

WARNER BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Burn Early Wednesday By Fire of Unknown Origin.

At an early hour Wednesday morning fire destroyed the Warner & Sons hardware and furniture store, on the corner of Fifth and Douglas streets, with its contents, totaling a loss of about \$18,500 with insurance of \$10,500. The building just north of the store, built of brick and cement stone and occupied by J. M. Seybold was also destroyed as well as the cement building just north of it which had also been used as a garage, but for the past few months had been used as a place of storage by Warner & Sons.

All the buildings destroyed belonged to Mr. Warner and the hardware and furniture stock was owned by him and his sons. He says that the building that housed the hardware and furniture store was purchased by him less than twenty years ago for \$5,500. The cement building on the north end of the lot was built about 1915 at a cost of \$1,500 and the other building, that was occupied by Seybold, was built about four or five years ago at a cost of \$3,200. The stock of hardware and furniture was valued at between \$9,000 and \$10,000. They carried \$4,000 insurance on the building and \$6,500 on the hardware and furniture.

The Virgin building, just west of the Warner store, was thought to be in serious danger from the flames for a time, but a brick wall that separated it from the other building—a fire wall—saved it and the only damage to this building is that caused by water. Mr. Virgin lives in the back end of this building and he moved all of his goods out on the street, as well as his stock, and he will have quite a loss in broken electrical equipment, damaged in getting it out of the building and back in, after the danger from fire was past. His loss is fully covered by insurance.

The J. M. Seybold garage, just north of the hardware store, was totally destroyed with all its contents, which included Mr. Seybold's Dodge coupe. We have not learned whether he carried sufficient insurance to cover his loss or not, but we understand that he carried some insurance.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. It was first discovered by Al Virgin, who lives in the building next door, and he said that his attention was called to it because he could hear things falling in the next room; he investigated and found the fire and he turned in the alarm. This was about 4:45. By the time the alarm was given the flames had broken through the roof of the garage, to the rear of the store proper. It appears as if the fire had started in the garage as it was a mass of flames when the first arrivals appeared upon the scene and the fire had not reached the store proper. It entered the store proper on the north side, apparently near the roof and burned downward.

It was an ideal night to fight a fire as there was no wind blowing, but the oil in the garage and some gas that was in the tank of Mr. Seybold's car, that was in the garage, fed the flames and they made rapid headway. The two garage buildings, north of the store building proper burned down, but the fire department put the flames out in the store proper, but the stock, in both the hardware and furniture stores,

and the buildings were destroyed. The new fire engine was used at a fire for the first time and performed admirably. It is said that the water was forced through the hose with such pressure that it took three and four men to hold the hose.

The burning of the Warner store removes one of the landmarks from this city. The rear part of the frame building, that is the one story part, was the first hardware store in this city, being built by the late John J. McCafferty and the late Col Neil Brennan, and used by them as a hardware store for several years. It was the fourth building erected in this city and was built about 1878. In 1880 or 1881 this partnership was dissolved and Mr. McCafferty continued business in the old stand while Col Brennan opened up a new store in a building he had erected, on Douglas street, between Third and Fourth streets.

In those days the county was rapidly filling up with settlers and business was booming in all lines. In 1882 Mr. McCafferty moved the old building back toward the end of his lot and built a new building on the lot. This was a two story building, the lower floor housing his hardware store and he built a building west of it for his furniture and undestaking parlors. The upstairs part of that over the store was the opera house for several years. At that time it was about the only public hall in town and all public entertainments were held therein. How well we remember, while still in our teens, going to the "opera house" and sitting entranced while the actors and actresses put on such soul stirring melodramas as "Eest Lynne," "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and other star attractions of nearly a half century ago. Since those days we have witnessed many actors of national reputation perform before the footlights, but somehow we cannot get the kick out of the plays that we did in the good old days.

In the old days politics were taken very seriously by the people of this city and county and many good old-time political meetings were held in this hall, the room being crowded at about every gathering. It was the leading opera house and hall of the city until a few years after the erection of the skating rink—and when that popular sport fizzled out—a stage was put therein and being on the ground floor it became the popular hall and opera house of the city. But to those of us in the three score class no opera house in the world could take the place in our affections of the old building on the corner that went up in smoke Wednesday morning.

The building to the east of the store, used by Warner & Sons as a furniture store, was at one time the home of the postoffice. It was moved there after the burning of the old postoffice that stood where the present Frontier building now stands and remained there until after the new building—that went up in flames in December, 1924—was erected, when it was moved back to its former location where it remained for several years. The building was used as a cigar factory for several years and then remained idle for a time until after its purchase by Zeb Warner when they filled the building with furniture.

Mrs. P. B. Harty entertained the Martez Club at her home last Monday evening. High scores were won by Mrs. Ben Grady, Mrs. Max Golden and Mrs. Harty.

FORMER HOLT COUNTY RESIDENT PASSES AWAY IN MINNESOTA

Len H. Bostwick, a former resident of this county, passed away at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., last week, the funeral being held there last Saturday.

Len Bostwick came to this county in the early eighties and took a homestead south of Atkinson where he resided for a few years. He later on disposed of his farm and came to this city and was, for a time engaged in the abstract business here. In the early nineties he left here and moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where he resided up to the time of his death. His wife is a sister of the late L. C. Chapman and Mr. Bostwick was engaged in business with Mr. Chapman in Minneapolis. The following account of his death is taken from a Minneapolis paper:

Funeral services for Leonard H. Bostwick, 79, former secretary of the old R. M. Chapman Co., grocery firm, will be conducted Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Davis mortuary, Thirteenth street and Harmon place, with burial in Lakewood cemetery. Mr. Bostwick died Wednesday at his home, 1302 Linden Avenue. Born in Connecticut October 25, 1853, Mr. Bostwick moved to Illinois and later to Nebraska, settling in Minneapolis in 1891. Mr. Bostwick for thirty years was associated with the Chapman firm, whose store was located at Eighth street and Nicolett Avenue until 1916 when the company went out of business. He played a prominent part in the organization of the Retail Credit association, and was for some years a member of the board of directors. Surviving him are his wife, Alice; one son, Ralph, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; two grandsons and three brothers, Ernest, of Onarga, Ill.; J. Fred, of Fontana, Calif., and Charles of Duluth, Minn.

The Weller Auction Co., who have several sales pavilions in the state, including one at Atkinson, will have an exhibition in this city next Saturday a live Buffalo. The members of the local Lions Club are to provide some suitable place for the Buffalo and it will be on exhibition all day. Next Monday the animal will be taken to Atkinson and it will be sold there at public auction, the proceeds of sale of the animal to be given to the needy of the county. Sixty years ago these animals roamed the plains of this section of the state in large numbers and Buffalo hunting was a favorite pastime for the early pioneers and the Indians that formerly occupied the land north of the river, now Boyd county. There are two or three Buffalo farms in the state and the animal that is to be exhibited here Saturday was purchased from one of these farms. The animal will be exhibited in the yard just south and east of the county jail.

Last Sunday, about noon, while walking on the street in front of the First National Bank building, Mrs. Joe Wise had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. She was picked up and helped into the Stout drug store and then taken to Dr. Brown's office where her injury was looked after and she was taken home. We understand that she is getting along nicely and will probably suffer no permanent injury from the accident.

Several of our citizens have been confined to their homes this week on account of serious attacks of the flu, among whom were P. J. McManus, C. E. Stout and F. N. Cronin. Mayor Stout was at home only one day, but says that he feels as if he should have been in bed all week. The others are getting along nicely and will be able to return to their various business places within a few days.

REAL WINTER

We have been having a spell of real winter weather here the past week. Starting Tuesday night of last week the thermometer dropped down to five below zero. Wednesday night it went down to six below and Thursday night it was eight below. Friday and Saturday night it was zero and on Sunday night it put the cap sheaf on by dropping to 22 degrees below zero. It warmed up a little Monday and that night it dropped down to only six below.

Last Sunday night was the coldest night we have had here since January 17, 1930, when, according to the records of Weather Observer Harry Bowne, it dropped down to 24 below zero. The coldest night here last winter was on January 30, 1932, when it registered thirteen below.

Tuesday it warmed up and it looked as if the cold spell had passed us by for the time being as that night it registered fifteen above. But it is evident that a mistake was made some place for another cold wave descended upon us Wednesday night and this morning it registered seventeen below and remained around zero until noon. Predictions are for clear and warmer tomorrow.

MISSING WOMAN FOUND

Mrs. Edward Jardee, who lives about eight miles northeast of this city, was reported to have disappeared from her home last week and her husband asked the assistance of Sheriff Duffy in tracing her. Mrs. Jardee is the mother of six children and her continued absence from home worried her husband. Monday afternoon Sheriff Duffy received a letter from Mrs. Jardee in which she stated that she was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Fox in the Meek neighborhood and that she was safe and well. She said that she regretted the worry and trouble that she had caused and would be home soon.

Several of the local purveyors of the beverage prohibited by the eighteenth amendment are on pins and needles these days. Reason, they discovered last Saturday that a couple of affable youngsters that have been here for about ten days, ostensibly working for a couple of public service corporations, were not in the employ of the corporations but were seeking evidence for the prohibition department, and, according to the "man on the streets" they got a lot of it and were introduced to practically every one of the dispensers in town and secured buys from them. No arrests have been made, as yet, and the boys are anxiously waiting the appearance of a federal officer to make the arrests, or hoping against hope that it is all a dream.

JURY DISAGREES

The jury in the big liquor conspiracy case, which has been on trial in the Federal court in Omaha for the past nine weeks, were unable to agree and after spending a week deliberating on the case they were excused from further service by Judge Woodrough last Monday afternoon. According to the daily press the jury stood eight to four for conviction and they had remained that way practically all through the balloting.

The jury reported themselves as hopelessly deadlocked and were then discharged from further consideration of the case.

Whether the defendants will again be brought up for trial on the conspiracy charge rests with United States Attorney Sandal.

SHAW-KING

Married, at the Catholic Cathedral at Louisville, Kentucky, on Wednesday, December 7, 1932, Mrs. Della Shaw, of O'Neill, Nebr., to Mr. James King, of Irvington, Kentucky.

The above announcement came to O'Neill friends of the bride the first of the week and marks the culmination of a romance of their youth, when they were both residents of the Blue Grass state. They were sweethearts when both were young, but lovers quarrels separated them. A few years after the quarrel both were married and raised families, Mr. King remaining in his native state while Mrs. Shaw came to this county with her husband, where she has resided ever since. She lost her husband twenty-nine years ago. After her family was raised she moved to this city where she spent part of her time for the past twenty years, the rest of the time being spent in visiting at the homes of her children. A couple of years ago she visited her sister, who had remained in her native state, and there met the sweetheart of her youth. In the meantime he had lost his wife and the youthful romance was again renewed and culminated in their marriage last week. They will make their home in Webster, Ky.

The many Holt county friends of the bride wish her and her husband many years of wedded bliss and happiness.

Hoover Appointments Blocked

The democrats in the Senate yesterday decided that they would confirm no more appointments made by President Hoover, where the term of the appointee extended beyond March 4, 1933. The vote was 44 to 37.

By this action several federal appointees who have been holding office under repress appointments will be succeeded by democrats shortly after President-elect Roosevelt takes over the duties of the presidency, on the fourth of March.

Late News Flashes

France welves on its war debt payment to the United States. The action of France is sharply condemned by members of Congress in Washington. Among those who discussed the matter yesterday with Associated Press representatives were Senator McKellar of Tennessee and Representative McReynolds of the house Foreign Affairs committee.

Senator McKellar said: "I think it is the most ungrateful act in the career of any nation of the world."

Representative Reynolds said: "They forget that had we been unwilling to lend them the money they needed when they needed it and on reasonable terms, the result would have been fatal to France."

Great Britain has made payment of the interest they owed and which was due on December 15th.

Italy also paid the interest installment that they were owing to this country.

Belgium has decided not to pay their installment.

A few of the smaller nations have also decided to pay, while others will default.

County Clerk Gallagher and Supervisors Sullivan, McKim, James, Skidmore and Steinhauser left last Monday morning for Omaha where they will attend the annual meeting of the State Association of County Commissioners and Supervisors and the State Association of County Clerks, which is being held in that city this week.

BERNARD HYNES DIES AT HIS HOME

Passes Away Following An Attack of Pneumonia

Bernard Hynes, one of the pioneers of this county, died at his home on north Tenth street, this city, last Sunday evening at 9:30, after an illness of two weeks of pneumonia, at the age of 74 years, three months and two days.

Bernard Hynes was born in County Galway, Ireland, on September 9, 1858. As soon as he had reached his majority he came to America and to this county, arriving here in the spring of 1879. He had a brother, Austin Hynes, who lived on the Eagle northwest of this city and Bernard took a homestead near that of his brother, on the Eagle creek, where he made his home until his removal to this city in the spring of 1920 and had made his home since that time in the home that he purchased on North Tenth street.

On May 9, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Morrissey, who with a sister, Miss Katherine Hynes, and a number of nephews and nieces are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband, brother and uncle.

About twenty years ago he made a trip to his old home in Ireland and on his return brought mementoes of the Emerald Isle to many of his friends here, remembering the writer with a nice blackthorn cane.

In the death of Mr. Hynes Holt county loses one of its substantial citizens. He was one of that hardy band of pioneers who came to this county, when it was a treeless prairie, and by industry, thrift and strict attention to his affairs, made a success of life and made the way easier for those who followed him. He was a kind and indulgent husband, a good neighbor and a loyal friend. He had an extensive acquaintance throughout the county and his numerous friends will be sorry to learn that he will be with us no more but they will long remember his unflinching good nature and his loyalty to his principles and his friends.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning from the Catholic church, services being conducted by Monsignor Cassidy, and interment in Calvary cemetery. The funeral was very large, many of the old timers of the county coming to town for miles to pay their last tribute to their departed friend.

S. J. Weekes returned Saturday night from Omaha, where he had spent three days on the loan committee of the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation. He says that the loan committee is catching up on their work and the main delay now in those seeking loans, in getting them, is the work of the inspectors. There have been a good many more applications received than had been anticipated and the force of inspectors is not sufficient to promptly handle the business.

Ellsworth Mack was down from Atkinson last Tuesday.

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