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### VERY INTERESTING LETTER FROM SON TO MOTHER

Bruce Rosencrans Gives Particulars of Great Disaster at Ocean Park.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Ocean Park, Sept. 4, 1912.

My Dear Mother:

I received your big, long letter a few days ago and another one of the same brand this morning, and although I am so muddled up at present, I will try and write you a short letter that will answer the purpose until I have more time. Suppose by this time you have read the accounts of the terrible fire we had here last night—seven blocks burned, including the new \$1,000,000 pier and \$350,000 dance hall. There isn't enough left of Ocean Park to resemble a flyspeck on a map. I have seen but few fires in my time, the largest the Beardslee furniture store in Elmwood, and have often thought I'd like to see a real one. Well, I did last night for sure.

Fire broke out on the big pier, and as everything is like paper, not having had a rain since last May, it leaped from building to building, taking brick, stone and frame like oil. I think I shall write the Journal a letter tonight and you can read it. The thing was something awful.

I was down on the ocean front and saw the big dance hall, the finest in the west, catch fire, and in seven minutes by my watch it was the prettiest sight and still the most terrible one could conceive of. Saw with my own eyes seven men on the end of the pier, that reaches out a quarter of mile over the water, their way out off by the fire and waiting until it got so hot that they had to jump into the ocean. I saw a young man's clothes catch fire when a sheet of fire swept out of a window over him and he jumped, a ball of fire, into the water. A terrific wind was blowing, and breakers were running so high that it was hard work for the life guards to get a boat to them. Once the boat stood on end and was overturned by a wave, and one man was drowned before help reached him. I helped carry one of them up the beach into a house and we worked over him for twenty minutes until he came to.

There are some 10,000 people living along the ocean front, and all packed up and moved their belongings right to the water's edge, before they could cover them up with sand, many had their clothing burned by flying embers. The sights and all were awful to look at, and the cries of women and children who had been driven from their homes with nothing left but the clothes they had on their backs. The fire ate its way up our street, Pier avenue, within three or four doors of my office. Our stuff was all carried out, but you know what fire, water and handling will do to furniture. My office outfit is all shot to hell, broken up and battered out of shape, but I'm happy when I think of the hundreds (800) made homeless and over \$3,000,000 loss of property, that mine was only fifty. Look at this:

Loss, \$3,000,000.  
One dead, 15 missing, 75 injured, 35 rescued.  
Total refugees, 1,500.  
Buildings destroyed, 225.  
Fire fighters, 700, from all towns within sixteen miles.  
Fire burned from 4:30 till midnight.

Cause, one little cigarette.

Nearly all of the Los Angeles fire department came down, and those auto wagons can run some. The water supply was on the "bum." I mean the pressure, and the streams were unable to reach above the first story of the buildings. Several buildings were blown up to keep the flames from spreading, and it happened that I was on top of an office building several blocks away and heard an awful explosion and saw a fifty-gallon gasoline tank go hundreds of feet into the air, until it resembled a nail keg and lighting just back of our office as flat as a piece of sheet iron.

All gas tanks were emptied and the town was without light for a time, and no gas for cooking purposes for twenty-four hours. All the eating places were burned and it was either walk to Venice and wait your turn for a handout or starve. Thank the Lord, I have been eating at Mrs. Mowery's. She having no fire for some time, had to heat our water for coffee over an oil lamp. Speaking of the San Francisco fire, we had one on a small scale all right. Things look bad around here for true.

Mother, it is impossible to put on paper and picture the thing as bad as it was. Men that were wealthy yesterday are broke flat today. Millionaire Frazer lost everything and made the remark tonight at the Chamber of Commerce, "I'm no better at the grocery than the Mexicans out here on the car tracks." I saw a woman this morning that had a fine big home burned to the ground, saving nothing but her two children, and heard her say, "My God, I have lost everything; all I have left is these two little girls, what clothes we have on our backs and \$50 in cash." And so it went, peace be to her ashes. I intended sending you a telegram, but they were burned out also and couldn't do it without going to Los Angeles, and I was too busy to do that, but you knew I was all right or you would have heard something.

We only lived a few blocks from where the fire happened, and you may rest assured that we packed things in a hurry around our house. Chips of fire as big as your hat flew over our house and a good many of them happened to light on us at that. We carried our stuff to the water front and said good afternoon to the whole cheese, but we moved back the same evening and everything is O. K.

We are too busy around the dump adjusting insurance to write the Journal a letter as I wanted to, but you might have had give a reporter a few notes of this letter and have him write it, as there are a lot of Plattsmouth people who would be glad to read about the thing, having been here, and wondering how the deal looks. We are paying something like \$10,000 in claims today in our company alone. Lovingly yours, Bruce.

### Tired of Life.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
A special from Alliance, Neb., under date of September 9, gives the following in reference to the suicide of a former lady teacher of Weeping Water: Elsie Daley, 25, teacher in the Box Butte county schools, killed herself Saturday night in a hotel here by inhaling fumes of chloroform. She left a letter to her parents at Weeping Water explaining that she was tired of the world and asking their forgiveness.

### CELEBRATES HIS SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Our friend, J. A. Walker, of Murray, came up yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Canon H. Burgess, and was a pleasant visitor at the Journal headquarters. In our conversation Mr. Walker chanced to remark that today—Tuesday, September 10—was his 74th anniversary, and considerably over half that time has been spent right here in Cass county. Our old friend is always genial and in a happy mood when not ailing, and yesterday he was feeling pretty good. There are but few better and more reliable men than James A. Walker in Cass county, and as old age comes creeping along it is but natural when one arrives at the age he has to begin to realize that his days on this earth are gradually becoming less. Yet we were surprised to see him looking remarkably well yesterday, and with good care he is very liable to live many years to enjoy the comforts of life, surrounded as he is by a happy family and all that is necessary to make life enjoyable. We are proud to number Mr. Walker among the Journal's staunch friends, and we hope he may live to see many more birthday anniversaries.

### "PAID IN FULL" AN EXCELLENT COMPANY

From Tuesday's Daily.

One of the best plays that has been staged at the Parnelle in a long time was "Paid in Full" last night. The incessant rain of the evening kept many away that otherwise would have been present. It is very unfortunate for those who love a good play, as those who were present highly praise the manner in which this company present "Paid in Full." The company is not a large one, but the beauty of it is every actor and actress is an artist. The company deserved a full house, but under the circumstances it was impossible. Those who braved the storm, however, were well paid for their courage. If the company comes this way again, and with favorable weather, it will be greeted by a full house.

### JUDGE TRAVIS TO DECIDE THURSDAY MORNING

From Wednesday's Daily.  
According to the Omaha News, Judge Travis has notified Chief of Police Briggs and Sheriff Gus Myers of Lincoln that he will render decision Thursday morning on their request for a change of venue from Sarpy county. The judge was to have decided Tuesday, but did not because neither officer was present.

They are charged with manslaughter in connection with the killing of Roy Blunt, when three escaped convicts were killed or captured in a man hunt last spring near Springfield.

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## UNEDUCATED BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL MEN

Practical Education One of the Keynotes of Modern Progress and All Should Catch On.

From Wednesday's Daily.

September, fall weather, school. These three things are associated in the minds of almost every youngster in the nation today. To most of them, it is a happy time, meaning relief from the heat of the long summer and a return to the joys of school life, the irksomeness of which in the late spring are forgotten by this time.

Few people today hesitate to agree that the children should go to school regularly. The school which is known to the neighborhood in which the children live, be it grade or high school, is considered desirable for the children of that neighborhood to finish. The substitution of grade schools for the country district schools and the addition of high school work to the grades inevitably means the raising of educational standards in any community to that extent.

But it has not yet become common throughout the great west to think of sending the children on to institutions of higher learning outside the immediate locality where they live. Even in Nebraska, which is claimed to have one of the largest percentages of college people compared to population of any state in the union, only a small percent of those who might do so take advantage of the opportunities to "go off to school." Admittedly, it is not always possible for many to secure anything of an advanced education. More than one boy or girl who would gladly work hard for a chance to do further school work cannot possibly have such an opportunity. Perhaps in some cases it is just as well that the chance is not offered.

But at the present time there are few farmers throughout the west who cannot afford the time and the expense of letting the boy or girl go away from home to school for a time. Perhaps they do not care for a classical college course, aimed as a preparation for professional life. But few of them will refuse a chance at a practical scientific course or a course in practical agriculture. These courses may be made as long or as short as circumstances permit. But we believe it is seldom that they will not pay in big dividends not only to the student themselves, but to their families and the communities where they live. Practical education is one of the keynotes of modern progress and the ignorant farmer of tomorrow will be as much a back number as the uneducated business or professional man today.

### Ice Cream Social.

The ladies of Eight Mile Grove church will give an ice cream social Saturday evening, September 14th, at the home of Charles Mutz, one-half mile south of the church.

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### Base Ball at Cedar Creek.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A number of the young men of this city organized a ball team Sunday and drove out to Cedar Creek, where they crossed bats with the second team of that place. When the smoke of battle rolled away the Cedar Creek boys discovered they had been up against the steam roller, being defeated by a score of 14 to 3. The batteries were: Cedar Creek, Gobelman and Meisinger; Plattsmouth, A. Hula and Speck.

### For Assessor.

L. A. Tyson, republican candidate for county assessor. Resided in Cass county 46 years. County clerk of Cass county 4 years. Your votes solicited.

Frank Gobelman, painting and paper hanging. 4-9.

### Thanks to Friends.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
To the Editor of the Journal: Allow me the privilege of expressing to the community, through your columns, my loving thanks for the love and honor to my late husband, Canon H. B. Burgess, shown by the beautiful services of the church and various orders yesterday. Many years of residence here makes it hard for me to leave Plattsmouth and my heart is touched by all this kindness. Mrs. H. B. Burgess.

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