

Box Butte's Potatoes Worth Million

Means Many Mortgages Paid off and Additional Land Under Cultivation

Present Crop a Bananza For Those Who 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 potato growing region on earth--this year contributed better than 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 acres of potatoes or sold them for such a large amount.

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 because several growers failed to report and others planted a larger acreage than they had at first intended.

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 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.

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.

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 many other ways that the average person never hears of.

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.

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 acre.

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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 crop 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 crop will be felt all over the United States.

Everyone is prospering because of the Box Butte potato. And the farmer got his price this year largely because the government at Washington, of which Woodrow Wilson is the head, saw fit to favor the people of western Nebraska by posting them on the market, so that the grower got every dollar he had coming to him.

But Box Butte county is more than just a potato county. The bulletin 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.

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 that it is coming soon.

Box Butte has 50,703 acres of improved land, 583,395 acres of unimproved land or a total of 634,098 acres. Certainly the opportunity is here for him who will take advantage of it. If the eastern tenant would heed the advice to "Go West, young man," he would marvel at the golden opportunity that awaits him here.

According to the assessor's report there are 8,088 horses and 156 mules in Box Butte county. Using the state's figures as an average, the horses have an average value of \$100 or a total value of \$808,800 while the mules have an average value of \$105 and are worth a total of \$16,380.

Milk cows have an average value of \$60 the state over and Box Butte county has 2,291 of them worth \$137,460 and other cattle to the number of 19,798 worth according to the state's estimate \$40 each or a total of 791,920. Hogs to the number 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 \$413. The fact that this is not a sheep growing country speaks for itself.

Dogs and Chickens in Numbers (Continued on page 8)

ANGRY MOB DEMANDED LIFE OF COLORED MAN

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

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 were going to have vengeance against Jess Selby, colored, who conducts a hotel there and who was formerly a resident of this city.

Trouble had been brewing for some time, it seems, because the Selby 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.

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 under the direction of Prof. Rex Truman.

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

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.

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WILL DEDICATE THE HOSPITAL DEC. 13

Bishop Duffy Will Be in Charge of Ceremonies--Sisters Will Serve Dinner Following Exercises

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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.

"CUSSED" OPERATOR-- LOCKED UP OVER NIGHT

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

Some men have the idea that they have a perfect right to "band it" to a telephone operator any time they don't feel well, but it is very probable that H. E. Fuller, a traveling man, will think twice now before he starts anything.

When Wheeler appeared on the scene, Fuller mistook him for the manager of the exchange and proceeded to "tell" him, using a few choice words. The officer told him to "beat" but he couldn't understand the language.

Joe Price pleaded guilty to being drunk in police court Wednesday morning, and was given ten days on the streets. M. J. Armstrong, James Marvin and Mat Melbos each pleaded guilty to being drunk and were fined \$1 and costs each by Police Magistrate Roberts.

OFFICER WHEELER WILL NOT TAKE NIGHT JOB

It had been reported that Police Officer A. B. Wheeler, who for the past year, has been on day duty, was to take one of the night jobs when Chief C. J. Jeffers was returned to day duty, but such seems not to be the case.

At the last meeting of the city council a motion was introduced and passed returning Chief Jeffers to day duty. He had been placed on the night job temporarily some months ago when there seemed to be need for his services in that position and is now returned to day duty.

On account of today being Thanksgiving The Herald is being printed Wednesday night and delivered early 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 issues of any other newspaper in this 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 "panhandle" country of Nebraska.

WELL-KNOWN FORMER ALLIANCE ENGINEER DIES

S. A. Franklin, until nine years ago a resident of Alliance and who visited here a few weeks ago, died at his home in Billings, Mont., Friday. The funeral was held at that place Sunday afternoon.

For years Mr. Franklin was an engineer on the Denver run out of here. Ill health compelled him to give up his work here about nine years ago, after which he went to Mexico. He returned later and settled at Billings, where he was employed by the Great Northern.

WESTOVER CONVENES DISTRICT COURT

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 Rushville. 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.

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. Lyons. State of Nebraska vs. J. F. Kroll. Thursday, November 30 State of Nebraska vs. Walter Marshall.

Monday, December 4 State of Nebraska vs. Timothy Maloney. Tuesday, December 5 State of Nebraska vs. William Billing. ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL ACTIONS Saturday, December 1 Martha Miller vs. City of Alliance. Wednesday, December 6 Haddorff Music House vs. Geo. G. Gadsby. Thursday, December 7 Della M. Reed vs. L. H. Neeland. C. L. Powell vs. John M. Lane. 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 case 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.

King left Sunday for Denver and did not appear at 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 on May 17, Lyons being one of the promoters. The bout was stopped and Lyons got the idea that King was responsible for it in some way.

Lyons and Everett Cook met William King, Ed Karsch, Martin King and Frank Wilson on Box Butte avenue in the vicinity of Newberry's. The time of day was passed and, it is alleged, Lyons accused King of being responsible for the stopping of the bout. A denial was made and one word led to another. It was alleged that Lyons pulled a knife on King.

The case of the State vs. J. F. Kroll was assigned for Wednesday afternoon. Kroll was found guilty in the county court of assault against 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 dismiss the case, Kroll paying the fine and costs.

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, name C. Robbins was granted a divorce from Fred C. Robbins.

RECEPTION FOR NEVILLE

The Herald has received the following invitation to attend a public reception to Keith Neville, governor-elect, at North Platte, December 5: You are cordially invited to attend a public reception to be tendered Governor-elect Keith Neville by the citizens of western Nebraska at North Platte, Tuesday evening, December 5. This reception will be non-political. A parade, fire works and addresses will be features of the evening. Western Nebraska has, in the selection of a chief executive, come into its own. Come and help celebrate.

I. O. O. F. ELECTED OFFICERS

At the regular semi-annual election of officers of Alliance Lodge No. 168, I. O. O. F., held Tuesday evening the following were elected for the ensuing term: J. L. Overman, P. G.; T. G. Waddell, N. G.; J. M. Kennedy, V. G.; E. M. Martin, recording secretary; F. A. Trubert, treasurer; A. D. Rodgers, trustee for three years; Henry W. Beach, trustee for two years. The regular session and conferring 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 the police force. He will now devote all of his time to managing his hotel--the Western. He has been on the force since February.