SEVEN BUSINESS BUILDINGS DE-STROYED THERE.

STARTED AT MIDNIGHT

DAMAGE AMOUNTING TO \$40,000 DONE QUICKLY.

FIRE'S ORIGIN IS A MYSTERY

Opera House, Meat Market, Saloon, Hardware Store, Lumber Company's Building and Two General Stores Are in Ashes as Result.

Bristow, Neb., March 12.-Special to The News: A disastrons fire, wiping out a large portion of this village, started at 12:15 o'clock this morning. The following business houses were destroyed:

Jos. Rysavy's general store, Talich & Pasek hardware store. John Hebner saloon. W. F. Kloke general store. John Smith meat market.

Loss \$30,000 to \$40,000. The loss is estimated at between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Merchandise stocks of several stores were saved. The fire was discovered at a quar-

ter of an hour after midnight. Flames were first found in the lower business block of the village. Origin a Mystery. The origin, so far as is known at

this hour, is a complete mystery. As soon as the flames were discovered, fire alarms were sounded and the citizens quickly responded, but the flames soon spread beyond control.

At about 1:30 o'clock this morning the business houses were secure, including a bank, hotel, postoffice, newspaper office, blacksmith shop, etc.

Families All Escaped. A number of families of merchants Hved near or in the building destroyed, yet nobody was burned or injured.

TRAIN PASSENGERS SAW FIRE.

Early Morning Train From Bonesteel

Witnessed Spectacle. Early morning passengers coming from Bonesteel to Norfolk witnessed prairie fire that had done its work. C H Pilger and P. A Shurtz of this Douglas.

city formerly owned a store at Bris-

They, therefore, know how to sym pathize with the merchants of Bristow who have now lost their business state that when they passed the build- pires equally primitive upon its bor-

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

yesterday.

mont today.

yesterday. T. J. Crumel of Auburn stopped here yesterday. Placid Witten of Pierce was here

morning. W. R. Locke of Stanton spent today

in Norfolk. William H. Hodge was up from Fre

city today.

C. E. Smith of St. Edwards was here

last week.

in Norfolk. Mike Koel of Swanton was in Nor-

folk yesterday. Will Fredericks was up from Madi-

son vesterday Oscar Gross of Oakdale was in Nor-

folk yesterday

C. H. Williams of Cater was in Nor folk Tuesday

Norfolk today

city yesterday.

Norfolk yesterday.

J. H. Bucy of Creighton spent yesterday in Norfolk.

Charles B. Wilson of Syracuse was in the city yesterday. J. D. Sturgeon made a business trip

to Creighton yesterday E. R. Crockett of Plainview was in

Norfolk this morning. R. Moorehouse of Tekamah was a

Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Charles Clyde of Page visited relatives in Norfolk yesterday.

F. Moore of Creighton was in Norfolk yesterday afternoon

was in Norfolk yesterday

was in Norfolk vesterday.

from a trip to Walthill, Neb. Carl Stuckey of Broken Bow was in Norfolk yesterday afternoon.

Grove was in Norfolk today.

of Petersburg are in Norfolk.

Creek visitor in the city yesterday.

Arthur Higbee of Meadow Grove L. P. Herbel and L. M. Blaire of road might as well build before the Spencer were in Norfolk this morning, rush and get the benefit of that extra Indians in war paint passed within a formance well worth the price of ad-M. T. Post, an attorney of Monowi, mileage.

was in Norfolk on legal business yes-

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Warner of Kearney were in Norfolk between trains yesterday.

Mrs. G. C. Rouse and Mrs. J. R. lore were Meadow Grove visitors in orfolk today.

William Kost of Neligh was in Nor folk yesterday on his way west to Washington

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Coleman and daughter are home from a winter's visit to California.

A. J. Durland is expected home to day from a visit to New York. Mrs. Durland will stop to visit friends at Washington, Iowa

Ben Weston, who is now working at Venus, is visiting his father, C. A. Weston, at the latter's home west of

Miss Vera Johnson is quite ill.

of Norfolk, is building a new home on the farm which he purchased last fall. A smouldering fire still exists in the coal heap in the basement of the high

Sunday. Freddie Ware, who has been sick Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beem-

er, a daughter. District court will be convened in Pierce on next Monday, Judge Welch presiding. The jury has been summoned for a week from Monday.

L. S. Simson and J. S. Barnes, both living southwest of Norfolk, are among to fail to elicit comment. The stren- she had survived the outrage never the Madison county farmers who are erecting new barns at this time.

Norfolk citizens with retentive mem-Norfolk ice dealers were still engaged fortune befell himself he considered it he has kept that oath he has never in gathering in the season's supply of

country.

the flames were brought under control his family from Omaha to Norfolk, lamp was unlit at midday, and which and it was assured that the balance of where they will make their home in might at any time conceal a skulking a warrior to blanch as if he expected

the future. W. M. Gobler, whose cement block intends to sell her pets, which have fiction. created no small amount of sport ing the past couple of months, to the the spectacle of the burning town highest cash bidder. Sadie intends to the Wyoming line to the Missouri when they passed through Bristow at leave Norfolk tomorrow night for through a primeval wilderness, the an early hour. Engineer M. Wheeler Douglas, Wyo., where she has a posiwas pulling the train. It is said that tion in a restaurant. She was located most 100 miles had scarcely a settlethe fire at that time looked like a brought the lambs to Norfolk from over this entire region. Here was an

ing at 5 o'clock the fire was not in John Krantz returned from Neligh and on the third floor of the school house. For this reason they believe ly did it burn.

County Attorney Jack Koenigstein gated the condition of Norfolk's school of a rare campfire historian, namely, funds, as shown by the books at the a retentive memory and a charming courthouse, and he found that a bond gift of narrative. The subtle charm ssue of \$25,000 is due August 1, 1909, in the stories Mr. Sessions tells of issue draws five per cent, and there is \$25,234.34 in the sinking fund so tion cannot be reproduced in type.

that this issue could be redeemed next A. A. Reid of Lincoln spent the night July. There is also outstanding an issue of \$11,000, due May 1, 1918. There is no record at Madison to show whether this issue is optional or not tharies Dingle, leading man in the

circus actor who made away with the C. E. Beatty of Leigh was in the stolen coat, which was accordingly re way, one of the first congressmen from turned to Mr. Dingle in Norfolk yescircus performer had thought fit to

ed to Tilden. As no one cared to prost of frontier warfare, none of which are ecute, the Tilden officers were in of more interest than the massacre structed to turn the man loose. main line of the Northwestern between Chicago and the Black Hills as soon join the Pierre-Rapid City line, ac them by friendly Indians that their William E Moershed of Homestead aew line, from Rapid City to Chicago spared from the small company of by way of the Rosebud country Mrs. F. E. Martin of Battle Creeck through Bonesteel and Norfolk, will D. Mathewson returned last evening Chicago and the Hills. It is also betraffic will come by way of the Rose bud extension and Norfolk, making the company and the Nebraska bor-Mrs. Robert Warden of Newman the same connection here as is now made. Because it is believed that the Thomas Roe, jr., and Charles Day Northwestern intends to extend to to accompany him and they made the Midland or some other point on the W. A. Zimmermann was a Battle Pierre-Rapid City line, trainmen here express the opinion that the terminus Leroy P. Moore of Pierre, S. D., was of the line will be stretched to New The incidents of this trip would alone in Norfolk for a few hours yesterday. Dallas before the Tripp county open- furnish material of a book. They lay the jokes were objectionable because ing. It is argued that, since the exwas in Norfolk on business yesterday. tension, is to be built anyway, the rail canyons and travelled by night; they

STORY OF THE AWFUL MASSACRE IN NORTH NEBRASKA.

Them by Indians, is Now Text for Congressman Boyd's First Act.

its unwritten history of pioneer days to join his family before Ames had -episodes rivaling the most lurid fiction and which cannot be found in the public records or the archives of the in the histories of the time. historical societies. The transition Miss Daisy Lawrence, an instructor from wilderness has been so startling at the business college, is ill with the ly rapid, the events of the recurring located with his family in 1857. On years so swift and kaleidoscopic and Wellington Frey, living northwest history has been made in such volum- Yankton for household supplies and inous extent that only the trenchant outline and the more significant events of a dead Indian lying within the door could be recorded.

school building destroyed by fire last that recitations of the marvelous alliay with a crushed skull and both ways begets to men in populous towns, arms broken yet still clutching a rifle, in cultivated fields or orchards relat- the chamber of which was empty with the measles, is much improved. ing tragedies of which they were eye Three children were dead and two fawitnesses that were enacted on those tally wounded. The baby, a boy of very spots less than forty years ago, five summers, had been stabbed and yet unrecorded by historian or by the pathetically cried to his mother, 'Inubiquitous newspaper man who search- dians scared me, mamma.' He lived es out every hidden thing. In the several days. An elder daughter had early days of settlement of the west been treated in a manner that forbids uous life of the pioneer furnished him regained consciousness. with troubles enough of his own without taking seriously to heart those of ized what had occurred he swore a ories say that a year ago at this time his neighbors and if perchance mis- fierce oath of vengeance. How well a part of the great game he was play- revealed by even a whisper but we

ing. Neither was his environment Miss Nettle Nenow writes to Norfolk conducive to story telling or newspa- the fact that for twenty years afterfriends from Los Angeles, that she per correspondence. The brooding si- wards Brock's Bottom was regarded has just arrived in California and is lence of the vast, illimitable prairie, well pleased with the Pacific coast the inviolate silence of nature's own as a plague spot and the name of William Beeme, a traveling man tonwood, the dense jungles of plum all over the Sioux nation as a bogy troop of redskins or more renegade a spectre to rise from the ground." whiteskins, each day his plow up manufacturing plant was burned out turned relies from shallow graves, the in the old creamery plant fire, is pre- loneliness, solitude, silence and enparing to erect a new plant this spring durance of it all were not conducive in Edgewater park. His first building will be a temporary wooden structure, there remain untold countless tales Sadie's lambs are for sale. Sadie of tragedy and romance that if put will leave Norfolk tomorrow and she into print would rival the most lurid

In the sixtles the frontier was a through poetry and other rhymes dur- stern fact in northern Nebraska. The Niobrara flowed for 400 miles from upper waters of the Elkhorn for alempire, into which the first settlers F. G. Fox and Roland Langer, who came, vast and virgin as in the post first discovered the high school fire, tertiary age, larger than England and have come to the conclusion that the Wales and five times larger than the blaze was of incendiary origin. They kingdom of Belgium, with vaster emders, a boundless pasture for game the coal room, where the slack was and a hunting ground for the Sioux kent, but it was in the furnace room and Pawnee. As a relic of its former vastness northern Nebraska retains one county larger than the combined it was set and say that it appeared to states of Connecticut and Rhode have been saturated with oil, so quick-Island. Sketched thus in miniature we comprehend the environment of the early settlers among whom was Dr. J. C. Myers went to Pilger this returned from Madison where he went Mr. L. Sessions of this city who comon business. While there he investi- bines the two essential qualifications

John A. Hayne of Orchard is in the but may be paid July 1, 1907. This pioneer days is lost in the written narrative because the personal equa-With these limitations in mind the following story gleaned from Mr. Ses-

sions' inexhaustible repertoire is submitted: "In 1874 I was hunting for elk in Wednesday's snow storm found the lake region south of Long Pine in company with the late Dave Ames Woodward Stock company, clad in his who resided near where the town of own overcoat again. The wandering Meadow Grove now stands. Mr. Ames had come west in the fifties and coat Monday night was apprehended had served in Capt. John Taffe's com-H. Kellogg of Wayne is a visitor in in Tilden Tuesday. He was induced pany repelling invasions of the hosby the officers in Tilden to restore the tile Sioux. Capt. Taffe was, by the this state and Mr. Ames had bestowed G. A. Engen was a Wayne visitor in terday. The old overcoat which the his name upon his eldest boy. Sitting around the campfire at night Dave re leave behind in his flight was forward- lated to me many thrilling incidents of the family of Hudsen Weiseman. The line of railroad now known as Weiseman was a neighbor of Ames the Bonesteel branch of the North- and together in 1862 with Taffes comwestern from Norfolk will become the pany they had gone several hundred miles northwest from Yankton to punish the Sioux for frequent raids. In as the Bonesteel branch is extended to July 1863 a rumor was brought to cording to the opinion of some of the familles in Nebraska had been killed Norfolk trainmen who have studied by Indians. Ames was determined the situation. It is claimed that the to return. An escort could not be Capt. Taffe and an effort was made to dissuade Ames from undertaking the cut off sixty miles of distance between perilous journey as it was considered hopeless for him to be able lieved that the Black Hills-Sloux City to run the gauntlet of savages that

swarmed over the country between der. With undaunted determination he induced a French Canadian scout journey with hair breadth escapes and marvellous good fortune due in great measure to the acumen of the scout. concealed by day in thickets or deep they were vaguely suggestive.

few feet of where they lay concealed mission.

and always at night there was the peril of running into a camp of the

After a long journey Ames and his ompanion arrived at the Ames home opposite Yankton on the south side of the Missouri. His wife and children were missing from the home, Still fearful for the safety of his dear AS TOLD BY L. SESSIONS HERE ones, Ames pressed on to the nearest settlement down the river. There he learned that his wife, anticipating The Killing of His Family and the trouble, had fled to her old home in Brutal Outrages Practiced Upon what is now Dakota county. That Mrs. Ames had real cause for alarm was attested by the terrible tragedy enacted on the Weisman claim near Every community in the west has the Ames home. Weisman had left obtained permission to leave his company. The Weisman tragedy is told

"Weisman's claim was on Brock's Bottom in Cedar county, where he had June 23, 1863, his wife had gone to when she returned the ghastly sight of her home met her gaze. Beyond We listen with the rapt fascination him her eldest son, aged seventeen, these tragedies were so common as relating and during the days in which SAVE 300 OUT OF 3,000 BOOKS

"When Weisman returned and realcan judge how the debt was paid by by the Indians with horrified aversion J. H. Mackay.

STILL TO ACT.

WILL SOON TAKE MATTER UP

Permanent Secretaryship of Club is Still in the Air-Club Directors Want

New Plans Developed. [From Tuesday's Daily.] The Commercial club committee appointed recently to ascertain the sentiment of the railroads regarding a union passenger station for Norfolk asked for an additional extension of time at the regular weekly meeting of the club directors Tuesday morning. The committee has yet to see the Union Pacific and Minneapolis Omaha officials. It was stated that a meeting with the officers would be secured as soon as possible and that in the meantime the efforts of the committee would be directed toward learning the attitude of the Northwestern road to-

ward possible plans for a union depot. The meeting of the directors was held in the office of Mathewson & Co. In the absence of D. Mathewson, Sol G. Mayer acted as secretary. No new plans for the upbuilding and advancement of Norfolk were brought before fore next September. the meeting. The question of a per manent secretary for the Commercial club is still in the air.

all possible support to the Norfolk from the high school fire.

pressed. No plans for an increase in much time and effort. nembership have been outlined.

"Fra Diavolo."

the opera is well put on. All in all teachers. the performance was well received.

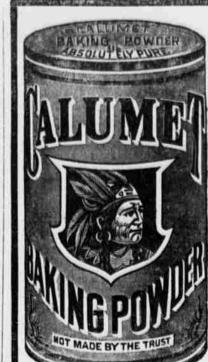
Miss Shela Sheeley, as Zerlina, has soprano voice of quality and she delighted her hearers. Mr. Huntington. as Fra Diavolo, is a baritone singer of merit and Jay Taylor was good as Lorenzo, singing first class tenor. The ensemble work was particularly pleasing, the voices blending prettily,

di Lammermoor. It was heartily ap-The comedy work of F. Burgess as

Beppo was superb and he kept the house in good humor all evening. He is a clever comedian and will be remembered by Norfolk. Some of his songs were rich and received flattering applause. The company was rather shabbily

costumed and looked like it had about

worn out its garb. The chorus girls were anything but pretty. Some of On the whole ,the company is well built no fires. Frequently bands of balanced and the audience saw a per-



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HOPED ALL CLASSES MAY RE-SUME WORK NEXT WEEK.

Representatives of School Book Pub-Orders Will Soon be Filled-Fire flowers were determined on.

Proof Vault in Next Building. Temporary arrangements for giving instruction to the classes from the high school building can not be announced by City Superintendent Bodwell until the latter part of the week. The superintendent is working out the wilderness, the belts of ash and cot- Weisman was used by Indian women details of the temporary school system to be in force in Norfolk during covering this territory, has brought and choke cherry, where nature's man to intimidate their children, while the remainder of the school term. It NO CAUCUS HELD IN FOURTH the mention of his name caused many is hoped that all classes may resume work by the first of next week. The board and the teaching force are working to this end.

Week's Vacation Anyway.

High school students will have a week's vacation at least. Neither will he seventh and eighth grades, which also occupied the destroyed building. meet during the present week. Changes which must be made in the build-COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE ings to be devoted to temporary school uses will take time. Books and needed supplies must be ordered. Arrange ments along these lines are being hurried through.

Book Agents Here.

These orders will be sent in at once ried into Norfolk.

Mr. Bodwell's Office.

Superintendent Bodwell has established his headquarters for the preent in the new Lincoln school building. Pupils from the high school building yesterday brought all school books in their possession to the su- ing their list of candidates to be othperintendent's office. Some 350 books taken home by the pupils Friday were about Tuesday evening in search of saved from the fire. As the pupils in the building were using nearly 3,000 books, the number of books saved is a comparatively small item.

The equipment in the laboratory rooms, all of which was lost in the fire Sunday morning, was valued at over \$500. This equipment is very essential to instruction in the several sciences, but cannot be replaced be-

Plan Fire Proof Vault.

The new high school building when it is erected will contain a fire proof The directors present voted to offer vault. One of the most unfortunate effects of the fire was the complete board of education in its efforts to destruction of all school records. No cope with the conditions resulting trace remains of the high school records which Miss von Goetz, the princi-Sentiment favorable to increasing pal, had recently systematized and the membership of the club was extrendered complete at the expense of

No "Honor" Graduates. Twenty-seven students graduate from the Norfolk high school this "Fra Diavolo," as sung by the Beg- spring. There will be no "honor car Prince Opera company, pleased a members in the class. All of the large sized audience at the Auditorium written records of the scholarship and last night. The voices owned by this work of the students is gone. Pupils company are in several instances of will receive credit for past work high order and the comedy portion of through personal conferences with the

> Work in the grades not affected by the fire is being continued as usual. Churches to be Used.

Responding to the call of the board several of the Norfolk churches will open their doors to the school children. These churches will be turned into impromptu class rooms on five days of each week for over two One of the most effective numbers months. Announcement of the arwas a sextette piece taken from Lucia rangements to be made for the several classes will be made by Thursday or Friday.

> University Inspector Here. A. A. Reed of Lincoln, state university inspector, arrived in Norfolk at noon to help get the high school crea its straightened out, so far as the state university is concerned.

> CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETS

Col. Cotton Re-elected President-Im provements Planned.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Prospect Hill cemetery holz, A. Degner, R. Blatt, August Stefassociation was held yesterday afternoon at the offices of Sessions & Bell Stitt and Julius Fisher. H. C. Matrau in Norfolk. I. G. Westervelt acted as was again chosen committeeman. chairman of the meeting in the ab- No caucus was held in the Fourth sence of the president, S. S. Cotton. ward.

The following board of directors were elected to serve during the coming ear: S. S. Cotton, L. Sessions, C. B. Durland, W. J. Gow, S. G. Dean, L. M. Gaylord and O. J. Johnson, L. M. Gavlord was re-elected secretary by the stockholders. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were presented.

Following this meeting the directors met and re-elected S. S. Cotton as president and L. Sessions as treasurer. Improvements along the line of lishers Are Flocking to Town and the additional planting of trees and

THREE WARDS SELECT COUNCIL-MANIC NOMINEES.

Delegates to the City Convention, Which Will be Held Saturday Night, Were Selected-Present Ticket Will be Renominated.

(From Wednesday's Dally,1 Democratic nominees for the city council: First ward, Ed Braasch.

Second ward, E. B. Kauffmann. Third ward, Julius Degner. Fourth ward, no caucus, The democrats of three wards of Norfolk met in caucus last evening for the purpose of selecting delegates to the city convention and nominating Superintendent Bodwell and mem- candidates for the city council. The bers of the text book committee of the caucuses passed off without special inschool board have been in conference cident and there was no evidence of More Members of Organization-No with representatives of book and a contest. The general opinion among school supply companies sent to Nor-democrats seemed to be that in defolk to fill the emergency orders. fault of opposing candidates the entire present list of retiring democratic and the needed supplies will be hur- city officials would be re-nominated at the democratic city convention on next Saturday. This list includes the following names: Mayor John Friday, Clerk Julius Hulff, Treasurer J. E. Haase, Police Judge Ira G. Westervelt and City Engineer H. Salmon. Several democratic politicians, think-

> possible nominees for the board of education. Edward W. Braasch was placed in nomination for councilman by the caucus of the First ward. The democratic gathering in this ward was presided over by John Friday as chairman and John Flynn as secretary. The following list of delegates were chosen to the city convention: John Flynn, Ed Braasch, H. W. Winter, Richard Peter, Herman Gerecke, C. B. Durland, William Uecker, Gus Nitz and William Koch. Mayor Friday retains his place on the central committee.

The caucus was held in the city hall.

erwise complete, were canvassing.

The Second ward caucus, after electng Dr. J. H. Mackay chairman and Carl Wilde secretary, departed from the customary informal procedure of he average caucus. Every proper legal form was observed, the caucus in some respects taking on the form of a regular election. An impromptu ballot box was brought forth and the voters present were given the opportunity of voting for fifteen delegates out of a list of twenty names which had been presented at the urgent solicita tion of the caucus officers. The ballot box, which was left open from eight until nine o'clock, showed the following men to have been chosen to represent the ward in the city convention: Dr. A. Bear, Julius Hulff, C. H Krahn, A. D. Howe, A. Morrison, Dr. J. H. Mackay, Carl Wilde, Julius Haase, August Brummund, Rudolph Warnecke, C. F. Haase, C. F. A. Mar quardt, Charles Rice, Paul Luebcke, and Carl Zuelow. A formal ballot resulted in the nomination of E. B. Kauffman for the city council. A. Morrison was selected as committeeman.

The caucus met in the city hall. Former Councilman Julius Degner was nominated for the city council by the Third ward caucus in place of P. Stafford, the retiring democratic councilman from that ward. C. S. McCaslin was chairman of the caucus and August Steffen secretary. The caucus was held at the city hall. These men were selected as delegates to Saturday's convention: A. J. Brummund, Fred Leu, C. S. McCaslin, Anton Buchfen, S. G. Dean, H. C. Matrau, J. C.