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CREAMERY BURNS TO THE GROUND

The Ravenna Creamery's Plant Here a Total Loss, Valued at Over \$15,000 Insurance About \$6,000.

WILL BE REBUILT IMMEDIATELY.

At about 6 o'clock last Thursday evening, the Ravenna Creamery Co.'s building was discovered on fire and in less than one hour was burned to the ground, entailing a total loss of building and contents.

Manager Thompson was just closing his day's work, when Mrs. Grierson, wife of butter-maker, came to the office and said she believed the building was on fire. Mr. Thompson remembered afterward that he had heard a crackling sound for several minutes, but owing to the noise of the machinery, etc., had paid no attention to it, thinking it came from the workings about the plant. However, almost before he could get out of the office, the roof fell in, and he barely escaped possible injury. About the same time others connected with the creamery discovered smoke and ascending a ladder to investigate found flames just breaking through and covering a portion of the roof. In an incredibly short time thereafter the entire building became a seething furnace and within one hour only the burning embers were left. As soon as the fire was discovered, an alarm was given, the fire bell rang and soon the fire ladders were hurrying to the scene with all the city hose, but the creamery building was situated so far from the nearest fire plug that the hose lacked a great distance of reaching the conflagration and nothing could be done but stand and watch the destruction complete. There were on hand 16,000 pounds of butter ready for shipment, besides cream sufficient to make at least 2,000 pounds more, and the shipment would have been made that same evening, a car being on the tracks to load. So quickly did the fire spread from the first alarm that nothing, not even the books, could be saved, though fortunately most of the books and accounts were kept at the Ravenna headquarters of the company, so the loss in that regard will not be of much moment.

From Mr. Clark, the head of the Ravenna Creamery Co. who, fortunately was here at the time, we learn that the loss will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000, with about \$6,000 insurance.

After the fire and before retiring that night, C. A. Clark, head of the Ravenna company, which has its headquarters at Ravenna had secured the rental of the Criss garage as a temporary quarters for the company here, wired into Omaha and ordered a consignment of milk cans, with a complement of butter tubs, and began business the following morning, without missing an order and by that night had received some 50 cans of cream, which they ship daily to the creamery at Ravenna headquarters and at the present time time are right down to business without the loss of any time or the loss of any customers. They also filled all orders for ice cream for their trade the Fourth, and except for the loss of the home station by fire one would not know that they had suffered the severe setback caused by the fire.

Also, before the close of the week, Mr. Clark had secured the option on and purchased a building site on the vacant lots just east of the Burlington depot and will erect thereon an up-to-date creamery building, beginning the erection of the same, a modern creamery and manufacturing station.

Mr. Clark had been considering

moving up town and erecting a plant for some time, only holding off because of lack of sewerage. This has been overcome to some extent by an arrangement with E. G. Taylor, whereby, if the city does not put in a system, they will install a private system to fill their demands. And this brings up to our city the pressing demand of a city sewerage system, which has been agitating our people for some time, and which should be talked up, agreed upon and sufficient bonds voted to give the city a sewerage system which will do away with the present drainage and cesspools over the city. Let the commercial club meet and see if the matter can not be coped with successfully. Bonds should be voted to build a sewerage from the railroad tracts to the river. From the tracks up to and over the city can be divided into districts and be put in at private cost to property owners who wish the same, eventually giving a sewerage system over the city, which means much to the health and welfare of our townspeople. Let action be taken at once.

Claus Carves the Wrong Kind of Meat

While Claus Eggers was carving meat at the Eggers shop last Thursday, he managed to slice a chunk of his own flesh and into the bone at the base of his left

The Hastings Republican makes a spirited defense of the direct primary. It needs defenders, as we have the primary law in this state. The Hub was one of original boosters in the primary law in Nebraska and has been greatly disappointed, as year after year unscrupulous and corrupt candidates are foisted on the ticket through the primary who could not have had a "look in" at one of the old political conventions. The theory of the primary is right but its practical utilization has so far merely given promise of improvement over the old methods. —Kearney Hub.

T. R. Sure to Run in 1916

"I don't think any one doubts that Theodore Roosevelt expects to obtain the nomination for the presidency in 1916. Furthermore I don't think there is much question but that he can have it if he wants it," said Representative Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming, one of the stand-pat leaders of the House, yesterday.

"How large a part of the Republican party or those people whom Roosevelt has attacked most viciously will refuse to receive Col. Roosevelt back?" Mr. Mondell was asked.

"None," he replied. "I think Col. Roosevelt will do what he can do for a few Progressive candidates in some States. I don't think he will make the active campaign he might have made had the trouble been of more recent origin."

"I don't think you will find Col. Roosevelt saying anything which

MERCHANTS EASY ON BOY

Young Man Apprehended For Forging Checks Promises to do Better.

WAS A MERE BOY IN YEARS.

Some weeks since, our merchants were in a deep puzzle over the doings of an unknown person who had developed a very decided penchant for writing checks on the local banks, on which he had no funds, and to vary the monotony of the work, signed the same with various fictitious signatures, receiving therefor a part in merchandise and the balance in cash. Last Thursday the culprit was apprehended by the sheriff, arrested and recognized by the business men upon whom he had perpetrated the swindle. A consultation being held and the check writer being willing to make restitution, he was permitted to go free upon promise to do that kind of work no more. The fact that he is but a mere boy in years, of a good and respected family and also connected by marriage with another most respected family, who are deeply grieved and humiliated by his shady transactions his name is withheld from publicity with the trust that this may prove a salutary lesson and that he may in the future prove a good and law abiding citizen, living down by correct demeanor this most grievous error of youth, who we believe was not fully aware of the heinousness of the offense.

THE VERA CRUZ ATTACK WRONG

Orange Grower Near Tampico Declares Invasion a Mistake

SAYS HUERTA SAVED AMERICANS.

It will be but a short time before the people will discover that President Wilson's Mexican policy has destroyed the lives of nearly 100,000 helpless people," declares P. W. Warner, an American farmer who was in the Atascador colony, sixty miles from Tampico, for eight years, until foreigners were forced to leave Mexico. He is now making his home at Fremont and was in Omaha for a day, stopping at the Merchants hotel. "Candidates for office," Mr. Warner continues; "should be very cautious about endorsing the Wilson administration for that reason. The president's policy, in giving his moral support to the Mexican rebels and allowing them to get arms from the United States, has not only resulted in the killing of many Mexicans and also some Americans down there, but has in addition enabled the murderers to rob Mexican citizens and foreigners of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property. "And, finally, to cap the climax of all blunders and follies, Wilson's policy led to the slaughtering of several hundred helpless Mexican men, women and children in the attack on Vera Cruz. That murderous and practical act alone drove 10,000 Americans from their homes and property in Mexico and their lives saved only by the exertions of President Huerta. The American people owe their most profound thanks, for he saved many of them, even after our nation had armed his enemies and had imprisoned 4,000 of his soldiers who had fled across the border." The refugee, in criticizing Wilson's policy asserts that the trouble in Mexico started with capital furnished by "a large oil corporation of New York" (Standard Oil company), which, he says, financed Madero, through the control of whose administration it would reap millions of dollars. "Wilson has not been 'watching and waiting,'" Warner declares. The president has been meddling with the Mexican federal government and has been helping, with all his power, the robbers and murderers who oppose that government. "The net results of Wilson's policy have been to direct against us the enmity and distrust of 17,000,000 of a sister republic and of other American republics, thereby driving trade and commerce from our people to European nations; to cause the loss of many innocent lives; to drive thousands of American farmers from their Mexican plantations; to lose for them all their worldly possessions down there, and to bring the United States on the brink of war with Mexico that would cost many lives and much money.—Bee.

Mrs. Ira Timson Meets Accident

Last Thursday morning, while Mrs. Ira Timson of Elm township was carrying a pail of water from the well to the house, she in some manner fell, breaking three ribs on her left side just in front of the

A new postal card is issued by the postal department at Washington. The new cards will bear the profile portrait of Thomas Jefferson, founder of the democratic party. All postoffices cannot be supplied with the new cards at once, but they will be furnished as rapidly as possible. The size of the card is the same as the present No. 4 card. The paper is cream color and is printed in green ink. The subject of the portrait is open and is surrounded with a circular border bearing in capital letters the words "U. S. Postal Card. One Cent." This border rests upon a base containing a curved ribbon in which appears the name "Jefferson," with the numeral "1."—Ord Quiz.

Among our announcements this week will be found that of Chas. Bass of Hazard, asking nomination at the hands of the democratic voters for the office of clerk of the district court, which he now holds by appointment of the county board of supervisors till a new clerk is elected and qualified. While Mr. Bass came new to the official duties, he has been making good, so far as we can learn, and is an old and well known citizen of the county, and no doubt will fill that trying position most satisfactorily, in case he is honored by the voters at the coming election by being selected for the office to which he aspires. So far he has no opposition.

Number of Milk Cows on Farms

Nebraska had 623,000 milch cows on farms of the state, according to the year book of the department of agriculture, issued a few days ago. Last year the number was estimated at 607,000.

The milch cows were valued at \$47,209,000 on January 1, 1914, and at \$30,107,000 in 1913. Other cattle on farms and ranches were estimated at 1,883,000, valued at \$71,742,000, January 1, 1914. A year previous the number was 1,902,000, but there was an increase of approximately \$10,000,000 in value, the cattle in 1913 being valued at \$61,625,000.

Information received by the State Board of Agriculture indicates the probable increase of cattle in the state during the fall and winter of 1914-15. It is also believed that there will be an increase in the number of milch cows.

PASTOR'S WIFE BADLY HURT

Mrs. L. V. Stocumb Falls Down Stairs in Parsonage Home.

INJURIES NOT SERIOUS.

Monday afternoon of this week, Mrs. L. V. Stocumb was severely injured by a fall down the cellar stairs at the parsonage. First reports were to the effect that the lady had broken both lower limbs in the fall, but later that report was found erroneous. She had started to carry down a tub and wringer, when she fell, but is unable to say what caused the accident, she managed to get up the stairs and to bed, but by evening she was feeling so bad, Dr. Bowman was called. She was badly bruised over the body but no bones broken. It will be several days, at least, before she will be able to be up and around.

Under date of July 2, we received a post card from our good friend, John Warneke, at Zephyrhills, Fla., with an interesting picture scene on the same, which is as follows: The photo shows the hauling of watermelons to town the latter part of May to load on to cars for shipment north. They were waiting for the trainmen to spot a car. This is now what they call rainy season and rains nearly every day some, and so throughout the summer." Each wagon is hauled by a yoke of oxen, a picturesque scene, indeed.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH OF JULY

What Our People Did and Where They Celebrated on the Greatest Day in the History of Our Nation.

PULLING THE EAGLE'S TAIL-FEATHERS OUT.

Once again has the National holiday come and gone, and with it history records one of the best days, one of the sanest and one of least accidents in the Nation's supreme holiday.

At Loup City As usual, Loup City turned over its celebration to the management of Jenner's Park, where those of our people who did not go elsewhere to find enjoyment made the park headquarters, and while the crowd was comparatively small, owing to other celebrations and the further fact that nothing short of good sized catastrophe could have kept the farmers from their fields, the successive rains of the past month having kept work back so far that necessity compelled the laziest number to stay at home. While the crowd at the park was small, good nature and enjoyment was the lot of all and fully made up in good time what was lacking in numbers. In the afternoon came the principal event, a ball game between Ravenna and a picked nine from Loup City, which was one of the best of the season, Ravenna win-

ning by one score. No scores were made by either team till the eighth inning, when Loup City scored one, followed in the ninth by Ravenna scoring twice on a wild pitch by the local twirler, Dieterich, who up to that time had played an errorless game. Batteries—Loup City, Dieterich and Johnson; Ravenna, Tibbetts and Greenslit. Score 2 to 1 in favor of the visitors. Time, one hour and thirty minutes.

There were a few sports pulled off in the afternoon, but owing to the ball game and smallness of the crowd down in the park, not very many were given. After supper, the Miller boys did a most interesting stunt, Warren agreeing to throw Clarence twice in 20 minutes, but the latter managed to break numbers of holds and kept Warren busy for 23 minutes before he clamped the necessities on the foxy lad and pinned him down. Following this came a fine exhibition of fireworks, the evening crowd being several times larger than in the afternoon. Dancing in the pavillion was as usual the scene of activity and a goodly number enjoyed the occasion.

Elsewhere A special came up from Grand Island the evening of the 3 to take a crowd down to the Island, but only about a dozen took advantage of the special from here, and some of them only went as far as Rockville, where they took in the celebration, reporting a most enjoyable time. However, quite a number came in from the north on the Burlington and helped swell the excursion.

Quite a number of our people went to Arcadia and by the auto route, where a most enjoyable celebration was had, with a large delegation from Sargent, making Arcadia the Mecca of a big crowd. One unfortunate accident occurred at Arcadia to mar the otherwise unalloyed enjoyment. Clarice Bellinger, the 12-year-old son of Harry Bellinger, while firing a cannon cracker, holding same in his hand, it exploded tearing the hand badly.

Litchfield also held a celebration a goodly crowd attending, but as it was out of communication with this city and can only be reached overland drive or round by way of Grand Island, very few, if any, from Loup City or vicinity attended. However, we hear they had a fine crowd and a most enjoyable time.

Outside of some private picnics and social gatherings here and their over the county, the celebrations above seem to be the only ones within the county's confines.

Base Ball Games of the Past Week

Farwell, Neb., July 5, 1914.—Farwell took their fifth shutout this time from Elba by the score of 5 to 0. Cook was in the box for the locals but timely hitting coupled with errors gave the visitors the game. The disaster.

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Farwell 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Batteries—Elba, Summovick and Fofeita; Farwell, Cook and Jacobsen.

Boelus lost to Rockville Sunday by a score of 6 to 1. Ashton and Dannebrog did not play.

STANDING OF TEAMS

Club	W.	L.	Perct.
Elba	10	3	769
Rockville	8	3	727
Ashton	6	3	667
Dannebrog	4	5	444
Boelus	4	9	308
Farwell	1	10	090

Mrs. Bess Owens and two little daughters left yesterday at noon for a two months visit with her late husband's parents at Toledo, Iowa.