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A department devoted to the interests of the volunteer firemen of the state of Nebraska.
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Departments are requested to forward names as fast as publicity man is appointed.

A number of publicity men have asked me how often we want items from their departments. In answer to this we wish to state that every week is not too often. Keep the rest of the state up-to-date on information as to what your department is doing.

In this department this week is an interesting communication from W. L. Randall of Gibbon, regarding fires in gasoline storage tank pumps. Read it over and if you have something on the subject send it in for publication next week.

Next week we will publish a write-up of the Fremont department—the largest in the state. Fremont is the home of Geo. Howe, our state president, and Harry Houser, chairman of the board of control. Harry has assisted us greatly in obtaining the information for the article to be published next week.

A letter from Fred Alexander, of Scottsbluff, state treasurer, says that the boys at both Scottsbluff and Mitchell have expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the new department. They promise their co-operation in the campaign to extend the state association during the coming year.

This week we publish an article by P. E. Romig, chief of the Alliance department, on the value of a motor truck to a town. Alliance is in the midst of a campaign for a new motor truck. The boys will undoubtedly get it at the coming election, as it is to be voted on at that time.

STATE NEWS

From the Franklin Progress of March 12:

There was a large turnout of the Franklin volunteer firemen the other evening and a rousing business meeting was held. Officers were elected as follows: Chief, F. C. Robinson; assistant chief, Clifford Garrett; captain No. 1, Guy Joy; captain No. 2, John Berdine; captain hook and ladder, Rudy Blum; secretary, Walter Brumbaugh; treasurer, R. P. Galt; trustee, 3-year term, J. L. Hoylman; correspondent, Alvin Bloedorn. The office of correspondent was created for the benefit of other firemen over the state who will be interested in doing a Franklin. According to the Alliance Herald, which is the official organ of the Nebraska Association, there 15,000 volunteer firemen in the state.

A mysterious fire at the home of Ben Lindenberg, three miles southwest of Doniphan, resulted in loss amounting to over \$200 March 9.

The entire Fremont fire department was called out on March 10 to the home of Mrs. Addie Beebe at 348 I street to quell a blaze supposed to have started from a spark that fell through the chimney hole from which the stop had dropped. Police Judge Fred Laird, who rode to the fire on the chemical truck, was overcome by smoke while fighting the fire.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the residence of J. E. Atkinson, just outside the city limits, at Pawnee City March 11. The loss of \$4,000 was partially covered by insurance. The house was beyond reach of city water, causing great trouble in fighting the fire.

Fire starting from electric wiring partially destroyed the east wing of the St. Francis academy at Columbus March 11. The flames started near the roof of the building and were hard for the firemen to reach with water. The department did good work and the fact that the damage was confined to one wing is due to their efforts. The loss of \$5,000 is covered by insurance.

The home of James Reddan at Fairbury was destroyed by fire on the morning of March 11. The loss of \$2,000 was partially covered by insurance.

Two young children of Ed Watson were burned to death at Ponca on the 11th. The mother was seriously burned. Mr. Watson rescued her and three other children.

The play given Thursday February 19 at Gothenburg by the fire department was a grand success. It was pronounced the best amateur play ever presented there. "The Ranchman" was the title of the play. It was a comedy drama full of the breezy western atmosphere. After paying all expenses the department netted \$152 profit.

The Cedar Bluffs fire department saved the home of Geo. Schneider on February 22. The wind was blowing a gale and hard work was experienced in quelling the blaze. The house was owned by a man by the name of Will Boose, although water was used to put out the fire.

fire to assist the woman and children, who were in poor circumstances.

The annual election of the Broken Bow department was held on March 3. L. E. Cole succeeded Jud Morton as president of the organization. H. R. Joyner succeeded L. E. Cole as vice president. A. W. Holcomb succeeded C. H. England as secretary and James Leonard succeeded J. G. Haerberle as treasurer. Will Bruce succeeded himself as fire chief, as also did Joe Baisch as assistant chief.

Monte Littler, of Denton, has been appointed local fire warden by State Fire Commissioner W. S. Ridgell.

The business section of Dakota City was wiped out by fire starting at 2:30 o'clock on February 27. The damage was very extensive. A call for help was sent to Sioux City at 3 o'clock. Half an hour later the chemical engine arrived with firemen who did great work in assisting to check the blaze.

The estimated loss in property was about \$10,000, covered by \$5,800 insurance, divided as follows: Neiswanger, \$1,000 on building, \$2,500 on stock; Schriever Bros. Co., \$500 on building, \$1,000 on stock; Wood, \$350 on building, \$450 on effects. Gribble, Doolittle, Krumwiede and the Bank of Dakota City suffered damage to property aggregating several hundred dollars. A considerable portion of the goods in the Schriever and Wood buildings was saved, but in a badly demolished and damaged condition.

Firemen's headquarters over the Hinman garage at North Platte were badly damaged on March 4 by a blaze which started near a bed at the rear of the apartments. No one was in the rooms at the time the fire started and it gained considerable headway before being discovered. The cause of the fire is not known.

Madison had its first fire in nearly three years on February 27. The firemen saved the house just south of the Halsey feed barn. In the opinion of many the fire was of incendiary origin.

Practice gained from a regular twice-a-month fire drill enabled the school children at Beemer to leave the high school building quickly and in good order on March 3. The damage amounted to \$150. The fire department is given credit for saving the building, having the blaze out in thirty minutes.

SCHUYLER

At the March meeting of the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Department it was decided that the members of the department hold their annual ball May 1, and President E. A. Schmidt appointed the following committee to take charge:

Frank Shonka, Jr., chairman.
 Walter Hughes, vice chairman.
 Joseph Groulik.
 H. C. Smith.
 Gerald Stasny.
 Lloyd Wilch.

Every year the members hold a ball and they have had great success. This year the committee is working hard to make this dance the greatest success of all.

On March 12 the Fire Department was called out to extinguish a fire on the roof of the Maplehurst Hotel. The Fire Boys responded very quickly but their assistance was not however as the fire had gained but little headway and was easily put out by some of the hotel employees.

GOTHENBURG

On Thursday evening February 19 a home talent play was given by the members of the fire department, which was a decided success both in a financial way and as a boost for the fire department. The total proceeds netted nearly \$240 and the play, namely "The Ranchman" was very well played by all the actors who took part.

On Tuesday evening February 24, election of officers was held. Geo. Fisher was elected president; R. E. Weathers, secretary; C. F. Williams, treasurer; C. R. Frasier, chief; Arthur Johnson, fire warden. Following the election the members of the department were treated to an oyster supper and cigars.

The Gothenburg Fire Department has taken the agency for the Pyrene fire extinguisher. It is the aim of the department to place one of these extinguishers in every home and business place, as nearly as possible, for protection of lives and property.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday evening, March 3, the home of Mrs. E. J. Gardner caught fire but by the quick response of the fire lads it was soon extinguished, but nearly all the contents were destroyed, leaving the family in a very needy condition. In about thirty minutes after the fire had been put out, the fire men had raised \$30 for them to provide for clothing and other necessities.

ALBION

The Fire Department met in regular meeting at the City Hall Monday evening. After a short session of the Board of Control, President Ray Whiting called the meeting to order to transact the regular business.

Mayor Poynter at this time responded to a call from the Chair and gave the firemen a few words of encouragement. He assured them that their presence and services were ever mindful to the Council and the residents of Albion, notwithstanding the fact that they did not hear words of praise on their behalf from time to time. He related how much property had been saved at their hands and attributed some of the present city progress to them. The administration has agreed to present to the volunteer firemen a late model chemical engine which has already been ordered, and which is expected to arrive soon. The engine is similar to those used in the larger cities, and will be a valuable auxiliary to our already splendid equipment. The tank capacity is 45 gallons, and the wheel base is narrow enough to be drawn on the sidewalks thus aiding in getting to the fire

Informal Opening of New Spring Millinery

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MARCH 20th and 21st

A new stock of goods received this week will be open for the inspection of the ladies of Alliance and vicinity. An expert trimmer from Chicago will be in charge.

New York Hat Shop

Miss Nina Boysen, Prop.

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sooner. One feature is that the tank contains enough chemical to extinguish an ordinary fire on the inside and thus do away with the ruination of so much by a continued stream of water. We feel that this chemical machine will be a valuable acquisition to the fire prevention equipment of Albion.

The general business of the department was taken up and disposed of. The reports of the delegates to the convention at Columbus were heard. Lloyd Thomas, editor of the Herald at Alliance proposed at the convention that the association designate some paper as the official publication of the N. S. V. F. His proposition was approved and adopted. His plan designates some member of the various companies to act as publicity man for his company and send news items each week to be published in the official paper. H. E. Hallstead was appointed publicity man for the Albion Department.

It was voted to give the firemen and their wives and lady friends a banquet about the first of April, and a committee was appointed to start the ball rolling. An effort is being made to secure Deputy State Fire Commissioner Ridgell, of Lincoln, to address the meeting.

An effort will be made to increase the membership of the department, and according to a motion that each member take it upon himself to secure a new member before the banquet takes place, was carried.

Chief Lester Martin reported favorably on an ordinance which he placed before the City Council for approval and passage. The ordinance is sent out from the state fire commissioner and appoints the chief and his assistants as city fire inspectors of all buildings in the city, and requires that the inspections be frequent.

GIBBON

Gibbon, Nebr., March 8—This afternoon about 5 o'clock Mr. Mauler the baker phoned me to come down to the store and fill his gasoline can. An ordinary two gallon can painted red and having a cap on the center of top and a spout at the side of the top, without a cap. When I arrived he had gone but the can sat on the cement walk by the gasoline pump, which is a "Bowler" of the latest make, with a filter in the spout. I removed the cap, hung the ball (with wood handle) on the spout, opened the valve, unlocked the pump and had pumped three quarts of gasoline into the can when it took fire, apparently at the point where the can and spout came together. It made no noise, simply blazed a steady red flame as large as a bunch of bananas. I shut off the pump valve, took the can from the pump and put the cap on the top and the fire went out, without any damage to anything. The same thing has occurred once before (Feb. 25) at S. A. A. Walker's pump here in Gibbon, the same kind of pump, the same can, but about 8 o'clock a. m. Who can give a reason for it?

W. L. RANDALL.

DEATH OF MRS. COLVIN

Wife of Early Settler in Box Butte County Died Friday Afternoon—Funeral Sunday

Mrs. Padella Matilda Colvin, wife of Theodore Colvin, of Hemingford, died Friday afternoon. The funeral was held at Hemingford Sunday at 2 o'clock. Death was the result of ulceration of the stomach, an affliction from which she had suffered for years.

Mrs. Colvin came to Box Butte county twenty-nine years ago from Red Oaks, Iowa, with her husband. She was born July 22, 1851, at Allegheny, New York.

MARSLAND NEWS

(By Herald Correspondent)
 Marsland, Nebr., March 18—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bennett were surpris-

ed Sunday when their neighbors

from Marsland and Surrounding country gathered at their home at 11 o'clock a. m., each bringing something good to eat for dinner. A very enjoyable time was had by all present. Mr. Bennett has bought the Dr. Willis property and expect to move to town in the near future.

From the way the ducks and geese are going north it looks like spring is here. The new law makes it hard for the hunter, no spring shooting being allowed.

J. W. Finney, east of town, has been discing the past three or four days and says the ground is in good shape and the frost has about all gone out of the ground.

It is rumored that a new two story building will be started inside of two weeks here if the party can secure the lots he is figuring on. As soon as finished the store will be stocked with hardware and machinery. Here is hoping we get the building and the hardware.

A very sociable time was had at the Duhon school house south of town last Friday evening it being the last day of school. They had a very nice program after which the ladies' baskets were sold to the highest bidder for the benefit of new blackboards and a library. Miss Mailery has surely taken an interest in this school while teaching there.

Several potato men were in town the past week buying, paying from 45 to 60 cents per bushel. Several cars are loaded from this station and Mr. Evans at Nye is loading about ten cars. Weather could not be better for loading.

Miss Hazel Hunsaker from Lakeside was up here a few days last week visiting at the Finney home, leaving Saturday a. m. for Falls City, Nebraska.

Miss Ollie Finney who works in Mr. Hungerford's office at Crawford,

is home on a few days' visit.

Conductor Cramer, Engineer Johnson and fireman laid up here Monday and Tuesday night with the wrecker which is picking up the derailed cars west of Girard.

Mrs. R. C. Storm went to Minnatare on 44 Wednesday morning.

W. E. Davidson went to Hemingford with his drum on 44 Wednesday morning to assist with the music for the dance that night.

110 ATTEND K. C. INITIATION

Knights of Columbus Initiate Many and Serve Banquet—Program Very Pleasing

The Knights of Columbus held an initiation and banquet Tuesday night, one hundred and ten persons being present. After the initiation the men served supper, the menu consisting of olives, pickles, celery, cold roast pork, cold boiled ham, potato salad, ice cream, cake and coffee. Talks were made by J. W. Tyrnan, Father Maloney, Walter Buechsenstein, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Peter Yount, and Mrs. J. B. Kniest. Dr. J. M. Kennedy sang "Father O'Flynn" and Mrs. Mike Nolan and Mrs. J. M. Kenedy danced an Irish hornpipe. J. M. King and Mrs. C. A. Newberry played the accompaniment. Dennis Landrigan was master of ceremonies, assisted by Geo. Burke and J. A. Feildend. The entertainment committee were J. W. Guthrie, Walter Buechsenstein, J. W. Burns, A. A. Poole, and Adrian Keane. Misses Ethel Nolan and Mae Newberry danced Irish jigs.

Successful Ball

The grand ball given by the F. O. E. at the opera house Tuesday evening was well attended. The music was well liked, the refreshments delicious and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed themselves until a late hour.

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