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## FIRE DESTROYS OLD ICE HOUSES - THREATENS CITY

Alarm Brings Entire Fire Fighting Force of The City To Scene - West Part Of City Threatened With Disaster

A fire which broke out shortly after two o'clock Saturday afternoon completely destroyed the old ice-houses located in the west yards of the Union Pacific railroad and burned two houses in addition to partially burning a third and setting a number of others on fire. The loss is variously estimated at from \$15,000 to \$60,000. The loss is practically covered by insurance. The alarm brought a prompt response from the volunteer department and lines were laid but the fire had made

done toward saving the ice-houses and the attention of the department was turned to saving the nearby dwellings. The fire was discovered at about the same time by several parties. L. C. Sturgis, turned in the alarm when the blaze was no larger than a bushel basket. It was in the cupola on top of the building at the east end. A northeast wind quickly fanned it down the full length of the cupola and before the department could respond the whole top of the building was a seething furnace. Pieces of the roof were taken by the wind and scattered for blocks away. Fires broke out in the 900 block on west fifth, the 1000 block on west fourth and the 1100 block on west third. At one time every house between these limits and the railroad was in danger. Then the wind began to shift to the east and it was not long until the smoke was blowing almost parallel with the tracks and the most of the houses were saved. A small house just across the street was not occupied and was burned to the ground. The house occupied by Tom Golden and owned by E. R. Goodman was gutted while the Harry Westphal property facing on Sixth street was practically destroyed. Several other houses were on fire at different times but were saved by heroic work of firemen and citizens. Some sheds and chicken houses were burned in different parts of the blocks adjoining. The Western Union and Union Pacific telegraph lines were completely destroyed and until repaired the dispatcher used a line out of the west yards. The power cable for the P. F. E. new ice houses was put out of commission. This was Union Pacific property although the North Platte Light & Power Co. had lines strung on the poles. A considerable loss was suffered through careless handling of household goods when volunteer helpers carried household goods out of threatened houses. The heat was so intense that the rails on adjoining tracks were warped as much as two feet out of place. This was the biggest fire North Platte has suffered since the great fire of 1883 when fifty or more dwellings were destroyed by a prairie fire from the west.

During the fire Superintendent Welch turned on the Kelley well in the south part of the city and was pumping water at the rate of 2,300 gallons a minute. The pressure was maintained at about 100 pounds to the square inch. The truck which got stuck out near the fire was the old truck and not the new one as has been reported. The new truck was purchased because the old one could not be depended upon and sure enough it failed just when wanted.

The Bignell school district had bought half of one of the ice houses and intended to build a school house with the lumber. Six or more loads had been hauled away and preparations were being made for carrying off the rest of the building. The amount invested was covered by insurance.

After laying all the hose on the fire trucks the department turned its attention to collecting some old hose which had not been used for a long time. It was found that much of this old hose was leaky and otherwise defective. That gave rise to the report that the fire equipment was out of order. The hose which broke was reserve stuff which was not expected to be needed again.

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### LINCOLN COUNTY TO HAVE NATIONAL SPEAKER AT NORTH PLATTE

A. C. Townley, president of the Non-Partisan League of the United States will be in North Platte Wednesday and will speak from the court house band stand at 8 p. m. Mr. Townley is supporting some of the candidates from each ticket in this state. He is a speaker of note and presents the Non-Partisan League side of the issues of the day in a forceful manner.

### POPULAR CITY LIBRARIAN HAS TENDERED RESIGNATION TO BOARD

Mrs. Loretta Brownfield, city librarian of North Platte, has tendered her resignation to the Library Board and it has been accepted to take effect on October 1. She will attend the Missouri Valley conference at St. Joe next month and that will complete her work as president of the Nebraska Library Association. Mrs. Brownfield has been librarian here during the past six years and has seen wonderful growth in the size and usefulness of the institution. She was born and raised in North Platte and has taken special interest in the development of the library here.

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## That Turkish Tobacco



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### ACTIVITIES OF THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS

#### WHAT IS BEING DONE BY THE DIFFERENT LODGES AND SOCIETIES

The Tribune invites contributions to this department from all organizations in the city. Advance notices of meetings and special program of attractions should be given. These are considered as news and no charge is made. We take advertising notices at regular rates, and they are printed elsewhere.

#### EASTERN STAR

There will be a regular meeting of the Signet chapter No. 55 of O. E. S. Thursday, September 28.

#### KNIGHTS OF CILUMBUS

A special meeting is called for this evening (Tuesday) for the purpose of election of officers and other important business.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The country club will hold its annual meeting Monday evening. A banquet will be served at the Elks club.

#### YEOMEN SOCIAL

The Yeomen will hold a social Thursday evening at the K. C. Hall. Mr. Tiley plans a big campaign so don't fail to be there.

#### METHODIST

Mrs. Cranes Bible Class will be entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. W. Monks, 914 West 3rd.

#### PRESBYTERIAN

Ladies Aid will meet in the church parlors at 3 o'clock. Those on the entertaining committee are Mrs. Clara Newton, Mrs. Strahorn and Mrs. Swenson.

#### CHRISTIAN

Aid society will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the church basement. A big attendance is desired as there is important business to bring before the aid.

#### COUNTRY CLUB

Ladies day will be Friday at the Country Club. Those who will entertain will be Mrs. Robert Dickey, Mrs. W. J. O'Connor, Mrs. C. R. Morey, Mrs. Fred Waltemath, Mrs. Sam Souder and Mrs. Allison Wilcox.

#### LUTHERAN

The Woman's Missionary society will meet Friday at 3 p. m., with Mrs. Henry Bretornitz, 429 S. Pine. Members and friends are urged to be present. There will be installation services at this meeting.

#### WAR MOTHERS

On account of the Woman's Club play the American War Mothers will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Roddy Wednesday instead

## SHORT STORIES OF PEOPLE AND THINGS

### ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT RECENT HAPPENINGS IN THIS COMMUNITY

The local high school boys will journey to Cozad Friday for the first foot ball game of the season. A number of high school students will accompany them.

The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon to 306 East 4th street where a fence was burning. The fire was caused from a pile of burning rubbish. Not much damage was done.

Wm. Lake of the south part of the county was taken into County court yesterday by Sheriff Salsbury and plead guilty to having liquor in his possession and was fined \$100 and costs. The charge of diving it away was dismissed.

Peter Condos was fined \$5 and costs yesterday in county court for assaulting Francis Mengle, a small boy of this city. The boy did something while Condos was making his rounds of the city and Condos attempted to punish him.

Word was received here this morning of the death of I. P. Gage of Fremont, Nebr. Mr. Gage has been grand secretary of the I. O. O. F. for over thirty years. He was well known here having visited here many times and he took part in the laying of the courthouse corner stone last June. No funeral arrangements have been made at this time.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for clerk-carrier, post office service, to fill existing and future vacancies, to be held at the North Platte post office on Saturday, October 7 commencing at 9 a. m. Both men and women who meet the requirement, may enter this examination. Secure application blanks and desired information of the secretary at the post office.

The Firemen's carnival was a big success from an attendance standpoint as well as financially. The Lloyd was crowded all of Friday evening with merrymakers and the proceeds were about a thousand dollars. This sum added to the amount in the Firemen's treasury makes a fund which is just about half what will be needed to care for the state convention held here in January.

Willis Bowman was arraigned in police court yesterday and fined \$104.80 for the illegal possession of liquor.

### SCOUT TROOPS TO HOLD FIRST JOINT MEETING OF SCHOOL YEAR

Scout Executive Stephens has called a joint scout meeting for Tuesday (tonight) at 7:30 at the Franklin auditorium. This is the first of a series of scout meetings which are planned for the last Tuesday evening of each month. Following the joint meeting the scoutmasters will hold their regular monthly meeting.

### WILL CALL ABOARD AT PICNIC TO GET TO "ALL ABOARD"

The committee in charge of the Lutheran picnic announces that it will be held at Kop's grove on Thursday, September 28. The announcement says further: "With your children and friends, be at the church basement at 4:20 p. m. Conveyance for all will be there. Plenty of eats. Will holler all aboard at the grounds in time to get to "All Aboard."

Miss Gladys Stegall has taken a position at the Dr. Lane dental office.

L. Cecil a switchman, was injured while setting out a car. The engine left the track and he was thrown against the car, badly bruising his limbs.

of Friday. A large attendance is desired for final arrangement for Armistice Day Party will be made.

## ANOTHER CARLOAD

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## Dodge Bros. Cars

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More Refinements

More Car for Less Money

SEE THESE NEWEST MODELS TODAY

J. V. ROMIGH,  
DEALER

Prices at North Platte are:—Touring \$1020; Roadster \$980; Business Coupe \$1130; Business Sedan \$1360; DeLuxe Sedan \$1625.

P. S.—Brand new Ford Touring for sale at a bargain and immediate delivery.

## Ashes or Neglect--Which

Suppose it had been the old Lloyd Opera House or the Besack Livery Barn Saturday! Where would Dewey Street have been today, in spite of our able, good and loyal fire department? Ashes or INSURANCE? We have the remedy and it is not ashes.

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