

MUST HAVE FIRE ESCAPES

That is What the Deputy Labor Commissioner Says.

DESIGNATES THE STRUCTURES

Bert Bush Was in the City and Made a Personal Investigation of the Several Tall Buildings in This City. Will Return on Thursday.

A number of Norfolk buildings must be equipped with fire escapes. This is the verdict of Deputy Labor Commissioner Bert Bush, who arrived in the city to inspect the situation and returned to Omaha. He will come back on Thursday to be present at the meeting of the city council, when his official report to that body will be delivered.

As a result of his visit, three story buildings in Norfolk have been ordered to install fire escapes. Among those which were named by the deputy are the Cotton block, Mast block, Marquardt block and Oxnard hotel.

The order is issued in compliance with a state law which went into effect July 1, 1899. It states that all buildings of three stories or more, except those used exclusively as private residences, shall be equipped with one or more metallic ladder or stair fire escapes attached to the outside walls and provided with platforms which shall be in proximity to one or more windows.

Also that hotels, schools, manufacturing institutions, etc., shall have one for every fifty people and that public halls with a seating capacity above the first floor shall be provided with as many escapes as the deputy may designate.

Mr. Bush visited the Auditorium and declared that it was well provided with exits and that there was no reason why a panic should ever originate there if people would keep their heads.

BEN HUR OFFICERS INSTALLED

North Nebraska Court Has Initiation, Banquet and Installation All in One Evening.

Last night was an event in the history of North Nebraska court, No. 9, Tribe of Ben Hur. The installation of officers, initiation of two candidates and the serving of a banquet filled the evening very completely and enjoyably and nearly every member of the order in the city was in attendance. The Ben Hur is one of the prosperous fraternal beneficiary orders of the city and its prospects for future development are excellent.

Dr. C. A. McKim was the installing officer and the following are the names of the officers inducted into the various positions:

Ed. Claerens, past chief; E. A. Amernie, chief; Mrs. Dr. Marquardt, judge; S. R. McFarland, scribe; Miss Lena Mills, keeper of tribute; Mrs. Mary A. Barrett, teacher; Mrs. Dr. Long, mother of Hur; J. T. Wolfel, captain; J. A. Nix, guide; Mrs. J. F. Vail, inside guardian; Mrs. Mande Green, outside guardian; Mrs. Nellie Mullock, organist; John Quick, master of ceremonies; Orville Satterlee, Rabbi Joseph; Wm. McCune, Ben Hur.

STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION

Thirty-Second Annual Meeting to be Held at Lincoln January 26 and 27.

W. G. Purcell, secretary of the Nebraska Press association, announces that the thirty-second annual meeting of the association will be held in Lincoln on January 26 and 27. A good program is promised as well as a novel entertainment by the local press committee one evening during the session. The secretary says the indications are this will be the largest attended meeting in the history of the association. The members of the bucheolic press always have a good time when they go to Lincoln as an association, and there is no reason to doubt that they will have the same experience this year. There has always been one matter of regret to at least one of the bucheolic members in connection with the Lincoln meetings and that is that the Nebraska State Journal goes to such a heavy personal expense in providing entertainment for the country newspaper representatives. The experience in the past has been that the State Journal was not satisfied with being a good fellow with the rural scribblers, but it must needs invest a lot of money in feeding them at a banquet, buying theater tickets for them and treating them to other expensive luxuries. This is all wrong, and the writer had more than one warm discussion over the unwarranted generosity on the part of that paper when he was an officer of the association. The newspaper men of Nebraska are fully able to pay their own way when they attend a meeting of the State association, and they ought to be permitted to do so. Little courtesies that may be extended by the town where the meeting is held, to make the visit more pleasant, are of course always appreciated, but hospitality can be overworked to such an extent that the guest feels he is a burden upon his host. Every man engaged in the business of newspaper making derives a genuine profit from attendance upon the meetings of the association, in the new ideas gained which may be turned into a money value to him when he applies them to his

NORFOLK THEIR MARKET STILL

International Harvester Company Has Made Arrangements to Ship From Here.

Arrangements have been made with the International Harvester company whereby Blakeman & Hahn, hardware dealers, will handle all of the shipments for that company which pass through Norfolk into the new north-west during the coming season. The building which has for a number of years been used by the company, when it was the Piano company here, will be used still as the corporation holds a lease upon it.

In discussing the matter of cutting out so many employees, the company having taken 10,000 men off its pay rolls at one time, W. H. Blakeman, who has been manager for this territory for many years, said to The News:

"It was a great cut the country over and of course it is felt in Norfolk the same as other places. Norfolk, however, as it usually does, came to the front with the only man in the state of Nebraska who was retained by the company for office work. This was E. H. Tatman, now in the Lincoln office. We have completed arrangements whereby we will handle all of the stock that is shipped in and out of this city during the coming season."

Mr. Blakeman was one of the men who was given an excellent opportunity by the company to go onward and upward with the company. For many years their head man in this whole section of Nebraska, with a quarter of a hundred men under his control during that time, he was, when the merger was completed, offered the management of the office at Sioux City with a very large territory and an with a very large territory and with an eminently satisfactory salary attached. There were twenty-four men under Mr. Blakeman's charge in Norfolk and twenty-two of them were dismissed from the service. The two who remained were Mr. Tatman and Mr. Coleman, the traveling representative out of Norfolk.

Preferring Norfolk as a home, however, to Sioux City, Mr. Blakeman, who has been here for ten years, decided to remain in the Sugar City and therefore located in a business way.

ORDER OF THE SONS OF HERMANN

Grand Trustees Met in This City Yesterday and Checked up Books of Officers.

The trustees of the grand lodge of Nebraska, Sons of Hermann, checked up the books of the secretary and treasurer in this city yesterday, and found the order in a flourishing condition. The officers are getting ready to make their annual reports to the grand lodge which meets in Fremont next week, commencing on Tuesday, January 25. The trustees are Chas. Rhode of Columbus, Aug. Boettcher of Columbus and Aug. Brinmann of Norfolk. The officers whose books were audited are J. H. Lohman of Bloomfield, secretary, who is also publisher of the Germania, a local newspaper, and the Hermannssohn, the official organ of the order in this state; and Ernest Melcher of Wisner, treasurer. The meeting was held in this city because of its central location, making it convenient for all the officers to get here and return to their homes with little loss of time.

A most healthy condition of affairs was found upon examination of the books of the order. There are thirty-seven lodges in Nebraska with a membership of 1,515. The order has in the reserve fund \$12,100 in the general fund \$1,529.53 and in the benefit fund \$1,428.14.

The Sons of Hermann have been working in this state as a separate jurisdiction since 1898. Previous to that time the lodges here belonged to the national lodge, Germania lodge No. 1, was organized in Norfolk in 1896, and was the first lodge of the order instituted in Nebraska. This lodge started with a membership of 23 and now has 107 names on its books.

The order is a fraternal beneficiary society and pays death benefits. During the past two years the grand lodge has paid eleven death losses.

FIRST FEDERAL OVERCOATS.

Carriers are Clothed in Grey Garments for the First Season.

Norfolk mail carriers are this season wearing their first regulation grey overcoats as provided by the laws of the United States. This is the first winter that they have been delivering packages and letters to the people of the city and consequently it is the first time they have had an opportunity to don their heavier coverings for the frigid season.

Already the carriers have worn out several garments of the ordinary regulation clothing, though. In the summertime they wear the grey government shirtwaists and in the winter time they wear the heavy coats and vests. The big bags which are filled with mail and hang by a strap across their shoulders, rub against their trousers so constantly and persistently that this particular feature of their wardrobe has to be replenished frequently.

RUSH TELEPHONE CHANGE

Finish Switchboard They Think by First of Month.

INJURED MAN IS RECOVERING

The Linemen Who Work Out of Doors Through Blizzards and All, Have Electric Lights in Their Tiny Canvas Shops—Tap the Wires Below.

The foreman of the Western Electric workmen who are in Norfolk to install the new switchboard of the Nebraska Telephone company, thinks that he will have the board in position and ready for use by the first of February unless something unforeseen occurs to prevent the carrying out of present plans. The board is now lined up in the new exchange office on the second floor of the McClary block, corner Third street and Norfolk avenue, and within a few more days other materials which are now daily expected to arrive, will be received. Just now the gang is held up for the generator and a portion of the material that will be used for the chief's desk. The new board alone costs \$10,000.

Linemen for the company are working out on the wires these cold days and some of these cold nights as well. They huddle up in their little canvas shanties and manipulate the cables just as deftly as though they were working inside the warmest, cozied shop that is. The reason for the night work with the men is that when they get a cable once opened, they must finish the work with it and close it up before they quit. To keep the wind and snow out of their faces and to prevent their fingers from becoming totally numb, the linemen strap up their canvas cages into little hollow tubes that seem to hang in the atmosphere. And within they are better equipped with modern conveniences than a large number of recently built houses. They don't use kerosene oil at night to give them light—they merely tap an electric light wire below them, fasten in a globe and turn on the current. The dimmutive rooms are heated by means of the soldering furnaces which keep things plenty warm.

C. R. Crumb, the lineman who fell from the top of a twenty-five-foot pole and splintered his elbow, and who has been in the hospital ever since, is recovering gradually and will be able to be about again after a time.

There Was No Explosion.

H. Slater of Ashland, Neb., gave a rather remarkable exhibition at Blakeman & Hahn's hardware store the other evening. He poured a small portion of a chemical compound into a five gallon can of gasoline which he set upon the stove and heated to a boiling point. Then he applied a lighted match to the mouth of the can, but the explosion which might be expected did not follow. Instead, there was a small blue flame which did not burn with any great degree of force or apparent danger. The exhibition was given as an advertisement of the chemical, which he calls the Non-Explosive Compound. Mr. Slater is a draughtsman of Ashland and he compounds the chemical for which he claims so much, and which apparently renders gasoline and kerosene non-explosive.

B. MEYER BOUND TO GRAND JURY

Former Norfolk Junk Dealer Charged With a Serious Breach of the Law at Sioux City.

B. Meyer, who formerly owned a general merchandise store in Norfolk and did a junk business in old iron, brass and rubber on the side, appears to be in a peck of trouble in Sioux City, where he went from here, for his too strenuous methods of collecting alleged accounts. In leaving Norfolk Meyer left behind a number of creditors who would be gratified if he would use the same vigor in liquidating his just accounts. During his residence here Meyer was up in police and justice courts several times on various counts, but it is evident that he has gone further and may fare worse in Sioux City. A Sioux City paper of last evening gives the following account of his trouble:

"At the conclusion of the case, contested a part of yesterday and a part of today, Judge Page held Henry, Harry, Sam and Louis Shulkin and B. Meyer to the grand jury in bonds of \$750 each on the charge of robbing Morris Posnik.

The defendants are well known junk dealers with headquarters on Wall street. One of the brothers has some local fame as a professional wrestler. Posnik, whose scarred face tells eloquently of the struggle with the boys, is a peddler and according to his own admission on the witness stand, something of a sport.

The court room was crowded today, as yesterday, with friends from every quarter of the city. The decision of the court was received in silence and it is not known whether the sympathies of their countrymen were with Posnik or the defendants. Bonds were secured and the Shulkins released. Their case will come before the grand jury in March.

Posnik's story was that he was lured to the Shulkin residence, Fifth and Steuben streets, by Henry Shulkin and there set upon by the five defend-

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Mr. Brock's Age is 114 Years.

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ISAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan county, Texas, has lived for 114 years. For many years he resided at Bosque Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas.

A short time ago, by request, Uncle Isaac came to Waco and sat for his picture. In his hand he held a stick cut from the grave of General Andrew Jackson, which has been carried by him ever since. Mr. Brock is a dignified old gentleman, showing few signs of decrepitude. His family Bible is still preserved, and it shows that the date of his birth was written 114 years ago.

Surely a few words from this remarkable old gentleman, who has had 114 years of experience to draw from, would be interesting as well as profitable. A lengthy biographical sketch is given of this remarkable old man in the Waco Times-Herald, December 4, 1898. A still more pretentious biography of this, the oldest living man, illustrated with a double column portrait, was given the readers of the Dallas Morning News, dated December 11, 1898, and also the Chicago-Times Herald of same date.

ants, thrown to the floor and his pocketbook wrested from him and \$20 extracted to apply on a debt of \$35 which one of the Shulkins had guaranteed. Posnik had paid about \$8 on a debt of \$45 the Shulkins claimed. The defendants testified a fight took place between Louis Shulkin and Posnik during a dispute over money; that Shulkin had scratched Posnik's face during the row and that finally Posnik had gone away and had them arrested. They denied they had robbed him.

TWENTY DOLLARS FOR AN APPLE

Experience of Geo. S. Sterling, Agent for Tim Murphy, Who Tried to Adjust Things in Iowa Town.

Geo. S. Sterling, agent for Tim Murphy, who was in the city Saturday night, tells a fairly good story on himself. It appears that theatrical contracts are made a year and sometimes two years in advance. In line with this, a contract was made some eight or ten months ago by Mr. Murphy's management for one performance at the best opera house in Mason City, Iowa. On a "ring in Mason City a few days ago," Mr. Murphy's agent found that in the interim a new and up-to-date theater had been built, which was doing all the business, while the old house was virtually down and out. The agent used every effort to cancel the date at the old house and move the attraction into the new one, without success, however, as the managers of both the new and old houses were at loggerheads, and an amicable arrangement could not be made under any circumstances. The manager of the old house demanded five per cent of the gross receipts if he permitted the company to play in the new theater. The manager of the new theater declared emphatically that he would burn his house down before he would permit the other management to realize a penny through him; consequently Mr. Murphy's agent was up against a hard proposition. Negotiations, however, reached a stage along late at night, whereby on the payment of twenty dollars, cash, the manager of the old theater agreed to release Mr. Murphy from his contract and leave his company free to play in the new house. Accepting the inevitable, Mr. Murphy's agent waded through snow banks for several blocks to the residence of the manager of the old opera house and tendered him a twenty dollar bill in payment for the release from the contract. The money was accepted and as the two gentlemen were shaking hands over the final settlement, the Mason City gentleman remarked: "Now, before you go I want to give you one of our native apples—a nice, large, round, red one."

He walked into another room and came back with an apple in his hand. Murphy's agent accepted the gift, remarking: "It is round, is red and evidently ripe, but at \$20 probably the highest priced apple ever known in Iowa."

A LITTLE SNOW FALLING TODAY

The Weather Man Says, Too, That More May be Expected Before Thursday Morning.

Snow began falling in Norfolk shortly before noon this morning and has continued in a blustering way ever since. The cold wave predicted by the weather man came during the night and the thermometer dropped twenty-one degrees, lowering from the 27 point of yesterday to the 6 point today. The weather report this morning from Chicago shows prospects for a heavier snow tonight and tomorrow so that the gray, misty effect which threatens northern Nebraska in sort of a hazy way may yet develop into something of importance. Whether or not there will be any sligh rides the forecast does not say. There generally is, though, a bit of sliding when the whiteness piles up on these western roads. The skies look dark and pessimistic as though they meant to do all the meanness possible before starting a sunny face again, and their aim was the dropping, here and there, of a little snow dust along the cracks in the sidewalks and the shingles of the house tops and the ruts in the streets—just as though someone had gone over the ground and sprinkled flour.

BARS SHOW LENGTH OF SERVICE

Northwestern Conductors Now Carry Their Records on Their Sleeves that All May Read.

Conductors of the Northwestern have taken to wearing stripes or bars on their coat sleeves to indicate the number of years they have been in the service of the company. Each stripe indicates a service of five years, and the man who has more than three or four of them on his sleeve may be considered old in the service, and the veterans do not wear more of them than can easily be counted.

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