

## SHALL THE CITY PURCHASE FIRE TRUCK AND PUMPER?

There seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to the fire truck which is proposed to be purchased if the bond issue to be voted on carries. The principal reason for buying a truck is to get a pumper to accelerate the water pressure. The fire at the Bazelman yard showed the necessity of some way to increase water pressure. If, instead of the Hanford ice house catching fire, it had been some building in a remote part of town which caught, it would have meant that a stream of water could not have been thrown more than a very few feet, and would probably have meant a total loss owing to lack of water.

In case of a fire where there are several wooden buildings it is almost impossible to approach near enough to keep the fire from spreading. With the hydrant pressure as it is now a stream of water cannot be thrown over 25 or 30 feet to do any good. With the use of a pumper it can be thrown twice that far and with much better results. The heat from a burning building is such that firemen cannot approach near enough to do any good with the present water supply. If a fire gets a start, about all they can do is to protect and try to save adjoining property. One large fire loss would more than pay the cost of a truck properly equipped with a pumper.

There is much talk about the cost. A truck, equipped with a pumper having a capacity of 500 gallons a minute, can be purchased for \$6,000 or less. If the \$7,000 for the truck and other equipment is voted the taxes necessary to be levied to pay the bonds will be comparatively small. The valuation of the town for assessment purposes is about \$1,200,000. To pay off \$1,000 of bonds a year and pay the interest would mean a levy of about a mill and a quarter on a \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This would mean that if property is assessed for \$1,000 the annual cost for paying the bonds would be \$1.25. Everyone knows that the assessed valuation is much less than the actual valuation. If a man has \$5,000 worth of assessed property it would cost him \$6.25 a year, for the first couple of years and from that on it would cost less as the bonds are paid off and interest stopped. If a man has \$5,000 worth of assessed property it certainly ought to be worth \$6.25 to him to know that it is protected against fire by adequate fire

fighting apparatus.

The loss of one large building in the town through lack of fire fighting equipment would mean far more in taxes than it would to purchase the equipment in the first place. Every property owner should look at his assessed valuation and figure the cost to him based on a \$1.25 a year and it will show that voting for these bonds is the cheapest fire insurance he can get.

## THE ANTON TOY STORE ROBBED MONDAY NIGHT

The Anton Toy general store was broken into and robbed Monday night. As far as Mr. Toy can ascertain the robbers took two suits of clothes, two pair of Florsheim shoes, two hats, a few neckties and a traveling bag. Entrance was effected by breaking the upper glass from the north window on the east end of the store and entering on the balcony, which is used for the ladies ready-to-wear. The iron grating was first pulled from the window.

The robbers seemed to be very particular about the articles that they stole. It seems that they looked over the clothing rack pretty carefully before selecting the two suits; many of the suits had been taken from the rack and replaced; the two pair of shoes taken were removed from the boxes and the boxes replaced upon the shelves; none of the other shoes had been disturbed; the hat boxes were somewhat disheveled by the parties who seemed to be looking for their exact sizes; the neckties were taken with less deliberation as was also the traveling bag.

Late this evening Mr. Toy discovered that two ladies black winter coats with fur trimmed collars and cuffs, valued at \$39.75 and \$24.75, were also missing.

Mr. Toy estimates his loss about \$180. He carries no burglar insurance.

## REGULAR BLIZZARD COMING THIS WAY

A regular old time blizzard is raging over this section of the state as we go to press. We understand that the storm extends west through Nevada where the storm is very bad. Valentine reports .02 degrees below zero and that the roads are blocking up rapidly; Ainsworth .02 above and snow so thick and heavy that one can scarcely see across the street; at Stuart it is .08 above and heavy snow; at O'Neill at this time (six o'clock Thursday evening) the mercury stands at 16 above but gradually falling.

## BEGHTOL-CARTER

The wedding of Vance Richards Beghtol and Miss Marjorie Fae Carter occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter at Fourth and Everett streets this morning at 9:30 o'clock, in the presence of members of the immediate families of the contracting parties. The ring ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by the Rev. H. D. Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city.

The attendants were Miss Gladys Williams, and Karl Beghtol, brother of the groom, both of Hastings, Nebraska.

The bride wore a dress of white satin and a tulle veil held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of light pink roses. The bridesmaid wore a pistachio green flat crepe dress and carried a bouquet of roses of a deep pink color.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter of this city; she was graduated from the public school of O'Neill with the class of 1929. She has attended the state University of Nebraska; for the past eight months she has been secretary to Dr. McPherson at Hastings, Nebraska.

Mr. Beghtol is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James V. Beghtol, of Hastings, Nebraska. He was a student of the state University of Nebraska, Columbia college, and for two years he was a student of literature in Paris, France; he is now connected with the American Historical Society with headquarters in Brooklyn.

Those attending the wedding were Dr. and Mrs. James V. Beghtol, Attorney and Mrs. Karl Beghtol and Karl Beghtol Jr., Mrs. George D. Aspinwall, Miss Gladys Williams, all of Hastings, Nebraska; Mrs. Arthur Blum and daughter Charlotte, of Sheridan, Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carter, O'Neill.

The wedding breakfast was served at the Golden Hotel dining room following the ceremony. The color scheme was pink and white. The centerpiece was a large wedding cake upon which was a basket of roses made from icing; the cake was trimmed with sweet peas.

The bridal couple departed soon after the wedding breakfast for New York City; they will stop enroute at Omaha, Tipton, Iowa, Chicago, Montreal, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and other places of interest.

The Frontier joins with the many friends of these young people in wishing them continued joy and happiness.

## DISTRICT COURT

The case of James Hood was being tried in the District Court before Judge Dickson, with Ted McElhane reporting, as we went to press last Thursday. Hood was charged with the possession of a still, mash, and intoxicating liquor. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on all three counts. The Judge has not yet pronounced sentence on Hood.

The case of Moses Trussell vs. Harry Ferguson, of Ewing, Nebraska, occupied the attention of the court Friday and Saturday. Trussell brought suit for \$15,000.00 personal damages which he claims resulted from injuries received when a car driven by Ferguson ran into his team and wagon to which was attached a couple of mowers. Ferguson is an agent for the Rawleigh Products Co. The accident occurred about one mile west of Royal, Nebraska. The plaintiff claims that the impact caused him to fall backward from the seat upon a disc, injuring his back; he claims that from this injury traumatic neurosis has developed, which he claims is permanent. The contention of the defendant was to the effect that if Trussell was injured in the collision he (Ferguson) should not be held for damages because Trussell had no warning lights or displayed no flags on his wagon or machinery in the rear. The case went to the jury Saturday evening, the jury arrived at a verdict that night; the sealed verdict was opened and read Monday morning at the opening of court. The verdict in substance was to the effect that the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$4,000.00.

The first case to come to trial Monday was The Guarantee Life Company, of Davenport, Iowa, vs. Yvo Sanders and his mother, Mrs. Martin Sanders, of Ewing, Nebraska. Suit was brought on a promissory note given to the company by Sanders and endorsed by his mother. The defense to the action was to the effect that the note was merely accommodation paper given for the purpose of helping the insurance company over some rough spots with the inspectors, and not given for value received. The insurance company contended that the note was given by Sanders to satisfy obligations which he owed the company at the time of closing a partnership with another party with whom Sanders had been operating an insurance office for the Guarantee Life Company in Port Dodge, Iowa. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,329.46, which was the full amount of the note and interest to date.

The damage case of Alfred L. Dorr vs. James B. Fullerton, resulting from an automobile collision which occurred in February, 1930, was tried to the jury Tuesday. Dorr brought suit against Fullerton for \$300 damages; Fullerton filed a counter claim in the sum of \$375. Dorr claimed in his testimony that Fullerton's car was on the wrong side of the road and was responsible for the accident; Fullerton testified in substance that his car was on the proper side of the road and that Dorr's car was on the wrong side of the roadway. The accident occurred about six miles east of O'Neill. The jury brought in a general verdict for the defendant, which leaves the case in the same condition as when the case came to trial.

Harold Williamson, who was arrested about the middle of February charged, with others, with the theft of several sets of harness from parties in Holt and adjoining counties, was brought before Judge Dickson Tuesday where he pleaded guilty to burglary and the theft of a set of harness belonging to Ed Roche, who resides in the eastern part of the county. Judge Dickson gave the young man a good talking to, pointing out to him the fallacies of too much freedom at night, of too much automobile, drinking and carousing around nights and being a "good fellow" with the gang, the disgrace brought upon himself and his widowed mother, his crippled brother and other relatives who had expected better things from him. The Judge sentenced Harold to one year in the state reformatory for men at Lincoln.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Charlie Simmons was begun Wednesday morning. The Hewitt gasoline and oil storage house in the western part of Atkinson was broken into about 5:30 o'clock on the morning of February 20th last. City Nightwatchman George Spence, of Atkinson, who discovered parties in the storage house and went to the scene before the parties left, says that he held a flashlight in the face of one of the burglars while he was starting the car and making his getaway, and was very positive of his identification of Charlie Simmons as that robber. Mr. Simmons defense was an alibi that he was at home and in bed asleep at the time it is claimed that the breaking and entering occurred. The case was given to the jury before supper Wednesday evening; they returned a verdict of not guilty about nine o'clock that night; Judge Dickson was present and received the verdict. The Judge discharged the defendant.

Judge Dickson says that all of the jury cases have been tried and the docket is clear of jury cases for the first time in forty years. The jury-men were all excused Wednesday

## Elimination Declamatory Contest

The district elimination contest was held in the auditorium of the Public School last Friday evening, March 20th. Following was the program:

2:30 P. M.  
Selected O'Neill High School Orchestra  
EXTEMPORANEOUS  
\*Mary Quigley Valentine  
Maxine Stayner Stuart  
\*Ervin Jochens Long Pine  
Sylvia Oley Speaks Melvin Pilger, O'Neill

ORATORICAL  
Acquitted But Not Vindicated Rollie Peterson, Bassett  
The Unknown Soldier Florence Cramer, Valentine  
The Masterful Man of the Ages Frieda Koch, Johnstown  
The Prince of Peace Willus Peterson, Stuart  
The Constitution Susan Campbell, Kilgore  
\*The Prince of Peace Eldred Fry, Ewing  
The Flag Burdette Miller, O'Neill

7:30 P. M.  
Selected O'Neill High School Orchestra

DRAMATIC  
Laddie Mildred Miller, Ewing  
The Stepmother Lillian Odbert, Long Pine  
Greater Love Hath No Man Erna Leonard, Bassett  
Rescued Adris Fairbanks, Stuart  
Two Faces Marjorie Phelan, Johnstown  
\*Mercedes Neva Latta, Kilgore  
\*Little Boy Blue Arleen Page, O'Neill  
Madame X Adelia Sharp, Valentine  
Piano Solo Helen Toy

HUMOROUS  
\*The Little Boy's Bear Story Evangeline Baumann, Valentine  
Paw Rents A Modern Apartment Ned Allendorfer, O'Neill  
Off On A Picnic Theona Leonard, Bassett  
Hark, Ye Sinners Gordon Hunter, Stuart  
Tommy Stearns Scrubs Up Victor Thoendel, Ewing  
\*Keeping A Seat at the Benefit Pauline Maust, Long Pine  
Selected O'Neill High School Orchestra

\*Star indicates the winners who go on to the next contest. The place has not yet been determined.

Two contestants from each class of this contest will compete in one of the two Sub-District Contests on Friday, April 3rd.

evening and court adjourned. Those who are closely connected with the court say that this has been one of the most successful terms of court in many years. The cases were all ready for trial and the six jury cases were handled in a creditable manner.

## RED CROSS NOTES

The closing program by the classes in First Aid and Home Hygiene, conducted by Miss Barbara Hazel, the health nurse at the Public School and St. Mary's Academy for the past three months, will be held in the Auditorium of the Public School on Monday evening, March 30th, at 8:00 o'clock. Following is the program:

1. Playlet by Fourth Grade.
2. Playlet by Girls' Class of St. Mary's Academy assisted by members of First Aid Class.
3. Baby's Bath, by Class of Public School.
4. Readings by Public School Girls.
5. Short Talks by Drs. L. A. Carter, W. F. Finley, J. P. Brown and Supt. Miller.
6. Health Song by High School Girls.
7. Distribution of Certificates.

## KERSENBROCK MARKET BURGLARIZED RECENTLY

About ten days or two weeks ago the Kersensbrock meat market was entered through the rear of the building; a couple of hams and a twenty-dollar bill was taken. No clues to the robbery have been uncovered.

## GLENN ROST PLEADS GUILTY TO BURGLARY

Glenn Rost, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rost, residing two and one-half miles northeast of Page, Nebraska, came before Judge Robert R. Dickson today and pleaded guilty to burglary at the Ed Roche barn on the night of February 13th or the morning of February 14th, last.

This plea is the result of the harness stealing case that occupied the attention of the district court last week wherein Clifford Wiseman was found guilty of breaking and entering the Ed Roche barn and taking the set of harness.

Rost is the second young man of the gang to plead guilty to burglary in these harness stealing cases this week. Harold Wiseman pleaded guilty and was sentenced Tuesday.

Judge Robert R. Dickson sentenced Rost to one year in the state reformatory for men, in Lincoln.

## WEINGARTNER-MAXWELL

George W. Weingartner and Miss Gladys Marie Maxwell were united in marriage by Rev. Benj. Kuhler at the Methodist parsonage last Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. A. V. Virgin and Mrs. R. A. Weingartner were present at the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Weingartner will go to housekeeping on the Carlon farm south of the Burlington round house where they will farm this year.

The Frontier joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

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