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CITY VISITED BY WORST FIRE IN PAST THREE YEARS AT EARLY HOUR TODAY

FIRE ORIGINATING IN THE BUILDING OF WILLIAM HOLLY, SPREADS TO SOENNICHSEN WAREHOUSE AND JOURNAL OFFICE.

LOSS WILL RANGE FROM \$5,000 TO \$6,000

Origin of Blaze Seems to Have Been from Tub of Ashes or Cigarette Butts in Rear Portion of Upper Story of Holly Building—Timely Discovery

A TRYING PROPOSITION

The readers of the Journal are requested to bear with the condition of this edition of the paper, which has been gotten out under the most difficult circumstances.

The fire of last night has very seriously damaged the equipment of the office and particularly the linotype machines which were in such condition as a result of the smoke and heat as to be impossible of operating, and it was not until late this afternoon they could be gotten in shape for emergency use on the paper and they will require a great deal of overhauling yet to place them in first class condition.

The type and other material in the office as well as typewriters and equipment in general used in the composing rooms on the second floor have all suffered more or less from the effects of the fire and while it was most fortunate the damage was no worse, it has been a very difficult task to get the daily edition prepared for the readers and if there are any omissions or shortcomings, it is hoped they may be overlooked.

One of the most destructive fires that has visited this city in the past three years occurred this morning shortly before 3 o'clock when Officer Henry Trout discovered the black smoke rolling from the upper story of the William Holly building and in a short time the flames had spread from that structure to the adjoining one of H. M. Soennichsen on the west.

The fact that the fire was not more serious is largely due to the alertness of Mr. Trout, who, on the discovery of the fire at once turned in the alarm and made attempts to arouse the persons residing on Main street.

Origin of Fire

The origin of the fire seems to be in doubt although from the indications it was in all probability caused either by someone dropping a lighted cigarette butt or dumping hot ashes into a tub that stood in the hall way of the Holly building near the partition wall of the Soennichsen warehouse.

The fire soon gained much headway from the hall of the Holly building and burned through the partition into the building of Mr. Soennichsen and from there the flames spread to the ceiling and roof of the building with the greatest of rapidity.

Holly's Loss Heavy

The chief sufferer from the fire is William Holly, whose building is practically gutted by the flames and, while his stock of goods from the clothing store on the first floor was removed by volunteers it has suffered more or less from the water and smoke and the interior of the store

is completely ruined by the fire and water. The roof of the Holly building collapsed shortly after 3 o'clock, and the apartments of William Cook which were immediately under that portion of the roof, were completely destroyed by the flames.

The front portion of the upper floor of the Holly building was occupied by the Cosmopolitan club, and while these rooms were not touched by the fire the contents suffered a great deal from the effects of the water and the loss to this organization will be in the neighborhood of \$300. The loss of Mr. Holly to the building will be close to \$3,000.

The Soennichsen building also suffered very severely from the effects of the fire and the roof of the building has been practically gutted by the flames while the large amount of water necessary to check the fire which was roaring through the space between the roof and the ceiling, did much damage to the lower floor of the building.

The lower room of this building was filled with flour which had just been received a few days ago. Not a great deal of this was damaged by water. As soon as the citizens responded to the alarm a force was organized to assist Mr. Soennichsen in the removal of the flour and almost all of the stock was removed from the building, although not until after a part of it had been damaged by water.

The loss to the building owned by Mr. Soennichsen will be close to \$2,000 and the contents will add several hundred more.

Journal Office Damaged

The fire gained great headway on the second floor and for some time the Journal building was threatened with the destructive effects of the flames which spread from the Soennichsen side of the building.

The second floor of the newspaper office is occupied by the composing rooms and it was here the damage was greatest. Waves of smoke belched forth from every possible opening in the building, making it impossible to gain access to the interior. After the flames had been quenched it was found the water soaked plastering had given way in numerous places, during the progress of the fire, and the dense smoke and intense heat had done much damage to the equipment including the linotype machines which were buried in a heap of plaster, and although by constant work from the time of the fire till late this afternoon, they are turning out type, it is very hard at this time to estimate fully the amount of damages sustained in the newspaper plant, but the loss to the equipment will total several hundred dollars, while that to the building, which is owned by Robert A. Bates, publisher of the Journal, will be in the neighborhood of \$1,500 to \$2,000 as the fire will make necessary practically a new roof over the three sections of the building.

The fire department, when it was able to get into action did much good work in checking the spread of the blaze, but was handicapped by the fact that the hydrant at Fourth and Main street could not be gotten in commission in time to be of service, as the hurried attempt to turn on the hydrant resulted in it being broken.

Some difficulty was also experienced in getting the hose strung to play on the fire and it was quite a length of time after the alarm was turned in by Mr. Trout until the water was playing on the blaze.

The members of the department and the citizens who responded to the alarm did wonderful service in getting the contents of the buildings removed to a place of safety as well as in fighting the fire and braving the thick clouds of smoke and the intense heat battled the roaring fire until it was extinguished.

The fire was gotten under control at 4 o'clock but continued to smolder until 6 o'clock when the recall was sounded.

MRS. MEISINGER IMPROVING

From Wednesday's Daily. This morning John Meisinger, Jr., departed for Omaha where he will spend the day visiting with Mrs. Meisinger at the Immanuel hospital where she was operated on a few days ago. Mrs. Meisinger is reported as doing as well as possible in the short time elapsing since her operation but is still far from complete recovering and it will be some time before she will be able to return home.

FIRE RECALLS FORMER DESTRUCTIVE VISIT

Site of Building Visited by Conflagration Some 28 Years Ago. Similar to Present Blaze.

From Wednesday's Daily. The near destruction of the building at the corner of Fifth and Main streets last evening has recalled to the older residents of the city the burning of the Waterman opera house which occupied the site of the structure visited by the blaze last night.

The opera house, which was at that time one of the best in the state, was a total loss as the building was completely destroyed. The fire occurred in July, 1892, and happened shortly after the midnight hour when the city was wrapped in slumber and the blaze in a short time was over the entire building and had the structure in such shape that it was impossible to check the spread of the blaze.

On that occasion, the work of fighting the fire was handicapped by the fact that the lines of hose stretched for the fire were cut by parties whose identity was never established.

TOKA CAMPFIRE GIRLS ENTERTAINED

Are Entertained at the Home of Their Guardian, Mrs. R. P. Westover—Fine Time.

From Wednesday's Daily. The young ladies belonging to the Toka campfire were very pleasantly entertained last evening at the home of their guardian, Mrs. R. P. Westover, the occasion being in the form of a fancy dress party. The members of the party came garbed in beautiful and unique costumes, which made the scene one of beauty and enjoyment. The prize for the most pleasing costume was awarded to Miss Catherine Parmele, while the second prize was awarded to Miss Alice Pollock, who was very charming as a colonial lady.

During the evening the members of the party enjoyed games of all kinds which brought forth much merriment and pleasure to the young people and this occupied several hours of the evening.

At a suitable hour a very dainty and delicious luncheon was served to which all members of the party did ample justice and it was with regret that they saw the pleasant evening draw to a close.

Those in attendance were Misses Mildred and Margaret Schlatter, Florine and Estelle Tritsch, Alice Pollock, Viola Archer, Mary Margaret Walling, Wilma Rainey, Mary Catherine Parmele, Emma Wohlfarth, Fern Niel, Fern Noble, Clara Trilley and Helena Gopen.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express to the many kind friends and neighbors our deepest gratitude for their loving kindness and sympathy shown to us in the hour of bereavement in the loss of our loved one—Mrs. and Mrs. Otto Luschinsky.

ENTERS INTO LIFE; MRS. PAUL GERING

PASSES AWAY AT HOME LAST EVENING AFTER ILLNESS OF SOME DURATION.

WAS EIGHTY-FOUR YEARS OLD

Funeral Services to be Held at Late Home Wednesday Afternoon at 2 O'Clock.

From Tuesday's Daily. Entered into the life of the world to come on Monday, February 16, 1922, at her home on North Sixth street, Sabine Amelia Gering, nee Klutinger, wife of the late Paul Gering, in the 84th year of her life. She is survived by one brother, Leonard Klutinger, for 40 years a representative of the German empire at Bologna, Italy, and five children, Matthew, Eda, Mia, Henry and Barbara. Mrs. Gering was born on February 9, 1836, by the side of the river Ilser in the Alps at Kempten, Bavaria. In May, 1861, she was wedded to Paul Gering, and in April, 1866, came to this country, locating at Cedar Falls, Ia., coming to Plattsmouth September 5, 1887.

The death marks the close of a sweet and simple life. Bereft of her devoted husband she rose above all depression and her hearty welcome, kindly disposition and sweet smile ever drew about her a circle of admiring friends, particularly in her own home, so dear to her heart, from whence none went empty hearted or handed away. She was a member of the Lutheran church.

The Rev. Wilbur S. Leete, rector of St. Luke's church ministered to her last earthly days, giving her communion on Thursday, and saying commendatory prayers at the time of her death.

The funeral will be held from the residence at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, Father Leete officiating. The body will be taken to Omaha for cremation. "Say not, dear friends, that she is dead."

When she has only gone before To be watching for her loved ones On the bright and happy shore, Where the flowers bloom forever And the sun is always bright."

"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God."

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE JOINED IN WEDLOCK

Robert C. Kuschinsky of This City and Miss Helen Lorig of Omaha Were Married Yesterday.

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon at the St. John's rectory occurred the marriage of Miss Helen Lorig of Omaha and Robert C. Kuschinsky of this city. The wedding was a very quiet one, the only attendants being Mrs. Anna Hraskey, sister of the groom, and Miss Margaret Hallahan. The marriage lines were read by the Rev. Father M. A. Shine, rector of St. John's church.

The bride is a very charming lady and well known to a large circle of friends in her home while the groom is a Plattsmouth boy who was born and reared to manhood in this city, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kuschinsky. He was during the war a member of the engineering force of the United States army and was in service in France for several months, being discharged from the service early in the summer. To Mr. and Mrs. Kuschinsky the best wishes of the many friends will be extended for many years of happiness as they journey through life.

SAYS AMOUNTS INCORRECT

From Tuesday's Daily. The Journal has received a communication from L. R. Snipes, county agent of the Cass county farm bureau, in which Mr. Snipes objects to

the statement made as to the amount of salary received by the county agent. In the published article it was stated that \$1,500 had been appropriated as salary from the county to the county agent and Mr. Snipes states that only \$1,000 of this is for his salary and the remaining \$500 goes for office help if it is needed. The county agent also receives \$1,200 from the state and federal aid and this makes the salary of the county agent \$2,200 a year instead of \$2,700 as was made in the first statement.

TO FORM WOMAN'S AUXILIARY UNIT HERE

Woman's Auxiliary to American Legion to be Placed Before Women Here Who Are Eligible.

From Tuesday's Daily. Under the authority of the state department of the American Legion it is hoped within the next two weeks to establish a unit of the Women's Auxiliary of the legion in this city as a branch of the Hugh Kearns post. The blanks for the formation of the unit have been received and the matter has been placed in the hands of Mrs. Gladys Henneger who has kindly agreed to serve as a circulator of the application for the charter of the new organization.

The wives, mothers, daughters or sisters of the members of the American Legion or the wives, mothers, sisters or daughters of any person who was killed or died while in the service of the United States between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918.

The organization will for the present conform in its government to that which is in force in the posts of the American Legion and until a national organization of the auxiliary society is completed there will be no dues on membership requested. As the woman's auxiliary will not be under the heavy expenditures of the legion the rates of membership will without a doubt be placed at a much lower figure. As time grows on the membership of this organization will be of greater interest and prove worthy of the noble women who have given their loved ones to the service of their country in its time of need.

If the ladies of the city who have relatives in the legion or who have paid the supreme sacrifice they should make it a point to enroll in the new organization.

FUNERAL OF LITTLE ONE

From Tuesday's Daily. The funeral of little Barabha Allen Luschinsky was held yesterday from the family home on Wintersteen hill and was attended by a large number of the neighbors and close friends of the family to offer to the bereaved father and mother their sympathy in the sorrow that has darkened the home where the little one was the joy and happiness. The services were in charge of Rev. A. V. Hunter, pastor of the Methodist church, who spoke words of comfort to the grieving hearts and the promise of the reuniting of the loved ones where the pain of parting is unknown. The little one was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

TODAY MARKS BEGINNING OF LENT

From Wednesday's Daily. Today ushered in the Lenten season and the usual Ash Wednesday services were held this morning in the St. John's and Holy Rosary Catholic churches, St. Luke's Episcopal church and St. Paul's Evangelical church. The season is one of the most impressive in the church year and will be observed by services and fasting among the members of the churches, continuing until Easter Sunday, April 4th.

During the observance of Lent special services will be held at the churches at different times throughout the forty days of penance, including Passion Week services which will be held every day in commemoration of the passion of the Savior, and culminating in the Good Friday service, just prior to Easter.

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SMITH-DOVEY WEDDING AT NOON TODAY

MISS ELVA SMITH OF OMAHA UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO CHARLES D. DOVEY.

HELD AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Ceremony Performed by the Rev. W. S. Leete—Services Attended by Relatives of Parties.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A very pretty and quiet wedding occurred at high noon today at the St. Luke's Episcopal church when Miss Elva Smith of Omaha was united in marriage to Charles D. Dovey of this city. The wedding was very simple, only the relatives of the contracting parties being present to witness the ceremony. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march played by Mrs. George H. Falter of Falls City, sister of the groom, who also played as the recessional the Mendelssohn march. The bride was very charming in a traveling suit of dark blue with picture hat and wore a corsage bouquet of sweet peas and orchids. The bride entered with her brother, Mr. Frank Smith of Omaha, who presented the bride to the minister for marriage. Miss Edna Smith, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, wearing a costume of dark blue serge and wore a corsage bouquet of Mrs. Ward roses and violets. The groom was accompanied by his brother, George F. Dovey, as groomsman.

The beautiful and impressive ring service of the church was celebrated by the Rev. Wilbur Scranton Leete, rector of that church, in uniting the lives of these two worthy young people.

Following the service at the church the bridal party and the relatives were entertained at a wedding luncheon at the home of Mrs. Rae F. Patterson, a sister of Mr. Dovey. The appointments of the luncheon were in a color scheme of yellow, jonquils being extensively used in the decorations of the tables with charming place cards significant of the happy occasion.

This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Dovey departed for Omaha where they will spend a few days with the relatives of the bride and then go to Falls City to visit at the Falter home. On their return the young people will make their home with the father of the groom, Mr. George E. Dovey.

The bride is well known and popular in the younger social set of this city and is a lady of more than usual charm of personality and her coming to this city to make her home will be the occasion of great pleasure to the host of friends. Mr. Dovey is the oldest son of Mr. George E. Dovey and a young man of sterling worth and integrity who possesses a host of warm friends in the community where he has made

his home. The groom has only recently returned home from service in the navy, having enlisted at the outbreak of the war and served up to a few months ago. That this estimable couple may enjoy all the good things of the life in the future is the sincere wish of a large circle of warm friends.

RETURNS AFTER VISIT

From Wednesday's Daily. Mrs. Herman Fields of Council Bluffs, Ia., who was in the city visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. Kinnamon, and with her sister, Mrs. H. Gartelman and family, returned yesterday afternoon to her home in the Iowa city. Mrs. Fields was called here by the serious illness of her mother and brother, Low Kinnamon, both of whom were suffering from the flu and remained here until they were out of danger.

DAUGHTERS AMERICAN REVOLUTION MET

Elect Mrs. William Baird as Delegate from Fontenelle Chapter to State Grand Chapter.

From Wednesday's Daily. The members of Fontenelle chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, enjoyed a very pleasant meeting on Monday evening at the cozy home of Mrs. E. H. Westcott on high school hill and a large number of the members were present to take part in the meeting.

One of the chief features of the gathering was the selection of the delegate to represent the local chapter at the state chapter, which is to meet at Hastings, Nebraska, and for this position the members of Fontenelle chapter selected Mrs. William Baird and who was unanimously chosen for the position.

The chapter of the D. A. R. in this city is one of the most active in the state and the selection of Mrs. Baird gives them the assurance of an able representative at the state gathering of the various chapters.

ENJOYS OLD TIME FESTIVAL SATURDAY

From Monday's Daily. Saturday evening the old time residents of the city who came to the United States from the land of Bohemia, enjoyed a most delightful time at the T. J. Sokol hall on West Pearl street. A special band from Omaha had been secured for the occasion that rendered the old time songs and dances for several hours and aided in making the evening one of rare pleasure as the members of the party tripped the dances that they had enjoyed so many years ago in the old home across the sea. This was the first gathering for several months and it was very much enjoyed by those taking part and it was a late hour when the strains of the home waltz called the jolly party to a close. A lunch was served during the evening that was also much enjoyed by the members of the party.

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