

NORFOLK PEOPLE IN FIRE

C. W. Smith Describes His Experience at the Theater.

SAW THE HEAPS OF DEAD BODIES

Says That No Newspaper Report Has Given Anything Like a Real Picture of the Awfulness of the Tragedy—C. A. Madsen Alive.

There were several Norfolk people at the Chicago fire of last week. One Norfolk man who arrived in the windy city on the day after the disastrous catastrophe was C. W. Smith, the well known commercial traveler who makes the territory out of this point. Mr. Smith got there in time to witness all of the terrible scenes which have been touched upon by the newspaper reports and his description of the awfulness of it all is stirring to a degree. Mr. Smith told it to a News reporter this morning.

"No one who has not seen the place could possibly appreciate the awfulness of the fire and its effects. I shall never forget as long as I live. The newspapers, while they have given column after column in describing the pictures and the pathetic incidents of the grief stricken relatives following the blaze, have merely touched upon the intensity of the tragedy.

"Great piles of lifeless human forms, heaped high and long, one body above another, with the ghastly faces bearing the marks of the suffering which that short moment had brought, were enough to turn the strongest nerve man aside. People carrying the frail, dead bodies of their babies home after the fatal flame had eaten them up, formed pictures in the streets which no artist, no novelist could ever truly depict."

Mr. Smith went down to the ruined theater and took a look. Within one of the restaurants was a long, glassy mound of human bodies, piled one upon another like so much coriander. Approaching the door, Mr. Smith was about to be pushed back. "What do you want in here?" asked the guard. "I am looking for a friend whom I cannot find," replied the Norfolkman, and passed within. Thousands and thousands of persons were looking constantly for the familiar faces of relatives or friends who had unfortunately fallen victims to the deadly flames, and it was here, perhaps, that some of the most pitiful episodes were noted. About two minutes was enough for Mr. Smith, when he made his way out as quickly as possible.

Mr. Smith saw the mound in which lay the wife of the rich brewer who only discovered her identity by the finger ring which she wore. He also rode upon the street car which carried the little corpse of the frantic man's daughter—the man who ordered the conductor to move on at the point of a revolver.

Mr. Smith did not intend to visit that locality again, but he is not well acquainted in Chicago and the next day he found himself passing along the street in front of the theatre. Then a sight met his gaze that made him sick at heart. Workmen were just cleaning the front part of the building and he had swept up into a pile on the tiled floor of the lobby a mass of fragments of human flesh and human hair. The sight gave him such a shock that he made it a point not to go in that neighborhood again.

All of the theaters in Chicago have now been closed and it is considered that the show people are losing about \$18,000 every day during the order's power.

CHARLES A. MADSEN ALIVE.

He Was Somewhat Injured in the Fire But Not Seriously.

Charles A. Madsen, who was in the fire itself, writes to his mother, 408 Madison avenue, that he got out alive and ought to be thankful for that. At one time Mr. Madsen thought that he would be crushed to death any instant, but fortunately he pulled through. He was somewhat injured but will be all right within a few days.

C. E. Doughty Not There.

C. E. Doughty of this city was not in Chicago nor in the fire, as has been reported during the past few days. He was not within hundreds of miles of Chicago and Mrs. Doughty is at a loss to explain the wild rumor.

BOYD COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE

Volume Devoted to "The Garden of Nebraska," Edited by John H. Sexton and Published at Naper.

A decidedly new and unique form of "extra edition" has been issued from the press of Hensel & Brown, publishers, at Naper, in Boyd county, by John H. Sexton and entitled, "A Brief Appreciation of Boyd County, Nebraska, and its People and Institutions." It is a good sized book, and besides containing a brief write-up of Nebraska, is, as its title would indicate, devoted largely to telling the people of Boyd county, its towns and its people. Illustrations of towns, farm residences, town homes and business houses and prominent people of the new country are liberally used in the work, while the business interests

are represented by readable, well worded advertisements. It is another evidence of remarkable enterprise in a new country and the town where the volume had its birth is many miles from a railroad, and therefore the consummation of the more surprising. The publication of the book would mean a large contract for a city office and a city writer, and it is to be hoped that the editor and the publishers will be shown substantial appreciation of their efforts. A township map of Boyd county forms a portion of the work.

STAND UP FOR NORFOLK

Opinion of One Business Man as to the Manner in Which the Town is Standing up for Itself.

Norfolk, Jan. 5.—Yes, "Stand up for Norfolk," says The News. "Stand up for Norfolk," says The Press. "Stand up for Norfolk," say the business men. And then all look about and wonder why somebody don't do something. The News says, "There are no enemies or jealousies so far as known" in Norfolk. Certainly not, but it is a fact that when the Press suggests something for the good of Norfolk some of you turn up your noses and say, "Oh, yes, that is Phil Sprecher, he does nothing but talk and find fault and fight everything." And if Charley Johnson suggests something you smile and shake your heads and say, "Oh, he's a crank anyway." And if Bullock offers to do something for the town you draw down your faces and say, "Oh, yes, he don't care for anything only what he can make out of it." And if The News makes a good suggestion you say, "Certainly, Huse has to say something, but it is to build up his paper." And so it goes through the whole list of our strongest men.

A Methodist minister once made this report to his conference: "My church is dead. We have no factional fights, nor envy, nor jealousy, nor divisions. We're all froze together."

We must agitate and work. Thaw out. If Huse or Sprecher or Johnson or Bullock make a suggestion, don't sit there with hands in your pockets and smile and chew gum. Say something and do something. Don't agree with them unless you approve, but say something. Make known the advantages and wants of Norfolk. Stand up for Norfolk!

FIRE BOYS GET READY TO LEAVE

But Two More Meetings Before the Annual Convention at Fremont—Over 1,000 Badges.

The Hook and Ladder company of the city fire department will hold a meeting tonight. One week from tonight the regular meeting of the department will be held. These are the last two meetings before the boys will leave for the Fremont convention, which comes off January 19, 20 and 21.

The Norfolk fire fighters are making ready to do things in the coming town. They are going to fly high during their visit and will try to celebrate as joyously as did the visitors in Norfolk last summer. As one aid to their decoration, the Norfolk boys will carry over a thousand badges to the state convention and many hundreds of yards of ribbon will be employed in them.

The two cities which are after the tournament for next season are York and Nebraska City. York wasn't especially popular in Norfolk during the stay and Nebraska City is too far from the center of civilization, that some other point would probably suit this section better.

There will be a system of badges worked in Norfolk in order to secure greater numbers of other ribbons in exchange. This is always a great fad at the convention. Each company will have about three distinct styles of ribbon labels for this.

NUMEROUS PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Notaries of Norfolk are Busy Making Out Papers for Buyers and Sellers of Real Estate.

Norfolk notaries and justices of the peace have been rushed with work during the last few days making out deeds and other papers connected with transfers of real estate, leases, agreements, etc.

"It is the busiest season we have known for a long time," said one of them, "and it seems as though nearly everyone in the city or the country around was buying, selling, trading or doing something that would require the signature and seal of a notary or justice in completing the transaction."

Demand for property has been unusually brisk and there is a notable increase in the number of renters who are becoming home owners. This is the season for making transfers of property and about the first of March the movement will become manifest in the number of people who are taking possession of their newly acquired homes and farm property. The activity of the men who make out the papers to a transaction today presages the activity of the draymen and the movers later in the season, and no doubt many of the transfers mean new buildings, new improvements and activity all along the line.

Wanted—To buy, a small house and lot, or two lots, cheap.
W. C. Ahlman.

A CHANGE OF OFFICERS

New Men Assume Duties at the County Seat.

WILL TAKE PLACE THURSDAY.

Old Board of Commissioners Begins Last Session Today—Three Democrats and Two Republicans Hold Over—All New Officers Republican.

This is the week that there is something doing in the court house at Madison, when the new board of county commissioners take up their duties and the newly-elected county officers assume the duties of their positions. Today begins the last sitting of the old board of commissioners and on Thursday the new board will be sworn in and assume their duties with the new county officials and the county will be swinging along under its new government Friday as though nothing of great moment had happened.

The only change in the board of county commissioners will be the retirement of H. W. Winter, democrat, of this city, who has served the Second district on the board for several terms. In his place will be installed Geo. D. Smith, republican, whose home is northwest of Norfolk, and who was elected to the office at the November election. Mr. Smith is in Madison watching the old board wind up its affairs. County Judge Bates has approved his bond and he is ready to be sworn in Thursday.

The re-elected officers are J. J. Clements, sheriff; W. H. Lowe, surveyor; Emil Winter, county clerk; C. W. Crum, superintendent of public instruction and Wm. Bates, county judge. The former are republicans and the three latter democrats.

The new officers to go in are Chr. Schavland, who has served the county for a number of years as clerk of the district court, but who will this year take the office of treasurer, succeeding R. C. Miles. W. H. Field succeeds Mr. Schavland as clerk of the district court. Dr. H. L. Kindred of Meadow Grove succeeds Dr. McMahon of Newman Grove as coroner. Perhaps more interest attaches to the new office of county assessor, than to any other position, as this will be governed by the new revenue law and the tax payers are interested in knowing just what the effect will be. This position is assumed for the first time by John L. Ryeanson of Madison, who has already received blanks and instructions from the state officer at Lincoln, and will at once enter upon the work preparatory to listing the property under the new schedule. All the new officers are republicans.

Real Estate Transfers

Abbie R. Fager to Edward Fricke, W. D. w½ blk 2 W. M. Robertson add Madison. \$ 50
F. W. Barnes and wf to Peter Rubendall and McGarrett W. D. lot 7 Westside park, Madison. 200
F. A. Matson and wf to T. F. Memminger and Emil Winter W. D. Pt. lot 6 and 7 blk 18 F. W. Barnes' 1st add Madison. 3000
T. F. Memminger and wf to F. A. Matson W. D. 23-23-1. 18000
Jacob N. Mauer and wf to Christian Schwanck W. D. se¼ 21-21-1. 8000
Pioneer Town Site Co. to D. I. Stanley, wd pt of out lot 6, out lot to Burnett. 150
Pioneer Town Site Co. to Leroy Stanley W. D. lot 6 blk 10 Kimball & Blair's add to Burnett. 90
Abbie A. Gale and husb to Lucy Vaile W. D. lot 9 Davis subdivision of lot 3 blk 12 Haase's suburban lot to Norfolk. 75
Gilbert Anderson and wf to Annie Russell W. D. lot 6 blk 16 Western Town Lot Co., 1st add to Norfolk Junction. 1600
Frank Wauer and wf to Gustav Wauer W. D. N. W. ¼ 9-23 4. 700
N. A. Rainbolt and wf to S. P. L. Fisher W. D. lot 11 and 12 blk 8, Riverside Park add to Norfolk. 150
William S. Jennings and wf to Frank Wauer W. D. ¼ 23-4. 8000
State of Nebraska to Jacob Ambroz deed S. E. ¼ 28-22-3. 1120

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., January 5, 1904:
Miss Florence Biggs, P. J. Bullis, Mrs. W. K. Buchanan, John Clark, Egyptian Remedy Co., L. Greenberg, Christo Hiltz, W. E. Hodge, Ernar Hansen, Miss Minnie Hills, Harry Hillman, Herman Herkman, Oskar A. Johansson, Frank Kimball, L. A. Parsons, Ernest Regier, Charles Sjostrom, Earl E. Smith, F. W. Scribner.
If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office.
Parties calling for any of the above please say, "advertised."
John R. Hays, P. M.

Death of Robert Ward.

The death of Robert Ward, which occurred early on Monday morning, marks the passing of another pioneer of Madison county. Possessed as he was with the physique of a giant and a remarkably robust constitution, his death will be a surprise to many who were not apprised of the fact that last

spring he was stricken with Bright's disease. From the time the complaint manifested itself there was no hope for recovery and the malady worked with its accustomed swiftness. The deceased and all his family realized weeks ago that death could be stayed off but a few short months at the longest and at the last all were prepared for the visitation of the ruthless destroyer of earthly happiness. Mr. Ward was of a whole-souled, happy temperament, big-hearted and affectionate. Being always willing to divide his last dollar with a friend in distress, he did not accumulate a large portion of this world's goods, but was content with providing well for those dependent upon him.—Tilden Citizen.

A Peculiar Accident.

Cashier W. A. Bucklin, of the Brown County bank, had a peculiar experience Tuesday which promised rather serious results. He was marking a board with an indelible pencil when the point flew off and into his eye. The lead at once dissolved and spread over the eyeball dyeing it a purple color and causing Mr. Bucklin intense pain since that time. The stuff is quite poisonous, but his physician thinks that the eye will not be permanently injured.—Bassett Leader.

Rennick Wins the Contest.

Word has been received that Chas. Rennick has won the contest on the corn husking deal in Illinois. The conditions were not the best for the Iowa man was there to show those fellows how it was to be done and he did. They husked an time, it being agreed to husk seven hours and Mr. Rennick beat his man by practically two bushels. Chas. husked 125 bushels in the time stated. This makes our Page county boy the champion of the world as a corn husker and we are now ready to hear from all new record smashers.—Essex, Iowa, Independent.

Vagaries of a Cold.

You can never be quite sure where a cold is going to hit you. In the fall and winter it may settle in the bowels, producing severe pain. Do not be alarmed nor torment yourself with fears of appendicitis. At the first sign of a cramp take Perry Davis' Painkiller in warm, sweetened water and relief comes at once. There is but one painkiller, Perry Davis'. 25 and 50 cents.

The Illinois Horse Co. can supply 50 pedigree draft stallions; 30 of them imported; 5 breeds—Percheron, French Draft, English Shire, Belgian Clyde; 5 colors—black, brown, bay, roan, gray; rich blood, extra shire breeders 2 to 5 years old. Some will make 2400 pound horses. Easy payments. The general manager will be in Sioux City for a week, 22 Halton block. Permanent address, Des Moines, Iowa.

It is Easy to Say

"Be careful," but we must all go from heated houses into chill outer air, and the change sets us coughing and wheezing. Avoiding winter colds is difficult; curing them is not hard if you take Allen's Lung Balm. Better begin when the cold is young and not wait until it settles deep into the lungs. For then, even with Allen's Lung Balm, complete relief will be slower.

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Write This Down
In the book of memory: there is no such thing as a harmless cough. Evaporated a lengthy paper upon the subject and read it before the state medical society. What was the result? A half a dozen members took the floor to say what the treatment had been for a hundred years back, and to claim that the old treatment, though unsuccessful, should be continued, notwithstanding the new treatment had been successful. I thought differently and continued to use the new method, and made remarkable cures of cases that had been pronounced incurable. My bus-

CATARRH A COMMON COMPLAINT.

Catarrh begins with a stubborn cold in the head, inflammation or soreness of the membrane or lining of the nose, discharge of mucus matter, headaches, neuralgia and difficult breathing, and even in this early stage is almost intolerable. But when the filthy secretions begin to drop back into the throat and stomach, and the blood becomes polluted and the system contaminated by the catarrhal poison, then the sufferer begins to realize what a disgusting and sickening disease Catarrh is.

It affects the kidneys and stomach as well as other parts of the body. It is a constitutional disease and as inhaling mixtures, salves, ointments, etc., are never more than palliative or helpful, even in the beginning of Catarrh, what can you expect from such treatment when it becomes chronic and the whole system affected? Only such a remedy as S. S. S. can reach this obstinate, deep-seated disease and purify the blood of the catarrhal poison. S. S. S. purifies and builds up the diseased blood, and the inflamed membranes are healed and the excessive secretion of mucus ceases when new, rich blood is coming to the diseased parts, and a permanent cure is the result.

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