

MILLER BUYS BURLINGTON

Proprietor of Alliance Hotel Purchases Burlington Hotel Company Recently Incorporated

The Burlington Hotel Company, recently incorporated for \$60,000, was sold last week to Jesse M. Miller, proprietor of the Alliance Hotel and Cafe. The deal was made through E. T. Kibble and was closed Saturday, when Mr. Kibble and Guy Lockwood, incorporators, sold their interests in the company, including the building and grounds, to Mr. Miller.

This transaction will postpone, for the time being, any continuation of the plans of the incorporators for the construction of a fine large hotel building on the present site, corner of First street and Box Butte avenue. However, Mr. Miller expects eventually to erect a hotel building on the ground and may put the stock of the company on the market as was originally planned by the incorporators.

ALLIANCE CITY MISSION

Efforts of Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Mission Work Appreciated by Public

Through the efforts of the Alliance W. C. T. U., this city has an up-to-date city mission. As might be expected, many difficulties have been encountered in establishing this work, but these have been heroically overcome and success is crowning the efforts of the workers.

The time was when city mission work was looked upon askance, even by church people, in some cities that were otherwise enterprising and in some respects progressive. It has not been so long ago as to be forgotten by some of us, when Salvation Army workers were persecuted in some cities and were not given the protection of officials to which they were entitled.

An illustration of the esteem in which workers of this class are now commonly held, was seen in Denver last week, when the principal meeting of a Salvation Army convention was presided over by the governor of the state.

But to get back to the Alliance City Mission, which was established by the local W. C. T. U. and is being conducted under their auspices as a union philanthropic and religious work. In deciding upon a series of evening services to be held at the mission this winter, two questions came up for solution, or rather one double question: How could the services be made absolutely nonsectarian and at the same time give those who conducted them the privilege of freely expressing their sentiments?

A happy solution of this problem was decided upon. The pastors of the city churches were invited to take turns in conducting the services, each a week at a time. These services began Monday of last week and are held every night except Sunday.

It was intended, as at first planned, for Dean William Carson Shaw, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, to have charge of the services the first week, but owing to his illness it was necessary to make a change in the program. Accordingly Rev. Lewis McIntyre, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the services last week, which were interesting but poorly attended, owing to the severely cold weather.

This week the services are in charge of Rev. A. A. Layton of the Baptist church. Owing to his inability to be present last evening, he invited J. W. Thomas to take charge of the services. Rev. J. B. Carns, pastor of the First M. E. church, will conduct the services next week, and Rev. H. J. Young, pastor of the Christian church, the week following. Further announcement will be made thru the city press as the meetings proceed.

Since the weather has moderated somewhat, the attendance has increased, and it is hoped that before long the room will be filled at each service. It is intended to make the music a strong feature of the services. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. The services begin promptly at 8 p. m. in the mission room, 203 Box Butte avenue.

CAMPBELL FUNERAL

Well Known Alliance Business Man Buried at Waco, Nebraska, His Old Home

Robert Campbell, well known Alliance business man who died suddenly Wednesday night of last week, was buried Sunday at Waco, Nebr., his old home. Mrs. Campbell accompanied the body from Alliance with his parents, who came here Friday morning.

Services were conducted in Alliance at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. A. A. Layton of the Baptist church conducted the services, which were participated in by the F. O. E., of which Mr. Campbell was a member. The Earles attended the services in a body.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION

Over Four Hundred Delegates Registered at Crawford Before Midnight Tuesday

(By wire from Lloyd Thomas) Crawford, Neb., Wednesday morning—Over four hundred delegates were registered before midnight Tuesday night at the thirty-fourth annual convention of the N. S. V. F. Association convention. Every section of the state is represented and the convention promises to be the best held in a long time. The Crawford boys are all out in full force, and things are running very smoothly. W. C. Rundin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is being assisted by W. D. Fisher of Alliance. There are two Fishers here now—W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club, and W. D. Fisher of York, the well known Pyrene man who has been a member of the state association for twenty-five years.

Fremont, Ord, North Platte and Sidney are here in private Pullman cars, while the hotels are full, although Crawford has provided ample accommodations for all who come and will care for the many delegates who are arriving this morning. The attendance will reach at least five hundred delegates.

The session was opened by H. A. Graff, president, at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. C. J. Hornsby, president of the Crawford department, officiated. Music was furnished by a twenty-piece orchestra and the famous Crawford male quartet which entertained with impromptu songs that kept the house in a roar of applause and kept them busy with encores. Enthusiasm is strong. The speech of welcome from Mayor A. L. Hungerford was well taken and he was cheered. Invocation was made by Rev. Father Moser of Crawford. The response to the invitation of welcome was made by H. A. Graff of Seward, the president. W. C. Rundin made an address of welcome in behalf of the business men and was roundly cheered for several minutes. He said that Crawford, with the worthy assistance of its "suburb" Alliance, would give them the time of their lives.

The mention of the name of W. S. Ridgell, state fire commissioner, who was on the stage, brought forth much applause. Ridgell is candidate for the office of member of the state railway commission and received much encouragement from the delegates who are well pleased with his efficient work as fire commissioner.



W. S. RIDGELL

The committee appointed on credentials consisted of John McKay of Blair, A. J. Sherley of Ord and State Secretary E. A. Miller of Kearney.

The question of continuation of the mutual aid insurance department was brought up and a meeting of this department will be held at 11 o'clock this morning. Discussion brought out the fact that only one hundred and six joined the department and that fifteen have lapsed.

Following the business session the delegates were entertained with music, both vocal and by the orchestra, and by Teddy Brothers of Omaha, who kept things screaming. The climax came when a Crawford fireman was brought on the stage, strapped to the board wall, while Senior Squiniquin outlined his figure with sharp butcher knives, and the fireman was carried from the stage nearly frightened to death.

Speech was made by John Cleland of Fremont, founder of the state association, and George Ule, the oldest Crawford fireman. A dance entertained the boys who wished to stay up late. The convention is orderly and the boys are enjoying themselves hugely.

WANTED FIFTEEN CARS

Tennessee Man Goes Home without Obtaining Big Order for Box Butte County Potatoes

F. F. Clauson, of Ashwood, Tenn., came to Alliance last week with an order for fifteen carloads of Box Butte county potatoes, the fame of which has spread to the far east, but on account of the fact that the 1915 crop is nearly gone and because of the intensely cold weather, he had to return without the spuds.

Mr. Clauson was well pleased with the country here and stated that he would come back this fall with an order for fifteen carloads or more of the spuds that make Box Butte county famous.

WEDNESDAY A BIG DAY

Crawford Filled With Delegates Enjoying Western Nebraska's Sunny Warm January Weather

(Special dispatch from Lloyd Thomas)

Crawford, Thursday morning—Wednesday, the second day of the firemen's convention, dawned with clear and warm weather which was welcomed by the hundreds of delegates from eastern Nebraska who have been somewhat skeptical of western Nebraska sunshine but who are now fully convinced that we have the finest weather imaginable. Many delegates were out early and made trips to the nearby buttes which surround Crawford. Only a light snow covers the ground.

The morning business session opened at 9:30 o'clock. The report of the committee on credentials showed one new life member, making four life members now in the association. They are John C. Cleland of Fremont, John A. Wilson of Kearney, E. A. Miller of Kearney, and W. D. Fisher of York.

Telegrams were read from several prominent members who were unable to be present. President H. A. Graff, in his annual report, brought up the proposition of the joint tournament of the Nebraska and Iowa associations, proposed for Omaha during the coming summer, on the invitation of the Omaha Driving Club, which made an offer of four thousand dollars for prizes.

Inasmuch as the Iowa and Nebraska tournament rules conflict, the president stated that the two states would have to agree to follow one or the other. The Iowa association differs from Nebraska in that Nebraska gives more attention to its conventions, while Iowa is strong on tournaments. Arrangements will be made for a joint meeting in Omaha to decide on the proposition soon. The president also stated that the mutual aid insurance proposition should be pushed, urging that each department should act as a solicitor in order to get the larger portion of the ten thousand volunteer firemen in the state in as members of the insurance department.

The report of E. A. Miller, who has been state secretary for seventeen years, showed that the clerical work of the association is now getting very heavy and that if the insurance department continues to grow it will probably be necessary soon to employ a stenographer. Mr. Miller urged that the president be given more authority and that the time of the payment of annual dues be fixed at an earlier date than at present, which is January 15.

John W. Guthrie of Alliance, who has an unusually clear and strong voice, read the reports and some of the papers. A paper on efficiency by F. B. Tobin of Sidney and another on the same subject by E. J. Brennan of the same department brought much applause and favorable comment. They urged greater co-operation with city officials and gave their definition of efficiency as nothing but zeal, courage and plenty of common sense in fire fighting.

The question of holding an annual memorial service was referred to the committee on constitution and rules.

A meeting of the mutual aid department was held at 11 o'clock. The report of the secretary showed one death during the year, that of Asa L. Thompson of Albion. The constitution of the mutual aid department was changed to allow only active volunteer firemen and members of the state association to join, thereby eliminating the admission of aged volunteer firemen who held exemption certificates.

At 1 o'clock the delegates were taken to Fort Robinson, where a reception was held by Colonel H. G. Sichel, commanding, music being furnished by the famous military band which is to tour the state of Nebraska during the coming summer. A unique feature of the entertainment was a coyote chase on the reservation, two large, wild coyotes being released ahead of a pack of wolf hounds, which soon ran them down. At the afternoon business session a telegram expressing sympathy was sent to Fred Alexander, former treasurer, who is ill at his home in Scottsbluff.

Spirited discussion was indulged in by delegates over the proposition of allowing proxies for chiefs to become permanent members. The constitution does not allow this. Resolutions of condolence were passed and ordered sent to the families of William M. Gates of Sidney and A. L. Spencer of Albion, who died during the year.

The report of the committee on chiefs' reports showed that reports had been received from fifty-two towns, although one hundred and twenty-five are represented in the association.

Charley Randall of Newman Grove, former state fire commissioner, made a short speech on the good work done by the volunteer firemen in recent years. He told of the good work being done by Fire Chief Dickie of Howells, who has been teaching the lads of ten to twelve years the art of fire fighting.

W. S. Ridgell, state fire commissioner, in an extended address, told of the work being done by his department. He stated that there are now in the state over seven hundred special deputies commissioned to enforce the fire commission law. Ridgell recommended that the smaller towns which do not have paid firemen employ two men for two or three days each spring to inspect the town. He recommended that the mayors of Nebraska cities set aside a day at least twice each year to be known as "clean-up" day, when all citizens would be requested to make their premises as nearly free as possible from fire danger. He urged the observance of the first Friday of November of each year, created by the 1911 legislature as fire day. He urged that every commercial club in the state have a fire prevention committee and that fire drills be held on Fire Day in every public school. He stated that the fire loss in Nebraska in 1910 was \$2,181,000, and in 1915 it was \$1,798,000, in round figures. This covers a loss on farm property in 1915 of over \$31,000.

PRIMARY CANDIDATES

Fourteen Now in Field with Two Months Time Before Last Day for Filing

With fourteen candidates already filed and nearly two months time yet before the last day for filing, the April primaries will probably be the most hotly contested primary election known in Box Butte county.

There are a number who have not yet filed who are circulating petitions and, judging from rumors afloat there still are as many or more who aspire to serve their county in an official capacity and who will very probably get into the ring before the last day for filing—March 18.

The office of county clerk is the greatest drawing card at the present time, there being four candidates wishing to succeed M. S. Hargraves, who has held the office for the past two terms, and there are others who are strongly considering the advisability of entering the race. Those filed to date are W. C. Mounts and George Fleming, republicans, and John Manion and George Snyder, democrats.

The office of sheriff seems to be the next most sought-for position, three having filed their petitions for this office. Cal Cox, democrat, incumbent for the past two years, is a candidate to succeed himself, and W. O. Barnes and W. L. Griffith are contesting for the republican nomination. It is possible other candidates will appear in the field.

For treasurer, Fred Mollring, democrat, and F. W. Irish, republican, have filed.

For representative from this, the Seventy-third, district, comprising Box Butte and Sheridan counties, W. R. Harper, proprietor of the Harper Department Store of this city, and E. C. Swigert, of Gordon, have filed for the republican nomination. No candidates for the democratic primary have filed, and it is quite probable that Lloyd C. Thomas, of the Herald, who is being imperturbed by many of his friends in the district, will file for this office.

Miss Opal Russell, democrat and present incumbent, is the only candidate filed to date for county superintendent of schools.

County Attorney Lee Basye, republican, is a candidate to succeed himself. Although he has not yet filed, Joe Westover, of this city, will in all probability be a candidate for the democratic nomination.

No petitions for county judge have as yet been filed with the county clerk, but County Judge L. A. Berry is circulating his petition preparatory to filing it, and Ex-postmaster I. E. Tash also has his petition in the field.

There is only one county commissioner to be elected this time, and J. M. Waneke, republican, of the first district, is a candidate to succeed himself.

The primary election is set for April 18, and the law provides that no candidates' names will appear on the official ballot whose petitions are not filed at least thirty days previous. The primary law also states that petitions for county office must have 200 names with the further condition that there need not be more than one fourth the number of the total vote at the last election.

Appointed Member Safety Committee

C. L. Hill, chief of the Alliance fire department and switchman in the Burlington yards, has been appointed a member of the Alliance division of the Burlington safety committee for 1916. Charley is making good in his railroad work and well deserves the appointment.

Five Divorces Granted

Five divorces were granted by Judge Westover last week in district court in session in Alliance. They were as follows: Lulu B. Harle was granted a divorce from Wm. Harle. Agnes Abbott was granted a divorce from Frank S. Abbott. Ida Carroll was granted a divorce from Arthur Carroll. Suit brought by Mr. Carroll, a minor, was dismissed and the case brought by Mrs. Carroll the defendant defaulted and divorce granted.

Elmer A. Johnson was granted a divorce from Earl C. Scott.

A LOBSTER SUPPER

Unique Feature of Entertainment During T. P. A. Convention Will Be a Lobster Supper

At the meeting of the joint commercial club and T. P. A. committee, held at the Silver Grill cafe Saturday noon, it was decided to have as a feature of the convention to be held here in April a lobster supper, at which time lobster club number two of Nebraska will be formed.

Committees were appointed to take care of the lobster supper, the decorating of stores and streets and the big banquet.

The joint committee will meet Saturday noon of this week at the Drake hotel.

DAIRY MEETINGS

Extension Specialist of State School to Be at Hemingford Feb. 1, and Alliance Feb. 2

A "dairy meeting" under the auspices of the Box Butte Farmers' Association, in the interest of better dairying in Box Butte county, will be held in Hemingford at Shindler's Hall, Tuesday, February 1, at 2 p. m., sharp. A similar meeting will be held in the city hall in Alliance, Wednesday, February 2, at 2 p. m., sharp. The meetings will be conducted on time and will last about one hour, so there will be no need for anyone to stay away because of getting home too late.

Mr. Propps, extension specialist in dairying, of the Nebraska College of Agriculture, and United States Department of Agriculture, will be present to address this meeting. He will present all sides of the dairy question, answering and giving the latest information on the subject, and proposing plans for organization and improvement of dairying in this section.

Dairymen, those producing some dairy products, creamerymen, business men, consumers, and all who are interested in either the production or consumption of dairy products are asked to be present at this meeting.

ICE CAUSES FATAL FALL

J. W. Castle, Brakeman, Slips under Car at Mullen—Dies on Special Enroute to Alliance

With both feet out off above the ankles and the left arm covered close to the shoulder, John W. Castle, a Burlington brakeman, died early yesterday morning as he was being rushed in a special train from Seneca to Alliance.

The freight train, of which D. W. Kenner was the conductor in charge and of which Castle was one of the crew, was picking up stock in the yards at Mullen soon after 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. They had backed in to load a car of hogs and were starting back when Castle as he threw the switch slipped on the ice and fell under the wheels of the train. He was picked up and hurried to Seneca where he was given medical care, but his condition was such that it was considered best to bring him to Alliance at once.

He was conscious to the last, and realizing that his chances were slim he gave instructions concerning his belongings and sent a last word to his family in Alliance. Death occurred when thirty-five minutes out of Seneca.

This is said to be the first fatal accident to happen among the railroad employes in over two years this close to Alliance on the Burlington lines, which shows that the "safety first" department, which is comparatively a new idea, is obtaining splendid results from the special work they have been doing.

The remains were taken to the undertaking rooms of the Darling furniture store on reaching Alliance. Short funeral services are being held at the home, at 407 Big Horn avenue, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, by Rev. H. J. Young, pastor of the Christian church, and the body will be taken tonight to Hazel, S. D., the home of the deceased's parents and the former home of Mrs. Castle.

Mrs. Castle, who is in very poor health and whose condition is much more serious as a result of the terrible shock, with her two children, Bessie Mae, age two, and John Edward, age four, will be accompanied by a trained nurse and a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Mr. Castle had allowed his membership in the B. of R. T. and in one or two insurance orders to lapse recently, but carried some protection in the Burlington Relief Association. He was twenty-seven years old and had lived in Alliance and had been in the railroad service for the past five or six years.

RELEASED ON BOND

Montaigne Gives Cash Bond of \$400. Case Continued Till April Term

Earl M. Montaigne the Hemingford photographer, who has been in jail here several weeks on charge of assault on a young girl, was released Tuesday morning on furnishing cash bond in the sum of \$400. The case has been continued till the April term of court.

Montaigne, who has retained Wm. Mitchell as his attorney, states that he will not re-open his photograph gallery in Hemingford.

Old papers for sale at The Herald office. Five cents a bunch; six bunches for a quarter.