

FERCE FIRE IN GALE

NORFOLK WAS THREATENED BY FLAMES LAST NIGHT.

FIREMEN'S WONDERFUL WORK

FIRE IN HEART OF LUMBER YARD CHECKED AND QUENCHED.

HOTEL GUESTS DRESS QUICKLY

Fearing That the Fire Would Leap Norfolk Avenue in the Pacific Block, the Pacific Guests Were Quietly Notified—A Heroic Battle.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

Only by the most consistent and headiest kind of fire fighting, Norfolk was saved last night from the most disastrous fire in its history. A wild gale swept out of the north and whipped the fire, which began in a shed in the rear of the Chicago Lumber company's yard, into a furious blaze that threatened to destroy the lumber yard and the buildings on the corner of Fifth and Norfolk avenue, then jump the street and carry away the Pacific block and the Queen City hotel. The fire department cut into the face of the flames and the wind with all the water they could bring to bear upon it and, fighting it from both sides, cut off the flames in the center of a lumber shed piled high with dried lumber. It was only this persistent fight in a swirl of driving smoke and sparks and flames that saved the corner and perhaps the buildings across the street.

Fire Discovered.

The fire was discovered shortly before 11 o'clock by C. P. Parish, who was on his way home. He noticed smoke coming from behind the buildings on the corner but supposed it was from an engine on the tracks beyond. As he turned the corner of the Pacific hotel he noticed a small flickering of light and smelled the smoke of burning wood. He immediately turned in the alarm and the hose carts were hurried to the scene of the fire.

Magnificent Fire Fighting.

The two-story building, in which the fire started, was wrapped in a mass of flames when the hose carts reached the blaze. The north gale beat the flames against the adjoining shed piled high with dried lumber and carried great masses of glimmering, flaring sparks whirling through the air and onto the roofs of the buildings in its path. It seemed like a hopeless task for the firemen as the scorched end of the lumber shed was blazing in places and the wind swept great floods of flame against it every instant. Streams of water were carried in the face of the blinding smoke and sparks to bear upon the advancing flames. It seemed a hopeless task to stop but they fought stubbornly against it as it advanced by leaps and ate great holes into the north end of the lumber pile. More hose was brought and the fight was taken up from both sides and from the rear. A switch engine pulled up the track to take away a string of cars from the track behind the fire and stayed to push them further in to make a windbreak for the flames. It was a fire where the little things counted and that windbreak stopped the furious rush of the flames. Then the streams of water began to tell and a third of the way down the shed the flames were stopped and slowly turned back toward the heart of the flames. In the warehouse, where the fire started, there was no stopping it. The upper floor was filled with mill-work and seasoned hardwood flooring. The fire once started in that could not be extinguished. So the firemen held the fire back from in front and slowly fought it down behind until early into the morning when there was nothing left but a smoking mass of charred ruins.

Hotel Guests Get Out.

At the Pacific hotel there was intense excitement for a moment when the alarm was first turned in and then everyone made hurried preparations to leave the hotel in case the fire should carry the corner and leap the street. Before a dozen taps of the alarm had been sounded a bell boy was passing down the halls to awaken each guest. They were all told of the fire, that there was no danger but to get up and dress ready for any emergency. Several women in their excitement threw wraps over their night robes and hurried to the lobby. When they were assured of their present safety they went back to their rooms and dressed in order. Within fifteen minutes everyone was up and dressed and the sidewalk was lined with trunks and grips ready to carry away if the fire communicated to the hotel.

All along the sidewalks on Fifth street and Norfolk avenue, where there was any possibility of the fire reaching to the sidewalks were piled with trunks, grips, household furnishings and clothing ready to carry away if the fire spread further. Few had heard the alarm but the telephone first brought those who had offices and interests in the path of the fire, then others until a large crowd stood and gazed at the fire until the cold and the wind drove them home, when the danger was once passed. In every

office and store building there was a light and preparations were made to carry away everything that was of value before the fire reached to it.

Origin a Mystery.

The origin of the fire is undiscovered. Its proximity to the Union Pacific tracks suggested its starting from a spark but the thin shale of ice that covered everything last evening seems to preclude such an idea and leave no clue for discovering a reason for its beginning. The company is unable to state the loss as there is much charred lumber and lumber damaged by smoke and water must be examined and assorted out before any definite idea of the loss can be secured. It will probably be between \$2,000 and \$3,000, fully covered by insurance.

Firemen at Supper.

Before the men left the fire manager N. B. Dolson of the Chicago Lumber company and H. C. Sattler took the firemen to a restaurant and gave them supper. This is the first time that anything of the kind has ever been done in Norfolk and the men, who were soaked through with water and chilled by the cold, went home warmer and better for it. In the morning H. C. Sattler gave the department \$50 for their efforts.

All of the department went home at 3 o'clock with the exception of Chief McCune and eight or ten of the men, who stayed to finish the work. Shortly after that the fire broke out anew but the flames were quickly put out and by 5 o'clock there was no vestige of fire left.

Hose Cart Broke.

The members of the Mast hose company were forced to carry their hose to the fire in their hands as the left wheel of the cart was broken off as the cart was leaving the house. The axle of the cart had been in a weakened condition for a long time and snapped when the cart struck the sidewalk. The hose was immediately unreeled and, with it in their hands, they rushed up Norfolk avenue to the fire.

Man Run Over.

An unknown man was run over by Queen City hosecart on the sidewalk in front of Thiems' meat market when they were on the fire. Later when attempts were made to find out who he was it was impossible to find any trace of the man, so it is presumed that he was not severely injured.

RAILWAY BOYS HELP COMRADE

Fireman Anderson, Ill and Short of Funds, is Taken Care of Here.

A pretty case of kindly charity among the railroad boys of Norfolk has come to light. J. J. Anderson, a locomotive fireman with headquarters here, was taken seriously ill with typhoid fever and developed later symptoms of pneumonia. He had, at the time he laid off, a check for \$84, and the check, naturally, was soon gone. But Fireman Anderson did not suffer from this account. Not while the railroad boys of Norfolk had money in their pockets. They took up a subscription among themselves to help out Anderson, and for four weeks he was tenderly cared for, with the best of everything in the way of attention, nursing, medicine and delicacies to eat.

While the railroad boys themselves will not talk about the case or tell how much they took up for Anderson, because they believe in guarding the matter of charity as sacred, yet it is known that they took up enough among themselves to pay more than \$30 each week for a month toward Anderson's care. The railway officials here cheerfully contributed their share.

A few days ago Anderson was taken back to his home in Illinois and reports today indicate that he is rapidly improving in condition.

WISNER FIRE ALARM BELLS.

Every Fireman in the Town Has a Bell That Starts Ringing With Button.

The city authorities of Wisner have just installed an electric call bell system for their firemen in case of fire. A bell is placed in the home of every fireman and the wires are run into the telephone exchange, where they can be set ringing by a single touch of a button. At times such as last night it is difficult to get out all the fire department as the sound of the alarm does not carry to every house. But the electric bell does reach every home and rings until it is turned off by the fireman.

ENTERTAINS SENIOR CLASS.

Miss Wheeler is Hostess at a Delightful Party for Friends.

Miss Jennie Wheeler very delightfully entertained members of the senior class of the high school at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wheeler, last evening. The high school teachers were also invited. The home was prettily decorated in green and white and among the pleasures of the evening was a guessing contest, the prize for which was won by Miss Walker, one of the high school teachers.

BATES READY TO TAKE OFFICE

Long Pine Editor Sells Paper and Resigns as County Commissioner.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 1.—Special To The News: Luke M. Bates of Long Pine has sold his paper, the Journal, and has tendered his resignation as commissioner in Brown county, to take effect next Monday, preparatory to taking his position in the Valentine land office.

Quit being a tenantless landlord—publicity rents houses!

MEETINGS WELL STARTED

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WAS CROWDED LAST NIGHT.

MR. OLMSTEAD CALM SPEAKER

The Series of Four Weeks' Evangelistic Meetings Began Under Propitious Circumstances in the Congregational Church Last Night.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The four weeks' series of union evangelistic meetings to be held by the Congregational and Methodist churches of the city, began under propitious circumstances last night. The Congregational church was crowded to the doors and extra chairs had to be brought in from outside to accommodate the audience.

S. H. Jackson has a sweet, well modulated tenor voice and is a most excellent leader of a chorus. His solo, "Ship Ahoy," was very well received. Mr. Olmstead took for his text, "To be Carnally Minded is Death." He said in part:

"Professor Herbert Spencer's definition of death was, 'The ceasing of correspondence between the inner man and outward life, or failure to adjust one's self to his environment.' The death referred to by Paul in this text probably did not mean future existence as most people believe, but lack of proper adjustment to spiritual and higher things of life."

Mr. Olmstead is devoid of the sensational methods of the peripatetic evangelist. He is clear, logical in preaching and uses the conversational tone of voice. If last night's meeting can be taken as an example of what is to follow, a good series of meetings with splendid results is to be expected.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the afternoon meetings will begin in the Sunday school room of the Congregational church.

Wednesday afternoon, immediately after school, Mr. Jackson wants to meet all school children between the ages of 9 and 15, to form a "sunbeam" choir.

Notice of Probate of Foreign Will.

In the County Court of Madison County, Nebraska, The State of Nebraska, Madison County, ss.

To Cornelia Rebecca Wible, widow, and Robert Edward Wible, son, and all persons interested in the estate of J. E. Wible, late of Gettysburg, Adams county, state of Pennsylvania, deceased.

Whereas, Robert E. Wible, executor of the last will and testament of said J. E. Wible, deceased, by Mapes & Hazen, his attorneys, has filed in my office a duly authenticated copy of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of J. E. Wible, deceased, and of the probate thereof by the register of wills in and for Adams county, in the state of Pennsylvania, and a petition praying that said instrument may be probated, allowed and recorded in this court as the last will and testament of said deceased, for the appointment of Robert E. Wible as executor, if necessary, and for such proceedings as the law requires.

It is therefore ordered that the 16th day of March, 1906, at 1 o'clock p. m. in the county court room in Madison in said county of Madison, is the time and place appointed for hearing said matter when all persons interested therein may appear at the hearing in the county court to be held in and for said county and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted and the said instrument probated, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereon be given to all persons interested by publishing a copy of this order in The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, a legal newspaper printed, published and of general circulation in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand and official seal at Madison in said county, this 17th day of February, A. D. 1906.

[Seal] Wm. Bates, County Judge.

GIFT OF JOHN D.

Rockefeller Offers \$125,000 For Hospital For Tuberculosis Children.

An offer of \$125,000 from John D. Rockefeller, for a hospital for children suffering from tuberculosis, is announced by R. Fulton Cutting, president of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. This offer is made on the condition that the association raises a like amount from other donors by June 30, 1906, and that the permanent maintenance of the hospital be assured. The hospital is to be located at the seaside.

SUE ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Mrs. Burden and Mr. Sloane Say the Laird of Skibo Broke Promise.

Mrs. Florence Adele Burden and her father, William D. Sloane, have begun an action in the supreme court to enjoin Andrew Carnegie and his real estate broker, Herbert A. Sherman, from selling to Lloyd S. Brice a plat adjoining Mrs. Burden's residence, with a frontage of 47 feet on Ninety-first street, 600 feet from Fifth avenue, says a New York dispatch. The complaint recites that five years ago, when Carnegie acquired the corner of Ninety-first street and Fifth avenue, with a frontage of 100 feet on the avenue and 130 feet on a side street, he opened negotiations with

Sloane, who owned the adjoining plat, for the purchase of seventeen feet of that frontage.

An agreement was then arrived at, the complaint relates, by which Sloane sold the seventeen feet to Carnegie on Carnegie's agreement to sell the plat, should he ever decide to do so, only to a single purchaser, who would consent to erect a handsome private residence thereon.

In consideration of this, Mrs. Burden agreed to erect on the adjoining property, conveyed to her by her father, a fine private residence as her own home, with a western elevation of limestone.

A few days ago, Mrs. Burden learned that Carnegie's broker had contracted to sell forty-seven feet adjoining her home on the Fifth avenue side to Lloyd S. Brice, and that the latter practically had completed arrangements for the erection thereon of a house, the eastern wall of which would be right against the limestone western elevation of the Burden house.

DR. MEYERS UNDER KNIFE.

Norfolk Veterinarian Undergoes Operation for Appendicitis.

Dr. J. C. Meyers, a veterinary surgeon of Norfolk, underwent a surgical operation Thursday for appendicitis and is getting along, so far as can be known today, nicely. The operation took place at Omaha in Wise Memorial hospital. In a letter received yesterday by John Krantz from Dr. McKim, state veterinarian, the latter says that he was with Dr. Meyers before, during and after the operation and that he stood the strain well. Mrs. Meyers was with the doctor during the operation. He had been suffering from appendicitis for several months and determined that an operation was necessary.

UPHOLDS THE NEWS.

Pierce Leader Hopes Norfolk Editor Will be Gloriously Exonerated.

Pierce Leader: W. N. Huse of The Norfolk Daily News will again have to stand trial in Madison county for alleged libel preferred by T. J. Shelby of Ponca, who thinks he was damaged four years ago to the extent of \$6,000. The case was tried once and Judge Boyd was so disgusted with the injustice and unfairness of the charges that he took the case from the jury and rendered a decision for the defendant, Mr. Huse. But the plaintiff, spurred on by his attorneys who were after that velvet which tickles the heart, were not satisfied and carried the case to the supreme court, which tribunal reversed the decision of Judge Boyd, on a technicality in the fact that the judge had made a slight error in his instructions. The Leader believes that The News was justified in making the statements it did and believes and sincerely hopes that when the case is again tried the paper will be gloriously exonerated. There are too many fellows these days aching to prefer libel charges against newspapers but not one out of ten has any case. Judge Boyd did exactly right in the foregoing case.

CASE ONE SIDED.

Petersburg Index Says Shelby Will Never Get His \$6,000.

Petersburg Index: W. N. Huse of The Norfolk Daily News, George D. Nelson of the Hartington Herald, and Franklin Fales, ex-chairman of the central committee for McCarthy's first congressional campaign, are the defendants in a libel suit brought by T. S. Shelby of Ponca. During McCarthy's first campaign defamatory charges were circulated against him and it seems The News, on the eve before election, published a circular letter which came directly from the headquarters of McCarthy's congressional committee and which said unkind things about Shelby. The letter was vouched for by the congressional committee who desired to refute the charges made against McCarthy. About a year later the man from Ponca started suit against The News for \$6,000, and Judge Boyd gave a decision for the defendant, and dismissed the case. Shelby carried the case to the supreme court which reversed the decision on a technicality. The News is now made the defendant once more in the same case.

The case has stirred up no little interest in northeast Nebraska newspaper circles and proceedings will be watched with interest. However, the evidence turned in at the former trial was so one-sided that we fear Shelby will never get sight of that \$6,000 he is striving for so earnestly.

CHURCH NEARLY BURNS.

Methodist Church at Chadron Had Close Call at 4 in the Morning.

Chadron, Neb., March 1.—Special To The News: The Methodist church in this city escaped destruction by fire by a very narrow margin when it was discovered to be on fire in the basement at 4 in the morning. An alarm was given and the flames extinguished. The fire department arrived after the danger was past.

Fifty or seventy dollars will probably cover the damage. Evangelist Geo. H. Williams is conducting a union revival meeting for the Congregational and Baptist churches of the city.

ENTERTAINS CHOIR.

Mrs. J. B. Elseffer is Hostess at Party Given for School Girls.

Mrs. J. B. Elseffer entertained the members of the choir of the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at a 6 o'clock luncheon. The choir is composed solely of school girls.

TAIL END OF A BLIZZARD

OUTER EDGE OF RAGING STORM STRIKES NORFOLK.

A BIG TRAIN LOST IN DRIFTS

While Drifts Are Ten Feet Deep in the Country West of Norfolk, This Immediate Area Seems to Have Escaped the Fury of the Blizzard.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The tail end of the big blizzard which has been raging over the north-west for hours, struck Norfolk, but there was no snow in it. The northerly gales came alright, with a vengeance, and the drop in the thermometer, but the snow drifts, which have been heaped high in all the country just west of Norfolk, missed this city. The border line between the snow and the clear air seems to have touched Clearwater and Creighton.

Big Train Lost in Snow.

The eastbound Black Hills train, due here yesterday at noon, is lost in the snowdrifts and has not been heard from since 6 o'clock Thursday night. For more than forty hours that big train, with passengers aboard bound for Chicago from Deadwood, has been battling against the mountains of whiteness between the Hills and Norfolk and, as all of the wires are down, there is no definite information as to where the train is or how the passengers are faring.

Train No. 2 from Bonesteel, due out of that town last night at midnight, did not leave the edge of the Rosebud reservation until this morning and was announced to be due here at noon. Train No. 4, due out of Long Pine at midnight last night and due here this morning at 6, did not come in on time and was announced for noon.

Wires All Down.

Wires west on the Northwestern are all down and it is impossible to get any information regarding the storm there. There is one wire through to Stuart but nothing further and this has helped little in getting information as to the train that is lost in the blizzard.

Live Stock Situation Serious.

It is feared that live stock in this section of the world will suffer heavily from the storm, as the snow has been beating down heavily upon them and covering their pastures over the range. In some places in Boyd county it is reported that the snow drifts are ten feet deep.

Train No. 5, the westbound Black Hills train which arrived here last night and was scheduled to go right on west, remained in Norfolk overnight and did not leave until 7 o'clock this morning. The passengers aboard slept in the cars and were comfortably warm all night long. There were few children on the train, which was considered a fortunate fact. The passengers ate a lunch at midnight and then ate breakfast this morning before the train left. The train was not run through last night because the wires were down out west and the officials were afraid that an accident might occur.

The coldest point reached yesterday was 17 above zero.

YOUNG WOMEN'S ORCHESTRA.

Members of Norfolk Ladies' Band Will Reorganize to Make Music.

Norfolk is to have an orchestra composed solely of women. Last evening five of those who belonged to the Norfolk Ladies' band before it broke up, met at the home of W. P. Dixon to consider the matter. Each of them brought her instrument with her and they spent the evening practicing. There are several more of the original members of the band, who were not there, and an attempt will be made to secure them in the contemplated orchestra. It is probable that the leader will be a young man in the city, who has volunteered his services to the new organization.

FAVORS GIVING STREET.

Times-Tribune Wants to Do as Other Towns Did, and Gain for Norfolk.

Times-Tribune: Not anticipating any opposition to the plan of building a large depot in Norfolk to take the place of the one burned last fall the Northwestern have caused plans to be drawn for the structure, these plans will soon be completed so that all can see just what we will get, that is the plans will be completed if the spirit of remonstrance that is being started by a few of our citizens does not stop the work and cause the company to make other arrangements. What the company asks is nothing unusual in such cases, in fact such a depot as Norfolk asks and should have cannot be built on the space of one block, that is with proper platform connections. As we understand it the company does not propose to add to the number of tracks or to build in such a way as to prevent people from crossing the track at Philip avenue, except when trains are standing there, and that will be the case with a 7x9 depot and always was. Of course it will stop the passing of tenns but with small buildings it will be a very dangerous crossing and will become still more so as the number of trains increase. The depot facilities of Norfolk have always been inadequate, everybody visiting our city remarks that fact and now that we have a chance to improve them by so small a concession it looks like folly to protest, we cannot punish the railroad company by opposing their building a good depot, a cheap one

will answer their purpose but we can put ourselves in a position to prevent the company from doing anything for our city only what they are obliged to do and that is very little. Managers of railroads are simply human beings and are governed largely by the same impulses as other individuals are; an unfriendly spirit will be met by them in the same manner it would be met by other people. The Times-Tribune is not arguing for the railroad company but for the benefit of Norfolk. We want to see our city get all it can out of the Northwestern and every other road that collects a freight bill in our city and we believe that here is a chance to get something that is going to be of much value to us. We believe that our Commercial club have done the very best they could in securing this proposition from the company and if that is all we can get this writer is in favor of taking it and with as good a grace as possible.

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