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THREE SERIOUS RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

E. L. Hoag, Well Known in Alliance, Killed on the Sheridan Division—Brakeman G. M. Smith Ground to Pieces Near Reno—Car Inspector Martin Meyers Loses Leg Under the Wheels.

Word was received Tuesday morning of the death of E. L. Hoag, a brakeman on the Sheridan division at Ranchester. Hoag was until recently employed as day baggageman here. The particulars of the accident are not known but it is thought that he was run over by the cars in trying to make a coupling. Mr. Hoag's father was in Deadwood when the accident happened and was notified and left for Sheridan at once. He also has a sister, Mrs. E. J. Wilson, living here.

Brakeman G. M. Smith on train extra, in charge of Conductor Emery and Engineer W. H. White was instantly killed early Sunday morning by falling beneath the cars about one-half mile west of Reno. Smith was trying to put out a fire on a car about three cars behind the engine and in some manner slipped and fell with the above result. Smith was brought to Alliance and the remains shipped to Carrolton, Ohio, where his parents reside. He has been employed here about one month.

Martin Meyers, a car inspector, suffered a very painful and serious injury early Sunday morning by being run over by the cars. Meyers was taken to the Alliance hospital where it was found necessary to amputate his lower limbs between the knee and ankle. The injured man is getting along nicely but it will be sometime, of course, before he is able to be around.

Eagles Entertain at Banquet and Ball

Alliance Aerie No. 136, Fraternal Order of Eagles, entertained last Saturday night in which about 150 guests participated. The opera house was the first scenes of the evening's pleasure. A select program took place. C. S. Sowers, president of the local aerie presided.

Music and speech making entertained the guests for an hour or more and the proceedings closed with an address by Mr. Lager, of Chadron, who is the state secretary of the order.

A banquet next took place in the handsome club rooms over Mallery's stor. The menu included all that the inner man could wish for and the club steward, F. D. McCormick, and assistants, did themselves proud in preparing the same.

The evening's entertainment concluded with a dance in which most of the guests participated.

Buffalo Bill's Indians Back to the Reservation

Colonel William McCune arrived in Omaha Saturday morning over the Burlington, says the Bee, accompanied by C. B. Ogle, traveling freight agent of that road. They had with them about seventy-five Indians from the Buffalo Bill Wild West show, whom they were returning to the Pine Ridge agency, where they will spend the winter and be ready for another season next spring. Coming into Omaha Mr. McCune advanced the Indians \$10 apiece that they might do some "trading" in Omaha and return to the reservation dressed entirely in civilian clothes. The Indians were taken to the Lange hotel for lunch, after which they came uptown to do their trading and left at 3 p.m. over the Northwestern for the agency. Mr. McCune reports a splendid trip and also that the show did a big business all through the west. He will accompany the Indians to the reservation, where he will pay

them off, carrying about \$10,000 with him for that purpose, the government regulations requiring that a certain percentage of their season's pay be held until they reach the reservation. Colonel Cody and most of the remainder of the show went to New York from Memphis, where the show closed and the show will be put in winter quarters at Bridgeport, Conn. Colonel Cody is the possessor of a new beautiful \$5,000 horse which he bought in California. He is a magnificent large spotted horse, of which the colonel is especially proud. Colonel Cody will remain in New York until about December 1, when, he says, he will reach Omaha enroute to Cody, Wyo., to look after his large interests.

Important

Owing to the impossibility of getting Mr. Mullen of O'Neill here to assist in putting on a class of candidates for the Knights of Columbus on next Sunday, the Alliance council has been obliged to change their date of initiation to Sunday, December 6th. Let all who are interested take notice to this change of date and remember that the class is to be initiated Sunday, December 6, 1908. Signed, H. A. COPSEY, Grand Knight.

Musical Rehearsal By Academy Scholars

The first public musical rehearsal by the pupils of St. Agnes' academy in this city took place last Monday evening in the music rooms of that institution. The program included both vocal and instrumental selections, piano and violin renditions being the features of the latter. Sister Philomena, who has supervision of the musical department, proved her ability as an instructor by the merit of her scholars, who acquitted themselves commendably in their numbers. Though a few months have elapsed since St. Agnes' academy is in operation, it is plain to see that the sisters of St. Francis are in the front ranks of educators and the scholars committed to their care will receive every advantage desired in an educational way. Father McNamara was present at the musical and at the conclusion of the program addressed the assembly briefly on the subject of education and the advantages put forth by the sisters. Henceforth there will be entertainments of this kind quite often to which the public will be invited.

Governor Selects Alliance Citizen As Member of His Military Staff

The daily press of Monday announce the appointment of Attorney William Mitchell of this city as Judge Advocate General on the military staff of Governor Shallenberger. This is considered a position of honor and recognition for Alliance, as well as Mr. Mitchell, who was not aware of his name being considered until reading the announcement in the press dispatches. Mr. Mitchell is now addressed by his friends as "Judge" or "Colonel", as either is correct and proper.

Hurrah for Box Butte!

T. J. O'Keefe, editor of the Alliance Herald, spent Saturday in Omaha, says the Bee, singing the praises of the capital of Box Butte county and trying to convince the people of the metropolis that his home town will one day be a rival of Omaha. Mr. O'Keefe says that the new Burlington passenger station, costing \$80,000, has just been opened, and that during the year \$30,000 has been expended in his city in erecting a new Catholic academy, and another \$30,000 in a new high and one graded school. Accompanying Mr. O'Keefe was G. L. Shumway of Scottsbluff, one of the democratic war horses of that part of the state. Mr. Shumway was a candidate for congress two years ago.

Small Pox at Sheridan

There is an epidemic of small pox at Sheridan, Wyo., but according to the newspapers of that city conditions have been exaggerated. The Post says there are only four or five cases of the genuine disease, no deaths have occurred, and the utmost precaution is being taken to prevent further spread of the epidemic.

We Should All be Thankful

Well, here we are again on the anniversary of our national Thanksgiving. The day we are called upon to give thanks to the Creator of all things for the blessings showered down upon us during the past year. Of bounteous harvest and freedom from wars and pestilence. In every granary there is plenty, and the sheaths of the field are filled with the breadstuff. Likewise, the vines of the vineyard have blossomed and brought forth fruit in abundance. The fattening of the fields cover the hills and dale, and God's blessing showers down upon a contented people. Then why should not the children of the Creator raise their hands in thanksgiving? Certainly, there are conditions and obnoxious laws that work hardship on the land at times but these are the failings of mankind. The order of things as destined by a wise and judicious Creator are not so destined but man must suffer for the errors of his making and the only thing left to do is a concentrated effort to right these misuses of God's privileges as soon as possible.

Politically, there are those who have more to be thankful for on this glorious day than others. The man who took the two-to-one bet on general results may have to sit down to a frugal meal of pork and beans while the winner of the bet may now feast on turkey and cranberries. But what of it? Pork and beans properly prepared is one of the daintiest dishes that one can consume. In fact, we have heard many a man say that he would rather have the Boston dish set before him than the finest turkey that ever graced a table. So you see, it all depends how you look at it. But, then, all is not glory to the Alliance republican. Not a bit of it. Many a party follower, who cheered lustily on election night for Taft and the republican party, found out later on that his bets on the state were lost and his winnings in the hands of the consolate democrats. It is estimated that all told, many dollars were won by the betters who considered that two-to-one bet on Nebraska looked good and in fact they were good for the democrats.

So we may say that under all conditions, we are all in a position to be thankful. We both lost and we both won. It was no skin game like "heads I win and tails you lose." It was, just pick your bet and put up your money. General results or on the state. If you are a democrat and wagered on general results, you eat pork and beans today. While on the other hand, if you were lucky enough to put your coin on the state of Nebraska, the other fellow eats the combination that made Boston famous, while you can help yourself to turkey and cranberries. In any event, don't forget to give thanks on this glorious Thanksgiving day. For it is meet and just.

Ralph E. Hayatt, one of the teachers in the Junior Normal course in this city last season, died at his home in Auburn, New York last Saturday. Mr. Hayatt was a progressive young educator who came west about three years ago on account of ill health. He seemed much improved and returned to his native state when the insidious disease again began its ravages and carried him away in the prime of life.

A mild form of scarlet fever has spread over the city and several of the younger generation as a result have been compelled to remain indoors. This is quite a trial these fine days. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Warrick is among the afflicted but we are pleased to state is convalescing nicely. A strict quarantine is pursued in every case by the health officers and families where the disease appears that no serious results may follow.

The card party and luncheon given by the Daughters of Isabella at the Knights of Columbus hall last Friday night was well attended and a delightful time experienced by all present. High-five was the game of the evening and prizes were awarded to the winners. Father McNamara and Mrs. Thos. Berckheuer were awarded the honors for the greatest number of games to their credit. The receipts of the evening's entertainment amounted to \$17.00.

Death of Mrs. Armstrong

Word was received here Monday of the death of Mrs. Henry Armstrong of Sheridan. Death was the result of a siege of typhoid fever. The patient was taken to the hospital a short time before death overcame her. Her husband, Henry Armstrong, died in that city several months ago. Both were former residents of Alliance and well remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Blinn arrived from Denver yesterday for a visit with their niece, Mrs. Dan Fitzpatrick. One of the attractions that drew them here was the Thanksgiving ball.

It will be noted elsewhere in this issue that the Alliance band will give an entertainment and ball at the opera house on New Year's eve. A special program of music will be rendered and the affair is to conclude with a grand ball. This will, no doubt, be a social event in which all our people will participate. We want a band here next year to help too our enterprises and progress, and we should contribute to the success of the organization by being present New Year's eve.

Dr. Barr was called last night to visit Mrs. Claude Anderson, two miles west of Bingham, who was very sick, and had quite a thrilling experience enroute, the buggy tipping over in a sand pit and spilling him out, together with his tool chest and medicine repositories. With great presence of mind he yelled "ho!" and the team at once discontinued their journey. By a heap of thinking and main strength he succeeded in righting the vehicle and continued the journey, losing about an hour's time by the mishap. Mrs. Anderson was better when he left there this morning.—Hyannis Tribune.

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