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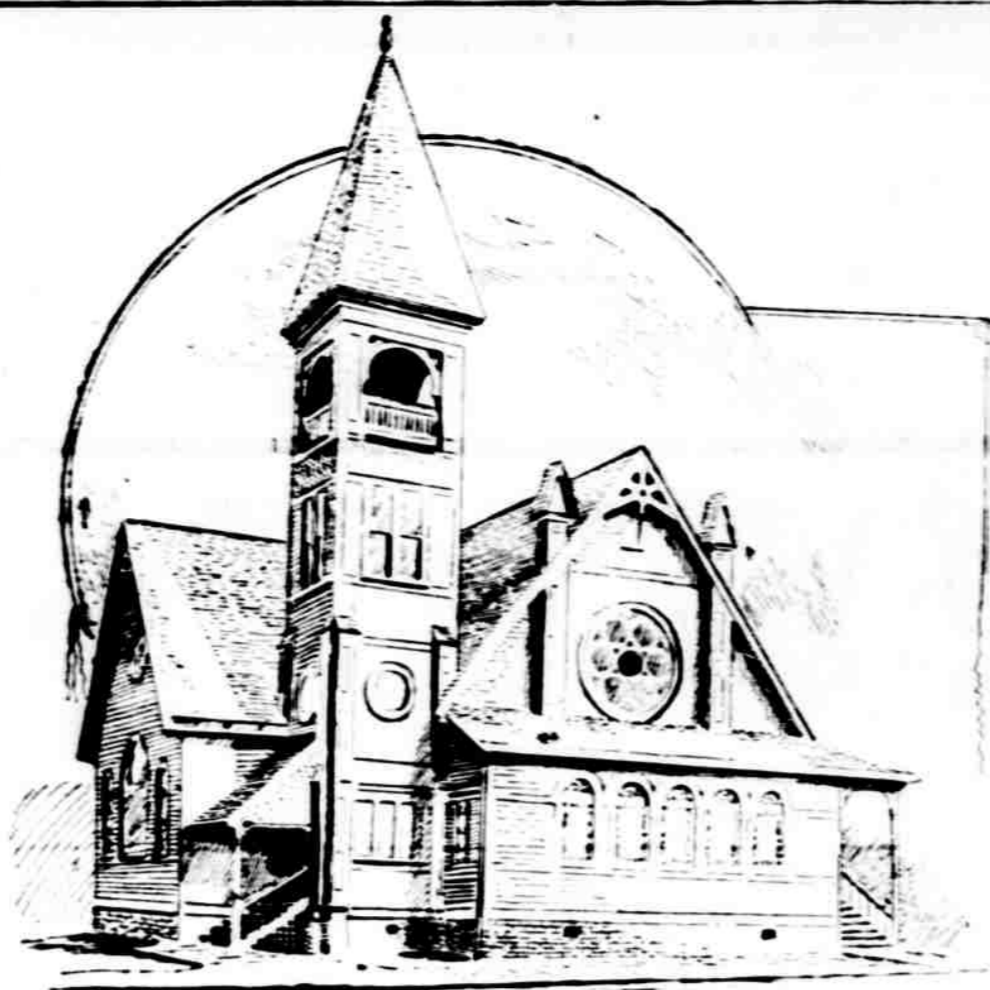
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Buckmaster, the hardware man. Dr. Mark T. McMahon, dentist. FRESH OYSTERS at Kersenbrook and Burke's. Mrs. F. W. Herrick is confined to her bed from illness. Mrs. Othwate of Cedar Rapids came down today to visit her daughter Mrs. E. P. Rogers. Rev. Ulmer went to Central City today to attend revival services which are being held there. Dr. Paul, the dentist, makes a specialty of fine gold work of all kinds, fillings, crowns and bridges. Miss Elizabeth Sheehan will go to Humphrey this evening to be the guest of Mrs. Dr. Condon until Sunday. WANTED.—A situation on a ranch or farm by a young man and his wife. Best of references. Robt. Avery, Columbus, Nebr. Remember that Dr. Paul extracts teeth without pain. He even removes live nerves from aching teeth without pain and fills them at one sitting. Miss Dora Holdrege of Schuyler is the guest of Mrs. W. I. Speice this week. She will return home Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Speice who will visit there two weeks. On Wednesday her physicians performed an operation upon Mrs. Judge Ratterman, at her home in the north west part of town. She is reported as being very ill. Miss Margaret Labber had a tenth birthday Wednesday, and celebrated the occasion by inviting about six of her friends to a six o'clock dinner. Rev. Weed of Joplin, Mo., who has been visiting in the city this week, left for his home today. FOR SALE.—A six-room house on west 15th street, Columbus, Nebraska. Also household furniture. Inquire at Journal office or address "X", Columbus, Nebraska. In district court George Sheridan asks for a decree of divorce from Ada Sheridan on the ground of desertion since October, 1902. The parties to the suit live near Crosson.

FIREMEN BANQUET.

300 Firemen Make Merry—Speeches, Music and Good Things to Eat.

The twenty-third annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Fireman's Association came to an end at one o'clock this morning at Stephens hall in a blaze of glory. The annual banquet is the crowning and farewell feature of the yearly convention, and the banquet of last night was a brilliant and happy affair. Six long tables ran the length of the hall with another table at the head for the city officials and speakers. Places were laid for 300.

Six members responded to toasts the speaking beginning shortly after ten o'clock. Music by the Harmonic orchestra filled in the gaps, and the joyous banqueters accompanied the orchestra with the tinkling of improvised symbols, made by tapping forks against variously tuned glasses.

No better speeches were ever heard at a banquet. Everybody was in a happy humor, and grave and gay were intermingled in orderly rivalry.

Judge Edgar Howard of Columbus was toastmaster, and filled the place with witty and scholarly grace. In his opening remarks Judge Howard said: "I cannot tell you how honored I am in being placed in this position tonight, and how kindly we all feel toward you who are our visitors."

The task of giving welcome to your guests has been delegated to another. I presume most of you have met him during your stay here. He is always to be found where the ordinary firemen congregate.

"Somebody said 'Welcome to our city, strength to support, and beauty to adorn.' Around Columbus' past our civil government in Columbus has been organized. In the person of our mayor we behold a pillar of wisdom. In the person of our chief of police we behold a pillar of strength. In the person of our city attorney we have a pillar of beauty. You will not be able to see him at his best this evening because always in the winter time he wears his wig."

After toasting the visitors, Mr. Howard introduced City Attorney Cornelius who responded to the toast "Our Guests." A brief outline of Mr. Cornelius' remarks is as follows: "There is nothing we can say or do that will fully repay the many obligations that we owe to the Columbus fire department. Every step they have taken has been a direct benefit to the city. Twenty-three years ago the foundations of the state association were laid, and they built all better than they know. The gentlemen are members of the grandest army known to civilization—an army organized not to kill and destroy, but to save and protect. The spirit that prompts the fireman is the same spirit that inspires the soldier. All honor to the Nebraska Volunteer Fireman."

J. C. Cleland of Fremont, the father of the state association, spoke to the toast "Why I Am in the Convention." He expressed his pleasure at the reception accorded the members in Columbus, and promised to attend the convention of the city or state next year. On behalf of all the members of the association he presented a case to the retiring president, Mr. Bauer. Mr. Bauer responded in a neat impromptu speech.

"Our Volunteer Firemen" was the toast of L. W. Hays of Minden. Speaking as a lawyer he paid a little fun at newsgather men for the benefit of the toastmaster, and told how the lawyers in his town had once argued a fire out of existence in the case of a false alarm. "In the discharge of duty" said Mr. Hays, "the volunteer fireman knows not fresh or fat, but serves all alike." He said the association had risen to the dignity of a pure business organization.

Judge W. N. Henry of Columbus made a classic and witty speech on "My Experience with the Columbus Fire Department." The judge explained that he was not a member of the department owing to the fact that he was subject to spontaneous combustion himself and had hard work keeping himself cool, without posing to fires. He called attention to the fact that without organization and mutual conference the firemen might often do more harm than the fire, for lack of proper training in fire fighting.

Judge Henry was of the opinion the Columbus fire department, if they had been present, would have extinguished burning Rome before old Nero could have got his fiddle tuned. He pictured Chief Gottschalk in an allegorical descent into Hades in such convincing fashion that the chief was compelled to appear on the platform to satisfy the audience that he was still on earth.

Louis Lightner spoke on the text "Obedience" and drew an eloquent distinction between national obedi-

ence which is effective and blind obedience which is often foolish and disastrous. His illustrative stories were much appreciated.

J. C. Elliott of West Point caught the crowd's fancy with his response to "The Good Times of a Fireman." Some of his reminiscences were very vivid and more or less personal. The crowd shook its ever got in Columbus, he said, was when he came in the other day and found Howard at work. Mr. Elliott is himself an editor and is famous among the firemen for his other dinner accomplishments. His reminiscences of the good times that the firemen had included several of the old-timers, and the crowd insisted that Mr. Hull of Fremont should take the stand in rebuttal. Mr. Hull told a true story about Elliott and the battle ended in a draw.

At the conclusion of the toasts, Mr. Howard thanked the visitors for their good will and gentlemanly conduct, and closed the speech-making with a beautiful and poetic apostrophe to the Manhattan coast, concluding with a warning of its dangers when like fire it gets beyond control.

With a toast to the president and the country, the delegates joined the orchestra in the national hymn and the twenty-third annual convention was over.

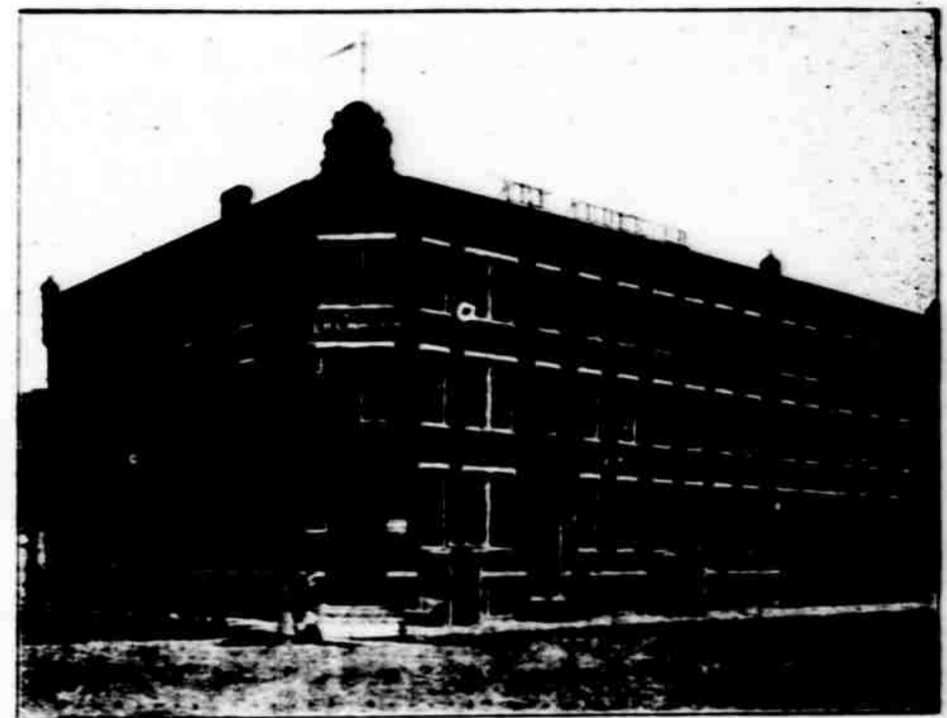
Everything went off as smoothly as could be imagined. The appointments were perfect and the service, the music, the speeches and the wine were all first class.



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