

PLATTE THEATRE GUTTED BY FIRE THIS MORNING

ORIGINATES IN MACHINE ROOM EVIDENTLY BY SHORT CIRCUITED ELECTRIC WIRE

Front End of the Building Badly Charred, Half of the Chairs on the Floor Burned, and the Furnishings Damaged

Fire was discovered in the Platte theatre on Dewey street at four o'clock this morning, and though the fire fighting force made a quick response, the front end of the building was badly charred before the flames were extinguished. While not positively known, the fire apparently originated in the machine room over the front entrance, and is believed to have been due to a short circuited wire. When the alarm was given the fire had gained considerable headway, and for an hour the firemen had a real fight on their hands. Three lines of hose were laid, and the flames were confined to the east half of the room.

The loss on the furnishings and fixtures is practically total, for that portion not burned was badly damaged by smoke and water.

The roof of the building was burned to some extent and the front damaged. Julius Hahler, owner of the building, did not carry insurance, having cancelled the policy by reason of what he deemed excessive rates.

J. T. Norton purchased the furnishings a couple of months ago, expended quite a sum in improvements and was doing a good business. He carried insurance but insufficient, of course, to cover the loss sustained.

Acknowledges Receipt of Resolutions
Judge Hoagland, who was chairman of the patriotic meeting recently held, has received from President Wilson, Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Kinkaid, acknowledgements of the resolutions passed by the meeting and telegraphed them.

President Wilson's acknowledgment reads: "The President thanks you cordially for the good will which prompted your kind message, which has helped to reassure him and keep him in heart."

Senator Hitchcock in acknowledging receipt of the resolution says: "I shall present this to the senate."

Congressman Kinkaid's acknowledgment reads about the same as the excerpt published elsewhere.

Methodist-Presbyterian
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Evening worship at 8 o'clock.

The Tillikum Girls will meet at the home of Miss Aileen Gantt next Monday evening. A good attendance is desired.

Janitor Wanted
For the Episcopal church. Residence furnished to janitor. Apply to T. C. Patterson, B. & L. Building.

WILL ORGANIZE RED CROSS CIRCLE TOMORROW

A mass meeting of the women of North Platte is called for tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rooms for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross circle. A general invitation is extended to all the women to be present, and it is hoped that the women of the city will respond in large numbers. This is one phase of war work in which women can engage, and can be of great assistance to their country should hostilities occur. By organizing these circles in advance, the advantage of organization is apparent.

Church Receives Nice Gift
The treasurer of the Episcopal church received this week from an anonymous donor a check for five hundred dollars with the request that it be applied on the rectory indebtedness. Such gifts as these are certainly appreciated and the wardens and vestrymen as well as the communicants feel very thankful to the unknown donor.

Governor Neville has signed the bill which provides that one-half the cost of bridges across irrigation ditches shall be paid by the owners of abutting lands. The governor has also signed the bill providing a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300, and a jail sentence of from three to six months for any one found guilty of stealing an automobile.

The park commissioners are not in position to provide funds for the municipal band this year, and unless popular subscriptions are taken, the customary summer concerts will not be given. The lack of these concerts will be regretted. No other one thing resulted in getting so many people out on the streets.

By reason of the Lutheran parsonage being under scarlet fever quarantine no Lutheran church services will be held Sunday and the Lutheran Brotherhood meeting announced for Monday has been postponed one week. Warner Harman, who is the fever patient, has a very light attack of the disease.

The contract for the new garage to be erected by Julius Pizer on the corner of Sixth and Locust streets was let Tuesday to Clyde McMichael. The cost of the building will be \$15,000.

What will stop a wife from running away? The answer will be given at the Crystal Saturday afternoon and evening by Ethel Clayton in "The Web of Desire."

The Rowena Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Armstrong on west Third street Tuesday afternoon. All Yeomen come and bring a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvoy announce the birth of a son the first of this week.

Bees Wanted
Wanted To Buy—About 25 Colonies Italian bees. J. Loren Hastings, 219 Willow St., North Platte, Nebr. 26-31

Piano Recital This Evening
A piano recital by the pupils of Miss Florence MacKay will be held at the Franklin Auditorium this evening. There are twenty-seven numbers on the program. An admission of ten and fifteen cents will be charged, the proceeds to go to the auditorium piano fund.

Will Elect Teachers
It is expected that the Board of Education will hold a meeting next week at which the teachers for the coming school year will be elected. The board held a meeting Wednesday evening, allowed bills and canvassed the vote cast for the school bonds at the present election.

Barrett Will Lecture
G. E. Barrett, chief electrician of the U. S. navy, who comes here April 14th to 17th to enlist men in the U. S. navy, will give a lecture Saturday evening, April 14th, at the Franklin auditorium. His subject will be "Submarine Boats and Torpedoes and their use in Modern Warfare." The lecture will be illustrated with chalk drawings.

Six Enlist; More Expected.
Up to last evening six applicants for service in the United States army had presented themselves at the recruiting office in the federal building. Four more are expected to report today or tomorrow. Sergeants Rodgers and Jones, in charge of the office, satisfied with the results. If two men secure ten recruits in five days their work is considered above the average in towns the size of North Platte.

No Mail to Germany
A bulletin received at the local postoffice yesterday announced that no mail for transmission to Germany, Austria or other German-Alliance countries would be received. Letters addressed to those countries deposited in the mails will be sent to the dead letter office. The order becomes effective at once. It is understood that Germany has issued a similar order relative to mail addressed to the United States.

Milk Customers Wanted
Phone Mrs. Ben Hoeman Bk 287.

Church of Our Savior.
Sunday, April 14th, communion service at 8 o'clock a. m. morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. W. H. Anthony will officiate at the 11 o'clock service. Full attendance is desired.

Notice to Bidders
Plans and specifications for a two story brick and tile building size 44x124 are now ready and can be seen at my store. All bids must be in Monday, April 16th. R. N. LAMB.

Frank Hahler has returned to Sidney, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hahler this week.

U. P. Special Agent R. L. North transacted business in the western part of this state for several days past.

MARRIED MEN ORGANIZE MILITARY DRILL COMPANY

TWENTY-ONE MEN ATTEND THE MEETING HELD LAST EVENING AND ALL ENTHUSIASTIC

A. W. Shilling Elected Instructor and the First Drill Will be Held at Auditorium Next Sunday Afternoon.

In response to a call issued for the formation of a married man's drill company, which means a company prepared for war service should such be demanded by the government, resulted in twenty-one men assembling at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last evening and every man present was an enthusiast. The object of the formation of the company was stated and discussed, and as the discussion progressed the enthusiasm grew stronger.

A partial organization was effected by the election of A. W. Shilling as drillmaster, a man who has had wide experience in military tactics. The first drill will be held next Sunday afternoon at the Franklin auditorium, which the Board of Education kindly proffered for that purpose. Each man present last night was instructed to attend the drill Sunday and bring with him another man. If this is done, the company will begin its active career with more than forty men.

The auditorium will be used until the "rough spots" are knocked off, and then the city park will be used as a drill ground. No age limit has been placed on members; any married man who can stand the work even though fifty years of age, is eligible. The organization is one phase of preparedness and universal training which is recommended by President Wilson and army officers.

Even though not called upon for service the military evolutions are splendid exercise and of course considerable amusement will result.

Oil Meeting at Ogallala.
Yesterday's Ogallala Tribune says: "There will be a meeting of the land owners of the district held in Searle's opera house on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. April 16, to consider a proposal made by Mr. W. I. Paterson with the residents of the Platte valley in the district from Ogallala to Julesburg, to co-operate in securing about 30,000 acres of leases, when he would undertake to commence and prosecute the drilling of a test well to determine whether or not we have oil in this district. Mr. Paterson is confident there is a big oil field and will be at the meeting and explain the conditions and terms of the proposed leases and his reasons for believing that we have oil in this valley."

Optometry
Is the drugless, scientific adaptation of glasses for the correction of defective sight. Optometrists are the only practitioners of optometry who are required by law, in any state, to qualify themselves for this work.
HARRY DIXON,
Registered Optometrist.

Major Burke Died Yesterday
Major John M. Burke, for many years associated with Colonel Cody as press agent for the Wild West show, died at a hospital in Washington, D. C., yesterday of acute pneumonia, at the age of seventy-four.

Major Burke was intimately known by many of the older residents of North Platte.

PURE BRED
Rhode Island Red Cockerels. W. W. Birge. 26-2

Mrs. W. H. Munger, of Omaha is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Munger, Jr., having arrived last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dye, of Portland, Ore., formerly of this city, visited last week with Mrs. Sarah Duggan.

"Paaky" McFarland was injured yesterday morning in a game of ball with several companions. He was struck in the face accidentally, with the bat and the nose bone broken.

Wanted—Woman wants cleaning or washing. A fifteen year old girl wants a place to work. A school boy wants work afternoons and Saturdays. Phone Rev. Robt. White, Black 603.

James Norton, foreman of the back shop, will be transferred May 1st to Grand Island, where he accepts a better paying position. Jim is a popular man whose leaving will be regretted.

When in the store of The Leader Mercantile Co., ask to be shown the new things in women's overalls, for indoor and outdoor purposes for ease and comfort. All union made by women for women.

Constant or recurring headaches, inability to study, aversion to bright light, irritability—may mean that your child is wasting energy through defective eyes.

HARRY DIXON,
Jeweler and Optometrist.

A manufacturer's sample line of women's and misses' suits, women's coats and misses' and women's skirts, direct from New York. Bought at a very big bargain and have all been placed on sale at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s at a price that means a big saving to the purchaser.

Home For Sale.
New live room bungalow with basement equipped with washing outfit and watering plant; corner lot 200x240, good young orchard and out-buildings. Mrs. C. C. Wiley, Sutherland, Neb. Phone 140.

Mrs. John Sheffield and baby who have been spending several weeks at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Con Walker will leave in a few days for Story, Ia.

Mrs. Paul Kerne, of Casper, Wyo., formerly Miss Emily Brooks of this city came last night to visit her mother Mrs. Peter Mylander and other relatives.

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Dodge reputation made by the 140000 users sells more cars than all their salesmen. Talk to a Dodge owner and he will bring out several reasons for his satisfaction with his car. Here are some of those I have heard.

First—Extreme economy on gas, many reports of from 20 to 27 miles to the gallon, also on tires, rarely less than 6000 and up to 13000 miles on the original tires.

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Fifth—Repair part service at home, where they buy their car.

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The result of making cars BETTER show in sales and owners satisfaction. Is that the sort of car you want to order now for early spring delivery?

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For the benefit of all users of De Laval Cream Separators we have established a De Laval Service Day.

On this date we shall be glad to have any De Laval user bring his separator to our store for a complete and careful inspection and adjustment, which will be made free of charge. Should any parts, due to unusual wear or accident, need to be replaced, this will be done, the only charge being for the price of the new parts used.

A De Laval Service man will be with us to assist with this work. Bring in your Separator and receive the benefit of his advice on the care and operation of your machine, as well as the free service. It is our wish, and that of the De Laval Company, that every user of a De Laval Separator get the maximum of efficiency at the minimum of cost.

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