

Railroad Notes

J. A. Witwack has gone to Omaha on Brotherhood business.

Fireman C. E. Brown has gone to Exeter to visit his family.

Fireman A. B. Wheelers' wife has gone to Adams, Nebr. on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis are making a short trip to Sidney this week.

Claude Davidson, assistant to the engine dispatcher, was sick several days this week.

Mrs. Charles Weaver has gone to Denver, Mr. Weaver is a pipe fitter at the round house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald and daughter Phrena have gone to Chicago for a pleasure trip.

Brakeman F. K. Roberts was hurt quite seriously last Wednesday when he was thrown from a car.

Engineer F. S. Green, from La Cross, Wis., has returned home after helping through the rush season at Alliance.

Engineer Dan Fitzpatrick, has a thirty day vacation which he will spend in California, leaving for the west today.

Engineer A. J. Diehl of the Rock Island is making student trips over the "Q" to familiarize himself with the division.

Engineer McClure after serving his time on the Alliance division has gone back to his regular run on the McCook division.

The first S-3 engine 2954 is expected in Alliance today. It will be used exclusively on the west end between here and Edgemont.

Engineer J. A. Wolverton has been assigned to extra passenger work out of Alliance. He has been holding down the turn of J. A. Myers who has been sick.

Ed Lindsay, hostler transferred from Lincoln to Alliance, showed the boys at the round house that he was quite an acrobat. While up on the tank of an engine he fell head first and turned a complete somersault in the air, alighting on his feet. Had he fallen on his head the fall would have killed him, as it is Ed is just as lively as ever.

Lily Bed's Beautiful River.
Some of the most beautiful and extensive natural water-lily beds in the world are to be found along the upper Mississippi. During the summer months persons come from miles around to look upon these vast exquisite displays. When the river is low portions of its bed, in some cases scores of acres in extent, are covered with shallow water, or wholly exposed. In such places the white and yellow lilies, surrounded by their shining green leaves, are to be found, some of the beds stretching as far as the eye can see.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Contributed

All matter contributed to this department must be written plainly. The name of the writer need not be signed to the contribution, but it must be known to the editor. The Herald does not assume responsibility for opinions expressed in contributions or statements made therein.—Editor.

"Potash Rubs in Sombre Reflections"
Alliance, Nebr., January 8, 1918.
The Alliance Herald,
Alliance, Nebraska.
Gentlemen:

Please publish the following contribution in your next issue:

In the matter of the conservation of fuel, and moral sentiment we have a very wise suggestion to offer, and hope it may be taken seriously. In some communities of Nebraska the churches are uniting in the Sunday evening services during the winter, in order to save fuel. Seeing now that we have several churches in Alliance, and all running full blast on Sunday night with but small attendance; and seeing that the picture show has but seven nights in the week and is always full, especially on Sunday night, would it not be a wise policy to close up the churches on Sunday evenings and thus save the coal that is being consumed in order to satisfy a few who still like to go to church?

Besides this it would be a conservation of moral sentiment as well. For we ain't got much of that article, in fact, and what little we have left is divided up so between the church and the picture show, with many of the church members going to the show on Sunday nights, and just a few still going to church. Fact is we ought to conserve what little moral sentiment there is left, because if the good Lord should forsake us in our sin and frivolities, and the kaiser should come over here, we might need something to hold us together like.

I was surprised that they seemed so sober about Washington City at New Year's time with no great state dinners, no big doings. They seemed to think that owing to war conditions, the many home circles broken and tension of anxiety in not knowing what hour reports might tell of a merciless slaughter of American boys on the battle front, that therefore we ought to be sober, an at our best. But if some of those sober old senators or state officials had been here an seen how we checked up our moral accounts, on New Year's Eve, an Newyears night they might have had some tangible evidence of patriotism. With three big balls, and racket enough to scare the chinese devil away for the next twelve months, we bade welcome to the new year with all it may bring. It reminds one of Pat's loyalty, when sobering up from a prolonged celebration, he rolled over and moaned out, "Oh howley saint Patric, how I do suffer for thee!"

I believe in the sentiment of the majority, because it is always popular, an that which is popular must always be right.

(Signed) **RUBE.**

Let The Herald Print It.

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Married at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nason, Mr. Frank E. Shaw and Miss Lora M. Nason Jan. 7, 1918. Mr. Shaw is the son of Laura B. Shaw of Alliance and is well known and respected through the county. He is now and has been for some time a civil engineer in Sterling Colorado. Miss Nason was born in Sheridan county. Her people moved to Box Butte county when she was quite young and have lived here since. She is loved by all who know her. The brides maids were Misses Minnie and Carol Nason sisters of the bride. The best men were Ralph Nason brother and Jack Griffith cousin of the brides. The ring was carried by Josephine West and Kathrine Smith nieces of the bride.

The bride was dressed in white satin and carried a beautiful bouquet of Roses. After an elaborate supper the bride and groom departed for their new home.

The guests were Mrs. Laura B. Shaw mother of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nason and daughters Minnie, Carol, Maud and Vera, and son Ralph. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Nason daughters and son, Mr. N. P. Nason Mrs. M. Griffith, Mrs. Brown Griffith and son, Mr. and Mrs. Willford Griffith and son, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Smith and daughter, Mr. Rousey of Alliance, Mr. and Mrs. William Rost, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Kindall. The guests from a distance were Mrs. Emma Cornell of New York Mrs. Helen West daughter and son of Hot Springs So. Dakota and Mrs. Homer Tate of Big Springs Nebr. Rev. Morris M. E. Pastor of Alliance officiated. They will be at home after Feb. 1st, at Sterling Colorado.

COUNTY BOARD HEARS ROAD COMPLAINTS
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county, also spoke in favor of something being done to open the roads there. He cited the fact that over seventy per cent of the road is a post road, which would entitle it to state and federal aid once it had been opened by the county commissioners.

William Bignell expressed the same sentiments as the others. He comes to Bridgeport as infrequently as possible and gets out as quickly as possible owing to his inability to come with a car. He would like to come to the county seat oftener and stay longer. He says the sentiment of his community is in favor of an open road as against a "gate road."

The road question in this county will not get down. The demand for better roads is getting stronger and will increase as time goes by. It will cost money to open roads and improve them, but it will simply have to be done. Tax payers are entitled to better roads and their demands will grow stronger. The solution of the problem is not an easy one, but it will have to be met and solved. Most farmers drive cars these days, and they will not be satisfied much longer to tear their cars to pieces in driving over the terrible rough roads that are making Morrill county famous.

Breakfast for Motorman

There are hens and hens, but this is the most sensible hen we have heard of in some time. An exchange says:
Motorman Newhall of the Lynn-Wakefield run has had a fresh raw egg for his breakfast every morning. It came about in this way:
Three years ago last spring his car was waiting on a siding in the woods for another car. Hearing a hen cackle, Newhall investigated and found a nest hidden under a tree; there was a fresh laid egg in it; the hen ran away as soon as the motorman came in sight. Newhall, who is fond of fresh eggs, immediately sucked the egg, and in these days of high prices it tasted good.

The next morning he put a few grains of corn in his pocket when he started out for his run. There was a fresh laid egg in the nest for him; and in exchange he left the corn.
Every morning ever since then all through her laying season for the past three years that hen has laid an egg for Motorman Newhall; and he leaves some corn on the nest.

Just now the hen is moulting, but Newhall says she will begin laying again soon and he'll have a fresh egg for breakfast again.

ESTIMATION ON THE LENGTH OF THE WAR

Here are statements made by two men versed in the trend of events of the war, let us see what they say. It is the opinion of Adjutant General Charles H. Sherril that the war will continue for five or six years, according to the Baltimore Star. General

Sherril made this statement at the annual convention dinner of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity in New York.

Representative Charles P. Caldwell of New York, a member of the House Committee on Military affairs, in a statement made in Washington, according to the New York Times, said that the war "probably will last from five to ten years, not from the beginning in 1914, but from the present moment." He continued, "It may take from five to seven million men from America. It may cost from fifty to seventy billion dollars. The price is going to be high, but liberty is cheap at any price, and America is a spendthrift nation."

Daily Optimistic Thought.
Youth is the period of probation for old age.

MRS. W. J. BRANDON IS DEAD
Mrs. W. J. Brandon, who was taken to the hospital Wednesday, died Friday morning at three o'clock, following an operation for appendicitis Thursday morning. She was five hours coming from under the anaesthetic, but appeared Thursday afternoon to be surviving the operation nicely. Mrs. Brandon's death comes as a shock to her numerous friends as her condition was not regarded as serious. Mr. and Mrs. Brandon came to Alliance from New Orleans and have been married five years. Mrs. Brandon was a very sweet young woman and her many charms had endeared her to her friends.

THE SECOND ANNUAL LAMB FEEDERS' DAY

Interesting Meeting Will Be Held for Feeders of This Section of the County

The second annual Lamb Feeders Day and meet of the North Platte Valley Stock Shippers' Association will be held in the Opera House at Mitchell, Friday, January 18th, commencing at 10:00 o'clock a. m. and continuing all afternoon.

Preparations are being made to entertain the largest gathering of men interested in the live stock industry ever held in the North Platte Valley.

Questions of vital interest will be discussed by representatives of the United States and well informed growers and feeders. Mr. Gurdon W. Wattles of Omaha, chairman of the Nebraska Food Commission, has promised to attend or to send a personal representative and Mr. E. L. Burke, chairman of the Nebraska Live Stock Commission is expected to be present. Mr. Robert Grahm of Alliance, who is the western representative of the Live Stock Commission is expected. From present indications there will be representatives of the Wyoming and Colorado Wool Growers' Associations and representative Sheep and Cattle men from various localities to present both sides of questions relating to government requirements and prices for feeders and finished stock.

Representatives of the Stock Commission firms and packers of South Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Denver will be there.

The big roast lamb dinner will be served in the Odd Fellows Hall by the ladies of the Mitchell branch of the Red Cross and the price will be 50c per plate. All food furnished at the dinner, including ten roast lambs is donated to the Red Cross Ladies and the money received will all go to the fund for buying bandage material, yarn, etc., and the invitation is to the whole family, not just the men as was the ruling last year. You should arrange to attend if interested in these vital questions.

NATIONAL DEBT IS NOW \$51 PER CAPITA

The United States enters the new year with a national debt of \$5,615,000,000 more than five times greater than when it entered the war nine months ago, but only one-third of the debt which promises to develop by the first of next year. The debt per capita is about \$51 and the percentage of debt of estimated national wealth is 21-2.

The actual outlay for the military establishment up to December 1 was \$1,311,000,000 the estimated outlay for the whole fiscal year is \$8,790,000,000.

The navy spent \$420,000,000 and the estimate for the year is \$1,300,000,000. Shipping board expenditures were \$118,000,000, while the year's estimate is \$901,000,000. Each of these three principal departments has outstanding contracts for which big expenditures will have to be made within the next six months, but the aggregate of these is the uncertain element which makes it impossible to determine precisely how many additional Liberty bonds must be issued before, July 1, 1918.

Great as the national debt seems to this country, whose debt before the war was only a little past the \$1,000,000,000 mark, it is only about one-fourth that of Great Britain, France, Russia or Germany. The debt of all of America's co-belligerents is about \$84,000,000,000, or 14 per cent of the estimated wealth of those nations and the Teutonic allies' debt is about \$40,000,000,000 or 28 per cent of their estimated wealth.

Big Removal SALE of Pianos and Players

We Must Move By February First
Every Piano and Player Piano at prices that never were offered in this community before. Every Piano must be sold regardless of price. Here are a few of the big bargains that you will find:

\$800 Player Sale Price \$695.	\$700 Player Sale Price \$575.	\$650 Player Sale Price \$525.
\$550 Player Sale Price \$465.	\$525 Player Sale Price \$425.	\$475 Piano Sale Price \$375.
\$450 Pianos Sale Price \$325.	\$400 Pianos Sale Price \$295.	\$375 Pianos Sale Price \$275.

Other bargains in slightly used and shop-worn Pianos at prices that will astound you. If you are going to buy a piano or player piano in the next year it will pay you well to see these big bargains.

Sale Starts on January 15th and Closes February 1st, so don't delay. Come and see for yourself. Every Piano and Player Piano fully guaranteed by our factory, including guarantee.

Haddorff Music House
T. M. HAMPE, Mgr.

Free Tuning
Bench Scarf And Music With Player

Railroad Fare Returned To Out Of Town Purchasers

Alliance Hotel Building, ALLIANCE, NEBR. New Location 213 Box Butte Avenue

Report of the Condition of THE ALLIANCE NATIONAL BANK at Alliance, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business on December 31, 1917.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$392,630.69
Overdrafts	4,235.86
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$ 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	10,000.00
U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	8,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	1,250.00
Total U. S. Bonds (other than Liberty Bonds) and certificates of indebtedness	69,250.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	3,000.00
Value of banking house	20,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	28,185.14
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	94,041.67
Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies	2,606.38
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	8,200.83
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,505.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximate	12,000
Total	\$633,655.57
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits	19,836.02
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	13,725.92
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	6,110.10
Circulating notes outstanding	12,000.00
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies	48,300.00
Individual deposits subject to check	9,935.56
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other for money borrowed)	222,606.87
Cashier's checks outstanding	54,383.68
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	12,004.11
Postal savings deposits	134,232.34
Other time deposits	4,486.40
Other United States deposits, including deposits U. S. disbursing officers	18,813.77
10,782.74	467,245.47
Total	\$633,655.57

I, F. W. HARRIS, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: F. W. HARRIS, Cashier.
F. M. KNIGHT,
F. E. HOLSTEN,
R. E. KNIGHT, Directors.

(SEAL)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July, 1918.
MARIAN GREBE, Notary Public.