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SCHOOL BOARD

NOW READY TO

ASK FOR BIDS

(Eight Pages)

THE WEATHER Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight.

Declamatory Trials at the High School

Estimated Cost a Bit High, But Hope Two Schools Can Be Built and Furnished for \$200,000.00

PLANS APPROVED AT SPECIAL

MEETING SUNDAY

The members of the Alliance school board held a special session Sunday afternoon with a representative of the Lincoln firm of architects which is strawing up plans and specifications for the new high school building and the grade school, to be located on the side. The conference had been east scheduled for Saturday night, but the architect failed to make the proper train connections. The board went over the plans, saw that their suggestions for improvement had been incorpo-rated, and approved them tentatively, the understanding being that no fur-ther alterations will be made if it is tound to be possible to construct the two buildings with the money that is ayenable for the purpose

The board has some \$200,000 to be used for constructing and equipping both buildings, and if it is humanly possible to do so, will not consider spending another cent. The bond issue authorized for this purpose was \$250,-000, but the board, realizing that public sentiment was strongly in favor of strict economy, decided to change the plans sufficiently to get by for the smaller sum. It still has this point of view.

The architect's estimate of construc-tion cost on the two buildings ran \$5,000 beyong the \$200,000 mark, leav-ing nothing at all for equipping the buildings. He estimated the excavating cost at 26 cents per cubic yard, the figure in a contract recently let for a new public building at Fremont, and with this as a basis for this portion of the work, said that the new high school building should be erected for \$173,000, and the new grade school for

cost is estimated generally at 10 per cent of the cost of the building. Un-less the contractors pare the archi-



Friday, Mar. h 17th

The preliminary try-outs for the high school declamatory work will be held at the high school auditorium on Friday, March 17. A number have en-

tered and from the material very good representatives for the high school should be chosen. There are three divisions the humorous, dramatic and oratorical. Alliance last year won two of the three divisions at the district meet and should make a good showing this year. Those who have entered are.

Oratorical-Theodore Benson and

Jay Cantlin. Jay Cantlin. Dramatic—Miriam Harris, Mildred whose Pate, Dorothy Deering, Barton Kline ring. and William Zieg. Humorous—Eva Beal, Frances Flet-cher, Vivian Corbett, Elsie Harris, mean Margaret Vanderlas, Ruth Hutchin-son, Wauneta Robinson, Josephine Weicht and Margaret Schill. Wright and Margaret Schill.

REISENWEAVER'S FRIEND WORKING FOR HIS RELEASE

NEWSPAPER WOMAN IS INTER VIEWED AT LINCOLN.

Says Youth Frightened Into Con fessing by Picturing Terrors of Electric Chair.

The opening gun has been fired in the fight by Mrs. Laura Kerr of be elected this year, and there is an \$173,000, and the new grade school for \$32,000.
The school board, however, have hopes that these figures can be shaved by the contractors, and decided to go ahead and advertise for bids, which will be opened April 20. They hope that the contractors will shave the estimates sufficiently to allow the \$200,-000 to cover all expense of construction of timates sufficiently to allow the \$200,-000 to cover all expense of construction.
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Oil Leases Signed

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Democrats Are Not Idle

At last it begins to looks like an election on July 18. In other counties, the candidates have been springing up like weeds, but in Box Butte there has bit of delay. Plenty of names mentioned, but few candidates had good wives, from various parts of the planked down their-filing fee and defi- county. There was a good-sized delenitely committed themselves to the gation from Hemingford and Berea, race. On Saturday, however, there although the attendance was cut down when the county clerk's office closed that day, there were seven candidates whose hats had been shied into the

ring. Not a democrat was among the seven, but this doesn't necessarily mean that the November, 1920, land-like table of the seven of other matters in addition slide, took all the scrap out of men. Instead, there seems to be a disposi-tion to hold back and let someone else start it, The filings to date include: The filings to date include:

Miss Opal Russell for re-election as ciation, and the name, "Box Butte Po-county superintendent, a non-partisan tato Growers' association," was tentaoffice. Nellie Wilson, for the republican that this may be changed before artinomination for county treasurer. Mrs. Cora Lewis, republican no ni-ation for county treasurer. Frank Irish, republican nomination tatoes" in the name of the association, nation for county treasurer.

for county clerk. Thomas L. Miskimen, county com-missioner, Third district, republican. G. H. Hagaman, commissioner, Sec- ciation were named at a previous ond district, republican. meeting, and a meeting has been C. L. Hashman, county commissioncalled for Thursday of this week at

er, Second district, republican. Scrap Looms on Commissioner

Berea to perfect the organization. Clark C. Denny and Fred Bloomer Apparently the biggest scrap of the were present during a good share of coming campaign will center about the the day, and were busily engaged in office of county commissioner. I'wo of securing oil leases. It was reported the three members of the board are to

Performance Soon The reheasals for the boy scout performance will begin as soon as possi-ble. This entertainment will be under the direction of A. H. Harper, who SEVERAL HATS TOSSED IN THE RING SATURDAY To Date Only Republican Aspirants Are Committed to the Race, But Sentiment in Favor of County Spend-ing All Road Funds-Many the direction of A. H. Harper, who has already put on some highly suc-cessful shows here. The date for the show has beex set for the 7th of April. This will be a minstrel show and should be well worth seeing, as there is a good deal of talent at hand. The campfire girls will assist to make

the show a success and with these two organizations the show should be a humdinger.

Boy Scouts Will

Put On Benefit

Lexington Man Now Owner of the **Alliance Bakery**

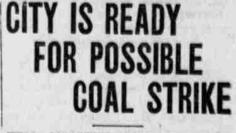
E. Shadwinkel of Lexington, Neb. on Saturday of last week purchased the Alliance Bakery plant of Pember-ton & Gillespie. Mr. Shadwinkel has had a number of years' experience in this line of endeavor, having been a wholesale and retail baker for fifteen years. He came to Nebraska from Langdon, N. D. Messrs Pemberton Messrs Pemberton and Gillespie and their families will remain in the city for another week.

SOLDIER IS NOW IN TROUBLE OVER PASSING CHECKS

AUTHORITIES TO MOVE AGAINST MAN AT FORT ROBINSON

Warrant to Be Issued for J. N. McCain Despite Sob Story and Promise of Restitution

A young soldier from Fort Robinson, that the leases were being secured in the name of Carl Modisett and Victor I. Jeep. Among the farmers who have granted oil leases are mentioned Fred Herbert, Ed Zochal, M. P. Nason, due to an annoving habit of writing enough coal to run as about two



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TWO MONTHS' SUPPLY BEING PUT IN STORAGE

After April 1, City Will Not Be Bound by Old Contract, and Will Buy in the Open Market

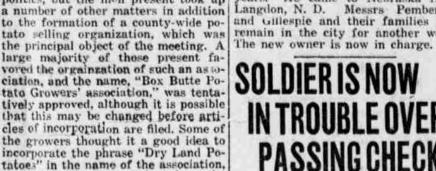
In the "City Manager's Corner" for today, N. A. Kemmish discusses the coal situation. The city has been buying under an old contract, which has resulted in paying out some \$175 more a month over prices in the open mar-ket. April 1, this contract expires, and the city is now running a series of tests to determine the most economical fuel for the municipal water and light plant. Crude oil, it appears, will be too expensive.

Mr. Kemmish says:

"Two years ago coal for our light plant was difficult to get. The mine operators had much their own way and income contracts for two years, which contracts will expire April 1, 1922. Inese contracts contained clauses pro-tecting the mine operators against strikes, any wage increases of the miners, etc. We had such a contract and have endeavored to break it or modify it, but were not able to do so. Our legal advisor rendered an opinion stating that the contract was perfectly good and should be lived up to. It has caused us to pay \$175 per month more for our coal for some time than we could have purchased it from the same

company. "We are surely glad indeed to be out from under this contract April 1. After that date we will buy our coal do the best. We began yesterday morning on a series of tests which will take us the rest of the month. We are testing the coal from a number of different mines. We will determine from these tests the relative values of these coals and determine the most econo who signs checks by the name of J. N. nomical coal for us to buy for our pur-

in the center of a mess of trouble, due to an annoying habit of writing checks when he has no funds in the bank. Alliance people have practically abandoned this practice of earning a living, due to Judge Tash's habit of socking the offender the full limit of the law, but every now and then a stranger tries it out. Some of them get away with it, but others are not



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LAST SERVICE IN OLD CHURCH **BY METHODISTS**

LARGE CONGREGATION PRESENT ON SUNDAY EVENING.

County Judge Tash Gave Interesting Recollections Covering the Last Thirty-five Years.

A large congregation filled the old Methodist church Sunday night for the last Methodist service after thirty years of continual service. According to the response given to the questions put by the pastor, two persons were in town at the time of the organization of the first class, Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Barkhurst. There were fourteen grownups who had attended the Sunday school when children, and thirtyfour who had been baptized in the church. The number who had united 31; Rev. Wright, none; Dr. Morris, 4; Jones, 1; Rev. Vellow, 1; Dr. Ray, 16; Rev. Horn, 3; Rev. Mc.Reynolds, 1 and Rev. Gammon, 1. Judge Ira E. Tash gave a most in-

teresting address on personal recol-lections of the church during the past thirty-five years, reviewing each pastorate with his usual humor. There had been thirteen pastors. Some have since become leading preachers of the church, for instance, Dr. Charles Wayne Ray, who has written a number of books, and Dr. Jesse Jennings, who became manager of the Kansas City book concern.

Following the judge's address, Mrs. Barkhurst, known as "Grandma Bark-hurst," gave some further reminiscen-ces, and told of being present at the organization of the first Methodist class. The meeting was held in the

building now on the corner of Third and Cheyenne, which was then a schoolhouse and public hall combined. As she was out walking one Sunday Methodist preacher was holding religious services, and at the close of the

members. Many who were present will agree that the closing service was one of the most enjoyable ever held in the build-ing. Next Sunday they will meet in the gymnasium of the new church on the corner of Seventh and Box Butte.

ered by investigations here. She makes the claim that Reisenweaver was frightened by the officials, who threw into him such a terror of the electric

chair that, although innocent, he pleaded guilty to second degree mur-

The State Journal publishes the following interview with Mrs. Kerr: Mrs. Laura Kerr, pretty, blonde, newspaper woman from Sheridan, Wyo., arrived in Lincoln Sunday to file. open a fight for a commutation of the life sentence of Walter Reisenweaver, twenty years old.

At the age of sixteen, Reisenweaver was tried and convicted of the murder of Charles Johnson of Alliance. John-son was in charge of the Burlington commissary and Reisenweaver was in his employ.

Knew Reisenweaver as Child

his brother, Ernest, always stopped at papa's store in the evening on their way home from school and waited for way home from school and waited for ing announced that they want good their mother who always went there men, not necessarily either farmers or to meet them.

"I grew to know the boys well and was fond of them. When Walter was fifteen he began working in the Burlington shops and before he drew his first pay check he got some waterwith the church under different pas-torates was as follows: present pastor, commissary which were charged Other against his account. "His father asked him about it and

sent him to the Burlington cashier to straighten it out. Rather than tell his father what he did Walter ran away

A few months later I learned he had been found guilty of murder. His mother calls on me every day when I am home and I promised her that sometime when business called me to this part of the country I would en-deaver to do something for Walter. "I talked to him at the penitentiary this afternoon. He tells me he is innocent and was frightened into a con-

fession by officials at Alliance who drew a vivid picture of the electric chair and the horrors of the death cell. Upon promise of a lighter sen-tence, he says, he confessed to the crime.

pers published stories to the effect possibly other republican aspirants trapper is reported to have made will show up. As she was out walking one Sunday the penitentiary he struck a man over afternoon, she heard singing as she the head with a baseball bat. I talked Judge Westover passed the building, and concluding it to officials at the penitentiary today a religious meeting, went in. A and they tell me that the story is not true. Mrs. Kerr has a letter of introduc

sermon, organized a class of seventcen tion to Governor McKelvie from Gov-

Lawrence, who has not yet completed his filing, is an avowed candidate for the place, and is publishing an announcement to that effect. Several others are mentioned as pos-

inent among these is J. A. Keegan, who is considered to be about the right kind of timber for the place. His friends have been working on him, but w have not yet persuaded him to

G. L. Hashman already has an-nounced opposition for the Third dis-trict commissionership in the person of George H. Hagaman, a well known and well liked farmer of Wright pre-cinct. It is probable that there will be other remublicans and a demoster of other republicans and a democrat or two before the time for making up the ballots arrives.

With a large number of farmers and "My father owned a department store at Sheridan which is Walter's home town," Mrs. Kerr said at the Lincoln hotel last night. "Walter and offices will be hotly contested. As offices will be hotly contested. As yet, the farm-labor element has not placed any candidates in the field, havunionists, and if they hold to this position, they will unquestionably have a considerable amount of influence in the selection of the candidates. Even if they change tactics, and start to elect their own men, their votes are not to

Other County Offices

Although several names were mentioned for county clerk, Frank Irish is the only one to definitely announce himself in the race. John Jelinek has been mentioned as a possible contestant, and a woman is suggested as a likely candidate, although she has not yet permitted her name to be used. The office of county treasurer will be contested for, on the republican side, by Mrs. Cora Lewis and Mrs. Nellie Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is the present deputy and vice chairman of the county central committee, and if party activity has anything to do with it, is considered as having a pretty fair chance to land the nomination. Mrs. Lewis is a former deputy county treasurer and has a large number of ping as a means of bringing in ready friends. So far, no other candidates cash and tiding them through the winhave been mentioned, although it is ter. Other ranchmen leased their lakes "I have been at Alliance talking to expected that this important office will be contested for by the democrats, and

Able to Return to His Office

Possibly due to the fact that the sion drifted to roads. One speaker quoted figures showing that the cost of seven miles of state constructed road

dered to take off the excess filling. There was a long discussion of the matter of road construction, and the sentiment at the meeting was that the state highway department is spending entirely too much money and getting too little road for it, and that the county, with good commissioners, could

get better sesults for less cost. The state highway department was panned on a couple other counts, one of them being that the state officials are entirely too dictatorial and insist on holding to their own ideas of where roads should be built, giving the county little or no voice in saying where money which comes from them in-directly, shall be spent.

Ranchers Make **Good Money By Trapping Muskrats**

Rocky Mountain News: W. W. Gilbaugh, banker of Bingham, in the sandhill district east of Alliance, estimates that the gross income of trappers and ranchmen in the western Nebraska sandhill district during the season which closed February 15, amounted to one million dollars. Practically all of this came from muskrat hides

According to Mr. Gilbaugh, many ranchmen who were facing financial extinction, due to the drop in the value of livestock, turned to muskrat trapto professional trappers who pay share of the proceeds as rental. One gross income of over \$7,000 during the

The Nebraska solons who fixed the time limit for trapping from Nov. 15 until Feb. 15 were evidently not well cousinted with the fur business. Ex pert trappers and fur buyers say that he season should be from Jan. 1 to April 1, when the furs are in the best condition. It is quite probable that the

\$1 to \$1.70 during the past season.

get away with it, but others are not so fortunate.

Mr. McCain, according to informa-Chadron road, over which a good tion given to County Attorney i.ee many of the delegates drove to attend Basye, was once caught, but deliber-Several others are mentioned as pos-sible successors to Mr. Duncan. Prom-sion drifted to made Ora the ses-with what it is hoped will be disastold Mr. Basye, McCain comes to Alliance from the fort every now and on the Potash highway was sufficient then to visit some young lady with to build 104 miles of road that was as whom he is acquainted. Apparently good for all practical purposes. It was also declared that one stretch of the Antioch road was just four inches higher than the specifications called for, and that the contractor was orfrom the bank.

On March 6, McCain cashed a se ond check, this time for \$8, at Hol-sten's. The second check likewise sten's. came back. On the latter date, Manager Speer of the National, who had by this time learned that the check was without value, saw him on the street, recognized him and took him

to task. The young man pulled a long sob-story, wept more or less freely, and while dabbing at his tears with his coat-sleeve, acknowledged that he had done wrong. He also promised to make restitution in the event he were not hailed into court and his crime made public. The tears and promises convinced Mr. Speer, who released the hold on his coat collar.

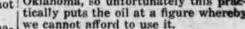
Shortly afterward, it seems, it was discovered that the soldier's repentant mood had lasted for only a few hours, and that he had repeated the little stunt. As a result, complaint was made to the county attorney, and a warrant will be issued today and an

effort made to locate McCain.

Fire Sunday Eve Burns Wires and Puts Out Lights

The fire department was called out Sunday evening about 7:30 to put out a fire at a barn belonging to Mrs. Young, 608 Box Butte. The fire is believed to have been started from hot Young, 608 Box Butte. The fire is believed to have been started from hot ashes, and spread so quickly that it was impossible to save the building. The hor outside the building would The barn was full of straw and hay and became entirely ablaze before the already agreed to furnish all the ties fire fighters arrived, making it impos-sible to do more than protect the of Lowry & Henry has offered to haul neighboring houses. The light wires passing directly over the barn were sey, Lincoln Lowry and N. A. Kemmish surned and the resulting short circuits | were then appointed as a committee to lighted the scenery for some distance. The high power wires made the probem of fighting the fire more difficult

is it would have been extremely danverous to have thrown any water on this city, displayed some signs which hem. The wires eventually separated are to be fastened to the radiator of and the lights on the west side of Box | an automobile, designating the town Butte avenue were put out for about the car is from. These signs are made next session of the legislature will be wo hours. Some trouble was had of cast bronze and the practically inthe to remedy this mistake in the with the fire truck, which refused to destructible. The plan was to move after reaching the scene of the these through the chamber of com-excitement. This made little differ-ence, however, in the final result.



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CITY MANAGER N. A. KEMMISH OUTLINES THE PROGRAM.

Chamber of Commerce Members Interested in Providing Better Facilities for Auto Tourists.

The members of the chamber of commerce, at their meeting Monday noon took up the matter of a tourist camp near the city park. The city at present has a camp but is is proposed to improve the park greatly and make it a really desirable place for tourists to use. The park at present has no improvements and is merely a place improvements and is merely a place where the tourist may go. City Man-ager N. A. Kemmish, who talked on the subject, said that it has been found that on an average each tourist whe enters a town leaves \$5 behind, while Lloyd Thomas declared that it has been found that tourists spend on an average of \$10 per day in a town. Various tourist camps were then de-scribed and the advertising that these got for the town in which they were located was discussed.

Plans for a tourist camp for Alliance were then discussed. Mr. Kemmish suggested a camp with a building about twenty-five by thirty feet, in which there would be electric plates for cooking, water and facilities for

laundering. In this building there would also be a long table with benches on each side on which meals could be served. Mr. Kemmish has already aralso be provided, the C. B. & Q. having go into the matter and outline some definite plan.

Mr. Bracken of Gering, formerly of the Newberry Hardware company of