

Bazelman Lumber Yard Destroyed By Fire

The Hanford Ice House Also Burns

The Bazelman Lumber Company's yard and general store was totally destroyed by fire here Monday evening the blaze being discovered about 8 p. m. Piles of lumber were still burning at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Starting in the lumber shed, the flames spread rapidly over the whole establishment, sweeping through the adjacent store and office buildings owned by the firm.

Firemen brought the blaze under control about 9:30 or 9:45 p. m., although they could not save any of the plant.

About 9:15 o'clock the same evening, fire broke out in the Hanford ice house in the southwestern part of the city. This structure, built a few years ago, was practically empty, although a pile of hay was in one corner. Gatz Brothers had several tons of rock salt stored in the building which they intended to use in their brine tanks at the artificial ice plant.

The inside of the ice house was destroyed although the walls and roof are still in place.

Fanned by a rather stiff breeze from the southeast the fire scattered embers over a wide area of the business and residential sections.

At least fifteen fires started on the roofs of dwellings and business buildings but all were extinguished with practically no damage resulting. Citizens mounted their roofs and kept watch most of the night to pre-

vent more of these roof blazes.

Firemen were at the scene of the Bazelman fire all night and succeeded in keeping the flames from spreading to other buildings.

The quickness with which the fire spread when it started in the lumber shed was described by a witness, who declared that he walked past the lumber yard just before the whistle blew. He had gone only a few steps further when he heard the alarm. Turning around to see if he could see the cause, he found that the whole lumber shed seemed to be on fire.

The lumber in the yard was valued at \$25,000; the large brick building 40x70 two stories high, with an addition 50 foot deep on the rear; the sheds that covered the entire yard, and the stock of goods in the store would amount to at least \$25,000, making their loss at least \$50,000. Mr. Bazelman carried \$10,000 insurance on the lumber and sheds; \$5,000 on the brick building. Fred Bazelman, who conducted the store, says that he had no insurance on the stock of goods, which he valued at \$7,000.

The south wall and the front were pulled down Tuesday.

The firemen are to be commended for their excellent work in saving the west side of the city from being totally destroyed, which could easily have happened had a few of the small fires gotten away from them.

Mr. Bazelman expects to rebuild the lumber yard of tile and will start

work on it as soon as the debris can be removed.

The new fire truck and pump that the firemen are asking the city to furnish for the use of the citizens of the town, would have been quite a help at the fire Monday evening. The equipment asked for would enable the firemen to get water on a fire easier and quicker and thereby would save the property owners considerable money from loss by fire. The old truck is hard to start; the firemen say that they experience much difficulty in getting the engine to start, which means considerable delay in getting to a fire. The old truck has been in use for thirteen years and is not very valuable to the department. The voters are going to vote on the question whether or not the city purchase a new truck and pumper for their own protection. The firemen really get no particular benefit from the new truck; the real benefit comes to the citizens in general who may have a fire. Think it over and vote on the question of your own protection.

O'MALLEY ANNOUNCES GOOD NEWS ON HIGHWAY 13

"Dr. W. F. Finley, O'Neill, Nebraska, Dear Dr. Finley:

I have good news for you. I talked to Governor Bryan and to Mr. Cochran, on the completion of No. 13, and I have the assurance that the entire unfinished portions will be completed this year.

The Governor's program saved over \$600,000 on the two lettings of February. Therefore, he is able to enlarge on his road program. It is hard to conceive how this could be done, but we surely have a Governor who is producing results.

Hoping I can be of service to you in some way during the remainder of the session, I remain,

Yours very truly,
George W. O'Malley"
Mr. O'Malley is from Greeley. He

is a very active, co-operative representative from the 65th district. No. 13 doesn't go through his town, but he does not stand in the way—rather he helps this transcendent highway. He is to be commended for his activity. When this highway is completed, don't forget that George O'Malley, of Greeley, helped, and he helped without wish for return.

THE DISTRICT COURT CONVENE MONDAY

The regular spring jury term of the District Court of Holt County convened Monday morning with Judge Robert R. Dickson presiding and Ted McElhane reporting.

The first case to come to trial was that of Clifford Wiseman, charged with the theft of a set of harness from Ed Roche, residing in the eastern part of the county. The state produced witnesses to prove that the harness was the property of Ed Roche; that it had been stolen and sold to Orlov "Bud" Caldwell, who resides one mile east of the Hydro Electric dam across the Niobrara river north of O'Neill; about February 14th, Caldwell testified that he purchased seven sets of harness from the defendant at \$20 per set. Wiseman claimed that he was at home at the time that the state claimed the harness was taken, and remained there until after the time the harness was recovered; the harness was taken Friday night and located at the Caldwell farm Saturday evening by Deputy Sheriff C. C. Bergstrom and a sheriff from Winner, South Dakota. Many witnesses were examined; a large amount of evidence presented by the defendant seemed to have no direct bearing on the case, but every chance was given Wiseman to prove that he was not guilty of the crime charged.

The case was given to the jury at six o'clock Wednesday evening; the jury informed the bailiff shortly after midnight that they had reached an agreement; Judge Dickson was advised at once; he went to the court house and received the verdict.

The verdict was that the defendant was guilty of burglary; the value of the harness was fixed at \$30. The penalty for burglary at night is from one to ten years in the penitentiary.

County Attorney Julius D. Cronin was prosecuting attorney; George Harrington represented Wiseman.

Judge Dickson has not pronounced sentence at this time.

As we go to press the case of the State of Nebraska versus James Hood is being tried. Hood is charged with the possession of a still, mash and intoxicating liquor. Hood was apprehended by Federal officer George Bay on December 26, 1930, and bound over to the district court on bonds, which he furnished.

W. T. Wills and son, of Butte, Nebraska, are attorneys for the defense; County Attorney Julius D. Cronin is representing the State of Nebraska.

SUNSET LODGE HELD UP AND ROBBED WEDNESDAY A. M.

Shobert Edwards, the night man at Sunset Lodge, was held up and the cash register rifled of about \$50 or \$60 at two o'clock Wednesday morning. Shobert says that two men with handkerchiefs over their faces entered the office and ordered him to put up his hands and turn around, which he did; the bandits then hit him on the head and took the money from the till.

Shobert says he became conscious some time later and reported the loss to Joe Bazelman who is one of the managers.

Some young men who were returning from a dance in the southeastern part of the county, stopped at the station and found Shobert unconscious on the floor; they secured some water and revived him.

An effort is being made to locate the thief.

GOLDEN RULE STORE OPENING LAST SATURDAY

The new Golden Rule Store opened for business last Saturday morning, in the building just west of the First National Bank.

A large crowd of visitors and buyers from all parts of the county visited the store throughout the day. W. H. Allinger, the proprietor, has supervised the remodeling of the building according to his own ideas. The store is fashioned after and has the appearance of a city store, with deep show windows, large shelving, drapery, enclosed racks for dresses, mirrors, decorations and fixtures cause the rooms to have a very attractive and inviting appearance.

The clerks are Mrs. Edward Gatz, Mrs. Bee Renschler, Dale Tressler and James Harty, all of whom were associated with Mr. Allinger in the Penney store for the past few years.

MR. AND MRS. M. F. EVELAND ENJOY SIXTY-FIRST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Eveland celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary Wednesday, in a quiet way at their home on Fifth and Everett streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Eveland are getting quite feeble but are enjoying fairly good health.

BABY CLINIC

A very successful baby clinic was held at the Woman's Club rooms last Monday. More than fifty babies, from Star, Opportunity, Inman, Emmet, Chambers and O'Neill were registered and examined.

Dr. L. A. Carter, Dr. J. P. Brown, Dr. W. F. Finley and Dr. Douglas, assisted by two registered nurses from Atkinson, very willingly gave their time to the examinations, for which the local chairman, Mrs. D. Stannard, the health nurse, Miss Barbara Hazel and the nursing committee of the Red Cross wish to express their most grateful appreciation. They also wish to thank the ladies and girls from the Home Hygiene and First Aid classes and Miss Mary McLaughlin for the assistance rendered during the day. Several more ladies than could be used offered their services, which was commendable.

CONGRESSMAN SIMMONS REMAINS IN WASHINGTON

A letter from Congressman Simmons informs us that he will remain in Washington, D. C., until summer. In part his letter follows:

"I have an accumulation of Departmental work that time did not permit me to take care of during the session of Congress. I have found, also, that I can be of direct aid to our Nebraska people while I am here in Washington where I am able to give personal attention to their requests for service.

All three of our children are in school here. It does not seem fair to them to take them out of school now. Accordingly, for both official and personal reasons, I shall remain at my work in Washington until well into the summer.

I shall be pleased to hear from you or any of your readers if there is any service that I may be able to render them here."

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING AND LUNCHEON

The American Legion members held a regular meeting last Thursday evening, followed by luncheon at the Grand Cafe.

The members listened to reports from committees along the lines of activity. They discussed the fifty per cent loan proposition on the adjusted compensation certificates. A report was made that thirty members of the Legion had applied for loans on the bonus.

As we go to press we learn that about seventy-five World War veterans have applied for loans on their certificates in O'Neill; some of the applications come from as far east as Orchard, Nebraska.

JUNIOR GIRLS' ATHLETIC CLUB

The Junior Girls Athletic Club met Friday evening at the O'Neill Public School. Agnes Loy, Norma Davis and Ruth Osenbaugh were initiated into our club. There are now twenty-three girls in our club. The following girls were awarded pins:

Myrtle Brown, Ruth Osenbaugh, Lois Templeton, Delta Gunn, Ruth Harris, Thelma Crellin, Agnes Loy, Frances Youngkin, Eloise Liddell, Myrtle Burge, Florence Surber.

Florence Surber was also awarded a numeral.

During the five months of our athletic work, much progress has been made by these girls.

MICHAEL LANGAN

Michael Langan died on Friday, March 13, 1931, at the home of his brother, Martin Langan, in Boyd county, where he had been visiting for a few months.

Mr. Langan was one of the very early settlers of the country; he came here when the country was new and has built up a farm and happy home on the banks of the Honey creek, where he homesteaded in the early days.

Michael was born in Shullesburg, Wisconsin, July 12, 1854. He came to Holt county in 1879 and homesteaded on Honey creek near the Eagle creek where he has since resided.

He was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Hynes on July 5, 1886; to this union two children were born, Miss Mary, who passed away April 16, 1928, and Michael, who resides at Maple Grove, Nebraska.

Funeral services were held from St. Patrick's church Monday morning at nine o'clock conducted by Monsignor M. F. Cassidy; burial was in Calvary cemetery.

THOMAS JEFFERSON CLARK

T. J. Clark passed away at his home in Inman, Nebraska, last Monday morning at the age of 75 years and 27 days. He was born in Pennsylvania, February 19, 1856. He came to Holt county in September, 1929, from Manville, Wyoming.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, at Lusk, Wyoming on September 1, 1928.

Mr. Clark leaves six children by a former marriage; his first wife died six years ago in Johnstown, Nebraska. The children are: Mrs. Eugene Wallace, Harrington, South Dakota; Mrs. Lewis Wilson, Lingle, Wyoming; James Clark, Norden, Nebraska; Thomas Clark, Casper, Wyoming; William Clark, Johnstown, Nebraska; Mrs. Grant Owens, Lusk, Wyoming.

Funeral services were held in Inman on Wednesday; burial was in Johnstown, Nebraska.

SUS A. ANDERSON

Sus A. Anderson passed away Sunday at his home twenty-seven miles southwest of O'Neill along the north line of Wheeler county.

He was born in Sweden, December 25, 1845, and was 85 years, 2 months and 0 days old at the time of his death.

He came to Wheeler county from Sweden about fifty years ago. He was never married.

Funeral services were held from Chambers Monday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. L. Peters, Baptist minister; burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

CHARLIE SIMMONS BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

Charlie Simmons was arraigned in county court last Friday charged with breaking and entering. The case grew out of the finding of two men in the Hewitt gasoline bulk station at Atkinson on the night of February 19th. Night watchman Spence identified one of the men as Charlie Simmons. The case will perhaps come up for hearing at this term of court.

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