

DETAILS OF THE PRAIRIE FIRES THIS WEEK

The Losses in Northern Nebraska Will Exceed The Hundred Thousand Dollar Mark

ROCK, HOLT, AND WHEELER COUNTIES HARD HIT

Paralyzed and Helpless, One Man Watches His Barns as They Burn--Engine Sets One, Ranchman Another.

Atkinson, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: The fire here started from an engine which was passing through about noon, which must have had a defective ash box as it also set fire to the railroad bridge at Inman and delayed the passenger going west eight hours. The fire started at the home of David Baker, two miles and a half east of town, who by hard work saved the house and barn but lost hay, grain and trees. At this place five telephone poles were burned out and the wires left hanging, the same belonging to the Holt County Telephone company.

The fire, fanned by a terrific gale from the south, continued in its course north, burning up a stable belonging to the school house. The school house was surrounded by fire, but was kept from burning.

Paralyzed and Helpless.
By this time 100 men answered to the alarm of fire with teams, water, plows, old brooms, carpets and so on. The fire ran north and east eleven miles from Atkinson and destroyed the barn and all outbuildings and grain, of John Copp, who is afflicted with paralysis and lay helpless in the home while all but the house burned. Two miles from this point it destroyed the barns and granaries of E. Fullerton, and a great amount of hay for others. The fire at this point was about four miles wide and seven or eight long, and surrounded the home of T. M. Elder which was for a time supposed to be in ruins but when the smoke had cleared away it was found that only the hay and grain had burned.

Fire is Decisive.
Northeast of this place at the home of George Raymerg the fire was seen approaching and they set out to burn guards and thought to be safe when to the dismay of the family the fire broke out in a new place in the distance, which they realized must get the barn and more, so they turned out three head of young calves and other live stock. The poor, frightened little calves must have returned to that nest of flame, however, as they were found in the charred and blackened ruins. Everything was burned in the way of grain and feed. The men formed in companies and fought the fire foot by foot.

Gain Control.
This brought the fire to the head of the Eagle and by tremendous plowing and back firing it was controlled, but it raged from 2 o'clock p. m. until 7. A Northwestern railroad inspector has already been over the ground and will no doubt settle the losses. The parties are rebuilding at once and will soon be able to care for the stock. A conservative estimate on the loss places it from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

Another Blaze.
While the fire was raging from the railroad close to Atkinson, one more fire if possible was burning about eighteen miles from here and doing more damage to property, life and stock. It burned up the homes of Mr. Fuller and son, and a number of others whose names cannot be learned. In this vicinity it burned 4,000 bushels of oats for Murray brothers. A man was also badly burned in the face and his team destroyed in fighting this same. The fire was here confined to the line known as Minnie church. It came as far east as the O'Brien ranch but did not get into the buildings.

The family on this ranch were in communication with Atkinson by telephone known as the Atkinson & Saratoga line and once they started to get nearer to the fire but were unable to cross the stream known as the Eagle. The fire was then one great sheet two miles long. The wind was so strong that no ordinary fire guard could stop it at all.

Those Black Clouds.
The thick clouds of smoke which came rolling in from the northwest and enveloped the town and surrounding country, caused intense excitement here, which was further increased when the report was circulated shortly after the noon hour that a fire was burning within two and a half or three miles of Atkinson. Several wagon loads of men were hastily pressed into service and, armed with spades, shovels, carpets and other means of fighting the fire, drove out in that direction within a very short time after the first alarm. After driving out three or four miles and finding no evidence of any fire near, they returned with the report that it was a false alarm and that the dense clouds were due to the fires raging farther to the northwest, probably on the reservation.

BIG BLAZE AT BASSETT.
Loss Estimated at Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Bassett, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: Last Wednesday a fire in Loup county frightened the people in the southern part of Rock county so that they started to burn a fire

guard, but the wind was so strong that they lost control of it and it swept through the entire southern and eastern portions of the county, reaching the railroad about one and one-half miles west of Newport. There was telephonic connections with nearly every portion of the burning country and by that means the alarm was given and the people organized into different bands. There were four divisions of men, all kept in communication with each other by telephone. A special train took men from Long Pine and Bassett to the assistance of Newport.

Large quantities of hay and grain were burned and several lost their barns. Two houses, the property of Mrs. F. Patch and Mr. Myers, south of Newport, and the school house in the Fike district were burned.

The total loss is estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The amount of insurance is unknown.
A second fire started about noon five miles southeast of here. Sparks from the chimney of the residence of E. Bussinger started the blaze and it burned a strip two or three miles long, having been brought under control when it reached the territory burned over by the fire last fall.

The barns of H. Runte were burned, no insurance. J. C. Rupert lost his barns and sheds. Well insured. Both men saved their houses. The alarm was given by telephone and the men from town hurried to the scene of action.
Some cattle and other stock were burned in both fires but the amount of loss is not yet reported.
Perhaps the heaviest loser in the southern part of the county is J. L. Ammon, who lost his sheds, stacker, 300 bushels of grain, three head of cattle, one horse and seven head of hogs, also some hay, amounting in all to \$600 or \$700.
A large prairie fire burned the entire west side of Keya Paha county Thursday. No serious damage is reported.

Extensive Damage to Farmers in the Hay Country.
Newport, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: The fire here started at Ross Childs, seven or eight miles south of Hammond, Wednesday noon, at Ross Childs, seven or eight miles on Tuesday evening and the old bottom held the fire. When the wind came up Wednesday it broke away, burning buildings everywhere in its path. It burned a small barn and a hat for Lou Brown. (Just what he was doing to have his hat burned is not known.) John Ammond lost 300 bushels of grain, three head of cattle, one horse, two hogs, barn and granaries and all outbuildings. Mr. Dawson lost everything except his house; Mrs. Ammond, chicken house and cave; Carl and Charlie Link lost a number of stacks of hay; O. Nelson lost six stacks of hay.

Miss Rose Stahl, school teacher of Hammond, drove miles for Mr. Nelson to break fire guard. Avon Smith lost all outbuildings and some corn in crib. F. A. Kenny lost four or five stacks of hay and trees. Jerry Keller lost sixteen stacks of hay, insured; Charlie Chestnut lost hay and cow barn; Frank Cole lost house and barn; Byron Conrad lost barn and a new buggy together with harness and 200 bushels of corn. Beverness lost a barn; Steve Miller lost a barn; Harry Patch, his house, a new barn, and hay. George Barber lost a barn; Fike & Myers lost six stacks of baled hay and eight stacks of loose hay; Lue Cash lost a barn and five or six head of cattle. Sixberry lost a barn. The John Linkie school house and the Fike schoolhouse burned. John Ammond was partly insured.

FIREBUGS IN SOUTH DAKOTA.
Two Destructive Blazes Set in Aberdeen Yesterday.
Aberdeen, S. D., March 30.—Two destructive fires occurred between 2 and 3 o'clock, believed to be firebugs' work. St. Mark's Episcopal church was found burning, and the fire only extinguished with a damage of \$1,600 to the pipe organ, and \$2,000 to the building; insurance is \$4,000 on building and \$1,500 on contents.
Indications are there were fires in three places in the church, one being built in the organ.
The Andy Gerup furniture warehouse was found on fire after the church fire was put out. The department saved most of the building and part of the stock after a hard fight. The loss was \$5,000, with \$2,200 insurance. Much of the stock had been put in the past few days without increase of insurance.
The barn of J. J. McCaughey, manager of the Aberdeen Hardware company, was also fired, but was put out with slight damage. The three fires were several blocks apart. It is believed some unknown demented person is responsible for the fires. All are evidently incendiary.

ALL READY FOR EXCURSION

Norfolk Business Man is Willing to make the Trip.

WANTS TO GET IN BAND WAGON

He Has Been Over the Territory and He Knows That People of the New Northwest are Friendly Toward Norfolk—Wants to Get Together.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
"I am all ready to go up on that Honesteel excursion," said a Norfolk business man, in real earnest, to The News today. "I think it would be the best thing this town could do in the way of an advertisement and I should like to be one of a party of business men to get on a chartered train, carrying the Norfolk delegation and a brass band, and bound for the Honesteel branch of the Northwestern railroad."

"I should like to get out at every town between here and the end of the line, march up through the streets with that band, shake hands with the people in each place, get acquainted with them, tell them we want them to come down to Norfolk and why they really ought to do it. I should like to show those people in the new northwest that there is something in Norfolk worth their while—that there is a trading point in this city which can not be beaten in any other town of Nebraska, and I should like to give them a glad hand and explain, in person, to everybody I could meet, the fact that they can save a ten dollar bill by stopping here instead of going on through to Omaha."

"I make that territory right now. I know people in everyone of those towns. I do business with all of them. I get most of my patronage from the people of that section. But they think I'm an exception—and as a matter of fact I am. I have had people up there ask me why the business men of Norfolk seemed so indifferent as to their friendship, their acquaintance and their patronage. I have had them ask me why we didn't do like they do in other towns of this class, with regard to soliciting outside business. 'Why don't you wake up down there?' they have said; 'Why don't you get busy and do something in an organized way? Where is that commercial club, which isn't any club at all? Are the members all asleep? Don't you care whether you develop or not?'"

"And when they shoot those questions at me, what am I to say? I should be glad to subscribe \$25 to an excursion of that kind. I should like to take a lot of my advertising matter and distribute it. I should like to have a car or two with banners on the outside telling the people that we were from Norfolk and that when we got back home we would be glad to see them at any old time. Those people all like Norfolk. They all feel friendly toward this city because they realize that Norfolk's interest in the rebuilding of this territory is identical with theirs. What do they care about an Omaha, if they can save time and car fare by coming here and can still get the same goods. And just for that reason I think we ought to let them know that we can deliver the goods. The people in this city who ought to be doing that, haven't so much as turned their hands over. Let's get together and go. Let everybody go—the doctors and the dentists and the lawyers and the storekeepers. We can't stand for any hangers-back. We don't want any of those fellows who argue that it isn't going to help their business any—that it's up to the man who gets the benefit. To a certain extent that's true, but every man in this city will derive a benefit when this is made a bigger and a busier Norfolk."

"Let us waken up and do something."
And The News will be glad to receive the names of others who are willing to co-operate.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes the kidneys and bladder rigid. Contains nothing injurious. Kiesau Drug Co.

It Saved His Leg.
P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Leonard, the druggist.

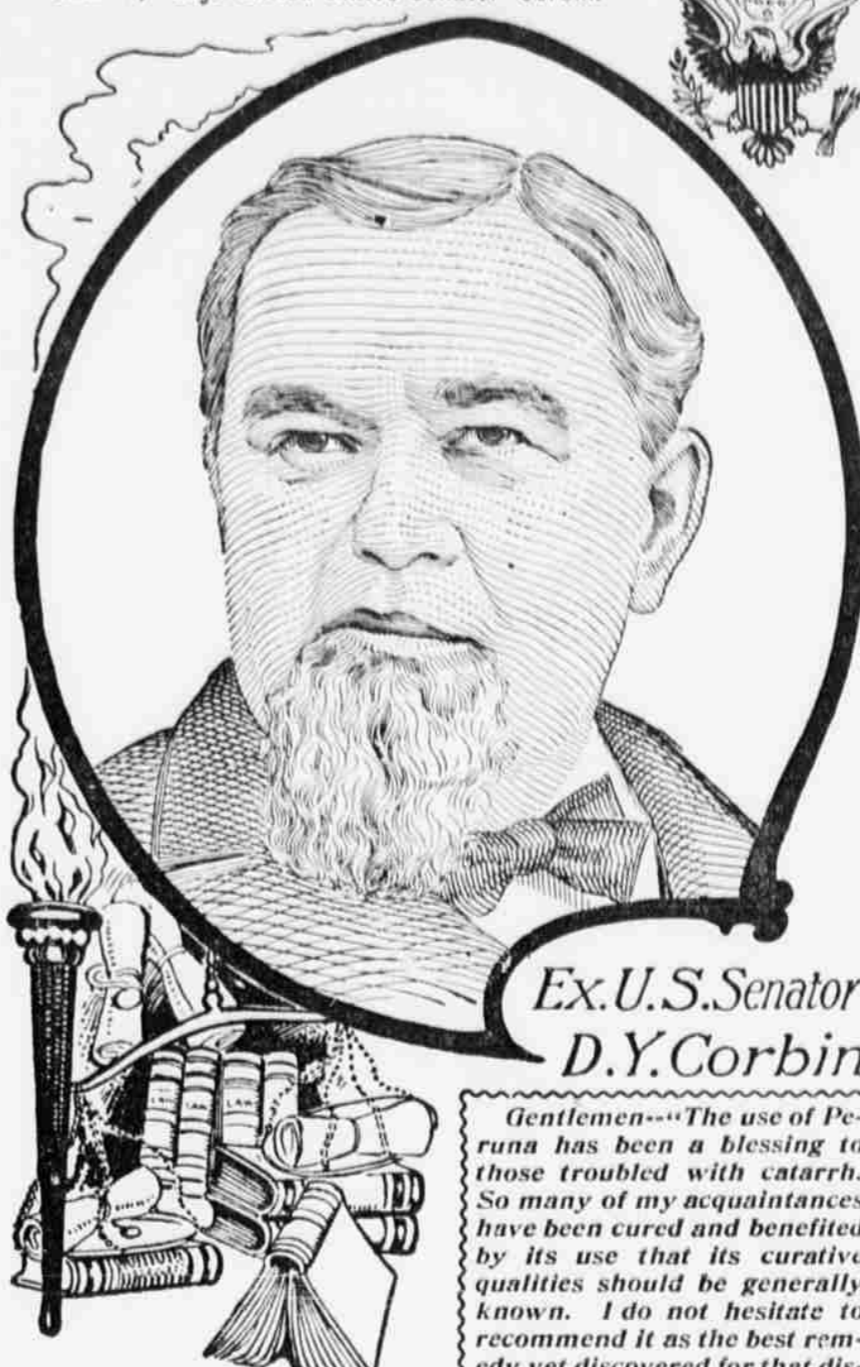
Why suffer with your kidneys? The discovery of Kidney-ettes has proved a blessing to thousands of kidney sufferers who have been restored to perfect health. These tablets drive the diseased germs out of the system, and we urge all sufferers to give this scientific and successful kidney remedy a trial. Price 25 cents. Kiesau Drug Co.

Dangers of Pneumonia.
A cold at this time if neglected is liable to cause pneumonia which is often fatal, and even when the patient has recovered the lungs are weakened, making them peculiarly susceptible to the development of consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar will stop the cough, heal and strengthen the lungs and prevent pneumonia. Kiesau Drug Co.

A Severe Cold for Six Months.
The following letter from A. J. Nusbaum of Batesville, Ind., tells its

CATARRH THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL CHRONIC DISEASES.

"Pe-ru-na is a Blessing to Those Troubled With Catarrh," Says United States Senator Corbin.



Ex. U.S. Senator D.Y. Corbin.

Gentlemen—The use of Pe-ru-na has been a blessing to those troubled with catarrh. So many of my acquaintances have been cured and benefited by its use that its curative qualities should be generally known. I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best remedy yet discovered for that disease. —D. Y. Corbin, 916 Chicago Opera House, Chicago, Ill.

Colds Not Promptly Cured Are Sure to Cause Catarrh.

Catarrh Improperly Treated is Sure to Make Life Short and Miserable.

Many Wonderful Cures Are Made by Pe-ru-na.

CATARRH spares no organ or function of the body. It is capable of destroying sight, taste, smell, hearing, digestion, secretion, assimilation and

excretion. It pervades every part of the human body.

Pe-ru-na also cures bronchitis, coughs, and consumption in the first stages with unfailing certainty.

Hon. D. Y. Corbin, is ex-United States Senator and cousin of Adjutant General Corbin of the United States Army. Judge Corbin is one of the best known lawyers in Chicago and stands high professionally and socially. The above endorsement coming from such a man

cannot help but add weight and importance to the thousands of testimonials from the humbler walks of life. Catarrh is the cause of at least one-half of the ills to which the human family is subject. Is there no way to escape from it? There is.

Pe-ru-na never fails to cure a cold. Pe-ru-na never fails to cure catarrh in the first stage. Pe-ru-na cures catarrh in the second stage, nine cases out of ten. Pe-ru-na cures catarrh in its last and worst stages in the majority of cases, and never fails to benefit every case, however bad.

A book on the cure of throat and lung diseases, and catarrh in all stages and varieties, sent free to any address by The Pe-ru-na Medicine Co., Columbus, O.

"My Life Hung by a Mere Thread, Pe-ru-na Cured Me."

Mrs. Sarah Smart, 276 Hayward St., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:

"I can't tell in words how low I was. My life hung by a mere thread. I was waiting for months to die."

"My trouble was consumption or bronchitis. I suffered no pain when I was low, but coughing and breathing kept sapping what little strength I had. I could not eat, sleep or even lean back on a chair. I was a mere skeleton. I said to my husband, 'I can't last much longer.' My neighbors say they do not know how I ever recovered. It was almost a miracle."

"I took your medicine but three months, when I could do my housework and washing, and have been doing it ever since. Now I am able to do anything. You would never think I had been troubled with such a serious illness. I shall always keep your medicine in my house."—Mrs. Sarah Smart.

Despaired of Recovery.

Mrs. R. L. Aulick, Vice President American Genealogical Association, 604 H street, N. W., Washington, D. C., writes:

"I know whereof I speak when I say that Pe-ru-na is a wonderful remedy for colds and catarrhal trouble. Last fall I was very much debilitated from the effect of a cold contracted early in the summer and which I neglected. I knew that my system was in need of medicine and rest, but to find the right thing was the problem. Happily I gave Pe-ru-na a trial first and have no reason to complain of the results. Within a month I had entirely recovered my strength and good health and really felt better and stronger than before."—Mrs. R. L. Aulick.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Pe-ru-na, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitation Co.,

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It's discouraging work to fill the lunch bag day after day
It's uninviting to open the lunch bag and find the eternal bread, bread, bread. Bread is good, but it's monotonous—it lacks novelty. Break the monotony with

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The soda cracker that made the nation hungry.

Nutritious—healthful—satisfying. Sold only in air-tight and moisture-proof packages. Never sold in bulk.

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own story. "I suffered for three months with a severe cold. A druggist prepared me some medicine, and a physician prescribed for me, yet I did not improve. I then tried Foley's Honey and Tar, and eight doses cured me." Refuse substitutes. Kiesau Drug Co.

Doing the Right Thing.
The trouble begins with a tickling in the throat and a nagging little cough. Soreness in the chest follows and the patient wonders if he is going to have an all winter cold. Probably, if he does the wrong thing or nothing. Certainly not if he uses Perry Davis' Painkiller, the staunch old remedy that cures a cold in twenty-four hours. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis.

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Cure quickly to the wonderful curative and healing qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar. It prevents pneumonia and consumption from a hard cold settled on the lungs. Kiesau Drug Co.

The Name Witch Hazel.
The name Witch Hazel is much abused. E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, are the inventors of the original and only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. A certain cure for Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Eczema, Tetter, Piles, etc. There are many counterfeits of this salve, some of which are dangerous, while they are all worthless. In buying Witch Hazel Salve see that the name E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, is on the box and a cure is certain. Sold

by all druggists.

LA GRIPPE

Pneumonia follows La Grippe but never follows the use of FOLEY'S Honey and Tar

It stops the Cough and heals the lungs. Prevents Pneumonia and Consumption.

Mrs. G. VACHERS, of 157 Osgood St., Chicago, writes: "My wife had la grippe and it left her with a very bad cough on her lungs which FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR cured completely."