Days When the Volunteers Fought the Fires in Omaha

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engine house from their homes, or places of business, they picked up horses wherever they found them. On some occasions they would reach the engine house with eight or ten horses for the services. turned loose to wander back home when always a good friend to the fire boys. they got good ready. Horse owners never protested against these methods, as they were the oustom, and they felt that in case of fire a sort of martial law prevailed and the firemen were masters of the situation.

Soon after becoming assistant ohief, Mr. Hunt conceived the notion that it would be quite metropolitan to have a bell on the engine house. There was no money with which to buy bells, but balls were given and by circulating lists it was not so long until \$600 was raised. This amount was sufficient and the bell was bought Mr. Hunt recalls many hot fires during the ploneer days of the city, among which Another was when Ed Maurer's place on teenth, burned. At this fire George Coulter, one of the volunteers, was nearly killed by a safe tipping over on him.

one which gave the firemen a lot of work to keep it from spreading was as far back as 1874 when a lot of old frame shacks owned by the late Tom Murray and located around Tenth and Capitol avenue burned. There was a high wind at the time and the brands were ploked up and carried blocks, nearly always starting a fire where they struck. These flying brands kept the firemen running from one and of the town to the other.

Besides being fire fighters the volunteer firemen of Omaha were some runners in their day and within the ranks of the organization was a running team with a world's record for 300 yards, layhose, break coupling and attach to hydrant. One of the volunteers who helped to make this running team famous was Tony Herold, a member of hose company No. I, and the place where it won its greatest victory was at New Orleans during 1885, where, at the exposition, it competed with some thirty running teams from as many different cities and came home with the big prize, or what was left of it after expenses had been paid. The Union Pacific, John M. Thurston, then the company attorney and a number of other public spirited citizens of the city financed the team and got togotner a bunch of the swiftest runners in the world. They practiced all summer and late in the fail, when in the pink of condition, on a special train, started for New Orleans. There the men were wined and dined, but a few days before the date for the race everybody was put in a diet and hard training was the order of the day. The team had its quarters on the fair grounds and there the men trained down as close as pugitists. Speaking of the work and what hap-

pened, Tony Herold says: "If we could have saved our money. we would have come home with \$25,000 but saving, after we had beaten teams from all over the United States, was something you could not do, and the result was, that if we had not had a special train at our disposal, we would have walked, or waited for remittances from We won the race fairly and benuse we had the best men.

"The morning of the race there was rumor about town that the gamblers of the town owned us; that the race was to be a fluke and that it was to Possibly one or two men had been approached, but not many of the boys. To prevent any funny business, every man on the running team was fastened to the ropes and there was an understanding that the first runner who tried to drop out, would be spiked. As a result of this, every man stood up and did his best. When we got the word, we ran for everything in sight and came in When we got home, we were given a great reception, a banquet, a ball and for weeks we were heroes."

W. A. Kelley, now head of the registry Sivision of the Omaha postoffice, got into the fire fighting business just after he discarded kilts, which was along in the early '79s, but not until there was an engine company. With Ike Miner and W. J. Cuddy, he joined the Fire King company. No. 2. He remembers many things about early days with the volunteers and says:

"When I went with the firemen, Charley Fisher was chief engineer and Jimmy Devine, stoker. The engine house was the retreat for the boys of the town, and each evening the topic of conversation was the last run and how we got water out of the cistern and beat No. 5 in getting up steam. In those days there was sharp rivalry between the two engine companies, and when we were beaten, which was seldom, there was deep lamentations around No. 2 house.

"I think in the ploneer days the fireman took more chances than now, yet the accidents were not numerous, would go into the old firetraps with the hose when we could not see a foot ahead and not knowing but the roof might cave in any minute. February 14, 1874, a fire broke out in the old St. Nicholas hotel, a two-story frame building down near where the Union depot now stands. Answering the alarm a bunch of us got to the second story and commenced to throw out bedding, clothing and trunks, when Jack Galligan ordered us to jump, as the roof was falling. We jumped and Hen Galligan fell on top of me, preity near crushing out my life, but the jumping was only just in time, for hardly had we struck the ground when the roof came crashing along. I was bruised up naiderably and walked on crutches for 3 month.

"In 1873 we had a fire that gave us considerable trouble. A fancy dress tall was in full blast in a Tenth street hall, and the flames spread so rapidly that the dresses of many of the women were scorched before they got out of the place. The fire burned over considerable of an area, destroying a lot of small frame buildings around where the Burlington headquarters building now stands. It was moving up Farnam street and its progress was only stopped by tearing down some buildings near the corner of

Eleventh street. "Another hot fire that I recall was during the summer of 1874 on Sixtenth street opposite Jefferson square. I was working on the nozzle this time and as remember, in the rear of Dove's buttiner shop. I had on a big helmet and during he progress of the fire, from the second tory, some person threw a sack of con-The sack struck me squarely on top of the helmet, driving it down onto ory shoulders and knocking me senseloss. for a minute. When I came too George

ging away in an effort to disconnect me from the belmet, but we lost the rennies, as some other fellow carried them

"During the '70's I was a compositor on The Ree, and there was a standing order issued by the late Edward Rosewater, the editor and proprietor, that any employe of The Bee who was a volunteer fireman should upon hearing the fire alarm sounded drop his work, respond to the call, and that no time would be lost on account of such absence. Many In such cases two of the best horses a time I have measured up 'white' for were selected for the run and the others the time at a fire. Mr. Rosewater was

> "I remember one time when a fire broke out in The Bee offices we handled it w working on the nozzie this time and, as pleased was Mr. Rosewater with our work that he presented each of the compantes with a check for a good-sized sum and in addition several of the individual members received checks for \$10 each

"It is a hard matter to remember a of the thrilling events and hair-breadth escapes, but a visit to one of our meetings, when we fight over again the fires of early days, will give firemen of today an idea of what we did without pay and with what now would be considered the crudest kind of machinery. Of course was that in the Grand Central hotel. We always consider the Grand Central fire the thriller, but there were others that Farnam, between Thirteenth and Four the veterans talk about. We are like old soldlers and like to talk about these things, and some day, perhaps, I will Another fire that Mr. Hunt recalls and it was a straggling village, and then I will tell the complete story of the men

At the Theaters

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Marshall in "The Price." Each character capable of giving Mr. Broadburst's thoughts the fullest expression. The settings are in keeping with the play in every respect, no detail having been overlooked to make the illusion perfect.

Ye, who follow the past performances of actors and actresses need not look in your program books for the names of the Scotch thespians who are with "Bunty Pulls the Strings," for they have never played in Omaha. They are total strangers. Not a single member of the company the Mesars. Shubert and Willlam A. Brady are sending to the Brandels on Monday night has ever appeared locally. Assembled and imported from Scotland, they are under contract to return to the land of the thistle and the heather as soon as their American season suds. Some of them are going back home to settle their accounts and come back to America to live. They like our large spaces and distances, and, furthermore, the clink of the gold we coin sounds



write a book about fires in Omaha when good to them, and soon a few more descendants of the Bruces and the McLeans

are to be placed on our citizen rolls.

Molly McIntyre, who is the Bunty, is a lineal descendant of Mary, Queen of Scots, so 'tis said, though you cannot get her to talk about her ancestry. Neil McNeil comes from Glasgow, but he will present for a return engagement at the "halls" and has known Graham Mof- Monday. "Goodbye Everybody," "Is the Strings," long before he became famous Love?" of George Broadhurst, the author of "over night" because of his play's suc. Sweetheart," "You're Such a Lonesome Bought and Paid For," "The Man of cess. Nelson Ramsay and Carrie Lee Moon Tonight" and "Every Day is Christthe Hour" and other successful plays. It Stoyle have been playing together at indeals with the problem some women en- tervals for over thirty years and have an counter in the winning of happiness enviable reputation in the Scotch thethrough love. In it Mr. Broadhurst aters. Lenore Phelps is rather a novice, touches one of the momentous questions but her training under Mr. Moffat has that can come into the lives of everyday aided her greatly in making the role of folks. Miss Marshall is said to have a Teenle one of the most appealing in the part worthy of her talents as an emo- comedy. It's Jean Burnett as Susle who tional actress. Clarence Bennett has sa- wins the plaudits of the discriminating lected a superior cast to support Miss critic. Her experiences on the stage have American Hippodrome, starting Sunday caused her to break with her family, who matinee, April 13. The book was written has been placed in the hands of a player are strict Presbyterians, and they have by Harry Sheldon White, and the lyrics never been reconciled to the idea of hav- and music by Jack Kenyon and Hilding ing a member of their family appear on

This feeling toward the playhouse is reflected in the attitude of the company, who refuse to play on the Sabbath. On that account no Sunday performances have ever been given of "Bunty Pulls the Strings," and the local engagement will open on that account tomorrow night. This is not at all surprising when one learns that more than half the members of the company are sons and daugh-

ters of Presbyterian ministers. "Bunty Pulls the Strings" is a play of Scotch village life, full of pungent and irresistible humor and replete with types that are said to be marvels of color, variety and realism. The play deals with the people of a Scotch village called Lintlehaugh, and particularly with Tammas Riggar, widower, magistrate, tradesman and pillar of the church. Bunty is the daughter of Tammas. There are six emphatic song hits in

"Merry Mary," a new song farce, which has been put into "tabloid" form by Mr. Boyle Woolfolk, will be seen at the The cast includes Bobby Anderson. Vall, Guy Voyer, Harry Lee, Inez Guard, Helen Wilson, and others, with a chorus of sixteen. Three distinct performances

prima donna role.

"The Great Behman Show," coming to the Gayety this week, commencing with. the usual matinee today, has been known since Jack Singer's entree into the extravaganga field as the best all around entertainment on the circuit. There are five separate and distinct "stars" each of whom is capable of heading a company, and all have made good, including the Watson Sisters, Lew Kelly (Prof. Dope; "Stand Still Rogers"), Fred Wyckoff, "The Mayor of Tanktown"), Lon Hascell, dealer in slang phrases, and a supporting cast in which there isn't a stick of dead material. They offer a live entertainment from start to finish. "A Mixup at Newport," is the name of the

daily at 2:30, 7:30 and 9 p. m., with re-

served seats for both performances.

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mas When You're Married." Marion

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called "The Beef so komisch, dass man lachen muss ob gray the usual Sunday matter is "Krausmeyer's son has a number of udeville stars assisting mong them being Billy est, Ida Walling, Sadie of The parcel post, limited as it is thus "Once more."

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"Why, George, what a condition you are in! Where have you been?"

"It's all r!. Been to say goo' by to Charlie Scrapple."

"Where's Charlie going?"

"Charlie's going to glirdle th' globe."

"What?"

"Girbal th' globe."

"Say it slowly."

"Global th' gird."

"Once more." Watson will bring his company of hefty, in German he said: "Dieses Stueck ist handsome maids, Trust," to the Krug theater for the week man will oder nicht." Landsleute, come commencing with the usual Sunday mat- and see your German friends. The subject is "Krausmeyer's Alley." Mr. Watson has a number of burlesque and vaudeville stars assisting him, prominent among them being Billy Spencer, Harry West, Ida Walling, Sadie
Huested, Marion and Thompson, the Boston Comedy Four and the stately Junoesque girls of the chorus. They have lots of catchy, rhythmic melodies, many of them of the tingling variety. Not a detail of oriental expendent and expenses of catchy and the stately of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately state of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately state of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately state of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately state of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately state of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately state of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately state of the American people \$350,000 in its first affect and the stately state tall of oriental aplendor has been overlooked-costumes, color effects, settings and noveltles-all go to make one of the secrets of this company's phenomenal success. A feature of the show this week will be a weight guessing contest for cash prizes. Every patron of the theater will be given an opportunity to guess on the combined weight of the "Beef Trust" chorus. Saturday night a scale will be placed on the stage and the members of Friday night, as usual, will be Country Store night.

The bill beginning tomorrow at the Empress has for an attraction extraordinary, Kar-mi, the prince of India, who is famous among the Yogi priests for his on the good digestion of each individual magic and mystic powers. Audiences are astounded everywhere by his marvelous former dyspeptics who overcame their demonstrations, and his appearance will trouble should be of interest to those now "A Modern Eve," which Mort H. Singer add another to the list of the achievements of the Empress. Gormley and speaks of "Glesca." He has appeared in the Brandels theater next Sunday and Caffrey, two clever knock-about acrobats, will appear on the bill. Allman and fat, the author of "Bunty Pulls the Girl You Married Still the Girl You Nevins, a character musical act, in which "Rita, My Margarita," Hello, Miss Nevins plays the violin and Allman, the tenor, sings some of the old-time melodies. The vaudeville bill is com-Roddy, the pretty Milwaukee girl who during the phenomenal run of "A Modern Eve" in Chicago, will be seen in the Thursday. A number of other reels of guaranteed. pictures are shown at noon and during

> Sprechen sle deutsch? Those who do will have an opportunity on Sunday evening, April 13, of witnessing an excellent German play, which will be given at the Lyric theater, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, by the well known troop of the New York German Theater company. The title of the play is "Sternenbanner und Reichsadier." The play has met with great success on the stage in Germany and in a number of American cities, and whoever is desirous of enjoying an evening of hearty laughs and in teresting studies will be well rewarded Actors who have an established reputation here and abroad have been brought

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together in this play. The play is a comedy "ein urkomischer Schwank," as the Germans say. Mr. Robert Unversioner will be the custom throughout the week.

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Huested, Marion and Thompson, the Boston Comedy Four and the stately Junoton Comedy Four and the stately Junots first fifteen days of operation. That
isn't much—not much to what it will do
later on—but every little counts.

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