

RURAL SCHOOL INSPECTOR HERE

Visits Alliance High School Agricultural Department and Two Country Schools

Miss Edith Lathrop, state rural school inspector, has been working in western Nebraska, her first trip to this part of the state. She arrived in Alliance the first of the week from Beattie Bluff county. Leaving here she went to Crawford and thence east over the North-Western line.

Miss Lathrop inspected the agricultural department of the Alliance high school, which includes manual training, and in company with Supt. W. R. Pate of the Alliance city schools and County Supt. Della M. Reed visited the two country schools that are associated with this work.

Alliance has one of the nineteen agricultural high schools of Nebraska. Prof. S. L. Clements being superintendent of this department. The law under which the agricultural high school work is carried on provides that country schools may become associated rural schools. Box Butte county now has two such schools: District No. 124, the Letan school, often called the McCoy school, and District No. 45, near the Yale railroad switch, known as the Kaghagen school. These schools are both doing good work in agriculture and manual training. The Letan school, of which Miss Merle Welliver is teacher, is the better equipped of the two. Miss Lathrop paid this school and its teacher a splendid compliment by saying that it is doing as good work as she has found in the state.

WILL BUILD A. M. E. CHURCH

Movement to Improve Condition of Colored People of Alliance Meeting With Success

Plans are well under way for the erection of a house of worship for the African Methodist Episcopal church on a lot already paid for at the corner of Second street and Missouri avenue. The building will be 22 by 36 feet in dimensions and will have capacity sufficient to accommodate the colored people of Alliance for some time to come.

A revival meeting has been held recently which resulted in quite a number of conversions. Twenty of the new converts, including Soney Smith and his wife, have already joined the church. Smith's two sons who were in the shooting affair a few weeks ago have declared their intention of "turning over a new leaf" and leading better lives. There are now thirty-six members of the church here and prospect of others joining soon.

The presiding elder of the church for the district including Alliance, Rev. Ward of Denver, conducted quarterly meeting last Sunday, the business meeting being held Monday night.

A meeting of the board of trustees will be held Thursday night, at which time definite plans will be adopted and arrangements made for commencing work on the new building. The members of the board are: J. J. Curtis, chairman; Jno. Kaholaka, secretary; Charley Peg, ass't sec'y; Dock Johnson, treasurer; M. E. Harrison, John Scott, Lou Mopson, Robert Smith, Soney Smith, Rev. George Mantz is pastor of the church.

LOTSPEICH TO REBUILD

Lumber Ordered and Carpenter Engaged to Commence Building About First of April

W. E. Lotspeich will rebuild the house that was burned on his place twelve miles from Bingham last fall. The lumber for the building has been ordered and Bart Young engaged to have charge of the carpenter work.

Mr. Young has commenced work here on the window and door frames. Work on the building on the ranch will commence about the first of April if the weather continues favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell of Bingham came up Wednesday to do some shopping, and to take in the show, returning today to their home.

MADE LONG SEA JOURNEY

William King Had Enjoyable Southern Trip Through Southern Waters—Visited Panama Canal

William King, Alliance capitalist, returned the last of the week from an extended trip made through the south. Mr. King left January 18, going first to Omaha and stopping over at Chicago, New York City and New Orleans. From New Orleans he went by ship on a trip that took in Sandiego, Cuba, then Port Antonio, Jamaica, by auto eighty miles across to Kingston.

From Kingston he went to Limon, Costa Rica, and from there 115 miles by train to San Jose. Then by boat to Bacas El Torro, where 40,000 bunches of bananas were loaded. Mr. King says that enough bananas were wasted in loading to feed Box Butte county for a year. 4,000 bunches were thrown into the sea and given away, as any ripe ones in a bunch disqualified it for shipping.

The next stop was at Colon, Panama. Colon is the Atlantic seaport of the canal. A stop of several days was made here and a trip made along the entire canal. 15,000 Americans are at work along the line of work. Many interesting sights were viewed here by the party. A stop was made at Panama, on the Pacific side, and the old town of Panama was visited.

Mr. King said that fourteen dredges were at work in Culebra cut, taking out the material pushed in by the gigantic slides. Three hydraulic rams were being used to tear down the material from the slides. Men at work on the canal said that it would take from three to six months to get the canal in shape for the use of ships.

A short stop was made at Nicaragua in Central America and New Orleans was reached next, the return home being made direct from New Orleans.

Mr. King says that in Costa Rica the natives all go barefooted and carry everything on their heads. They don't seem to know how to use their hands. As a test, Mr. King gave a native a piece of money and two post cards to mail. The native laid the post cards on top of his head, weighted them down with a five or six pound stone and carried them to the post office in that manner.

The heat was only noticed at two or three points on the trip.

ALLIANCE FIRM HAS CONTRACT

Lund & Glarum Secure Contract for Construction of \$18,000 Rushville Building

Lund & Glarum, Alliance contractors, have secured the contract for the construction of an \$18,000 building in Rushville, construction to start in about three weeks. The building is to be constructed for D. M. Gaurley.

The building will be 100 by 110 feet in size and will be used as a skating rink, opera house and garage.

Snyder Will Run

John Snyder, formerly councilman from the Second Ward, has decided, on the solicitation of his friends, to enter the race for councilman again. Mr. Snyder was not anxious to make the race, but his friends feel that he should have another term and it was only after their urgent requests that he consented. His former record was of the best and he has a very high standing in the community.

Harper Entertains Force

W. R. Harper entertained his store force at a theatre party last evening. After the theatre they partook of a dainty midnight luncheon at Brennan's. All report enjoying "The Virginian" and having a very nice time.

Pouring Second Floor

Pouring of the second floor in the new court house was started Wednesday. It may be finished tonight or Friday at the latest. The fine weather is greatly facilitating the work.

Returns Home

John Graham has returned from Vinton, Iowa, where he was called a few days ago by the serious illness of his father, who is now improving.

PRINTED MATTER BY PARCEL POST

All Classes of Mail Will Come Under Parcel Post After 16th of This Month

An order just received by Postmaster Tash states that on and after March 16, all books and miscellaneous printed matter will be received by the postoffice for transportation at regular parcel post rates. With the extension of the parcel post rates to all printed matter, all classes of mail now come under the parcel post regulations.

The rate of postage on books that weigh eight ounces or less will be one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof. All books or printed matter weighing in excess of eight ounces will be subject to the regular pound rate for parcel post matter. The book weight limit will be fifty pounds in the first two zones and twenty pounds in all of the other zones of the country.

The rate on miscellaneous printed matter will be one cent for each two ounces or fraction, up to and including four pounds. On such matter in excess of four pounds the regular fourth class or parcel post rates will apply.

Books and printed matter will be handled the same as all other fourth class or parcel post matter and will probably be insurable at the present rates applying to parcel post matter.

MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Mrs. Ware Will Leave on Friday for Two Weeks Missionary Journey Through Kearney District

Mrs. Geo. G. Ware, wife of Dean Ware of Alliance, will leave on Friday for a two weeks' missionary journey through the Kearney district. Friday evening she will lecture at Crawford, on Saturday at Chadron. At Chadron she will be joined by Bishop Beecher. A trip will be made through the sand hill district across to Seneca and Mullen.

Mrs. Ware will spend the time in constant travel from one point to another, lecturing at the different points. She will organize a Woman's Auxiliary in many of the places visited.

Mrs. M. Collins, who lives near Hemingford, drove in Wednesday for a week end visit with her daughters, Mame and Frances.

Mr. Perry, general superintendent of bridges west of the Missouri river for the Burlington, passed through Alliance today at noon.

Mrs. Jay Carr and Mrs. Fred Vaughn received word by wire today that their father, J. G. Painter, at Broken Bow, died at 1:20 o'clock this afternoon. They will leave on 42 tonight for Broken Bow to attend the funeral.

Roy Burns went to Sidney yesterday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. T. M. Colvin is very low today. She is not expected to live.

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Mayor Rodgers Writes Herald That Crowds Pack Mercantile Exhibits

Mayor A. D. Rodgers of Alliance, who is attending the annual convention of the Nebraska Retailers' Federation, writes The Herald that the meeting is the best ever held. Mr. Rodgers stated that he was very sorry that the merchants did not go down from Alliance.

The mercantile exhibits, put on by the manufacturers of Nebraska under the auspices of the federation, are attracting much attention. The crowds that are attending find it almost impossible to get through the show. The Lincoln people are capital entertainers and showing every one a good time.

Governor Morehead opened the session with a good speech, which was applauded to the echo. The governor is a favorite among retailers. Mayor Zehring of Lincoln gave an address of welcome, which was answered by Max Hostetter of Shelton. 300 attended the reception given by the governor at the state mansion.

The following have been nominated for officers of the federation. The election is to be held this afternoon: President, C. E. Beinert, Wymore; Fred Barclay, Pawnee City; Henry Bolton, Schuyler. Vice president, G. W. Darner, Bethany, and J. H. Patterson, Minden. Treasurer, M. A. Hostetter, Shelton. For the two year term as members of the board of directors, A. A. Anderson, Wahoo; W. H. Avery, Tilden; J. J. Collins, Greeley; A. V. Pease, Fairbury. For the three year term as members of the board of directors, F. H. Barclay, Pawnee City; C. M. Jones, Huntington; W. O. Johnson, Osceola; J. H. Knowles, Fremont; Oscar Roiser, Grand Island.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FIREMEN

Firemen Will Meet at City Hall in Special Meeting, Wednesday, March 18th

Although the attendance was small at the regular fire department meeting Wednesday evening, it made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers. C. A. Dow and W. S. Kewer were taken in as new members and Cal Cox, Jake Herman and Roy Spencer re-instated, adding five more to the roll call.

Chief Romig reported that a fire escape is being placed on the Emerson school building, giving it greater safety.

A special meeting was called for next Wednesday evening, March 18, for the purpose of lining up for the motor truck campaign. Every member will be notified by mail and a general attendance is requested.

Mr. Darrow will play at the morning services at the Methodist church Sunday, with both piano and organ to be the accompaniment. His selection will be the "Intermezzo" from "Cavallerie Rusticana" by Mascagni.

HIGH SCHOOL DECLAMATORY

Contest at Opera House on Friday Night Not Well Attended but Very Interesting

The attendance at the Alliance high school declamatory contest at the opera house Friday evening was small compared with the usual attendance at a home talent entertainment in this city, but those who were there were splendidly entertained.

There were three parts or departments of the contest, oratorical, dramatic and humorous. Mary Baker and David Beach were the contestants in the oratorical department, Miss Baker winning first place. Janet Grassman and Neva Howe were the dramatic contestants, the first named receiving the judges' decision for first honors. There were three contestants in the humorous class, Mabel Grassman, Irma Lotspeich and Treasa Vandervoort. Miss Grassman won first place and Miss Lotspeich second.

The winners in the contest will represent the Alliance high school in the district contest to be held at Sidney, March 20th. The judges were President Joseph Sparks of the Chadron State Normal, Supt. R. O. Chambers of the Minatare public schools and Supt. W. S. Boatler of the Lodgepole public schools. In rendering the decision of the judges, Pres. Sparks complimented all of the contestants, and paid a fine tribute to the Alliance city schools. He said that few cities of 5,000 population, and no other city of that size in Nebraska, had schools as well equipped for successful work.

The high school orchestra furnished music at the opening of the program and while the judges were making up their decision.

FEDERATION OF TWO CHURCHES

Negotiations Under Way to Operate Two Alliance Churches Under One Pastorate

Union is in the air among the churches of Alliance as well as in other places. Greater and better results without increasing expense is the slogan.

Negotiations are well under way for the federation of the First Presbyterian and the United Presbyterian churches of this city. This does not mean that two churches will become one, or that either church will lose its identity, but that the two will be operated under the pastorate of one minister. If the federation now under consideration becomes effective, the services of the two, including Sunday schools, will be combined during the term of the federation. The First Presbyterian church building will be used for all services and the United Presbyterian manse for the pastor's residence. The federation will be for a period of one year, to begin with, with Rev. W. L. Torrence as pastor.

The executive commission of Box Butte Presbytery, of the Presbyterian church, consisting of Rev. T. C. Osborn of Scottsbluff, Rev. Geo. F. McDougal of Bridgeport and Rev. D. W. Montgomery of Alliance, met with the official boards of the First Presbyterian and U. P. churches Monday evening. After lengthy consideration of the proposed articles of federation, they were adopted.

These articles will be presented to the congregation of the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at the regular hour of service, with the recommendation from the executive commission that they be adopted by the congregation at a meeting to be called for the purpose of voting on the matter.

The annual congregational meeting of the United Presbyterian church will be held tonight, at which time will be brought up the question of adopting the articles of federation, which have been tentatively agreed upon by the officers at large of the church.

Will Be Much Cement Work

According to statements made to The Herald by T. J. Beal and J. J. Vance, cement contractors, there will be a large amount of cement construction in and around Alliance this spring, foundations for buildings, sidewalks and other work. With weather of the present kind continuing, cement building will soon be in full blast.

CLASSMATES HOLD REUNION

Members of Rushville High School Class of 1894 to Hold Reunion at Langford Ranch

Plans are being prepared by members of the Rushville high school class of 1894 for a reunion to be held on the Langford ranch near Lake-side ranch during the month of June. The guest of honor will be the professor of the school at that time, Prof. Wilson I. Austin, now in poor health and living in Norfolk. He is almost entirely deaf but still remembers the old days and will be there if possible at that time.

It has been twenty-two years since the members of the class got together and if the present plans mature it will be a grand event for all who participate. The plans were started while four of the members of the class were at the ranch about a month ago. Those who started the plan are Mrs. Ella Young, Mrs. A. S. Mote, Mrs. Geo. J. Hand and Mrs. Langford.

WELCOMED WITH A CHARIVARI

Neighbors of Mike Collins Give Him a Reception After His Return from Iowa Visit

Mike Collins, one of Box Butte's well known citizens, residing fourteen miles north of Alliance, returned last Friday from a very pleasant three months' visit among relatives and old acquaintances at Manilla, Iowa. He left that place twenty-seven years ago, and this was his first visit there since leaving. He has a sister, Mrs. Denis McMahon, residing there now.

Mr. Collins' neighbors gave him a surprise party Saturday night, as a welcome reception to him upon his return home. A large number of them gathered at his home, bringing their lunch with them. The party was a little out of the usual order. It has been a good many years since Mike was married, but his neighbors thought it would be a fine thing to remind him of old times by giving him a charivari. Accordingly they brought a supply of old tin pans, cow bells, guns and other noise making instruments, and opened the evening's entertainment with a din that may have made him think of a band of red men. They had more fun than you could shake a stick at, and all enjoyed themselves splendidly.

AGENCY FOR FORD AUTOS

New Firm of Keeler and Coursey to Handle Popular Ford Line of Automobiles Here

The agency for the Ford line of automobiles has been taken in Alliance by James Keeler and H. P. Coursey. The headquarters of the firm will be at the Alliance Garage. P. R. Hough, assistant manager of the Denver branch of the Ford Motor Company, was in the city Friday and closed the deal with Messrs. Keeler and Coursey.

Two carloads of mixed cars are now on the way here from Denver. The new firm will have them on display within a few days, ready for spring business. They will have behind them the Denver assembling plant of the Ford company, erected at a cost of \$250,000. 2,800 Fords are now under course of construction in the Denver plant. 100 men are employed there in the erecting departments and 45 people in the office. The plant has a capacity of 25 cars per day.

Messrs. Keeler & Coursey are preparing to sell many Ford cars during the coming season. The Alliance garage is the finest west of Omaha and will make them the best of headquarters.

The new company is compelled, under their contract with the Ford people, to carry not less than one thousand dollars worth of Ford repairs in stock in Alliance. This will mean that Ford owners can secure repairs without delay.

The Choral Club will meet Sunday afternoon at the Parish house, at 2 o'clock. All members having solo parts are requested to be sure to be present.



TELEPHONE DISPLAY IN BEE HIVE WINDOW
Above is a picture of the telephone display in the Bee Hive window which was prepared by W. S. Kewer, proprietor, and C. A. Currie, manager of the Nebraska Telephone company, Alliance exchange. Note the ranch scene in the foreground.