

PLAINVIEW IS FIRE SWEEPED.

Town is Almost Wiped Out of Existence.

TEN BUSINESS HOUSES BURN

Citizens Organize Bucket Brigade but Means for Fighting Fire Were Inadequate—Child of Mr. Sherlock Narrowly Escapes Burning—Loss About \$35,000.

From Wednesday's Daily. The business portion of Plainview was almost totally destroyed by fire last night after 1 o'clock, ten business houses being burned at a loss, it is estimated, of between \$30,000 and \$40,000, partially covered by insurance.

The blaze is said to have started in the restaurant of Ernest Numburg from some unknown cause and quickly spread to buildings adjoining.

The child of Mr. Sherlock, the saloon keeper, was almost burned. He was sleeping in his father's building and was forgotten in the excitement. When remembered, the building was aflame but Charles Berles, the night watchman, ran into the house and quickly returned with the child in his arms.

The losses given were Numburg's restaurant, and ice house, \$3,000; E. Pill, dry goods and groceries, \$3,000; C. M. Hall, general merchandise and butcher shop, \$11,000; Frank Baxter, hardware, \$2,500; Republican office, \$700; Sherlock's saloon, \$700; Wm. Court-nage, dry goods and groceries, \$7,000; John Beatz, shoe shop, \$500; H. L. Ludland, real estate, \$2,000; Dr. Kyle's and Attorney William's office, \$1,750; Mrs. Bigger's residence, \$500; building of O. H. Johnson, \$1,500.

Plainview is a huddling little city and it may be expected that substantial buildings will soon be erected in the places of those burned.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

J. B. Jeffries was up from Pilger yesterday.

J. B. Lane of Wisner was in Norfolk yesterday.

Willis McBride was over from Madison yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. Persons of Stanton were city visitors yesterday.

J. W. Blatz and F. S. Hoffman were in town yesterday from Randolph.

W. C. Eddy is at Columbus this week superintending the planting of sugar beets.

M. P. Sniter is enjoying a visit with his brother, who arrived last night from Chamberlain, S. D.

Paul Cole, who has been very ill at his home on North Tenth street, is better at this writing.

County Surveyor W. H. Lowe went to Creighton this noon to do some surveying for the village.

Mayor W. W. Robertson and son, Sydney, returned yesterday from a week's trip through Oklahoma.

Mrs. Elsie Desmond is having her house, at the corner of Tenth and Nebraska avenue, repainted.

The boys of the West Side Hose company participated in a practice run on Ninth street last evening.

The fire department of Madison is already making arrangements for a Fourth of July celebration.

Mrs. S. F. Sharpless has been elected president of the Womans Missionary society of Niobrara Presbytery.

E. C. Howe, general manager of the American Beet Sugar company's plants, is expected in the city this evening.

George Nelson, one of Tilden's most popular merchants, was in the city today and made an agreeable call at THE NEWS.

Another reliable sign of spring is at hand—soda fountains are beginning their annual season of dispensing moist and flavored air.

Rev. S. F. Sharpless preached in the Presbyterian church of Wayne where Rev. Jameson and Prof. Whitaker are holding evangelistic services.

The blacksmith shop of John Kavolek of Battle Creek was partially destroyed by fire Monday night, between 1 and 2 o'clock. Origin of fire unknown. Loss covered by insurance.

Herman Raasch has purchased from T. C. Van Horn 80 acres of land lying north of George Williams' place, southwest of the city. The consideration in the transfer was \$2,900.

John Kent, who lives four miles southwest of the city, was badly hurt in a runaway on Thirteenth street last Saturday night. He was thrown out of his wagon and fell on his head.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. O'Connor and daughter, Kathleen, came over from Homer, Sunday, to attend the bankers association, and were guests at the home of Mrs. O'Connor's sister, Mrs. A. D. Cule.

Green A. Freeman of Madison was adjudged insane Saturday and ordered committed to the asylum at this place.

He was 24 years of age, a farm laborer and of late had been roaming about the country.

Lieutenant Jacob Henderson of Company F, Madison, has been granted a pension of \$15 per month. He was taken down with malaria and rheumatism in the Philippines and was discharged six months later on account of disability.

Rev. J. C. S. Wells has been appointed chaplain of the Actors American alliance having its headquarters in New York city, an organization composed of actors and others having for its motive the bringing of the church and the stage into closer relations.

The Browning club met last evening at the home of Supt. D. C. O'Connor. It was the last regular meeting of the year and adjournment was taken until June, when a meeting for the election of officers and to decide on the author whose works will be read next winter, is to be held with Miss Josephine Durand.

There was a large congregation at the evangelistic service in the Second Congregational church last night and the interest was deep. Mrs. Daly, the evangelist delivered a very interesting discourse on "Sowing and Reaping." Mr. Daly will speak this evening at 8 o'clock. There is also a meeting every day at 8 p. m.

The West Side Hose company is planning to give an entertainment and the members have arranged with S. H. Livingstone to put on the farcical comedy, "Turned Up," by Nat Goodwin. The play will be presented on the evening of May 9 and the first rehearsal will be held this evening. There are 15 people in the cast.

Drs. P. H. and Frank Salter and Drs. Bear and Mackay, this morning performed an operation on Mrs. O. B. Walker of South Norfolk for appendicitis and she is getting along nicely since. Mrs. Walker had before suffered from the disease and was taken very seriously ill last night. It was decided that an operation was necessary to save her life.

An examination for life teacher's certificates will be conducted in Norfolk June 13 to 15 by the state board of examiners, composed of Superintendent O'Connor of this city, Thomas of Kearney and Professor Congra of Lincoln. It is believed that many teachers in this part of the state will avail themselves of the opportunity to take the examination.

Entrance to the laundry was gained by someone last night who was in search of money and the safe was "tapped," fortunately it contained no money and the robber's efforts were unavailing. The outer door of the safe was open and it required but a few moments' work to get on the inside of the affair. How the burglar gained admission to the building is not known.

Herman Nenow who was recently injured during a runaway while in the employ of H. A. Pasewalk, submitted to an operation yesterday at his home near St. Paul's Lutheran church. After the operation he remained unconscious and assumed a state closely resembling catalepsy, from which it seemed impossible to arouse him and he was quite generally reported dead. This morning it is learned that he is all right again with a good chance for early recovery.

Very excellent programs for the commencement exercises of the Norfolk schools are being prepared. The sermon to the graduating class will be delivered by Dr. F. M. Sisson in the M. E. church on Sunday evening, May 26. The eighth grade exercises will take place on Wednesday evening, May 29; the Junior day exercises on Thursday evening, May 30, and the graduating exercises of the Senior class on Friday evening, May 31. The last three events will be in the Auditorium.

The Sioux City Journal of today, prints an interview with Messrs. W. P. Manley, James F. Toy, Geo. H. Rathman and F. A. McCormick, who attended the bankers' meeting here, in which it is stated that the meeting was largely attended and an excellent one in every respect. The address by President Bucholz is given favorable mention, especially that portion regarding the appropriation of the American Bankers association for the purpose of founding fraternities designed to aid bank employees and encourage self improvement among them. It is such a fraternity that the bank clerks of Sioux City expect soon to organize.

Best paint sold, \$1.35 per gallon at H. C. Truman's.

Died at Batavia, New York. Mrs. Lydia A. Gage, widow of Michael Gage, died at her home five miles southwest of Batavia, New York, April 15, at 1:30 p. m., from dropsy, aged 61 years and four months. She was born in Utica, New York, but had spent her entire life in Genesee county. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Crawford of Corfu, New York; one son, Benjamin M. Gage, who lived at home; also two sons, Frank I. and Richard A. McMillan of the west by her former husband; two sisters, Mrs. George Nimos and Mrs. Frank Walbridge of Batavia, New York. The funeral was held at her home on the 18th, at 1 p. m., the interment at East Pembroke.

FAIR STORE BURGLARIZED.

Robbers Remove About \$500 in Cash and Goods.

ROB BLACKSMITH SHOP ALSO

Entered Fair Store Through a Back Window—Effort Made to Find Trace With Bloodhound Proved Unsuccessful—Left Their Tools on the Floor.

From Thursday's Daily. The Fair store was burglarized last night and cash and goods to the value of more than \$500 was taken. The first to discover what had transpired was C. H. Blakely, head clerk in the grocery department, who opened the establishment this morning about half past six o'clock. When he entered he found several hammers including a sledge, a brace and bits, two chisels and a pair of tongs lying on the floor. He quickly realized that the store had been robbed and began an investigation. The money drawer was found pried open and lying on the floor, the contents—\$49 in cash—having been removed.

It was found that the burglars had gained entrance to the building by prying open a back window on the dry goods side and evidently made their exit through the back entrance of the same department, as the main door was open, although the storm door had been closed. The back door of the grocery department had also been opened, as was revealed by an examination of the locks. This morning an effort was made to trace the robbers with the aid of Constable J. H. Conley's bloodhound. He is a young dog and hasn't been trained, so that efforts in this direction were unavailing and no trace of the thieves has yet been discovered.

The tools with which the store was broken open were taken from the Pribnow blacksmith shop which had also been forcibly entered. It is supposed that the robbery was committed sometime early this morning, as the mud from the thieves' shoes on the cellar door and fence was not yet dry when the investigation was made. Officer Kane, who was on duty all day and until 12:30 last night, was positive there was no disturbance before that time.

There were evidently several members of the gang and that they were not altogether green at the business and unfamiliar with the store was evidenced by the fact that they took only valuable dry goods, consisting largely of French flannels, Foulard silks and Scotch plaids. The value of the goods taken is estimated about \$500.

The effort to discover the burglars has not been discontinued but it is thought before they have got many miles away from Norfolk. Some are of the opinion that it is the work of an old gang that has been operating in this part of the country for some time.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

N. W. Jacobs was up from Stanton yesterday.

C. P. Guiles was in town yesterday from Normal.

John R. Batte of Snyder was in the Sugar City yesterday.

L. Matthies of Stanton transacted business here yesterday.

Mrs. R. S. Friend of Dixon was a Norfolk guest yesterday.

Mrs. Henry Shearer of Stanton was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

G. Kraft and W. M. Stearns of Stuart were in Norfolk yesterday.

Will Searles, a banker of Lynch, was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. S. O. Haman of Battle Creek was shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. A. B. Lane of Scribner was greeting Norfolk friends yesterday.

Miss Mary Mathewson and Mrs. I. Powers will visit Omaha tomorrow.

Editor Wm. Warneke of the Scribner News visited at the home of his mother here yesterday.

J. O. and W. H. Copple and H. Howarth of Bancroft were Norfolk visitors yesterday.

W. A. Schwertfeger is buying the Joseph Feifar property on South Fourth street and will occupy it as a residence.

The way the dust has been whirling about the city today would seem to warrant the rehabilitation of the street sprinkler at an early date.

Lawns are rapidly assuming a beautiful emerald hue and trees are budded enough to show a tinge of light green about the groves of the city.

It is asserted by a person who should know that 95 per cent of the fruit buds in Nebraska are healthy this spring. A late frost may lay hopes for a magnificent crop low however.

The prospects are that May day will be quite generally observed by the movers, both household and business, as many changes are contemplated during the first few days of the month.

At a meeting of Mathewson post, No. 109, G. A. R., held last evening, a program was outlined for Decoration day and other preliminary arrangements for honoring the soldier dead, on May 30, were made.

C. A. Reimers, who was recently sent to the Sioux Falls prison for his connection with the failure of the First National bank of Neligh, is now employed

as a gardener in the institution. His son is working in the kitchen.

The congregations continue to be large at the evangelistic meetings in the Second Congregational church at the Junction. Mr. Daly, the evangelist, preached last night on "Naaman," and three conversions followed. Mrs. Daly, the evangelist, will speak tonight.

The Roger farm of 70 acres, south of the city near Burr Taft's place, was sold yesterday to Philip Hull for \$2,600, through the agency of N. A. Rainbolt. Mr. Hull has also purchased the Beck farm of 160 acres, just across the river, for \$4,500, G. R. Seiler conducting the sale.

Norfolk lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., has arranged to observe the 82nd anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship in America, at their lodge room tonight at 8:30. A program of music and addresses has been provided and refreshments will be served. All Odd Fellows and their families in the city, whether members of Norfolk lodge or not, are cordially invited to participate.

Mrs. E. P. Weatherby and Mrs. H. E. Warrick pleasantly entertained a company of fifty ladies yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Shoemaker of Salida, Col., who is visiting here. A contest at writing original poetry was a feature of the afternoon and the results obtained would surprise those who might think that Norfolk has no poets. Miss Jessie Bridge's production was deemed the best and she was awarded first prize.

Homer Tannehill and Miss Lottie Cunningham were married last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents near Maple Grove. The ceremony was witnessed by about fifty relatives and friends and many useful and handsome presents were received by the young couple. The groom has rented the farm belonging to his brother, George Tannehill, and he and his bride will begin housekeeping there at once.

The treasury of the Ladies guild of Trinity church is richer by about \$85.00 as the result of the banquet served to the bankers Monday evening. The ladies worked hard to give a creditable spread, and that they succeeded to the satisfaction of those interested is to be judged from the words of praise that have been spoken concerning their efforts. Their profits were considerably augmented by the contributions of members of the society and friends, who donated provisions, supplies of various kinds and their time in helping to serve the banquet.

Stanton Pickett: Miss Nettie M. Dortch, who for more than two years past has been stenographer in W. W. Young's law office and who was one of the senate stenographers during the late session, has received the appointment as one of the supreme court stenographers. The appointment was secured through the influence of Senator Young and comes as a worthy tribute to the faithfulness and ability of Miss Dortch. The position pays \$1000 per year, and the appointment is for two years. It is an honor to be appreciated by any young woman.

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