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Good morning. Have you been investigated?

William Miller has sold his interest in the Alliance Times to the former editor, Harvey J. Ellis. Mr. Miller will go to St. Paul, Minn., to engage in business. He is an honorable gentleman and we should have been pleased to have seen him remain in Alliance.

According to press dispatches to the daily papers, Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska, defended the Taft administration at the annual banquet of the republican editors of Indiana held at Indianapolis last Thursday night. We may be mistaken in regard to the temper of the voters of Nebraska, but it looks to us very much like another nail in the senator's political coffin.

Do you intend to raise corn this year? If so be sure to read the free column notice in this issue of "The Herald" headed, "Don't Plant Seed Corn that Won't Grow." As may be seen by reading the notice, it is sent us by the Publicity Bureau of the Commercial Club of Omaha. Business men in the city as well as in the smaller towns are very much interested in the matter of increased crop production because of the bearing it has upon their business, and the question of good seed corn is a very important one this year.

According to L. C. Boyle of Kansas City, former attorney general of Kansas, farmers and laborers will be the losers if mail order houses are permitted to crowd merchants in the small towns out of business. In an address made before the Southwestern Lumbermen's Association in annual session at Kansas City last Thursday, Mr. Boyle said: "I am forced to that if the farmer and laborer but understood the situation aught the mail order business would be short lived. Eliminate the country merchant and the business of distributing the necessities of life will of necessity center in the hands of a few great corporations. The only solution of the dilemma then will be state and national socialism."

The Bureau of Railway Economics, which is an organization established by the railways for the scientific study of transportation problems, issues once each month a summary of revenues and expenses of steam roads in the United States. This summary is based upon the reports made monthly by the various railway companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Tables prepared by the Bureau of Railway Economics from the reports made by the railways for the month of November to the Interstate Commerce Commission show that the business done by the railways of the United States in that month was somewhat less than the business done in November, 1910, when measured by the average per mile, the only basis on which comparison can properly be made.

The total operating revenues of railways include their receipts for freight and passenger transportation, for mail and express service, and for all other traffic service rendered. The average receipts in November, 1911, for a little more than 90 per cent of the total mileage of the country, were \$1,054 a mile, a decline of \$18 a mile from the receipts in November, 1910. There was decrease in average receipts in both freight and passenger service. The decline was unevenly distributed. The lines of the eastern part of the country show only a slight decrease for November, 1911, in comparison with November, 1910, while the lines in the southern section show a slight increase and the lines in the western section a falling off. In the total operating revenue, the receipts for freight transportation represent 71.7

per cent and receipts for passenger transportation 20.8 per cent, the remainder coming from mail, express and other sources.

Operating expenses also show a lower average per mile of line. These include all costs of maintaining track and equipment, the cost of operating trains, of securing traffic and of administration, but do not include new construction. Expenditure for maintenance of tracks and buildings was reduced by an average of \$2.40 a mile as compared with expenditure in November, 1910. For the maintenance of equipment there was an increase averaging 10 cents a mile; and the cost of conducting transportation, an item representing about one-half the total operating expense, was reduced by an average of 8 cents a mile. By the reduction in expenditure for maintenance of track and buildings, the roads were enabled to make a slight offset to the shrinkage in operating revenues.

The net revenues, that is, the difference between total operating revenues and total operating expenses, averaged \$16 less per mile of line in November, 1911, than in November, 1910, which is a decrease of 4.3 per cent. This so-called net revenue is, in fact, gross profits out of which must come taxes, amounting in November to \$9,676,976 or an average of \$43 a mile, rentals, interest on bonds, dividends, and appropriations for improvements. The falling off of 1.6 per cent in operating revenues contrasts with an increase of 12.7 per cent in taxes.

CONDITIONS COMPARED

In recent years the discussion of the saloon license has resolved itself pretty much into a proposition whether or not the license system is a financial benefit to the cities and states where it is in vogue. While there are, no doubt, some small towns that have a larger trade with saloons than they would without, on account of the trade drawn from farmers in the surrounding country, one who will make a thorough investigation in an unbiased frame of mind can not help coming to the conclusion that, on the whole, those places that are without licensed saloons are, when other conditions are similar, more prosperous than those that have saloons. Especially is this true in territories of considerable extent.

The Kansas City Times of January 22 reports a speech made in that city the night before on "Our Greatest Enemies," by C. W. Trickett, special assistant attorney general of Kansas, who played such a large part in enforcing the law in Kansas City, Kansas. Judge Trickett discussed the subject of prohibition from the standpoint of its bearing upon business and general prosperity of the state. "A saloon is either a good thing or a bad thing," he said. "If it is a good thing the records of the state will show it."

More Improvements in Kansas
"There are 3,300,000 persons in Missouri and 1,690,000 in Kansas," he said. "If the saloon has made more money for Missouri, your cities should show it in improvements, such as paving, etc. There are a number of cities in Missouri of more than five thousand inhabitants without paved streets. I defy anyone to find a city of more than 1,500 population in Kansas which does not have paved streets and its electric light plant."

"A short time ago I got the records in Jefferson City and found that the tax rolls showed the total assessed property in Missouri is \$1,650,000,000. In Kansas, where we have had prohibition for thirty years, the amount is \$2,750,000,000. In thirty years, from the poorest state in the country it has come to be the richest. A few years ago, during the panic, Kansas banks sent 50 million dollars to the East, but Missouri did not send a dollar. Kansas has organized more banks in the last five years than any other state."

Many Motors in Kansas
"In Missouri there is one motor car for every one hundred farmers, one for every thirty-five in Iowa, and one for every five in Kansas."

"You may say that you are spending your money for labor. Statistics show that a little less than \$8 a week is paid for labor. In Kansas it is \$14. Missouri hasn't put it in her schools, for Kansas has paid proportionately twice as much for education."

Judge Trickett said that \$1.48 was the amount per capita spent by Kansas for liquor in the last ten years, while the figures for Missouri reached \$24.

"Think of it," he said. "In the last twenty years you have spent 1,600 million dollars for liquor, an amount equal to your taxable property. In that time Kansas has spent but 50 million dollars."

A classified advertisement, persistently printed will sell anything of value.

BECK-KEESTER NUPTIALS

Popular Young Lady of Alliance
Weda Secretary of Spokane
Y. M. C. A.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

The event of the week in Alliance social circles was the wedding of Miss Inez Beck and Mr. Cecil O. Keester, which occurred at 7 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Beck, 306 E. 3rd street, Rev. O. S. Baker, pastor of the First M. E. church performing the ceremony in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends. Mrs. Hazel Beck-Conner was matron of honor, and Mr. Earl D. Mallery best man. The bride was charming in a handsome gown of white satin tulle, trimmed in pearl passementerie and white chiffon. The white tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of roses. The groom was attired in the conventional black.

A reception followed the ceremony, being attended by about seventy-five friends of the young couple.

A buffet luncheon consisting of grape sherbet and a variety of cakes was served during the evening, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. Thos. Shrewsbury and Misses May Graham and Emma Tash.

The rooms were prettily decorated with carnations, roses, ferns and daisies.

The out of town guests were Mrs. A. J. Keester, of University Place, mother of the groom, and Mrs. Hazel Beck-Conner, of Lexington.

The wedding presents were numerous, noticeable among them being many beautiful sets and pieces of silverware.

Mrs. Keester has grown to young womanhood in our midst, being a member of the Alliance High school graduating class of '04. The next year she entered the Nebraska Wesleyan University, located at University Place, from which institution she, with Mr. Keester, graduated with honors in the year of '08. During these years of University life the friendship formed between this worthy couple was cemented, culminating in the happy event of last evening.

Mrs. Keester has been a successful teacher, for more than a year filling the position of principal of the Valley, Nebr., schools, and the past year has been the efficient money order clerk in the Alliance post office. Mr. Keester has been employed the past four years in Y. M. C. A. work in Omaha, St. Paul, Minn., and the past two years in Spokane, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Keester leave tonight for Spokane, where a pleasant home awaits them. The wishes of their many friends for a useful and happy life accompany them to their far western home.

GRAND JURY REPORTS

Final Report of Grand Jury Made Yesterday and Members of Jury Leave for Their Homes

SOME THINGS NOT IN REPORT

The final report of the grand jury was filed with the county clerk yesterday and the jury dispersed.

The Herald secured a copy of this report this afternoon but too late to publish in full in this issue.

The report embraces recommendations in regard to the hotels of Alliance, some of the hotels being commended and some criticised.

The city dumping grounds come in for criticism and recommendations. The Central School building, it is pointed out, is not safe on account of lack of fire escapes.

The same in regard to St. Agnes Academy.

The Box Butte county court house takes a larger part of the report than any other one item, and probably deserves it because of its lack of room and proper facilities for the transaction of county business. Figures are given showing that a suitable building could be erected without being burdensome to the taxpayers of the county, and in closing, the grand jurors say: "We believe that it is high time some action should be taken, and recommend the voting of bonds for the construction of a new court house."

A good many things that it has been rumored the grand jury was investigating were not mentioned in the report.

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