

Dakota County Herald.

Continuation of the Homer Herald. A weekly newspaper published at Dakota City, Nebraska.

The Republican state convention will be held May 18, 1904 at Lincoln. A full set of candidates for state officers will be nominated, and four delegates at large will be selected to attend the national republican convention June 21, and the state committee recommended that the convention nominate a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Dietrich.

OLD TIMES.

In 1861 Horace Dutton, one of our band of Eighteen-hundred-and-fifty-fivers, arrived and occupied the farm now owned by William Ebel, and owned and occupied by John Joyce and family for many years.

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William L. Hangerford returned Tuesday from a week's visit with town friends. Miss Blanchard returned home Wednesday accompanied by Miss Sirk.

Rev. M. F. Byrne of Omaha took charge of Jackson and Vista Sunday services, during Rev. D. W. Moriarty's absence.

Mrs. Miller went to Coon Rapids, Iowa, the first of the week to see a sick granddaughter, also to visit among relatives and friends.

John Hart's new house on his farm is nearing completion. The mill company is through shelling corn for the present.

Mrs. Sam Bannaman is nearly well from her sickness. A dance is to be held at the hall next Monday night.

business he is getting. Joe Hagen was a county seat visitor on Tuesday and then went on to join his wife in Sioux City.

Mrs. John Bibe has been quite ill but under the ministrations of our Dr. Witte she is recovering.

The ladies of the Modern Brotherhood are preparing dinner for the teachers and others Saturday.

John C. Collins, Al Mullens, John Sullivan, Tom Long and Tim Howard marketed hogs on Wednesday.

Miss Bridget Flynn, teacher in the Bert Francisco district, was sick all of last week and could not teach.

Rev. Lesher will be unable to preach at Hubbard next Sunday evening but will on Sunday evening following.

John Mook, August Laban, Fred Schimmoek and Otto Hoogenberger have marketed hogs here the past week.

Chris Mogenssen and wife were made happy by the arrival in their home of a baby girl February 6. Chris is exceedingly happy.

Mrs. Heffernan has rented her farm and is going to move here about the first of March. She has purchased the Carl Fisher residence. Carl is going to farm this year.

Mrs. Mundy, the druggist's wife, has been sick of late, but we are glad to say she is much better now. She received word the other day that her aged mother in Germany had died.

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Herman Benze has purchased a new gasoline engine for his blacksmith shop. He has also put in a trip hammer and built an addition to his shop with a special room for the engine.

Commissioner's Proceedings. DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Feb. 6, '04. The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Thos. C. Clapp, chairman, Woods Hileman and Lewis Blanchard and W. L. Ross, clerk.

Report of county clerk for year ending 1903, approved by the board. Excess fees to the amount of \$45.20 paid to the county treasurer.

Report of T. C. Cannon for examination of the books and accounts of the office of the county clerk from July 1, 1897, to January 6, 1904, during the incumbency of Mr. Geo. C. Bille, approved by the board.

The Hon. Board of County Commissioners, Dakota County, Nebraska. Gentlemen: Pursuant to your instructions I have made a thorough examination of the books and accounts of the office of the county clerk from July 1, 1897, to January 6, 1904, during the incumbency of George C. Bille.

I herewith submit to you fee report for the above period, showing the amount paid to the county as excess fees have been \$1,021.87. The basis on which recording fees have been figured is the same as that used by Mr. Hovey during his examination, but I find in a great many cases the proper amount has not been collected for recording instruments and would suggest that the present clerk revise his schedule of recording fees.

I have examined all claims allowed by the board and checked them with the cancelled warrants and those on hand and registered and find that all warrants issued by Mr. Bille were under proper authority of the board.

Yours respectfully, T. C. CANNON. FEE REPORT OF CLERK'S OFFICE FOR YEARS 1897 TO 1903. To fees as per fee book, 1897, \$ 944 90

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by amount allowed by county board for salary, 1897, \$194 00 1898, 202 00 1899, 202 00 1900, 202 00 1901, 202 00 1902, 202 00 1903, 202 00 \$ 1404 00 Excess fees paid to county treasurer, 1897, \$ 124 90 1898, 137 02 1899, 208 56 1900, 250 40 1901, 314 45 1902, 370 70 1903, 45 30 \$ 1021 87 \$ 8281 12

Report of Geo. C. Bille is as follows: To the board of county commissioners, Dakota county, Nebraska: I herewith present my report of fees earned in the county clerk's office for the year 1903.

BALTIMORE SWEEP BY FIRE

Devastating Flames Cut a Wide Path Through the City.

BIG BLOCKS GO DOWN.

Fireproof Buildings Melt Like Wax Before the Conflagration.

A LARGE AREA IS BURNED.

Vast District Laid Waste by the Destroying Element—Loss \$200,000,000.

paratus in the city was called into requisition as the flames continued to spread. The firemen realized that they had a task before them which was too great for them to combat. Telegrams for fire engines were sent to Washington and Philadelphia and about 1 p. m. six engines arrived from Washington and four from Philadelphia and joined in the battle with the flames.



LOCATION OF THE BURNED DISTRICT AND SOME BUILDINGS.

The space burned over is shaded and includes the sites of the Custom House, Board of Trade, Postoffice, Court House and offices of the Baltimore and Ohio Road.

place where they would be of any service. The police, powerless to cope with their over-whelmed, appealed for help. Two local regiments of militia were ordered out, and two troops of United States regulars from Fort McHenry came to watch property and arrest thieves.

The whole city was notified of the conflagration by the terrific explosion, which occurred some minutes after 11 a. m. A sharp, splitting roar went up with reverberating thunder. This was followed by a peculiar whistling noise, like that made by a shrill wind. The churches in the central section of the city were filled with worshippers, many of whom became frightened, and, while no panics ensued, hundreds of men and women left their seats and went outside to see what had happened.

In a few moments the streets and pavements all over the city were crowded with excited people. Another deafening crash occurred and dense columns of cinders and smoke shot up over the central section of the city and in a huge brown column moved rapidly toward the north.



SKYSCRAPERS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AND OTHER STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

Chief Horton, who was knocked senseless by a live electric wire. His condition is not dangerous, but the loss of his services came at a critical moment. Eight firemen were killed. Twenty-five square blocks of buildings in the heart of the city were destroyed. The \$4,000,000 court house and the postoffice building were burned.

The Holiday Street Theater was blown up with dynamite, and the United States Express offices and central offices of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are gone. Scores were injured. Several hospitals in the heart of Baltimore were so seriously affected—two being burned—that the ambulances were not only used to transport the injured to outlying sanitariums, but were employed in transferring the sick from hospital to hospital. Every newspaper plant in the city was destroyed.

Hundreds of thousands of people walked the streets. Woo, distress, a feeling of dreadful uncertainty prevailed throughout the whole city. The fire began in the long-established wholesale house of John E. Hurst & Co., in Hopkins place, near Hanover street. This is the center of the oldest wholesale trade in the United States, many of the firms having been in existence for two centuries. East and north, a half-mile away, were the postoffice, city hall, Board of Trade and the government building. A few blocks to the south stood the immense passenger station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Four explosions, following one another quickly, marked the opening of this, the worst disaster in the history of the city. Explosions sent bricks, wood, iron, tin and rocks high in the air and shook the business portion of Baltimore to its foundations. With loud roars walls after wall toppled into the streets and firemen ran for their lives. The fire was beyond control and the flames ran from one building to another in spite of the fact that the firemen had done their best to check the progress of the flames by soaking the structures with water.

Several of the largest banks, containing funds roughly estimated at \$1,000,000, are in ruins. No one knows if the cash in the red-hot vaults is recoverable or not. By 7 o'clock forty costly buildings had been ruined. A dozen blocks had been all but devastated. A high southwest wind, augmented by the artificial gales which heated air and vacuums bring forth, had been helping the flames along from the outset. At midnight, however, this wind increased. Cinders and ashes were blown for a dozen miles. Baltimore's residence section was enveloped in soot. Hot fagots fell upon the people gathered in the down town streets and many were burned severely.

Though every bit of fire-fighting ap-

SUMMARY OF BALTIMORE FIRE.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total loss—estimated, \$200,000,000. Known insurance loss, \$0,000,000. People out of work, 50,000. Buildings burned, 2,500. Fire area in acres, 140. City blocks flame-swept, 75. Injured, 75. Fire began, Sunday, 10:45 a. m. Under control, Monday, 3 p. m. Uncontrollable, 28 hours.

GREAT FIRES IN AMERICA.

New York, Dec. 16, 1835—Fire destroyed 674 buildings, including city's best business structures. No lives lost. Property loss, \$17,000,000. Chicago, Oct. 8, 1871—Great Chicago fire, which ran over an area of three and a third square miles, destroying 17,450 buildings, killing 250 persons, rendering homeless 98,500 persons, and involving a property loss of \$200,000,000.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 9, 1872—Fire laid waste sixty-five acres of property and caused death of fourteen persons. Eight hundred buildings destroyed. Property loss, \$80,000,000.

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