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BEFORE Cassie Chadwick gets all of Andy Carnegie's money, would it not be a good idea for Alliance to make a requisition on him for a public library.

REFERRING to the coming city election, more or less has been said about the candidacy of several prominent men for mayor. THE HERALD rises to ask, what's the matter with the present incumbent?

EDITOR BROWN of the Kearney Hub says the sixth district is too big for one man to handle, and he is right. THE HERALD recommends that the district be divided and Brown be elected to represent the south half of the district.

SHERIDAN is arranging to build a beet sugar factory. Contracts are being signed to grow beets now. Why don't Alliance arrange to build a starch factory here and make a home market for our immense potato crop.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact just the same, that the last session of the Nebraska legislature enacted a law which provides that cities of the second class—like Alliance—may issue bonds, in any amount up to \$50,000 for sewerage purposes, regardless of the valuation or other indebtedness of the city.

Did it ever occur to you that you could buy any thing at home here in Alliance for less money than your catalogue house will furnish it. You don't believe it? Just try it. Make out your list and take it to any merchant in town and he will duplicate it in both price and quality. Try it the next time you are tempted to patronize a mail order house.

BRO. ELLIS of the Times had this to say in his last issue:

"Strangers who have slight interest in the community are not needed to dictate to those who have worked here many years and made Alliance what it is—the foremost city of western Nebraska today."

Now come out in the open and say just what you have in mind. Do you refer to the editor of THE HERALD or do you refer to the suggested candidacy of S. K. Warrick for mayor?

THE HERALD KNOWS a firm that will build, operate and maintain a sewerage system in Alliance without a cent of expense to the city, if they can get a long time franchise. Do you want to sell your birthright? If a private concern can make a profit on a sewerage plant, so can the city. THE HERALD is radically opposed to granting franchises for public utilities to private corporations.

THE recent cold snap again brings up the question of the price of coal. The present price of Sheridan coal here is \$6.50, the price of Sheridan coal at either Omaha or Lincoln is \$6.50, and those towns are 400 miles farther from the mines, on the same railroad and in the same state. Evidently the inter-state railroad commission have overlooked the long and short haul feature of that law—or is it possible that no one has called their attention to it—will the Burlington railroad please stand up and tell us why the coal rate from Sheridan to Omaha is no more than the rate to Alliance. Or is it possible the fault is with the coal dealer.

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

Well, we presume, the Nebraska legislature decided to leave the railroads to Teddy.

Evidently the czar has just discovered that there was some slight discontent among "his children."

A beef packer or two behind prison bars would greatly accentuate John Sherman's fame as an anti-monopolist.

This is the season of the year when the head of the family would vote for a municipal heating plant, provided that the same was sure to be in a state of vigorous activity in the cold gray dawn of the morning.

That Sherman anti-trust law is a

The City of Alliance

ALLIANCE is a thriving city of more than 5000 population, prosperous and glowing prospects for the future. 400 miles west of Omaha, 236 miles north of Denver. It is the metropolis of western Nebraska. It has water works, electric lights, a three story city hall and fire engine house, first class fire company and apparatus. Two large school buildings; employs twenty teachers to educate its 1000 school children. Seven churches, U. S. land office, Court house, two National Banks, modern business blocks and handsome residences. Its railroad facilities are the best. It is on the main line of the Burlington from either Chicago or St. Louis to Portland and the Pacific coast. It is the Division headquarters for western Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota and Montana, the offices of General Superintendent Rhodes having been recently located here. The western division shops are located here and more than 600 railroad men are employed here. Its people are hospitable, enterprising, and intelligent. Its climate is healthful and invigorating. In short, no town in Nebraska presents superior inducements for men of capital enterprise and push, to locate within her borders. Letters of inquiry addressed to the Alliance HERALD will be answered promptly and in detail. Better write for a copy of our handsome twenty-four page illustrated Industrial edition, it will tell you more than we could write you in a month.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Will Archer is on the sick list.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Layton who is sick with appendicitis, is not expected to live.

The cheese and cracker club are in session this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Norton.

Tomorrow afternoon the Sorosis club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. E. C. Anderson.

Marcellus New, the Ellsworth grocer, was in the city this week attending to business matters.

The Highlanders will give another entertainment and ball at Zbinden's hall Tuesday night Feb. 21.

Miss Ethyl Calkins concluded her visit here Saturday and left for Omaha to resume her musical studies.

Dad Johnson will commence a billiard tournament tomorrow. He has hung up a prize of a \$20. suit of clothes for the winner.

Jack DeBano a Burlington brakeman is down with typhoid fever at his room at Elmore's. The D. of R. T. boys are taking care of him.

Geo. Darling and Herace Bogue both prominent Alliance merchants are still in Chicago on their semi-annual stock purchasing expedition.

C. E. Alden of Newcastle, a newspaper and job printer of merit, was in the city last week and assisted THE HERALD force for several days.

Ira Reed has secured a car load of horses and would have had them on the eastern market ere this but for the bad weather that delayed traffic.

Sheriff Reed left for Perry, Iowa, last night with a car of draft horses that he recently bought here for the eastern market. He will be gone about a week.

The coldest record of the season was registered Sunday morning, when the thermometers about town registered all the way from 34 to 38 degrees below zero.

Engineer Horney who has been confined to his home here for several months on account of severe injuries received in an accident, is reported as slowly mending.

Miss Bessie Whaley who is teaching school in the Roland district near Hemingford, came down to Alliance to remain a week visiting her parents and sister Mrs. Keane.

C. A. Newberry returned from his eastern trip on the belated train Monday, having experienced the thrilling adventures of the storms that passenger No. 41 encountered.

There is no doubt that the most popular song of the day is "The Good Old Summer Time" and we are all longing for the actual realization of the composer's dream.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Swanson left for Ravenna Saturday morning for a visit with relatives. Mr. Swanson returned to Alliance Monday while his better half will remain there for a few days.

William Welch of Bingham came in Tuesday p. m. on 41, accompanied by his brother, Peter Welch, a prosperous farmer of Sary county, who is making his first visit to the short grass country.

All A. O. U. W., wives and friends are invited to attend a "swap" social given by D. of H. at the I. O. O. F. hall Feb. 20th. A charge of 5 cents will be made for each swap. Light refreshments free.

A letter was received by a friend of the Rev. G. B. Clark, who was pastor of the Episcopal church in this city till recently, stating that he was taking treatment at a sanitarium in Westboro, Mass., and was receiving the

kindest consideration and attention by his attendant. While he is not restored to health he states that he is somewhat improved, which his Alliance friends will be glad to hear.

The offices of the International Harvester company will be moved shortly from their present quarters on Box Butte avenue to the new brick warehouse of A. C. Newberry, near the B. & M. freight depot.

Passenger train No. 41 did not get through to Alliance Sunday or Monday owing to heavy storms in the eastern part of the state. Report also reached us that Sunday's train was derailed near Ravenna.

Owing to the unprecedented cold snap Alliance coal dealers were kept pretty busy delivering fuel to their patrons. All orders were delivered promptly and as a consequence no actual suffering from the severe weather has been reported.

While the weather the past week has not been the best for news THE HERALD is pleased to note that its correspondents have not been frozen up. They have kept pace with events and items within their neighborhoods has been chronicled just the same as in the good old summer time.

Postmaster Tash received his annual consignment of garden seed from Washington last week and everybody is now prepared to make garden. Mr. Tash says that only seed packages bearing addresses were sent him for distribution; if your name was not on the package there were none for you.

The Rev. Dr. W. C. Huntington, Chancellor of the Nebraska Wesleyan University of University Place, preached an educational sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday evening. Dr. Huntington is an able speaker and was listened to with rapt attention by those who braved the severe cold weather.

United Presbyterian—morning subject: "The Straight Gate." Evening, "The man with the Drawn Sword." The Lord's supper will be dispensed after the morning service. Ladies Missionary society at Mrs. R. B. Hamilton's Wednesday, p. m.—Prayer meeting at Mrs. Robert Graham's Thursday evening.

M. E. Church—Morning subject: "Going forward at God's command." Presiding Elder Clark will preside at the evening service. Communion service in the evening. Ladies aid at Mrs. P. F. Woolgamood's Wednesday at 2 p. m. The Bible class and Epworth League will meet at Mrs. Thomas Allen's Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. H. Mable left suddenly Saturday morning for Chicago accompanied by her two children, in response to a telegram stating that her mother was seriously ill. She was accompanied as far as Chariton, Iowa by her sister-in-law, Miss Florence Mable who has been visiting Alliance friends for the past month or more.

J. B. Kniest, the printer, who was foreman of THE HERALD office under the former management has returned from his home at Carroll, Iowa, and again has charge of the mechanical department. You know what that means. THE HERALD office will spare no expense to get and keep the very best printers that money will hire.

The editor of the Chadron Times states in his last issue that the running gear of that paper has been seriously hampered by reason of the matrimonial fever which invaded the office and occupied the time of the help. He terms it a case of "black eye," but fails to explain whether it was the eye of the fair employe or that of the brave Romeo that caused all the trouble.

The life of the travelingman has been anything but a round of pleasure the past six weeks, and their disappointments in making dates have been of frequent occurrence. Sam Albro, of the Woodward company is tied up in sixteen inches of snow in the Big Horn basin and J. H. Gray of Donald & Porter was forced to remain in this city till Monday night before he could get a train west. The hotels were well filled with men of the grip in the same plight and high five was freely indulged in to while away the time.

What has been done by the department of agriculture in its investigation of the irrigation problem was related to the house committee on irrigation of arid lands last Saturday by Dr. True, director of agricultural experiment stations, and Elwood Mead, chief of the bureau of irrigation of that department. It was stated that the total irrigated area of the country by private enterprise is 9,500,000 acres, at a cost of \$200,000,000. The committee is planning a trip for next summer to all of the irrigation projects of the government. An invitation is to be extended to the senate committee on irrigation.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

The pay checks will arrive in Alliance tomorrow. The trip of the pay car over the road has been cancelled on account of the bad weather.

F. W. Harris returned from Chicago last Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Mable left this week for Chicago to visit friends.

W. E. Sharp agent at Mullen has resigned from the service.

Brakeman H. T. Kendall of the Deadwood line has resigned from the service.

Assistant Superintendent J. C. Birdsell of Deadwood was in Alliance last Monday.

Conductor A. O. Gordon returned this week from a thirty day vacation in Iowa and Illinois.

W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) passed through Alliance last Sunday enroute from Cody to Denver.

Geo. Dietlein clerk for night foreman Spatz of the round house has resigned from the service.

J. L. Graves the Deadwood electrician at the Burlington power house was in Alliance this week enroute east.

J. J. Moore and wife went over to McCook this week on account of the serious illness of Mr. Moore's father.

The ice for use on the Alliance division has been put up. The last of the work having been completed last week.

The mother of Mrs. W. L. Randall of Alliance was stricken with paralysis Monday and it is not expected that she will live.

Brakeman G. H. Young and mother left Alliance Sunday for Wisconsin being called east on account of the death of Mrs. Young's mother.

H. B. Ware formerly chief dispatcher at Wymore went through Alliance this week enroute to Sheridan. Mr. Ware is going over the different divisions of the Burlington west of the river looking up the uniformity of dispatching.

Fred Kulper and wife went down to Lincoln this week to attend the funeral of their brother John Kulper who died in that city this week. John Kulper formerly lived in Alliance where he was employed as night watchman for the company a long time.

Burlington train No. 3 was wrecked near Creston, Iowa, last Monday and engineer E. P. Allen of Lincoln was killed. Firemen F. E. Koesner of Lincoln and R. C. Peery of Creston, were badly scalded as was also engineer F. G. Peterson of Creston. The train was a double header and while running at a high rate of speed both engines left the track and rolled down an embankment. The remains of Engineer Allen were buried in Lincoln Wednesday.

General Foreman L. R. Dewey of Alliance has resigned from the service effective March 15th. He will go from here to Chicago to take the position as western traveling representative of the American Brake Shoe Company. Mr. Dewey has been foreman at Alliance for the past two years and prior to that time worked for the Burlington as foreman at Chicago. No successor has as yet been named for Mr. Dewey at Alliance.

Conductor L. H. Highland will go down to Lincoln this week to attend a meeting of representatives of the ten Nebraska divisions of the O. R. C. who will meet in Lincoln next Sunday. Mr. Highland represents the Alliance division of that order. The object of the meeting is to arrange to protest against certain radical measures that parties are trying to get through the Nebraska legislature and have them become laws. Should they be successful the law would work a hardship not only to the railroads but also the men.

The past week has been one of the worst in the history of railroads in the west. Trains every place were badly delayed on account of snow and extreme cold weather. Train No. 41 that should have arrived at Alliance Sunday noon did not reach here until Monday night, most of this delay on account of the train being off the track near Ravenna. Little effort was made by roads to do any freight business, freight trains in nearly all cases were tied up at division points. A great deal of trouble was experienced trying to keep the Alliance-Denver line open. The Alliance division did not have as much trouble as other places as the snow was not so deep.

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