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Box Butters Potatoes Worth Million

Means Many Mortgages Paid off and Additional Land Under Cultivation Mob violence is not common these days in western Nebraska but it looked like there was going to be something doing Friday night at Antioch when some of the people of that place got their blood up and the place got their blood up and the place got their blood up and who was ford the people of the people of that place got their blood up and who was ford the place got their blood up and who was ford the people of the place got their blood up and who was ford the people of the peop

Planted Large Acreage of Tubers---Equal to Bucket Full of Gold **Nuggets Such as Prospectors** Looked for in Days of '49

Sheridan County A Close Second

Wonderful Opportunity Here for Man With Some Money and a World of Energy-Acre After Acre Waiting to Make Farmers Immensely Wealthy

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN CROPS IN BOX BUTTE COUNTY THIS YEAR WORTH OVER THREE MILLIONS

U. S. Helps Prosperity Along

Total Valuation of Stock and Grain Crops in Box Butte and Sheridan Counties This Year Worth Almost Nine Millions of Dollars -Western Nebraska Comes into Its Own after Years of Watchful Waiting

Box Butte County, Nebraska-in the heart of the most opulent that before have been denied them. potato growing region on earth—this year contributed better than This means additional sales, with ad-742,200 bushels of potatoes to the almost six million raised in the state. No county in all the great state of Nebraska raised as many state. No county in all the great state of Nebraska raised as many in teh general prosperity. Local acres of potatoes or sold them for such a large amount. Considering banks have already felt it—deposits the average price for the season at \$1.20 per bushel (the price is now are far greater than last year. \$1.35) Box Butte county potato growers received a total of nine hundred twenty thousand six hundred forty dollars (\$920,640.00) for this product alone or almost one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). 6,000 ACRES OF POTATOES

The assessor's report made this spring shows a potato acreage in Box Butte county of 5,577 acres, but this is not the actual total be- the head, saw fit to favor the people cause several growers failed to report and others planted a larger acreage than they had at first intended. According to County Agent Seidell, a fair estimate will place the total at 6,000 acres.

Is Banner Potato County

A bulletin just issued by the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture and known as bulletin No. 210 which is devoted to Nebraska crop statistics and braska. information on agricultural subjects, uses for its basis of figuring the report of the assessors and places the Box Butte county acreage at 5,577. Using this bulletin as a basis of figuring and comparison Box Butte county proves to be the banner potato county of the state, and the figures are most conservative. For instance, while the actual average price per bushel here is about \$1.20, the bulletin in all of its figuring for all counties in the state uses an average price of 80 cents a bushel. According to the bulletin, the average yield of potatoes in Box Butte county this year was 123.7 bushels to the acre. Using the figures of the bulletin still further the 5,577 acres raised 689,875 bushels and these figured at the average price for the state of 80 cents a bushel make the total crop worth \$551,900. Sheridan Is Close Second

Sheridan county, according to the bulletin, ranks second in potatoes from every-standpoint, and in reality is right on the heels of Box Butte county on this crop. In fact, Box Butte and Sheridan counties are twins insofar as the potato crop is concerned, and what applies to one county applies to the other. The opportunities in each county are wonderful, waiting there for someone to cash in on them. A total of 5,460 acres were planted to potatoes in Sheridan county according to the bulletin, but it is very probable that an even greater acreage was planted than was reported this spring when the assessment was mad. The potatoes made an average of 120.8 bushels to the acre or a total of 659,568 bushels. At the average price of \$1.20 a bushel which is the price spuds sold at in both Sheridan and Box Butte counties, the crop brought Sheridan farmers a total of \$791.482.

The combined value of the potato crop in Box Butte and Sheridan counties, which comprise the seventy-third representative district, for the year 1916 is estimated at \$1,712,123 and will probably really go better than this. When it is considered that this one crop alone has brought to the farmers of these two counties almost tw millions of dollars this year alone, it seems safe to predict that this section has at last found the great crop of crops. that at last a new Klondike has been opened up whereby the farmer may reap the benefits without all the hardships experience by thos carefree souls who took a chance in that far-off province of Alaska.

Growing Demand for Potatoes There is a growing demand for potatoes. Potatoes are now used in a commercial way that a few years ago were unheard of. There are potato chips in packages, then there is potato flour. The potato is being used in

Made Good Showing

There are counties in the state where the percentage of yield is greater but these are in counties where but few potatoes were planted and what was planted was more or less hand raised. For instance, Kimball county be exact, 646 acceptable and all pitters as an average, the one well worth attending. Bishop ture to those in attendance. It is possible that a clinic will also be while the mules have an average value of \$898,800 bers of the Alliance Commercial Club bers of the Alliance Commercial Club bers of the Alliance Commercial Club and all pitters of the Alliance Commercial Club bers of the Alliance Commercial Club be exact, 646 acceptable to those in attendance. It is possible that a clinic will also be a commercial Club bers of the Alliance Commercial Clu be exact, 646 acres.

According to the bulletin, 74,796 acres in Nebraska were planted to potatoes this year, of which amount Box Butte county raised 5,577 bushels or about seven per cent of the total acres. The total bushels raised in the state is estimated at 5,922,279, of which Box Butte county raised 689,875

Over 1,000 Car Loads Figuring the total Box Butte county acreage at 6,000 and the average, which is the average given by the state, at 122.7 bushels an acre, the total is 742,200 bushels. Figuring 600 bushels to the car, Box Butte county raised a total of 1237 cars of potatoes this year. To be ultra conservative and figuring the Box Butte county yield at 80 bushels to the acre and using The fact that this is not a sheep the state's estimate of total bushels. Box Butte county raised some 1,146 growing country speaks for itself. cars plus. It is estimated that in the neighborhood of 800 cars will be ed from this county alone this year, the balance being either used locally, saved for seed, or stored.

Equal Bucket of Gold Nuggets Potatoes are to Box Butte and Sheridan counties what a bucket full of pure gold nuggets were to the California prospector in the days of '49. The 1916 potato erop in western Nebraska has made it possible for farmer after farmer to take up the indebtedness on his place, buy another section or so of land, purchase an automobile, buy-a piano or a phonograph, in fact this potato grop will be felt all over the United States. Western Nebraska farmers ditional profits, means additional hauls for the railroads—it all heips

the Box Butte potato. And the farmer got his price this year largely because the government at Washington, of which Woodrow Wilson is on the market, so that the grower got every dollar he had coming to him. Truly the prosperity slogan of democracy has been brought close home to the farmers of western Ne-

Great Change Coming But Box Butte county is more than just a potato county. The bul-letin referred to shows that there are 339 farm owners and 132 farm tenants in the county. That the farms and ranches of the county total 337,775 acres of which 49,188 are under cultivation and 142,871 remain uncultivated. Six hundred fifty acres are under irrigation. When it is considered that fortunes are being made in one growing season in Box Butte county it seems certain that land now devoted to cattle raising or lying idle within a very short time will be cut up in smaller tracts and farmed. This change is coming and indications are ber? The Alliance Herald." Remember? that it is coming soon. Box Butte has 50,703, acres of im-

acres. Certainly the opportunity is here for him who will take advantage of it. If the eastern tenant would but heed the advice to "Go at the golden opportunity that awaits him here. The improvements on lands in Box Butte county total \$2,-211,385, really a considerable sum

after all tehre are 8.088 horses and 156 mules apropriate plans have been laid for

Milk cows have an average value tion the Sisters will serve a dinner at Cattle Worth Large Sum of \$60 the state over and Box Butte Holy Rosary church. county has 2,291 of them worth \$137,460 and other cattle to the number of 19,798 worth according to the tsate's estimate \$40 each or a total of 791,920. Hogs to the numher of 2,551 are to be found here, worth \$51,020. Box Butte raises practically no sheep, there being but 59 in the entire county, worth \$418. growing country speaks for itself.

Dogs and Chickens in Numbers

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ANGRY MOB DEMANDED LIFE OF COLORED MAN

against Jess Selby, colored, who con-ducts a hotel there and who was for- of this week. He put a call in Tuesmerly a resident of this city. Mem- day night for Scottsbiuff and bebers of the mob wanted Selby's hide on the spot and it is reported that there were cries of "Lynch him, hang him," etc. Selby knew for a certainty that he had done nothing to warrant such an outbreak and tsood his ground. In the end, the cooler heads carried the day and the affair passed into history.

Trouble had been brewing for

some time, it seems, because the Sel-by children had been attending school there with white children and, it is reported, because Selby's small son had been up to some more or less "mean" stunts. This, coupled with the claim on the part of some that Mrs. Selby had the power of a witch got the best of some of the residents of the town. There are reports to the effect that the youngster had the effect that he younget had the street of the rother, as mothers will, upheld the hid, and she came in for her full quoto of abuse.

As a result of this trouble the father received the brunt of the abuse

and rath of a portion of the residents of the place, it is said. The Selbys lived in Alliance for several years as peacefully as any white family, and were always regarded as the highest type of colored people in Alliance.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES THURSDAY

Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Methodist church Thanksgiving day morning from 10:30 to 11:30 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Carns will be in charge of the program. The music will be furnished by the choir of the Methodist church trate Roberts. under the direction of Prof. Rex Truman. Rev. Lewis McIntyre will offer the Thanksgiving prayer, and H. J. Young of the Christian church will read the president's Thanksgiving proclamation. The sermon will be given by Rev. W. M. Martin, the Chief C. J. Jeffers was returned to nounce the benediction. The offerpoor of the city.

OH, GRIEF! OH, SORROW!

Alyas, alas, 'tis too sorrowful almost to tell. Dear old B. S. of the Semi-Weakly Times, has returned the key to A. P. and breaks out with the following in the last issue:

"Some of these days the Times is going to copyright an issue and then have some fun with the Herald and the News when they lift out all the

very own. For the benefit of B. S. we would suggest that in order to copyright material it is necessary to do it the first time published and he could save time by copyrighting a copy of The Herald when it reaches his desk. Most of the material used in the esteemed Times costs only \$1.50 or less per page in plate form, and And comes in boxes in long strips. it wasn't so very long ago that a long article in the Times came out with the following line therein: "This article was set by and printed

West, young man," he would marvel Bishop Duffy Will Be in Charge of -Sisters Will Serve Ceremonies—Sisters Will Serv Dinner Following Exercises

At 4:30 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 13, the formal dedication of St. Joseph's hosothers interested are invited to at-tend. Following the formal dedica-

St. Joseph's hospital is without question the finest one in western Nebraska and through it Alliance is made one of the leading cities of the country as far as caring for the sick is concerned. The formal dedication will be the means of causing many to visit the hospital who might otherwise neglect to investigate what it has to offer. The hospital is a ed to make the hospital an acuality, ployed by the Great Northern.

"CUSSED" OPERATOR---LOCKED UP OVER NIGHT

cause he didn't "get through" when he thought he ought he started to "call" the operator. That wasn't enough, so he went over to the exchange and proceeded to "bawl out" the young lady. She stood it as long as she could and then called Officer Wheeler, who was in bed at the time, it being about 11:30 o'clock-at night. When Wheeler appeared on the

scene, Fuller mistook him for the manager of the exchange and pro-ceeded to "tell" him, using a few choice words. The officer told him to "beat" but he couldn't understand elanguage. The result was that was taken to the city jail. Just as he got inside the door he asked the officer if he was going to be locked up. When told "Yes," he said, "You've got to catch me first," and ran out of the door with Officer Wheeler after him. Fuller ran bareheaded to the Drake hotel and into the basement, where he locked himself in a room. Wheeler asked the clerk to unlock the door, but the clerk said he didn't have a key. The officer then kicked the door open and took Fuller to the "cooler" where he had the night to think it over.

Wednesday morning Fuller plead guilty to disorderly conduct and paid a fine of \$1 and costs, a total of \$6.

Joe Price plead guilty to being drunk, in police court Wednesday morning, and was given ten days on the streets. M. J. Armstrong, James Marvin and Mat Melbes each plead

OFFICER WHEELER WILL NOT TAKE NIGHT JOB

Chief C. J. Jeffers was returned to evangelist now holding revival serv-Chief C. J. Jeffers was returned to lees in the Baptist church. Rev. Lay-day duty, but such seems not to be the case. In an interview with Ofseemed to mean it.

> duty. He had been placed on the Henley will continue on the night is not yet known.

items bodily and print them as their HERALD OUT EARLY THIS WEEK HERALD OUT EARLY THIS WEEK
On account of today being Thanksgiving The Herald is being printed afternoon. Kroll was found guilty Wednesday night and delivered early in the county court of assault against this morning. This will cause us to miss a few late happenings for this issue but you will find it crammed full of good, reliable news, and more of it than you will find in any two is- miss the case. Kroll paying the fine sues of any other newspaper in this and costs. section.

"PANHANDLE" DENTISTS

HERE IN JANUARY Alliance dentists are sponsoring a plea to form a district dental society to be affiliated with or be a branch of the Nebraska State Dental Society. The proposed society would comprise the district known as the "panhandie" country of Nebraska. Plans are being made for a meeting to be held in this city about the middle of January, 1917. The Commercial Club mentioned. It is expected that some North Platte, Tuesday evening, Dethirty dentists will be in attendance cember 5. This reception will be at the meeting to be held here. Of non-political A parade, fire works According to the assessor's report pital will take place. Elaborate and plans include the bringing to Alli- come into its own. Come and help ance of some well-known man in the celebrate. profession, who will deliver a lec-

visited here a few weeks ago, died at V. G.; E. M. Martin, recording sechis home in Billings, Mont., Friday, retary; F. W. Hicks, financial secre-The funeral was held at that place tary; F: A. Trabert, treasurer; A. D. Sunday afternoon. He was well known in this city and was a man Henry W. Beach, trustee for two prominent in the Masonic order. He years. The regular session and conis survived by his wife and two children, Glen Franklin of Billings, and Mrs. A. C. Gordon of Lincoln.

For years Mr. Franklin was an engineer on the Denver run out of here. Ill health compelled him to it has to offer. The hospital is a give up his work here about nine afternoon resigned as a member of credit to the community and a last-ing monument to the efforts and zeal Mexico. He returned later and set-vote all of his time to managing his of those who labored and contribut- tled at Billings, where he was em-

WESTOVER CONVENES DISTRICT COURT

Hotel Keeper at Antioch Faced Mob,
Standing His Ground, until
Crowd Is Quieted

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Officer Wheeler and Traveling Man
Ran Midnight Foot Race—Policeman Got Him in Hotel

Case against Dan Lyons Dismissed
Because Complaining Witness
Failed to Appear

The November term of the Box Butte county district court is now in session. It was convened Tuesday by Judge W. H. Westover of Rush-ville. Short memorial services were held in the court room Tuesday noon in honor of the late B. F. Gilman, who was a member of the Box Butte

county bar. Following the services court was dismissed for the day.

Wednesday morning the court grind started. Judge Westover made

the following assignment of cases:
ASSIGNMENT OF STATE CASES
Wednesday, November 29
State of Nebraska vs. Daniel F. State of Nebraska vs. J. F. Kroll.

Thursday, November 30 State of Nebraska vs. Walter Mar-

Monday, December 4 State of Nebraska vs. Timothy Ma-

Tuesday, December 5 State of Nebraska vs. William Bil-ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL ACTIONS

Saturday, December 1
Martha Miller vs. City of Allianes.
Wednesday, December 6
Haddorff Music House vs. Geo. G.

Thursday, December 7 Della M. Reed vs. L. H. Neeland. C. L. Powell vs. John M. Line.

Friday, December 8 Anton Uhrig vs. Box Butte county.

Roy B. Burns vs. B. U. Shepherd.

Lyons Case up in Trial

A jury was empaneled Wednesday morning to hear the ease of the State of Nebraska vs. Daniel F. Lyons, but was dismissed owing to the non-appearance of the complaining witness. This is a case that has attracted considerable interest in Alliance and vicinity.-Lyons was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm and also with the carrying of concealed weapons. Trouble between Lyons and William King, a saloon man of this city, resulted in a preliminary hearing and Lyons being bound over to the district court. Ar. King left Sundayfor Denver and did not appear as the complaining witness, so the case was dismissed. Lyons is a bartender at the Everett Cook saloon. It seems that there had been a prize fight scheduled to take place in Alliance nounce the benediction. The offer- ficer Wheeler yesterday he told a on lay 17, Lyons being one of the ing taken at this service will be used. Herald reporter that he did not inby the City Mission in aiding the tend to take the night job at all, and was responsible for it in some way. Lyons and Everett Cook met Wil-At the last meeting of the city Lyons and Everett Cook met Wil-council a motion was introduced and liam King. By Acardon, Martin King passed returning Chief Jeffers to day and Frank Wilson on Box Butte avenue in the vicinity of Newberry's. night job temporarily some months. The time of day was passed and, it is ago when there seemed to be need alleged, Lyons accused King of befor his services in that position and ing responsible for the stopping of is now returned to day duty. J. C. the bout. A denial was made and one word lea dto another. It was alforce, but who the new man will be leged that Lyons pulled a kun on King.

May Settle Out of Court a woman and fined \$25 and costs. He appealed the case. At the time of going to press Wednesday afternoon there was a movement on foot to dis-

The next case to be heard is the State vs. Walter Marshall, Marshall being charged with wife desertion.

Beulah Fish was given a divorce from Gilbert R. Fish. Hartse C. Robbins was granted a divorce from Fred C. Robbins.

RECEPTION FOR NEVILLE

The Berald has received the following invitation to attend a public reception to Keith Neville, governorelect, at Nort" Platte, December 5;

You are cordially invited to attend has been asked to join in the invita- a public reception to be tendered tion of the local destists to be ex- Governor-elect Keith Neville by the tended to dentists in the district citizens of western Nebraska at ficials from the state association will and addresses will be features of the be in attendance to aid in the forma- evening. Western Nebraska has, in tion of this new association. The the selection of a chief executive,

I. O. O. F. ELECTED OFFICERS At the regular semi-annual election of officers of Alliance lodge No. ALMANCE ENGINEER DIES ing the following were elected for the S. A. Franklin, until nine years ensuing term: J. L. Overman, P.G., T. G. Waddell, N. G.; J. M. Kennedy, Rodgers, trustee for three years; ferring of degrees was followed by the serving of refreshments. The session lasted until a late hour.

> OFFICER WHEELER RESIGNS Officer A. B. Wheeler Wednesday afternoon resigned as a member of hotel-the Western. He has been on the force since February.