

Fire Fighters Answer 2,172 Calls in Year

Number for 1923 Is 500 Less Than for Previous Year—Loss Amounts to Millions.

Omaha is now in the "dangerous age," according to officials of the Metropolitan fire department, due to increased danger from the ravages of the god of flame. For with the coming of autumn there has come the seasonal increase in the number of fire calls over that of summer.

During the past 11 months 2,172 fire calls have been answered. Four hundred and thirty-three calls have either been false alarms or calls from outside the city. In 1922, 2,766 calls were answered.

During that time 17 men have left the department, while 23 have been placed. The department now employs 306 firemen. The maximum capacity of the force is 322 members.

One fireman has met death in active service this year. Eight persons have been rescued from burning buildings. Two head of horses have been lost through burns.

Most of the fires are announced to the department over the telephone. Of 17 large fires, which totaled \$2,949,726 in damages, all have sustained losses of \$5,000 or more. The largest was the fire at the Armour packing plant, February 14. Damage amounted to \$1,750,000.

Fifty-one firemen have been injured during the past year in the discharge of their duties. Twenty-five citizens have been injured in fires—eight fatally.

Records show that fires in coal mines, dumps and other sources outside of buildings have totaled over one-third of the entire number of fires reported.

There are 30 companies in the Omaha fire department, although there are 23 fire stations. On an ordinary fire two companies answer the call, accompanied by two chiefs. An engine company has 12 men, a hose company, 10 men. Large hook and ladder companies have 16 men each, while others have 10 men.

On a second alarm, twice the number of a regular call turn out, while on a third alarm, three times the original number are required. During the last 11 months there have been nine second alarms and but three third alarms.

Stock Judging Team Is Honored

Red Cloud Business Men Banquet Webster County Trio.

Red Cloud, Neb., Dec. 21.—A banquet in honor of the Webster county stock judging team was given by the business men of this city. A large crowd was present. The team, composed of Cecil Means of Red Cloud, Earl Portineir of Guide Rock and Alford Sommerfeldt of Blue Hill, has brought prominence to this county winning first at the state fair at Lincoln, the Interstate at Sioux City, the Royal stock show at Kansas City and taking first among the different states of the union at Chicago in November.

After refreshments had been served the members of the team described their trips to the different cities where the contests were held, Earl Portineir telling of the methods used in deciding which team was best.

Throughout the several contests in which this team took part Mr. Sommerfeldt usually took second, while Mr. Means or Mr. Portineir stood either at first or third place; where one took first the other was always to be found at third.

County Agent H. R. Fauche, coach of the team, also gave an interesting talk on his experiences with the team.

Cass Street School Pupils Sing Carols

Fifty boys and girls of Cass street school favored The Omaha Bee yesterday noon with Christmas carols. They were in charge of Nora Fugim, teacher of music at the school, and Juliet McCune, supervisor of music in the public schools.

The young singers also visited the city hall and courthouse. Superintendent J. H. Beveridge and Assistant Superintendent Belle M. Ryan visited Cass school yesterday to hear the songs and other features of a Christmas program.

Fondness for Horse Meat Lands Man Behind Bars

Casper, Wyo., Dec. 21.—Because he "loved horse meat" and admitted it, A. Mitchell today is confined in the city jail on the charge of horse stealing.

With Christmas coming on and his craving for this delicacy increasing, police charge Mitchell with stealing and slaughtering the animal for food. A fresh carcass, said to be that of a horse and branded "Smoky Romans" was found in Mitchell's possession.

Hot Dies When Mashed Potatoes Lodge in Windpipe

Sheridan, Wyo., Dec. 21.—Strangulation, as the result of mashed potatoes lodging in his windpipe, caused the death of Larry Dillon Ulrich, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Ulrich of Sheridan.

Christmas Cards Are Advised for Duellists

If you feel that your honor must be satisfied, don't get any old-fashioned ideas and insist that someone accompany you to the field of honor for a polite little shooting scrape.

Included in the list of felonies in the police manual, recently issued for guidance of officers in the performance of their duty, is a reminder that there is a state law, not only against duelling, but against offering a formal challenge to a duel. Police, therefore, advise that if you feel like sending your card to someone, send a Christmas card.

Compensation Fee Schedule Not Definite

Lincoln, Dec. 21.—The medical fee schedule issued by the state department of labor for use in compensation cases may not always apply, but is for the guidance of doctors, the department announced today in the case of Drs. P. A. Condon and C. H. Newell of Omaha against E. H. Henningson and E. G. Taylor, contractors.

Condon and Newell attended an employee of the contractors, George Farmer, after he had been injured in the course of his employment, and for their medical services the doctors submitted a bill of \$485. After a hearing on the case, L. B. Frye, labor commissioner, allowed a charge of \$450 and stated in his opinion that "medical and surgical treatment may each be determined on their merits considering the service rendered, permitting at all times due process of law for the collection of bills rendered."

Bank Robbery Suspects Are Held in St. Joseph

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 21.—Two men, suspected of being implicated in the Barnston, Neb., bank robbery some weeks ago, are being detained at St. Joseph, according to reports received here. One was wounded in a gun battle in an eastern Kansas town and papers found in his possession led officers in Beatrice to believe they are part of the robber gang, which visited Barnston.

No Santa Claus for Drinking Men, Police Declare

Holiday Toasts Must Be Drunk With Hootch—"Real Stuff" Not Filtering Past Guards.

"Oh, where are the snows of yesteryear?"

Has the "good old stuff" of former Christmas cheer finally faded into legend over the Volsteadian horizon, leaving the holiday celebrant with a sorry choice of renouncing a cherished custom or toasting the occasion with his life in one hand and a bottle of hootch in the other?

Conditions, as observed by the Omaha police department, appear to establish the fact that the customary influx of bonded varieties of liquor into the city, in preparation for holiday trade, is this year entirely non-existent, for not one bottle of "real stuff" has come to light in the numerous raids that have been staged recently, although hundreds of gallons of homemade intoxicants have been confiscated.

Although gradually dwindling in volume, each year has seen large con-

Railroad Halts Cut Fares for Ministers

Lincoln, Dec. 21.—Conductors and ticket agents employed by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha were today instructed to charge clergymen traveling to points in Nebraska full fare. The instruction follows the injunction against a state law that permits clergymen to travel at reduced rates.

The order does not apply to tickets purchased to or from points outside

"The Virgin Birth—Does Xmas Need It?"

Is it true that faith in the Virgin Birth is needed to keep the spirit of song and high thanksgiving in Christmas? Why is there such tenacious insistence that Jesus was miraculously born? Which view affords more cause for religious rejoicing—that Jesus was supernatural, or that He was human?

This subject will be discussed by Rev. Ralph E. Bailey at the First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney St., Sunday, at 11:00 a. m.

No rented or reserved pews; all seats free.

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TRINITY CATHEDRAL, Eighteenth street and Capitol Ave. Stephen E. McGinley, Dean.
8 a. m., Holy Communion; 9:30 a. m., Church School; 5:30 p. m., Young People's Fellowship; 7:30 p. m., Christmas Carols sung by full choir.

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