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CLIPPINGS FROM NEBRASKA PAPERS ON THE CONVENTION

The following clipping is taken from the Norfolk Weekly Press: The Norfolk fire laddies got back safe and sound from the state convention and report the time of their lives. They call the Alliance people "royal entertainers" and say it was fun from start to finish. They were entertained at Crawford on the way home. They landed a couple of important offices, Herman Winter being elected treasurer and Will McCune a member of the board of control.

From the Minnaree Free Press: When the editor returned last Tuesday from his Lincoln trip, he proudly wore upon his breast a beautiful silk and bronze badge pinned to his coat lapel at Alliance, with the compliments of the State Firemen's Association, then in session at Alliance, and of which society the editor was the first secretary twenty-nine years ago, when he was foreman of the Merchants Hose No. 1 at Lincoln.

The badge bears a clear, characteristic portrait of ex-chief, ex-mayor and now city treasurer John C. Cleland of Fremont, who was at the Alliance convention last week and was the first president of the State Firemen's Association, in 1882.

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Another one from the Columbus Telegram:

The Columbus department fared well at the state convention of firemen in Alliance last week. John Parker, resident of this city, although holding membership in the department at Albion, was elected president of the state association; Bert J. Galley, chief of the Columbus department, was elected a member of the board of control; and A. J. Mason, secretary, was made chairman of the press committee. The election of Mr. Galley was on the motion of Harry Lawrence, formerly of this city, who was a delegate from the Chadron department. The Columbus delegation numbering Messrs. Galley, Mason, Emil Kumpf, Lester Jenkinson and Louis Maier, Jr., met the Fremont delegates at Grand Island, and with them occupied a special Pullman car for the balance of the trip and during the sojourn in Alliance. The delegates report magnificent entertainment in Alliance, and a very satisfactory convention. The next convention will be held at Kearney.

Another one from the West Point Republican, by Hon. J. C. Elliott:

AN EYE OPENER

The writer spent the big end of last week in the city of Alliance, Box Butte county, Nebraska, a beautiful place of almost 5,000 people on the main line of the Burlington to the northwest. His visit to that place was occasioned by the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association, which, after a gilt-edged invitation and a pledge to show the fire laddies of the state the real thing in the way of entertainment, was located in that city. Well, we went, saw and were completely conquered, the knightly men and queenly women being important factors in the subduing process. To the uninitiated, a contemplation of that section of the state ordinarily means an uninviting procession of barren wastes and of that town—a ramshackle affair, typical of the western frontier and the days of such civilization. Nothing is farther from the truth than such conceptions. One is scarcely prepared for the wonderful strides in agriculture apparent on every hand. And, this advance is all the more impressive, because it has been made in the face of unfavorable conditions and wrung from a supposedly unfriendly soil. In every modern parlance the city is a "Pippin," made so by a bunch of bully boosters such as Guthrie, Ridgell, Harris, Gray, Riordan, Barnes, Mitchell, Tash and last, but by no means least, Dean McNamara. In everything that goes to make a live, modern city, Alliance is. "There with the goods." Its business section is large and convenient, the streets are wide and kept in excellent condition and the business houses are substantially built and show a pleasing variety of architecture. Stocks of goods are carried that would be creditable to a city three times the size. Streets and business houses are remarkably lighted by electricity. In fact the special illumination in honor of the occasion made you

think of Farnam street, Omaha, during the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities. Good water and lots of it is furnished by the stand pipe system and there is enough pressure to raise Cain with a fire at the top of a ten story building. Educationally, the city is well equipped. The two large buildings for grade and High school purposes are handsome structures and fully abreast of the demands of that community. In addition, there is the St. Agnes Academy, built by and through the zeal and untiring efforts of Rev. Fr. William McNamara, a product of old Carman and a deservedly popular clergyman with all classes in that section. He was kind enough to show the writer through that splendid institution from attic to basement. The first building completed two years ago was 78x54, four stories, and it was thought, then, that it would be sufficient for at least ten years. But, such was the expansion of the school that a large central building was begun last fall which is now almost ready for occupancy. This now gives a frontage of 124 feet and a main building depth of 119 feet. Later, another wing will be added and this will make the total frontage 202 feet. Mother Superior Agatha is in charge of the academy and she, as well as Fr. McNamara, is enthusiastic over its prospects. The attendance is large from all over the northwest and its future is assured. The entertainment provided for the visiting firemen was on an elaborate scale and of exceedingly fine quality. Nor, was there any doubt about the welcome. From the time you hit the town and the "Black Maria" to the cigars and such at the banquet, Thursday night, it met you at every hand and there was no possible chance to mistake it. It was a welcome—equivalent to an adoption and which made parting guests leave half their hearts behind. All hail, Alliance, the Queen of the Northwest! May the sun of its peace and prosperity never set and may its sons continue to reflect with increasing power the progress and development of this splendid commonwealth.

From the Columbus Tribune, by Uncle Bert, who was a caller at The Herald office.

AN ENJOYABLE VACATION

Group of Columbus Firemen Attend State Convention at Alliance. Much Pleased With Their Trip.

By Uncle Bert.

It does a man good to get away from business once in a while, to take a trip off to some place where he does not have to worry about the affairs and conditions of his work, and to have what the boys call "a good time". I once read in a book a story of "a good time" and what it meant to various persons. In the story, several persons were asked as to what their definition of a good time was. Some said one thing, some another, and no two of them agreed in all particulars. But in our particular case, where upwards of three hundred visitors were present from different parts of the state, from Falls City to Crawford, and from Ponca to Benkelman, the boys assembled at the twenty-ninth annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association which was held at Alliance last week and all agreed that they had a good time.

The Columbus delegation consisted of Bert J. Galley, Chief of the department, and delegates Lester Jenkinson, of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company, Emil Kumpf, of Hose Company No. 1, Louis Maier, of Hose Company No. 2, A. J. Mason, of the W. Y. Bissell Hose company, and Albert Rasmussen, a member of the association by virtue of having been a delegate at a previous convention, who arrived on the scene a day later, and participated in the business of the convention. The Columbus delegates went from here to Grand Island, where we joined the delegates from Fremont, who had chartered a special car, and whose guests we were during the convention.

The reception of the Alliance people to the convention, and especially to the Fremont and Columbus delegates, was indicative of the most advanced Western type. They are not ordinarily overburdened with formalities, but know how to conduct a formal entertainment when the occasion arises for one, and also know how to unbend and depart from formal ceremonies when it is proper to do so. I said especially cordial was the reception to the delegations from Fremont and Columbus. This was because at the convention of a



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year ago, which was held at Fremont the delegation of that city had assisted in securing the 1911 convention for Alliance, and besides because of the large delegation sent by that city at this time, there being about twenty of them and six from Columbus, who were together.

Columbus fared well in the selection of the new officers for the association for the new year. J. H. Parker, a member of the Albion department, but now a resident of Columbus, was chosen as president. Chief Galley, of the Columbus department, was elected as one of the five members of the board of control, and another Columbus delegate was assigned a place on the press committee of the association.

Returning, the boys chomped back to the Union Pacific at Grand Island,

with the exception of the writer, who went on to Lincoln. I went there with the intention of witnessing a session of the state legislature, but was disappointed in my ambition. The senate had adjourned for the week, and the house was taking a recess for the day. It was my privilege, however, to visit the Nebraska corn show, although the exhibits were being taken down and the hall dismantled. Still I saw some very good specimens of Nebraska corn, and my only regret was that I did not notice some Platte county exhibits among the others.

A number of important items including a write-up of the Marsland fire are crowded out this week.

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