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SIXTY-FIVE KIDS ARE GUESTS AT A BIG DINNER

Alliance Youngsters Participate in "Some Celebration" on Christmas Day

"More turkey! More spuds! More everything!" "How many helps have ya had?" and "I'm gettin' awful full, ain't you?"

These and many more remarks would be familiar if you had happened in on the turkey dinner at Doctor Slagle's office yesterday noon. Sixty-five youngsters, ranging in age from six to fourteen, were there—some previously invited and some not—but it made no difference, there was plenty and to spare for all comers. Ten turkeys with all the trimmings and ice cream and cake besides the movies may give you a hint of the enormity of the occasion.

One budding comedian proceeded to illustrate just how full he really was getting by a very effective device. He stuffed an extra fold of newspaper in his shirt front after each helping. (Rawtha crude, yes—but you can't say it doesn't fit the feel of a big dinner!)

In these days there's nothing like being truly democratic. Our friend Bill Hively proved he was no snob and went to the party uninvited and what's more he bet 'em he'd eat more turkey 'n anybody there! Bill didn't live up to his word but he did mighty well. He's got no reason for feeling discouraged.

On the other hand young Mr. Blume spoke up with, "Say, I'm going to show you right here that I was invited to this dinner!" His invitation produced, he fell to, with a right good will.

But the great majority of the kiddies didn't indulge in table talk of any kind. Johnny didn't bother to discuss the income tax and Susie let the "cost of high living" take care of itself. Most of 'em "just eat," with an "I wonder what's coming next look."

The dinner was prepared by the bakery and sent upstairs hot. Six long tables set with palms and Christmas decorations were placed in the outer office. The comfort of the youngsters was the big idea of the blow-out and considering the number they did themselves proud. Some said their "I had a nice time at the party" and others, too far gone, heaved a meaning sigh, got their tickets for the movie and bolted.

Bill Hart was at his best in "Square Deal Sanderson." Why shouldn't he have done well with such appreciative spectators?

It will be man a day before those kids forget yesterday's Christmas celebration.

NIGHT WATCH SERVICE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Alliance churches are planning for special watch-night services on New Year's eve. A feature of this year's services will be the use of the "watch night prayer," reprinted in another column, which has been promulgated by the inter-church world movement of America. This prayer, known as "the prayer heard around the world," will usher in the New Year all over the Protestant world.

With "the prayer around the world" the New Year will be ushered in. In a thousand tongues it will be spoken at watch-night services in near and distant places; in the great cities of the western world no less than in distant villages on eastern hills. From New York, its starting point, the prayer has been sent around the world by the interchurch world movement of North America, a movement to bring about Protestant co-operation.

To Mexico City and Montevideo, the prayer was cabled for South and Central America; to Shanghai also, and from there it was relayed to Japan, the Philippines, Malaysia and Oceania, to Lahore, India, for distribution throughout India and the surrounding countries; to Reicht, Persia; and to Beirut, Syria, for the Levant. To Cairo for the northern stretches of Africa; to Bolobo for the Zulu and the Boer. To Uppasala, Sweden, and Zurich, Switzerland, for all the countries of Europe. From each of these mission centers it was sent out to the stations everywhere, and the missionaries will receive it in the language of the people of their districts, and in every Protestant mission station, great or small, it will be spoken at special night watch services on New Year's eve.

...when merry-makers are... through the Boulevard des... Paris, or streaming along the... pressing along the... of Broadway, or... Bund in Shang-... waiting... of the... New Year in... and in chapels, some of them... of marble and some of them made of mud, Christian people of the white race, and the yellow race, and the black race, will be hearing the prayer that went around the world. The prayer for guidance to replenish a devastated earth and stay the unrest of perplexed peoples.

"BROKEN BLOSSOMS" ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Among the notable film features secured by the Imperial may be ranked "Broken Blossoms," starring Lillian Gish, which will be shown on Saturday evening. It is said to be one of the most beautiful love stories ever filmed. The picture itself is a work of art, and the story intensely interesting.

Five acts of Pantages vaudeville will be shown in connection with the program.

HOME BUILDERS ARE HARD AT IT

Over Half the Stock Subscribed or Promised—Board Meets to Adopt Incorporation Articles

The board of directors of the Alliance Home Builders' association met Thursday evening at the Community club rooms, at which time the articles of incorporation were considered section by section and adopted. They will be filed at once and publication will follow.

Plans for active work were made. The executive committee was empowered to buy lots for building purposes, and the problem of securing a suitable superintendent, to devote all his time to the association's work, was considered. This matter will be settled at a meeting to be held tonight.

The annual meeting will be held on January 5, at which time the new board of directors will be elected. All stockholders will have a vote at this meeting.

Secretary Hargraves was instructed to procure the necessary books of record and stock certificates.

To date, about \$40,000 of stock has been subscribed for, and promises amounting to an additional \$20,000 have been made. This means that over half of the capital stock will have been disposed of before the active stock selling campaign begins the first of the year. Following is a complete list of the stockholders to date:

C. A. Newberry, R. M. Hampton, F. M. Knight, Chas. Brittan, Dr. H. A. Copey, J. S. Rhein, A. D. Rodgers, Dr. C. E. Slagle, Wm. King, Marcus Frankle, F. E. Holsten, Forest Lumber Co., Dierks Lumber Co., E. D. Mallery, W. W. Norton, J. J. Riordan, H. P. Coursey, H. F. Thiele, Roy Beckwith, F. W. Harris, Edward Banks, Geo. Mollring, B. J. Sallows, Frank Abegg, C. S. Mooney, Fannie A. Miskimnen, Thos. L. Miskimnen, Mrs. F. D. McCormick, H. A. Du-Buque, W. R. Harper, Mrs. Martha Miller, A. G. Isaacson, Glen Miller, J. H. Vaughn & Son, J. D. Emerick, M. S. Hargraves, J. M. Kennedy, Lee Moore, Geo. G. Smith, W. Wade Smith, C. L. Hill, C. J. Shafer, J. J. Hodgkinson, Carl Rockey, Robert Graham, Dr. F. J. Peterson, Lee Basye, Dr. M. J. Baskins, J. W. Guthrie, F. W. Hicks, to Zamow, R. O. Reddish, E. G. Laing, W. C. Mounts, G. L. Griggs, A. S. Mote.

NOVA TAILOR TO BE NEW POLICE CHIEF

The resignation of Oscar Reed as chief of police means that, beginning January 1, Nova Taylor will assume the duties of the head of the city's police department. The promotion is a merited one, Mayor Rodgers declared to a Herald reporter this morning, and Mr. Taylor will undoubtedly make good in the place.

Taylor, who has been confined to his home for the past few days with an attack of neuralgia, did not hear of the appointment until today, when he was back on duty. It made a nice Christmas present for the new chief, who has been a hard working and efficient officer. No steps have been taken toward the appointment of Taylor's successor.

A Watch-Night Prayer

Quicken the sympathy of hearts made dull by reports and sights of suffering, incomprehensible and needless.

Call us again that we may bow before the eternal laws of creation, putting aside malice, envy, covetousness and brutality, to enter into the peace of the sons of the Most High.

Hasten by Thy gracious providence and by the consecrated efforts of Thy children the coming of Thy world wide kingdom where justice, mercy and love shall rule the hearts and hands of men.

Create in us, O Lord, clean hearts, renew right spirits for the coming year.

This we ask in the spirit of Jesus Christ, our only Hope. Amen!

Almighty God, Father of all mankind, at the end of a year in which malice has so often thwarted love, we join the prayers of all Thy children around the world for peace, the elevation of justice and brotherhood.

Thou Creator, possessor of all things, Who didst make the earth for the races of men and didst set bound for their habitation, forgive us our greed as we repent of our sin, and restore to all hearts the recognition of the transcendent right of human life to live.

Open our eyes, we beseech Thee, to the dignity of labor, the sacredness of human service, and the privileges of production, that nation may join nation and man join man justly in honest work to replenish a devastated earth.

GOOD NEWS FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

With Passage of Sweet Bill, a New Basis for Compensation Payments Goes Into Effect

Notice has been received by the Home Service bureau of the passage of the famous "Sweet bill" by the senate and house of representatives. This is the most important announcement to the ex-service men since the signing of the armistice.

Compensation payments are adjusted on a basis of \$80 per month for total temporary disability for men without dependents, with additional amounts for dependents, and \$100 for total permanent disability. These increases are retroactive to April 6, 1917. Compensation provisions are also made retroactive to April 6, 1917.

Those inducted by the local draft board, but not accepted at camp and enrolled for active service are included within the benefits of the act.

Insurance lump payments are provided in converted insurance and class of beneficiaries enlarged to include uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the insured. Payments owing to persons who does are made payable to his executor or administrator.

The bill also includes other provisions about which the Home Service bureau will be notified at the very earliest date possible, and this information will be given out later. If you wish further help in some claim that is affected by this new legislation, visit the bureau in the offices at the court house.

"AUCTION OF SOULS" COMING TO IMPERIAL

One of the most exceptional photoplays that has been produced in years is coming to the Imperial theater on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Unlike most photoplays, it is a record of facts.

It pictures the story of Aurora Mardiganian, sole survivor of 500,000 young Armenian girls who were killed during the period of terror created by the Turks in 1915 when it was decided to deport the Armenians and annihilate them as a nation. The picture is based upon Miss Mardiganian's own story of her amazing escape after two years of terrors. Every accusation of barbarism she charges against the Turks is officially verified.

There follows the actual scenes showing the posting of the deportation edict, the burning of the homes of Armenians, slaughter of men in the streets, the forming of the long lines of men and women to be driven across the desert, attacks upon girls, and finally the terrible cruelties which were inflicted by the wild tribes who captured and enslaved the women who had managed to escape from the prisoners' train.

GOOD PUBLICITY FOR CITY OF ALLIANCE

Catholic Register of Denver Prints Article Telling of the City's Numerous Advantages

Alliance has been receiving some desirable publicity. A special Christmas issue of the Catholic Register, a magazine printed in Denver, carries a splendid booster article, illustrated with numerous pictures of Alliance buildings, from the pen of Secretary Rufus Jones of the Community club. We heard a number of favorable comments concerning it, and proceeded to get hold of a copy for publication. The article follows:

Alliance, Nebraska (By Rufus Jones, Secretary of the Alliance Community Club)

On the back of every envelope leaving the office of the Alliance Community club this is printed:

"Alliance, capital of Box Butte county, Nebraska, is the best town of its size in the United States, and the county itself is a consistent winner of first prizes for agricultural displays at state fairs. A healthful altitude of 4,000 feet, pure drinking water, all churches, an unexcelled system of public schools, a hospitable population, brilliant opportunities for new industries. Write the Community club."

And on the front of each of these envelopes there appears the Alliance slogan—"Let's Go!"

This tells much, but tells it in tabloid shape. Many reams of paper might be utilized in telling a legitimate and thoroughly truthful tale of Alliance and Box Butte county without relating half the resources and advantages.

To begin with, any territory which possesses agricultural advantages is necessarily a desirable one. Any county which has cattle and hogs has another advantage. Any city which has industrial resources has still a third advantage. Alliance is fortunate in that it possesses all three of these.

The outlying country is one of the greatest, agriculturally, in the United States—or in the world, for that matter. The advantages as to cattle and hogs are so tremendous that there is at this time being organized a packing industry which will be capitalized at \$1,500,000. As to industry, Alliance is one of the foremost towns on the great Burlington system. Located here is a general superintendent, with several divisions under his supervision, and the monthly payroll of the Burlington will approximate something like \$125,000.

With such things behind it, Alliance could scarcely be otherwise than prosperous and optimistic; and when, to this, is added a citizenship filled with the brim of overflowing civic pride, patriotism and aggressiveness—well, there simply isn't a chance to keep such a town down.

Perhaps no better proof of the town's material welfare can be found than the fact that it has been found

necessary that a home-building corporation of local men be organized with the object of providing homes for the steadily increasing stream of individuals who want to come here. This corporation, with a capitalization of \$100,000, will build homes by the score.

Believing thoroughly in modernity, Alliance has installed the city manager form of municipal government and in many other ways is keeping abreast. Storm sewerage is being installed and will be followed by street paving. The principal thoroughfares, already attractive—especially at night in the glow of an unusually adequate "great white way"—will be doubly so when the paving has been completed. Her public buildings, such as the city hall, armory, Elks' home, Masonic home, court house, schools, hospital, the truly magnificent Burlington building, etc., would be creditable to a town several times her size.

Practically every religious denomination is represented, and the Catholics, in addition to their edifice, have an academy and a hospital which have meant much to Alliance.

The schools are famous all over Nebraska for the excellence of their

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GOVERNOR M'KELVIE TO VISIT ALLIANCE

Will Be Chief Speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Alliance Community Club.

Governor Samuel R. McKelvie has accepted the invitation of the Community club to be present at the annual meeting, which comes the first Monday in March, at which time he will be the chief speaker.

The governor's letter of acceptance follows:

"Mr. Rufus Jones, Secretary, Alliance Community Club.—My dear Mr. Jones: I appreciate very greatly the invitation of the Alliance Community club, and shall be pleased to be with you upon the occasion of your annual meeting next March. If anything should develop to stand in the way of my carrying out this arrangement I shall advise you sufficiently in advance that you may make other arrangements. Very truly yours,

"SAMUEL R. M'KELVIE, Governor."

PROPOSITIONS ON FILE AT COMMUNITY CLUB

Up to the time Judge Hewitt left Lincoln, 129 proposed changes to the constitution had been introduced. The judge has furnished the Community club with a complete file of these, and business men and others who may be interested have been invited to drop in at any time.

WOULD ENLARGE THE FEDERAL BUILDING

Community Club Takes Up Matter of Additional Facilities Through Congressman Kincaid.

The Community club, through Congressman Kincaid, is seeking to have the federal building at Alliance enlarged sufficiently to take care of the demands made upon it. Attention has been called to the smallness of the lobby, where there is room for only a few people at a time, and even then they tread on each other's toes. The lack of lobby space makes it impossible to install more boxes, although patrons have been clamoring for a larger supply for a good many months. The congressman has promised to use his best efforts with the powers that be to the end that adequate facilities will be provided.

HALF-PRICE SALE AT THE FASHION SHOP

The Fashion Shop leads off in the clearance sales with an announcement this week of a Half Price sale, which will begin on Saturday, December 27, and will include practically all lines of ready-to-wear goods. Their announcement, which appears on another page of this issue, lists coats, suits and dresses at a discount of 50 per cent, and furs, blouses and skirts, which will be sold at one-fourth off regular prices.

The sale is staged in order to make room for the new spring stocks, which will soon begin to put in an appearance, and those who have been waiting for such an event will be on hand promptly when the curtain goes up Saturday morning.

FINE PROSPECTS TO SECURE THE NEW SHOPS

\$300,000 BUDGET TAKEN AS AN INDICATION.

Community Club Directors Pleased at Evidence That Their Efforts Have Borne Fruit.

Officers and directors of the Alliance Community club are quite naturally gleeful because of the announcement from officials of the Burlington railroad that a preliminary budget of \$300,000 for extensions and improvements at Alliance has been approved.

The Community club takes this to mean that Alliance now has a better chance than ever to secure the contemplated additional shop facilities which the railroad will install either here or at some other point near here in the near future.

It has been no secret that Bridgeport, and perhaps other towns nearby, have been looking with longing eyes in the direction of those additional shop facilities, and that Alliance had no secure if the bacon was to be brought home.

It was with this knowledge that the Community club several weeks ago firmly grasped the problem and proceeded with the preliminaries necessary to the organization of a home builders' association, financed by local capital. It was realized that there would be a slender chance indeed to bring in the additional shops unless the new families which would come to Alliance coincidentally with their establishment could be adequately housed.

It is now a foregone conclusion that the housing problem will be satisfactorily solved, and just at present the prospects that the new shops will come to Alliance are excellent—all of which is added evidence of what a really live wire organization like the Community club means to the city.

HARPER AWAY ON A BUYING TOUR

W. I. Harper this week leaves the city for an extended buying tour that will take him to half a dozen or more of the wholesale centers, and when he returns will have contracted for enough goods to keep the big store well supplied with merchandise during the rush spring and summer months. All the forecasters have said that this year's business will be a record-breaker, and Harper doesn't intend to miss out by not having the goods to deliver when the demand is the greatest.

Mrs. Harper will accompany him as far as Wheeling, W. Va., where she will make an extended visit with relatives, after which she may decide to finish the winter in Florida. Mr. Harper's itinerary includes New York City, Chicago, Rochester, Minn., St. Paul and other buying centers.

The past year's business has been the best in the history of the Harper department store, according to its proprietor. Total sales are fully double the amount of any previous year, and this Mr. Harper attributes to the cash basis, which, he says, not only enables him to buy better, but to set selling prices that are hard to beat.

Secretary Rufus Jones of the Community club has finally succeeded in appeasing the thirst for information that the regional director of the weather bureau, George A. Loveland, appears to possess. Some weeks ago—or was it months?—Rufe got the idea that Alliance ought to have daily wire weather reports again, and so he took the matter up. The city used to get these reports, which are of considerable value to stock-growers, but somehow or other they stopped coming, and it has been a dickens of a job to get them started again. Time and again Rufe has believed that he had dug up enough to satisfy Mr. Loveland, but each time George thought up something new. Last week Rufe forwarded a statement of the number of ranches that were served by the Alliance exchange, and it now appears that this was all that was lacking. The service may be expected to begin any time now, and Rufe is heaving nine different varieties of sighs of relief. It has been almost as troublesome a job as getting rid of the club's telephone, the last purchaser of which has as yet failed to renege.