



Interesting News for Firemen

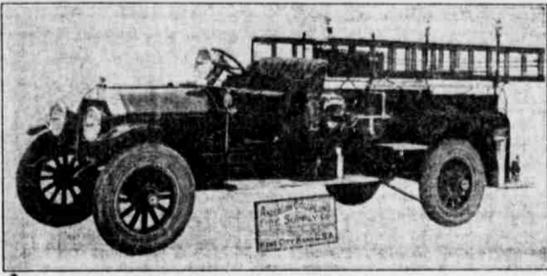


Alliance's New Truck Arrives

ALLIANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT ENJOYING RESULT OF FIVE YEARS OF WORK—NEW TRUCK ARRIVED WEDNESDAY AND NOW BEING DEMONSTRATED TO THE FIREMEN—MOTOR TO BE HOUSED IN CITY HALL QUARTERS

The new motor fire truck for the Alliance fire department arrived on Wednesday and is now being demonstrated for the fire department by an expert from the factory. It is an Anderson Motor Fire Truck, manufactured by the Anderson Coupling & Fire Supply Company of Kansas City, and was sold by C. J. Andersen of the Andersen Company of Omaha. The Alliance firemen are very proud of their new truck, which will

The Alliance car is equipped with Goodyear Cushion Demountable tires. This tire is of dual construction, preventing the car from skidding. The car carries a chemical engine of suitable size, made of the best Lake Superior copper, fitted with by-pass system and 200 feet of chemical hose. This hose is placed on a reel above the chassis in place of a basket shown on the cut. The car is fully equipped with all



result in fire losses being reduced by reason of its ability to get to the fire in short time and will save losses by water on account of the large chemical apparatus which is installed on the truck.

The picture of the truck shown herewith gives but a faint idea of its beauty. The motor and chassis of the truck were made especially for the Anderson Company by the Kessel Kar manufacturing company, and nothing but the Kessel chassis is used. The motor and chassis are of a heavier type than the regular Kessel stock cars. The balance of the car is made in Kansas City, Kansas, at the Anderson factory. Every detail of manufacturing the cars is looked over and attended to by S. O. Harpster, who has made this business a life study.

HERE WITH THE TRUCK

Officers of Fire Equipment and Supply Companies Are in Alliance Today Demonstrating

S. O. Harpster, president of the Andersen Coupling & Fire Supply Company, and C. J. Andersen, of the Andersen Company, 1115 Farnam street, Omaha, who sold the new fire truck to the city of Alliance, are in the city today demonstrating the truck to the department and city officials.

The gentlemen expect to remain in the city over Friday. They are extremely pleased to know that the members of the fire department like the new truck and they will see that the fireboys are entirely familiar with its operation before leaving the city.

FIRE! FIRE!

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It has been several months since a special edition of this kind was sent to members of the state association. This edition of The Herald goes to every member of the N. S. V. F. Association in the state. If any are missed we will be glad to send them copies on request. Now that the fall is here, interest is being aroused in the volunteer fire departments throughout the state and they are beginning to look forward to the state convention to be held at Nebraska City on January 19, 20 and 21, 1915. A letter from the Nebraska City department will be found elsewhere in this department. It is interesting, and shows that plans are being made to give the state association a royal entertainment.

At this time of the year fires seem more numerous than usual. This is undoubtedly caused by the furnaces which have not been used during the summer and which are at times in poor shape, being started up without proper precautions being taken against fire, and that fires are started in stoves without the flues being properly examined. It is a good plan for chiefs of departments to have their local papers print warnings and may save much property.

Mice are often blamed for fires, particularly those in grocery stores and other places where matches are kept. We have always been rather skeptical of this until recently, when we opened a drawer in our desk to get a match from a box kept there.

We found that mice had entered the box, had chewed several matches into small bits and partly destroyed others, leaving what at first glance appeared to be fine shavings and which upon investigation proved to be what remained of the match sticks. One or two matches, with harder sticks than others, had been partly eaten and then left. It did not appear that the mice had eaten the heads of the matches.

The Osceola Fire Department wishes to purchase one or two hand hose carts. If any members know of carts of this description for sale, kindly write to P. A. Nelson, Osceola, giving him a full description and price of the carts for sale.

We recently saw a headline in the Fremont Tribune that told the whole story. The headline said: "Children, Matches; Buildings Burned."

New departments recently organized are those at Brunswick and Gering. The officers of the Brunswick department are I. P. Armstrong, chief; W. H. Rasmussen, assistant chief; A. T. Lybolt, secretary; L. C. Barbour, treasurer; C. A. Norris, custodian of equipment. The officers of the Gering department are R. J. Schwendiman, chief; A. A. Miller, assistant chief; Otto Prohs, secretary.

A problem that always bothers fire departments is that of keeping people who are not members out of

Nebraska City Getting Ready

IMMENSE NUMBER OF FIREMEN EXPECTED TO ATTEND CONVENTION AT NEBRASKA CITY IN JANUARY—PREPARATIONS BEING MADE TO GIVE THEM ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT THEY WANT—ALL SHOULD ATTEND

Below is given a letter and article from Frank A. Bartling, secretary of the Nebraska City Fire Department, telling of the preparations being made to care for the monster convention of firemen to be held there January 19, 20, 21, 1915. The letter says:

"Nebraska City, Nebr. The Alliance Herald, Alliance, Nebr. Gentlemen: Knowing that your paper is the official publication of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association, and that the paper is being sent to the several organizations over the state, the writer is enclosing herewith some items concerning the preparations being made in this city towards entertaining the delegates and visitors to the next annual convention to be held here. These items may be of interest to the readers of your department devoted to the interests of volunteer firemen throughout the state.

Yours respectfully,
F. A. BARTLING, Sec.

The article is as follows:
A soliciting committee to secure funds from the citizens and business men of Nebraska City to help defray the expenses of the annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association to be held January 19 to 21, 1915, become very active after it was learned that this city was to be the next convention city, and in a short time met with such success that the State Association officials were given assurances that Nebraska City would take care of the event.

With the pledges for financial sup-

port, secured early, and now with some few alterations and additions to the list, our department is now getting busy outlining plans for the entertainment and care of our guests. A general committee will have full charge of the duties that are necessary in making preparations for this convention, and will appoint sub-committees to assist that will report to the general committee.

There are many attractions in and about Nebraska City that should be a drawing card and incentive for people out in the central and western part of the state to want to visit this town. It is different from any other town in the state—and comes by it naturally. Situated as we are on the banks of the Missouri river, this town was one of the earliest settlements in Nebraska, making it historically attractive, and today there remains some show places that mark the ups and downs in the progress of the "Old Town on the River." Further, the natural beauty of the surrounding country with its wooded bluffs and hills of natural timber, and well improved estates and farms add to the attractiveness of the town. Lastly, the hospitality extended to our visitors will be genuine and the opportunities for a good time of all sorts are plenty, as some of the delegates to a previous convention held in this city will recall.

The officers of the Nebraska City Fire Department are: Charles Johnson, president; Frank A. Bartling, secretary; A. B. Wilson, corresponding secretary; S. H. Fields, treasurer; H. H. Bartling, chief.

the road at fires. The firemen are often seriously impeded in their work by outsiders getting in the way. The David City department recently took up this question by adopting the following resolution, which could be wisely done by other departments:

Resolution Adopted

Whereas, it would benefit the Volunteer Fire Department and the citizens in general of David City if the people not members of the department would stand back and not interfere with the firemen in doing their duty; and

Whereas, in case of the fire at the city waterworks there were quite a number of people, not members of the department, trying to give in-

structions and orders as to how to subdue the flames and protect the property; and

Whereas, in so doing they hindered the firemen greatly in rendering their best services and who were therefore censured for allowing the large belt from the engine to the generator to become damaged beyond repair; therefore be it

Resolved, that we advise all people not active members of this department to stand back and not interfere with the firemen doing their duty, or take the consequences; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be published in both the David City papers. David City Fire Department.

In Alliance, when an alarm of fire reaches the telephone central, she ascertains the location of the fire and immediately pushes a button which rings large double electric gongs in the department headquarters and in the city electric light plant, where the siren whistle is located. The fire bell in the city hall belfry is started when central presses another electric button and is rung automatically for several minutes. In order that members of the department may ascertain the location of the fire without delay, Chief P. E. Romig recently published a notice in the city papers requesting that no one but firemen call the telephone central for a period of several minutes after the alarm is sounded. This allows central to answer the calls of firemen without delay. The request is being quite generally observed and adds to the efficiency of the department.

Firemen throughout the state, irrespective of politics, were generally pleased to learn of the re-election of Governor Morehead. The governor has given special attention to firemen and has urged that legislation for their benefit be passed. No one can deny that W. S. Ridgell, deputy state fire commissioner, has done a great deal for the prevention of fire and for the bettering of departments throughout the state. His familiarity with the work to be done will aid greatly in the accomplishment of further improvements during the next two years.

Crawford Wants 1916 Convention

The picture shown herewith is one depicting a bunch of Crawford boosters during their sojourn in the city of Alliance on Sept. 16. As will be noted by the sign on the front of one of the head cars in the picture, Crawford is out for the State Convention of volunteer firemen for 1916.

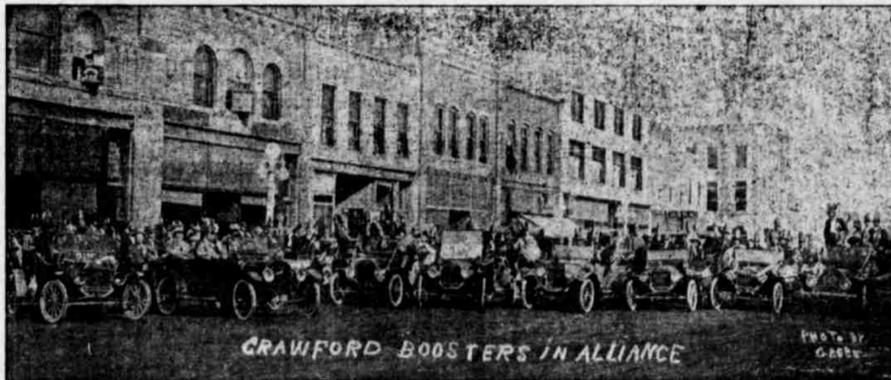
Crawford is a live little city of 2,000 people, located at the junction of the Burlington and Northwestern railroads, in the northwest corner of the state, twenty-one miles from the South Dakota line and about thirty-eight miles from the Wyoming line. This little city is made up of a bunch of good fellows and good boosters, and if the volunteer firemen of the state of Nebraska conclude to accept Crawford's invitation for their 1916 convention, they will receive a hearty welcome and will find Crawford to be the "Biggest Little City on Earth." The new City Hall now being erected in Crawford—the county seat of the "Land of Independence"—will house the Crawford Volunteer Fire Department, which has a membership of sixty, and the entire building will be turned over to the conventionists.

With Crawford's two great rail-

roads, running in and out of the city to the east, west, north and south, it gives excellent railroad facilities for conventionists and all towns and cities of northwest Nebraska are joining Crawford in their

efforts to secure a visit from the "Brave Fire Ladies" in 1916. With the present hotel facilities of that city, coupled with the turning open of homes for the reception of visitors as is always done during festivities

there, the city will be well able to comfortably house all firemen conventionists. Let's all join and boost for Crawford—the "Biggest, Best and Largest Little City on Earth," for its desired convention of 1916.



CRAWFORD BOOSTERS IN ALLIANCE

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