

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Remember the library benefit at the Crystal Friday night. You are invited. Mrs. Elmer E. Soder returned last Monday from a pleasant visit to Crawford.

A. J. Hagen and family took Christmas dinner with Henry Snice, at the county farm.

Geo. Burke returned last Sunday morning from his Christmas visit with relatives at Lincoln.

A. M. Miller, of Hemingford, spent a couple of days in Alliance on business the fore part of the week.

A special program is being arranged for the library benefit at the Crystal Friday night. Don't miss it.

John Hevner of the Crystal theatre left last Monday for Franklin, Neb., for a week's visit with relatives.

Prof. D. W. Hayes and family spent a few days with Mr. Hayes' brother at Marsland, returning last Monday.

Remember, you are helping to swell the library fund if you attend the performance at the Crystal Friday night.

Mrs. M. J. Smith, of Fairfield, Iowa, is in the city on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. D. Rider.

What piano will you buy. The best for your money of course. Then you will buy the CROWN. See T. J. Threlkeld.

Dates of holding district court for the coming year, as published, in Box Butte county, will be June 21 and December 13.

Mrs. A. Reynolds, mother of Mrs. A. T. Lunn, returned to her home in Omaha last Tuesday after a pleasant visit here.

Miss Edith Swan left last Monday for Indianapolis to pursue musical studies until next spring, when she will return to this city.

Mrs. Fred Gray returned to her home at Norfolk yesterday after a pleasant holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Bullock.

If you have ever lived in Alliance perhaps you are still interested in the town. "Show us" by mailing a book or two to the Alliance public library.

Freight No. 46 broke into just west of town last Monday evening and came together with force enough to make fire wood of a couple cars.

Mat Brennan expects to start for California in a few days, in the hope of his health being benefited. C. A. Newberry will accompany him.

Henry Hier, was up from Reno, Tuesday. He was accompanied by his nieces, Bessie and Nellie Maycock, who visited their grandmother, Mrs. B. C. Keeler.

Sabbath School and sermon at the United Presbyterian church next Sabbath. Morning sermon, "Views of Life", evening theme, "Reaching toward the ideal."

A head-on collision at Fort Morgan Sunday morning delayed traffic several hours. Both engines and several cars were badly damaged. No injury occurred to the crews.

Frank Potmaisel, residing in the northeast part of the county, was a passenger from the east last Monday, having spent several weeks in St. Joseph, Mo., and other points.

The local order of Eagles gave a dance at their lodge rooms last Tuesday night to the members of the lodge and families. A pleasant time was experienced by all present.

In 1797 Wm. Bent began the manufacture of pianos. The Bents are still making pianos. They make the CROWN. It has no superior. The piano is right, and the price is right. Don't buy until you see one.

The holiday exercises at the East Polk district school took place Wednesday and the scholars did themselves proud under the direction of their teacher, Miss Krajicek. Music and speaking constituted the program.

The Woman's Club will hold a public reception at the home of Mrs. S. K. Warrick on New Year's day, from 3 to 6 o'clock. Every woman in Alliance is asked to bring at least one book as a contribution to the Alliance public library.

Married, by Judge Berry, last Monday evening, Edward Dunn, son of Daniel Dunn of this city, and Miss Nettie P. Hand, daughter of Frank Hand. The groom is a railroad machinist employed in Denver, where they will reside.

The weekly dances given in the opera by Miss Nellie Morris are becoming more popular each week. The dance Christmas night also, in the opera house, was very well attended. The regular weekly dance will be held as usual in the opera house, Saturday evening, January 2nd.

Amos Abley, of Denver, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Abley, near Hemingford, and a most enjoyable time was the result. It is four years since Mr. Abley left Box Butte to make his home in the city of the plains. He returned home last Saturday.

The charity ball given by Alliance council, Knights of Columbus, at the opera house last Monday evening was largely attended and a source of great enjoyment to those present. Something like \$150 was realized on the social affair, which will be used for charity in this city by the Knights.

Editor Ellis and W. S. Wheaton returned from Denver this morning where they spent the week looking up an automobile for Mr. Ellis, who made purchase of a touring car of the Thomas make. The machine has been used for a season or two but is in good condition and was bought at a bargain price.

The estate of J. D. Earl, who died in this city seven or eight years ago, was disposed of legally last Tuesday. It consisted of a tract of land west of the city and was bought in by Ralph Worley for \$1,650, about \$7.00 per acre. D. W. Earle, a brother of the deceased, was here from Carroll county, Iowa, to attend the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Pederson and baby arrived from Ravenna, Tuesday, and will visit at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. Bullock, till New Years. Nels is one of the popular conductors on the east end of this division. Mr. and Mrs. Pederson are pleased with Ravenna as a place of residence but we think Nels would be contented anywhere since he became "papa."

After the sad mission of conveying the body of his dead brother from Colorado Springs to Auburn, this state, where the funeral was held, Vera Dundas, of the telephone force, returned last Monday. Mr. Dundas was called to Colorado Springs a few weeks ago on receipt of news that his brother, suffering with consumption, was very low.

Lee Baye, who has been attending school at Lincoln, is home enjoying the company of his mother, sister and friends. He is taking a course in sprouts and is getting along nicely. He speaks of watching W. J. Bryan going the rounds of the capital city stores, buying presents a day or two before Christmas, and he seemed as lively and supple as any other patrons of the stores.

The Crystal theatre will give a benefit for St. Agnes' academy fund next Monday evening. The genial proprietors desire to show their appreciation for the school by donating the receipts of the entertainment on this night and it is hoped there will be a large attendance for the same. A special program will be presented, one worthy of attending. Remember the date, Monday evening, January 4.

Mrs. R. J. Lawrence received a telegram Monday apprising her of the death of her uncle, whose home was near Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Lawrence was arranging her plans to visit him in a few days and is much grieved that she did not go sooner. The remains of the deceased will be taken to his old home at Pittsfield, Maine, for burial. Mrs. Lawrence expects to meet the funeral party at Denver.

The Star restaurant has again come under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Nobe, who several months ago leased it to Craybill & Copelin. Since returning to Alliance, Mr. and Mrs. Nobe have become interested in both the bakery and restaurant business. We are glad to see them associated with the business people of this city for they are the kind that give an assurance of stability and progressiveness.

Chas. Huss will embark in the restaurant business in company with Knapp. The brick store formerly occupied by Nicols' shoe shop has been secured for the purpose and is being put in apple-pie order. They hope to begin business next Monday. M. D. Nichols occupies the wagon formerly used by Mr. Huss as a lunch room. If Charlie feeds his customers as liberally and good as he did in the past, Huss & Knapp will enjoy a lucrative patronage.

Clyde Akin, of Wayne, Wis., visited with his cousin, Miss Bertha Parkin, a teacher in the Hemingford schools, recently. They spent some time with H. J. Thompson, at Lakeside, where Mr. Akin investigated the cattle industry of the Lakeside ranch. He is an ardent agriculturist and his efforts in raising premium corn has resulted in winning several prizes, among them being one at the great corn show held in Omaha. Mr. Akin also visited his cousin, Supt. D. W. Hayes of this city.

THE HERALD wishes one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A good looking lady passenger on an east-bound passenger train the other day went to the diner for breakfast. Among the patrons of the hotel on wheels was a prominent business man of Alliance. The fair daughter of Eve seemed to gain the admiration of the colored waiter who showed her every courtesy. Suddenly she was overcome by a severe case of fits and while in her hysterical mood winked at the servant. Sambo leaned over to see what he might do for his fair guest he discovered the real situation, and half scared to death, ran into the next car declared that the Alliance business man's wife was having a "fit in de dinnah." It was some time before the Alliance gentleman could convince the excited crowd that the stranger bore no relationship to him.

One of the pleasant Christmas observances to be held was that at the school house in district No. 103, which was under the management of Mesdames Patmore, I. S. Johnson and D. H. Briggs. The tree decorations were unique and attractive. Christmas bells and the star of Bethlehem were most conspicuous. The walls, too, were beautifully festooned and the breath of holy Christmas time prevailed throughout the room. Little Marguerite Briggs utilized her skill in forming a motto which read, "Welcome." This was framed with holly and as the visitors entered they could not but be attracted by its greeting. After the baskets containing good things to eat were auctioned off and the time enjoyed eating supper at an end further pleasure was found in tripping the light fantastic toe till morn. Though far away from town and nearest the heart of nature, we believe those who attended the Christmas doings at this school house enjoyed themselves as any in the land.

Matzat-Johnson Nuptials

The friends of William Matzat received wedding cards recently announcing the marriage of that well known old-time Box Butte pioneer to Miss Lelia Johnson, Thursday, December 24, at Butte, Montana. The announcement states that the happy couple will be at home after January 25, at Toston, Montana.

The Herald, in company with the many friends of the groom, hasten to extend congratulations and hope that Mr. and Mrs. Matzat will have fine sailing over the sea of matrimony. Mr. Matzat is the possessor of real estate in Toston, and a man of good character.

MARSLAND.

(Crowded out last week.)

L. Snow has been installing a number of telephones recently. Kendrick Bros., Joralemon, the dray man, and Willis drug store now have service.

C. H. Evans sold his bunch of cattle to E. T. Gregg and, we hear, will go out of cattle raising, devoting his time to more extensive farming. Mr. Gregg also bought 24 head of Roy Lemons.

Word is received that Mr. Gregory, who went to the hospital at Hot Springs, will have to undergo an operation and with his advanced age, and weakened condition, it is hardly possible that he will survive the ordeal.

Leonard Hayes and Tony, the Italian boy, went hunting the morning after the snow fall. We first heard that Mr. Hayes shot 27 rabbits, but later the report was that he shot at one rabbit twenty-seven times, killing nobody.

The children are practicing for the Christmas tree exercises, which will be held on Christmas eve at the M.E. church. No reason why the tree should not be well filled as there are great quantities of splendid goods in town, in fact, it looks like there will have to be a New Year's tree also, to get rid of the stock.

E. T. Gregg expects to open up the ice works on next Monday. Several have been in from the surrounding country to engage work and it is expected there will be a large force. He has already contracted with the B. & M. for their supply which amounts to several thousand tons. The ice is, at present, six inches thick and clear and clean.

With all the joyfulness of the coming year tide a tinge of sadness is interwoven. Many changes have taken place during the past year. Some of our neighbors and friends have moved to lands far distant and with strangers made their homes. Others have gone from earth forever, but to all the remaining readers of the Herald and the Herald force we wish a merry Christmas.

Sweet Wrinkle Telephone, peas, ten cents per can. Eight bars good laundry soap for twenty-five cents. 18 pounds new prunes for \$1.00. Three pounds first-class raisins, 25c at Benedict's.

THE GADSBY STORE

extends to its customers and friends a most cordial New Year's greeting, and desires to thank the people of Alliance and Box Butte county for their liberal patronage during the past year, and especially during the holiday season. Our Christmas business was beyond our most sanguine expectations, for which

WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH

and ask that you give us your patronage during the year 1909.

We are adding to our stock continually, new and up-to-date goods and we guarantee at all times the lowest prices, quality considered

We guarantee our goods to be of the best quality. Otherwise we will cheerfully refund your money at any time

A Child can Buy as Cheap as a Man

THE GADSBY STORE

RAILWAY NOTES AND PERSONALS

A. V. Whitesides left a few days ago for Wymore.

Fireman W. V. Howard and wife are visiting in Omaha.

I. U. Hager left Tuesday afternoon for an extended trip to Ottawa, Ills.

Brakeman E. R. Olson is on an extended visit with relatives in Aledo, Ill.

Wm. Jappert, general car inspector, of Lincoln, was in the city Wednesday on business.

S. E. Klappal and B. P. Grimstead spent Christmas in Denver, returning Sunday on 302.

Mrs. W. J. Connors left Sunday for an extended visit with friends and relatives in Omaha.

Miss Cynthia Davenport left a few days ago for a few days' visit with friends in Edgemont.

Engineer G. L. Milliken will leave in a few days for a few days' visit on his ranch near Bayard.

Fireman C. W. Miller and sister will return in a few days from Columbus where they spent Xmas.

Brakeman J. B. Harris and wife left last week for Omaha and will make that place their future home.

T. Roope, Supt. motive power, and W. F. Ackerman, Asst. Supt. motive power, of Lincoln, were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. F. E. Allen and daughter Virginia left Tuesday for Des Moines, Iowa, where they will visit friends for thirty days.

R. I. Benjamin and C. W. Foster returned Monday morning from Grand Island and Wayne where they were spending Christmas.

Conductor Nels Pederson and wife will leave Saturday morning for their home in Ravenna after a very pleasant visit with relatives in this city.

F. C. French, of the general foreman's office, left on 42 this morning for his home in Salem after which he will go to Edgemont to accept the position vacated by J. P. Tiernan, who was elected county clerk at that place.

Miss Ida Rutledge of Lincoln is visiting her brother, L. A. Rutledge, of this city.

Railroad Notes from Edgemont

Edgemont Express.

Wm. Moulton, engineer from Alliance, has been transferred to the Deadwood line temporarily.

John Lawhead, carpenter, got one of his fingers badly mashed by letting the sill of a car drop on it accidentally.

L. Bartlett, master mechanic from Alliance, was in Edgemont Wednesday looking after the interests of the company.

O. C. Moore, pipe fitter, and wife left here Tuesday night for Alliance to spend the holidays.

C. F. Green, clerk in the master mechanic's office at Alliance, and his family have gone to Detroit, Mich., to spend Xmas with Mrs. Green's folks.

J. C. Birdsell, superintendent, with special car No. 87, came to Edgemont Monday on 41.

F. A. Eckerson, foreman of the machine shops at Alliance, has taken a lay off and gone to Galesburg, Ill., to spend Christmas with his folks.

Engineer Peterson of the Deadwood line has been transferred to Alliance.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

REPORTED BY A. F. BALDRIDGE, Bonded Abstractor.

Caroline Gross et al to Clarence Christen, ne ¼ of 25, 26-48, \$1809.51.

Jerusha C. Webber to J. P. Conner, undivided ½ int in nw ¼ of 10, 23-50, \$1.00 and val.

Frank Logan to Mike Shimek, lots 3 and 4 and ½ of sw ¼ of 19, 28-51, \$800.00

George M. Burlingame to Thomas J. O'Keefe, lot 18, blk 15, Alliance, \$2250.

Agnes D. Donaldson to C. C. Barker, ne ¼ of 21, 23-48, \$2,500.00.

A Library Benefit

The management of the Crystal theatre will donate the proceeds of Friday evening's performance to the fund for the new public library. Let everyone interested turn out and see that the house is well filled for both performances and show these gentlemen that their generosity is appreciated.

FOR RENT Three unfurnished rooms, modern, inquire 908 Box Butte Ave. or phone 544.

From the Bridgeport News-Blade.

The Bridgeport Commercial club is still doing business at the old stand. With county division accomplished and the county seat located the club is now ready to consider other enterprises.

Miss Phillips has resigned her position as a teacher in the Bridgeport schools, and rumor says she will be married shortly to a railroad man in Alliance. It seems to be on unwritten law that the contract of a young lady teacher is not binding against an offer of marriage; but this is a matter which should claim the attention of the North Platte Valley Teachers' association at the next meeting, and also that of the state organization.

A stone jug bearing the label: "To King precinct with compliments of D. W. Lee for giving Bayard a goose egg," was dispatched by a special messenger to our northern friends Wednesday afternoon. What the jug contained is not definitely known, but doubtless our loyal neighbors will be able to classify the contents. Here's looking at you, King.

The News-Blade celebrates the result of the election by being printed this week on its big Cottrell power press, the largest one in the western part of the state. While it is not yet working smoothly, the rollers having been damaged in shipping, by the first of the new year this office will be the best equipped of any printing plant in Nebraska, west of North Platte, and we promise our readers an up-to-date newspaper during the year 1909.

Wm. Bignell of Gilchrist spent Wednesday night in Bridgeport. Mr. Bignell had been in Sidney settling up with Cheyenne county for the last time, and stopped off in Bridgeport to get acquainted with his new county seat. He speaks in the highest terms of the ability and integrity of our new county commissioner, Herman E. Smith and predicts a prosperous future for Morrill county and Bridgeport. Heretofore our neighbors in the remote parts of the county have not been frequent visitors to Bridgeport, but the result of the election proves that they have the friendliest feelings toward this city, and it will be the aim of the people of the county seat to cultivate that feeling through the coming years. Let's be friends.

Pardy's Bakery is 114 West Montana street.