

FIRST BIRTHDAY OF ALLIANCE

Account of Sale of Lots and Other Interesting Events, from Old Newspaper

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Louis Buechsenstein, who has been with the town of Alliance ever since it started, who has been mayor of the town and who has held various other prominent public positions, has in his possession a copy of "The North-Western Times" published on Thursday, March 1, 1888. That issue was the 37th number of the paper, which was published by H. B. Fetz and W. E. Hitchcock.

The paper contains articles which will be very interesting at this time. Advertisements of merchants who were in business at that time fill a large portion of the paper, showing that the founders of Alliance were believers in advertising.

An official directory of the state, county and precinct, for Alliance was not yet incorporated, is interesting. It reads as follows:

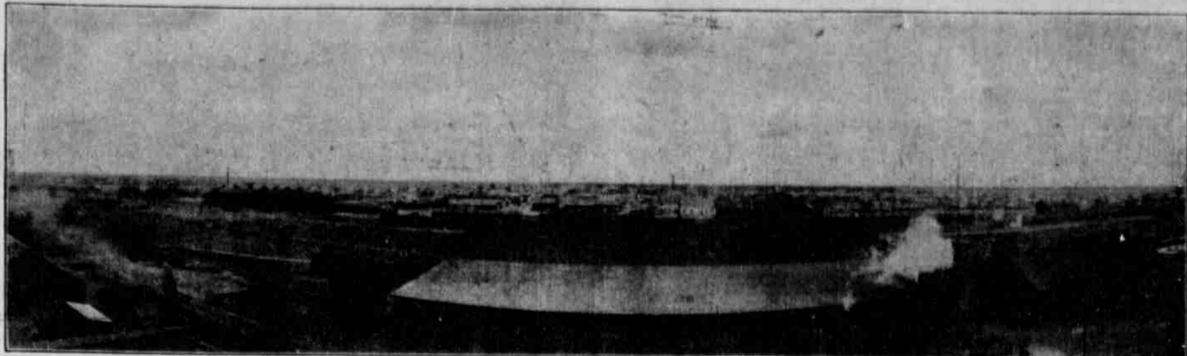
Official Directory

CONGRESSIONAL

U. S. Senator Chas. F. Manderson, Omaha
U. S. Senator A. S. Paddock, Beatrice
Congressman .. Jas. Laird, Hastings
Congressman, G. W. Dorsey, Fremont
Congressman, J. A. McShane, Omaha

STATE

Governor John M. Thayer, Grand Island
Lieut. Gov. H. H. Shedd, Saunders
Secretary of State G. L. Laws, Orleans
Auditor, H. A. Babcock, Calley Co.
Treasurer .. C. H. Willard, Thayer
Atty. General, Wm. Leese, Seward
Supt. Public Instruction Geo. B. Lane, Omaha
Land Commissioner Jos. Scott, Buffalo Co.
Warden Penitentiary R. W. Hayes, Lincoln
Supt. Insane Hospital Dr. Knapp, York
Regents University, C. H. Gere, Lincoln; L. Burnham, Omaha; J. Hiett, Alma.
Senator 48th Dist., McNamara, Burt
Represent., W. H. McCann, Chadron



ALLIANCE IN 1904. VIEW LOOKING NORTH FROM SHOPS.

JUDICIARY
Chief Justice .. Amasa Cobb, Lincoln
Associate, Samuel Maxwell, Fremont
Associate .. M. B. Reese, Wahoo
Clerk Guy A. Brown, Lincoln
Dist. Judge, M. P. Kinkaid, O'Neill

COUNTY
Clerk C. A. Burlew
Treasurer John O'Keefe
Judge A. L. Field
Attorney James H. Danskin
Sheriff Fred A. Shonquist
Deputy Sheriff .. R. M. Hampton
Supt. Public Instr. .. John Leith
Surveyor H. H. Burnett
Coroner Dr. W. H. Smith
Commissioner 1st Dist., Thos. Irvine
Commissioner 2nd Dist., R. R. Ralls
Commissioner 3rd Dist., A. S. Reed

LAKE PRECINCT
Justice of the Peace .. T. W. Brown
Constables, S. A. Smith, S. H. Charlow.
Assessor Jno. N. Johnston
Road Overseer .. G. W. Duncan

CHURCH SERVICES
METHODIST. — Preaching every Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock.
Rev. C. E. Campbell, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN. — Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m.
Rev. Dr. Brown, Pastor.

MAIL AND STAGE LINE
Leaves Grand Lake every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning. Returning leaves Hay Springs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

The leading article of the paper tells of the lot sale on Saturday, February 25, 1888. It reads as follows:

Send a copy of this edition to your friends in the east.

\$35,000.00
The Amount of Real Estate Sold in One Day

Everybody Anxious to Get Hold of Some Box Butte Dirt

Although Friday was a cold, rough and windy day and it was storming in the east, it did not keep people at home. They came from all parts of the state and met the excursion at the different points along the route, and when they reached Alliance the long train was loaded down with men hungry for Box Butte real estate—both town lots and farms.

The train pulled up to the depot about 4 a. m. Saturday, and it was not long until Alliance was alive with men of all class and nationality. (It might be said with a great deal of truth that the people of Alliance, as wide awake as they are, were up earlier Saturday morning than at any time since the town has been known.) The excursionists were not met at the depot by a brass band nor the city council, but nevertheless, they found their way over town and all succeeded in getting a good square meal and a good warm bed to sleep in, for which they no doubt are thankful, and the hotel men deserve praise for the manner in which they took care of the guests.

The stars and stripes floated in breeze, and the Hemingford band was on hand and treated the people of Alliance, as well as her visitors, with some excellent music, and had it not been for the heavy northwest wind, snow and dust the day would surely have passed pleasantly to all.

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Drake's feed store, and the corn, wheat, oats and potatoes there exhibited caused more than one to open their eyes wide and admire the products of Box Butte's rich soil.

The sale of lots began at 2 o'clock p. m., in Noltman's office, and for a while it was crowded so it was impossible to get in. Everyone was anxious to learn the prices for which the lots would be sold, and when the prices were finally made known, although pretty high, it did not retard the sale of them in the least. The four corners of Box Butte and Wyoming avenues were put on the market first, and all sold above \$1,000 and one for \$1,400. About forty-five were sold before night, amounting to nearly \$30,000, and they are still going. The sale was larger than anyone anticipated and shows conclusively that people have great faith in the future of Alliance. Lots along Box Butte avenue sold readily for \$750, yet the company would sell only every other one. They intend to hold on to them and they know that in a year or two they will be able to get double that sum. Another fact as to their faith in the town is that they are buying all the land adjoining the townsite that they can get, and at prices that seem beyond all reason.

A number of buildings are already under course of construction—good substantial buildings, too, and every day two or three new ones are begun.

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day of the sale. Following is the article telling of it:

Grand Street Parade

The procession last Saturday was formed at prompt 1:30, with the right wing resting on the section corner and the left on the east bank of Eronco lake, and marched as follows: Starting from Drake's corner on flour, marched down Drake avenue to the corner of Bodine street, and thence west to the Palace hotel, where it halted and listened to a speech by Deacon Drake. The following is the order in which they marched:

- 1st, City council in full regalia and carriages.
 - 2nd, The yongs and downpys.
 - 3rd, Democrats hunting for the Alliance post office.
 - 4th, Hungry visitors hunting for something to eat.
 - 5th, Land agents, lawyers and over-worked editors on a vacation.
 - 6th, Grain merchants hunting for cheap lots.
 - 7th, Physicians and surgeons looking up a case.
- The whole was commanded by General Debility in person, and led by Prof. Thomas Cat's band of twenty pieces, in full uniform.
- The running—at the nose—race, which was for boys over 35 and under 45, was won by Strouse.
- The slow race was run between Glucose and Sorghum, and won by the former.
- Bodine's exhibition of painting took the cake, and knocked all competitors entirely out of the box.
- The fire works were the grandest ever witnessed in Alliance, and the ball was a decided success.

An interesting editorial reads as follows:

Now that every man who wants to do business in Alliance has either got a bit of real estate to do business on, or can get it, it will soon be time to incorporate and work to make our town attractive and induce the best class of citizens to locate in our midst. Contention and strife between different parts of town we hope will be avoided and all work together to make Alliance THE town of the North-west. The men that have been doing business here for any length of time are rustlers, wide awake, energetic and enterprising, and from the appearance of the new ones coming in they are the same. Parties are already figuring for lots to build two churches on—Presbyterian and Methodist,—a three months term of school will be held this spring, and societies will be organized as soon as a hall can be secured. There are now about fifteen members of the Knights of Pythias lodge in business in Alliance, and they are making preparations to organize as soon as a hall can be secured. There is also talk of organizing a Masonic lodge, there being a few members now in town. The K. P.'s talk of organizing a uniform rank, and they will no doubt accomplish it. With two churches, a good school, and the different secret societies represented, besides the many other attractions offered, Alliance is surely to the front for a town five or six months old. But for energy and push a western town always takes the lead.

HOGS BY THE TRAIN LOAD

Western Nebraska Shows Prosperity.
"Garden county, Nebraska." Do you know off-hand where it is? Way out on the north fork of the Platte river, where prairie dogs and Russian thistle are popularly supposed to be the principal crops. According to the Lewellen Gazette, they raise something else in Garden county, for on the 27th of November nine Garden county farmers shipped a train load of hogs, consisting of sixteen cars, to the Denver market. Of this shipment the Lewellen Gazette says: "These hogs were all raised on the farms of the shippers, with the single exception of the car that is shipped by Roy Brown, and were grown on alfalfa and finished on native grown corn, most of which was produced on the farms with the hogs." "This shipment represents a cash value of \$25,000 or \$30,000, and the best of all is that it was not prearranged and represents only a very small part of the hogs raised here."

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The Bell Telephone an Aid to City Growth

LIKE THOSE DELICATE FILAMENTS OF THE HUMAN NERVE SYSTEM BY WHICH SENSATIONS OR IMPULSES ARE TRANSMITTED TO AND FROM THE BRAIN TO ALL PARTS OF THE BODY, THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM OF ALLIANCE PERMITS THE TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES TO AND FROM THE CENTRAL EXCHANGE TO ALL PARTS OF THE CITY.

AND TO THIS CITY, THE NEW MODERN AND EFFICIENT TELEPHONE SYSTEM MEANS AS MUCH AS A STRONG AND HEALTHY NERVE SYSTEM DOES TO THE HUMAN BODY—AIDING IN THE GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF ALLIANCE.

TO AID THE PRESENT WELFARE OF ALLIANCE AND WITH THE UTMOST FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF THE CITY, WE HAVE GIVEN ALLIANCE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE AND SERVICEABLE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT THAT ENGINEERING SKILL HAS DEVISED.

Your "Long Distance" Horizon is Extended

BY THE RECENT CONSTRUCTION OF LONG DISTANCE LINES ALLIANCE HAS BEEN MADE THE CENTER OF A VAST SPIDER-WEB OF TELEPHONE LINES REACHING OUT IN EVERY DIRECTION, EXTENDING TO EVERY TOWN YOU ARE LIKELY TO WANT TO REACH.

THE COMPLETION OF THESE NEW LINES MAKES NEBRASKA, SOUTH DAKOTA, WYOMING AND COLORADO NEAR NEIGHBORS UNITED BY A NETWORK OF LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CIRCUITS. OVER THESE LINES YOU MAY TALK FOR HUNDREDS OF MILES WITH THE UTMOST EASE.

BY USING "LONG DISTANCE" YOU MAY TALK OUT OF TOWN AND SAVE THOSE TIRESOME AND EXPENSIVE TRIPS. MOST SOCIAL AND BUSINESS MATTERS MAY BE TRANSACTED BY TELEPHONE. A LONG DISTANCE CALL COMMANDS ATTENTION—IT MEANS YOUR BUSINESS IS IMPORTANT. IT IS THE RIGHT-THE-POINT AND EFFICIENT WAY TO REACH AN OUT-OF-TOWN PARTY.

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