

# May Amend Kinkaid Homestead Laws

A Washington despatch to the Daily Press, says:

W. W. Woods, register of the land office at Alliance, is in Washington upon business before the Interior department.

It has been arranged that Judge Woods, taking advantage of his presence in Washington will go before the house committee on public lands tomorrow to give his views regarding certain proposed amendments to the "Kinkaid act." One important amendment proposed to this act looks to a reduction of the improvement requirements. Under the existing law improvements must be placed upon each entry, proportionate to \$1.25 per acre to number of acres entered upon. An amendment has been considered reducing this proportion to 40 cents per acre.

Representative Kinkaid would favor the entire removal of the improvement clause but as a compromise will agree to accept the 40-cent per acre proposition. The original clause in the Kinkaid act has been found to be excessive and is said to be causing considerable hardship and is altogether unnecessary.

A second proposition which is under consideration, merely tentative, however, relates to the commutation clause of the Kinkaid act. This is that an entryman may be allowed to "prove up" after fourteen months' residence upon his homestead by payment in full at the rate of \$1.25 per acre. Under the present law an entryman is enabled to live upon his farm, make improvements and cannot obtain a deed in fee simple until the expiration of five years. This proposed amendment would simply do this. An entryman who successfully worked his farm or who had the capital, might within fourteen months obtain a patent. According to Judge Woods, a majority of those who availed themselves of the provisions of the Kinkaid act are now in a position to take advantage of the proposition to secure a patent within fourteen months, practically making a cash deal with Uncle Sam.

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## LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Coote Mulloy was in from his ranch last Saturday.

Girl wanted at the Triplett boarding house, 415 Laramie avenue.

C. A. Newberry is among the visitors at the corn show in Omaha this week.

Genial Tom Poole of Marsland was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

At the price of eggs these days it is not difficult to find the hen that laid the golden egg.

W. S. Ridgell left Wednesday morning for a short visit at Kansas City and Richmond, Mo.

The Alert fire department is arranging to give a grand ball at the city hall on Christmas night.

Dr. Bellwood returned last Sunday morning from Chicago, where he has spent the past ten days.

Editor Burleigh of the Hemingford Journal was a business visitor at the county hub last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Frankie pleasantly entertained a few friends at a six o'clock dinner Sunday evening.

Everett Eldred returned today from Omaha where he marketed eight cars of cattle. The stock sold for \$3.80.

Grandma Dietlein left Tuesday afternoon for Omaha, where she is enjoying a visit with friends and relatives.

A. S. Eneyart, a well known stockman and enterprising citizen of Dorsey precinct, had business in the metropolis Sunday.

Carl Rocky and sister of Alliance spent Sunday here with relatives and returned home Monday morning.—Edgemont Express.

Jos. J. McNamara was a visitor to the corn show in Omaha last week. He also visited his parents at Wisner, returning last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Curran were down from Berea Thursday. They will soon move to Lawn precinct, having leased the C. A. Posvar ranch.

The county commissioners proceedings of the last session will appear next week. The auditing of claims was the most important business of the session.

Misses Myrtle and Alice Carlson enjoyed the company of their friends, the Misses Carney, of Seneca, who visited at the Carlson home last week.

County Attorney Eugene Burton is the envy of all the girls these days. He carried off that beautiful ten pound box of candy at Brennan's drug store last Saturday.

The Wallace & Swanson grocery opened Wednesday morning and a splendid business was done. A large and select stock of new groceries arrived for the store today.

W. F. Patterson, one of our substantial farmers living north of Alliance, expects to take a trip to Oklahoma in a short time to find market for about 2,000 bushels of choice seed potatoes of his own raising.

Messrs. Ole Davig and John Bowman left Saturday for a trip to Texas. They were accompanied by Mr. Davig's nephew whose health is very poorly and it is hoped the change of climate will prove of benefit to him.

Claud Brown was down from Hemingford Monday. He will start for San Diego, Cal., next Sunday where his family have been for a few weeks. They will spend the winter there and may decide to make their permanent home in that state.

William and James Elmore, the bright young sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Elmore, departed last Saturday for the state of New York to try their fortunes with their father, who is in the railway contracting business with his brother, Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Olday returned last week from Boulder, Colo., where they have resided for some time since leaving Alliance. The poor condition of Mrs. Olday's health made it necessary to make this change and they did so with reluctance for Ernst had an excellent position at Boulder. He is now employed at the Eastern meat market. We are pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Olday residents of this city again.

F. M. Allen, who came from Oklahoma a few months ago and located on a Kinkaid homestead about twenty miles northeast of Alliance, was in the city Saturday and called to have his name enrolled on the list of this great news disseminator.

Conductor W. G. Eubanks, who is now on the Bridgeport-Guernsey run, has moved his family to the latter place. Their Alliance friends hope that their change of residence will not be permanent and that they will return to Alliance in the spring.

Miss Margaret Hawkins, stenographer in the First National bank, left Tuesday for a vacation of two weeks which will be spent with her mother and sister at Creston, Iowa. Mrs. Loyd C. Thomas is assisting in the bank during Miss Hawkins' absence.

The public schools and St. Agnes academy will close next Friday for a two weeks vacation during which time the scholars will enjoy the holidays to their hearts content. The Herald wishes each and all a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Baschky returned Saturday from Crawford where they were called by the serious illness of his brother, Ed, who has typhoid fever. He is considerably improved now and they have grounds for hopes of his speedy recovery.

President C. E. Ford of the First National Bank, accompanied by S. K. Warrick, are making the rounds of the neighboring towns looking after the interests of the banks in which they are interested. They are at present at Merna and Broken Bow.

Mesdames B. I. and J. E. Joder returned Wednesday from Paxton, Ill., where they went last week to attend the funeral of their mother. Mrs. McCluer will remain there for two or three weeks. Their father expects to come here in the near future for a visit.

Regular Sabbath services are being held at the United Presbyterian church, Rev. W. W. Gordon, of Oregon, preaching. A furnace, purchased of the Newberry company, is being put in the church this week and other improvements are being planned.

Bernard Phelan left Monday morning for Seattle and the northwest on a tour of investigation and contemplates locating on the coast if conditions are favorable. He is a bright young man with a good education and will doubtless realize the ambition of his desire.

The Gadsby store has just received an elegant line of new furniture and with the shipment of one large car load, are included some handsome pieces that will make desirable Christmas presents. These suggestions are more fully told in a conspicuous ad. in this issue.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold an Apron and Handkerchief sale in the dining hall of the Charters Hotel Friday afternoon and evening of this week. Light refreshments will be served in the afternoon for ten cents and a chicken pie supper at five o'clock for twenty-five cents.

Talk about fine weather. The past week has furnished us as fine a sample of Italian weather as one could wish for. No need of going away to bask in the semi-tropical atmosphere of the golden state when one can enjoy the pure atmosphere of Box Butte county with a linen duster and straw hat. It's finer than silk.

Mrs. Pete Swanson of Hemingford was an Alliance visitor Saturday and made The Herald a call to subscribe, saying that they couldn't get along without the paper. Mrs. Swanson was accompanied by Miss Mabel Crawford, one of Box Butte county's efficient teachers who presides over a school in that vicinity.

Mrs. H. W. Beach was notified of the sickness of her aged mother, Mrs. Williamson, at Kilbourne, Ill., and in company with Mrs. Bell Robinson, departed for that place. Word was received that she died the 7th. Deceased formerly resided in this city and was 78 years of age at the time of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Albro and little daughter left last Tuesday afternoon for Council Bluffs, Iowa to visit with old-time friends and relatives. Mr. Albro is the well known representative of the Woodward candy company of the Bluffs, and has done much in making that firm popular in this section of the west.

W. R. Kent, who was a candidate before the primaries for the republican nomination for representative from this district last fall, passed through here Monday night with his little boy on his way to Hay Springs, where he is negotiating for the purchase of the Enterprise, the newspaper owned by Mr. Johansen, who was the democratic nominee for that position.—Crawford Tribune.

Attention is called to the December Sale of the Regan millinery store on another page of this issue. Some tempting prices are made on furs and other articles. Also a special sale on laces, gloves, etc. for the Christmas trade.

Jas. Donovan has purchased the chili room just north of the Hila Grand hotel and is conducting a short order cafe, where those who desire can secure deliciously prepared dishes of all kinds and at reasonable prices. The proprietor will appreciate the patronage of those who call and exert his efforts to please all.

Smith & Wilson, sellers of imported and home-bred stallions, is the appellation of a new company in this city. Mr. Smith is our genial mayor and proprietor of the Palace livery barn. Mr. Wilson is from Creston and so well known to all horse men in the northwest that it is unnecessary to speak of his high standing as a business man and horse dealer. The firm has a number of stallions for sale and they want parties interested to call and see them. Their ad. appears elsewhere in this issue.

N. P. Lundeen left last Saturday afternoon on 44 for an extended trip to Texas. Before going south he stopped off at York to visit with relatives and friends, and in company with parties from that place proceeded to Omaha to review the great corn exhibit now on display. From there Mr. Lundeen will go by way of Kansas City to a point in Texas on Brasos river reached by the M. K. & T. System. That country has gained prominent notoriety of late because of the soil and the low prices of land in that section of Texas. Mr. Lundeen will return about Christmas.

J. C. McCorkle is home from the corn show at Omaha and brought several land seekers with him.

John T. Chapman, a pioneer settler in these parts who left here some fifteen years ago, arrived in the city today from Illinois and is visiting old-time friends.

Wm. Armstrong of Hemingford was in the city Monday enroute to South Dakota, where he was fortunate enough to draw a good number in the land drawing two months ago.

The First National bank is presenting its patrons with a very attractive and new design calendar—a view of a "Royal Bunch" of Herefords—and is appreciated by stockmen in particular.

If you want to buy a Christmas present and can't think just what to select, go to the Horace Bogue store where there are thousands of articles to select from. An ad. from this popular trading place appears in this issue and tells of Xmas novelties and suitable gifts. Read it.

J. P. Colburn, who has succeeded W. D. Kumer in the mercantile business, has just added a new line of dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc., to the stock and on the last page of today's issue calls attention to Christmas shoppers to his stock and prices, inviting all to call and investigate the same.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Evans, from near Marsland, were Alliance visitors Tuesday. Mr. Evans is one of the most successful young farmers of the county. This season he raised 5,800 bushels of potatoes, which he sold at an average price of 33 cents a bushel, amounting to the total sum of nearly \$2,000, and this was probably less than half the value of all his crops. Charlie is one of the fellows who thinks Box Butte county is good enough for him.

Mitchell Index: Walter Barton had the misfortune to break a leg yesterday just above the ankle by his horse falling with him. The accident occurred at Gering as he was returning from Banner county with his cattle to ship to his ranch in Montana. Attention is called to the advertisement of the new firm of J. S. Mekiney & Co., whose store was opened this week. J. R. Johnson is the manager and Mekiney will also remain in the store, although he will not move his family over from Alliance before spring.

A compendium of statistics on marriage and divorce has recently been issued by the bureau of the census department of commerce and labor. The statistics are the result of careful gathering of figures in every state in the union, the period covered being from 1887 to 1906. The last set of national statistics on marriage and divorce covered the period from 1867 to 1886. The present set of statistics, taken in conjunction with the former one, therefore, gives a view of the marriage and divorce question for the past forty years. The three important facts brought out in this compendium are: One marriage out of every twelve in the United States terminates in the divorce court. Divorce is two and one-half times as common in this country as it was forty years ago. Illinois grants more divorces than any other state in the union.—The Commoner.

## MARSLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Metlin were over night visitors at E. T. Gregg's Saturday. Col. Hartwell of Bellefourch, S. D., had legal business in this place the first of the week.

Mrs. F. K. Bellamy and Mrs. Chas. Evans were Alliance visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Jorammon, the drayman, meets all trains and transfers baggage and freight to any part of town.

Dr. Curtis, the veterinary surgeon, came up from Alliance Monday, making his monthly visit to this place.

Mrs. G. A. Walbridge is an inmate of the Alliance hospital, having been taken with an attack of typhoid fever.

The condition of C. H. Richie, who has been suffering with a severe attack of stomach trouble, is slightly improved.

Merle, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden, who was very ill and threatened with pneumonia, is better at this writing.

Will Gregg made a trip to Chadron Saturday looking after the matter of board, room, etc. He expects to attend the Chadron academy after the holidays.

Mrs. George Gregory and the elder Mr. Gregory were both taken to the hospital at Hot Springs Saturday, both having been sick for some time. They were accompanied by George Gregory.

L. T. Poole went to Alliance Tuesday and returned to this place Wednesday, accompanying the remains of little Marie Walbridge, who died at the Alliance hospital. Train No. 41 stopped here for convenience.

Mrs. Dr. Willis gave a party for Gertrude Bourc on Friday night, the occasion being a birthday anniversary. A large number of youngsters were present and Gertrude was the recipient of many pretty and useful gifts.

Will Nicholson left for South Omaha on Sunday night with as fine a lot of cattle as ever left this place. There were about 300 head. While their business, cattle raising, has been badly broken into by homesteaders taking up land in their range, still they have enough of this vast domain under their control to make ranching profitable.

A large number of people were Crawford visitors during the past week, among whom were Mrs. E. T. Gregg and son Will, John Hughes, John Sallenberger and son Dayton, Misses Emele Jacobson and Gertrude Tollman, and E. A. Tollman.

Died, at the Alliance hospital on Tuesday morning at 2:30 o'clock, Marie Walbridge, adopted daughter of Mrs. G. A. Walbridge, age twelve. Marie was stricken with that dread disease, typhoid pneumonia, about two weeks ago, which did its work quickly but surely. The remains were brought to this place on Wednesday and funeral services were held at the M. E. church, Rev. Kuhler, of Hemingford, officiating. Marie was a dear little girl, much loved by the children of this place, where the greater part of her life had been spent, and the sorrowful faces of her little playmates showed how deeply grieved they were at her loss. The little wasted form showed the great suffering she had endured but.

Like a dove to the ark,  
She has flown to her rest.  
From this wild sea of strife  
She is happy and blest.

Mrs. Walbridge, who is now at the Alliance hospital, surely has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this, her second bereavement, her husband having died three weeks ago, and all sincerely hope that she may be restored to health before long.

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