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FREIGHT DEPOT IS DESTROYED

Fire Consumes B. & M. Structure Early Sunday Morning

Fire yesterday morning at five o'clock wiped out a landmark in the shape of the Burlington freight station. The loss was placed at approximately \$2,000 nearly all of which is on the building. As is usual on Saturday the goods are quite generally cleaned out for Sunday and this was no exception.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it is thought to have started from an overheated stove or possibly by matches ignited by rats. Whatever the cause the flames did a good job as there was literally nothing left of the frame part of the building. The platform did not ignite and remained in good shape for business.

The fire was first seen by Joe Perry, who notified Night Policeman Anton Nitka who turned in the alarm. Within a few minutes after discovery the building was a mass of flames, the large open space of the freight room making a powerful draft through which the flames roared and blazed. The fire department arrived when it was too late to save the building or its contents, but they did excellent service in saving a big string of freight cars standing alongside the doomed building. Owing to the quiet night, there being no wind to speak of, the flames were confined to the depot and to one car which was badly burned. South of the depot are two large oil tanks of the Standard Oil Company and for awhile it was feared they would fall victims to the devouring element.

Had they taken fire the explosion which would have followed would have ignited the storehouse of the Gund Brewing Company and the residences of the neighborhood, causing heavy loss. Chief Koubek was promptly on hand and directed the fire fighting with a view of saving these tanks and buildings and was quite successful.

The loss of the building is placed by railroad men at \$1,500 while the loss on contents in the building is placed at \$100. A freight car and contents were destroyed, the value of the car being placed at \$350 while the contents are estimated at about \$100 in value. One unfortunate feature of this car was that it contained the household goods of Mr. Harmon, a brakeman on the road, who was moving into this city from Lincoln. These were a total loss and it falls heavily upon him as he was just starting out housekeeping.

The fire burned nearly an hour and lit up the heavens with its glare. The building destroyed was an old timer, having been originally built as a part of a combination freight and passenger station in 1869. Later it was removed to where the cattle later it was again moved to where it later it was again moved to the foot of Main street where it has since stood. It will undoubtedly be rebuilt at once and likely made a better structure as the railroad policy is toward making permanent improvements.

MONUMENT TO MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Democratic Legislature Makes Appropriations of \$20,000 for Same.

Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—(Special Correspondence.)—Notwithstanding the fact that the republican party has been in control of the state of Nebraska nearly all the years that has intervened since its admission as a state it fell to the lot of a democratic legislature to make a liberal appropriation to erect a monument to the state capital to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Twenty thousand dollars has been set apart for this purpose and at last the state will have done proper honor to the memory of the great emancipator.

The democratic members of the house have held a caucus and selected from its members a sifting committee, which will have charge of the work of picking out the important bills that will come before the lower house for consideration. Two members were selected from each congressional district, and two republicans were given a place upon the committee. Speaker Pool will be chairman, and the fact that the selection of this committee was made by the members of the caucus was no reflection upon this gentleman, who has the confidence and respect of the house, but it was done in conformity to the democratic principle inaugurated at the opening of the session, and by which the house took upon itself the prerogative of selecting its own committees. Representatives Taylor of Custer, Henry, Bowman, Clark and others were active in advocating this plan, and that it has met with approval is evidenced by the fact that strong words of commendation in its favor have come from every part of the entire country.

The general appropriations bills have taken up part of the time of the house during the week. A deficiency of one hundred and ten thousand dollars came down to the legislature from the last republican administration which must be made up and the bill paid. The people of the state will be glad to know that the wards of the commonwealth will be properly cared for by this legislature. That the state institutions will be maintained and that every dollar necessary for their proper maintenance will be generously given. No one desires that the people should be niggardly in this respect, but it is now patent that the governor and the legislature propose to see that every dollar appropriated goes into proper channels, and that useless and unnecessary extravagance are cut off.

One of the strongest speeches made during the session was delivered by Senator Donohue of Holt on Wednesday in support of his bill for the enactment of the initiative and referendum. Among the other strong members of this body from out in the state are Ollis, Henry, Tibbets and Fuller.

One of the bills passed by the house is the proposal to repeal that part of the revenue law providing for the appointment of precinct assessors and making these officials elective, and placing their selection back again in the hands of the people where it rightfully belongs.

The railroad lobby made a strong effort during the week to have the committee on railroads of the house report the demurrage bill for indefinite postponement, but signally failed in their efforts in this direction, and the bill was recommended for passage. This bill provides that shipments must be forwarded without delay, and carries a penalty for failure to do so, making the conditions reciprocal, as the railroads now charge demurrage for failure to unload cars within a certain time, regardless of how long the car may have been in transit.

The proposed law for the physical valuation of all corporate properties in the state is being antagonized by every entrenched interest within its borders. The bill has passed the senate and will become a law. Judge McPherson, who recently decided against the two-cent passenger law in Missouri, based his opinion on the earnings upon a valuation fixed by the railroad companies. Had the proposed Nebraska law been in force there these valuations would have been ascertained by the state itself and the facts accurately arrived at. As an instance of what this law seeks to accomplish it may be stated that it is openly asserted here that a local gas company has charged rates based on a valuation of their property three dollars of which is water and one dollar actual money or its equivalent

in value. To forever wipe out this kind of financiering and expose the methods by which corporations have evaded taxes and charged exorbitant rates is the purpose of this democratic legislature in passing this law.

Governor Shallenberger has signed the bill prohibiting the formation of fraternal societies in the public schools.

The bank guaranty deposit law has passed the house and will pass the senate as soon as the same is reached. This measure has been carefully written, and has been endorsed by the best intelligence on this subject in the state. A coterie of national bankers have quietly been taking a stab at this bill whenever opportunity afforded but their efforts have been unavailing.

Both the house and the senate have recommended for passage bills for changes in the road law. While the measures differ in some respects yet they each provide for the formation of new road districts by the county board, the payment of one half of the road tax in money and for other changes which meet with the approbation of the farmers in the legislature.

The house on Friday morning by a decisive vote refused to legalize the donation of the Carnegie fund to the State University professors, thus repudiating the efforts to have the reputation of our great University tainted with money amassed by the head of the steel trust. Mr. Carnegie himself has recently admitted that the fortunes created in steel industry were made under the protection of laws which he says now ought to be repealed.

Death of Mrs. Bartz.

Died—At her home in Manley, Wednesday, Mrs. John Bartz, another pioneer of Nebraska, aged 70 years, of a stroke of paralysis, which had rendered her unconscious for two weeks.

Mary Newman Bartz was born near Bittsburg, Germany, July 2, 1839. She came to this country in 1876 and was married to John Bartz in Dyresville, Iowa, October 1, 1876. To this union were born 7 children, 5 sons and 2 daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartz came to Cass County in 1872 where they have resided ever since, living for many years on a farm southwest of Murdock and for the last few years in Manley.

Mrs. Bartz was much loved and respected by all who knew her and in losing her the community loses one of its best citizens and most honored pioneers.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father Hennessey at the Catholic church in Manley at 10 o'clock March 12. Interment was made at College Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Bartz is survived by her husband, one daughter and eight grand children.

Those who attended the funeral from out the city were Mrs. Michael Metz, daughter Rose and two sons of Exira, Iowa, and Mrs. Joe Droegge of this city.

Pleased With the Country.

From Monday's Daily.
John Vittensniff came in yesterday afternoon from Chickasha and Poccassett, Oklahoma, where he has been visiting with relatives and friends for several weeks past. He had a delightful visit and found matters in the new state in a prosperous and flourishing condition. Barley was up and in fine shape while wheat was in the top notch condition. There is considerable corn planted and the general outlook for the coming year is very good. A heavy snow fell there on Friday and it was fine for the crops. Mr. Vittensniff is glad to report that the former Plattsmouth people in that country are doing well and prospering. Frank Nevotny is doing particularly fine. Mr. Vittensniff was much taken with Chickasha which he states is a modern and live town of some 15,000 people.

Is Recovering Health.

From Monday's Daily.
J. M. Meisinger returned yesterday afternoon from a trip to Oklahoma where he took Mrs. Meisinger for medical treatment. The great many friends of this lady will be pleased to learn that she is making good progress and all unite in the hope that she will be able to return home shortly a well woman. Mr. Meisinger found things in that section very pleasant except for an unusual snow storm which made travel difficult and annoying. The moisture which the snow caused was an excellent thing for the country as it puts the ground in fine condition. Mr. Meisinger came up over the Rock Island and had a very nice trip.

HOW PRICES WERE THIRTY-NINE YEARS AGO.

Interesting Statement of Account Showing the Range of Prices in Early Days.

Tecumseh, Neb., March 13.—Benson Harmon of this city has in his possession an old statement of account which is very interesting, giving, as it does, the prices of common commodities in this section in 1870.

At that time Mr. Harmon's father, the late George Harmon of Tecumseh, was living on a homestead bordering on the Missouri river, just across the river from Brownville. There was a little town of three or four business places near the Harmon place, and not far from the present town of Phelps City, Mo., in Atchison county. The little town was called North Star.

In Mr. Harmon's employ on the homestead was an old colored man who had his family and lived in a cabin on the Harmon homestead. The colored man possessed the historical name of George Washington, and he did his trading with a merchant named R. V. Muir, at the little town of North Star. The statements of Mr. Washington's account were submitted to Mr. Harmon and in settlement with his labor Mr. Harmon always paid Mr. Muir. The statement in question is dated at North Star, Mo., July 1, 1870, and some of the prices charged upon the different items are here given:

Coffee, per pound.....	33 1/2
Matches, per small box.....	10
Tea, per pound.....	50
Mitts, per pair.....	1.75
Molasses, per gallon.....	1.10
Coal oil, per gallon.....	.70
Sugar, per pound.....	16 2-3
Kid shoes, per pair.....	4.50
Half-gallon stone fruit jars, each.....	.20
Calico, per yard.....	.10
Yarn, per skein.....	1.25
Braid, per yard.....	.10
Flannel, per yard.....	.90
Muslin, per yard.....	.20
Plain buttons, per dozen.....	.20
Chewing tobacco, per pound.....	.50

A goodly portion of the old Harmon homestead has long since succumbed to the ravages of the ever-changing channels of the archaic old Missouri river and been swept down stream.

The above item in the World Herald attracted the attention of J. C. York who well recalls all the parries to the above transaction and the times it refers to. Mr. York was a resident of the vicinity of North Star and quite distinctly remembers the George Harmon spoken of above. He also can verify the statements of prices which the table shows were charged. The negro servant spoke of—George Washington—is also a familiar figure in his mind. The matter is very interesting and well worth re-production.

Entertains Past Chiefs.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The past chiefs of the Degree of Honor were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Booth Friday afternoon. When invited to the Booth home the past chiefs always expect a delightful time and their expectations were fully realized in the entertainment of Friday.
For a time social conversation and other amusements were thoroughly enjoyed and the delicious two course luncheon from the prettily decorated table in the dining room was not the least appreciated of the many delightful things provided by the thoughtful hostess for the entertainment of her guests. The color scheme of pink and white was used in the service as well as the decorations. Mesdames E. K. Parmele, Wm. McCauley and Whittaker assisted Mrs. Booth in serving.

Mr. Sharpwell Dies.

Word has been received in this city of the death at Cashmere, Wash., of Mr. Sharpwell, a son-in-law of Isaac Pollard of Nehawka. The circumstances surrounding the death make it very sad as it occurred just about the time of the death of Mr. Pollard's son-in-law Thos. Barnum. Mr. Sharpwell met his death by accident also. He married Miss Lottie Pollard a number of years ago and was a splendid type of man. A third son-in-law Dr. R. B. Wallace is also numbered among the dead. The sympathy of all goes out to the sorrowing widow and relatives who have lost so fine a man as Mr. Sharpwell was.

William Volk was a passenger this morning for Ashland, where he will spend the day.

Death of Mrs. Wm. Wohlfarth.

Died—Wohlfarth. Mrs. Mary E., at her home in Plattsmouth, Neb. on Sunday, March 14, 1909, aged 42 yrs. 6 mo. and 3 days. Funeral Wednesday, March 17, 1909 from the German Evangelical Church at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. Longhorst officiating.

Death yesterday claimed Mrs. Mary E. Wohlfarth, the loving wife of William Wohlfarth, and in so doing took from the Earth one of the best and most lovable of women. In her lifetime Mrs. Wohlfarth was a kind, considerate and loving wife and mother and a true friend. It is sad that such good women as she was must pass and the loss of the husband and children falls heavily upon the community at large. A woman with a wide acquaintance, a kindly christian character, her passing is the cause of untold sorrow and in their bereavement the family have the individual sympathy of the public.

Born in Germany on August 11, 1866, deceased came to America in 1883, locating in Plattsmouth.

Three years later she married to William Wohlfarth in this city. Of this union six children were born, of whom three survive her. These three are sons; Herman and Otto and a daughter Freda, all living at home. In addition the husband also survives her. Three sisters; Mrs. H. M. Soennichsen and Mrs. John Wichman of this city and Mrs. Anna Paash of Scribner, Neb. survive her and two brothers, Claus Ploehn of Scribner, Neb. and George Ploehn of Oklahoma.

Laid to Rest.

The funeral services of the late Frank Saffer was held last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Christian church of which Mr. Saffer was a member. The services were conducted by Luther Moore, the pastor of the church. Mr. Moore spoke from the text found in Rev. 4:1, a text suggesting his topic, "Heaven's Open Door and Calling Voices." At the close of the discourse the speaker paid a short tribute to the life and special emphasis on the fact of the kind heartedness and devotion of Mr. Saffer toward his wife and children. It was said by an old neighbor who had known him many years that he was never heard to speak a cross or unkind word to any member of his family.

Many beautiful floral designs rested on the casket which bore evidence of the esteem Mr. Saffer held in the hearts of those who knew him. These offerings were from individuals, Bible school classes and the Cigar Makers' Union of which organization Mr. Saffer had been a member for a number of years. The members of this organization acted as pall bearers and laid the body to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Saffer leaves a widow and six children, five girls and one boy, to mourn his early death. The children were all present except Earle, who is married and lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. In their affliction Mrs. Saffer and children have the sympathy of the entire community.

Moving Days.

McMaken & Sons have been quite busy the past few days moving various parties from one place to another in the city, the usual spring custom. Among those moving were M. Karth, the butcher, who is moving into a residence upon high school hill and L. E. Shaforth who is occupying the rooms over M. Fanger's store on Main street. G. O. Owens an employe of the Burlington, also loaded his household goods yesterday preparatory to moving to Lincoln, where he will make his headquarters in the future. Altogether spring moving has been quite lively this year and there are many changes in prospect.

New Cashier at State Bank.

H. L. Mousel, who has been cashier of the Cambridge State Bank for about a year, has severed his connection with the institution and will move back to his ranch, where the business demands his attention.

The new cashier of the bank will be Mr. C. A. Phillips, of Plattsmouth, who will arrive here with his family next week. Mr. Phillips was formerly cashier of the bank at Marquette and has had six years experience in the banking business and seems to be a very pleasant gentleman.—Cambridge Clarion.

Former Senator S. L. Thomas was a passenger this noon on the mail train for Omaha where he had business matters to transact.

Dies in Oklahoma.

Died—Nevotny. Mrs. Joes., at her home near Poccassett, Okla. of heart failure, on February, 27, 1909, aged 73 years.

Word was brought to this city by Mr. John Vettesnik of the death at Poccassett, Okla., of Mrs. Joseph Nevotny, formerly of this city. This estimable woman died very suddenly of heart failure. Her husband had preceded her to the Great Beyond about one year ago last July. The sorrowing children of the deceased have the entire sympathy of the community in their sudden bereavement.

Mrs. Nevotny was born in Bohemia and when an infant came to America with her parents. Later she met Joseph Nevotny, an estimable Bohemian citizen, and they were married. Of this union two children survive, Frank, a son, and Ludmila, a daughter, both residents of Oklahoma, living near Poccassett. In addition there was an adopted son John who also lives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Nevotny's many friends in this city, will hear of her passing with the deepest possible regret.

The Late Par Minus Turn.

Died.—Turn. Par Minus, at his home in Plattsmouth, Neb., on March 13, 1909, aged 68 years, 3 months and 3 days. Funeral Sunday, March 14, 1909. Rev. John Swanson officiating.

Mention was made last Saturday of the death of Mr. Turn, for twenty-one years a resident of this city.

Born in Sweden on December 10, 1840, Mr. Turn came to America in 1879, locating in this city. On January 28, 1888, he was married to Miss Johanna Johnson in this city, she surviving him.

The funeral was held yesterday from his residence, Rev. John Swanson of Wahoo, preaching the sermon. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives.

Among those attending the funeral from abroad were Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Mrs. Nels Johnson and Mr. Chas. Matson of Omaha, all relatives of the deceased. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the sorrowing widow.

In County Court.

In county court today a license was issued to Jas. Flesman, aged 34, and Miss Sophia Behrens, aged 25, both residents of the neighborhood of Nehawka and both popular people of their neighborhood.

A license was also issued last Saturday to Chriss Rasmussen, aged 26, and Miss Ingeborg Christine Morgenstern, aged 23, both of Weeping Water.

Basket Making in Plattsmouth.

An industry of which few people are aware of in Plattsmouth is that of basket making. John Jilek, an enterprising Bohemian basket maker has been for some time engaged in making baskets which he has placed on the Omaha market at fancy prices. The trouble is lack of capital to develop this industry and if the Commercial Club or some enterprising local capitalist would furnish money to start this industry they would find it a most profitable one. Machinery should be secured and every effort made to develop the business. Mr. Jilek is a finished workman and has been selling baskets as fast as he could turn the mout. In their construction he uses hickory wood and this makes a splendid basket. Further consideration will be given this matter later, space forbidding an extended write-up today. It is something which local business men and capitalists could take up and they will find it highly profitable.

State-Wide Prohibition.

From Monday's Daily.
Rev. Luther Moore, the pastor of rousing mass meeting in the First Methodist Episcopal church in this city Sunday evening, in which the opening of the campaign for state-wide prohibition in 1910 was officially announced.

The address was an eloquent and masterful one, and coming on the eve of the defeat of county option by the state senate by only one vote, he advised the listeners to at once begin organization for the year 1910. The members of the three churches, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian, and many others formed the large audience, which the speaker had with him from the beginning to the finish.

Mrs. Hilt Wescott led the choir of sixteen voices that furnished most excellent music. One feature was a fine solo by Mr. Don C. York, one of the city's best singers.

The meeting was given under the auspices of the Women's Christian union.

Turners Be on Hand.

The attention of those taking turning at the German Turners' Hall is called to the new work outlined, which includes new drills and marching exercises, also work on apparatus. The full membership of the active class should make it a point to attend as these exercises are of benefit and with a large number is very interesting. A project to organize a "Hikers" club among the members for walking "stunts" is also among the new ideas to be acted on, so be sure and attend.