. for the west, which would cause it to pass through this city about 7 o'clock instead of at 5:30 as at present. If this move is made it would be well to try and have the train stop here, as it would be an ideal one for those going to either Omaha or Lincoln for business errands and would allow them to return home in time for dinner. The other change reported will be on No. 4 which would reach here about 11 o'clock instead of 9:58, as at the present, but it is not thought probable that this change will be made, as the train makes connection at Pacific Junction with the Kansas City train carrying the mail.

## C. L. Berger the Heaviest Loser.

The loss caused by the water at the Coates' block fire on Thursday night, which resulted in considerable damage to the Berger bakery and delicatessen of Fred Wagner will fall the heaviest upon Mr. Berger, the owner of the bakery, and whose stock of flour was the main loss of the fire. Mr. Berger and Mr. Wagner both showed the true spirit by getting down to business and keeping their place running, and it was only through heroic work that they had the bakery and lunch room open yesterday for business without any loss of time.