

ANOTHER PLAINVIEW FIRE

THREE HORSES LOST IN THE BARN OF L. C. JOHNSON.

FIRE STARTED FROM A LANTERN

The Owner of the Property is Somewhat Stung While Trying to Save the Horse—Good Work of the Fire Company at Their Second Run.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., Sept. 21.—Special to The News Plainview had another fire last night, this time the large barn of L. C. Johnson being badly burned. Two of the three horses which were in the barn at the time are dead and the other will have to be killed. The fire company did great work and saved the shell of the barn after the interior had been burned out.

The fire started about 8 o'clock last night. Mr. Johnson was in the hay loft with a lantern, which he set down on the floor while he pitched hay down to the horses. While he was at work, in some manner the lantern fell to the manger below and set fire to the hay. The flames spread quickly and soon the whole interior of the barn was afire. The alarm was given and the new fire company made a quick run to the place. There was good pressure in the water mains and it did not take the company long to get the fire under control, although it had eaten up about everything of value on the inside of the barn. When the company arrived on the scene Mr. Johnson was still inside the barn trying to lead the horses out, and the firemen had difficulty in getting the man to desert his faithful beasts. His hair and mustache were badly singed but he is not burned otherwise.

This is the second time the fire company have been called upon since the waterworks were completed and the company formed. The waterworks were up to requirements and the fire fighters behaved like veterans. H. L. Scott had a threshing machine stored in a shed adjoining the barn and it was feared that the flames would take this and other buildings close by, but nothing was injured but the barn.

FAVORABLE FOR CORN.

It Was a Good Week to Mature Nebraska's Chief Crop.

LINCOLN, Sept. 21.—The general summary of the weekly crop bulletin issued from the University station yesterday is as follows: Cool weather prevailed during the first four days of the week; the last three days were warm with maximum temperature ranging from 85 degrees to 90 degrees.

The rainfall was confined to showers which occurred in the southeastern part of the state during Tuesday. The amount of rainfall was from one-half inch to slightly over two inches. Frost was general over the state Wednesday morning. It was light in the southern and western portions, and heavy in the northwest. Practically no damage was caused except to tender vegetation and garden truck.

The weather has been favorable for maturing corn, most of which is out of danger from damage by frost. Haying is nearly completed and a large crop is being secured in excellent condition. Potato digging is progressing; yield large. Fall plowing and seeding have advanced rapidly.

FOR SALE—A GOOD FARM WAGON.

H. B. THOMAS, R. F. D. No. 2.

GOVERNOR'S PARTY SMALL.

Staff Officers do Not Care to go to Seattle.

LINCOLN, Sept. 21.—General J. H. Culver has thus far received answers from two members of the governor's staff who desire to attend the ceremonies at the launching of the battleship Nebraska at Seattle. Col. George E. Jenkins of Fairbury, and Col. C. D. Evans of Columbus, and General Culver constitute the three who have signed their intention of going. The cost of the trip has been estimated at \$105. General Culver believes that the state officers will go and he thinks at least thirty people will comprise the governor's party. General Culver will send out another letter to members of the governor's staff urging them to make their intention known. Col. H. P. Shumway of Wakefield, and Col. J. S. Dew of Tecumseh, have sent in conditional acceptances of the invitation.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERANS.

Annual Session of the Synod at Fremont This Week.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod is in session at Fremont beginning at 10 o'clock this morning and will continue over Sunday, services being held in the Salem church of that city. Rev. Mr. Haussman, pastor of the Johannes church of this city is in attendance and Rev. Mr. Pfeiffer of Madison, who formerly had charge in Norfolk, is likewise in attendance and will assist in conducting the mission feast Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Dirks is president of the synod.

Following is the program: Opening service, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. H. J. Dirks, president of the synod. Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, "Home Missions"—Rev. J. H. Hancock, H. Wiemken. Friday evening, "Education"—Rev. L. Geik; "Church Extension"—Rev. O. Klatt. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, preparatory service—Rev. Goede; sermon—Rev. Klingner. Afternoon at 3 o'clock, mission feast—Rev. Koolen and Rev. Pfeiffer. Evening at 7:30, ordination service—Rev. Menneshoch and Rev. Schumann. All services will be conducted in the German language.

Seriously Ill.

It is reported that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell is seriously ill at the home of Mrs. Farrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dexter.

PLASTERING AT THE HOSPITAL

Work on the Norfolk Home for the Insane is Progressing Very Satisfactorily on the Hill.

State Architect Tyler and Contractor Marderson were up from Lincoln yesterday to look over the work in progress at the Norfolk hospital for the insane and find it progressing very satisfactorily. There has been a delay in securing facing brick from the Wisconsin works because of a recent storm, but there is a supply now on hand and the work is moving along very nicely.

The plasterers have commenced finishing the walls in the buildings that are ready for them and it is hoped to have the administration building and one or two of the cottages in readiness for occupancy before cold weather sets in. There is still considerable work to be done to finish the contract, but everything is moving along nicely and it is hoped to have the institution ready for use at least by the beginning of the year.

Mr. Tyler expects to visit the hospital again next week.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

A good sized delegation of Norfolk people went to Stanton today to attend the county fair in session at that place.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will meet in the ladies' parlor tomorrow at 2:30. A full attendance is desired—business meeting.

There was a very pleasant social session of the Ladies guild at the home of Mrs. Desmond yesterday afternoon. Mesdames Dundick, Tracy and White were hostesses.

A week from Saturday the open season for the hunting of prairie chickens will commence and there is a probability that a large number of hunters will get out and attempt to legally get at the birds that have been left by the law breakers.

The Sugar City Cereal mill company completed the work of improvement to their water power, that has been in progress for some time and the mill will again resume business Monday, turning out the food material for which there is such a steady and constant demand at this time of the year.

The season is closing with an unusual amount of building activity and the number of men in the building trades receiving constant employment here is large. It is usual for the rush to be over after a few weeks of activity in the spring, but there are fair prospects that this year there will be an abundance to do until well up into the winter.

Will Oxnam left this morning for Lincoln.

J. H. Evans of Creston was in the city yesterday.

Ed. Vroman was a city visitor from Fairfax yesterday.

Frank H. Stradling of Blair was in Norfolk yesterday.

Enoch A. Main was in town from Magnet yesterday.

O. H. Johnson was a city visitor yesterday from Bloomfield.

P. M. Moodie was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from West Point.

G. C. Kerkow of Fremont had business in the city yesterday.

H. G. Howell was in the city today from Plainview on business.

Ernest Mooney and N. Minnehan were up from Wisner yesterday.

N. D. Jackson came down from Neligh on the early morning train.

Mrs. W. B. Bradley of Anoka was in the city today enroute to Albion.

Dr. O. R. Meredith was called to Stanton today on professional business.

Hon. W. M. Robertson has gone to Savage to organize a Roosevelt club.

Mrs. Tom Scott of Kearney is spending the week with Mrs. J. S. Mathewson.

M. Cameady and C. A. Neville were Norfolk visitors yesterday from Plainview.

Mrs. Robert Fell and Mrs. Frank Williams of Toulon, Ill., are visiting in the city.

Charles Appel was among those who went to Stanton today to attend the county fair.

J. R. Cruson of Custer, S. D., arrived in the city last night for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Humphrey.

H. B. Stocking of O'Neill, representing the Hanford Produce company of Sioux City, was in Norfolk on business.

Walter Pilger returned to Omaha yesterday to resume his studies in Creighton medical school. This is his senior year.

E. G. Wells of Newman Grove was in the city today. He was a resident of Norfolk thirty years ago when the town was very much of a village.

Herbert J. McCallum, who has been spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McCallum on North Tenth street, has returned to Lincoln to take up his studies in the university, where he is a junior.

Fred Spaulding is home from Omaha where he went with his brother Leland, who left this morning for Philadelphia.

Rev. Robert Callow and wife were in the city this morning on their way home from the Wayne conference. He has been assigned to the Lindsay charge for the ensuing year.

F. B. Alderman, formerly in the monument business here, now manager of the Iowa and Nebraska Marble company of Omaha, was in the city today putting up a family monument for Fred Shelley.

James Hamilton, well known in Norfolk as one of the oldest traveling men in service making this section, is in the city today from Sioux City, renewing acquaintances with Norfolk friends and selling some goods.

Rev. J. F. Poucher is anticipating with considerable pleasure a visit from his father, Rev. John Poucher, next week. The elder Mr. Poucher is at present presiding elder of the New Albany, Indiana, Methodist district, but has an offer of the presidency of a prominent eastern college. He is a recognized authority on the Hebrew language and is the author of a number of works on that subject, and has also contributed to a number of encyclopedias. The Norfolk minister represents the fourth generation of Pouchers in the Methodist ministry.

SUNDAY TIME REDUCED

POSTOFFICE WILL ONLY BE OPEN ONE HOUR HEREAFTER.

FROM 2 TO 3 IN THE AFTERNOON

The Acting Assistant Postmaster General Orders Postmaster Hays to Close the Office in the Evening, thus Preventing Delivery of Late Mail.

Commencing on September 25, the Sunday hours at the Norfolk postoffice will be changed from two to one. Heretofore, since Mr. Hays became postmaster the Sunday hours have been from 1 to 2 in the afternoon and from 8 to 9 in the evening. Hereafter, however, the office will be open from 2 to 3 in the afternoon and not open at all in the evening. This change was not brought about through an effort of Mr. Hays, but rather without his sanction and approval. While the law does not provide for the opening of the office for more than one hour on Sunday, Mr. Hays has always given people an opportunity to get mail for an hour in the afternoon and for another hour in the evening. He has kept the office open the extra hour voluntarily so that the public might be accommodated. The traveling men who Sunday here are particularly interested in the Sunday evening mail. Monday morning they leave on their trips, taking the early trains before the postoffice is open and if they do not get their mail Sunday night it does not reach them in many cases before the next Saturday. So well pleased were they with this arrangement when it was inaugurated that the traveling men's association passed a resolution commending Mr. Hays for it.

Now the office is to be closed in the evening because the acting first assistant postmaster general has so ordered it. Who has been counseling the acting first assistant postmaster general is not known, but no doubt some one has called his attention to the fact that the law is being stretched in Norfolk to accommodate the public, bringing forth an order as follows: Postoffice Department, First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Correspondence, September 14, 1904.—The Postmaster, Norfolk: Sir—You are informed that under the regulations of this department postmasters are required to keep their offices open on Sunday for one hour only. You should not open the postoffice on Sunday night for the distribution and delivery of mail that arrives after 6 p. m.

If mail arrives at your office on Sunday forenoon, the hour from 1 p. m. to 2 p. m. would seem to be sufficient, and will enable you to make delivery of Sunday mail.

Very respectfully, J. J. HOWLEY, Acting First Assistant Postmaster General.

To this order Mr. Hays replied as follows, from which it will be seen that the action was not brought about on his motion: NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 19.—First Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.: Sir—I acknowledge receipt of yours of September 14, 1904, instructing me to keep this office open on Sunday for distribution of mail for one hour only. Your instructions will be complied with. However, allow me to express regret that you did not see proper first to communicate with me about the advisability of thus curtailing the hours of Sunday delivery.

Yours truly, JOHN R. HAYS.

The new arrangement will be not at all pleasing to the general public and particularly the traveling men. Of course it is a nice theory to have the Sabbath quiet and no business of any kind transacted on that day. But in this practical, bustling age that sort of a thing looks rather Puritanical. A few years ago the writer spent a short time at Asbury Park, N. J. Only separated from it by a small lake is Ocean Grove. Both these places are great summer resorts and thousands of people throng there during the heated term. Ocean Grove has some quaint Sunday ideas that would hardly do in the west. Promptly at 12 o'clock Saturday night the gates of the city are closed—and they have real gates that effectively block the streets—and until after 12 Monday morning no team is allowed to drive along the streets, no bicycles will be permitted to travel and every person inside the city limits is expected to walk sedately to church and then walk sedately back again to his room, where he is supposed to spend the interval between sessions of church in solemn meditation.

Even the depot in the town is closed on Sunday and no railroad train is allowed to stop inside the city limits on that day, this provision being one of the conditions of the acquisition of right of way through the town. When the writer was there he thought the Sunday ideas of that New Jersey town were being overworked, and he now thinks the Sunday postoffice regulations are being strained in Norfolk, particularly as the new order will give no opportunity to receive a large part of the mail that comes on that day, which is by way of the Northwestern and M. & O. evening trains.

In changing the time one hour later, which he is permitted to keep the office open on Sunday, the postmaster is providing against the Northwestern train from the east being late, as is frequently the case. If the train is on time the mail is supposed to reach the office about 1 o'clock, which gives time to distribute it before 2, but when the train is late it is often after 2 before the distribution is finished. The hours will provide against this contingency and insure the public that the noon mail will be available, but the people will have no opportunity to receive any of the evening mail from the cease evening mail until Monday morning.

There seems to be a prevailing opinion that when the postoffice is moved into the government building the lobby will remain open all day Sunday. Under the order just received the Sunday hour at the new postoffice will be identically the same as at the old.

LEASES PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO

G. W. Godding Takes Possession of the I. M. Macy Photographic Business Today.

A deal has been completed whereby G. W. Godding, who recently opened a studio opposite the government building on South Fourth street, comes into possession of the I. M. Macy business under the terms of a lease. Mr. Godding is thoroughly versed in the art of turning out good work, and has a reputation in Illinois and other states for high grade work that is excellent. Mr. Macy has not announced his intentions during the term of the lease, but it is supposed that he will take the opportunity to rest up from his ceaseless toil. For many years he has been in business here and has built up an enviable reputation for fine work throughout northeast Nebraska, his patrons coming from many miles. He is confident that Mr. Godding will hold the trade by giving the same satisfaction, and he hopes that he may be successful in further extending the business.

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BONANZA FARM TO BE SOLD

LAND ARISTOCRACY IS NOT PROBABLE

PRACTICAL FARMER IS THE ONE

The Dividing of the Fertile Marshall Field Ranch of Eleven Sections into Small Farms Brings Out Some Thoughts on Landed Proprietors.

Another bonanza farm is gone. The announcement is made that the Stanton breeding farm in Stanton county, which has long been the best known stock farm in the state, is to be sold and will be cut up and sold in small tracts. The ranch comprises eleven sections, or 7,880 acres. It has been largely devoted to the growing of fine cattle, and was one of the best equipped farms of its kind in the country, both in material resources and in men. It was owned by Marshall Field of Chicago.

No reason has been assigned for the abandonment of the business. Such ventures are not abandoned, as a rule, except for reasons, however, and that is that they do not pay. Had the enterprise been a dividend payer it is not likely that the owner would have sacrificed the results of years of effort in building up a plant and reputation for its product. It would have been easy to interest capital in the enterprise and to have sold the entire plant as it stood had it been a paying business.

The bare fact appears to be therefore, that Marshall Field, one of the most successful business men in the United States, has failed to find a capitalistic venture into the field of agriculture satisfactory enough to warrant its continuance. His eight thousand acres of valuable land will therefore pass into the hands of men who will both own it and farm it. It is worthy of note that the Billy ranch, another large tract in northeastern Nebraska, has been thrown on the market in the same way within the present year, and is being rapidly made over into farms of eighty or a hundred and sixty acres. As the formation of no large agricultural enterprises to take the place of these two have been announced, it is evident that "big farming" in Nebraska is on the wane this year. There used to be an old saying to the effect that "he who by the plow would thrive, himself must either hold or drive." A growing number of citizens who have tried entrepreneur farming are now willing to subscribe to the truth of the saying.

Within the last year or two warnings have been sent out from various fearsome individuals, saying that the big capitalists are reaching out for the farms, that they want them for playthings, and that there is danger they may attempt to build up an aristocracy of landed proprietors in this country. Any big capitalist who has such aspirations is respectfully referred to Marshall Field, after which, in all probability he will try to be content with his present aristocracy of stocks and bonds. Meanwhile, it is to be hoped that American farmer will pay off the rest of his mortgages and continue to hold the title to his farm, which carries with it the only aristocracy in the world worth having.—State Journal.

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