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## SALEM SWEEP BY FLAMES

### DISASTROUS CONFLARATION VISITS SISTER CITY.

#### Thirty-five Building Wiped Out By the Fire—Business Section Suffers—To Rebuild.

The calamity which hit Salem so terribly last Saturday has passed. The plucky little village is fast recovering from the shock of her misfortune and is beginning to adjust herself to the altered conditions. The Salemites are not minded to wrap themselves in sackcloth and go lamenting among the ashes of their ruins. Instead, with heroic fortitude and good sense they are laying plans and devising means for replacing their losses with better and more stable buildings.

One of the first acts of the city council since the fire was to declare for only brick structures, properly fire-proofed, for the main street. Already at least four large business rooms are planned and their erection provided for. They are M. L. Dowell, general merchandise; the Salem Bank, Shildneck Bros., hardware and furniture, and Malone & Pearson, restaurant.

The work of clearing the ruins will be begun at once and the construction work pushed with all possible energy to the early completion.

Other buildings will be contracted for as fast as the necessary plans and preparations can be made. The insurance people are on hand adjusting claims and settling up.

The telephone exchanges have joined forces and connected their lines to the one station; all wires are connected up and communication with all points established.

The loss has been variously estimated at from \$75,000 to \$250,000. \$100,000 will probably cover the actual loss as the burned property was on ly partially insured. The loss will be severely felt, especially by those having small holdings, representing all their living.

In all thirty-five buildings are said to have burned, representing some of the best business rooms in town, as well as some old and time-worn structures. The fire originated in a small wood dwelling during the noon hour and while the occupants were at dinner. Through a defective or overheated flue the roof caught fire, and when first noticed was all ablaze. The wind was blowing a hurricane gale and made all attempts to stay the fire abortive.

Salem has good reasons to be grateful that the fire area is not larger. Any change in the wind and other buildings adjoining would have been fired and the extent of the probable damage in that case cannot be approximated. Many buildings were fired from sparks falling upon them and from the great heat, but by heroic efforts on the part of the fighters, the fire area was restricted to its present proportions.

A dozen or more families are homeless. However, none are without shelter as there is sufficient room in Salem for their accommodation.

The only thing that saved the post-office block from destruction was the fact that the roofs were of sheet-iron. The fire raged on three sides but left the block almost unharmed. Fire-proof roofs should be the only ones tolerated in town. They cost little more than shingles, and provide a large degree of security against the fire find.

Salem has no means for fighting fire. This is a serious problem for every small town to face. Without any apparatus they are absolutely at the mercy of wind and flame. Some provision ought to be made to meet a visitation of this kind.

#### As Seen By An Eye-Witness.

What resulted in a very disastrous fire started in Salem Saturday shortly after noon, when W. W. Spurlock came running to the home of Mrs. C. C. Claus, an elderly lady living on main street just opposite the drug store and informed the family, who were eating dinner, that their house was on fire.

Fire alarms were sent out and crowds soon gathered on the street, but with no fire facilities. Flames soon gained great headway, and soon the two-story frame building just east of it was in flames. At the same time the two-story frame building across the street south, owned and occupied by J. G. Ranger, for a harness shop, caught fire in several places and from there the blaze on south side of

the street swept the restaurant, owned by C. A. Lord of Lincoln. It then leaped to the coal house owned by Hiram Shildneck, next to a residence owned and occupied by J. W. Hall. It then swept across the street east and burned the residence of Mrs. Hannah Vandervort, then south to the house owned by C. B. Emmert and occupied by B. C. Parish, then south-east and took the two owned by Mrs. Ray of Denver. While all of these were burning, the blaze on the north side of the street went from the two-story frame building to the brick restaurant owned by Malone & Pearson. It next demolished the bank which was a brick structure; made its way to the two-story brick general merchandise store owned by M. L. Dowell. Next in line was the two-story brick owned by Hiram Shildneck and occupied as a hardware on the first floor and furniture on second floor. The flames then crossed the street east and demolished the Falls City Telephone Co. building, then the two residences east owned by Hiram Tiehen. In all there were thirty-five buildings destroyed. The wind was terrific and at times the faithful workers were almost dismayed, as all around them blazes were starting. Heroic efforts were made by many of the men and every one did all they could. J. G. Ranger, M. L. Dowell and Hiram Shildneck all suffered heavy losses, while Snyder & Parish's drug store, Houck's meat market and Karsch's general merchandise store and postoffice were severely damaged. The residences mostly carried small insurances.

#### Married.

A very pretty, but quiet wedding occurred Sunday morning at six o'clock at the home of Mrs. Margaret Cade, when her daughter, Miss Ethel, was united in marriage to Mr. Ralph B. Simpson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. C. Brooks of the Methodist church in the presence of the close relatives and a few friends. Following the ceremony a delicious wedding breakfast was served, after which the bride and groom were driven to the Burlington station and went to St. Joe for a short wedding trip. They will go to Wahoo to visit Mr. Simpson's parents before returning home.

Mrs. Simpson has grown to womanhood in this city and is the center of a large and admiring circle of friends. Mr. Simpson came from Wahoo, Neb., to our city about three years ago and has been engaged in the jewelry business. He is a young man of estimable character and stands high in business and social circles here. While he is to be congratulated upon his good fortune, he is entirely worthy of the prize he has won.

We are glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Simpson will make this city their home, and on their life's journey they take with them the sincerest congratulations and best wishes of all their friends.

#### Surprise.

The neighbors and friends of Rev. Matill pulled off a pleasant surprise on the Matill family Tuesday evening. Before anyone in the parsonage suspected that anything out of the ordinary was doing, the neighborhood had lined up in the front yard. After an evening of social intercourse and the partaking of refreshments, all returned to their homes. The occasion will not quickly be forgotten.

#### Medical Society Meets.

The Richardson County Medical society met in the Elk's club room Tuesday afternoon. Officers elected for 1910 are, Dr. C. T. Burchard, president; Dr. Morris, Humboldt, vice-president; Dr. Andrews, Stella, secretary and treasurer; Dr. Keller, censor. New members received into the society were Drs. Trotter, Thomas and Brink.

Those present were Dr. Andrews of Stella, Dr. Shook, Shubert; Dr. Thomas, Verdon; Dr. Morris, Humboldt; Dr. Watson, Dr. C. T. Burchard, Dr. Trotter, Dr. Brink, Falls City. The next meeting of the society will be held the second Tuesday in July.

#### Boys Paroled.

Guy and Donald McDaniels, the two kids, eleven and nine years old, who started to go out west in the Wheeler rig last Friday had their trial in Judge Gagnon's court Wednesday and Thursday. Prosecutor Gantt representing the state and Attorney Falloon the boys. A strong effort was made to send the two children to the reform school. The judge however, wisely and in line with present day juvenile methods paroled the boys on good behavior, giving them in charge of their step-father and Attorney Falloon.

## HAYWARD FOR CONGRESS

Taken From Any Angle He is the Most Logical Candidate.

### CHARACTER ABOVE REPROACH

Hayward in Private Life Has Always Supported the Republicanism As Exemplified By Roosevelt—Could Be Easily Elected.

Though surface indications are not always dependable, still we would be safe in guessing that the contest to succeed Congressman McGuire would soon be an issue.

For fear that you may have forgotten about it, we will state that Congressman McGuire is the representative from the First Nebraska district. We received a package of lettuce seeds from Mac the other day, which indicates that the government at Washington still lives and that McGuire is on the job. We hadn't heard from him since last planting time and were growing somewhat uneasy for fear that "Uncle Joe" had devoured him, but the lettuce seeds allayed all fear, and the game may go on.

Of course, McGuire will be nominated by the democrats, but he will not be elected by the people, unless the republicans again make the mis-

taken seriously across the district and Lincoln people are clamoring for a candidate who has some chance of nomination. Judge Frost has been mentioned but he will not get in unless Tobey gets out, and Tobey seems to have lost the way out.

Ex-Congressman Pollard, against whom McGuire overcame a majority of nearly five thousand and defeated two years ago, will get in the race against the almost unanimous advice of his friends. Pollard has a certain following that will vote for him, but his record as congressman, the \$1200 incident, and his fearful defeat two years ago would make his nomination nothing short of a political disaster. Pollard has always been a Cannon man. He was one of the speaker's trusted lieutenants while in congress. Efforts were made to get him to oppose the speaker two years ago but were fruitless. With



take of nominating a weak man as his opponent. The republicans are not as united as they might be, and the prospects of success are not as rose colored as they were two years ago. To achieve success next fall will require the exercise of good judgment in the primaries in selecting a candidate.

George Tobey of Lincoln is one of the republican aspirants. Tobey is a negative proposition. He was secretary to Congressman Burkett and was admittedly a good secretary. While holding such position he became enamored of Washington and has been trimming his congressional sails ever since. His best friends do not claim that he is superior congressional timber, but content themselves with statements, all of which are true, to the effect that he is a man of good habits and excellent morals. The great majority of Lincoln republicans would be glad if he would get out of the race, and some effort has been made to accomplish this result. His candidacy is not

al knowledge of the writer, the son has always adhered to the progressive principles advocated by the father.

Hayward in private life has always supported the republicanism exemplified by the life and works of Theodore Roosevelt. Such support on his part has been militant, and the progressive principles so popular with the present rank and file, are the principles whose popularity is greatly indebted to such men as Will Hayward. He is a graduate of the state university, is a veteran of the Spanish-American war and a lawyer of commanding ability. He is at present secretary of the National committee, and the youngest man who ever held this exalted position.

His relations with Theodore Roosevelt, President Taft and the administration are intimate, and he is in a position to accomplish more for his district than any other man in it.

His habits and private life are above reproach. His personality is all that could be desired, and his election, if nominated, is conceded by the most ardent democrats.

Hayward is opposed to Cannon and his methods, not as political expediency but on principle. With Hayward in congress, the first district will again be on the political map, and his constituents may reasonably expect a representation such as has been wholly lacking in late years.

#### THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Wymore Will Represent Southeastern Nebraska in State Debate.

The contest for the championship in Southeastern Nebraska was fought out Monday night at the court house between Wymore and Falls City. Both sides put up a strong fight for the honors and when the smoke of many words had cleared away it was admitted that the ground had been ably contested by both sides. The judges gave the decision to Wymore.

The question was, "Resolved, that Labor Unions Are On the Whole Beneficial." Wymore was represented by Miss Floy Lewis, Miss Dorothy Kauffman and Donald Deemer, and they upheld the affirmative side of the argument. Falls City, with Jean Cain, Camille Leyda and James Falloon argued the negative side. The judges were Prof. Persinger of the State University, Prof. Wells of Wesleyan, and Prof. Maze of the Lincoln high school. It is admitted that the contest was exceedingly close, Wymore winning by a close margin.

#### The Fruit Situation.

During the last persistent cold wave the thermometer has repeatedly hit the danger point hard. The exceedingly dry condition of the atmosphere has no doubt saved the fruit in this section from annihilation. Cherries and all the tender varieties have gone the way of all things. Peaches will have suffered severely, though there are reasons for believing that Richardson county will have peaches in season. There are fanciers who argue that the frost only advantaged the apple prospects. The thought is that the frost only culled the excess of fruit from the trees. Be that as it may, the apple crop does not appear to be seriously damaged. The continued cold somewhat injured the fruit so that it was less susceptible when the weather was severest.

#### Initiation of Royal Arch Masons.

Last Friday evening a very fine meeting was held by the Royal Arch Masons. Three candidates were initiated, the work being done unusually well. There was a large attendance from the surrounding country and neighboring towns, among them were Judge S. P. Davison and Rev. Liddell of Tecumseh. Following the business session, a banquet was served in the banquet room of the Masonic temple. There were several delightful speeches during the evening. Among the speakers were Judge Davison and Rev. Liddell of Tecumseh, J. R. Cain, Jr., of Stella, Rev. Day, Rev. Brooks, and Rev. Bailey of this city. The addresses were all very interesting and held the profound attention of all. The session was a benefit and a pleasure to all who were present.

#### Celebrated Anniversary.

The Degree of Honor celebrated their anniversary at their hall Thursday evening. At the close of lodge a number of visitors were admitted to the lodge room and a splendid program rendered. Ice cream and cake were served at ten o'clock.

## THE WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

### AS 'TAS TOLD TO OUR SOCIETY EDITOR

#### Various Kinds of Entertainment by Individuals, Lodges, Clubs, Churches, Etc.

A miscellaneous shower was given Friday evening by Miss Leah Poteet for Miss Ethel Cade, whose marriage to R. B. Simpson was to take place on Sunday. The guest list included the Five W's and a few friends outside the club. Games and music made up the evening's entertainment. Refreshments in three courses were served by Miss Leah and her sister, Miss Mable. Many beautiful gifts were bestowed upon Miss Cade, showing the high regard in which she was held by her friends. The evening was most delightful.

The Woodman Circle gave a most enjoyable entertainment last Saturday evening in their lodge room in the form of a necktie party. Neckties of all colors, kinds and shapes were made by the ladies and sold, the partners for supper being found by matching neckties. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by those present. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee were served, and a goodly sum was realized from the effort and will be added to the lodge fund.

The Shakespeare club met with Mrs. John Gilligan Friday afternoon, owing to the fact that Saturday was the anniversary of the poet's birth, there were several departures from the regular plan and custom of the club. The regular lesson finished Act IV, of a "Winter's Tale," and there was also a biography of Shakespeare given by Mrs. Isham Reavis. A short talk on his plays was given by Mrs. T. J. Gist. Each member present was presented with a very pretty souvenir card, being reproductions of a portrait of Shakespeare by a famous painter. Another departure from the rule of the club, was the serving of refreshments. Miss Grinstead assisted the hostess in serving, and altogether the session was one of the most enjoyable held during the club season.

Mrs. D. M. Davies was hostess to the A. B. Whist club Monday afternoon. Quite a number of friends were invited as guests of the club, and all enjoyed the fascinating game which stands in high favor with those who were present. Miss Sarah Morsman, one of the guests of the club, carried off the honors for winning the greatest number of games. A nice lunch was served by Mrs. Davies at five o'clock, and according to the custom of the club, she was presented with a sterling silver fork.

The members of K. L. of S. No. 610, planned a very clever surprise for Mrs. S. L. Marts Tuesday evening, in honor of the anniversary of her birth. Games and social conversation furnished entertainment for the guests and at ten o'clock ice cream and cake were served. During the evening Mrs. Marts was given a post card chower.

Mrs. O. P. Heck was the victim of a band of plotters from her church society, the C. W. B. M., and many neighbors, who gave her a jolly surprise last Monday evening. It was known that the day was the anniversary of her birth and with baskets filled with good things, about forty friends took the Heck home completely by storm, the victim being greatly surprised. All kinds of games were played, and the refreshments, which were elegant, were served at a suitable hour. A beautiful chafing dish was presented to Mrs. Heck by her friends.

The Thursday Bridge club was entertained by Mrs. Charles Hargrave at their session of last week. Two tables were placed for the game, which was played with unusual interest. Refreshments were served at five o'clock, after which the ladies lingered for a half hour of pleasant conversation.

The Kaffee Klatch was entertained by Miss Maude Graham on Tuesday afternoon. There was a large membership present. A portion of the afternoon was given to discussing new rules which were adopted by the club. Music and games helped to pass the afternoon. Refreshments were served at five o'clock.