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Disastrous Fire At Greenwood

Duff Elevator Totally Destroyed Friday.

Special Correspondence

About 3:45 Friday afternoon it was discovered that the Duff elevator was on fire, the first indication of a conflagration being a slight smoke curling through the roof of the engine room, which was mistaken for steam by a number who first saw it. Fifteen minutes from the time the alarm was first given the tall structure collapsed and nothing remained but a burning heap, the fire gaining headway so rapidly that it was with some difficulty that fifteen or twenty cars which were standing on the house tracks were moved out of danger. The high wind made any effort to save the building useless and all attention was turned to protecting other buildings, a number of which were threatened. This house was owned by the Duff Grain Co., of Nebraska City and operated at present by their local agent Geo. L. Feis. The building was erected in 1900 and had a capacity of 12,000 bushels of grain, being the smallest of the three Greenwood elevators.

The company was contemplating making some repairs within a short time and had already placed a new 13 h. p. Foos gasoline engine in the building which was to have replaced the old 25 horse-power steam engine that had supplied the motive power up to the time of the fire. Fortunately very little grain was in storage, only a few hundred bushels of corn and a small quantity of wheat being lost.

The future plans of the company has not been learned so it is not known whether they will rebuild or not. This leaves in operation only one elevator, that of Rauleback Bros., the new 25,000 bushel capacity house of The Farmers' Grain and Stock Co., not being fully completed.

After witnessing the air-tight game 10-8

of week ago Greenwood fans were disappointed in Saturday's game between the local team and The Banker's Life Team of Lincoln. Both teams seemed bent on abusing the ball, and it was thrown away, booted and muffed until the game grew almost weird on account of the loose playing. Howard, pitching for the locals, was a trifle wild, passing four men, hitting one man and making a wild pitch; but when he did get them over the pan he was almost unhit. Fourteen Lincoln men fanning the empty air and but three hits being made off his delivery. The fact that those three hits brought home five runs shows how well he was supported the home bunch amassing a total of seven errors. The eight hits secured by the locals were happily mixed with the five errors of the visiting team and enabled Greenwood to win 7 to 5.

Score— R H E
Lincoln... 0 0 0 0 2 1 2 0 0 5 3 5
Greenwood 0 0 3 0 4 0 0 * 7 8 7

Batteries—Mapes and McMullen; Howard and Burke.

Two base hit, Foster. Base on balls Mapes 1, Howard 4. Struck out—Mapes 5, Howard 14. Left on bases—Lincoln 5, Greenwood 4. Double play—Griffiths to Westover to Haskell. Wild pitch—Howard 1. Hit by pitcher—Howard 1.

Notice to Contractors.

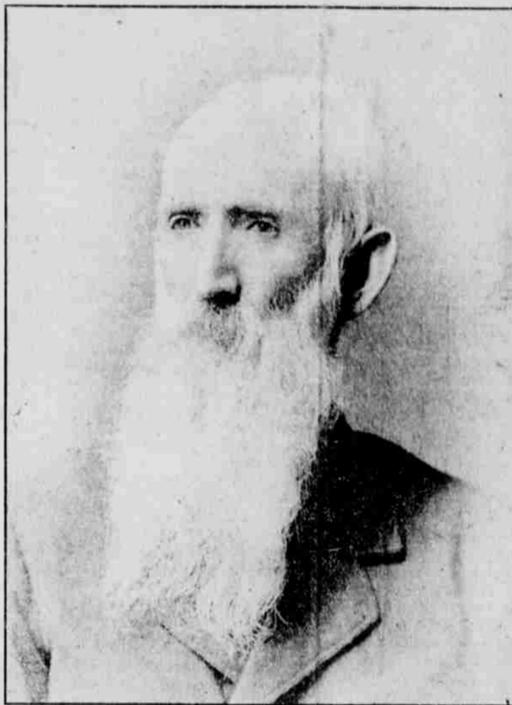
Bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, up to noon of Saturday, June 12, 1909, for one Fifty (50) foot reinforced concrete arch, located about four (4) miles west of Myriad Cass County, Nebraska, and one Fifty (50) foot reinforced concrete arch located one-half (1/2) mile east of Elmwood, Cass county, Nebraska.

Specifications may be seen at the County Clerk's office. Bidders may also bid on their own plans and specifications.

Bids required on each job separate and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$500 made payable to the County Clerk.

Bids will be opened June 15, 1909.

W. E. ROSENCRANS,
County Clerk.



PERRY P. GASS

Fifty-two Years a Resident of Cass County.

Perry P. Gass, the subject of this sketch, is well known to the older readers of the NEWS-HERALD. He was born on a farm near Mansfield, Ohio, December 12, 1826. At that time the state of Ohio was in its infancy, as it had been admitted as a state only twenty-three years; and the city of Mansfield was just beginning its career as a manufacturing city. His early life was spent on a farm and was very much like the ordinary country boy's life in those days. His first trip away from home was made at the age of 12 years, when he assisted in driving a flock of

700 sheep to Connecticut. There were no railroads in those days and he was compelled to make the entire journey on foot. He returned home and resumed his studies in the district school, and later studied medicine, but did not finish his course. Gold had been discovered in California in 1849, and Mr. Gass got the "gold fever." In 1850, he abandoned the study of medicine, and left for the gold fields, where he and his brother established a mining camp. The trip was made overland with horses and wagons, and great hardship was endured. The first long stop on the journey was made at Salt Lake City, where Mr. Gass heard Brigham Young preach. The trip across the rough and sandy deserts of Nevada was made with the greatest difficulty. In traveling

down the Humboldt valley hundreds of travelers perished, but Mr. Gass was successful in reaching his destination, but he failed to find any great quantities of yellow metal. His chase for gold was much like the legendary chase for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. He spent some five years on the Pacific coast, and visited the city of what is now Los Angeles, and had an opportunity to have purchased eighty acres of land in what is now the very heart of that great coast city. He made his return to Ohio by the way of the Isthmus of Panama.

In 1856, he was married to Miss Hannah Wintersteen, and the next year came west with his bride to Iowa City, Ia., where he met T. M. Marquette, who persuaded him to come to Plattsmouth. They arrived at East Plattsmouth in the spring at the time of the regular high water in the Missouri river and the Iowa-bottoms were covered with water for miles. They stored their goods on the Iowa side, and procured a skiff to cross the river as it was the only available means of crossing at that time, and this was considered very dangerous. On their arrival on the Nebraska side of the river they began to meet the real experience of pioneer days in the west. At the river's edge they were met by a band of about thirty armed men, who looked upon all new comers with a degree of suspicion. The armed band was none other than a vigilance committee, who were on the lookout for horse thieves that were so prevalent on the frontier in those days. Mr. Marquette, who had preceded Mr. Gass to Plattsmouth, came forward and recognized his old friend, and satisfied the committee that Mr. Gass was not a horse thief, but only a friend of Marquette's. On his arrival in Nebraska Territory, he found employment

in a saw mill, and afterwards followed the carpenter's trade for awhile. At this early date Plattsmouth was but a small trading station, and it has been Mr. Gass's pleasure to see a substantial and thriving commercial city grow out of a few scattered huts.

Shortly after the Civil War, P. P. Gass was elected as sheriff of Cass county. In those days it took courage, nerve and good judgment to be sheriff, and it goes without saying that he made good. He also served for many years as Police Judge in Plattsmouth. He was an employee in the Surveyer General's office in this city for many years.

In more recent years he has served a number of terms as Coroner of Cass county. Mr. Gass was always honest and faithful to whatever trust was imposed upon him. His daughter, Miss Olive Gass, resides with her father in this city. She was a number of years Principal of the Plattsmouth High School. A. M. Gass, a son of the subject of this sketch, was for many years an employee of the B. & M. railway, but is now employed by the Plattsmouth Telephone Co. and resides here. Mr. P. P. Gass's wife died some years ago, and since that time he has continued to live with his daughter.

Mr. Gass is a grand nephew of Patrick Gass, who was secretary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, in 1804. He has ever been an active citizen, and has fulfilled his stewardship in every station of life and did it well. He has ever been a progressive republican. He has ever been kind and ready to help a brother, and many are they, whom he has assisted in various ways. He has done his full share in the making of Nebraska the great state that she is. The NEWS-HERALD is glad to number him among its warm friends.

Attempts Suicide.

Paul F. Budig made a vain attempt at suicide, Thursday evening in one of our local saloons. He has been leading a rather fast life, and taking too much booze. He went to one of the local drug stores and called for some laudanum, but only got colored water as the report goes, and then he proceeded to one of the saloons with his wife, where he drank a glass of beer, and then drew the bottle out of his pocket and bid his wife farewell and attempt-

ed to drink the so-called laudanum. His wife called the bartender, who took the bottle away from Paul, and then made him get out of the saloon. He was later taken into custody by the police.

The jury in the case of Argo vs. McQuinn after being out all night brought in a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$200 damages. The case of Osborn vs. Pope, which was the next case on the docket, was settled after a jury had been selected. The jury was excused until today.

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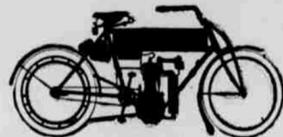
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