

GALA DAY FOR ALLIANCE AND BOX BUTTE CO.

Laying of the Corner Stone of Box Butte County's Magnificent Fire-Proof Court House in Presence of Great Concourse of People

A concourse of people, estimated at from 1500 to 2000, attended the laying of the cornerstone of the Box Butte county court house in Alliance Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of I. O. O. F. lodge No. 168. The ceremony went through without a hitch and it was an event in the history of Box Butte county.

The parade started from the Lowry & Henry garage in the McCorkle block promptly at one-thirty. It was nearly two blocks in length. First came the two marshals, followed by the band, after whom came the members of the subordinate lodge and the encampment. The speakers were in the rear. When near the court house the parade halted, the marshals walked down the center to the rear of the line, turned and were followed by those in line in reverse of the original order of march.

First on the program came music by the band, followed by the song, "America," led by the quartet and joined in by all. C. W. Jeffers and Lloyd C. Thomas were marshals of the day, the latter acting as chairman of the ceremonies. The quartet, led by B. V. Reeves, sang songs that were well selected and which showed much practice on their part. Rev. F. A. Woten of Alliance led in prayer. His invocation was touching and the scene was indeed impressive as the large audience stood with bowed heads while he asked the blessing of God on the ceremony and all those concerned therein.

In the copper box which was placed in the stone were a number of interesting documents. A copy of the Daily Herald and of the March 6, 1913, 25th anniversary number of the Alliance Herald. A copy of the Alliance Times. An envelope by Cal Cox which contained a picture of his little son, Ralph Calvin Cox, in uniform. Papers and relics by many others. Among them was a list of the charter members of the Alliance subordinate lodge, the encampment, history of Box Butte county and the court house now being constructed. A picture of Judge Zurn and wife, the first couple married in the county.

The ceremony of laying the stone was then given over to H. H. Brandt, noble grand, and C. C. Rodgers, chaplain, of the Alliance lodge.

Noble grand H. H. Brandt spoke as follows: Brethren, we are assembled here today, in accordance with the invitation of a body of our fellow-citizens, to assist them in laying the cornerstone of this edifice with solemn ceremonies, and thereby impressively devoting it to the purposes to which it is to be kept sacred. And we here cheerfully and readily, because in every good work our Order claims an interest and participation. Whatever tends to elevate the character of man, to render him wiser, better or happier, we cannot regard with indifference. Our sole object being the improvement and elevation of humanity, we have a cordial sympathy with all movements tending toward the same blessed end. While holding firmly and faithfully to our beloved Order, as one of the means in the hand of Providence for the attainment of this great object, we are still happy to be enabled to thus encourage, by our presence and by the use of our ritual, all who are engaged in other enterprises conceived in the same view. Thus it is, that wherever pious hearts seek to raise an altar of praise to the Father of spirits, be their denomination what it may; wherever the

philanthropic seek to found an institution of Benevolence and Charity; wherever the public-spirited seek to elevate a temple to science and learning, there the true Odd Fellow rejoices to be aiding and assisting with all the means in his power; to all these enterprises he wishes a hearty God-speed.

Friends and fellow-citizens: The duty you have thus imposed upon us, is one that we perform most gladly for the reasons just mentioned. Our charity is not, as has falsely been asserted, narrow and restricted. In the recesses of our mystic temple, we are taught the duty of universal philanthropy and of an all-embracing charity. Our hearts are therefore with you, because they are with the objects you have in view, and with the sentiments by which you are actuated. We desire to feel and to have you all feel that we are co-workers with you for the elevation and blessing of mankind, as brethren of the same great family. Our methods may be peculiar, and to some they may appear strange; but we ask to be judged with a righteous judgment, and not by outward appearance alone. To us these forms have a deep and beautiful significance, and they will present the same to you, if you contemplate them thoughtfully and without the spirit of prejudice. Give us, then, your friendly attention, while we proceed in our appointed labor.

Chaplain C. C. Rodgers then offered the following prayer: "Be with us, we pray thee, Oh God, in this our labor of love. Direct all our sayings and doings, animate us by thy Spirit, and guide us by thy most holy power. Correct all that is amiss in us, and lead us according to thy Divine will, so that all our works may redound to thy praise and the good of our brethren of mankind. Amen."

The copper box was then sealed and placed in the stone. Water was poured on the foundation by noble grand Brandt, who said, "In the name of Friendship I lay this stone, praying that true Friendship may be spread among men, until all strife and contention shall be lost in a divine harmony and peace." Chaplain Rodgers repeated, "May God in His mercy so grant it. Amen."

The noble grand then laid a bouquet of beautiful flowers on the stone while he repeated, "In the name of Love I lay this stone, praying that the spirit of Love may be shed abroad in all hearts, until all men shall know each other as children of the one Father of the spirits of all flesh." The chaplain repeated, "May God in His mercy so grant it. Amen."

The noble grand then took a bowl of wheat and strewing it on the stone said, "In the name of Truth I lay this stone, praying that Truth and Right may be known and established everywhere, and that as they rest firmly upon the Rock of Ages, so the building here to be raised may rest firmly upon this stone, and the storms of time shall not prevail against it." The chaplain repeated, "May God in His mercy so grant it. Amen."

The noble grand gave three blows with the gavel and said, "In the name of Benevolence and Charity, as professed universally by the Order of Odd Fellows, I lay this stone and fix it in the solid wall, whence may it no more be removed forever." The masons then took mortar and

the stone was slowly and impressively lowered into its permanent resting place. The chaplain then said, "Accept, O Almighty Father, the work of our hands and the offering of our hearts. Bless and consecrate this edifice to its noble and praiseworthy purposes. Prosper those who are engaged in this enterprise, and imbue them with the competency of thy grace. Protect, by thy Divine power, those who shall here labor, that they suffer not in life or limb. Let all herein concerned feel that without thee, the builders build in vain; and teach them to look to thee, from whom alone must their help come. Bless, we entreat thee, our beloved Order, and overrule all its works to thy praise and glory. Be with the sick, the afflicted, the needy, the widow, and the fatherless, in the tenderness of thy mercy. Bless, we beseech thee, all kinds of conditions of men, and bring the ends of the earth to a knowledge of thee. Forgive our sins, blot out our transgressions, keep us from falling, and finally receive us into that great company that no tongue can number, to the end that to thee only we may ascribe honor and glory and power, now and forever. Amen."

The noble grand finished the ceremony by saying, "We have thus, my friends, completed our task, and return your building into your hands. So far as we could, we have solemnly initiated your good work. Carry it on in the spirit in which you have commenced it, and may the Father of mercies prosper you in it and bless it with a speedy completion."

After the song, by the male quartet, "Give a Helping Hand," the chairman said, "Our first speaker is a man who came to Box Butte county in the month of September, 1911. Fresh from the great city of Chicago, he came to our sister city, Hemingford, and he has, by his straight living and high ideals, earned the honor and respect of every one with whom he has come in contact. I now introduce to you Rev. N. G. Palmer."

Mr. Palmer made a speech which showed much thought and a deep knowledge of the need of the citizens of our county. He said in part:

This occasion has brought forth many reminiscences of the past from the men of pioneer days. It has brought us face to face with the happenings of the days during which the foundation builders were at work; it has revealed to us the history of a struggle in the travail of which were born the things which make us proud of Box Butte today.

The history of our county is only a chapter of the far greater story which tells of man's struggle for dominion over the forces of the natural world. As in the world at large that struggle is not much more than begun so it is in our little corner of the world. The pioneers wrought well, but they labored merely upon foundations. With no ceremony save that of heart consecration to honest toil and endeavor they laid the cornerstone; it is the splendid task of their sons to rear the superstructure.

The implements and the methods which the pioneers used in their mighty work are out of date, but the qualities of character they displayed are more enduring. If the homeseeker who followed the trail to this northwest in the early days needed to be stronghearted and cour-

ageous, industrious and persevering, long-suffering and optimistic, in no less degree do those who are to carry on his work need these same qualities.

I would not minimize the importance of these qualities, but I would emphasize the importance of certain other qualities which pertain to the individual, of course, but in a larger sense to the community; qualities which are to receive a large expression in this twentieth century.

If the structure of Box Butte life is to be worthy of its cornerstone, the men who labor on that structure must learn well the great principle of co-operation. Co-operation is the first law of great commonwealth building. Neither the farmer, nor the merchant, nor the laboring man nor the professional man is sufficient unto himself. There is much talk today of the interests of certain classes of our population. We must learn that no class has an interest which can be held as distinct from the true interests of all other classes. The interests of no class of citizens engaged in lawful vocations are in conflict with the interests of any other class. "Get together" is a rather trite phrase, but it is the secret of greatness achieved in any community.

The future greatness of Box Butte depends somewhat on the character of her sons. We are to build a great center for our civic life. In that building will be halls of justice. That is well, but if we wish any guarantee of our greatness in the days to come, we must enthrone justice in the hearts of the people. We must live as well as preach, the principle of the square deal. We must insist on honesty in public affairs. We must recognize virtue in private life. We must cultivate among us those qualities of being which make men not only strong, but good, not only successful, but righteous.

In a larger sense than it is true in some other places does the future greatness of Box Butte depend upon

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the conquest of the powers of nature. We have great advantages in our learn to conserve the advantages we have, and train ourselves to overcome the disadvantages. More and more must the science of the earth be made to minister to the success of the agriculturist and the laboring man. We must learn how to do things better than our fathers did them. We must learn how to do things our fathers never dreamed could be done. In our public schools we must teach our boys and girls less dead language and more live facts. We must learn to know that our problems are but the steps by which we rise.

And in all things we must have faith. Better that our business blocks lie idle and our broad acres be untenanted than that they be occupied by men who have no faith in Box Butte. This great northwest has nothing for the pessimist, and the sooner we get rid of the pronounced pessimist and of what little pessimist there may be in the rest of the folks, the better for our county. There are folks who know that, great as the Box Butte of today is, far greater is it to be the Box Butte of tomorrow. There are folks who know that Box Butte tomorrow is to be one of the greatest counties of one of the leading commonwealths of the nation. Three are folks who know that every acre of its land is to yield its fruitful increase every year and that it will be filled with a happy and prosperous people, second to none on earth in intelligence and wealth. And because of these folks these things will be so.

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SPORTING NOTES

Now that Kientop and Chase Fensins have made their "big" killin' of geese it is well to call the attention of the hunters to the new law enacted by the department of Agriculture which does away with any spring shooting, the season closing on ducks and geese in this state on December 16.

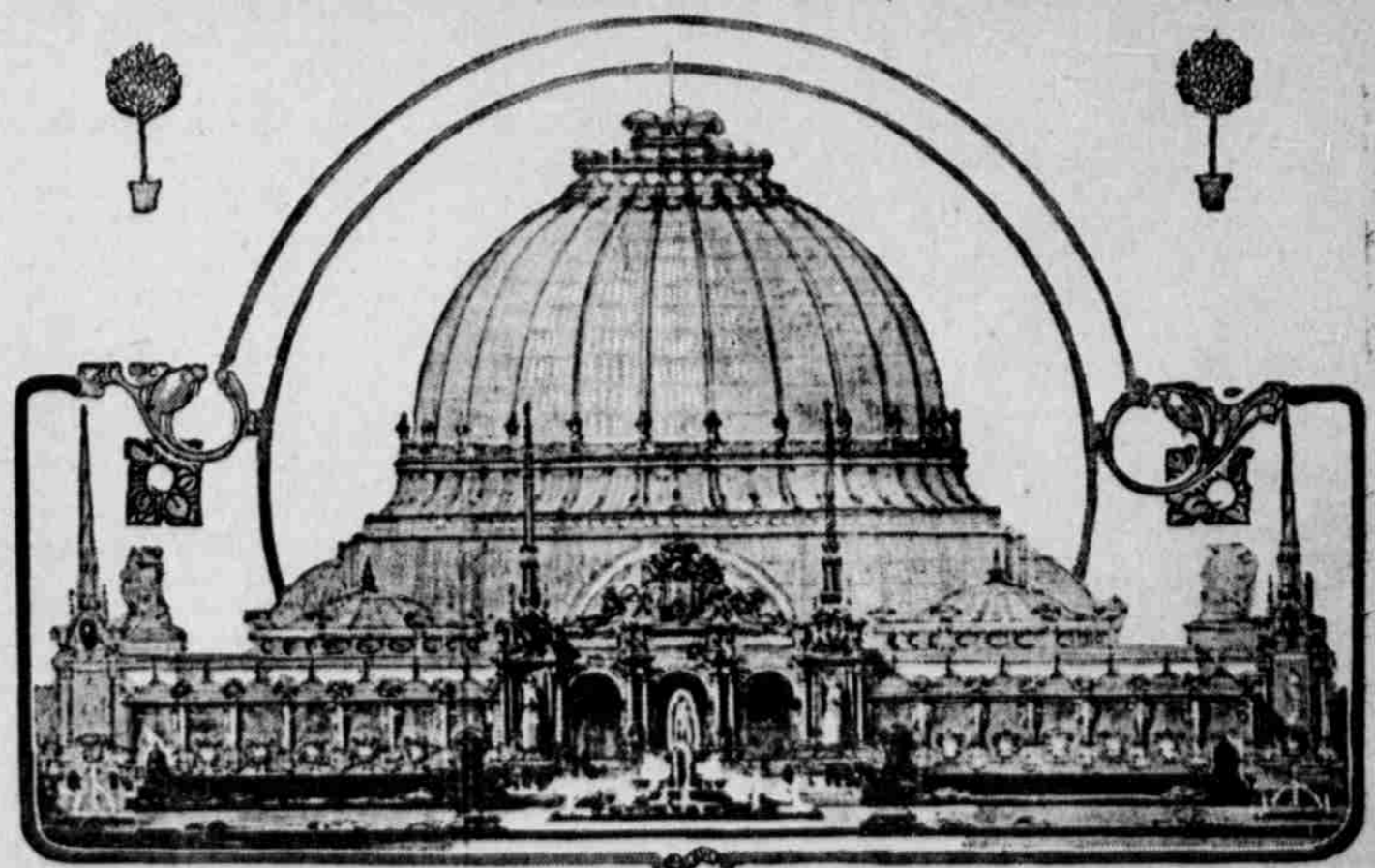
Go to Hemingford tomorrow and enjoy one big day's carnival of sports being held under the management of the W. O. W. at that place. The afternoon entertainment begins at 3:00, which includes two six-round boxing bouts, one preliminary wrestling bout and the main event which is a championship go for the lightweight champion of Nebraska, Logan Champ being the title holder, "Kid" Florian of Whitman the challenger. This is the second meeting of the pair, Champ defeating Florian in a previous match. This will be a hard fought match and will be one event in sportdom that should be a grand treat, after the "big Turkey dinner." Lench Cross vs. Joe Rivers, Veterans Arena, Los Angeles, Calif., on Thanksgiving day, 20 rounds. This is the third meeting of these lightweights, the former fights being in the east, ten rounds no decision affairs. Rivers received the newspaper decisions. This will be a classy fight and I pick Cross to win.

Like the comet whose approach invites forebodings, Mrs. Pankhurst proved picturesque and harmless.

One way to settle the Mexican question, probably would be to let those growers get a glimpse of the u. w. dreadnaught Texas.

The closely calculating citizen is likely to feel that the labor involved in solving income tax problems is entitled to some consideration.

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HORTICULTURAL BUILDING at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The building will be 630x295 feet and will be one of the most notable structures of the kind ever built, being composed almost entirely of glass; set in the west end of the south garden, opposite the Palace of Education, its glittering dome, 165 feet high, will be seen as one of the striking features by those who enter the exposition from the tropical south garden.