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TOM DENNISON the king of Omaha gamblers has been denied a rehearing by the supreme court and will now go to Iowa to stand trial.

RICHARD METCALF who has made the World-Herald what it is will become a part of the Commoner staff May 1. What is Omaha, less is Lincoln's gain.

EDITOR WESTERVELT of the Scottsbluff Republican has been in Lincoln the past week which means that legislation detrimental to the North Platte valley need not be feared at this session.

KEARNEY has been recognized by congress and has secured an appropriation of \$6,000 to buy a site for a federal building. The building appropriation will come later. Now its Alliance's turn next.

Two starch factories will be operated at Greeley, Colo., this season. Why not have one for Alliance? We can raise potatoes cheaper in Box Butte than they can at Greeley and every bit as good because we do dot have to irrigate here.

FRANK EDGECOMBE of the Geneva Signal has bought the Nebraska Farmer and becomes its business manager, which means a better paper for farmers and it means too that Nebraska can furnish the man for any position in the newspaper world.

EDITOR H. W. RISLEY who recently assumed editorial management of the Fremont Daily Herald has added to his staff Mr. Wallace Wilson as business manager. This makes a strong team. But there seems no excuse for two daily papers in that town.

Now that the municipal campaign is at hand THE HERALD desires to announce that its columns are at the disposal of candidates for the announcement of their political aspirations. Come on gentlemen, you who want to be mayor. Don't all speak at once.

The assassination of Grand Duke Sergius, of Russia, an uncle of the Czar, by the revolutionists has removed one of the despots from that kingdom and struck terror to the heart of the emperor who is afraid to attend the funeral. May it result in a republic for Russia.

SENATOR BREESE has introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of patent medicines containing more than ten per cent alcohol. Now if he would introduce a bill prohibiting the sale of patent nostrums containing less than ten per cent of alcohol and pass and enforce them both he would do suffering humanity a great kindness.

ANOTHER new enterprise for Alliance is a produce commission house or storage distributing house. Sutherland is interested in such an enterprise and is thinking seriously of associating himself with others for the establishment of such a place here that will job meats, flour, groceries and staples in those lines. It would be well for the commercial club to look into this.

IF THERE is any one thing this town needs more than another, right now, it is a hospital. Why not arrange with the city for the top story of the city hall for that purpose? That part of the building is not in use and would make an ideal place for the purpose. The churches could combine and each furnish a ward or room, the lodges do likewise and the city could help, and the thing is done. Let the Commercial club take the matter up.

AN EASTERN iron worker and manufacturer writes to an Alliance business man if this would be the place to establish a machine shop, and is there one already here. To be sure this is a good town for a private machine shop. To-day if work of that kind is required some B. & M. workman must do it at night or on Sunday. Certainly we need a machine shop. This would be a good measure for the commercial club to take up, if we have one.

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.

That Guernsey Line Again.

Alliance, as well as the towns along the Guernsey line and the Burlington railroad are all losing much valuable business by reason of the present train service to Bridgeport and the towns west on that line. First—emigrants or farmers from eastern Nebraska and other eastern states cannot be induced to locate along a line of railroad with nothing better than a tri-weekly train and mail service. They reason, and rightly too, that if that country will not justify a daily train service it is not the country it has been represented; they become disgusted and leave, when otherwise they would locate. The country has lost a citizen and the railroads a shipper. Second—The Sterling division now get that business or a part of it, but the major part goes only to Sidney, where the passenger takes the U. P. and goes either east or west and Alliance and the Burlington loose the business. Third—The unholy hour at which the present service from here on that line leaves is also a bar to much travel, while from Sidney it is not so bad. It is said by business men here that when the old schedule from here was in vogue much more business accrued to Alliance. By all means let us have a direct daily train service from here. This is a subject for the Alliance Business Men's club, if we have one.

Bressee on Fraternal Insurance.

SENATOR BREESE is very much opposed to the passage of the fraternal congress bill now before the legislature. In a recent speech in favor of the Kid bill the Senator said among other things:

"When this bill was first introduced, this senate and the house of representatives were confronted with a most persistent, most determined, yes, Mr. Chairman, permit me to say most damnable lobby which has yet appeared on the streets of this city during the present session of this legislature. Officers of the various fraternal societies and their paid attorneys beset us at every turn, the press teemed with articles published at their behest, our mails were loaded down with ready made circulars and resolutions prepared right here in the city and sent out to the various lodges over the state with scare letters for their adoption and return, our committees listened until midnight to their learned counsel, but in all their press articles, all literature and all of their argument, the only pertinent thing they ever said which had any weight whatever, was that should this bill become a law, it would increase the cost of holding the executive sessions of the various orders, but, it is exceedingly strange that these same shrewd manipulators should never have conceived the idea that they could cut down the number of officers voting, thereby not increasing the number of delegates necessary to be sent. This, however, gentlemen, shows us the key to the situation, only one or two societies in the state have at this time a representative form of government. The officers of these societies so manipulate the affairs of the orders that they absolutely control the executive sessions, enact the laws, elect themselves and vote their own salaries. This, gentlemen, is an outrage that should not be permitted anywhere the stars and stripes float, let alone in enlightened Nebraska. This is a procedure which would go hand in hand with the policies of the czar of Russia and are the same detestable policies against which our forefathers laid down their lives. I am satisfied that one-half of all the members of fraternal societies of the state of Nebraska today would never have joined these orders had they known this condition of affairs existed, for one I am sure I never would. When I became a member of the Royal Highlanders I asked the deputy who organized our council about this same matter, he assured me that our order, in allotments of five hundred members, elected delegates which assembled in executive session, there formulated our laws, elected officers and fixed their salaries, with this understanding I joined. What are the facts, Mr. Chairman? At the last executive castle of the Royal Highlanders there were present

and voting nine delegates, there were also present and voting thirteen officers, not content with this there also voted the various committees appointed by the president. Is it any wonder, Mr. Chairman, that although our order is young and comparative poor, that the salaries of our president and secretary was each increased to \$3,300.00 per annum?

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

It would probably surprise a great many citizens of Iowa if they knew that other states supposed Iowa had a model set of statutes regulating the railroads.

The thought of that Russian woman kneeling in the blood stained snow, the remains of her assassinated husband scattered upon the street and adjacent buildings is so pathetic as to overshadow the horror of the crime.

If Senator Laverty, from the Sarpy-Saunders senatorial district, could only persuade the legislature to provide some Grover Cleveland bait, in connection with the appropriation for the state fisheries at South Bend, what a boom it would give to the angling privocities of our people.

If Mrs. Cody's testimony regarding the gallant Colonel's intimacy with certain feminine members of the British aristocracy is true, a charitable view of his conduct would be that he was probably endeavoring in his feeble way to offset the tendency of the British to carry off the fairest and best, while we get nothing in return.

If repression could stop the hand of the assassin there would be none in Russia. If oppression could extinguish the hope of freedom in the human breast the Russian empire would be tranquil. The natural sequence to tyranny is resistance, the natural concomitant of oppressors brutality is the vengeful counter stroke of the oppressed.

If the stoppage of railroad traffic for only a few days is productive of a condition approaching a fuel famine in many localities what might not occur if the suspension happened to be prolonged for a few weeks as it might be, under entirely conceivable circumstances. A municipal coal pile might easily prove as serviceable or more so than the municipal rock pile.

Every person who has been in the habit of deluding his stomach with a mixture of timothy seed and pumpkin pulp and calling the result preserved strawberries will join with us in excreting the slothfulness of the national congress in failing to pass the pure food bill. No wonder the President grows impatient with the law makers at times.

Whatever may be said of bleeding Kansas, her rebuke to the Standard oil octopus as embodied in the proposition to establish a state oil refinery seems to be both good politics and good business. Whenever any corporation or institution gets so aggravatingly impudent as to not only defy the power of the state, but also exact reprisals for legitimate public interference it is time an effectual chastisement was vigorously administered.

Burlington February Bulletin.

Very cheap one way rates to California, Puget Sound and the Northwest country, March 1st to May 15th. Cheap rates east to Washington, D. C., for the Inauguration. Send for printed matter and write for information. Describe your trip and let me advise you the least cost. L. A. SAGE, Ticket Agent.

Land Office Notices.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., Jan. 26, 1905. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on March 14, 1905, viz:

AUGUSTA UHRIG.

of Hemingford, Neb., one of the heirs of Catherine Bess, deceased, Unit. E. No. 3011 for the neq section 9, township 20n, range 49w. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Andrew L. Johnson, Haus Hansen, Orville Kidwell, Robert Curry, all of Hemingford, Neb.

BRECK WILCOX, Register.

Contest Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Alliance, Neb., Jan. 26, 1905. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Frank Deval constant, against Homestead entry No. 3428, made May 11, 1900, for lots 1 and 2, east 1/4 northw 1/4 section 21, township 25n, range 49w, by Verney D. Morte, contestant, in which it is alleged that said Verney D. Morte never resided on said tract and was wholly uninterested in same for more than two years last past and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to military or naval service in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer seaman or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said contest, at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 24, 1905, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office at Alliance, Nebraska.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Jan. 23, 1905, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of the notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

By J. J. BUCK, Register.

Contest Notice

U. S. Land Office, Alliance, Neb., Aug. 18, 1904. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by August Drews, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 3733, made Sep. 19, 1900, for north half southeast quarter and north half southwest quarter of section 15, township 28, range 49 by Chas. C. King, contestant, in which it is alleged that said Chas. C. King has not resided upon said tract since date of entry, nor made any improvements thereon. Said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said contest, at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 16, 1905, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office, Nebraska.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Jan. 10, 1905, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of the notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

By J. J. BUCK, Register.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendant.

To Alexander H. Ross and Mrs. Ross, first and second defendants, and to Alexander H. Ross, non-resident defendant. Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of February, 1905, C. C. Stevens, plaintiff, filed his petition in the district court of Box Butte county, Nebraska, wherein Alexander H. Ross, and Mrs. Ross, first name unknown, and Mrs. Ross, second name unknown, and McKimley-Lanning Loan and Trust Company, W. H. Carnahan, Receiver, The McKimley-Lanning Loan and Trust Company defendants, were made defendants, the object and prayer of which said petition is to foreclose a tax lien based upon a certificate of tax sale dated Nov. 26, 1901, for the delinquent taxes for the years 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900, and subsequent taxes paid by the defendant, Mrs. Ed. Plunkett, deceased, for the years 1901, 1902 and 1903, which certificate of tax sale was issued by the treasurer of Box Butte county, Nebraska, to-wit: Northeast quarter of section 25, in township 25, range 47, in Box Butte county, Nebraska, to-wit: Northeast quarter of section 25, in township 25, range 47.

The amount claimed by plaintiff upon said tax lien is the sum of \$48.33 with interest thereon from the date of said certificate of tax sale to-wit: the 6th day of February, 1905, of which sum \$5.91 is for attorney's fee and \$3.00 for publication of notice. The prayer of said petition is for a decree declaring the aforesaid amount, together with interest thereon, attorney's fee, redemption notice and costs, to be a first lien upon the aforesaid real estate, and that said real estate may be sold under an order of the court to satisfy the same, and that the defendants be forever barred and foreclosed of all interest or claim in and to said real estate or any part thereof.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 20th day of March, 1905.

C. C. STEVENS, Plaintiff.

By W. Mitchell, his attorney.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendants.

To Rufus M. Neff and Mrs. Neff, first name unknown, wife of defendant, Rufus M. Neff, second name unknown, real name unknown, beneficiary of W. H. Lanning, trustee, defendant, non-resident defendants. Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of February, 1905, C. C. Stevens, plaintiff, filed his petition in the district court of Box Butte county, Nebraska, wherein Rufus M. Neff and Mrs. Neff, first name unknown, wife of defendant, Rufus M. Neff, W. H. Lanning, Trustee, John Neff, real name unknown, and W. H. Lanning, Trustee, defendant, and W. H. Lanning were made defendants, the object and prayer of which said petition is to foreclose a tax lien based upon a certificate of tax sale dated 26th day of November, 1901, for the delinquent taxes for the years 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900, and subsequent taxes paid by the defendant, Mrs. Ed. Plunkett, deceased, for the years 1901, 1902 and 1903, which certificate of tax sale was issued by the treasurer of Box Butte county, Nebraska, to this plaintiff, for said taxes, upon the following described real estate, situated in the county of Box Butte, state of Nebraska, to-wit: Northeast quarter of section 25 in township 25 of range 47.

The amount claimed by plaintiff upon said tax lien is the sum of \$65.38 with interest thereon as provided by law from the 6th day of February, 1905, of which sum \$8.11 is for attorney's fee and \$3.00 for publication of redemption notice. The prayer of said petition is for a decree declaring the aforesaid amount, together with interest thereon, attorney's fee, redemption notice and costs, to be a first lien upon the aforesaid real estate and that said real estate may be sold under an order of the court to satisfy the same, and that said defendants be forever barred and foreclosed of all interest or claim in and to said real estate or any part thereof.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 20th day of March, 1905.

C. C. STEVENS, Plaintiff.

By W. Mitchell, his attorney.

Notice to Creditors.

In county Court within and of Box Butte county, Nebraska, Feby. 9, 1905, in the matter of the estate of Henry G. Taylor, deceased. To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified that I will sit at the County Court Room in Alliance in said county, on the 4th day of August, 1905, at two o'clock p. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months, from the 2nd day of Feby. A. D. 1905, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 2nd day of February, 1905.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 2nd day of February, 1905.

W. D. K. SPACER, County Judge.

Official Notice to Vacate.

In the interest of law and order and for the good of the city we hereby notify all professional or tin-horn gamblers, vagrants and all others who have no visible or legitimate means of support, to either seek lawful employment or leave the city at once, otherwise the law in regard to such characters will be strictly enforced, which means fine or imprisonment or both.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1905. L. W. BOWMAN, Mayor. Dr. Barnes the eye specialist is at the Charters today.

McClure's Store. Telephone 264 or call.

Burlington Time Table. Alliance, Nebr. LINCOLN, DENVER, OMAHA, HELENA, CHICAGO, BUTTE, ST. JOSEPH, SAULT LAKE CITY, KANSAS CITY, PORTLAND, ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO, and all points east and all points west and south.

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