

LIVERY BARN BURNED

Courageous and Prompt Action Saves Much Property.

W. O. HALL DOES A DARING FEAT

Rescued a Fine Horse From the Flery Element—Two Horses and a Colt Burned. Ralph Stevens Quite Badly Burned. Good Work of Fire Department.

From Tuesday's Daily.

What threatened to be a most destructive blaze and undoubtedly would have been but for the prompt action of the fire department, was started in the Ed Wegner livery barn between 9 and 10 o'clock last evening. As it was the rear part of the barn is now a mass of ruins and several horses were destroyed, resulting in a considerable loss to Mr. Wegner and also the owner of the barn.

The cause of the fire was the explosion or breaking of a lantern carried by Ralph Stevens, one of the employees of the barn, while he was up in the hay loft getting hay for the horses. With the breaking of the lantern the burning oil was quickly spread over the hay and it was almost instantly beyond the power of any one person to prevent a conflagration although Mr. Stevens endeavored to do so. In this effort Stevens was quite severely burned, the blazing oil being communicated to his clothing and person and his immediate danger took his entire attention. The flames about his person were finally extinguished, but as a result he carries some painful burns about his face, hands and arms. As soon as possible he was put under the care of Dr. Mackay and his suffering relieved.

In the meantime the fire in the barn had gained considerable headway, owing to the inflammable material in which it had its start, and by the time the fire department arrived on the scene it was thought by many that the conflagration could not be controlled until the building and perhaps neighboring structures were destroyed. But the ability of the department to cope with the fiery element was underestimated and the three hose companies had not long been playing on the blaze until it was evident that at least a portion of the building would be saved. This is the more noteworthy owing to the fact that at the time of the fire the wind was blowing a considerable gale and rapidly spreading the flames.

Soon after the fire started there was enough help at hand to save the greater portion of the contents of the barn. There were, however, two horses and a colt that succumbed to the heat and were destroyed. Two cutters and about six tons of hay were also included in Mr. Wegner's loss, the total amount of which in money value was \$350, which was not covered by insurance.

The barn was owned by John Myers of Dixon, this state, whose loss will be about \$1,500, on which there was insurance for \$1,000.

This is the second time Mr. Wegner has been burned out in the past six years but he is in no way discouraged and work was commenced this morning to arrange stalls in the part of the barn not destroyed and the wants of patrons will be almost uninterruptedly attended to, which is speaking much for Mr. Wegner's enterprise in the face of depressing circumstances.

The heroic action of W. O. Hall in rescuing the 1800-pound Percheron-Norman stallion was the remarkable performance of the occasion and won for him words of praise from all who witnessed the daring feat. At the time the conflagration was well advanced, the stall of the animal was surrounded by flames and the roof of the building threatened to fall in at any moment. In the face of these dangers there were few who cared to enter the structure, but Mr. Hall's well known admiration for a handsome horse seemingly rendered him oblivious to any sense of danger and he courageously entered, cut the rope that tied the animal and succeeded in bringing him out from danger through the flames that raged about man and horse.

Alexander Piller also distinguished himself and it was to his intrepidity that many of the animals owe their lives.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

F. B. Alderman is in the city from West Point.

J. W. Ball of West Point is a city visitor today.

Peter Jacobs is a visitor in the city from Hooper.

S. S. Foster is a visitor in the city from Wayne.

Mrs. Thomas will return from Schuyler this evening.

E. A. Cram of Creighton is attending to business in Norfolk.

Miss Edith Parker is expected home from Iowa this evening.

Judge Wm. V. Allen was in the city from Madison this morning.

Mrs. M. A. Reutenber of Omaha is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Marie Ayers of Dakota City is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Carter.

County Attorney M. D. Tyler made a business trip to Madison this morning.

G. B. Gatlin of Scribner was in the city yesterday looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Pritchard of

Meadow Grove were in the city yesterday visiting friends.

Wynn Rainbolt is expected home tomorrow from Harvard college, to spend his summer vacation.

Ernest Shultz came home this noon from New Ulm, Minn., where he had been attending college.

Conductor Geo. Carter has received a promotion which will necessitate his removal to Omaha soon.

Mrs. A. Hodgetts went to Madison this morning to attend district conference and the Epworth league convention.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McCormick of Edgewater Park, are rejoicing over the arrival of a 9½ pound boy at their home.

A. P. O'Banion is having his house in Edgewater Park, occupied by H. E. Austin, treated to a fresh coat of paint. Abe Hughes is welding the brush.

P. F. and G. T. Sprecher returned last evening from Schuyler where they had been to attend the last sad rites connected with the burial of their mother.

The three-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Younger, who has been very sick for several days past, died at 10 o'clock last evening and will be buried at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Emil Zastrow, the 16-years-old son of Carl Zastrow, died at 5 o'clock this morning at the home of his parents four miles east of the city. The disease that took the boy's life was diphtheria, with which he had been sick but 36 hours.

Owing to misinformation the News yesterday stated that W. M. Robertson and John S. Robinson were attorneys for the defense in the stock yards case. The attorneys for the defense are W. M. Robertson and John R. Hays, both of this city.

Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Main and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hazen depart tonight for the Black Hills, where they will rest and recreate for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen will make their headquarters at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gillette at Spearfish during their absence.

Reports continue to come in which mark the electrical disturbances of last night's storm as of extreme fury. At the home of Otto Selling, near the hospital for insane, a bolt struck and killed four head of calves. Other reports of damage to property and animal life are heard but they lack authenticity.

Lightning struck the barn of Fred Lau, living six miles northwest of the city last night and the barn was totally destroyed with its contents. The loss to Mr. Lau included that of six cows and considerable machinery which was stored in the barn. Mr. Lau is a brother-in-law of Wm. Dearing of this city.

Life: Mrs. Smith repeatedly reminded her husband that she owned the silver, that she owned the furniture and so on until poor Smith almost wished he had married a poor girl. The other night Mrs. Smith awoke to hear strange noises in the lower part of the house, and, vigorously punching her husband in the ribs, called: "John, get up! There are burglars in the house." Eh? inquired Mr. Smith, sleepily. "Burglars? Downstairs!" howled Mrs. Smith. "Burglars?" said Smith as he turned over: "well; I don't own anything."

Judge Wm. Bates kindly furnishes the News with some data concerning the issuance of marriage licenses in the county since 1890 that will prove interesting to readers. The number of licenses issued each year were as follows: 1890, 115; 1891, 113; 1892, 135; 1893, 149; 1894, 128; 1895, 105; 1896, 111; 1897, 117; 1898, 114; 1899, up to May 27, 52. This would indicate that matrimony is by no means a certain result of prosperity, as the highest number of licenses issued was in 1893, the year of the panic, while with this year about half gone, the indications are that it will be the lowest in number on record since that time. It is to be hoped of course, that the coming six months will retrieve the record thus far made in 1899.

The storm coming up from the southwest last night was the cause of considerable anxiety on the part of many people, whose nerves had been more or less unstrung by reading accounts of cyclones in all parts of the country, but as far as wind was concerned, nothing serious developed here. There was, however, quite a display of electricity, one bolt of which took effect on the ice house of the F. E. and M. V. company, which is the first building west of the general offices at the Junction. The force of the fluid wrecked portions of the building quite seriously and the siding on the west end was scorched but no blaze was developed, so that a second bolt struck into the ice, melting a hole about three feet across and perhaps 15 feet in depth. The shock at the Junction was quite severe and considerably startled the inhabitants of that portion of the city.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice June 19, 1899:

Thos. Collins, J. S. Hart, Ella Kraft, Miss A. B. Marty, Carrie Rhode, Caroline Thompson.

If not called for in 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office.

Parties calling for any of the above please say advertised.

P. F. SPECHER, P. M.

TO CHOOSE A SITE.

J. H. McDowell Will be in Norfolk Soon.

WANTS TO SEE THOSE INTERESTED

A Representative From the Office of Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department to Look Over the Building Sites Offered in Norfolk.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Postmaster Sprecher has received word that J. H. McDowell from the supervising architect's office of the treasury department at Washington will be here on or about the 21st inst., to look over the offered sites for the location of the government building. The letter states that Mr. McDowell will be pleased to meet the citizens of Norfolk and consult with them concerning their wishes in the matter. He has been out to Colorado and will probably stop at Hastings on his way to this city.

In view of the fact that many Norfolk people are much interested in Mr. McDowell's visit and as his principal business while here will be to look over the lots offered to the public, the News deems it opportune to republish the list of sites offered and the prices bid which are given herewith.

Mr. Sprecher thinks it likely that Mr. McDowell will come in on the 9 o'clock train tonight but he may be here any time within the next few days:

R. A. Stewart, northeast corner Norfolk avenue and Fifth street, \$9,000.

C. W. Inskeep et al., southeast corner Madison avenue and Fifth street, \$4,500.

L. M. Gaylord, southwest corner Philip avenue and Fourth street, \$4,000.

Lena Marquardt and Auguste Brummond, northeast corner Madison avenue and Fifth street, \$7,500.

John Koenigstein, northwest corner Norfolk avenue and Seventh street, \$5,500; same, northeast corner Koenigstein avenue and Eighth street, \$3,500; same, southwest corner Philip avenue and Seventh street, \$2,500.

C. and A. Karo, southeast corner Philip avenue and Fourth street, \$3,500.

E. G. Wilkinson, northeast corner Madison avenue and Third street, \$2,900.

Geo. Davenport, southeast corner Braasch avenue and Fourth street, \$2,500.

Isaac C. Powers, northeast corner Madison avenue and Fourth street, \$1,750.

Adam Reseland et al., corner Second and Main streets, \$9,500.

F. A. Bryant, Norfolk avenue between Second and Third streets, \$9,500.

John L. Zoehler, Braasch avenue and Fourth street, \$2,650.

Mrs. D. R. Daniels and T. F. Memminger, southwest corner Norfolk avenue and First street, \$5,000.

Margaret Hite and Julia H. Egbert, southwest corner Madison avenue and Fourth street, \$8,000.

C. B. Burrows, southeast corner Madison avenue and Fourth street, \$5,000.

C. B. Burrows, same location, smaller lot, \$4,000.

Carl Wilde, northwest corner Park avenue and Fifth street, \$2,700.

Fred E. Hardy, southeast corner Norfolk avenue and Eleventh street, \$2,000.

C. B. Durland, southeast corner Norfolk avenue and Sixth street, \$10,000.

Mary S. Braasch, southwest corner Philip avenue and Ninth street, \$6,000.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

W. C. Crabill of Plainview is in the city.

Adam Pilger of Stanton is a Norfolk visitor.

I. O. Beem went to Winside this morning.

Jos. Graham of Avoca, Nebr., was a city visitor yesterday.

Miss Liddle McFarland of Stanton is visiting Norfolk friends.

Mrs. Jas. McDonald took the M. & O. train for Sioux City today.

Mrs. Kerr and daughter were in the city yesterday from Pierce.

C. H. Connelly was a visitor in the city yesterday from Hartington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Way of Stanton were visitors in this city yesterday.

Arthur Overton has accepted the position of bell boy at the Pacific hotel.

U. E. Foster, editor of the Plainview News, is in the city today on business.

Officer Kane has as a boarder a plain drunk, who claims Sioux City as his home.

A. H. Allinson returned this morning from a business trip up the Creighton branch.

Miss Nellie Culver of Ypsilanti, Mich., is in the city on a visit to her brother, T. L. Culver.

Russell Thompson has gone to Randolph to take charge of Davenport Bros.' shoe store for a few days.

Geo. Davenport, Jr., is expected home from Randolph tomorrow to spend a day or two with relatives and friends.

C. S. Evans, S. D. Grady, Fred Madison and ——— Parks were passengers for Madison on the 10:40 train this morning.

The parochial school of Christ's Lutheran church closed yesterday for the summer vacation. It will reopen in September.

The weeds on some of the vacant lots and streets of the city are arriving at an

age and size that pleads their own destruction.

Miss Frances Johnson very pleasantly entertained about 30 young ladies at a 5 o'clock tea yesterday at her home on Koenigstein avenue.

Ed Harter arrived in the city from Chicago Friday to visit his parents and friends. He will return to his duties in the city next Tuesday.

Mrs. H. L. Whitney and daughter, Bernice, are expected tonight to visit at the home of Mrs. Whitney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Powers.

The popular fad of decorating dwellings and business houses with fresh coats of paint still continues and the painters are still very busy.

Dr. W. H. Deering, formerly physician at the Norfolk asylum, but now occupying a similar position at Lincoln, is in the city visiting friends.

Misses Maude and Cora Duell and Dretta Irvin drove down from Meadow Grove last evening, visited with friends over night and returned home today.

The string trio, which furnished such excellent music on the streets of Norfolk a week ago, are again in the city entertaining the denizens of this metropolis.

Fred Gruber, a classmate of Ernest Shultz from New Ulm, Minn., arrived in the city with him last evening and went to Hoskins today to visit friends.

County Commissioners Johnson, Winter and Hughes drove out today to inspect the new bridge which is under construction over the Elkhorn southeast of the city.

Geo. S. Bridge, brother of the Messrs. Bridge of this city and a member of the firm of T. D. Randall & Co., the oldest commission house in Chicago, is visiting in the city for a few days.

The News job department has recently received an addition of several new faces of job type and its already very complete facilities for handling all kinds of job work have thus been augmented.

R. D. Scott, F. E. Martin and W. C. Barnes of the Battle Creek Enterprise force were in the city last evening attending to business connected with the publication of Mr. Scott's Knox county write-up.

Brigadier General Stanton of Washington, D. C., who was paymaster during the war with Spain but is now on the retired list, owing to his having passed the age limit, is visiting at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary L. Stanton of this city.

Norfolk seems to be in a specially favored locality this year. Portions of the state south and west are actually suffering from a lack of moisture. The people of Brown county are rejoicing over a fall of rain which came Monday, but which was too late to insure a good crop of wheat.

Next Sunday will be observed by the German Evangelical church as Children's day. In the morning the pastor, Rev. G. Streicher, will preach to the children and in the evening the services will consist of speaking, singing and other exercises by the children. All Germans are invited to attend.

Chr. Schavland, clerk of the district court of Madison county, kindly furnishes the News with some statistics concerning the number of divorces granted in this county since 1890. The number granted each year since that time were: 1890, 18; 1891, 4; 1892, 10; 1893, 11; 1894, 22; 1895, 12; 1896, 7; 1897, 10; 1898, 19; and for the first six months of 1899, 6.

The party of Tennesseans who came to Norfolk to look up the best sugar industry departed for the east yesterday by way of Sioux City. A company has been organized at Jackson for the manufacture of beet sugar and they were here looking for pointers in regard to establishing the industry. Geo. C. Power, the Chicago gentleman who accompanied them, is industrial commissioner of the Illinois Central railroad.

C. J. Stockwell's brother, Fred, arrived in the city yesterday from Wayne in company with his sister-in-law, Miss Cora Brown, who is on her way to Hot Springs, S. D., where she will take a course of treatment for the rheumatism with which she is afflicted. Mr. Stockwell will on the first of July assume charge of the job and advertising department of the Wayne Democrat, he having resigned a similar position with the Republican.

Congressman Robinson today announced his decision in the competitive examinations held here last Thursday and Friday for appointment of cadets to the military academy at West Point and the naval academy at Annapolis. Rollo Fred Anderson of Neligh is selected by Congressman Robinson to be cadet at West Point, and Wm. F. Hensley, Jr., of Columbus as alternate. A review of the examination of the candidates for the position at the naval academy is ordered.

John Steinbrecher of this city is a loser by the storm of Monday night and his loss is a heavy one. Twelve head of steers belonging to him were struck and killed by lightning in the Hooker pasture, nine miles south of the city. There were 17 head killed all together and, as will be seen, Mr. Steinbrecher suffered the greater part of the loss. These reports continue to emphasize the fact that Monday night's storm was the most destructive electrical disturbance that has been known in this section for years.

Geo. Carter, who has been running the morning and evening Sioux City train on the C., St. P., M. and O., during the past year, was suddenly promoted night before last to a position on the main line between Sioux City and Omaha. Yesterday morning he went to Omaha and took his first run out at 1 o'clock. His residence will hereafter be in Omaha. While the many friends of Conductor Carter will miss his genial face from the Norfolk train, they will rejoice that he has been promoted to one of the best passenger runs in the United States.

Harley Widaman was the victim of an accident yesterday afternoon that might well have resulted more disastrously to his person but which fortunately resulted in nothing more serious than some severe cuts and bruises. He was engaged in whitewashing on the west side of the factory and was working on a scaffold suspended from the roof by ropes and which, at the time of the accident, was about 30 feet above the ground. The rope broke and precipitated the young man to the ground below while the planks and ladder of which the scaffold was formed fell on top of him. The result was several severe and painful bruises about his person while he also suffered a cut on the arm of a distressing nature. His injuries were given prompt attention.

The popular theory of the way to meet a tornado when it is seen bounding towards one like an avenging demon, has always been to close up the house tight, take to the cellar or other hole in the ground, and let her blow. Now comes Prof. E. B. Garriott of the Washington weather bureau, and upsets that whole pet theory. He says that when people see a funnel-shaped cloud coming their way they should throw open every window and door in the house and then wait for the storm to pass over. He gives it out officially that if this advice is followed the houses will not be blown into smithereens, although the furniture may be ruined by the heavy rain which usually accompanies a tornado. The experience in the St. Louis cyclone in 1896 tends to corroborate the professor's idea. In that storm those houses which were entirely closed up suffered the most, the walls being drawn outward and piled in great masses of debris outside the foundations, while others where the windows and doors were partly open, frequently escaped with little serious injury. This suggestion of Prof. Garriott is well worth remembering.

CONTEST FOR CADETSHIPS.

The winners in the Mental Examination May Not Secure the Prizes on Account of Physical Defects.

From Saturday's Daily.

The examinations for cadetships at the military academy at West Point and the naval academy at Annapolis, closed last evening. Seventeen contestants finished the examinations, eleven for the army and six for the navy, who made records as follows:

ARMY.
Rollo F. Anderson, Neligh, 88 1-7.
W. N. Hensley, Jr., Columbus, 85 6-7.
Samuel Martin, Bancroft, 85 5-7.
Fred F. Foster, Scribner, 77 4-7.
Edgar Allen, Wisner, 77 4-7.
Frank L. Meinke, Stanton, 74 6-7.
Walter G. Stirk, Battle Creek, 73.
Arthur E. Miller, Tilden, 71 3-7.
J. G. Leroy Hanlen, Tilden, 70 3-7.
Fred R. Wright, Wayne, 68 2-7.
Perry J. Green, Tilden, 68 2-5.

NAVY.

Jerome E. Langer, West Point, 84 3-5.
C. F. Marshall, Nebraska, 82 9-10.
Wm. R. Smith, St. Edwards, 72 5-8.
Frank Giacomini, Haymond, 72 5-8.
Harry Hart, Dakota City, 67 2-9.
Albert R. Dennis, Neligh, 58 1-10.

If the applicants were all able to pass the required physical examination, the first named in each class would be recommended for appointment as cadet and the second in each list for alternate. But the physical examination which was made by Dr. Mackay, is likely to change the result. It is announced today that of the three highest in the military class W. N. Hensley stands the best physically, and he may receive the appointment to first place. In the naval class both Langer and Marshall have physical defects, which are likely to bar them, while Smith, the third in the mental examination, is pronounced physically perfect. The findings of the examining committee and the doctor will be turned over to Congressman Robinson who makes the recommendations of appointment.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing kidney and bladder disease relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back in male or female. Relieve retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by Koenigstein Pharmacy, Norfolk, Neb.

Write to Wm. H. Tayloe, A. G. P. A., Southern Ry., Louisville, Ky., or J. O. Beam, Jr., N. W. P. A., Southern Ry., Chicago, Ill., for copy of "Summer Homes" folder and "The Land of the Sky" booklet.

Does Coffee Agree With You. If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strengthening substance of pure grains. Get a package today from your grocer, follow the directions in making it and you will have a delicious and healthful table beverage for old and young. 15 and 25c.

Nervous prostration is a term commonly used to indicate a weakened and debilitated state of the nervous system and a vitiated condition of the blood. Its symptoms are unusual nervousness, great irritability, and incapacity for physical or mental labor, and it is caused by errors in diet or hygiene. Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier is recognized everywhere, even by the medical profession, as a superior remedy to counteract weakness of this character. Price 50c. and \$1 a bottle at Koenigstein's Pharmacy.

Sturgeon is the piano man.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS.

Program of the Entertainment in the Big Tent on J. S. McClary's Lawn Tonight—A Great Event.

The musical carnival, the Festival of Flowers, which is to take place this and tomorrow evenings in the big tent on the lawn of J. S. McClary, promises not only to be the event of the season, but will be an affair of a magnificence never before attempted in the city by local talent. The fact that the entertainment will be given two nights should give no one a reasonable excuse for regrets that they were unable to see its splendors. The cast consists of 80 people and for convenience the program has been divided into two parts, an intermission being granted between parts one and two which may be enjoyed as desired by those in attendance.

The opening number, the grand coronation scene, is said to be a wonderful production and it is claimed that this alone is well worth the price of admission, and as it is only a part of the entertainment it can well be imagined what an evening of pleasure is in store for those who attend.

Following is the program for tonight's entertainment:

- PART FIRST.
- 1—Grand Coronation Scene.
 - a—Rondelay.....
 - b—Flower Song.....
 - c—Blue Bell Chorus.....
 - d—German Waltz Song.....
 - 2—Because of Two Tender Blue Eyes.....
 - 3—Goin' to Meetin'.....
 - 4—Symphonie.....

INTERMISSION.

The second part of this evening's entertainment will take place in this tent after the third bugle call—"Assembly."

PART SECOND.

- 1—The Jolly Little Waiters, from all Nations.....
- 2—Spanish Dance.....
- 3—Color Play.....
- 4—Dance de Sylphs.....
- 5—The Archers.....
- 6—Poppie's Lullaby.....
- 7—Society Poses.....

Ordinance No. 247.

An ordinance imposing a license tax upon circuses and other outdoor shows and exhibitions.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Norfolk, Nebraska:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation, to give or exhibit within the city of Norfolk, Nebraska, any menagerie, circus, show or other performance under a tent without first having paid the license tax hereinafter specified:

All wagon shows, circuses, menageries or exhibitions, \$10.00.
All railroad shows, circuses, menageries or exhibitions, under ten cars, \$15.00.
Over ten cars and under twenty-five cars, \$25.00.
Over twenty-five cars and under forty cars, \$50.00.
The above amounts to be a per diem tax.

Section 2. Said license tax shall be paid to the city treasurer and upon presentation to the city clerk of a receipt for the license tax, he shall issue a license. If any person or persons shall violate the provisions of this ordinance they shall be fined upon conviction not less than \$50 and costs, and stand committed until paid. In addition thereto the city may proceed by civil action to recover the amount due under this ordinance. The portions of other ordinances covering the matter in this ordinance and in conflict herewith are, so far as the subject matter in this ordinance contained, hereby repealed.

This ordinance to be in force and effect after its publication according to law.

Passed and approved June 1st, 1899.
(SEAL) J. E. SIMPSON, Mayor.
Attest: J. C. STITT, City Clerk.

Does Coffee Agree With You.