

LOSS REACHES \$1,000.

Mathews Building Badly Damaged By Fire.

Office of the Journal Publishing Company damaged and unable to issue paper—Ehlinger Hardware Company sustains loss on stock—C. W. Sherman's household goods almost total loss.

A fire which started in the old Mathews building on the corner of Fourth and Main streets about 3 o'clock this morning destroyed and damaged property to the value of \$1,000.

Night policeman Fitzpatrick and Merchant Police Hassen first noticed the blaze, and assisted by three night workmen at the shops, gave the alarm and brought two hose carts to the scene. C. W. Sherman and C. L. Spencer, who occupied the upstairs were quickly awakened. A large crowd was soon at the scene, and every effort was made to save the burning building and the property within. Fortunately, there was no wind blowing at the time, and this perhaps saved a portion of the building from being destroyed.

The Journal Publishing company, whose plant occupied the lower front part of the building, suffered the greatest loss. Several of the forms were "piled" and the type in the cases was so scattered about, water soaked and covered with charred wood that it will be almost useless for future use. The fire had gained such headway in the composing room that an abundance of water was required to gain control of it, and at one time the floor was covered with water to a depth of two feet. The plant is insured for \$1,500—\$1,000 in the Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance company of Lincoln and \$500 in a Milwaukee company—both of which are represented in this city by J. H. Thrasher.

The fire is supposed to have started in the rear of the building, which is occupied by the Ehlinger Hardware company as a storeroom, while some are inclined to believe that the blaze originated in the Journal office. The hardware company had a large stock of stoves in the building at the time, valued at about \$2,000 and covered by insurance to the amount of \$500. It is thought that the damage to the stock will exceed the amount of insurance. There were sixty-eight heaters, five gasoline stoves, twelve kegs of nails and other minor articles in the room. The nickle ware on most of the heating stoves will have to be replaced, making it impossible to estimate the loss at the present time.

C. W. Sherman, who had \$150 worth of household goods stored over the Journal office, will suffer a loss of about \$100. The goods were badly water soaked and scorched by the flames.

J. H. Thrasher also had a lot of laundry machinery stored in the rear room, and it was damaged to some extent by the water.

The building is owned by Miss Addie Searle and had no insurance. The damage to the structure will reach several hundred dollars.

There are several theories advanced as to the origin of the fire. The indications are that it was the work of an incendiary, as it is evident from the appearance of the west side of the burned building that the fire was started in two places. Several of the citizens who were first to arrive at the scene of the fire state that they discerned a strong odor of coal oil about the place.

No paper will be issued by the Journal company until after the adjusters for the insurance companies arrive.

Dr. Lang Causes Trouble.

The following dispatch from Beatrice appeared in today's State Journal: "A small tool box containing probably ten dollars worth of tools, was the cause of an interesting little set to yesterday afternoon between Dr. Lang, superintendent of the asylum, and Joe Richards, a carpenter who has been working on one of the new buildings. Richards completed his work there yesterday, and packing his tools started for town, meanwhile putting the small tool box in his larger one. Just as he had reached town Dr. Lang drove up hurriedly and made a demand for the small tool box. Richards demurred and some warm words ensued, almost resulting in a scrap. Finally Dr. Lang started to drive off with the parking injunction to Richards that he would get the box, when the latter consented to give it up. Richards says that when John Donahue, a former engineer, left the institution he requested Richards to take care of the box and tools, saying they were his, and to bring them to town. Dr. Lang says the tools and box are the property of the state, and he declares this is not the first time attempts have been made to carry off state property."

To Retail Cigar Dealers.

Do you know what a Buds cigar is? If you don't you will soon be obliged to find out because your customers will be asking for them. Not only are they the finest Havana 5 cent cigars in the western market, but every smoker knows it. You don't have to push Buds cigars. Their merit and reputation sell them.

To the Public.

The publication of the Journal, weekly and daily, will be resumed at the earliest possible date. Work on contracts outstanding, will begin again at this time.

The Journal subscription lists were preserved intact, and all obligations on same will be met.

Persons knowing themselves indebted to me will confer a great favor by settling their accounts.

H. B. GROVES, Publisher.

Rev. O. M. Olds of Omaha will preach at the Christian church next Sunday morning and evening.

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

Ice cold soda—Atwood's drug store. Crushed fruit—all flavors—Atwood's drug store.

Wall paper, 5 cents a roll at Atwood's drug store.

Buy the Best Quick Meal Stove. Ebinger Hardware Co.

Choice perfumes and toilet articles at Atwood's drug store.

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If you want a new spring suit, made in the latest style, call on Hudecek & McElroy in Rockwood block.

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Have your suit cleaned and pressed. It will look like new. Hudecek & McElroy will be glad to do the work for you.

John Schulhof was taking a layoff today on account of a sprained leg, which he sustained while running to the fire last night.

Andrew Olson, the boy who was stabbed a short time ago by Todd O'Brien, is getting along nicely, and the attending physician now thinks he will come out all right.

Sheriff Wheeler left this morning for the Girls' Industrial school at Geneva with Bertha McCulley, the young lady who was recently sentenced to that institution by Judge Douglass.

H. C. McMaken today received the appointment of A. D. C. to the staff of Commander-in-Chief Shaw of the Grand Army of the Republic. This appointment makes Mr. McMaken a full fledged colonel in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he is well pleased with the recognition he has received.

A telephone message from Cedar Creek was received at the sheriff's office this morning to the effect that the general merchandise store of Baker & Schneider was burglarized last night and about \$7 in money taken from the cash drawer. Two young strangers called at the store last evening to make a small purchase and it is thought likely that they are the parties who committed the crime. The men have not as yet been caught.

County Attorney Root this morning appeared before Justice T. S. Becker and filed a charge of forgery against Harry Hickson, the nervous young fellow who has been in the habit of hiring livery rigs and forgetting to return them. His preliminary hearing will probably occur tomorrow. He had his preliminary hearing this afternoon and pleaded not guilty. His bond was fixed at \$700. The case will be tried on July 28 at 9 a. m. During that time Hickson will be the guest of Jailor McBride.

Marshal Slater and Deputy McBride borrowed John Crabill's rig to drive out to the Missouri Pacific depot this afternoon. They tied the animal to a post near the depot, and while they were making a tour of the yards a fast freight came through and frightened the horse. It broke the strap with which it was tied and dashed down the avenue at a breakneck speed, headed for town. Fortunately, however, the frightened animal was stopped before much damage had been done.

CEAR CREEK HAPPENINGS.

It was a fine rain.

Several prize fights were on tap at the dance last Saturday night.

Dick Breckenkamp has gone to Berlin to spend a few days with his family.

Mrs. D. B. Jardine and Mrs. John Gauer were Plattsmouth passengers Wednesday.

Anton Meisinger, who has been on the sick list for the past ten days, is convalescing.

Frank Hewitt, the Greenwood jeweler and also leader of the band, was a visitor here Wednesday.

A large and appreciative audience attended the Philippine lecture given by Mr. Boomer Tuesday evening.

Frank L. Busche and wife became residents of our burg last Saturday, but it seems as though the place did not suit them as on Monday morning they were loading their furniture and leaving again.

George Frey was an Omaha passenger Tuesday morning. He will work at the barber trade at that place until September and then go to Berlin, Neb., to take charge of a shop he purchased at that place.

Commissioner J. P. Falter was here inspecting bridges last Monday. He says the new 16 foot bridge one mile east of town is too short and an additional 16 feet will be built on as soon as the bridge contractor can get at it.

To Help Pay the Fine.

Eighty-five Ashland citizens have contributed twenty-five cents each toward paying the fine imposed on the Bee Publishing company by the supreme court. W. N. Becker, jr., editor of the Ashland Gazette, sends the editor of the Bee the following note, giving the names of the contributors:

ASHLAND, Neb., July 18.—To the editor of the Bee: The following named persons unite with the Gazette in expressing their disapproval of the tyrannical action of the supreme court in imposing a fine upon the Bee Publishing company and denounce it as a petty attempt to stifle investigation of the acts of courts. (Gives names.) Each of the above named parties has contributed twenty-five cents to apply on the payment of the fine. Kindly acknowledge receipt of the same and oblige. Amount enclosed, \$21.25, eighty-five persons having contributed. Respectfully, yours, W. N. BECKER, JR.

C. A. Marshall, Dentist.

IS AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

Harry Hickson Borrows a Rig of Liveryman Sage.

Writes a Note and Signs a Forged Signature to It—Officers Find the Horse and Buggy Hitched South of the Shops This Morning—Denies Having Written the Note.

From Thursday's Daily.

Harry Hickson, the young man who recently got into trouble by flashing a revolver in Louis Olsen's pool and billiard hall, is again in jail and this time will not get off so light.

About 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon he wrote a note in one of the saloons, addressed to James Sage, the liveryman, asking to hire one of his best single rigs for a few hours. He signed the note with the name of "George Klingner," a young man who is now in Germany. After considerable argument, he induced Robert Hunter, a carrier boy for THE NEWS, to take the note around to the barn and present it to Mr. Sage. He told young Hunter to drive the horse down Main street and he would meet him.

Not suspecting anything wrong at the time, and knowing Mr. Klingner would take good care of the horse and vehicle, the liveryman let the boy take one of the best rigs in the barn.

Hickson joined young Hunter on Main street soon after, and the two rode out Lincoln avenue for a short distance—the carrier alighting when he reached where his route began.

That was the last the owner saw of the outfit until this morning, when he, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff McBride, drove out to the old stock yards south of the shops and found the horse and buggy hitched to a post. From all appearances the animal had been standing there all night, as Deputy McBride had driven out that way early in the evening and had noticed the horse hitched there.

They brought the outfit back to town and forthwith started a vigorous search for young Hickson. Inquiry at the place where the fellow boarded developed the fact that he had gone to work as usual this morning, he being employed on a Burlington section gang. However, it was found that he had not reported for work. Mr. Sage and the deputy made inquiries at the depot and in the yards to find if Hickson had boarded any of the outgoing trains, but apparently no one had seen him do so. Shortly after dinner they went down to the big cut and were informed by some of the men that Hickson had been down that way early this morning. This aroused their suspicions, and on the way back Mr. McBride took a look into each of the cars, and when he came to a coal car which was more securely closed than the others, he "smelled a mouse" at once, and in a jiffy he had one of the end doors open, and there, lying on the coal, apparently sound asleep, was the identical man he was looking for.

Hickson acted as though an apology were due him for being so rudely awakened from his slumbers, but the officer could tell in an instant that this was only "horse play" and in a very few minutes he found himself in jail and confronting County Attorney Root, who proceeded to question him in regard to the note which he had sent to Mr. Sage. He strenuously denied having written it, and insisted that a young man who lives at Rock Bluffs, and whose name he could not remember, had given it to him. By a clever little ruse, however, they managed to secure his signature and the writing tallied exactly with that of the note. One of the assistants in the saloon where the note had been written, stated that he had seen him write it on the lower part of a bill which was lying on the bar—even producing the remainder of the bill from which a piece had been torn. Hickson even went so far as to deny that he knew the contents of the note, and when questioned why he waited on Main street for the boy to return, he seemed unable to give a satisfactory answer.

Young Hickson recently played the same kind of a trick on M. E. Manspeaker, leaving his horse and buggy hitched on Wintersteen hill. At one time he also hired a rig of Ed Fitzgerald and after driving around for a while turned the horse loose and it went back to the barn of its own accord.

From the circumstances it is likely that County Attorney Root will file a complaint charging him with forgery.

MURRAY HAPPENINGS.

These \$1,000.00 rains are again a common occurrence.

John Klauens made a business trip to Plattsmouth Wednesday.

Dr. George V. Allen has purchased a fine piano of the Howard manufacture.

Miss Nell Roberts of Plattsmouth is visiting her friend, Miss Agnes Kennedy this week.

Dr. George H. Gilmore is taking steps for the erection of a neat office building on his lot.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting at the home of her brother, J. W. Berger.

Misses Cora and Maud Ray have returned to their home in Chicago, after a two weeks' visit with friends in Murray.

Work is progressing nicely on the new harness shop building. When completed it will present a very creditable appearance.

Quite a delegation of Murray citizens are taking advantage of the cheap rates to Denver, and will visit that place next week.

The best 10-cent cigar on the market is Wurl's famous "Silver Wreath."

Relic of Early Freightling Days.

The west window of Dovey & Sons dry goods store contains an interesting relic of early freightling days in Nebraska. It is a bill of lading of the firm of Amison & Dovey, commission and forwarding merchants, and is dated September, 1865. The bill calls for the shipment of 8,338 pounds of merchandise from Plattsmouth, N. T., to Denver, at the rate of 10 cents per pound—or \$83.38 for the entire shipment. It shows that the goods were shipped from Plattsmouth by ox teams on September 25, 1865, and reached Denver on November 22—nearly two months enroute.

This is a valuable relic, as it shows the great difference of the freight rates of thirty-five years ago and those in vogue today. It was found hung up in an office in New York and a friend of the Doveys sent it to them.

RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

Former Plattsmouth Girl Meets With a Very Serious Accident.

THE NEWS is in receipt of a copy of the Utica, N. Y., Herald-Dispatch, which gives a detailed account of a railway accident which may result in the death of Miss Anna Erwin of Booneville, N. Y., formerly of this city—she being a niece of Mrs. C. M. Butler and Mrs. Wash Smith. It appears that Miss Erwin was a member of a picnic party from Booneville, consisting of five young people, and the sad accident happened while they were walking over a trestle between Sugar River Falls and Port Leyden.

Speaking of the sad affair the Herald-Dispatch says:

"They walked up the track to the trestle and five of the party started to cross. They had reached the center of the bridge when they heard the regular afternoon limited passenger northbound train approaching. They started on a run and two succeeded in crossing, but the other three were obliged to drop down on the outside and hang below to escape the fast approaching train."

"Miss Anna Erwin and Miss Nellie Joslin were hanging near together, and R. J. Lemmon was hanging on the opposite side. Miss Joslin and Mr. Lemmon escaped injury, but Miss Erwin was struck in the head by the oil box on one of the car wheels. Her skull was fractured and her scalp badly cut. She fell to the rocks below, a distance of about 20 feet and received internal injuries."

"The train was stopped and Miss Erwin brought to Port Leyden and taken to the office of Dr. Heymstreet. Her parents at Booneville were notified and they reached here about an hour afterward by special train."

"Miss Erwin is 19 years of age and is one of the most respected and admired of Booneville's young women."

"It is presumed that the young woman thought that the train had passed when she pulled herself up. The only other theory is that she became exhausted or frightened at her position and so lost control of herself."

The physicians who are attending the unfortunate girl are hopeful that they will be able to save her life. The accident occurred on July 10.

Miss Erwin is a daughter of Cornelius B. Erwin, is 19 years of age and was born and raised in Plattsmouth. The family left this city about ten years ago.

MURDOCK ITEMS.

L. Neitzel was a Lincoln visitor Tuesday.

Delia Holmes is visiting her brother, D. O. Holmes.

Mabel Stout of Alvo called on friends here Wednesday.

C. A. F. Dinning visited his mother in Omaha Sunday.

Dr. J. H. Hall visited his family in Plattsmouth Sunday.

H. R. Neitzel made a business trip to Plattsmouth Monday.

Prospects for crops were never better than at the present time.

A fine girl baby arrived at the home of Herman Kupke Saturday.

A ballast gang is putting the Rock Island track in fine shape here.

Mrs. Akesson of Manley visited her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Woods this week.

The Misses Kehne of Louisville visited Cora Gentry the fore part of the week.

The cheerful hum of the threshing machine is being heard in this neighborhood.

Louis Thimman looked after business during the absence of A. Dinning last week.

Father Hennessey and John Tighe of Manley were obliged to remain over night here Sunday night owing to the heavy rain.

Rev. Howard Tool of Longford, Kan., pleased a great many of his friends by delivering a most excellent sermon in the Methodist church Sunday. He will remain here about two weeks visiting his father, E. T. Tool.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Joe Lake made a trip to Omaha this afternoon.

Louis Olson made a business trip to Lincoln this morning.

Sam Shumaker made a business trip to Omaha and Council Bluffs today.

William Gilmore was a passenger for Omaha on the early train this morning.

Mrs. Sam Patterson and children returned to their home at Lincoln this afternoon.

Messrs. D. O. and R. L. Latta of Murray were doing business in the city this afternoon.

Otto Wurl made a business trip to Pacific Junction today in the interests of his cigar factory.

Mrs. Frank Black and daughter of Chicago are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. John Waterman.

HUCKINS CAUSES A SCENE.

Troubles of a Former Plattsmouth Newspaper Man.

Henry Huckins, who several years ago was employed by THE NEWS, but who is now running a paper called the Blizzard at Lincoln, is just at present having all kinds of trouble with his wife. Their troubles were aired at length in police court at that place yesterday, and the Lincoln Journal gives the following interesting account of the trial:

Mrs. Mattie Huckins was tried in police court yesterday afternoon on a peace warrant sworn out by her husband, who averred that he feared his wife would do him great bodily injury. He asked that she be bound over to the district court to keep the peace. The evidence was taken in the afternoon, and the case adjourned for argument tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The case was one full of interest to the spectators, as the prosecuting witness, Henry Huckins, created considerably more than the usual amount of excitement while he was on the stand. The case was prosecuted by Deputy County Attorney Caldwell, who was handicapped in handling the case by the continued interference of Mr. Huckins. F. J. Kelley appeared for the defense.

Once Mr. Huckins made a move as though he intended to strike Mr. Kelley, but the lawyer entirely ignored his actions. Again Mr. Huckins threatened to brain him with a spittoon, and on another occasion he said he would "bat him over the head with a club." The calmness of Mr. Kelley when such threats were made angered Mr. Huckins more than anything else probably would have done.

Mr. Huckins was placed on the stand and was examined briefly by the deputy county attorney. He related that his wife had threatened to kill him, and that she had threatened to poison him. He said he had married the woman about six years ago, and during most of the time following the marriage they had lived in trouble. He said he had been assaulted many times by her, and threatened so many times that he could not remember all of them. The fun began when Attorney Kelley began the cross-examination. The first question was answered in an evasive manner, and the second question Mr. Huckins appealed to the court for protection from abuse. Then he refused to answer questions. He argued the case with the court and with the attorney, and only relaxed his efforts when the court told him that he must submit to questioning. Mr. Huckins asked:

"Am I on the carpet judge?"

"No, you are on the witness stand," the court replied.

"Do I have to stand abuse by this lawyer?"

"He is not abusing you. He is asking questions that you must answer."

"Well, I have a comeback. I will get even with him good and hard if I have to beat him over the head."

Mr. Huckins testified that he kept a diary after his marriage wherein he recorded all the times he had been assaulted and threatened by his wife. He told Mr. Kelley that if he had that book with him he could answer all the questions readily.

"Where is it?" asked the attorney.

"My wife stole it," replied Huckins. He refused to tell the court what threats his wife had made, because he said they were vulgar. Finally he did answer the questions propounded. He said he had been assaulted by his wife in Wahoo, Nebraska City, Memphis, Mo., and Lincoln. While arguing a point with the court Mr. Kelley said that Huckins had not provided the necessities of life for his wife, and that he had assaulted her when she went to his office. The fact was later brought out in the evidence. Questioned about what he said first when his wife called at his office, Mr. Huckins said he could not remember.

"You told her to go out, did you not? Is that the first thing you remember of saying?" asked the lawyer.

"No."

"What was the first thing you remember of saying?"

"I don't remember."

A son of Mr. Huckins by a former wife was called by the prosecution. When he took the stand the father said to him in an undertone: "Keep your eye on the gun, kid."

The son told that his stepmother had once told him that she would kill his father if she ever caught him with another woman. That was the only material point brought out by his testimony.

Mrs. Huckins said they had lived a very disagreeable life. They had been married over five years. She detailed the treatment she had received from him of late, and said that he had sold the furniture from their house and had locked her out. He had failed to provide for her and called her bad names and had told falsehoods about her to others. She submitted that both had bad tempers and could not get along together. She thought he was more to blame than she. She said she had left him a number of times, and that he had begged her to come back. She would not live with him any more.

The court will render a decision as to whether she shall be bound over to keep the peace after the argument tomorrow morning.

Low Rates to Colorado.

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