#### LIVELY TIME AT MASS MEETING

Citizens' Meeting Held Monday Night Largely Attended and Financial Condition Discussed.

What to do about raising funds was the all-important question that called a large crowd of Alliance citizens to the city hall last Monday evening. In fact the assembly room on the second floor was not adequate for the attendance and even the hallway was jammed to its extreme capacity. Mayor Smith and the city council had announced through the columns of The Herald last week the purpose of this meeting, namely, the desire of the citizens of Alliance in regard to the council's procedure for the coming year and the best way to raise funds since the saloon license had been cut off.

Mayor Smith rapped for attention promptly at eight o'clock and explained tersely the call and then started the ball rolling by calling on Ira Tash for an expression as to what, in his judgment, was best to do. Mr. Tash responded by stating that the present condition of affairs in the municipal treasury was such that the city's progress would not be hampered in the least and called for a careful, judicious government of the same. The taxable valuation of town property has increased fully 15 per cent and this with the amount on hand would see the way stated that he would cite the increased valuation of residence property by his \$2500 in the past year, and he was fully satisfied with the same. The First National Bank property was also cited at an increase in valuation from \$10,000 to \$16,000.

Louis Buechsenstein, who has served the city as mayor for two terms and councilman one term, took exception to Mr. Tash's views of increased valuation and boldly asserted that while he was not an auctioneer, he then and there would offer his real estate in the city to any one present at 75 cents on the dollar, and asked if there were any takers. These remarks caused a great deal of cheering and hand-clapping.

Mayor Smith next invited expression from R. M. Hampton, who spoke at length of the city's growth from infancy and the many years of trials and struggles it underwent only to find itself one of the foremost cities of the state. He eulogized Mr. Buechsenstein on City of Alliance...... 9,776.01 13,363.62 17,682.67 his administration of city affairs while he was mayor and then entered into the financial condition of the discussion. He stated that before a definite conclusion of taxation could be arrived at it would be necessary to investigate the city's expenses and funds on hand, also those of the school district, and thought that this meeting was rather premature for the same. All of which was apparent before the meeting had progressed much further. The fact that there was held by the county treasurer \$3,-421.22 belonging to the city was announced and this was news to many present. In the same treasury there is a water fund amounting to \$2,832.41 and city hall fund of \$915.92, both of which are not available for current expenses of the city. On request, Clerk Barnes announced that the city's fund on hand is \$285.34, making a total of \$3.706.56. The outstanding indebtedness in unpaid registered warrants amounts to \$3,219, leaving a net balance in the treasury of \$486.77. With about \$3,000 uncollected back taxes due the city of Alliance, which it it is said will be available, Mr. Hampton thought there was little cause for alarm on account of financial stringency. However, there was much information lacking to get to the basis of running expenses of the city.

S. K. Warrick was next called upon to give his views on matters pertaining to the future condition of governmental affairs. Mr. Warrick was subjected to much cross-firing, but he was calm and self-possessed throughout his talk. Like the financier that he is, he waded into financial detail that soon showed that a committee would have to be appointed to investigate the city's condition during the past three years in order to arrive at a basis on which to proceed. Mr. Warrick was of the opinion that city warrants would always be worth their face value, and he thought as far as the school district was concerned that too would come out all right.

On motion of Judge Bullock, a committee of three, to be appointed by the chair, was carried, to make the necessary investigation and report the same to the city papers for publication. On this committee Mayor Smith appointed Messrs, F. W. Harris, F. J. Brennan Inquire at Herald office.

and Frank A. Pierson. This committee will go over the city and school fund TRAILWAY NOTES AND PERSONALS for that period of time, also investigate the expenses incurred during the three years. When this body is prepared to report a clearer understanding as to what is needed will be had.

In the meantime it may be said that as far getting results, the meeting was not a complete success. However, the discussion was wholesome and in the right direction and it is just such gatherings of citizens that make good government. Mayor Smith was levelheaded when he made the call. It speaks of a democratic spirit in which the voice of the people is heard. Raise the lid of governmental affairs every once in awhile and invite each taxpayer to take a look into the affairs of state. Keep nothing under cover, and this seems to be Mayor Smith's motto. As he said at the meeting Monday and they will get what they voted for in Iowa. during my administration."

Since completing the report of the Monday night meeting, we are pleased few days. to be able to give the readers of The Herald the complete resume of the committee appointed to make a report of the receipts and disbursements of the city of Alliance covering a period of three years, which is as follows:

Receipts and expenditures, city of Alliance.

uscal years ending in all	ty:		
RECEIPTS	1905	1996	1908
County treas. (taxes)	2.471.69	3,400.00	2,000.00
Water rent	4,761.12	5.951.66	6,843.11
Saloon occupation tax	1,750.00	2,920.00	5,600.00
Miscl. licenses	266.00	486.35	908.74
Marshal fees	765.40	833.80	1.102.85
Poll tax by marshal	7.50	197.50	647.00
Totals, 12,	17,101.71		
DISBURSEMENTS			

clear for future necessity. Mr. Tash Officers' salaries ... ... 2,276.43 2.640.18 2,588.85 Water .... Streets and alleys ..... 2,035.85 1,210.65 4,539.77 own holdings, which was from \$1500 to Printing and stationry 62.95 426.85 1,554.54 Miscellaneous ......... 463.58 724.85 1,554.54 Totals, 9,776.01 13,353.62 17,682.67

Under "Miscellaneous" is included hauling toder aniscellaneous is included hauling hose cart, lease dumping ground, fire depart-ment expense, insurance, fuel, repairs, sup-plies and furniture for city hall, pest house and election expense, cost two lots adjoining city hall bought by city.

1905	1906	1907
9,265,14	10,751.00	11,669.47
3,500.00	4.200.00	4,900.00
1,769.45	2,253,25	2,683.67
	163.95	203.55
	17,468.20	19,456-69
	9,28 <b>5</b> ,14 3,500.00 1,769.45	9,26\$,14 10,751.00 3,500.00 4,200.00 1,769.45 2,253.25 163.95 4,534.59 17,468.20

Applied to sink. fund 411.60 672.29 420.03 General fund ...... 6,360.23 3,075.61 5,971.83 sence. Emergency fund ..... 47.64 Total, 16,132,25 15,736.46 18,569.66

\$12,000.00 received in 1907 for sale of bonds not included in above, neither is the \$11,000,00 expended on new school building. SUMMARY RECEIPTS

City of Alliance..... 12,021.71 13,889.31 17,101.71 School district......14.584.59 17.668.20 19.456.69 DISBURSEMENTS

Totals, 25,908.26 29,090.08 36,252.33 F. W. HARRIS, Chairman.

#### Prof. A. P. Garnett, Hypnotist

There is an excellent attraction at the Phelan opera house this week, Prof. Garnett, the eminent and well known hypnotist, opened a week's engagement in the opera house Tuesday night. The house was crowded and the audience convinced that the entertainment given is well worth the price of admission. It is a strictly moral, clean and educational one, to which everyone, including ladies and children, can attend with the assurance that nothing is presented that will in any way offend the most sensitive person. The interest being taken by the large crowds attending each performance is proof of the genuineness of the professions of Prof. Garnett. The engagement closes Saturday night. Admission 10 and 25 cents to all parts of the house.

#### LIST UF CLAIMS

	A CONTRACTOR OF TAXABLE PROPERTY.		
	The following hills were allowed	at I	the
Ì	last meeting of the city council:		
l	F. E. Holsten, salary 1907\$	25	00
ı	F. E. Allen, salary 1907		00
١	J. Rowan, polling place	10	00
		627	90
1	W. D. Zediker, plumbing	6	18
į	E. M. Neusbaum, street work	86	90
ĺ	C. C. Smith, salary 1907	50	00
1	F. W. Knight, salary school com	21	50
1	F. W. Harris, salary councilmab	25	00
ì	B. F. Gilman, city attorney	25	00
	F. M. Knight, city treasurer	10	00
ı	E. M. Martin, salary councilman	25	00
ij	E. W. Ray, plumbing	14	25
1	Tom Tuck, prisoners' board	13	50
ı	C., A. Newberry, merchandise	441	50
	W D. Zediker, digging cesspool	-	65
ı	H. H. Bellwood, city physician	150	
	M. F. Donovan, special police		00
	H. S. Kaulson, labor		30
	C, A. Laing, salary and extra duty.	100	00
	Cal. Cox, marshal and janitor		00
	C. T. Huss, boarding prisoners		35
	W. O. Barnes. salary		00
ı	J. A. Mallery, groceries, pest house		20
	The bonds of C. W. Brennan and	Cy	rus
	Laing were approved.		

Lost-Silver watch, Elgin works, gold stem, gold hands, with a leather fob and Alliance high school pin. Reward for cere sympathy of host of friends. return to Herald office -Elmer Reed.

Special sale of muslin underwear at

For rent-furnished room, close in.

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Miss Ruth Hager is in Sterling this week with friends.

Mrs. C. W. Grassman is visiting relatives in Plattsmouth.

Mrs. R. E. Driscoll and children are visiting friends in Mitchell.

Geo. Deitlein made a brief business trip to Lincoln yesterday.

C. G. Fitchie, of the shop forces, is spending a few days in Omaha.

Ten firemen were laid off Monday on account of reduction of forces.

Mrs. A. A. Opp, of Edgemont, is visiting relatives in Lincoln this week. Fireman Joe Raby and family are visiting in Newcastle for a few days this

Engineer E. R. Morrison and family night, "The people want a dry town, are on an extended visit with relatives

> Mrs. C. H. Rockey and daughter are on a pleasure trip to Hot Springs for a

> Fireman J. P. Carter has been laid off and will leave in a few days for his home at Table Rock.

W. L. Randall and family left Monday for Chadron, where they will make their home in the future.

Engineer W. A. Bennett has been transferred from Edgemont and will work out of Alliance in future.

C. H. Grothe and wife were called to Burlington, Iowa, Wednesday evening, on account of the sudden death of Mr. Grothe's niece.

The brick work on the new depot is about completed, and the carpenters 

> J. B. Kennedy and wife returned today from Omaha, where he attended the convention of the Knights of Columbus held at that place Tuesday.

> Fireman Thos. Burchell, who was laid off recently on account of slack business on the road, left this morning for his old home at Spalding, this state.

C. A. Wetherell returned Tuesday from a short visit with relatives near Bayard. Mrs. Wetherell will remain Teachers' fund ...... 9,312.78 11,088.56 12,131.15 on Mr. Milliken's ranch during his ab-

#### Railroad Notes from Edgemont

Edgemont Express.

Switch Engine Fireman Carter has laid off and gone to Alliance for a visit.

Engineer W. A. Bennett, of the High W. J. Burns, a fireman on the Sheridan

division, has taken a lay-off and gone to Sheridan. Fee Brogan, a High Line fireman, has been transferred to Alliance and will work

out of there.

Engineer Bent bas gone to Sheridan for crat. a lay-off, and Engineer McNaughton is taking his place.

Engineer Marsh is doing extra work here

the shops at Sheridan. Work on the High Line is being done by six engines, five heavy and one light. Two

crews have beec laid off. Engine 3144 is a new engine that will be here soon and will be put in commission

on the Edgemont-Gillette run.

Machinist Ed. Reardon, of Alliance, was in Edgemont Saturday on his way to Sheridan to take in the K. C. doings.

Engineer J. N. Hurst, of the turn-round train, has been in Alliance this week for a day or so visiting with his people.

The old engineers on the High Line are now asking for D4 engines and are taking

them in preference to ali others. Herman Nelson, of Edgemont, has been reinstated on the road and is working on the High Line as engineer on freight.

J. F. Coulee, yardmaster at Chadron for the Northwestern, went through here Saturday to Sheridan to take in the K. C. doings.

Five light engines now in the shops here will be sent east, where they will be run on branch lines until business picks up here in the west.

Ed. Bardin is now running the switch engine in the yard here, having bumped R. V. Brown who is now running the switch engine at Lead.

R. H. Ramsell, who has been at the Hot Springs hospital for the past three weeks, will return here and go to work again. He has had a hard pull of it.

Engine 3184 will soon be in commission on the Deadwood line, being at Alliance where she has been repaired and will come to Edgemont in the near future.

Frank Irish, who was chief clerk in the mechanical department at Alliance for some time, has been bereaved by the loss of his wife, who died on Monday at Alliaece after a short illness. He has the sin-

Engine 1657 is now equipped with a hot water injector that will work with the water at 118 degrees of heat. Engine 2129 was having her boiler washed with the hot tune to literature."-Bohemian, water Wednesday morning, and it is the intention to wash all High Line engines with this hot water in the near future.

#### LINCOLN'S JOKE

Fixing the Responsibility For the Lose of Harpers Forry.

President Lincoln's jokes, especially when perpetrated in connection with grave matters, usually had a purpose Weekly Report of Payments Toward in them. After Lee had taken Harpers Ferry the president, realizing how great a calamity it was to the northern arms, determined if possible to fix the responsibility for the loss of the important position.

Halleck was summoned, but did not know where the blame lay. "Very committee is now out collecting and the well," said Lincoln, "I'll ask General Schenck." The latter could throw no light upon the question, further than to say that he was not to blame. Milroy was the next to be called to the presence of the commander in chief and to enter a plea of "not guilty." Hooker was next given a hearing, and "Fighting Joe" made a very emphatic disclaimer of all responsibility.

Then the president assembled the four generals in his room and said to them: "Gentlemen, Harpers Ferry was surrendered and none of you, it seems, is responsible. I am very anxious to discover the man who is." After strlding across the room several times the president suddenly threw up his bowed bead and exclaimed: "I have it! I know who is responsible!"

"Who, Mr. President; who is it?" asked the distinguished quartet as they looked anxious, if not troubled.

"Gentlemen," said the president, with a meaning twinkle in his eye, "General Lee is the man."

There was a lack of mirth in the laugh created, and the four generals took their departure with a determination that they would not again be placed under suspicion.

#### SLEEP MYSTERIES.

Tasks Often Performed While the Worker Slumbers.

A psychologist was discussing the miracles of sleep.

said, "to a monotonous task that one the Foolish-house, can fall asleep and still keep on working. Thus in India there are punka coolies, men who turn a fan all night long in the hot weather while their English masters rest, and it is not uncommon for a punka cooly to acquire the knack of sleeping at his task. On and on he sleeps through the hot, perfumed hours of the Indian night, but his hand mechanically and steadily turns the punka pulley.

"Men have composed great literary works in their sleep. Coleridge's 'Kubla Khan' is the most famous example of this; but, then, Coleridge was a morphinomaniac, and his sleep was scarcely natural. But R. L. Stevenson. Corelli and Longfellow have also done

good work while sleeping. "Divers sometimes fall asleep deep down in the sea, but some unknown part of their brain keeps watch, and at the proper moment, though asleep they give the order to be hauled up. This is a good deal like the miracle that happens to all of us-the miracle whereby if we tell ourselves on retir ing that we must wake at 7 we in variably do wake at that hour-how or why it is impossible to say. Some part of us watches, works, keeps awake all night, so that at 7 it may call us."-New Orleans Times-Demo

Penny For a Priceless Book penny an aged looking volume bearing W. Williams, Chana, Ill. while his engine, 3130, is being repaired in date of 1540. The man tried to read ft, but threw up the attempt apparently in disgust, and the volume was relegated to the cupboard. A friend of his happened to see the book and took it to the British museum authorities. who promptly made an offer of £90, the highest sum the librarian is allowed to expend without a special vote of the trustees. Had the man known ty commissioners to collect all back tax what he was about he would have due the county and to issue distress stood out for more, as the authorities would have paid almost any price rather than allow the volume to slip through their fingers. It was, in fact, the first book printed by Gutenberg and was therefore almost priceless. London Tit-Bits.

> Improved on Selemos. In a certain Sunday school a little girl told the story of Solemon and the disputing mothers in this wise: "Bolomon was a very wise man. One day two women went to him, quarreling about a baby. One woman said, This is my child,' and the other weman said, 'No, 'tain't: it's mine.' But Solomon spoke up and said: 'Ne, no, ladies; don't quarrel. Give me my sword, and I'll make twins of him, so you can both have one."

At a Disadvantage. Bacon-Would you call him a good talker?

Egbert-No. I would not. "How many times have you heard him talk?" "Only once."

"And when was that?" "When he was trying to open a car window."-Yonkers Statesman.

Had a Woman to Blame.

"I have had dreadful luck. This morning I dropped my spectacles, and my wife stepped on them." "That's what I call good luck. If I had dropped mine, I should have stepped on them myself."-Chicago Record-Herald.

The Poet Answered. "Do you know that I was born on the same day Emerson died?" "Both events being a cruel misfor-

He hurts the good who spares the bad.-Pone.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO SISTERS' ACADEMY

## the Erection of the School Building.

Following is the amount of money received for the Sisters' Academy and by whom paid. Much of this is only part payment of subscriptions. The amount received will be published

	weekly.	
Fi Fi	Previously acknowledged\$7	342.55
	Mrs. J. Wiker	2.50
k	Jno. Gaddis	5.00
	D. Landrigan	50,00
í	Jno. Brennan	150.00
í	J. A. Mallery	50.00
	Total	600.0x

#### A POSTAL CLERK'S PROTEST

A Few Grouches from a Railway Postal Clerk

When you wish to mail a letter on the train, don't hammer the car door with your knuckles, as you might knock the paint off. Put your letter in the slot provided for that purpose in every mail car.

Don't write K. C. K. for Kansas City. Kansas, S. F. Cal. for San Francisco, California, or Oma for Omaha, Nebraska. If your time is too valuable to permit you to address a letter properly, you can afford a Deere & Velie buggies that will be sold stenographer.

Some persons address letters in a fist that Satan himself could not decipher, Postal clerks are only buman and not mind readers at that, so if you cannot command a legible brand of chirography, print it and if you can't print, get a friend to address your letter for you.

Evidence of a playful disposition, such as placing the stamp on the back of a letter or on the lower left-hand corner, or a one-cent stamp at each end of a letter, may have a tender significance in the stamp flirtation, but in the postal clerk's dictionary the an-"One can become so accustomed," he swer is that the writer is a candidate for

#### EXASPERATION

"How's the weather?"

Jack Frost's gobblin'

Oh, shut up!

The fruit all up. Mr. Weather Man's In cahoots With Jack Frost, Bet your boots! Talk about graft! This is the limit. Wonder how much for Welch' There is in it? What's he handin' us? Oh, what fibs! "Fair and warmer"-Bat 'im in the ribs, Ride 'im on a broomstick, Chase 'im out o' town, Call Farmer Burns in To do him up brown. Ole Mr. Weather Man. Do you think yer cute Lettin' Jack Frost in

> To gobble up the fruit? B. N. T., Omaha.

\*U. S. Weather Observer,

#### Wanted.

by wholesale phonograph company, one in each county, to fill out weekly in-A workingman once purchased for a formation list, \$10 to \$100 monthly,

#### Do You Owe Any Back Tax? If so. Better See the County Treasurer.

To the county treasurer of Box Butte county, Nebraska:

You are hereby ordered by the counwarrants on all delinquents who have been notified and have neglected to pay. By order county commissioners.

By W. C. MOUNTS, County Clerk.

For Sale.

Steam plow outfit, disc and mouldboard plow, also tanks and necessary fixtures. Inquire of J. C. McCorkle.

#### DR. T. ALLEN, DENTIST

Painless Extraction Latest Methods -Safe. Sure-

NEBRASKA

ALLIANCE

# and bring to you that increase of business you ar looking for if you give us your store news to print

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> AN EXCELLENT ASSORTMENT OF TYPE, GOOD PRESSES AUD TYPOGRAPHICAL ARTISTS

These represent our facilities for doing the kind of printing that will please you. The prices are right, and prompt delivery the invariable rule at this office.

#### BUSINESS LOCALS.

Another one of those great big cars of new furniture just unloaded at Geo. D. Darling's store. Tell him your furniture needs.

We always have money to loan on farm land and city property. 18-tf F. E. REDDISH.

Cook wanted at once-Barry House. Try Pardy's Cottage Bread.

Just received a car lord of fertilizer for lawns. You'll have to hurry to get some.-J. Rowan.

Go to Pardy's Bakery for your Pies and Cakes. Freezers and Squeezers, for Ice

Cream and Lemons. Geo. D. Darling's

store. See F. E. Reddish for loans on real estate.

New comers and others changing place of residence should not fail to give street and house number to Wm. James when wishing quick delivery on coal, 46-tf

Dr. Allen, dentist. Opera house blk

George D. Darling, Housefurnisher, has everything to furnish your home. Go to him for your needs in this line.

Just received, a car of famous John at a sacrafice or will trade for horses.

51-tf J. R. JORDAN. Try the new shop. Phone 498. 33-tf Dr. Allen, dentist. Opera house blk.

For Sale-Good six-room house, Inquire of P. R. Workman, Alliance. Dr. Allen, dentist. Opera house blk.

Let Geo. D. Darling figure your floor covering. He will cut it and lay it and save you money.

Parties desiring to build, improve or repair, will save money by figuring with S. C. Reck before spring work opens WANTED-Boy, 16 to 20 years of

ducements to right one. - Pardey Bak-Pardy's Bakery is 114 West Montana

age, to learn Baker's trade. Good in-

The Denver Times delivered to your house every day for 65c per month. Leave your order at the Bee Hive store.

Lost-A largeopen-faced silver watch with Elk's head on back. Return to A. J. Macy or The Herald office and receive reward.

For Sale-Four head of Shorthorn bulls. These are good animals, from the Ed. Meyers herd. May be seen at my ranch.-Wm. Welch, Bingham,

S. C. Reck will quote you prices on all kinds of mill work, tanks, screens, Storm sash and repairwork.

For a pleasant evening's entertainment go to the Crystal Picture Parlors.

Largest stock of Rugs, Carpets, Lin-

oleums, Floor Oil Cloth and Mattings in Alliance. Geo. D. Darling, s store. For Sale-Cream separator.-L. E.

For a pleasant evening's entertainment go to the Crystal Picture Parlors.

Darling.

sold in Alliance. Buy 'em of Geo. D. For Sale Cheap.

The "Alaska". Coldest refrigerator

Household goods. Also new piano f desired. These goods are in modern house which can be rented reasonable. Call at this office. 16-tf.

#### Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by J. F. Reid, Torrington, Wyoming, until 12 o'clock noon of Wednesday, May 20th, for labor all above foundation, including prime coat on outside of building, on United Presbyterian church. Plans may be found at Copeland's hardware store, Torrington. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. J. F. REID. G. W. GAMBLE,

#### Secretary. For Sale.

Chairman.

Dark brown Percheron stallion four years old. Weight 1600 pounds. Guaranteed a breeder, and of gentle disposition. May be seen at what was formerly the Baxter farm. For further particulars inquire there or at Phillips Livery Barn. 17-tf.

#### For Rent.

The se % sec. 32, 26-49; 80 acres broke. Inquire of W. H. THOMAS.

#### Take Notice.

All persons indebted to Everett Cook are requested to pay at once. Accounts not settled by May 20, will be placed in the hands of a collector.

Notice.

Parties having cases and kegs belonging to King's place are requested to return them at once.

#### Notice.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to King's Place, are requested to call and settle at once. All accounts not settled by May 20, will be placed with a collector.