

FIRE ENDANGERS WINSIDE.

Lack of Water System Nearly Was to Blame.

FEAR TOWN MAY BURN OUT.

With a Little More Breeze the Other Day, Winside Might Have Gone up in Flames and Some Day, Unless Protection is Installed, It May.

Fire! Fire! This was the cry heard all over town a little after 5 o'clock last night. The church bells rang and people ran from every direction thinking that it was the school house, John VanSoelak thought he would burn the tall weeds on his garden patch, just northwest of the school house, and he no sooner started the fire when the wind raised and it got beyond his control. As the grass was pretty thick and tall the fire spread at an alarming rate, fanned by the high wind, and it looked for a time as if Rev. Draise's barn, the parsonage, church and everything would go up in smoke. But a crowd of men, women and children soon arrived and managed to get control of the fire. With the strong wind from the west there is no telling where the damage would have stopped had not prompt action on the part of a few put the fire out. Again the town is reminded that it needs some fire protection. This question will not be worth considering and the matter will be neglected until Winside has a fire that will destroy part of the town. It is no time to lock the barn after the horse is stolen.—Winside Tribune.

ODD FELLOWS NAME OFFICERS

A Number of North Nebraska People Honored by Subordinate Lodge and Rebekah Branch.

Lincoln, Oct. 24.—Special to the News: The following officers were elected before the adjournment of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows in session here this week:

Grand master, C. H. Ellis, Laurel; deputy grand master, Walter A. Leese, Lincoln; grand warden, F. P. Corrick, Coad; grand secretary, I. P. Gage, Fremont; grand treasurer, F. B. Bryant, Omaha; grand instructor, G. I. Loomis, Fremont; grand marshal, J. E. Morrison, Gandy; grand conductor, F. M. Rathbun, McCook; grand guardian, F. R. Smith, Butte; grand herald, Charles Sampson, Oakland; home trustees, W. H. Barnes, Fairbury; A. H. Wier, Lincoln; grand representatives, O. O. Snyder, O'Neill; C. A. Randall, Newman Grove.

Officers of the Rebekah lodge, the woman's auxiliary to the order, were named as follows:

Mrs. Mary Livingston of Fremont, president; Mrs. Nettie Corrick of Cozad, vice president; Miss Sutherland of Omaha, warden; Anna B. Crawford of Lincoln, secretary; Mary E. Stuhdt of Omaha, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Davis of Fairbury, chaplain; Mrs. L. Debow of Coleridge, marshal; Mrs. May A. Randall of Newman Grove, conductor; Mrs. Katherine Jackson, of Lincoln, inside guardian; Mrs. Kerstead of Tilden, outside guardian.

OLD RESIDENT OF PETERSBURG.

Mrs. J. A. Ganiard Passed Away on Tuesday and the Funeral is Held Today.

Petersburg, Neb., Oct. 28.—Special to the News: Mrs. J. A. Ganiard, an old and respected citizen of Boone county, died at her home in this city yesterday, aged eighty-seven years, and the funeral is to be held this afternoon, from the Congregational church under the auspices of the Adventist society, of which the deceased was a member.

Mrs. Ganiard leaves an aged husband and several children to mourn her loss. The children are all grown and make their homes here. Mrs. Ganiard has been an invalid and has been unable to walk for the past twenty years.

GAME ON AGAINST COLORADO.

Nebraska University Team Lines up Against Mountaineers.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 24.—Special to the News: The football team from Colorado lines up against the Cornhuskers this afternoon on the Nebraska field. The game will not be a hard one for Nebraska nor an important one in the varsity schedule. The "scrubs" left last night for Peru where they play the state normal team today.

DYING HOG TAKES A THUMB.

R. A. Tawney of Pierce Contributes a Portion of His Hand to an Expiring Brute.

Pierce, Neb., Oct. 28.—Special to the News: R. A. Tawney, a well known resident of this county, and a member of the normal school board, is minus a thumb this morning, which was crunched off by a hog that was being butchered.

The animal was being converted into meat for the winter yesterday afternoon by Mr. Tawney, and in delivering the fatal stroke Mr. Tawney

unfortunately placed his thumb in the hog's mouth during the ordeal. The strong jaws of the animal closed together with a snap and the thumb stayed inside.

Mr. Tawney hurried to town and had the stump dressed and if blood poisoning does not set in it is believed that the wound will heal quickly. It is known, however, that the bite of a hog is frequently poisonous, and Mr. Tawney's friends will be anxious until it is known that no unfavorable symptoms develop.

Governor Gave Consent.

Lincoln, Oct. 28.—Governor Mickey stated that the cannon with which the high school and university students made hideous in celebration of their football victories was fired with his knowledge and consent. Many citizens complained to the police and the latter made some effort to suppress the outburst of enthusiasm, but the governor's written permission for the boys to use the cannon, while perhaps of no legal significance, was sufficient for them and the police.

Charged With Assault.

Valentine, Neb., Oct. 28.—Culta Stockman, a young man about 18 years old, was arraigned before Judge Town on a charge of attempted criminal assault upon Mrs. Minnie A. Sterns, wife of F. B. Sterns, a ranchman near Hyannis, in the southwestern part of this county, on the night of October 16. In default of \$1,000 bail he was committed to jail. Stockman was in the employ of Sterns, and during his employer's absence, it is alleged, made two attempts to commit the crime.

MEN AND WOMEN FIGHT.

Riot in the Doukhouber Colony Results in Four Fatalities.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 28.—Word has been received here of a riot in the Doukhouber colony to the north of Swan lake, in which three persons were killed and another fatally injured. Peter Veregin, the so-called Christ of the sect went on a visit to the Yorktown colony. Before he went he called his followers before him, and while they lay prostrated before him he told them to follow out his doctrine during his absence and to pay no heed to so-called missionaries who might visit them. For a time all went well until a Methodist minister named Perkins arrived at the settlement and tried to preach to them. The community divided itself, and one faction of the women stripped themselves of clothing, as they have done on several previous occasions, and started to look for Peter Veregin, their leader. The men interfered and a pitched battle ensued.

ENGLISH BANKER ARRESTED.

Placed in Custody After a Chase of Fourteen Months.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—After a chase lasting fourteen months, and in which two continents were traversed with a detective in pursuit, John Morrison, assistant cashier of the Northwestern bank of London, charged with embezzling more than \$60,000, has been arrested in Chicago.

Morrison, with Edward Weston of the Scotland Yard detective force, who effected the capture, is now on his way to England to answer the charge of defalcation. Morrison, after his flight, assumed many aliases. When arrested he was conducting a jewelry store in Forty-second street under the name of Henry Jordan. The fugitive consented to return to England without extradition proceedings.

MURDER VICTIM FOR MONEY.

Robbers Use Chloroform and the Fumes Prove Fatal.

Lead, S. D., Oct. 28.—J. A. Maroux, head carpenter for the Hidden Fortune Gold Mining company, was murdered at his home in Lead. Chloroform was used by the murderers.

Mrs. Maroux was aroused with a choking sensation, which was gradually forced off, and she arose and went into the kitchen. After fully reviving she returned to her bed room, where she found her husband dead, with the pillow and bed quilt over his mouth. A handkerchief saturated with chloroform lay on the floor and the window of the room showed plainly how the crime had been committed. It had been forced up and on the outside an empty two-ounce vial lay. Robbery was the motive.

Burnett Granted New Trial.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 28.—In the case of Orville Burnett, a Chicago dentist, who was convicted of murdering Charlotte S. Nichols, and sentenced fifteen years in the Joliet penitentiary, the judgment of the trial court was reversed by the supreme court and a new trial is ordered. Burnett and Mrs. Nichols were together in a Chicago hotel on the night of Oct. 29, 1901. Mrs. Nichols was downhearted and she and Burnett agreed to commit suicide. They purchased poison and after retiring the woman swallowed a sufficient quantity to cause death.

Moulton Re-elected Commander.

St. Louis, Oct. 28.—The second annual national encampment of the active service men of the Spanish war adjourned. The delegates took action favorable to the proposed plan of consolidating into one organization all the principal societies of soldiers who served in the Spanish-American and Philippine wars. If the co-operation of the different organizations is effected the new order will meet in St. Louis next year for its first encampment and formal organization. General George M. Moulton of Chicago was re-elected commander-in-chief.

VALUABLE FOR NORFOLK

Odd Fellows' Home Might be Secured.

CONVENTION DELEGATES HOME.

S. R. McFarland Served on Two Committees and George N. Beels Introduced a Resolution Which May Open Possibility for City.

S. R. McFarland, George N. Beels and S. F. Dunn have returned from Lincoln where they attended the state convention of the I. O. O. F. Mr. McFarland served on two committees, the finance committee of the grand encampment and on the credentials committee of the grand lodge.

The State Journal says Mr. Beels introduced a resolution to receive bids next year for a location for the contemplated Odd Fellows' home. This was voted down because only \$22,000 of the \$25,000 required was in sight for an endowment fund. It is anticipated that the beginning of the year 1904 will see the balance of the fund pledged. Such an institution supported by the Odd Fellows throughout the state would be a valuable acquisition to Norfolk.

Dying, Reveals Identity.

Lincoln, Oct. 24.—Fred L. Dollard, aged 49 years, who was in the penitentiary under the name of Fred L. Lee, died of lockjaw, revealing his identity when it became known that he would not live. His mother lives at Carbondale, Ill. Dollard was sent up last May from Seward on a charge of burglary. Two weeks ago he hurt his hand in a broom machine, resulting in lockjaw and his death.

ABOUT HOW OLD ANN REALLY IS

Author of the Puzzle in a Signed Article, States That Ann is Just Eighteen.

The old question of "How old is Ann?" which was started by a Boston man some time ago and which ran in several newspapers, has just now been revived in this city by a number of papers which come in from Indianapolis, Chicago and other points. The Indianapolis Star, which ran the feature not long ago, contains a written article by the author of the puzzle in which he shows clearly that Ann is eighteen years of age. One of the answers in the column stated that the man figuring it out had come to the conclusion that no matter how dark the night is, she is still your mother-in-law.

Infant Child Dies.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rohmer, living east of the city, died yesterday.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zulaph of Pierce were in the city.

Mrs. W. H. Bucholz was an Omaha visitor Wednesday.

Herman Zerkus was in the city from Lindsay on Tuesday.

Frank Owen of Wayne was a Norfolk visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. F. J. Hale and daughters were in Norfolk from Battle Creek.

Mrs. St. Edkins of Fairfax, S. D., was a visitor in Norfolk Wednesday.

Miss Georgia Harvey, who used to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Oxniam, is to be married Thursday to a physician in Denver.

The ladies of the missionary society of the M. E. church gave their regular monthly tea last evening at the home of Mrs. L. M. Beeler, North Ninth street, and received a liberal patronage.

The dance given in the Marquardt hall Tuesday night by a committee representing the Royal Tiger club that flourished during the firemen's tournament, though not largely attended was a delightful affair. The Italian orchestra furnished the music and those who participated enjoyed the event hugely.

Postmaster John R. Hays is attending the meeting of postmasters of the state at Lincoln. At the opening session Tuesday he responded to the addresses of welcome extended by Postmaster Sizer and Mayor Adams. Those who know Mr. Hays' ability to give a pithy address will realize that his part in the program proved delightful to his hearers.

MEADOW GROVE.

J. L. Dunn was a Norfolk visitor Sunday.

L. R. Pritchard was a Norfolk visitor Tuesday.

John Cook was a Norfolk visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Aylea is on the sick list this week.

I. G. Aylea made a business trip to Omaha Tuesday.

Mrs. Morris of Battle Creek visited with Mrs. Gily Duell Wednesday.

Owen O'Neill and T. D. Preece were Meadow Grove visitors Wednesday.

Geo. Zimmermann of Battle Creek was a Meadow Grove visitor Friday.

Gus Kurdina arrived on Wednesday evening's train for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Fleming of Wisner, mother of

Mrs. J. A. Brossier, is visiting with the latter this week.

C. F. Easley, republican candidate for county judge, was in Meadow Grove Wednesday on an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Muffley left on Monday for Denver, Colo., where they will visit for a short time. They expect to make their home somewhere in Colorado but have not as yet decided on any particular place.

Mrs. Mike Sullivan, who has been visiting with Mert Sullivan for the past two weeks left for Craigton on Thursday's train to visit for a few days before returning to her home at Butte, Montana.—Meadow Grove Press.

A Queer House.

A house built entirely of fish bones will be one of the oddities encountered at the world's fair. A St. Augustine, Florida, negro is the architect of the unique structure. It will be 15x18 feet and the gable ends will be an exact reproduction of the old city gates of St. Augustine. The scales of the drum are exclusively used for the work as they are susceptible to chemical treatment which renders them peculiarly adapted for building purposes. The bones used are those of the shark and an occasional saw fish. The furniture is also a novel addition. The mattresses and pillows for the bed are made of bass scales which by a certain process are rendered as soft as feathers. Nine barrels of drum fish scales were required to complete the house and these have to be carefully assorted as to size to insure uniformity.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

The burglar alarm at the Pierce County bank went off about 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. The alarm came at a very inopportune time, being the next morning after the robbery at Foster, and caused cold chills to run up and down the spines of our citizens for a few moments. An employee of the bank accidentally set off the alarm in entering the building and it was several minutes before someone arrived that understood how to turn off the switch.—Pierce Call.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parrshall arrived in Pierce last Sunday from a wedding tour of several weeks at Hot Springs, Deadwood, Lead and other pleasant resorts in the west. Mrs. Parrshall is pleased with Nebraska and especially Pierce, which she thinks is a neat and pretty little city. Mr. and Mrs. Parrshall will visit here a few weeks and then go east to spend the winter. They will probably return here in the spring and purchase a residence and make this their home.—Pierce Call.

The juvenile band that was organized here lately bids fair to become one of the best in the valley. These boys show a natural aptitude for music and are steady workers at practice. They will give a concert sometime this winter to show the progress made. The names of those in the band are: Ernest Scheele, director, Chas. Scheele, Art Wunner, Frank Carrier, Henry Schultz, Ralph Appleby, Roy Stueker, Walter Krenzlein, Frank Schultz, Henry Holstein, Roy Whalen, Fred Schultz, Louis Schultz, Louis Zander, Claude Hawks, Willie Pate, Herman Klug, Harry McFarland and John Becker.—Stanton Register.

EIGHTY THOUSAND AT STAKE.

Child Adopted in Sioux City and Heir to Nebraska Fortune May Lose Legacy.

Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 27.—Upon the question of the validity of the adoption of a child six years ago depends the dispensation of an estate of \$80,000 left by James H. Blenkiron of Hartington, Neb. Suit was brought three weeks ago at Hartington, Neb., by three brothers and six sisters of Mr. Blenkiron. Leonard Blenkiron of Coleridge, Neb., who was interested in property with the deceased, is the only one who declined to participate in the legal fight and he has been made a defendant. J. E. Blenkiron of Sioux City is one of the plaintiffs.

James H. Blenkiron and wife came to Sioux City six years ago to find a child to adopt and upon the recommendation of Mrs. J. A. Thurston, police matron, took home with them a 4-months-old baby, son of Nettie Smith. Four years later Mr. Blenkiron was killed by the editor of a Belden newspaper in an altercation over the publication of an article.

He left no will, so under the Nebraska law, the property became the life estate of Mrs. Blenkiron, to be inherited by the son after her death. Mr. and Mrs. Blenkiron became attached to the child, Earl LeRoy Blenkiron, and the widow, who has since married Henry Giebink of Altam, Ia., has employed Judge R. E. Evans of Dakota City to defend. The plaintiffs are represented by Judge Robinson of Hartington. The issue consists entirely of whether or not the adoption of a son under Iowa laws by Nebraska parents was legal.

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REVEALS FIRE MYSTERY.

Mammoth Conflagration Was Narrowly Averted.

FAIR STORE WAS ENDANGERED

Two Boxes of Matches, Wrapped for Delivery, Suddenly Go Off With a Puff and a Flame While the Store is Filled With Shoppers.

What might very easily have turned into one of the fiercest fires Norfolk ever saw, and what incidentally explains perfectly clearly how many of the fires of mysterious origin are really started, took place at the Fair store Saturday afternoon when the immense building was crowded with people surging in and out, packed together in all departments.

The trouble all lay in two tiny and apparently innocent boxes of Scotchlight matches which had been sold to a woman and which, wrapped in paper, had been placed upon a counter to wait until the purchaser might want to carry the package home. With no one in the immediate vicinity of the package of matches, there was suddenly a puff and an outburst of flames on the counter. In an instant the two boxes had been completely consumed and in another instant, but for the hasty work of a salesman, the store might have been afire.

Nothing to Set the Fire.

There is no explanation save that of spontaneous combustion and from this, above all other things, are matches supposed to be free. The boxes themselves were closed as they always are in manufacturing and around them was the airtight wrapping of paper. Yet all of this was not enough to prevent the heat getting the better of the brimstone and the sulphur head on every little stick of wood was eaten off by the blaze.

Explains Many Mysteries.

Just this incident, insignificant as it is in itself, may explain many mysteries in the fire line and may reveal the start of many blazes that are discovered in the night and for which there is never any definitely known cause. Very many fires have occurred in the history of Norfolk for which no reason could be assigned and it is possible that just such a voluntary lighting of matches may have done the mischief.

"We have often received boxes of matches from the factory," said P. A. Shurtz, one of the proprietors of the Fair store, "and it is not at all uncommon to discover that some of the heads of the matches have already been burned."

MEET GREAT WESTERN CUT.

Chicago-Omaha Lines Decide to Put in New Grain Rate.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—The conference of executive officials held here to try to induce the Great Western to modify its proportional rate through Omaha so as not to affect the through rate failed of results. Although maintaining that they did not desire to disturb existing rates wherever unnecessary, the Great Western officials insisted that the through lines should raise their rates west of the river if they did not want the through rate disturbed. This, of course, will not be done. The rates announced by the Chicago Great Western will be met by all lines and will be checked in at a meeting of the freight agents today. It was said that one effect of these rates would be to make lower through rates via Omaha than via Kansas City and St. Joseph.

LABOR LEADER BADLY BEATEN.

Business Agent of Chicago Machinists' Union Set Upon by Four Men.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—William Russell, a member of the finance committee of the Chicago Federation of Labor and former business agent of the International Association of Machinists, is at his home suffering from an attack made upon him by four unidentified men. Russell, after being drugged, was horribly beaten by the quartet, which then left him lying in a gutter for dead. The circumstances of the attack are almost exactly similar to those surrounding the attack a few weeks ago on Michael Donnelly, president of the butchers' union.

MORE OREGON LAND FRAUDS.

Grand Jury Indicts One Woman and Two Men for Forgery.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 28.—The grand jury returned indictments against three persons on charges of forgery in connection with the entry of public lands in the southern Oregon district. The persons indicted are Miss Mary L. Ware, Horace G. McKinley and S. A. D. Puter. The specific charges are that these three persons forged the names of fictitious persons to homestead applications and final proofs. Miss Ware formerly was United States land commissioner at Eugene, but was removed several months ago by Judge Bellinger on charges of fraud. McKinley and Puter are timber land operators and it is alleged that they fraudulently secured large tracts of timber lands by working in connection with Miss Ware, United States commissioner. The indictments mark the efforts of months on the part of Special Agent Green of the interior department and Attorney Hall to unearth what is be-

lieved to be the cleverest and most successful conspiracy yet discovered to defraud the government of land.

Lull in Copper War.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 28.—There is a lull in the Amalgamated Helms war, both sides to the struggle apparently lying on their arms awaiting the next move by the opposition. The next effort to settle the controversy, it is believed, will be by a mediation commission formed at the suggestion of the Business Men's association of Great Falls. The members of this mediation commission will meet in about four days. Presently William Staddon of the Anaconda company and P. Augustus Hinkle have both indicated their willingness to meet with the commission and discuss the settlement of the issue.

GRIP AND TRAILER COLLIDE.

Six Persons Injured, One Seriously, in Chicago Street Car Accident.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—A North Clark street grip car and trailer crashed together, the grip car practically encompassing the latter. Six persons were injured, seriously, of whom one will die, while a score of passengers were bruised and shaken up.

Seriously injured: Gertrude Crona, left arm Christopher Kronenberger, legs broken and cut; Lewis, son of Ruz, head and body; Miss Matilda Stark, hand crushed, legs flung out; Otto A. Sumner, cut about head and body may lose right; James Wilmer, gripman, cut and made unconscious. A dozen women faint or were made hysterical by fright.

Stern Held to Grand Jury.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The preliminary hearing in the case of Leopold J. Stern of Baltimore, indicted for complicity in postal frauds, was concluded in police court and Stern was held in \$5,000 bail to await the action of the grand jury, which was furnished, and he was released. Judge Scott said he believed enough evidence had been adduced to authorize him to hold the defendant for the investigation of the higher tribunal. He commented on the statements made by the postoffice inspectors of the result of their conversations with Stern, and the latter's claims that he had written authority for the nonfurnishing of the straps, and then his failure to produce the document in question.

Patrick Loses Will Case.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 28.—The court of appeals placed a final negative on the attempt of Albert Patrick to obtain the vast fortune of the deceased millionaire, William M. Rice, for whose murder he was under sentence of death at Sing Sing. The court handed down a decision affirming that of the lower courts which threw out as a forgery the alleged will of Mr. Rice, which Patrick urged as superseding that admitted to probate. The will of Mr. Rice thus sustained makes no mention of Patrick, the bulk of the estate estimated at \$4,000,000 or more, being bequeathed to the proposed W. M. Rice Institute for the advancement of literature, science and art of Houston, Tex.

Vanderbilt Has Close Call.

Centralia, Ill., Oct. 28.—W. K. Vanderbilt, John Jacob Astor, General Manager Harahan and other members of the Illinois Central railroad directorate narrowly escaped injury in an accident to the special train at Carbondale. Through some misunderstanding another train undertook to leave a sidetrack as the special came along. Two coaches of the special were "side-swiped," the sides of the coaches being torn away.

Blair May Recover.

St. Louis, Oct. 28.—The physicians attending James L. Blair, who has been in a very precarious condition since his fall down a flight of stone steps at his home last Saturday evening as the result of a physical collapse, stated for the first time since the accident that Mr. Blair has now an even chance for recovery. The investigation into the charges made against Mr. Blair is being pursued by the grand jury.

War Situation Less Acute.

Yokohama, Oct. 28.—Mysterious movements of Russians in Korea continue to be reported. A detachment of 200 Russian troops is said to have crossed the river Yum into Korea. The newspapers here regard the situation as being easier and believe that Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, and Foreign Minister Komura are nearer to reaching an agreement.

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