

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

D. J. Koenigstein Renominated for Mayor Last Night.

NO PLATFORM WAS ADOPTED.

Will Stand On Past Record—Administration Will Continue as It Has Been During the Past Year—Can't Afford Good Streets.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

D. J. Koenigstein was nominated by the democrats last night for mayor of Norfolk. One year ago D. J. Koenigstein was nominated and elected mayor of Norfolk by the democrats. Two years ago D. J. Koenigstein was nominated and elected mayor of Norfolk by the democrats. Two weeks ago, D. J. Koenigstein, mayor of Norfolk, published a card in THE NEWS, stating that he would not be a candidate this year—that he had had about all the honor and cussing one man was entitled to and that he could under no circumstances take the office. Accordingly, and since there were no circumstances, D. J. Koenigstein was declared the nominee of the democrats three minutes after they started to work, and he accepted the nomination in a short, well planned speech.

There was no platform adopted to fetter the candidates. Early yesterday morning Mayor Koenigstein said, "The democrats don't need a platform. We will not have one." Therefore when one man got timidly up last night to ask whether or not they should adopt a platform and come out squarely before the people with their principles, of which they were not ashamed, the mayor led off with a laugh and his followers, stationed everywhere about the room, catching the signal, joined in and gave the timid one a merry ha! ha! that dropped him, blushing, in his seat. "We will stand on our past record," declared the mayor. "We will stand on our past record!" followed the chorus. It was hard to tell whether they were laughing at the idea of the party principles, or at the notion of not being ashamed of them.

Other candidates named by the convention were:

Julius Hulff for city clerk.
Carl Wilde for city treasurer.
Ernest Zutz for city engineer.

In the ward conventions held between times, the following were named for the city council:

First ward, Oscar Uhle.
Second ward, Anton Buchholz.
Third ward, Herman Gerecke.
Fourth ward, Ben Walker.

In the school board convention, H. C. Matrau was named to succeed himself, and Peter Stafford, after a long, close contest, was nominated to succeed S. G. Dean.

The central committee will consist of W. H. Winter, H. C. Matrau, J. Hulff and F. W. Koerber.

The convention was called to order at 8 o'clock by Chairman J. C. Stitt. J. Hulff was made temporary chairman and J. C. Stitt secretary. It was a mass convention and the hall was full. Every democrat in town had a right to vote.

Herman Gerecke led off with a speech in which he admitted that there would be a fight. Then he moved that the nomination for mayor be made by secret ballot. It carried. Then every man wrote a name and brought it to the table. It was a singular fact that Koenigstein, after he had stated to his friends that he would not take the office, received 68 out of the 97 votes cast. But it proved that there was nothing about it cut and dried. Other democrats ran: Bear 9, Stitt 1, Salter 2, Westervelt 1, Matrau 13, W. W. Roberts 1, John Friday 1, Carl Wilde 1.

When the vote was announced someone called for a speech. Another shouted, "No, cut it out. Get through and then let him talk!" But they were both behind time. The mayor was already on his feet, addressing the gentlemen of the convention. He said:

"Gentlemen: I want to thank you for this unanimous approval of my administration. It is seldom anyone gets a vote like that for the third term. I will work for the best interests of the city. I can't fix the sidewalks and light the streets, when I'm trying to save money for the town. My administration will be in the future what it has been in the past. Everyone knows what it is. I'm not ashamed of it."

The last remark was a surprise even to the democrats and they stamped their feet in admiration of the moral courage.

Then came the city clerk. In a minute Julius Hulff was named and nominated. It was done before John Olney knew what they were doing. He was perfectly willing the thing should go the way it had been laid out, but he would like to keep up with the procession. After Carl Wilde had been named for treasurer, Olney stood up. "Mr. Chairman," he said, "Who is running for clerk? I'm d—d if I know who to vote for."

By acclamation Wilde was nominated, and likewise Ernest Zutz for engineer. Then the convention stopped and the wards got together, to name councilmen. After they had finished, they lined up again for the school board. H. C. Matrau was nominated for one, S. G. Dean, A. Morrison, Peter Stafford and H. W. Winter were named for the others. Winter declined. Then balloting began. There were 69 voters and they fought bitterly with their ballots. For four long ballots they voted with no election. Then at a suggestion of a

republican, they caught the idea of dropping the low man. The fifth ballot gave Stafford 39 and Morrison 28. Then the convention adjourned.

GRADES DEBATE.

Which Were the Worse Whites or Reds.

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A very interesting society was held between the two sexes of the high school Friday afternoon on the question "Resolved, that the Indians were treated worse than the whites."

Affirmative—Misses Jessie Eble, Mae Edwards, Mamie Ward and Bessie Richey.

Negative—Misses Ruth Birchard, Edna Loucks, Lena Brown and Irene Inskeep.

The seventh grade, first, won the decision, the judges being Messrs. John R. Hays, D. C. O'Connor and J. E. Simpson.

The latter gave a very interesting talk to the pupils, comparing his school days with theirs and promised in the future to tell them another story about a 300-pound girl which the pupils will be glad to hear.

BARNUM & BAILY.

Advance Literature Indicates That the Great Show Will Visit Norfolk.

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By starting some of their high grade advertising literature in this direction Barnum & Baily give an indication that they have Norfolk on their route as one of the places for the exhibition of their great shows during the summer. They have just opened the season at Madison Square garden in New York, after a tour of five years through the countries of Europe. It will be remembered that previous to the departure of the show for Europe it was exhibited in this city for an afternoon performance and their large tent was well filled by the people of this part of the state. The management no doubt holds the patronage they received here in high estimation and does not propose to pass Norfolk by when the trip to the coast is made this season.

"The Realm—A Magazine of Marvels" is the form the advance literature of the greatest show on earth has taken, and the printers have formed something worthy the attention of the souvenir gatherer. It is descriptive of the foreign tour of the circus, discloses methods of handling the immense aggregation and is full of illustrated descriptions of the attractions to be presented on the occasion of their coming tour. From what this magazine unfolds it is safe to believe that the Barnum & Baily show of this season is entirely different from that which was known eight or ten years ago.

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Disastrous Fire in Norfolk Destroys Press Building.

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Flames Keep up for Several Hours—Press Plant Completely Guttled—News Office Offered—The Adjacent Buildings Loose Heavily.

[From Monday's Daily.]

In one of the worst fires the business portion of Norfolk has seen for a great many years, the Press and old laundry building was totally destroyed yesterday morning. Adjacent buildings were badly damaged and the loss reaches many thousands of dollars.

The losers are: Norfolk Press, building and plant, \$5,000. Insurance \$3,000. Citizens National bank south half of building, \$700. Insurance \$700. Dr. L. A. Macomber, office, \$400. No insurance.

L. M. Gaylord, real estate office \$300. No insurance. Dr. W. H. H. Hagey, wall of building, \$500. Covered by insurance. Nebraska Telephone company supplies stored in Press building, \$1,200. No insurance.

C. E. Doughty, material stored in old laundry building, \$300. No insurance. I. M. Macy, storage, \$50. No insurance. Plate glass window, \$50.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It started in the northwest corner of the basement, where the Press had been printed Friday night. Since that time there had been no fire of any sort in that section of the plant. At 5 o'clock yesterday morning the light was discovered by three men who happened to be about at that time and had planned to go duck shooting. At 5 o'clock they passed the Journal office and noticed the flame. An alarm was turned in but it was some little time before the water works whistle sounded.

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This caught the blaze and was badly charred on one wall, but was saved by the firemen. In the south half of the building burned, was stored a steel range belonging to I. M. Macy and a large amount of material belonging to C. E. Doughty.

Adjacent to the south wall of the Press building was the office of L. M. Gaylord. This was practically ruined, with the furniture inside.

Next south from this stands the office and residence of Dr. W. H. H. Hagey, a two story structure covered with corrugated iron. The iron became red hot and set afire the wood within. The only way that it could be handled was to get at the flame from inside the house and by means of the hook and ladder department. Damage was done by water.

Across the street from the Press the heat was so intense that the buildings were set on fire and considerable damage done. Plate glass windows in the Macy studio were cracked and the roof of that and a vacant building south began to blaze. The paint on the house occupied by Mrs. M. Hill, dressmaker, was blistered. This is owned by Col. S. S. Cotton.

The Norfolk fire department worked long and hard at the blaze, and to them is due the fact that the string of buildings south of the Press on Fourth street are not today a heap of ashes. The late alarm put them at a disadvantage at the start, but they handled well the perilous flames after they did arrive. People south wanted to move out, but the department kept them from danger.

The fire continued to burn outright for several hours and is still smoldering to a small extent.

Mr. Sprecher stated this morning that he would get out the Press as usual this week. While the fire was still burning yesterday morning, he was found and offered the use of THE NEWS office for setting out his paper. He has gone to Omaha today to buy new type and on returning will rent some vacant building temporarily, at least. He will at least make use of THE NEWS press for running off the paper, and probably other departments. "It will take a hotter fire than that," he said, "to stop the Press."

The subscription list was dug out of the ruins in a fair state of preservation. The edges of the book were charred but a number of names inside were saved. Mr. Sprecher asked that those who took the Press would let him know, in order that they may not be missed.

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CAPERS OF THE ELKHORN

Cutting New Channels and Destroying Fertile Acres.

FAVORS THE SAND DUNES.

Cuts Out the Prolific Soil and Disturbs Not the Acres of Sand—Dam at West Point is Entirely Out of Water.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The Elkhorn raise has been doing other things than removing fences and bridges and distributing rubbish over the flooded territory. It is adjusting its channel to suit the extraordinary conditions and in the process is not discriminating as to the ownership of the territory through which it meanders and is disposing of considerable areas of land to suit its own caprices. The banks that have controlled it for years are ruthlessly broken and the contour of the stream will have undergone a radical change when in has again settled down to normal conditions and ordinary habits. Some farmers living along the stream are losing acres of rich, black loam and others are gaining what they have lost. One farmer in the near vicinity of Norfolk is said to have lost at least five acres of a nicely tilled and prolific soil and the uncontrollable senselessness of the river is shown by the fact that the opposite shore from this fine tract of land is nothing but sand dunes and the stretch of minute pebbles is practically worthless so far as productive capacity is concerned. This was not even damaged but its area has been added to by several laps of other thoroughly washed sand. It is said that a few loads of brush might have prevented the loss of several acres of land if it had been rightly placed last season, but it has been about five years since the Elkhorn got on a tear and during that time the farmers living in the vicinity of the stream have acquired the belief that it never intended to act ugly again so they have neglected precautionary measures until it was too late to prevent the loss.

During the past week the contour of the river has changed very much and the main result will be that several new bayous will present possibilities to the fishermen when the time comes for them to sally forth with hooks and lines and cans of bait with the opening of April, when the law provides for opening of the season.

The river has been so energetic at the point heretofore spanned by the First street wagon bridge that it is said a Brooklyn suspension bridge will almost be necessary to span the present channel of the river. With the land of the farmers in the vicinity the approach of this bridge has gone, never to return, save by some arduous manual labor, and the work of replacing the bridge will be a matter of considerable expense to the county.

Not in a long time has the river become so riotous and it is hoped that it will be another long while before it acquires the same degree of strenuousness.

At West Point the river did one of its meanest tricks. It cut a new channel, leaving the dam of the West Point mill company high and dry. It is up to them now either to change the channel of the river back to its old run or move their mill and power plant. In Douglas county it threatens to leave the bridge on the military road high and dry and the surveyor has been instructed to keep the river in its channel or it will require the building of another bridge on the part of the county. Not only will the bridge be put out of commission but many acres of land will be damaged.

CITY PARTLY DARK. Short Circuit Brings Out Dusty Lamps and Many Stumble Home.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

A good portion of Norfolk was in darkness last night and much of the town had to find its way home to bed without a light. This was so because a short circuit took a notion to happen in the electric light system and because, in the mix-up, the fuse was burned out of two transformers.

The trouble happened about 8 o'clock, while people were on their way to the play house and just when the eastern mail arrived at the post office and had to be distributed. The post office is lighted by electricity. When the fuse burned out the building was left in blackness. Dozens of sacks of mail came in to be opened and hundreds of people outside were waiting for their letters. What's more, they got them. All of the first class mail was thrown in the usual way regardless of the absent electricity. This was made possible by lighting the gas jets with which the employes are also supplied.

In many places lamps had to be trotted out, the cobwebs wiped off and the wicks trimmed before the evening NEWS, with its complete telegraphic service, could be read through. Kerosine glims had to be dug up at some of the hotels and even Daniel Sully had to be entertained in the card room of the Elks with a flickering lamp light to go by.

Letter List. List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice March 24, 1903.

C. W. Bills, Pete Brown, M. P. Brown, F. G. Crandall, Egyptian Rem-

edy Co., Mrs. M. Hall, Fred Kieselbach, B. S. Miller, Albert C. Ridgway, L. Saphen.

If not called for in 15 days will be sent to the dead letter office. Parties calling for any of the above please say advertised.

JOHN R. HAYS, P. M.

PLANS FOR THE PRESS. Old Bank Building Has Been Rented and Type Received.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Editor P. F. Sprecher of the Press has promptly undertaken to repair the damage caused by his newspaper plant by the fire. Naturally since the plant was totally destroyed this amounts practically to a substitution with a new plant. Emergency material has been ordered and received and his force will begin work today on the coming issue of the paper. Body type and cases arrived this morning from one of the supply houses and the matter will be at once assembled for the week's issue. The old Norfolk National bank building has been rented and will form the temporary home of the plant. There the type will be set, and until presses and other machinery have been installed the press work will be done at THE NEWS office, and the advertisements will likewise be set here until an assortment of display type has been received.

Mr. Sprecher believed yesterday that he had one source of a little salvage from the fire. He planned to save the pulleys that had been used in the power plant, but this morning he found that someone had anticipated him and removed the most valuable portion of such fixtures during last night. It should not be difficult to identify the material taken and Mr. Sprecher promises that he will endeavor to see that the full extent of punishment provided by law is meted out to the culprit, if he can be located.

DANIEL SULLY. Plays Initial Performance Before a Large, Well Pleased Audience.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Daniel Sully appeared for the first time in Norfolk before a crowded house at the auditorium last night. He may come again. It was a well pleased audience to which he presented "The Old Mill Stream" and an audience that laughed and cried, intermittently, from the beginning to the end.

"The Old Mill Stream" is just a quaint, old-fashioned play, placed in the homely heart of the Catskill mountains, in which sentiment, pathos and humor, flow incessantly intermingled along the lines. As "Uncle Bob" Mr. Sully takes the part of the poor but happy miller of Mink Hollow. He has faith in his fellow beings and because of that he enjoys life. His bits of droll humor and pat remarks form the spice to the play. "It's sentiment," he remarks, "that makes this old world move," and again, "Fairness to your fellow men is a savings bank, and the happiness in your heart is the interest."

Mr. Sully carries a good company, in which C. O. Wallace as the doctor and Wm. T. Kokman as the old German settler are especially at home. The glad hand was given the players at the ends of several points of climax, and the star was called out for a certain speech after the second act.

After the play Mr. Sully was given a reception in the club rooms by his brother Elks, where his good stories made a hit.

The next attraction at the Auditorium will be the "Little Princess," next Friday night, March 27.

OFFICERS OF U. C. T. Norfolk Council Elects Officers and Representatives.

[From Monday's Daily.]

At the regular annual meeting of the U. C. T. of A. and the State of Nebraska the following officers were elected for the ensuing year by the Norfolk council:

Senior counselor, J. D. Sturgeon. Junior counselor, A. Nyland. Past counselor, F. G. Coryell. Secretary and treasurer, O. F. Tappert.

Conductor, J. T. Thompson. Page, C. D. Simms. Sentinel, A. G. Witmer. Executive committee; two years, A. Randklov, A. A. Adams; one year, C. E. Green, A. G. Lager. Representative to grand lodge, S. F. Erskine.

The next meeting of the grand lodge of Nebraska will be held at Beatrice the first Friday and Saturday in May. The Norfolk members of the grand lodge are C. E. Green and Otto F. Tappert.

COLLISION ON "BIG FOUR." Eight Persons Badly Injured—Cars and Engines Demolished.

Tremont, Ill., March 24.—Special to The News: A passenger train on the "Big Four" line collided here today with a freight train. Eight persons were seriously injured. Many cars and both engines were totally demolished.

EXPULSION OF THE PRESIDENT. Revolutionists in Possession of City and Government.

San Domingo, March 24.—Special to The News: Soon after the revolutionists had captured the city they expelled President Nasquez and are now in possession of the departments of the government.