



The next in the series of winter dances given by the Alliance lodge No. 961, B. P. O. Elks, will be a New Year's dance to be held Friday evening at the Elks home. There will be special Christmas decorations, including the huge tree used in the community celebration, and favors will be distributed in the usual Christmas fashion, off the tree. These dances have been among the most successful ever given by the lodge, and a record-breaking attendance is expected.

Among the Christmas presents received by County Judge Tash was a huge box from his son, Charley, now in California, which contained a number of automobile accessories. The judge will be the first Alliance motorist to have his car equipped with one of the new electric "Stop" signs, which fit on to the rear of the car and warn approaching motorists to put on the brakes.

Judge L. A. Berry has received a letter of appreciation from the secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies of Omaha. Mr. Berry, in company with William J. Johnson, went down to Omaha a few months ago to assist in putting on some of the Scottish Rite degree work. The two men are asked to hold themselves in readiness for another call in the spring.

County Attorney Lee Bayse and Sheriff J. W. Miller expect to leave tomorrow by automobile for Rushville, where they will take Jack Dolan and Archie Enzor, the two eighteen-year-old youths who pleaded guilty last week to theft of articles from the Wilson Bros. store, before District Judge W. H. Westover for sentence.

Mrs. Charles Fuller and Miss Alta Young will entertain the Baptist choir at the home of Mrs. Fuller at 7:30 this evening in honor of the Misses Dora Coker and Grace Spacht and Arthur Wright all of whom are or have been members of the choir, and who are here during the holidays.

Attorney P. E. Romig left today for Lincoln, where he will represent the Alliance Chamber of Commerce at the hearing before the Nebraska State Railway commission to be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock on the application of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company for an increase in rates.

J. L. Nicholai of Denver, formerly a well known Alliance resident, who was employed as a Burlington engineer at one time and later as proprietor of a garage, has decided to come back to this city. He has rented the Mrs. C. E. Hershman home and will take possession within a short time.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. C. Mounts Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. Subject, "Present Day Conditions in Utah." Leaders, Mrs. R. E. Knight and Mrs. W. E. Spencer.

The members of Adoniram Lodge of Perfection No. 6 will meet at the Masonic Temple at 8 p. m. Wednesday. A good attendance is urgently desired, as an officer is to be elected to fill a vacancy. Light refreshments will be served.

Miss Lessie Reeves, stenographer in the office of the County Attorney Lee Bayse, is taking a week's holiday vacation, which she is spending at the ranch of her father, near Antioch, and is visiting a sister in Lincoln.

Miss Ruth Smothers, who underwent an operation at the hospital Thursday for appendicitis and gall stones, is reported doing nicely. The operation was performed by Dr. Schoch.

Clarence Kibble arrived Wednesday night from Chadron, where he is attending the State normal, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kibble.

Chester Shreve, student at the State University, arrived home Saturday morning to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shreve.

Richard Young, manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company of North Platte, is visiting in Alliance with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sanders, of the W. R. Harper Department store, left for Gordon Saturday night to spend the holidays with relatives. They will return Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle S. Berry of Lusk, Wyo., arrived in Alliance Monday night for a visit of two or three days at the home of Judge and Mrs. L. A. Berry.

Leonard Pate, student of the Chadron State Normal, arrived Wednesday night to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pate.

Judge L. A. Berry received word this morning of the death today of his oldest brother John C. Berry, in Pompey, N. Y., at the age of eighty-two.

Roy Hoffman, Homer Smith and the Misses Marguerite Briggs and Louise Oakes, of Antioch, attended the show in Alliance Sunday night.

A. B. Sturgeon arrived Saturday night from St. Paul, Neb., to spend Christmas with his family. He returned to St. Paul Monday night.

J. D. Weeks, formerly employed at the Newberry's Hardware company, left today for Omaha, where he expects to make his home.

Mrs. Stephen J. Epler and daughter, Irene, are visiting Mrs. Epler's mother at Bohav. They expect to remain for the next two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kenner, of north of Hemingford, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Kenner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Martin entertained Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wright and Miss Margaret Brennan at Christmas dinner Sunday.

S. L. O'Brien, Antioch attorney, left from Alliance Monday night for Brownlee, Neb., for a few weeks' vacation.

The choir of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Rev. M. C. Smith Thursday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. W. R. Harper and daughter, Betty, will leave Wednesday for Denver, to be gone about two weeks.

Miss Harriett Wagar left Saturday night for Edgar, Neb., to spend Christmas with her parents.

Bert Jessie, of Antioch, was in the city Monday having dental work done.

E. H. Duzen, of Antioch, was a business visitor in Alliance Monday.

Dr. M. J. Baskin was called to Hemingford today on professional business.

E. R. Flossey of Guernsey, Wyo., brought his daughter to Alliance Saturday night for medical treatment for blood poisoning. She was able to be taken home today.

Kenneth Hamilton, who has been visiting with friends in Alliance, for the past few days, will return to Fort Morgan, Co., tonight, where he has accepted a position with the Cash Savings Stores.

R. M. Baker, J. Ralph Watterne and E. R. Case were the winners in the guessing contest of the Service Barber shop, on the number of customers during Christmas week, and as a prize all three will receive one month's barber work free, with no restrictions. All three guessed the same, 460, and the actual number of customers was 459.

Kenneth Hamilton and Miss Avis Joder were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhein Monday at a three course dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Keegan arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with relatives here. Mrs. Keegan is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bignell.

Miss Harriet Wagar expects to return to Alliance January 4 from her home at Edgar, Neb., where she has been for the Christmas vacation. Her brother, Snover, will come with her for a few weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Schmitt, of Hemingford, were in Alliance today on business.

**BIRTHS**

Thursday December 22—To Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kiester, of Hemingford, a boy.

Swatting the flies by means of the vacuum cleaner appears to be very efficient and it has an added recommendation in saving the self-respect of the flies.

**Burlington Plans Decrease in Shop Force First of Year**

The winter "slow down" in Burlington shops will commence with the beginning of the new year, says the State Journal. At that time there will be a decrease of about fifteen per cent in the forces employed in the car shops, and a decrease in hours worked in locomotive shops will follow, probably a week later. The locomotive shops under the new schedule will work forty hours a week, that being the minimum possible, under the rules.

The Burlington, like other western roads, has a surplus of cars. Many are standing idle. Therefore the need for repairing is less urgent than in seasons when cars are in demand. A smaller force can be made to answer winter requirements, especially while traffic is very light. Because of that the force will be cut.

In the locomotive shops it is deemed best to reduce the number of hours and wherever possible to keep the men in the employ of the road, the result will be that the men will work five days a week.

The Burlington is one of the last to announce winter retrenchment in its shops. Several weeks ago the Union Pacific reduced forces at a number of shop towns. The Milwaukee followed with a big cut and the Missouri Pacific announced that five of its largest shop plants would be closed for an indefinite period. The Rock Island reduced forces. Other roads have cut their forces preceding the holidays. The Burlington's cut was delayed until the coming of the new year.

This will mean a considerable reduction in car repair forces at all car shop division points, a reduction in the number of hours worked and in the locomotive shops at Havelock, Lincoln and division shop plants.

**RANDOM SHOTS**

If you can't lick your enemy, the easiest way out is to turn pious and forgive him.

The most trustworthy man has been discovered. He was manager of a bath house for fifteen years, and never took a single bath.

**CHRISTMAS STORY.**

Johnnie and his mother were on a visit to Johnnie's grandmother. Grandmother, knowing how well he liked cake, decided to see that he had as much as he wanted.

Mother watched him a long time and then asked, "Johnnie can you still swallow cake?"

"The reply came in a weak voice: 'No'm, but I can still chew.'"

**SIMPLIFIED ANATOMY.**

Mary had been spanked by her mother. She was crying in the hallway when the minister entered.

"Well, well, what's the matter with my little girl today?" he inquired.

"It hurts," she sobbed.

"What hurts, my dear?"

"The back of my lap."

A Ravenna man, it is recorded, has nicknamed his small son "Flannel," because the lad naturally shrinks from washing.

**SOME CLASS ENGINE?**

The following is contributed by a well known railroader:

I overheard a Union Pacific employee bragging to a Frisco employee and this resulted:

"The largest locomotive in the world is in Omaha, operating over the Union Pacific railroad. It has five acres of grate bars and four acres of netting in the smoke box.

"It takes a man a day and a half to walk through one of her cylinders. It has an elevator running up to the headlight, and it takes ten barrels of oil to fill it up.

"It takes two men forty-five minutes to light one single light, and it took fifteen carpenters nine months to build her pilot.

"They have a steam shovel to give her coal. The tender holds one hundred and seven carloads of coal. Every time she exhausts it rains for thirty minutes. The engineer uses a searchlight to look out for signals and goes blind after running six months.

"It takes two astronomers, with powerful telescopes, to see her going. The pony wheels are the size of the largest turntable in this country, and a section of the Pacific cable is used for her bell-cord. It takes forty-eight hours for one of the sparks to fall and it is a meteor when it strikes the earth.

"When the whistle blows it causes an epidemic of deafness in Deadwood, S. D. Monster trees have been broken from the wind of this train. She runs from Omaha, to Ogden, Utah, a distance of 940 miles, in one hour and fifty-seven minutes, making her tunnels as she goes. She hauls 2,143 loaded cars, and the roundhouse force hold their annual picnic in her firebox every summer. When they wash her boiler it is necessary to drain the Missouri river at Omaha. She carries 3,110 pounds of steam pressure and 1,240 pounds of air. The throttle is pulled by a stationary engine in the cab. The lubricator holds fourteen barrels of oil. When she leaves the rails there is an earthquake in Los Angeles four days later. This train runs so fast that when the engine comes to a dead stop the caboose is still going at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The glare of the headlight can be seen through a hill half a mile thick.

"When she takes water, she drains Lake Manawa and lowers the level of the Missouri river ten feet."

**CHADRON POETS OUTCLASSED**

Ever since the foolish challenge flung at Alliance by Gatenby of Chadron, we have known that it was but a question of time until the poets of Alliance, stung to action by the jeers of the poets of that town, would arise and wipe the earth with them. Here's the first one to tell those misguided nuts where they get off:

O Gatenby, O Gatenby,  
Why did you do this thing?  
Why fling that challenge out to us  
That we our bards must bring  
And meet in mental contest  
In Prosody or poetry  
Or any other thing  
For in the realm of rhyming fantasy  
Your Leo Lloyd is king.

He is supreme supernal in the wooing  
of the muse  
That gives to her enchanted one the  
ability to use  
The magic of their pencils to inscribe  
for her in verse.

And in mighty realms of poetry  
Make known their mental worth.

We weep that we are mortal  
For no mortal dares to tread  
In the winding paths of poetry  
Till your Leo is in bed.  
So if I don't forget  
I'll get up in the night  
And make a mighty effort  
To lick him in this fight.

There comes a man from Chadron town  
And bids us bold defiance  
To challenge all, both great and  
small.

In the whole town, Alliance,  
To be most square and meet him fair  
fair

To test our mental metal  
That he may show that his Leo  
Is away beyond our fettle.

Are we but colts or mental dolts  
That we should fail to utter—  
But let this slam and monkey d—  
Push us into the gutter.  
Arise ye bards, pull out your swords,  
Of Mental vim and valor  
Go out and fight in black and white  
And lick the silly blatter.

—G. W. N.

**IT AIN'T NO LAW, GIRLS.**  
The Hay Springs News works itself up into a state of righteous indignation

over what it terms Governor McKelvie's "scheme" to force his Nebraska Farmer into the schools. The poor governor was out of the state at the time and his circulation manager has taken all the blame, but the News refuses to be kidded. Read these burning words:

"Every county superintendent in the state ought to turn this proposition down flat. They do not hold their respective positions for the purpose of being a cats paw for the McKelvie publication. Neither do they owe their position to that publication. They owe their position to their home constituents and possibly to the influence of their home papers, but how are they going to favor the home papers with this information if McKelvie and the state superintendent are going to muzzle the state press in the interest of the governor's self appointed official organ? Last year the state superintendent's letter of instructions was published in the county papers all over the state and could be read by all the teachers and patrons. This year the governor proposes that you must subscribe for the Farmer in order to keep posted on school matters. We say again that every superintendent in the state should turn such a proposition down. It is not a law. It is a scheme."

**City Manager's Corner**  
(By N. A. KEMMISH)

It was indeed a great pleasure to see the splendid community spirit shown in putting on our Christmas tree. Everyone enjoyed doing their part. We were amply repaid when we looked into the happy faces about the tree on Sunday evening. It shows that after all our interests are in common and that when we work and pull together we can accomplish wonders which will bring great pleasure to us all. We wish to thank everyone who helped to make this a splendid success. We were glad indeed to see so many in attendance from outside of Alliance. Unfortunately the condition of the roads kept many away. We have been asked to keep the tree up until after New Years and light it each night so that those who could not come in can do so any time this week and see the tree.

While we gave out over 2,100 packages we had about 200 left consisting of candy, nuts, etc., so that any one living outside of Alliance who could not come in may do so and obtain a package this week for each of their children until they are all given away. Parents will call at the Chamber of Commerce rooms over Brennan's drug store any time during the day.

In our Light and Water departments many have come in and wanted to pay their bills before the first of the month. As you will remember we made arrangements in the middle of October whereby the water and light bills would be due and payable on the first of the month and the discount period is up and including the 10th of the month. It takes some little time to

make out the bills so they will not be ready before January 1.

**NOTICE.**

Sealed proposals for carrying the U. S. mails (including parcel post mails) on Mail Messenger Route No. 257014 between the Postoffice at Alliance, Nebraska and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Depot at Alliance, Neb., each way as often as required will be received by the Post-

master until 3 p. m. January 7, 1922. Persons desiring to bid on this route may receive the necessary blanks and information from Postmaster Graham.

We like to sell Tanlac because it satisfies our customers. F. E. Holsten.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who, every four years, used to be introduced to the audience as the next president?

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WITH EACH 50c TOOTH BRUSH

Thiele's **GIFTS THAT LAST** Thiele's

**Invest Your Christmas Cash In Lasting Beauty**

Profound regard for your taste and desires prompted Christmas gifts of money, and to use this cash in buying articles of permanent beauty and value proves this deference to your judgment was well founded.

We have so many pieces of jewelry and handsome articles of gold and silver which you really want; that to select from them will bring the full measure of delight your friends wanted their gifts to convey.

Men's Rings ..... \$5 to \$250  
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**CHRISTMAS MONEY**

*Is Well Invested, If You Buy Some of Our Bargains In Imported Hand Painted China*

The money you received as a Christmas present cannot be used to better advantage than in the purchase of our special values in hand-painted China. The prices quoted are on lines we are closing out, exceptionally fine China.

**Imported Hand-Painted German Haviland CHINA**

Consists mostly of odd pieces, in beautiful and useful articles that will add grace to any woman's collection of pretty dishes.

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We are closing them out at factory prices, ranging from \$1.50 to \$7.50.

**Imported Japanese Nippon China TEA SETS**

This Nippon China is of the distinctively finer grade of light weight and decorated China. No nicer set can be bought, nor one which will add so much to the daintiness of the afternoon luncheon.

The Set consists of—  
**TEA POT, SUGAR AND CREAMERS, CUPS and SAUCERS**

We are closing this line out and are pricing them to move.  
\$15.00 values, at \$8.75

We also have a great many odd pieces, well worth your time to see them, closing out at **ONE-HALF PRICE.**

**Horace Bogue Store**  
113 West Third Street Alliance, Neb.