

MEAT MARKET IN RUINS

Fire Cleans Out Frank Brittell and Threatens Whole Block.

STARTED FROM LAMP IN COOLER

Postoffice Endangered and Mails Sacked Up Ready to Be Moved Out if Needed.

Frank Brittell's meat market was reduced to a state of ruins last Thursday night by fire, although the building was not consumed. The fire started in the meat cooler—or more properly the meat warmer at this season of the year. A lighted lamp was placed in the cooler to keep the meat from freezing and it is probable the fire started from the lamp. The fire was discovered shortly after ten o'clock when a roomer occupying apartments over the meat market came in to repair to bed. He encountered a cloud of smoke upon opening his door. An alarm was at once turned in and the fire department was quickly on the scene. Entrance to the building was forced and streams of water turned onto the flames. With a terrible crash the lamp exploded and flames of fire shot in all directions. John Skirving was in the forefront of several in the building at the time of the explosion and was badly though not seriously burned about the face and head and his shirt almost burned off of him.

It looked like a serious thing for the whole block from Gallagher's corner to Biglin's for a while, and Postmaster Cronin had the United States mails sacked up ready to move out at any moment. With characteristic like energy and untiring activity the fire department soon had the flames subdued without damage to adjoining buildings.

The building is owned by Con Keys and is insured for \$250, which is sufficient to cover the damage. Mr. Brittell has \$500 insurance on his property. Frank seems to have been followed by a series of bad luck the last three or four years. Three years ago his slaughter house burned down, entailing a loss of \$200 or more; last year he met with an accident which cost him the loss of the use of a hand for several months, and now he has been burned out. He says he expects to start up in business again.

Our Benefactor.

The following poem dedicated to Count Creighton of Omaha was written by John Vincent Dwyer, an O'Neill boy at Creighton college, and published in the True Voice:

Full armed on the field, in the battle of life,
On the side of valiant and young,
Stands one like the heroes in legends of old,
Whose praises the poets have sung.
His hands are not blood-stained—no harrowing deeds
Mar the page which history tells,
But the beautiful acts of his generous soul
Show where gentle philanthropy dwells.
This soldier, this leader, so Christ-like and brave,
This champion loyal and true
Spreads plentiful gifts on the broad fields of need,
Like the soft-falling heavenly dew.
No loud voiced trumpet may blare o'er his acts,
No herald proclaim them afar,
Yet they light up the gloom in the dark
haunts of want.
With a glow like a bright, silent star,
He rose by his strength from the struggling ranks,
And aided his fellows to rise;
He given, and his bounty comes straight
from his heart
As the sunlight comes down from the skies,
He is still on the field and still he remains.
(Though his crown is like mountain snow pure)
A count of the church, a peer of the Lord,
A generous friend of the poor.

Money to loan on improved farms.
15tf F. J. Dishner.

LOCAL MATTERS.

For Sale—Team of horses, harness and wagon. Con Keys, Sheriff Hall had official business at Page on Tuesday.

Maylon Price spent Sunday with relatives at Atkinson.

Jim Shanner faced the stiff northwestern up from Page yesterday.

John A. Harmon was a Northwestern passenger for Omaha Monday.

R. R. Dickson arrived home Saturday from his trip to San Francisco.

Cyrle Ercleb and Lyons Mullen drove over from Spencer Friday last.

For Sale—One new and one second hand wagon. Inquire of D. A. Doyle. 36-2

Bob Brittell went to Brunswick yesterday for a few days' visit with his parents.

F. J. Dishner went to Jefferson City, Mo., Tuesday, to be away the balance of the week.

The most reliable weather barometer indicates that spring is at hand. The kids are playing marbles.

Rev. Fetzer went to Page yesterday to attend the district conference of the Methodist church in session there.

If the gait established by Wednesday's wind were to continue all through the month, it could March out none too soon.

After taking a three day's lay off the county board reconvened on Wednesday for a few days' work which winds up the present session.

Bennet Martin is laid up with a bad finger which he very nearly succeeded in cutting off during the fire excitement Thursday night.

Parnell Golden donned a blue jacket and has been doing some artistic sign work on the hardware and furniture store of Golden, Peeler & Hodgkin.

For Sale—One thoroughbred Durham bull (not registered); animal can be seen at my farm sixteen miles northwest of O'Neill.

36-4 Wm F. Clevish.
Assessor Cooper went to Norfolk Tuesday, where a meeting of assessors for various counties in north Nebraska had been called to fix an assessment schedule.

Miss Susie Gillespie entertained the L. L. C.'s at cards Monday evening until the hour of 12, when luncheon was served. The prize, a China plate, was awarded to Miss Nellie Skirving.

W. S. Morgan of Atkinson, a brother of Judge Morgan, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Morgan, associated with Frank Simar, is preparing to go over to the Rosebud country and engage in business.

John Carton, who recently sold his farm northwest of O'Neill, and subsequently had a sale of hoofts and horns and machinery, becomes a resident of the city tomorrow, when he moves into the Den Hunt house on Kid Hill which he has bought.

The office just across from the county judge at the courthouse has been fixed and fitted, and a label tacked at the entrance, "County Assessor." Mr. Cooper is thoroughly installed in his quarters, with Miss Pond of Ewing to look after the clerical work.

D. A. Doyle will sell full patent flour every sack guaranteed, \$2 per hundred. Ock meal cake, \$1.75 per hundred. Hand picked Michigan beans, 5 cents per pound. Baled hay, 20 cents per bale. Highest cash price for corn and speltz. First door south of post office.

My annual spring opening will occur on March 12, when the ladies of O'Neill are invited to call and see the splendid selection of millinery goods I have this season.—Mrs. Nichols.

The Bazelman residence is receiving the first coat of paint and the walks are under construction. It is a fine building and makes a vast improvement in that section of town.

Shine, Shine—Have put a chair in the office of the Evans Hotel and am now prepared to shine the shoes of the old and the young. Call and see me. Satisfaction guaranteed.

36-1 Robert M. Sampkin.

C. H. Ferguson came up Monday from Omaha, where he has been all winter working for a railroad company. He is going to have a sale of his property near Dorsey the 11th and expects to return to Omaha the last of the month to remain permanently.

Miss Sadie Skirving departed Tuesday morning for Omaha, where she will remain for a week and then goes to Iowa for a two month's visit. Her girl friends of the L. L. C.'s saw her away at the train and significantly and knowingly showered her with rice as she stepped onto the chair car.

Thermometers are a popular advertising feature with O. O. Snyder & Co., and that popular lumber company has remembered its patrons again this year with large and very convenient temperature indicators, which are handy to have in cold or hot weather.

The state of Nebraska vs. Benjamin Woodruff is the title of a case filed in county court Tuesday, James Peeler being the complaining witness. Mr. Peeler alleges that the defendant, who is a young boy, shot his bird dog valued at \$25. The case will be called up for hearing today.

The Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor will hold a social at the firemen's hall tomorrow evening. They promise a trip to Boston on the G. L. & A. O. F. railroad with stopovers at all the big towns and a half hour lunch thrown in, all for the remarkably low price of 25 cents.

Daniel Hall and Miss Mary Vincance, both of Atkinson, were united in marriage Tuesday evening at the home of County Judge Morgan in this city. The groom is an old resident of Atkinson. The bride, whose parents live near Atkinson, has made her home in O'Neill for the past two years.

R. W. McGinnis, general passenger agent of the Northwestern at Lincoln, was in town the first of the week. Mr. McGinnis was up looking after his creamery business and real estate interests at Amella. He made arrangements to do some fencing on his extensive range in that section while here.

Patrick Brennan received a telephone message Monday from South Omaha that his son Mike was very sick at Hot Springs, Ark., where he had went from South Omaha about a week previous, at the direction of his doctor. Mr. Brennan and his son James went to South Omaha on Tuesday's early morning train, James expecting to go to Hot Springs.

The men with municipal political bees in their caps will need to get in their work within a few weeks. April 5 we have another city election. At the present writing there is no general clamor for the honors to be bestowed on that day, although it is said the field is not without those who are quietly waiting for the lightning to strike.

INSTITUTE AT CHAMBERS

Program for Meeting on Next Tuesday is Arranged.

EXPECT PROMINENT SPEAKERS

C. H. Barnard of Table Rock and P. D. Ashburn of Gibbon to Be Present.

Next Tuesday, March 8, a farmer's institute will be held at Chambers, with the following program:

10 a. m.—Soil Culture, C. H. Barnard of Table Rock; Farm Dairying, P. D. Ashburn of Gibbon.

1:30.—Breeding and Selection of Seed Corn, Mr. Ashburn; Hardy Fruits for Home Use, Mr. Barnard.

7:30.—Propagation of Plants, Mr. Barnard; Home Making, Mr. Ashburn.

Mr. Barnard has been speaking at many of the Farmers' Institutes this winter on soil tillage and topics relating to fruit trees, and hardy varieties of fruits for home use. He presents these subjects in an entertaining and instructive manner. He is well equipped for discussing these subjects by many years of practical experience in growing small fruits and managing orchards. Probably no man in the state is acquainted with more varieties of apples than Mr. Barnard. He is recognized as an expert judge of apples and other fruits. For eight years he has been secretary of the State Horticultural society, filling this position with credit to himself and benefit to the society. His discussion of Hardy Fruits for home use is of practical value to every farmer in the state. He also discusses shrubs suitable for home decoration in an interesting manner. His thorough practical and technical knowledge and his experience in presenting his subjects make him one of our most valued farmers' institute speakers.

Mere Mention.

I have 100 acres of good cultivated land for rent, on easy terms, adjoining town on the west.—D. A. Doyle.

Tax payers of Holt county have done their duty commendably in liquidating personal taxes. County Treasurer Cronin says he issued but two distress warrants during February. He says, however, that it will be necessary to issue more warrants and he will begin the work next Monday of getting in all unpaid personal tax by distress.

D. Clem Deaver arrived home Monday evening from his Arizona trip. Mr. Deaver expresses himself as being well pleased with the mineral prospects of the mine property in which he is interested. E. S. Eves, who went with him, remained there and was installed in the capacity of cook at the mine when Mr. Deaver left. He says Mr. Eves is also well pleased with the prospects.

The people of Chambers want a railroad, and they want it badly. The Frontier would like to see them get it. Moreover, it would like to see a few or many thousands of capital, local preferred, harness the rapid flowing Elkhorn at O'Neill, generate the power for an electric plant, tie and rail a right of way to Chambers, equip it with trolley cars and illuminate our own town with a string of electric lights. There is good interest in a proposition of this kind for some body.

I have three or four desirable farms for rent, if you want a good farm call early. Also have on my list for sale some of the most desirable farms in the county.

34-tf Jerry McCarthy.

For Sale—The southwest quarter of section 33, township 30, range 12, for particulars apply to owner.—Mrs. B. O. Laughlin, 314 north Twenty-fifth street, South Omaha, Neb.

With judicious gravity and a straight face John Horiskey tells of Dr. Corrigan standing in the back door of his store and bringing to terra firma with a rapid fire shot gun the leader of a fast-flying flock of geese sailing over from the north. Doc had a fine "stallion" goose, but we are not prepared to say he came into the possession of it in the manner John indicates.

If you want to sell your business; if you want to buy anything; if you want to sell anything; if you need insurance; if you have any collections to make see Wagers. Several pieces of town property for sale; also farm lands all over the county, see me anyway when you come to town and get acquainted.—S. M. Wagers, office over Gallagher store. 35-2pd

Wild Horses Tamed and Trained

Any kind of a horse, no matter how vicious, made gentle by our new method of training. No drugs used. Anyone can learn to handle the most vicious horse. No choacking, no throwing. We teach you how to get up to and harness a horse anywhere.

Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and 8, will give lessons in O'Neill in horse training and invite those with wild horses to bring them in and we will show you how to handle them.

Also have a patent wagon for breaking bad horses which will be on exhibition. Any one having animals they can't handle should bring them in. This wagon is something new, just recently invented by Henry Schlueter of Scribner, Neb., where it has been used most successfully. Can be seen at Dewey hotel.

Moran & Schlueter.

More Than in Four Others.

An Omaha gentleman who placed a little ad in The Frontier writes:

"Inclose find stamps in payment. Just cancel account on your books, will be sufficient. Excellent returns; more than in four other papers—G. W. Hervey."

When you have anything to sell or buy, or want to get the attention of the public in any way, use The Frontier. It circulates in this territory as no other newspaper does.

Horses Wanted for Eastern Markets

I will be at O'Neill Monday, March 7, and at Bitney's livery barn in Atkinson, Tuesday, March 8, 1904, to buy horses. Must be good horses in their class and weigh from 1,200 up. Not less than 4 years old and well broke.—F. G. Pollock.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that hereafter all outsiders of the Fire department will not interfere with firemen at a fire unless called upon by the chief or assistants under penalty of arrest.

By Order of Fire Police.
\$550

Takes the sw² sec. 17, twp. 29, range 12, in Holt county, being 160 acres six miles northwest of O'Neill. Write or wire Ernest Sweet, New York Life building, Omaha.

PROPERTY OWNER OATH

What You Have to Swear to Under the New Law.

STRONGER THAN THE OLD ONE

Material Increase in the Net Total Assessment is Expected to Result From It.

Much is expected in the way of increased revenues from the new oath property owners will be required to subscribe to when the assessor calls this year. We append it herewith that our readers may post up and be prepared for their solemn duty when Tiberius Caesar makes his annual tour. The oath reads:

"I, _____, being duly sworn, say that the foregoing statement and schedule is true and contains a full and complete list of all property held by or belonging to me on the first day of April, including all personal property pertaining to merchandise, whether held in actual possession or having been purchased with a view to possession or profit and all personal property appertaining to manufacturing, and all manufactured articles, on hand or owned by me. In all cases where I have been unable to exhibit certain classes of property to the assessor, such property has been fully and fairly described, and its true condition represented, and I have in no case sought to mislead the assessor as to the quantity and quality of the property. I further swear that since the first day of April last year, I have not directly or indirectly converted or exchanged any of my property temporarily, for the purpose of evading the assessment thereof for taxes, into non-taxable property or securities of any kind, or transferred or transmitted the same to any person or in any wise for the purpose of evading the assessment thereof, and that my answers to the foregoing interrogatories are true. So help me God."

It will be noted by the above that you pretty nearly have to put up for all you may have owned since the assessor was last around whether sold or taken under mortgage since or not, and the double precaution is taken that you must swear you are swearing to the truth. The old oath in comparison was mild, and ran thus:

"I do solemnly swear or affirm that I have listed above, or within all personal property, money and credits, subject by the law to taxation, and owned by me, or required by law to be listed by me for any other person or persons according to the best of my knowledge."

SPRING OPENING OF MILLINERY

I am now on the Chicago market selecting spring goods and will have a grand opening

Saturday, March the 12th when the ladies of O'Neill are invited to visit my store and see the new hat creations.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons

OUR NEW SPRING GOODS ARE ARRIVING EVERY DAY

We are now prepared to show you one of the finest and best selected lines of Dress Goods and Trimmings ever presented to the public. Our new goods are arriving every day, and we have a full line of everything in Spring Suitings, Ladies' new Dress Skirts and Ladies' Walking Skirts. Our line of Ladies' Shirt Waists is now on exhibition and we feel confident that in this line we excel anything in the city. Our line of Trimmings is complete, and in Notions we have anything you may call for—fancy Collars, new Belts, Shirt Waist Sets, Buttons, etc. We have a full stock of new White goods, in Spring and Summer Vestings.

Don't forget we are sole agents for the celebrated Kabo Corsets.

J. P. GALLAGHER