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**Burned by Explosion of Gas Chautauqua Program Pleases**

Henry and Ben Banks and sister Miss Lena, accompanied by Oliver DeMars and Sylvester Mercier drove down from Campbell to attend the Chautauqua here last Sunday. Before leaving on the return trip they stopped at the Hamill garage for oil and gas. At that time the car, a Ford sedan, was occupied by the Banks brothers DeMars and Mercier.

While filling the gasoline tank one of the occupants of the car struck a match which ignited the fumes and in a moment the interior of the car was in flames. They succeeded in getting out of the car. Physicians were summoned and the injured boys were taken to the Royal hotel.

It was found that Henry Banks was badly burned on the body, hands and feet. DeMars' burns were not as serious a nature, they being on his left shoulder, abdomen, hands, feet and the side of his head. Ben Banks escaped with slight burns on the hands, feet and thigh. At the present time the boys are doing as well as can be expected, and it will be several days before they can be removed to their homes.

**Fire Destroys Farm House**

Fire entirely destroyed the farm home of James Davis, who resides near Ebbon, Tuesday evening at about six o'clock. The exact cause of the fire is unknown, it is supposed to have been caused from a defective flue in the kitchen. In a few minutes the flames spread to the other rooms of the house and in less than half an hour the house was entirely destroyed.

Mrs. Davis rushed into one of the rooms and endeavored to secure some clothing and personal effects. Before she had time to accomplish this task the flames were upon her. She was compelled to force a screen off the window to escape from the room, using some bedding as a shield to protect her from the flames. She was burned about the face, hands and arms. Mr. Davis who was ill at the time got out of the house before the flames reached him.

John Weesner, a neighbor, phoned his father, Wm. Weesner of this city, who immediately drove to the scene and brought the Davis family to the city. They will be the guests of Mr. Weesner until arrangements can be made for another dwelling.

About \$500 insurance was carried on the house, but none on its contents.

**District Court Proceedings**

Judge W. C. Dorsey held court here last Monday, which is likely the last term to be held here by him, as he has accepted an appointment as a member of the Supreme Court Commission, effective September 15. The following matters were disposed of:

Donald E. Cloud vs Hattie Orchard et al, Sale confirmed, Deed ordered to purchaser.

Minnie Westfall, formerly Minnie Turner, vs John N. Turner, defendants given 40 days to file answer.

Jacob Schunk vs Siebolt Johnson, Defendant given 30 days to file amended answer.

John Saladen, Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Saladen, deceased, Sale confirmed, deed ordered.

Anna Stricker vs William Stricker, Divorce for plaintiff, former name restored.

Application of Joseph Dreher, Administrator, License to sell real estate granted.

William A. Kent vs City of Red Cloud, Damages, Application of defendant to make Charles H. Kaley defendant, denied.

John Copley, one of Webster county's well known citizens passed away in the Hastings hospital Wednesday evening. He had been operated on for appendicitis. The remains will be brought to this city this evening. At the present time no definite arrangements have been made for the funeral. A wife, four children and several sisters and brothers survive him.

The 1919 session of the Red Cloud Chautauqua opened Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barnaby were introduced to the audience, the former being the platform manager and the latter superintendent of the children's department, or the Junior Chautauqua.

The opening number was the Amphion Four, male quartette. This program included vocal and instrumental selections, readings and a concert solo. The evening program brought forth strong applause from the audience, which, in itself was evidence that our people appreciate high class entertainment, such as is listed on this Chautauqua circuit.

Major A. S. Libby, American General Staff Interpreter, conveyed to his audience facts that had been unknown to the majority of our citizens. Pre-war conditions, as they existed in Europe, preparations for war, Germany's disregard for sacred pledges and treaties and the League of Nations were discussed by the major.

Dr. Arthur S. Peck, world traveler, and lecturer, occupied the platform during the evening. The illustrated lecture—views from France coupled with authentic information—proved to be both interesting and instructive.

On Saturday afternoon the stage was given over entirely to the fair sex, the Liberty Belles, composed of seven talented professional artists, who rendered a program of music, singing, whistling and brief sketches, such as had never before been presented to our people.

The Flying Parson, A. J. Nielsen, failed to make his appearance at the appointed hour. Capt. Arthur Kachel was substituted. His ability to impersonate nine different characters, in the "Melting Pot" was a feat that could only be accomplished by an artist. This, in addition to vocal and instrumental numbers by the Liberty Belles formed the program for the evening.

Sunday morning union services were held in the big tent. A union choir furnished the music. Dr. Bernas of Des Moines, selected for the theme of his lecture sermon, "The Life of Saul." The manner in which he handled this subject held the attention of all his listeners.

Sunday afternoon's program proved to be a rare treat for those in attendance. Chas. R. Taggart, of Victor fame, fairly made his violin talk. Ventriloquism, mimicry, illustrations and explanations by this famous artist held the audience spellbound during the time he occupied the stage.

Dr. Lyman Powell's lecture, "Hands Across the Sea" proved to be a more interesting subject than most people thought it would be. His subject covered circumstances and conditions as they exist today in the war-stricken countries across the water. Countries that are now torn asunder by revolution, robbed of their men, thereby left in a condition where they are practically unable to help themselves; America must heed their call; come to their assistance, in order that they may again resume their place in the mercantile and agricultural circles.

Dr. Amarty Mars' lecture Sunday evening exceeded the expectations of the audience. His thrilling story of his three years in Luxemburg prison, his bold escape made the nerves of his listeners tingle. It was inside information as to what actually took place inside of German prisons.

"The Old Country Fiddler"—Taggart—again demonstrated that he could "put fun into music and music into fun" and fiddled away many happy minutes for the audience.

Ewings Overseas Band arrived on the scene Monday afternoon. It was under the personal direction of Prof. Ewing, one of the noted band leaders of the nation. The program varied, a little of everything from grand opera to the very latest in music—the jazz.

Dr. Alva M. Reitzel, a noted lecturer, entered into the Problems of Patriotism in a manner that demanded the undivided attention of the audience. It was interesting and instructive. They were problems of peace rather

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