

DAMAGE BY PRAIRIE FIRE

Large Territory Swept and Much Property Lost.

MOST DESTRUCTIVE IN YEARS

Several Families Burned Out and Fears Entertained That One Man Is Fatally Burned.

Probably the worst prairie fire in the history of this community swept over a portion of the county Tuesday afternoon and evening. The fire started from a smoldering straw stack that had been burning several days about five miles northeast of town and was carried north to the Redbird before a strong south wind. It was a hard fight for life and property for those living in the track of the fire. The inflammable condition of everything burnable, because of long continued dry weather, aided by heavy winds, rendered people almost helpless before the awful sea of flame.

While the fire was raging in the Redbird country, devouring hay stacks, fence posts, barns, buildings and other property, the wind suddenly changed to the northwest and the fire leaped to the south and east as if in pursuit of other victims. The territory burned is estimated at about thirty square miles and forms a huge and blackened L-shaped track, the north limb extending east to the Antelope slough country and the west-end limb extending south to the Elkhorn river.

A Frontier representative drove over a portion of the blackened remains yesterday, along the route traversed by the Holt County Telephone company's line and back along the Burlington railroad. A strip seven miles wide, extending from a half mile east of Henry Hoxie's to Hay Point on the Burlington, was burned between here and Page. Three families near the railroad were burned out and several others farther north, besides thousands of tons of hay being destroyed, hundreds of fence posts and scores of telephone poles. The poles of the Holt County Telephone company's line are burned for a mile at a stretch without a pole standing. Fences are down and many fine groves of trees are blackened and burned.

Of those living southeast of O'Neill James Cameron is probably the heaviest loser. His house, barns, sheds and everything went but the clothing they wore and their horses and cattle. Five head of hogs, four dozen chickens and about 20 tons of hay—all he had—went with his buildings. Mr. Cameron's loss in buildings and personal effects will exceed \$1,200, with no insurance.

William Gannon, living not far from Mr. Cameron, lost all his buildings—but the house—hay, several head of hogs, and came near losing his family. Mrs. Gannon went with the children to the outside cellar, which caught fire and they were nearly suffocated when rescued.

Charles Rockford, living on the old Price Babcock place north of Cameron's, was also burned out. His little boy was herding cattle about two miles from home when Mr. Rockford saw the fire. He hitched up a team and went after the boy and when he got back everything on the place was burned except a trunk and feather bed Mrs. Rockford had succeeded in saving, with the wagon into which she had loaded them. Mr. Rockford feared the cattle he had left on the prairie were overtaken by the fire, but they were found yesterday.

J. B. Dalley was another living in that vicinity to lose heavily, but The Frontier has not learned the full extent of his loss.

Sam Wolf lost 100 tons of hay upon which he had \$50 insurance.

Further north, Con Shea lost everything but one barn; Peter Sullivan all his buildings but the house; and an old gentleman by the name of Davenport, who came here this spring from Iowa and is living on the old Florence Sullivan place, was cleaned out of buildings, lost 27 head of hogs, 4 head of cattle and had seven other cattle badly burned. Mr. Davenport was himself, it is thought fatally burned, though he may recover.

E. W. Bloemker, living a little farther east and a half mile north was working in the field when he saw his neighbor's premises in danger. He put his horses in the barn and hastened to his assistance. Before he got back his barn and four horses were burned.

Pat Regan lost his new barn 40x50, corn cribs and a new granary with a capacity of 2,000 bushels. He estimates his loss at \$1,200, and carried \$700 insurance.

Thousands of tons of hay were burn-

ed and the damage in general cannot be computed.

Clyde Mills Passes Away.

Clyde Mills died Tuesday shortly before noon, after an illness covering a period of about five months. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hullhorst.

Henry Clyde Mills was born Oct. 24, 1890, in this city, being 17 years, 5 months and 14 days old on the date of his death, April 14. He was the second son of R. H. Mills, one of the old citizens of the community. Last November he was taken ill with rheumatism and was confined to the house all winter. After the disappearance of the rheumatism heart trouble developed which finally resulted in his death. He suffered much during the long months of wasting disease, but bore it patiently and showed every appreciation of the efforts of the devoted ones around him to relieve the suffering.

Clyde was a bright young boy just blooming into manhood and his taking away is a severe blow to the family and friends. He was a general favorite among his associates and companions at school because of his many marked commendable traits of character.

Interment will be made in the Protestant cemetery, the remains laid beside those of his mother who died some twelve or fourteen years ago.

Governor to Meet Fleet.

Governor Sheldon's special party for San Francisco is planned to leave Lincoln in a special train of sleepers at 7 p. m. April 25, provided 100 or more go. The route is via Denver, thence over the Santa Fe to the Coast via the Grand Canyon. The schedule is arranged so as to allow plenty of leisure time in southern California en route to San Francisco. The party will arrive at San Francisco about noon of May 5th. The fleet will reach Golden Gate about May 6th. The presentation of the silver service to the battleship Nebraska takes place May 8th. The railroad fare from Lincoln, including side trips, returning via the direct route, is \$66.80. This is a very low and favorable excursion rate.

Governor Sheldon has issued an invitation to the representative citizens of the state to join this party. The Nebraska party headed by the governor and his staff will doubtless receive much social attention on their trip to the coast.

Galloway Bulls for Sale.

A nice lot of young Galloway bulls ready for service for sale at W. A. Gannon's, 2 miles north of Inman, Holt county, Neb. Call and see them. Low down, blocky, heavy coated fellows. 39-6

Mose Campbell of Atkinson was circulating among O'Neill friends yesterday.

J. P. Mann & Co.

A FEW OF THE BARGAINS
We Are Offering in Our

Men's Furnishing Department



Silver Shirts—In a large range of patterns, attached and detached cuffs, \$1.25.

Men's Neckwear—We carry an exceptional strong line in all the new shades and styles. 25c to 50c.

Collars—We have the best collars made at the price. Two for 25c.

Men's Dress and Driving Gloves—Plymouth buck, \$1.50; Indian tanned, \$1.75; imported kid, \$2.00; imported cape, outside sown, English tans and Havana shades, \$2.25.

Men's Burlington and Black Cat Hosiery—The most reliable brands in America; correct in every detail; black and fancy. 15c to 50c.

Men's Underwear—Summer weight plain Egyptian separable, 50c each; separable short sleeves and knee drawers, 50c; Jersey ribbed union suits, \$1.00 to \$2.00; fancy colored separable, 25c to \$1.50; extra size 44 to 50 separable, 50c.

Shoes that Fit—We have the celebrated Honorbilt line, in all leathers and shapes; tans, patent kids and velour calf.

Hats—We carry the "Tiger" hat, the one that is known to be the best and the leader of style, \$3.00. Also a line of John B. Stetson in staple shapes, \$5.00.

Clothing—We have the most complete line carried in this section of the state and ask no fancy prices but give you some of the best values that it is possible for us to secure in the best clothing market in the world. Come in and look our line over before buying. \$12.50 to \$20.

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The Loafer.
An unknown author: They are lounging at the corners, they are loafing on the walk, and they want a situation winding up an eight day clock; they're a sore upon the surface of this glad and smiling earth, where the man who earns his living is the only man of worth. They are loafing in the sunshine, and their talking never fags, while their wives are doing washings and their kids are wearing rags, they are criticizing Teddy, roasting Taft and Hughes as well, they are proving that the country is a sailing straight (to hell); and their wives are tired of sweating o'er the washtub's greasy curve, while the loud and lazy loafers breathe the air they don't deserve. O we chuck the drunks in prison when they snort and prance around and we soak the man whose chickens scratch an inch or two of ground; we behead the hungry father who would swipe an oyster shell, but we let the lazy loafers stand around all day and smell.

Advertised Letters.
The following letters remain uncalled for in the O'Neill postoffice for the week ending April 16, 1908:
Millard Bennett, Wm. Filly, Miss Pearl Foster, Karl W. Heitler, Mrs. E. W. Norris, Joe Peterson, T. A. Pickering, Ross Thomas, W. D. Valentine, Charles Barbone, H. H. Ratzloff, John Dease, Dresher the tailor, Ed. J. Myer, Basile Kemeran (foreign.)
Postals—G. H. Boetel, Fred Buck, Merlyn Bogle, Henry Casper, Mrs. Anna Carlson, Francisco Agusta, L. Dartmouth, Wm. Grothe, Miss Mary Smith, Leander Smith, M. V. Vivian, Mary A. O'Keefe.
In calling for the above please say "advertised." If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to dead letter office. R. J. Marsh, Postmaster.

Vote by Wards.
The official canvass of the city election returns shows the following result:

	1st w.	2d w.	3d w.	Tl.
For Mayor—				
Ed F. Gallagher	49	47	38	134
J. P. Gallagher	49	20	49	118
For Treasurer—				
J. F. Gallagher	74	57	73	204
For Clerk—				
Clarence Campbell	72	55	68	196
For Police Judge—				
J. H. Wise	76	56	78	206
For Councilmen—				
T. V. Golden	37	—	—	37
T. D. Hanley	56	—	—	56
Neil Brennan	—	34	—	34
J. P. McManus	—	31	—	31
William Frolich	—	—	51	51
J. B. Mellor	—	—	33	33

Get Busy.
We are arranging our list for 1908 in Antelope, Knox, Pierce, Boone and Holt counties. If you have anything to sell or trade, "get busy." List with McLeod Bros., Real Estate, Ashland or Brunswick, Nebr. 41-4
M. J. Enright is building a neat little cottage a few blocks west of the court house.

THE TEACHERS SELECTED

Superintendent Mote Did Not Apply.
—Will Quit Teaching.

SUCCEEDED BY T. N. FLEMMING

Some Changes Made Among the Grade Teachers.—Home Talent Is Employed.

At the regular meeting of the school board last Monday evening the following teachers were elected for the ensuing year: Prof. T. N. Flemming, Lyons, Neb., supt.; Miss Celia Gorby, principal; Miss Jessie Moore, assistant principal; Miss Margaret Grady, Miss Mary Horiskey, Miss Anna Donohoe, Miss Anna O'Donnell, Miss Catherine Doyle and Miss Blanch Abbott, grade teachers. The only changes in the corps is that of superintendent and two grade teachers. Prof. Flemming succeeding Prof. Mote, who has been superintendent of the city schools the past two years but who was not a candidate for re-election. We understand Prof. Mote expects to move west and go into business. He has given splendid satisfaction here and himself and family will carry with them the best wishes of the people of O'Neill for their future prosperity. His successor, Prof. Flemming, is highly spoken of as an educator and he will no doubt keep the O'Neill schools up to the standard they have long occupied, at the head of the high schools in this portion of Nebraska. The two new grade teachers, Miss O'Donnell and Miss Doyle, succeed Mrs. Mary O'Neill and Mrs. Fritz, who have taught the past year. These young ladies are natives of O'Neill and since their graduation from St. Mary's Academy two years ago have been numbered among Holt county's most successful teachers.

Educational Notes.

Teacher's examination will be held Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18. We are sending out Junior Normal announcements to all teachers in this and surrounding counties. A teacher is not entitled to her last month's wages until she has made out a term summary and classification report and the same has been approved.

April 22nd is Arbor Day for Nebraska. Holt county has space for many trees, most school yards being void of a single tree or shrub. We hope to hear of school districts that have hitherto done nothing toward beautifying the school property, making a beginning by planting a number of trees on or before Arbor Day. District No. 60 has made the best record along the line of tree planting this spring. It planted three hundred and fifty poplars and elms. The trees cost the district \$10. We predict this will prove to be the most satisfactory \$10 investment ever made by the district.

District No. 42, in Rock Falls township, petitioned to allow unorganized territory lying south of the district to be attached to said district. The petition contained the names of two thirds of the voters, hence was granted. Within the unorganized territory added are the homes of two families having children of school age. The last county teacher's meeting for this year will be held at Ewing, Saturday, April 25th. The committee has been particular in making a program of practical topics for this meeting. The O'Neill high school will furnish the music for the afternoon meeting. The drama to be given in the evening at the opera house will be free to teachers.

Florence E. Zink, County Superintendent.

State Journal: A petition was filed in district court by Ruby S. Maher, the prayer of which was that she be granted a divorce from John G. Maher, the well known democratic politician. Accompanying the petition was the voluntary appearance of the defendant, who reserved the right to answer within ten days. The ten days have expired since the signing of this instrument and immediately after the filing of the petition Mrs. Maher appeared before Judge Stewart and gave her testimony. The grounds for divorce alleged in the petition are extreme cruelty whereby her health was impaired and she became nervously and physically debilitated and by reason whereof she has lost all affection for defendant, and by reason of said cruelty by the defendant the legitimate ends and functions of marriage have been destroyed. In addition to a divorce she asked that defendant be excluded from all interest in her separate estate. In her testimony to the court the plaintiff stated that the cruelty complained of consisted of nagging, hectoring and a general surly and unloving manner. They were married in this city November 10, 1898.

How About That Easter Hat That You Should Buy for Easter Sunday?

I have just got in the latest summer novelties in men's new hats. The Patterson hat needs no introduction to the public, as the name is well known, and the wearers can speak for the quality of the hat.



I have hats for men, women and children. For the ladies I have a very unique line of sun shades, or fishing hats, and for the children a good line of sailor hats.



Remember I carry a well assorted line of men's shirts, negligee and with or without collars, neckties, collars, suspenders and gents furnishings.

O'NEILL J. P. GALLAGHER NEBR.