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MARSLAND HAS BLAZE

Fire, Starting at 3 O'Clock Wednesday Morning, Consumes Half of Town. Burned Three Hours

MAN BADLY INJURED

Fire, the origin of which is not certain, started at three o'clock Wednesday morning in the hotel office in Marsland. Although the Marsland citizens worked heroically they were unable to stop the fire until it had burned itself out. The heat was so intense that it set fire a number of times to buildings across the street and attention was devoted to saving them.

The fire presumably started from either the stove or lamp in the hotel office. The building was expensive and large, and about twenty-five persons were asleep in the building. A number of them were compelled to jump from the second story and most of them escaped with only their night clothes on.

The hotel building was the first to burn. Then came the Matthews general merchandise store, the Kendricks hardware, the Kessricks blacksmith shop and a vacant building. The total loss is about \$40,000. \$20,000 for the hotel; \$8,000 for Matthews' store; \$5,000 for the Kendricks hardware store; \$2,000 for the blacksmith shop and \$2,000 for the vacant building. The insurance carried amounts to about \$20,000.

Harry Townley, a fireman on one

of the helper engines which work on Crawford hill, was struck and badly injured by the head of a new axe, which flew off the handle while being used by another man in chopping down part of one of the burning buildings. The axe head cut through the shoe on Townley's left foot, cutting off the end of the ankle bone. He was brought to Alliance on No. 43 Wednesday noon and taken to the hospital for treatment.

3,000 bushels of potatoes, belonging to a Chicago commission house and stored in one of the buildings, were destroyed.

This is the most destructive fire in the history of Marsland. The owners of the burned stores and property were not able to state this morning whether or not they intended to rebuild. Charley Matthews, owner of the general store which burned, was formerly a Burlington conductor, living at Alliance. He will have the sympathy of many Alliance friends in his misfortune.

The fire burned itself out at six o'clock Wednesday morning. Nearly all of the windows across the main street of Marsland were cracked and broken by the intense heat.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Resignation of Several Teachers Makes Changes Necessary in Teaching Force of City Schools

SCHOOL WORK NEW QUARTERS

The Alliance city schools opened Monday, the teachers and pupils of Central school being housed in the other buildings as announced in The Herald last week. Although the new quarters are not as convenient as might be desired, the work of the schools is progressing nicely.

Several changes have been made in the teaching force. Miss Carrie Niedermeyer, who has been a teacher here three years, resigned her position. First grade Central, to accept a position in the Lincoln city schools. She will be missed very much, but her place is being ably filled by Miss Alice Acheson, who has been connected with the schools as supply teacher, and recently as assistant primary at Emerson.

Miss Maud Larson, Second grade Central, began her fourth year as an Alliance teacher, but resigned to prepare for her coming wedding, so we are told. Her place has not yet been filled, but it is expected that a teacher will be secured soon.

Miss Margaret Sheckler, Fifth grade Central, being offered a position in Montana, resigned during the holiday vacation. Miss Millie Smalley of Broken Bow is filling the place made vacant by Miss Sheckler's resignation, but will probably be transferred to Second grade when another teacher has been secured.

Miss Frances Nolan fills the place of assistant primary teacher, filled by Miss Acheson before her transfer to First grade Central.

BOX BUTTE CHICKENS

Grandma Boone Gives Herald Particulars of her Experience During Year 1912

COST AND DETAILED FIGURES

Grandma Boone, one of The Herald's subscribers, at the request of a number of her friends, kept track of the cost of keeping her chickens during the year 1912 and of the revenue derived therefrom. The following article written by her on the subject will be read with interest by many people who wish to know whether or not chicken raising can be indulged in here profitably. It must be remembered that the first part of the year 1912 had some very bad weather, much more than usual.

"Does poultry pay when one has to buy everything," has often been asked, and in order to find out for my own satisfaction as well as for general enlightenment on the subject, I kept a strict account of everything from the first to the last day of the year 1912. Feed of all kinds has been higher this last year than for several years previous, while eggs and poultry have remained about the same as heretofore. Eggs ranged from 15 to 40 cents, young chickens from 20 to 50 cents, hens averaged about 10 cents per pound. Following is the statement for the year:

Began the year with 68 fowls—65 hens. All had to be fed, however. First four months had 65 hens, sold 30, so the last eight months had 35. Average for the year, 45. Number of eggs laid during the year, 5890. Value at market price of each month in which the eggs were laid, \$97.23. Set 16 hens during the season, which, of course, cut down the egg supply. Raised only fifty chickens because of a wensel the boys failed to trap. These 50 chickens worth at least \$15.00, making a total of \$112.23.

Feed and expenses \$5.25
Leaving a profit of \$109.98
Average per hen 1.31

—Not counting work and worry.

Feed used was the common farm grains, bought of Mr. Rowan, except \$2.70 sent to St. Louis for Purina Poultry Feed, which is the best ever used. By the way, I have found sulphur to be the very best thing to rid the house and poultry of mites and lice, using it plentifully in the nests, on the poultry and roosts, using a little in soft feed once a month, and fangate thoroughly with it once or twice a month, and poultry raisers will not be troubled with these pests.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Delegates will go to Convention at North Platte in Private Car on January 21st

ENTERTAINMENT 17th

The following report of the regular meeting of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department last evening at headquarters in the city hall contains much of interest to our readers:

Regular meeting, Jan. 8, 1913: Meeting called to order by Chief P. E. Romig. Roll call. Minutes of the two previous meetings read and approved as read.

The following reports of committees were read:

January 8, 1913.
To the Alliance Fire Dept.: Committee on constitution and bylaws report no progress and ask further extension of time, being unable to get a meeting.

L. E. PILKINGTON
LLOYD C. THOMAS
P. E. ROMIG.

Moved and seconded that we give committee further time. Carried.

January 8, 1913.
To the Alliance Fire Dept.: Committee on Athletic Exhibition report progress and expect to hold exhibition on the 20th inst.

L. E. PILKINGTON
G. C. ATWELL
H. P. LARGE
DR. HAND
V. REGISTER.

Moved and seconded we give committee further time. Carried.

January 8, 1913.
To the Alliance Fire Dept.: We your committee appointed to raise funds to send a delegation to North Platte, report that we went before the city council and they donated \$50 to the department to send a delegation.

C. W. SPACHT
F. D. MCCORMICK
W. S. RIDGELL.

Moved and seconded report be accepted and a vote of thanks be given committee. Carried.

January 8, 1913.
Alliance Volunteer Fire Dept.: Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, your committee appointed to audit the books of your secretary and treasurer, beg to report that we have done so and find as follows:

Received by sec.	\$ 764.20
Paid to Treasurer....	\$759.70
Pd. to other sources ..	4.50
Cash on hand	182.23
Received from sec.	759.70
Vouchers, 79-134 inc.	915.81
Cash on hand	26.12
Voucher 128, for \$4.10, issued to Geo. A. Molbring, still out.	

Respectfully submitted,
LLOYD C. THOMAS
R. C. WELLS
W. C. MOUNTS.

Moved and seconded report be accepted and committee discharged. Carried.

Moved and seconded we give the new members including the chief \$12.50 and the old members 8.00 as expenses to the convention. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that the new delegates including the chief be allowed all expenses and the old delegates by allowed car fare, and then if there is any left, it be applied on the old delegates. Carried.

Moved and seconded that all visiting delegates to the convention be given a free ticket to the entertainment. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the order of business be suspended and we vote on the application for reinstatement. Carried.

Application of John King, F. J. Carter and W. F. Rosenberg were presented. Moved and seconded to vote by acclamation. Carried. Vote taken and found unanimous.

Chair announces election of officers in order.

As there were no new nominations a vote was taken on the nominations made at last meeting.

Wm. King, Lloyd Thomas and Geo. Snyder were appointed as tellers.

Vote taken and resulted as follows: For president, C. W. Spacht, 27, elected; vice pres., F. D. Mc-

Cormick, 21, elected, L. Pilkington 11; secretary, L. Pilkington 27, elected, Roy Wells 1, Bates Copeland 5; treasurer, W. C. Mounts 26, elected, Roy Wells 1, Geo. J. Hand 5; trustees, Geo. G. Gadsby 4, W. C. Mounts 7, Cal Cox 12; elected three years, P. E. Romig 14; elected one year, L. Pilkington 9, R. G. Fleming 7, Geo. Keiser 11, elected 2 years, Harold Snyder 10, Carl Zehring 5, F. D. McCormick 5, Wm. Buchman 3, James Keeler 7.

As Keiser and Romig each received 11 votes, they flipped a coin and Keiser was put in for two years, and Romig for one year. For chief, P. E. Romig 26, elected; asst. chief, H. P. Large 14, elected, T. M. Tulley 7, W. F. Keintop 3, Wm. Buchman 9, H. R. Snyder 0.

Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to the old officers for their faithful service and extend a glad welcome to the new officers. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to look into the badge proposition and report at next meeting, and each man buy his own badge. Carried. McCormick, Pilkington and Large appointed. Moved and seconded that an order be drawn on the treasurer in favor of C. W. Spacht for \$110, to pay for car to North Platte. Carried.

The following bill was presented: Geo. D. Darling \$5.75

Moved and seconded bill be allowed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a rising vote be taken as to who will take badges. Carried. Vote taken and found to be unanimous.

Secretary read letter from C. A. Newberry inclosing check for \$25, for good service rendered at fire, Jan. 1st.

Secretary reports that A. D. Rodgers donated \$5 to Dept.

Moved and seconded that the secretary write letters to mayor and city board, C. A. Newberry and A. D. Rodgers thanking them for their donations. Carried.

Moved and seconded applications be received and committee appointed. Carried.

McCormick, Hand and Carter appointed.

C. W. SPACHT, Sec.

The committee on entertainment have arranged for a big athletic bout and exhibition to be given at the Phelan opera house Friday evening, January 17th. Tickets will sell for 35c for balcony and 50c for main floor seats. Every minute of the entertainment will be packed with interesting doings.

The most interesting event of the evening will be a five round boxing bout between the famous Frank Carter, who at one time was classed as an opponent for Jeffries before he was knocked out by Jack Johnson. Carter stands very high in his profession and will go to Denver in a few days to participate in the Denver Athletic Club tournament, which draws leading athletes from all over the country. Carter's opponent, Jack Klausen, is a coming white hope. He will make a champion and is well matched with Carter.

Other interesting features on the program will be boxing and wrestling by the peerless athletes of the fire department, chair and barrel jumping and diving and other athletic feats and specialties. Every Alliance citizen should take pride in the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, which stands head and shoulders above every other volunteer fire department in the state.

Contests between Messrs. Guthrie and Ridgell, and Pilkington and Large have been arranged for. They will be very interesting. Bring your family and see the most interesting and the highest class athletic entertainment ever given in Alliance.

The delegates from Alliance will leave for North Platte in a special car on Tuesday, January 21st. They will be accompanied by 24 delegates from other western Nebraska towns.

GO TO PHOENIX

Cold Weather Causes Alliance Men to Go to Sunny South

C. C. Joy and Herman Krause left on the noon train yesterday for Denver, on their way to Phoenix, Arizona, where they will spend the balance of the winter. Mr. Joy has been in Phoenix several times before and says that he likes the country better every time he goes there. This is the first trip for Mr. Krause.

BIG POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS

Postmaster Tash has forwarded in his quarterly report for the last quarter during 1912. The report shows receipts of \$3,993.95, or nearly \$4,000 for the quarter.

Mr. Tash received a request on Tuesday for a special report on the business transacted for the first week in Alliance.

SMUTS OF NEBRASKA CEREALS

The Nebraska Experiment Station has just issued Bulletin No. 131, of "Smuts of Nebraska Cereals." This bulletin describes the various smuts of the cereal crops of Nebraska. A concise account of the life-history of each smut is given together with the best methods of control or prevention. This bulletin may be had free of cost by residents of Nebraska upon application to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Lincoln, Nebraska.

WILL GIVE PUBLIC INSTALLATION

Odd Fellows Will Have Public Installation of Officers, Tuesday, January 14th

The local lodge of I. O. O. F. will give a public installation of the incoming officers at the hall Tuesday evening, January 14th. An interesting program has been prepared and all members of the I. O. O. F. and their families and relatives are invited to be present.

BIG EXPRESS SHIPMENT

The biggest piece of express matter that has passed through Alliance for a long time was transferred from 43 to 393 last Friday. It was a hoisting spool, consisting of one piece, and weighed more than 2,400 pounds. It was being sent from some eastern point to Minnareta. The express charges were \$184. Express Agent Tinkcom and his helpers found it too heavy to handle on express trucks as they do ordinary express matter, so the two express cars were placed on parallel tracks near enough for skids to be placed from one to the other, and the transfer made in that way. When they get to sending packages like that by parcels post, Uncle Sam will have to employ only strong men for mail clerks and carriers.

POOR TIME FOR DOG CATCHER

Steve Jackson, Official Alliance Dog Catcher, Gives Herald Reporter Inside of Dog Catching

Steve Jackson, official dog-catcher for the city of Alliance, was walking down the street the other morning with a fine, fat, juicy hen tucked under his arm. On being asked if he came by it in the proper manner he replied in the affirmative, and on being questioned regarding what use he intended to make of the chicken, replied that he had six dogs in the city pound and that they had to be well fed. We are of the opinion, however, that Steve will have his turn at the chicken before the dogs.

Steve says that dog-catching at this time of the year is hard work. In the first place there are so many little dogs, young ones, chasing around that he has pity on them and prefers to let them grow up before snaring them and then too, these cold days make it bad for a man to be out-of-doors, hiding behind corners and waiting for the elusive cur to slip into his clutches. And every dead dog has to be buried three feet in the cold, cold ground. Steve says that the ground is frozen that deep at least.

Steve gets one dollar for every dog captured. On being asked if any ever got away he said that one did one time but that he caught him again, not knowing, however, that it was the same dog until he came to bury it in its grave, when he saw that it was the same dog captured once before. It was the only two-dollar dog he ever had.

On being asked if he had ever heard of the Omaha dog-catcher who tells dogs by their bark without even seeing them, Steve did not express his opinion but told another party, "I won't say that that there man is lyin', but he sutenly is jugglin' sum with the traf when he says that." Although he thinks dog-catching is no cinch, Steve says it is still more profitable than poker playing.

GETS TEN DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL

Frank Morrison, arrested several times for wife beating, was arrested Tuesday afternoon, charged with assault on a warrant sworn out by his wife. He was sentenced to ten days in the county jail by Police Judge Gregory Zurn. Morrison begged and pleaded with his wife for two hours, crying and making all kinds of promises to reform, but her previous experiences had taught her that he deserved some punishment for the last offence.

REWARD OFFERED FOR APPREHENSION OF BOYS

A week ago last Saturday several windows in the First Presbyterian church were broken out by boys, who threw stones at them. A reward of \$10 has been offered for the apprehension of the culprits.

DID NOT SEE HIS GRANDSON

Mrs. Jay Carr visited in Broken Bow over Sunday. There is a joke on her father, J. G. Painter, of Broken Bow, connected with her visit to that city. It seems that Mr. Painter wanted very much to see his four-year-old grandson, and resorted to a little ruse to gratify his desire. He wired Mrs. Carr to come at once, presumably on account of sickness, and supposing of course that she would take the little boy with her. This she failed to do, leaving him at home until her return.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends who so kindly assisted us in our recent bereavement by their kind words and floral offerings.

MRS. A. C. THOMAS
MR. AND MRS. J. H. DECIOUS.

BAKERY BUSINESS GROWING

The growing business of the Nohe Bakery and Cafe makes a new bake oven necessary, consequently Mr. and Mrs. Nohe have decided to build a new and commodious bake shop. Their present building extends from the street to the alley, so there will be no room to build on the same lot, but as they own two lots across the alley they will build the new bake shop on one or both of them.

CRAZY MAN CREATES A RUMPUS

A demented man was brought to the jail Monday afternoon and locked up. He had \$157 in cash on his person and seemed to be under the delusion that someone was following him. After being in jail for a couple of hours he began to cry out that he was dying and asked for a priest and a doctor, both of whom were called.

They soon ascertained that he was demented and out of his mind at the time. He seemed to recover from his spell in the evening and was allowed to go to one of the hotels. About midnight he awoke the entire hotel by breaking down the door to his room and running down to the hotel office. The police were called and he was brought back to the jail. He stated that a ghost was in his room at the hotel.

RETURNS TO LINCOLN

J. J. Keegan, Jr., son of J. J. Keegan of Alliance, spent the holidays with his parents on their farm near Alliance. He is attending the University at Lincoln and returned Friday.

Miss Lena M. Jackson has returned from her home at Long Pine, where she has been during her Kansas vacation.

RETURNS FROM SYRIA

Alliance Man Returns from Extended Visit to Native Land

E. Essay, who was formerly engaged in mercantile business in Alliance, arrived on 41 yesterday morning after an absence of more than a year, during which time he visited his native land, Syria, where his mother and a brother, still reside. While in that country he was married, so that now he has a helpmeet for the balance of life's journey. Mr. and Mrs. Essay crossed the Atlantic in the steamship C. C. Cedric, one of the White Star line's magnificent vessels. They were eight days in crossing. The usual time is seven days, but a severe storm lengthened out the time of the trip a day.

Mr. Essay is planning to go into business here again. Mrs. Essay is visiting in Lincoln at present but expects to be in Alliance within a few days.