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St. Charles Hotel Scorched.

Early in the progress of Ringling Bros' show, Monday evening, an alarm of fire was sent in from the St. Charles hotel, over on West Dennison street, to which the department quickly responded. In a few minutes the fire was under control, and shortly afterwards the flames were entirely subdued. The fire evidently started in a bed-room upstairs and immediately adjoining the one-story kitchen addition, but nothing definite is known as to how it originated. An insurance agent suggests the theory that a guest left a lamp burning in the room where the fire originated and that the fire started from an explosion of the lamp. Members of the fire department state that they noticed evidences of coal oil in the building, but all is conjecture as to the cause.

The damage is placed at \$1,500-\$1,600 on building and \$500 on furniture, and this is supposed to be a generous allowance for the damage caused by fire, smoke and water. There is \$6,500 insurance on the building and \$1,500 on the furniture, so that the damage is fully covered.

The hotel enjoyed a large patronage during the day, over 400 meals being served, and the rooms being filled, but at the time of the fire the house was practically empty of guests and of most of the members of the family.

No attempt at running the house will be made until the adjusters arrive and the matter is settled.

The fire department performed prompt and effective service and is to be commended.

Chief Tartach of the department was struck on the leg by a pick which slipped from the hands of one of the firemen, but the injury was only slight, fortunately.

The fire alarm caused quite an exodus from the circus.

A movement to remove goods from the hotel was commenced, but was stopped by the department and police at once, as it was soon seen that the house would be saved without trouble. This action doubtless saved goods from being stolen, as it would not have been possible to protect salvage in such a large crowd as soon gathered to witness the fire.

A CLOSER CALL, LAST NIGHT.

The St. Charles hotel had another—and a closer—call, about half past eight o'clock, last night, from destruction by fire. At the time indicated smoke and fire were seen in the front part of the building, upstairs. An alarm was turned in and the entire department, which was in session at the engine house at the time, was promptly at the scene of disaster, and soon three streams of water were playing into the smoking building. After a half hour's steady, hard work the fire, which was chiefly confined between the ceiling and the roof, was entirely extinguished. The damage was mostly caused by water and smoke and will aggregate \$1,500 on building and \$300 on furniture.

This second and mysterious fire has strengthened the idea of the fires both being incendiary in nature. At any rate the circumstances point strongly that way. A careful, thorough investigation will doubtless bring to light the truth and the facts.

It is to be hoped that Mr. O'Leary will have the loss adjusted promptly and satisfactorily.

Death of Mrs. Elmer Eipper.

Mrs. Elmer Eipper, nee Minnie Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of Driftwood precinct, this county, died in Pueblo, Colorado, last Friday morning, at half past twelve o'clock, of a hemorrhage. The deceased had been seriously ill for a long time, and the end was unexpected. Mrs. Harris being with her at the close. Though she died comparatively among strangers, Mrs. Harris writes that they were the recipients of many kindnesses, sympathy and flowers. Burial was made in Riverview cemetery at Pueblo, Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, the Baptist pastor of the city and his choir officiating. THE TRIBUNE sincerely sympathizes with the bereaved parents and family in this sad death, voicing the sentiments of all their friends and neighbors. Mrs. Harris is expected home soon.

A Clever Social Affair.

A very clever and delightful social affair indeed was the party given by Mrs. J. W. Hupp, last Friday evening, in honor of Miss Florence Pearl Straw of Ottawa, Illinois. About fifty of the young people of the city participated in the event. The chief feature of entertainment was the guessing match of the names of birds and animals—anagrammatic undertaking—and Miss Made Doan carried off the honors, a salt shaker. George Berry scooped the booby, a little red hatchet. Cartoons from Puck were utilized in selecting partners for refreshments, the pictures being cut in twain and matched. Dainty refreshments were prettily and tastefully served. All in all, it was one of the foremost social affairs of the season.

Oicott-Royce.

Last Friday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Oicott, was celebrated the marriage of Miss Arvilla Oicott of this city and Mr. Peter Royce of Beaver City, in the presence of a few relatives and friends of the contracting parties. Rex T. L. Ketman of the Baptist church performed the ceremony. It is described as having been a very nice affair. Miss Arvilla has grown from childhood in our city and needs no introduction. Mr. Royce is a Burlington employe. We wish them much joy and prosperity.

Alba Heywood Coming.

Alba Heywood, the famous impersonator, the second Sol Smith Russell, and his splendid concert company, will appear in McCook, October 3d. We will give a more extended notice in due time. But our people may expect something good from Heywood and his company.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

W. R. STARR had business in Danbury, Monday.

A. C. FURMAN of the Danbury News saw the monkeys.

W. E. HART has been spending the week in Hastings.

C. N. WHITTAKER is home, this week, on a visit to the family.

Mrs. W. H. BROWN witnessed the Hastings street-fair, today.

Mrs. O. D. KEITH and sister attended the Hastings street-fair, part of the week.

Mrs. G. A. NOREN and Miss Selma are seeing the Lincoln street-fair sights, this week.

Mrs. C. M. WILSON and Miss Ellington are in Lincoln, where they will spend the winter.

C. W. BARNES and family arrived home, first of the week, from their trip to Indiana.

Mrs. J. F. FORBES has been entertaining her mother, Mrs. H. F. Tomblin of Imperial, this week.

Mrs. T. G. REES is down from Farnam, guest of Mrs. Max Anton. She may remain over Sunday.

Dr. S. C. BEACH arrived from Ravenna, last evening on 5, and will visit old time friends for a week or so.

Dr. A. P. WELLES arrived home, first of the week, from his trip to Philadelphia to the national reunion, G. A. R.

Mrs. J. H. YARGER, who has been visiting her son Oscar up in Rockford, S. D., arrived home, Tuesday evening on 5.

MESSES MAUD WOOD and Mand Doo and Messrs. Walter Stokes and Arthur Wood attended the Hastings street-fair, yesterday.

RICHARD BLANCHARD of Davenport, Iowa, arrived in the city, fore part of the week, and is visiting his sister, Mrs. William Weygint.

Mrs. J. F. KENYON, Mrs. May Clary, Mrs. Robert Sayers and Miss Lizzie Anton were among the Hastings street-fair visitors, Thursday.

MESDAMES V. H. SOLLIDAY, C. E. Pope, H. G. Borneman, Ed. Beyrer and David Wagner took in the Hastings street fair, Wednesday.

DR. E. H. WATERS entertained his sister, Mrs. Vocum of Cambridge, fore part of the week. She returned home, Wednesday morning on 12.

O. W. DEWALD of the Trenton Register tossed the elephants a few peanuts, Monday, and solidified himself with the fat woman by purchasing a photo.

J. A. SNYDER has word from his wife, who is visiting in Port Townsend, Washington, of her illness. She has been bedfast, but is better and improving.

Mrs. ADDISON MILLER was down from Denver, first of the week, visiting friends. Her little girl accompanied her, being much improved as to her injured eye.

V. N. BERRY left, Wednesday night, for Chicago, where he will take a course in pharmacy in the Northwestern university, this winter. Here's to you, Verlie.

DR. W. V. GAGE attended a meeting of the board of insanity at Indianola, Monday, and incidentally put in some good work for O. L. Thompson for treasurer.

Mrs. R. E. CAMPBELL arrived from Buffalo, New York, last night, on business connected with her large investments in this city and vicinity. She will visit in David City briefly on her way east.

L. M. COPELAND, postmaster of Minden, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. C. G. Schobel, early part of the week, departing for home, Tuesday morning, little Marjorie Schobel accompanying him.

MESDAMES J. K. COUZINS and George Beck went down to Hastings, Wednesday morning, on a short visit. Mrs. Couzins will also visit at Franklin, with her mother, and will be absent over Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. S. A. MOORE and Miss Mae will leave on 1, Sunday, for Denver. The former will return after the carnival but Miss Mae will remain in the city, having accepted an old position with a dry-goods house.

REV. D. L. MATSON, late of the Box Elder charge, is now in Austin, Minn. He is thoughtfully considering the advisability of entering the law profession, the university of Minnesota and retiring from the ministry.

H. H. EASTERDAY has been for some time with other members of the Easterday family at Sumner, Washington, and all his devoted friends in Nebraska will regrettably learn that his health has not been benefited by his residence in the west and on the coast.

Mrs. J. H. LUDWICK went down to Hastings, last Thursday, to visit an old-time friend. An Illinois friend, Mrs. Gould, accompanied her. Their Hastings friend, however, had died just two weeks before. Mrs. Gould continued her journey on east and Mrs. Ludwick returned home, the following morning.

Mrs. JOHN STONE and son, F. P. Stone, and brother, Joseph Phelps, drove down from Maywood, Frontier county, Monday. Mrs. Stone and brother took the early morning train, Wednesday, for Burlington, Vermont, where they will visit a number of weeks. F. P. returned to Frontier county, later in the week.

At this juncture there were repeated calls for Clark, and Sam had to come forward and exhibit his rosy cheeks and rotund form and voice his pleasure at the result of the nomination for clerk, promising to do impartially and to the best of his ability, if elected.

A formal ballot for sheriff resulted as follows: Fred Kinghorn of Box Elder, 66 votes; Ralph White of Indianola, 39; Theodore Colling of Bondville, 14. A formal ballot was then asked and had, resulting in 76 votes for Kinghorn, 36 for White and 9 for Colling. A speech was desired of Kinghorn, who said he was too happy to get back from the Philippines to make a speech, but that if successful at the polls, he would do his very best to fill the office acceptably.

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and Mr. Moore 78. Some explanatory speeches were made at this point, and it was divulged that Mr. Moore's name was not presented with his knowledge and that he is teaching school over in Frontier county. The formal ballot changed the case greatly—Mrs. Cordell receiving 81 votes, and Mr. Moore 28, 11 not voting.

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An Earnest, Stalwart Convention.

THE WINNERS.
Clerk—O. L. Thompson of Gerver.
Treasurer—O. L. Thompson of Gerver.
Sheriff—Fred Kinghorn of Box Elder.
Clerk Dist. Court—F. G. Stiglmeier of Danbury.
Superintendent—Martha J. Cordell of McCook.
Judge—G. S. Bishop of McCook.
Surveyor—E. S. Hill of Indianola.
Coroner—Joseph Spotts of McCook.
Commissioner—First district—D. A. Waterman.

The Republicans of Red Willow county held an earnest, stalwart convention in Indianola, last Saturday, and there was not lacking enthusiasm and a measure of good nature in the proceedings. The spirit of the convention and the manner of its conduct, together with the excellence and high merit of its nominees, make a strong combination and augurs unmistakably for the success of the ticket in the coming campaign and election. It will not be necessary to lay any dependence upon the errors and weakness of the opposition, the ticket named stands upon its own merits and will succeed because it deserves to and for the further reason that there are Republican votes enough in Red Willow county to make it succeed.

At eleven o'clock, Chairman W. H. Smith of the county central committee called the convention to order, and Secretary Bond read the call.

Willis Gossard of Indianola and C. F. Babcock of McCook were named for the temporary chairman of the convention, and on call of the precincts, Babcock received 79 votes, Gossard 46, F. M. Kimmell of McCook and G. C. Hill of Indianola were named for temporary secretary; Mr. Kimmell withdrew his name and Mr. Hill was made the unanimous choice of the convention.

It was decided that—there being no contesting delegations—the list of delegates from the several precincts as reported by the chairman of the delegations to the secretary of the convention be accepted as the accredited delegates to the convention.

The temporary organization was on motion made permanent.

A committee of three on resolutions was appointed by the chair as follows: C. E. Eldred, J. E. Hathorn and H. W. Keys.

It was determined that the order of business be proceeded with as per call.

A committee composed of one delegate from each voting precinct was named as a committee to report delegates to the convention for the state and judicial conventions. The chairman appointed the regular delegation chairmen—except in the instances of Hathorn, Fisher, Wales and Horton.

At this point of the proceedings a recess was taken until two o'clock.

After dinner the convention was called to order, and Chairman Eldred of the committee on resolutions made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.
We, the Republicans of Red Willow county, in convention assembled, reaffirm our devotion to the Republican party and to its principles.

William McKinley came to the presidency three years ago with every American industry and commerce in a state of depression, and with the American people precluded with discontent. Today, the prosperity of our people is beyond that of any time in our history.

We approve the administration of William McKinley and his action relative to the war with Spain, and the campaign in the Philippines.

We extend our appreciation and thanks to all Nebraska soldiers who volunteered their services in the recent war with Spain and in the Philippines, and who have acquitted themselves with so much honor and bravery.

The veterans of the civil war deserve generous recognition and are entitled to the enactment of such laws as are best calculated to secure them liberal reward.

The convention ratified the selection of the following delegations: State—C. F. Babcock, J. W. Dolan, C. I. Hall, J. E. Hathorn, H. W. Cole, Charles Masters, H. I. Peterson, C. E. Eldred and J. P. Tipton; judicial—E. R. Rathbone, W. T. Henton, F. S. Lofton, A. D. Johnston, S. F. Hayward, J. E. Kelley, E. A. Saxon, C. B. Gray, C. G. Colglizer, E. E. Smith and Charles Skolla.

Oliver Thorgrimson was called to assist the secretary and an informal vote was taken on treasurer by call of precincts. O. L. Thompson received 110 votes, G. W. Short 7. Thompson's nomination was then made by acclamation.

He responded with a brief speech of appreciation of the honor twice bestowed, and promised to strive earnestly, if elected, to discharge the duties of the office efficiently for the people and with honor to the party.

The informal ballot for clerk resulted in S. W. Clark of Bartley getting 103½ votes, and J. C. Moore of Tyrone 16½. The informal was made the formal ballot and Clark was declared the nominee.

For clerk of the district court, F. G. Stiglmeier received 79½ votes on the informal ballot and J. S. Brittain of Valley Grange 41½. The ballot was made formal and the nomination unanimous. Mr. Stiglmeier said a few words, expressing pride and thankfulness for the honor bestowed, and promising to do the right thing by all concerned, if elected.

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C. F. Babcock was chosen chairman of the county central committee, and was given authority to name his secretary.

The county central committee was constituted as follows:

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
Alliance—J. A. Forman, Bartley.
Beaver—William Hiesekorn, Lebanon.
Bondville—Charles Skolla, Indianola.
Box Elder—Fred Weerner, Box Elder.
Coleman—W. S. Bisler, McCook.
Danbury—Orville Woods, Danbury.
Driftwood—C. T. Eller, McCook.
East Valley—J. E. Hathorn, Bartley.
Fritch—Charles Goben, Indianola.
Gerver—F. S. Lofton, Cedar Bluffs, Kas.
Grant—H. I. Peterson, Banksville.
Indianola—G. W. Short, Indianola.
Lebanon—Henry Horton, Lebanon.
Missouri Ridge—J. B. Fisher, Indianola.
North Valley—C. E. Shaw, Cambridge.
Perry—Ed. Oebangh, McCook.
Red Willow—E. Saxon, Indianola.
Tyone—J. C. Moore, Tyrone.
Valley Grange—J. S. Brittain, McCook.
Willow Grove—

First pct.—W. F. Everist, McCook.
Second—H. H. Berry, McCook.
Third—C. G. Colglizer, McCook.
Fourth—C. B. Gray, McCook.

COMMISSIONER CONVENTION.
The district convention for the nomination of a commissioner of the First district was presided over by the officers of the county convention.

The roll of precincts was called on an informal ballot, and D. A. Waterman of Lebanon received 44 votes. The ballot was made formal and the nomination by acclamation.

Mr. Waterman made a short speech of thanks, and promised to serve the county to the best of his ability, if elected.

And thus closed a convention of which the Republicans of Red Willow county may well be proud; a convention that placed in the field a strong ticket with as little friction and as few sore spots as any in late years; a convention which was characterized by one purpose, the nomination of a ticket representing all parts of the county; a ticket of individual strength and character; a ticket which a royal and loyal support from Republicans will land in the county offices at the coming election beyond a peradventure.

The delegates of the county have done their duty, and have performed it well; it now remains for the rank and file of the party to do their duty in the campaign and at the polls in November.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

DISTRICT COURT.
Elizabeth S. Brayton vs. Philip J. Bastian et al.; equity.

State of Nebraska vs. Albert Eifert; criminal.

In the matter of the application of the German Free Evangelical church of McCook, Nebraska, for an order of court authorizing it to mortgage real estate.

State of Nebraska vs. Joe Dawson; transcript from county court.

COUNTY COURT.
William McKillip of Thornburg and Lucy I. Jussel of Fandon. They were married on the 12th by Rev. J. W. Hickey.

Frank H. Dunton and Gertrude Peiton, both of Lebanon. The county judge married them on the 13th.

James F. New and Fannie Gould, both of Noracurt, Kansas. Married by the county judge on the 14th.

Peter V. Royce and Arvilla Oicott, both of McCook.

Ora C. Bodwell and Elizabeth J. Murphy, both of Lebanon. By the county judge on the 18th.

Hugh H. Alexander and Ida Rhea, both of Eddy. Justice of the peace H. H. Berry married them on the 18th.

State of Nebraska vs. Joseph Dawson; charged with stealing 50 bushels of wheat from W. H. Hartman of Driftwood precinct. Defendant was bound over to the next term of district court in the sum of \$200. Not being able to put up the required bond, the defendant was taken to jail in Indianola. Dawson was seen taking the wheat from the Hartman farm, show-day, during the absence of the family, was traced to McCook and identified as the person who sold the wheat under the name of J. Weaver. The indications are that Dawson, (who is a hired man of Clint Kelley, whose team was used to haul the wheat to market,) will serve time for the offense.

House and lot for sale. Inquire of G. S. BISHOP.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Our many patrons in custom-work or merchant-tailoring department will please take notice that we are as well prepared as ever to take orders for Fass Bros., the celebrated and well-known merchant tailors of Chicago, whose work is far superior in every respect to work shipped in by traveling agents and peddlers. Come in and see samples.

THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Al. Sharp was down from Denver, Wednesday.

Sickness in his family is giving W. W. Prall a short lay-off.

The boys are looking for the new and fast passenger engines.

Operator D. J. Best spent Sunday with the home folks at Cowles.

C. M. Kent is luxuriating in a brief vacation in Hastings this week.

Conductor L. C. Wolf is having a lay-off on a matter of private business.

John Roxby, head blacksmith, spent Sunday on the farm near Arapahoe.

Agent I. Cann of Danbury was at headquarters, yesterday, guest of his son Ed.

Mrs. VanSickle and daughters were up from Orleans, Monday, to see the great show.

Francis Sells, agent's helper at Holdrege, visited friends in the city, Friday of last week.

W. A. Bryant and Thomas Malen are on the sick-list, this week, the latter being quite ill.

J. F. Amick, F. J. Thorne and G. E. Denton are the new brakemen on the list, this week.

Switchman C. B. Cady, who has been visiting his parents in Holdrege, for a few days, returned on 3, Wednesday night, and has gone to work.

Engine 133 attached to Vice-President Hobart's special train of four Pullmans from New York to Washington, March 2, 1897, made two and two-tenths miles in one minute.

The Imperial special brought down to the show 385 passengers. No. 12 brought in from the west 280. It is estimated that the special brought in from the east between 800 and 900 people. Of this total Cambridge and vicinity contributed about 500 and Bartley over 150.

Switchman G. C. Topping had one of his hands painfully spit, between the middle fingers, yesterday morning. He had set a break with his club, and the dog failing to catch and hold, the brake wheel whirled back and the club, which was still sticking in the wheel, struck him between the fingers.

The Illinois Central railroad has just received from the Brooks company at Dunkirk, N. Y., what is claimed to be the largest engine in the land. It is No. 640, and weighs with tender, 336,000 pounds; without tender, 230,000 pounds. The big fellow has eight drivers, 4 feet and eight inches; the cylinders are 33 inches, with a 30-inch stroke. The boiler is 6 feet, 10 inches wide, and 11 feet long, and contains 420 2-inch flues. The steam pressure is 210 pounds. The tank has a capacity of 5,000 gallons of water and can carry 10 tons of coal. The engine is absolutely guaranteed to haul 2,000 tons—which is twice the pulling capacity of other engines on the Central. A consolidated engine of the same size, for either passenger or freight service, is building for the same road.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Bible school at 10 a. m. Communion and social meeting at 11. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m., High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m., with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.

REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

BAPTIST—No services, Sunday, owing to the southwestern Baptist association being in session all day at the Zion Hill Baptist church, ten miles northwest of McCook. All are invited to attend the meetings of the association.

T. L. KETMAN, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Morning Prayer and Litany. Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Evening Prayer. Sunday-school at 10:00 a. m. Friday evening lecture at 8:00 o'clock. Holy communion the first Sunday in each month.

HOWARD STOV, Rector.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Subject, "Personal Responsibility." Class at 12. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8. Subject, "The Beauty of Helpfulness." Prayer and Bible study on Wednesday evening at 8. All are welcome.

W. I. TURNER, Pastor.

Next Sunday will be Rally day for the Congregational Sunday-school. All pupils are urged to be present.

Rev. J. A. Badcon has been granted the unusual honor of the fifth return to the pastorate of the First Methodist church of this city.

The sacred concert in the Methodist church, last Sunday evening, crowded the church to its capacity. The programme was rendered to the very evident enjoyment and appreciation of the audience, the excellence of selection and artistic manner of rendition doing credit to choir and director. It is intended to repeat these concerts bi-monthly.

Two large and one small nicely furnished rooms for rent. Enquire at 204 Monroe St.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Residence for Sale.

My residence on upper Main st. The best located and, with one exception, the finest residence in the city. A portion of purchase money can remain on long time at a very low rate of interest. For further particulars address or apply personally at the Famous Clothing store.

Loar sells pure drugs.

Look for Alba Heywood.

Hammocks at McMillen's.

Alba Heywood is coming.

Take your prescriptions to Loar.

Alba Heywood, the prince of comedians.

See Alba Heywood and peerless company.

"Oh, yes," Ballard's S-B is a warm thing.

Wall paper, paints, oils and glass at McMillen's drug store.

Call up 19 if you have any newspaper or job printing business to do.

Repairing promptly and neatly done at The Old Reliable shoe store.

School supplies the lowest in the