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Mrs. E. W. Alexander returned Sunday from Los Angeles where she visited her daughter Nellie for the past four months. She enjoyed her stay there very much and saw many former Alliance people, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beck and the families of Doctor and Fred Smith. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burk and Rev. Wornom and wife at Whittier, a suburb of Los Angeles, whom she says are pleased with their new home. Mrs. Alexander says that the activity and booms in real estate in Los Angeles is not far behind the excitement on Wall street. She says it is a pleasant place to live and spend money but she is perfectly satisfied to remain in Box Butte.

D. A. Paul was in from Liberty precinct Saturday to attend the republican county convention and deliver 550 head of sheep which he sold to John Cartney of Spear, Ill. W. J. Johnson and Val Wright also sold a number to Mr. Spear who shipped Saturday. Mr. Paul has prospered in the sheep business and is now on Easy street. Twenty years ago he came to Box Butte county without any money and very poor health, spending the greater part of the first winter in bed. Prior to his coming here he was employed for several years in one of the leading gent's furnishing stores in New York city and has sold many a "shirt and collar" to such notables as Daniel Lamont and Grover Cleveland. He was effected with lung trouble and his physicians informed him if he wished to spend another year in this busy world he must immediately seek a higher altitude, hence his coming to western Nebraska where he recovered his health. Mr. Paul expects to make a trip to his old home in York state the latter part of this month to visit and attend to business pertaining to an estate of which he is administrator.

**An Exhibition of Colts.**

Mike Shay has arranged to have an exhibition of colts from the fine thoroughbred Percheron stallion owned by him, at Desch's livery barn October 8. It is known that there are several such colts that have commanded good money and to settle the question as to who owns the finest of the lot, an exhibition will be made on the above date. The owner of such a colt will have the service of the stallion free the coming season.

**Cess Pools Must be Cleaned.**

The city authorities are getting after property owners and occupants who neglect to keep the cess pools on their premises in a sanitary condition. Ordinance No. 69 states specifically that any violation thereof is subject to arrest and fine. In many instances the city scavenger has found pools overflowing with filth, which may at any time breed disease and menace the health of the community. Typhoid, scarlet fever and kindred diseases find breeding places when such conditions exist and every citizen should assist the authorities in keeping the town clean. There is no excuse for such filth accumulating.

**Democratic Delegates.**

At the primaries held Tuesday evening, the following persons were elected as delegates to the democratic county convention next Saturday:

FIRST WARD	SECOND WARD
Wm. Mitchell	J. Wallace
Ed Reardon	L. A. Berry
Geo. G. Gadsby	H. P. McGuire
John Brennan	James Devlin
L. Buechsenstein	James Keeler
E. A. Hall	E. J. Barry
C. Humphrey	D. Dunn
Roy Walls	E. Follen
R. W. Rowells	F. J. Betzold
	J. B. Kennedy
	C. W. Brennan

**People's Independent Delegates.**

The people's independent party caucuses held Tuesday evening elected the following persons as delegates to the county convention to be held next Saturday:

FIRST WARD	SECOND WARD
Samuel B. Libby	Orville Owen
Ira Reed	Henry Broich
John Wolverton	D. K. Spacht
John E. White	A. D. Rodgers
C. C. Reed	E. A. Marsh
W. A. Hood	F. E. Hamblin
W. B. Young	C. W. Jeffers
F. Wallace	Orange Neff
John Wallace	Leroy Stafford
Geo. Fox	R. E. May
	A. C. Johnson

The Elks will give an entertainment at their club rooms this evening.

There will be a ball game between Crawford and Alliance in this city next Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Allen, dentist. Opera house blk.

**LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.**

Mayor Buechsenstein was a Crawford visitor last week.

Dr. Hand made a professional trip to Crawford today.

Will Emore arrived in the city yesterday to visit his family.

Charles Shindler of Hemingford spent last night in the city.

Louis Shoecraft of Clinton, Iowa, is a guest at the Ankeny ranch.

W. J. Owens spent a couple of days the first of the week at Lincoln.

Karl Rubottom was registered at the Capitol Hotel, Lincoln, Wednesday.

Aquila Triplett and family returned yesterday from their extended trip to the coast.

The Social Hour club will meet with Mrs. C. E. Bennett tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fosket of Hemingford were Alliance visitors yesterday.

Dr. F. E. Clough left this morning for Wisconsin to see a sister who is who is seriously ill.

Wm. Welch, manager of the Rosa ranch at Bingham, was a visitor in the metropolis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Robbins rejoice over the arrival of a baby at their home, Tuesday of last week.

Tom Poole, manager of the stock yards, has been enjoying a visit from his father who resides at Marsland.

A new steel ceiling in the Famous clothing store improves the appearance of that establishment very materially.

Attorney Boyd has had as his guest for several days Mr. Hughes of Chicago who is on the staff of the Record-Herald.

C. A. Anderson returned Monday from Lincoln where he spent a few days visiting his son Ben and attending the state fair.

Mrs. M. Frankle and daughters, Julia and Tillie, returned Sunday from a visit of several weeks at Denver and other Colorado points.

Mrs. G. L. Moffatt of Casper, Wyo., arrived in the city Tuesday for a few days visit. Mr. Moffatt is now sole owner of his business and is doing well.

Attorney Mitchell spent a few of days in the Platte valley this week on legal business. Mr. Mitchell's clientele extends over all western Nebraska.

Geo. Darling is arranging the second floor of his store in the Fletcher block. He now has commodious quarters and can display his stock to much better advantage.

Mrs. Rose Reardon returned last Friday from her trip to Omaha, whither she accompanied several young ladies to St. Mary's convent, where they will enter school.

C. J. Wildy, A. M. Miller, W. H. Ward, M. C. Beaumont and Alex Murhead were among the Hemingfordites in the city Saturday as delegates to the republican county convention.

Captain A. Sigler, of Omaha, is in the city soliciting funds to pay for the Salvation Army Rescue Home for women. Liberal contributions are being made by many of our citizens.

Miss Mabel Duncan returned from Ft. Morgan, Colo., where she has been visiting her parents for the past month. Miss Duncan will teach the Berea school the coming term.

E. Reed arrived Saturday from Perry, Iowa, to spend a few days with his brother Sheriff Ira Reed. They went to Crawford Monday to buy horses and will return Friday or Saturday.

C. A. Posvar of Lawa returned Saturday from Lincoln where he attended the fair. He also made a trip to Gretna and purchased a threshing machine which he will run in this county.

Pete Watson, the well known stockman and wolf hunter of Sioux county, was in Alliance Tuesday. He took home his fine thoroughbred stallion which Claud Lester has had in training here.

The Alert fire boys gave a dance at the city hall Monday night, which was well attended and appreciated. It is the intention to continue these pleasant pastimes at short intervals during the coming season.

E. F. Moon the hustling editor of the Scottsbluff Herald spent Wednesday in the city. Bro. Moon reports everything flourishing in Alfalfa valley and Scottsbluff becoming more metropolitan every day.

L. Snow, Marsland's popular merchant-postmaster, was in the city Sunday. Mr. Snow spends considerable of his time in the Black Hills superintending the work on the Alliance Mining company's property.

Mr and Mrs. J. B. Mitchell are guests at the home of A. S. Reed, being on their return from a trip to the coast. Mrs. Mitchell is the mother of M. S. Hargraves. They will return to their home at Hay Springs this week.

D. M. Moran arrived Sunday from eastern Nebraska where he has been engaged in the business of breaking horses for the last four years with good success. He has decided to remain here and will follow that line of work.

The residents of the northern part of Cheyenne county have petitioned for a division of the county, the new

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county to be named River with Bridgeport the county seat. The proposition will be submitted to the voters at the next election.

W. S. Acheson left Tuesday morning for his former home at Allerton, Iowa, to pay his father a visit. Mr. Acheson had not been back for fourteen years hence he was looking forward with much pleasure for his visit of ten days.

S. C. Reck returned today from Erie, Pa., where he went for the purpose of buying new machinery for manufacturing pressed brick. Sang is determined to have the best on the market and made the long trip to examine the machinery before purchasing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Davison of Hemingford returned from Denver Tuesday and spent a day with Alliance friends. They attended the soldiers reunion in Denver and visited Mr. Davison's brothers who are old residents of Leadville and Denver.

Attorneys Barker and Noleman returned from Omaha the first of the week where they represented the Krause Brothers in the government land fencing case. Judge Munger took the case under advisement and it may be several days before a decision is rendered.

Mrs. T. Gregory of Cody, Wyo., is visiting with her son A. Gregory, who, is in the telegraph service here. Mrs. Gregory was a delegate to the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star held at Cheyenne last week and was honored by being elected grand chaplain of the above organization.

G. M. Burns, principal of the Emerson school, was obliged to quit work Tuesday noon on account of neuralgia caused from bad teeth. He had eleven of the molars extracted Tuesday afternoon and expects the ailment to cease. Miss Pearl Bartz is filling his place in the school.

Morning theme at the M. E. church: "Enduring Christians Happy." Evening: "Despise Not the Day of Small Things." The Ladies' Aid society meets with Mrs. Cornu Wednesday at 2 p. m. Bible study at Captain Akers Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

F. L. Wright, the prominent auctioneer and insurance man of Scottsbluff, stopped in the city Monday on his return from Lincoln where he had charge of Scottsbluff county's exhibit at the state fair. Their agricultural products were fine and several premiums were awarded them.

Bates Copeland who has been visiting in the city for several days will leave tomorrow morning for St. Paul, Neb., where he will locate. He has been at the old home in Loup City for a couple of weeks and of course could not settle down to business again without visiting Alliance—but we won't tell why.

The 14-months-old babe of Rev. and Mrs. Westley succumbed to an attack of pneumonia Sunday. The funeral took place Monday, the little body being buried in Carpenter cemetery. It was only a wee mite of humanity taken from the Westley household, but the loss will be felt more keenly than would be that of untold riches.

Dr. F. M. Knight returned Tuesday morning from his extended visit through the west, on 42, and he looks as if he enjoyed the trip. He experienced another attack of hayfever the day of his arrival but is feeling better again. The doctor has handed to a number of his friends pocket souvenirs of the Portland exposition.

Special Agent Owens of the Burlington was at Mullen this week, where he

apprehended one Robert McBride, who about three years ago was station agent for the Burlington at Moorcroft, Wyo., and got away with about \$200 of the company's coin. Owens took his man to Lincoln, and while there effected a settlement with his prisoner satisfactory to the corporation.

J. M. Devlin returned Saturday from a five weeks visit with his family in Colorado, most of the time having been spent in the Victor and Cripple Creek district. He reports those towns very quiet on account of so many mines having been closed down. There are over 200 vacant houses in Victor. Jim says he had a splendid trip but was glad to return to Alliance.

Mrs. A. S. Gerdes and daughter Miss Ruth Taylor were in from Marple Saturday. Miss Ruth will start this week for Lyons, Iowa, to finish her education in a convent there which she has attended for two years. Her mother was also educated there. It is an ideal school for young ladies and most beautifully situated on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi river.

The season for prairie fires will soon be here, in fact the grass in several localities has already taken fire. A small blaze on the Denver right-of-way, about a mile from town, required the attention of the company and ranchers in the same section were likewise called out to fight fire on the Sabbath. The heavy growth of grass this season will have a tendency to make prairie fires all over the land numerous and fierce.

E. L. Everett came down from Hemingford Tuesday evening and spent Wednesday in the city. Mr. Everett is not pleased with the idea of passenger No. 41 not stopping at Hemingford and says the village board may pass an ordinance compelling the trains to slow down to eight miles an hour. That would give a fellow an opportunity to jump off without much danger of taking a header into a potato cellar or pricking his hands on Russian thistles.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Smyser and daughter Mrs. Slade, and Judge W. G. Rice of Deadwood returned Tuesday from a few days hunting trip in the sand hills. They found all kinds of game and bagged enough for all the ranchmen in the vicinity. Mrs. Smyser had quite a thrilling experience shooting out of a boat. She was obliged to stand up to get the gun above the cat tails which were growing there and after discharging the gun lost her balance and came near taking a bath in the lake with a big mallard she brought down. Most of their time was spent at the Frank Ankeny ranch where they were royally entertained.

County Superintendent Rustin returned Friday from Lincoln where she was in charge of Box Butte county's educational exhibit at the state fair. Although she was unable to secure as desirable space as she wished still the exhibit attracted much attention and was awarded third prize. Considering the fact that this was the first exhibit ever entered from this county and the large number of counties represented it is indeed a splendid testimonial for our schools and encouraging to the young people in their work. Nemaha county was awarded first place and Gage second. Mrs. Rustin will try to prepare an exhibit that will capture first prize next year.

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