

STATE HOUSE A FIRE TRAP

Blaze at Madison and Des Moines Emphasize Fact.

NORFOLK ASYLUM FIRE-PROOF

The North Nebraska Institution and the State Penitentiary, Both of Which Have Burned, Were Thought to be Safe Against Flames.

[From Friday's Daily.]
The destruction of Wisconsin's capitol, and the recent state house fire in Des Moines, calls to mind the fact that if the Nebraska state capitol, or any of the buildings of the several state institutions, was to burn down the state would not get a penny of insurance. No insurance is carried by the state on any of its property, and none has been carried for a number of years. There is a provision in the statutes for the insurance of state buildings, provided the legislature makes appropriation for the payment of the annual premiums. This the legislature has refused to do for a number of years, estimating that it would be much cheaper for the commonwealth to carry its own risks.

The Cost of Insurance.
The reason for this legislative decision is that the annual premiums on the insurance necessary to be carried on state property would amount to more than \$40,000 and an appropriation of nearly \$100,000 for each biennium would be required. It is alleged that if one of the state buildings was to burn down every third year the state could build a better one much cheaper than it could pay insurance premiums on all for three years. Governor Mickey, by special message, called the attention of the last legislature to the lack of funds for payment of insurance premiums, but no action was taken on the message.

Nebraska is fairly well equipped with so-called fire proof state buildings, two of the best of which, the penitentiary and the Norfolk asylum, have burned down and are being rebuilt.

The most massive and the most combustible of the present state buildings is the capitol. The capitol is a "whited sepulchre" in several senses of the term and fire experts are of the opinion that a fire once started in the building and gaining good headway could not be stopped. The oiled woodwork of the interior, the flimsy structure of the dome and the draughty corridors of the basement and upper stories would add energy to the flames.

Loss Would be Great.
If the state house were to burn the loss to the state would be impossible to estimate. Books to the value of nearly a million dollars repose in the state library on the second and third floors. Some of these works are exceedingly rare and could not be replaced at any price. In the record rooms of the supreme court are stored a vast number of supreme court opinions, the loss of which would result in a deluge of new litigation. In the vaults of the land commissioner's office are land titles and abstracts, the destruction of which would involve the titles of millions of dollars of Nebraska farm and city lands, and in the vaults of the secretary of state are the records of the administrations since the beginning of the commonwealth.

In all of the other state offices are papers of untold value and importance. The capitol lacks fire proof vaults in which to store these valuables and it would be hard to build them in the present structure.

Learn to Smoke There.
The chance of fire in the capitol are excellent. In the upper corridors students assemble every week day to take their first lessons in smoking cigarettes. The matches are cast up on the matings and carpets and the janitors and city truant officer find it necessary to make frequent patrols to disperse the loiterers. Persons visiting the dome climb the rickety, winding wooden stairways, lighting their way by the flare of a match, recklessly casting the glowing ends to the floor when too short to hold. There are two tanks on the capitol roofs which might put out a small fire and several water pipes are stretched along the walls. There is a legend to the effect that hose once was connected to these pipes, but of its truthfulness living man knoweth not.—Lincoln Star.

FRIDAY FACTS.

W. F. Hill was over from Wayne.
W. L. Rare of Funerton had business in Norfolk.
George W. Losey was in the city from Battle Creek.
C. S. Sewell was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Wayne.
H. Schriever is in the city from Bonesteel, South Dakota.
Judge Isaac Powers was in Niobrara yesterday on business.
P. H. Thancket of Fairbury had business in Norfolk from Fairbury.
A complete new outfit of furniture has been installed in the Hartford barber shop.
Sap started in the trees during the last few days of warm weather but the recent cold snap has stopped its flow.

Supreme Judge J. B. Barnes has returned from Lincoln, where he attended the session of court.
Luke Wood of the Wood Jewelry company, left this morning on a business trip to Chicago.
Miss Revena Adams will entertain the senior class tonight at her home in South Fourth street.
The Platte river is reported to be breaking up and the water near Fremont is slowly rising.

J. H. Sexton of Naper, one of the strongest enthusiasts of the New Northwest, was in the city yesterday and today.
Mrs. F. Hollingsworth returned last evening from Wisner, where she has been visiting her sister, who is sick at her home at that place.
The Wilkinson bowling alleys are being torn out. The alleys will be stored until fall. Al Wilkinson will go into a grocery store. The floors are now being taken out.

The second grade pupils are to give an entertainment tonight in the high school room. It will be of a character commemorative of the Longfellow anniversary, recently passed.
Ed. and Fred Braasch have returned from Sioux City, where they went to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Gottlieb Braasch, who died recently at her home near that place.

Charles Rice has purchased the saloon now conducted by S. J. Dixon on Norfolk avenue. The new owner will take possession May 1. The building now occupied by the Rice wholesale and retail house will be used for a Gund saloon.
Dr. C. A. McKim received word yesterday of the death, after a short illness, of his cousin, Armand C. Langdon, at Stamford, Conn., of pneumonia. Mr. Langdon will be remembered by many in Norfolk, having spent the summer of 1899 here, visiting his aunt, Mrs. McKim.

H. W. Howard, who has been stenographer in the office of C. C. Hughes, general superintendent, has resigned and returned to his home in Council Bluffs, accompanied by his father, who arrived last evening. A gentleman named Skinner has accepted the position left vacant.

One of the sufferers from Wednesday's wind storm came very nearly being buried. A farmer driving between Norfolk and Pierce struck a sand streak in the road. The buggy and horse were completely turned over and sand blown into the buggy in such quantities that it was quite impossible to drag the rig out again.

At the meeting of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company held last evening to settle up matters connected with the fair recently held, it was found that the firemen had added \$141.05 to their treasury, after all expenses had been paid. Julius Haas was the fortunate purchaser of the piece of cake that contained the ring.

Pupils of the third grade in the Grant building, taught by Miss Morrow, are receiving a practical education in letter writing and correspondence. They are in correspondence with the pupils of a similar grade in Sedro-Woolley, Washington, taught by Miss Edith Morrow, and the exchange of letters is frequent and interesting.

The Wesleyan Male quartet gave an extra number in the entertainment course under the auspices of the young people's societies at the Methodist church last night. The singing was up to the grade established by the quartet and a good-sized audience was agreeably entertained. Encores were frequent and vigorous, lengthening out the program considerably.

Landlord Shoff of the Oxnard is repairing his hotel in many ways. The basement is being changed about and the sample room on the northeast corner of the first floor, placed in good shape. A new floor has been added and new paper. Mr. and Mrs. Shoff are in the city. Their daughter will arrive from Highland Park college, Des Moines, in June. She is teacher of elocution there.

Woodmen Pay Beneficiary.
Geo. B. Christoph, clerk for the local lodge Woodmen of the World, has received the draft for the \$2,000 that covers the policy held by the late G. A. Luikart in the order. The draft is made payable to E. H. Luikart, son of the deceased.

Will Elect Bank President.
A meeting of the directors of the Citizens National bank will be held very shortly for the election of a president to succeed the late G. A. Luikart. C. M. Swank will arrive tonight for the meeting and the date will be decided upon after he arrives.

Helene Hilgert.
Helene Schmidt Hilgert was born May 14, 1840 at Bramsburg, Daber, Pommern, Germany. She was married in 1858 to Frederick Luidstedt of Bramsburg. Her first union was blessed with two sons, the younger one dying at the age of four years and the older one at the age of twenty-one. Her first husband died in 1882. She came to America in 1884. After living in lonely widowhood for eleven years she was married to Frederick Hilgert, August 28, 1893, at Pierce. She lived with him eleven years, during which time she was ill a great deal and died March 1, 1904, of chronic consumption. Interment will take place on Friday, March 4, at 1 o'clock in Pierce.

EATS UP WIFE AND CHILD

Indian in Minnesota is Arrested For Cannibal.

MURDERS WIFE AND DAUGHTER

After Killing Them Both, He Carves Their Bodies Deliberately and Eats Them Like so Much Beef—Terrible Crime by Aboriginal Man.

[From Friday's Daily.]
White Earth, Minn., March 3.—An Indian has been arrested here charged with the killing and eating of his wife and daughter. He is alleged to have murdered them both, carved them up and consumed them as so much beef.

Farmer in Jail.
Morris Gordon, an old man who lives north of Tilden, came to Norfolk yesterday on business. He didn't feel so very well and took a drink of gin. After that he doesn't know what he took. He collapsed in front of one of the saloons on Norfolk avenue and was jailed. This morning he was fined \$10 and costs, amounting to \$15.10 altogether. He has lived near Tilden, he says, for thirty years. He has just returned from Portland. He had a satchel with nothing in it. He returned at noon today. He was very unlike the usual run of police court people. Quiet and rather genteel in his manner, he formed a somewhat pitiful spectacle. "I didn't suppose a drunk came that high," he said, when all of his money and his watch had been counted out. The watch was returned to him upon a promise to pay.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.
A. E. Kenrick was over from Madison.
B. Kitson of Humphrey was a city visitor over night.
Scott Rogers was in the city over night from Hooper.
Arthur F. Mulvey was a visitor in the city from O'Neill.
J. Harrison was an over night visitor from Bloomfield.
Burt Mapes was in Omaha yesterday, returning last night.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Saxton were visitors yesterday from Tilden.
Miss Idelle B. Taylor was down from Battle Creek yesterday.
Carl W. Richtafer and Roy Soeth were city visitors yesterday from Newman Grove.
Roy Read will leave tomorrow for Chicago, after a visit of several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Read.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Simmons have moved into the Verges cottage near the corner of Eighth street and Philip avenue.
Ex-Senator W. V. Allen was over from Madison today meeting Norfolk friends and looking after business interests.
Manager J. N. Bundick was a passenger on the early train this morning for Omaha. He goes to meet General Manager Howe of Denver.

A member of the Norfolk colony in Los Angeles, Cal., writes to a Norfolk friend that Mrs. W. O. Tolliver, formerly of this city, is very ill with typhoid fever at her home on the coast.
The company that will present "The Parish Priest" at the Auditorium tonight, is in the city with a considerable amount of special scenery, prepared to fill the engagement. The Auditorium has been dark for more than two weeks and the entertainment tonight will probably profit by having a good audience of rested up play folk to entertain.

The changes of the weather for today—or one of the changes for today—may be several before the day is done—was not of the agreeable sort. The wind came down from the north and was salted with snow flakes that did not look at all beautiful—not at this season of the year when everyone is giving more attention to thoughts of spring than to sleighriding and coasting.
The Grand Island city council has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the use of the cannon cracker, the blank cartridge pistol and the dynamite canes that have featured in past celebrations of the Fourth of July. At the last celebration Congressman Sutherland had been invited to speak, but his voice could not be heard above the din, and the city fathers had not forgotten their disappointment.

The entertainment at the high school last night given by the pupils of the Second grade in the Grant school was well attended, and the receipts were very satisfactory. The play of Hiawatha, Minnehaha and Na-comes was acted out by the children, attired in Indian costumes, and there was speaking and singing to round out the evening's entertainment. Each was well drilled in his and her parts and Longfellow's famous story received a new welcome by those in attendance.

Card of Thanks.
The members of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company wish to thank all who contributed toward making a success of the fair and lunch recently held by them in the Coyle building. M. J. Romig, President.

IT WILL BE A TERRIBLE CONFLICT

The Hordes of the Mikado and Those of the Czar Will Fight Fiercely.

[From Friday's Daily.]
Though it is not possible to suppose that the Russians will put half or even one-third of their effective war strength into the field, and though it has been announced that no troops will be withdrawn from the Austrian or Bessarabian frontiers, it may be interesting to state what the actual war strength of the Russian army is, said a Norfolk merchant who is following the situation in the far east.

It should be remembered that every year 890,000 young men are liable to conscription, of whom 220,000 are employed, the remainder passing into the reserve. The total war strength of the active army is twenty-four army corps, with fifty-one infantry and twenty-three cavalry divisions, one rifle division and two rifle brigades. The reserve consists of twenty divisions of the first and fifteen divisions of the second class, 490 Cossack squadrons and seventeen horse artillery batteries of six 15-pounders each. The active class, 490 Cossack squadrons and seventeen horse artillery batteries of six 15-pounders each. The active army consists of 989 battalions of infantry, 730 squadrons of cavalry, 3,782 guns, 161 engineer companies, 29,000 officers and 1,266,700 men. The reserves, including local and fortress troops, bring the strength to 2,870 battalions, 1,600 squadrons, 6,500 guns, 75,000 officers and 4,500,000 men.

Russia, with all her strength, has a most formidable antagonist in Japan. It is strength against strength; might against might; lion against lion. It will be a dreadful war. Russia, in spite of her thin veneer of civilization, still a nation of men with savage love for fighting in their hearts above all other feelings; Russia, with her immense resources, not forgetting the largest army in the world, all as one man ready to die for the czar, who is to them not merely their sovereign but God's regent on earth. What will be the outcome, now that Russia has met in the shock of battle the Mikado's millions of hardy soldiers and sailors, with their keen intelligence, their imperturbable courage, their inborn belief that they must sacrifice themselves, if need be for their emperor, who is not God's regent but a god himself, and their instinct for slaughter?
The outcome no man can forecast now, but one thing is certain, and that is that the war will be bloody, cruel, terrible. The enemies, while primarily their hatred was awakened by a dispute over territory, have now almost forgotten everything but their hatred itself. For a long time they have known that they must fight, that one day the question would have to be settled whether Russia or Japan shall dominate Asia, and now that fatal day has come. Let me repeat, this will be an awful struggle. Here is the situation—wise, prudent, conservative Japan, versus strong, greedy, strategic Russia.

MEAT MARKET BURNS.

Fire in O'Neill Causes Damage to Building.

[From Saturday's Daily.]
Frank Brittle's meat market was reduced to a state of ruins last Thursday night by fire, although the building was not consumed. The fire started in the meat cooler—or more properly the meat warmer at this season of the year. A lighted lamp was placed in the cooler to keep the meat from freezing and it is probable the fire started from the lamp. The fire was discovered shortly after 10 o'clock when a roomer occupying apartments over the meat market came in to repair to bed. He encountered a cloud of smoke upon opening his door. An alarm was at once turned in and the fire department was quickly on the scene. Entrance to the building was forced and streams of water turned onto the flames. With a terrible crash the lamp exploded and flames of fire shot in all directions. John Skirving was in the forefront of several in the building at the time of the explosion and was badly though not seriously burned about the face and head and his shirt almost burned off of him.

It looked like a serious thing for the whole block from Gallagher's corner to Biglin's for a while, and Postmaster Cronin had the United States mails sacked up ready to move out at any moment. With characteristic like energy and untiring activity the fire department soon had the flames subdued without damage to adjoining buildings.
The building is owned by Con Keys and is insured for \$250, which is sufficient to cover the damage. Mr. Brittle has \$500 insurance on his property. Frank seems to have been followed by a series of bad luck the last three or four years. Three years ago his slaughter house burned down, entailing a loss of \$200 or more; last year he met with an accident which cost him the loss of the use of a hand for several months, and now he has been burned out. He says he expects to start up in business again.—Frontier.

Cough Settled on Her Lungs.
"My daughter had a terrible cough which settled on her lungs," says N. Jackson of Danville, Ill. "We tried a great many remedies without relief, until we gave her Foley's Honey and Tar, which cured her." Refuse substitutes. Kiesau Drug Co.

NEBRASKA INFORMATION

Facts and Figures Regarding a Great State.

MUCH GOVERNMENT LAND YET

Large Areas Open to Homestead Entry—Coming to the Front as a Fruit Producing State—Some Population Statistics are Given.

[From Friday's Daily.]
The population of the state in 1900 was thirty-seven times as large as it was in 1860 when the first census was taken. Of this population 208 per cent. live in the towns and cities. The state has 385,384 children of school age, at whom 16,980 are foreign born, 3,155 colored, 195,665 males and 190,719 females; 235,572 males of militia age, of whom 53,820 are foreign born and 2,733 colored; 301,091 males of voting age, of whom 91,130 are foreign born and 3,274 colored. Of the voters 2 1/2 per cent are illiterate.

Of the products in which it does not profess to excel there were produced 37,778,572 bushels of oats, 28,801,900 bushels of wheat, 9,664,446 bushels of potatoes, and the poultry industry yielded \$66,000,000.

Nebraska excels in apples, strawberries, cherries, grapes and plums, with peaches south of the Platte. There are millions of fruit trees and grape vines in bearing. Wild fruit is quite abundant along the rivers. In one single year Nebraska shipped out of the state 350,000 bushels of apples. The state carried away first national pomological premiums at Richmond, Virginia, Boston, Massachusetts, and Chicago, Illinois.

There are eight government land offices in Nebraska, and a total of 9,798,688 acres of vacant United States government land, 69,902 acres held in various reservations. Seven counties in Alliance land district with 2,267,798 acres vacant, and 31,802 acres reserved; nine counties in Broken Bow land district with 2,594,115 acres vacant; four counties in Lincoln land district with 12,174 acres vacant; eight counties in McCook land district with 105,477 acres vacant; seven counties in North Platte land district with 785,149 acres vacant; eleven counties in O'Neill land district with 706,880 acres vacant; seven counties in Sidney land district with 635,601 acres vacant, and 3,100 acres reserved; four counties in Valentine land district with 2,690,494 acres vacant and 35,000 acres reserved.

Nebraska is an Indian word, signifying wide, shallow water. What is now known as "Platte" river was originally "Nebraska." The territory when organized, was named for the river. It is sometimes called the Antelope state from a well known dweller on the plains, and also the Blackwater state, from its streams, colored by the rich, black soil.—Valentine Republican.

SIGN ASYLUM CONTRACT

State Board of Public Lands and Buildings Acts.

WORK WILL COMMENCE AT ONCE

It is Anticipated That Nebraska's New Hospital For the Insane, Which is to be a Cottage Plan Inauguration, Will Soon be Built.

[From Monday's Daily.]
Lincoln, Neb., March 5.—The state board of public lands and buildings signed the contract with the Capital City Brick and Pipe company of Des Moines, Ia., yesterday for the construction of the new Norfolk asylum building. The contract, as at first drawn up, included the name of W. B. Hester of Des Moines, which was erased at the request of the company. The work of construction will begin immediately, all plans prepared by State Architect Tyler being ready. The buildings are to be pushed rapidly and it is expected to have them completed by fall.

AT THE AUDITORIUM THEATER

The Parish Priest.
There are no feverish climaxes that disturb the serenity of any man's creed in the beautiful play, "The Parish Priest," which came to the Auditorium on Saturday night. It is full of tenderness, romance, love and amusing situations. Its comedy is rich, but never offensive. It has no sermons, no traditional clerical cant. Father Whalen, the parish priest, is one of the kindest men ever pictured. As a priest his life is devoted to the soothing out of trouble and bringing sunshine into the lives of those who are desolate. Hearts are kindled by his happy and cheerful admonitions, and tempers lulled by his pacific words. Nellie, his niece, is a lovable character, who has plenty of trouble, out of which, however, she comes all right. Big Jim is a manly fellow who wins his way to all hearts. "The Parish Priest" has the flavor of home about it. It is fragrant with the sweetness of love and impresses with its cordial revelations.

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NO BANK PRESIDENT ELECTED

Directors of Citizens National Arrive at no Conclusion.
[From Saturday's Daily.]
At a meeting of the directors of the Citizens National bank, held last night, no president to succeed the late G. A. Luikart was elected. Several applicants were up for the consideration of the board, which took an adjournment in order that more time might be used in looking up the various propositions submitted. Another meeting will be held in the very near future.

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