

# CHURCHES

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The people of Alliance will have the privilege of hearing a sermon from Brother Charles Hannan at the morning hour of worship. Charlie is well known in our city as he is a graduate of the Alliance high school. Since his graduation from Cotner University he has been located with the church at St. Francis, Kas. We are expecting a great sermon from this splendid young man. While the summer is quickly passing, it only leaves two more Sunday evenings for the Union services. Rev. Minort will preach the sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday evening.

The Bible school picnic at the park on Tuesday evening was well attended. Three hundred were present and enjoyed the evening together. Why not have this number present at the Bible school and preaching next Lord's Day morning? All who come will receive a hearty welcome. The C. E. Prayer meetings on Sunday evening and the Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening are open to all.

Brother C. W. Cooper will begin a series of evangelistic meetings about the middle of October.

Come to the church with a message and a welcome.

S. J. EPLER, Minister.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

"The great need of the hour is more religion"—Babson. "Whatever you would put into the nation you must first put into the Schools"—Humbolt. "The most formidable institutions we had to fight in Germany were the Schools"—Premier Lloyd-George. "A man educated in mind but not in moral and morals as of prime importance to Roosevelt. Are you doing anything to bring about a more ample religious and moral instruction for coming Americans in the home or the church or the community? Do you know whether the institutions that are carrying on this important work in our midst are properly manned and equipped? Are you signifying by your attendance and interest, that as a thoughtful citizen you regard the instruction in religion and morals as of prime importance to our future citizenship? If you do

nothing and in no way lend your help and influence to good works are you not at least one of Satan's silent partners? If you do nothing are you not a slacker to the best ideals of Americanism?

Sunday school meets at 9:45. Parents should see to it that their children are present regularly and on time if the school is to do its best work and the children most benefited by the courses offered. Morning worship, 11 a. m., our theme is: "The Challenge of Maturity." This message should make its appeal to every thoughtful Christian. Union evening service at the Methodist church. Your pastor will preach the sermon on "God's Eternal Love."

Young people's service at 7 p. m. Topic lessons from the book of 15th. Our national motto is: "Christ for every life and all of life." You are cordially invited to our services.

First Presbyterian church.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

We are laying our plans for the fall work, and we hope that every one will fall in line. Much time has been lost to the kingdom, and now we must double our efforts to catch up with the Lord's work.

With this view in mind the pastor will preach on the topic, "In Christ", in the morning, and we hope to face a full house. The topic is one of the most important to the church.

Our usefulness will depend whether we are in Christ or not. Only as we are in Christ will we be used of His spirit.

When the church as a body is in Christ there is a permanent revival spirit within it, when it is in the world and the world in it, its power and life are missing. What does Paul mean by the phrase, "Christ, or in Christ?" Come, let us inquire at the morning service.

We are hoping to have a promotion service in the school soon.

The pastor will not preach at the grove Sunday, as he will leave on the 1:45 train to be at Angola for evening service.

The B. Y. P. U. is coming along nicely and last Sunday the church was nearly half full of people. This next Sunday we are hoping for as large a crowd. We are hoping to give Alliance people a real treat in the way of entertainment when Major Hendershot of Civil war fame will be with us, and his son. Major Hendershot plays on the drum donated to him for valiant service, by Horace Greeley, and one of the golden drum sticks was presented to him by Abraham Lincoln. His son plays the flute through his nose as well as with his mouth. We hope to have these national entertainers with us on the evening of September 3. Full advertisement will appear soon.

## ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH

I will hold services in St. Matthews' Episcopal church on Sunday, August 21. Holy Communion at 8:00 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, at 11:00 a. m.

Rt. Rev. Geo. A. Beecher.

Speaking of pie, have you ever tried ours? Ranger "Sudden Service" Cafe. 76

The sudden rise in the price of lemons may be traced to the demand for cleaner elbows to be worn with short-sleeved gowns.

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# THE GOLD BRICK GAME CONCEIVED OVER AT SIDNEY

## LIGHT THROWN ON ORIGIN OF FAMOUS SWINDLE.

An Interesting Story of Pioneer Days Told by a Writer in The Great Divide.

An interesting tale of the inception of the gold brick swindle, as well as an early days in Sidney, is told by Joseph M. Ward, writing in a recent issue of The Great Divide. According to Mr. Ward, the first gold brick ever sold was by a gang of Sidney pirates, who worked it off on a Hastings, Neb., banker for \$8,000. The story gives an interesting picture of frontier days of fifty years ago, as well as throwing light on the greatest swindling scheme ever concocted. Mr. Ward says:

For twenty or more years the staid citizens of the beautiful and progressive city of Sidney, Nebraska, viewed askance an ancient dilapidated wooden building on East Front street, occupied as a Chinese laundry. It was an eyesore in a city noteworthy for every modern improvement that bespeaks permanence and prosperity. The public demand for its elimination became so strong that last week the State of Nebraska and the city government of Sidney condemned it to destruction and it was demolished.

Thus passed away the last landmark of the old frontier settlement which in its hectic youth was the wickedest town on earth. In its days of transient glory it was the Harberson hotel.

### A Frontier Pitfall

The building was erected in 1873, by Bill Harberson, a notorious gambler, and was used as a saloon, gambling house, dance hall and theatre. Its doors were never closed, the bar was always open, relays of gamblers were ever ready at the faro, roulette and monte tables to fleece the unwary, and an unending string of performers on the crude stage rendered a drop curtain an unnecessary adjunct. The theatre was, in fact, the first continuous show in America. It set a fashion.

A busy scene in the daytime, night revealed Harberson's in all its sordid glory. Scores of pendant and wall kerosene lamps illuminated the large room in which a throng of patrons milled about, some lingering at the long bar, some grimly hanging about the gambling devices, and many seated at the rough tables where the sisters of the scarlet served them with drinks and shared liquids and indignance with their customers. Ever present, like buzzards waiting for their feast, were the habitués of the place—the sure-thing gamblers, the tin horns the thieves and the thugs and all the miscellany of crime which fattened on the industries of a lively frontier settlement. A regiment of soldiers was stationed at Fort Sidney, adjoining the town, and the buzzards ate their pay. Cowboys hurled themselves in and out of Sidney, stopping long enough to drop their all. Dust begrimed bullwhackers were barely allowed to slake their thirst before they were lured to some crooked gambler's table and despoiled.

### Shootings Were Common

Shootings were so common that, unless fatal, they created a mere ripple of excitement. When fatal, friends or acquaintances carted off the body to the local Root Hill and dumped it into a shallow grave. Occasionally, the sporadic fruit of a tall cottonwood tree had to be cut down and laid away by the village grave digger in the same unhalloved resting place of the dead.

Harberson's saloon was merely the biggest shark in a school of sharks. The other saloons and dance halls had to have their moiety. Harberson's however, was the hangout of the big gamblers, every one a crook, and every one armed. Such men as Doc Baggs, famous all over the west as the king of crooks, notable anywhere for his size, his sleek Prince Albert attire and his ingratiating urbanity; Johnny Barnes, "Cold Deck Johnny,"

the man who paid Jack McCall \$700 for killing Wild Bill Hickok; dapper little Jimmy Fen and his partner in crime, Bill Dempsey; Grasshopper Sam, Ed Scott, Pete Laven, Bill Allen, Billy Fitzgerald, minor but equally desperate criminals, made it their hangout.

In Harberson's the gold brick swindle was concocted by Doc Baggs, Jimmy Fen, Bill Dempsey, Bill Allen and Billy Fitzgerald. It was the parent of all later gold brick swindles.

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Sombod's questionnaire ought to ask what becomes of all the buttons torn off in the wash—and supply the answer.

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