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It is now evident that the pitchfork is mightier than the big stick.

Late press dispatches report that lower Italy still has the shakes.

The big stick has a sort of back-action movement when Roosevelt applies it to congress. It's a case of tit for tat.

No doubt President Roosevelt has discovered by this time that the "pitchfork" has not gone out of business yet.

Judge Wright of the supreme court may have considered that his sentence of the labor leaders was right, but laying all jokes aside, he was wrong.

The lumber trust has recently advanced the price of lumber \$3.00 per thousand. Query: Who pays the bill of the republican campaign slush fund, the trusts or the people?

When Theodore Burton was elected congressman from the Cleveland (Ohio) district it is said that the lucky congressman burst into tears. Strange thing to cry about, indeed.

Who says that Tennessee is not a law-abiding state? Six night riders, convicted for killing Colonel Rankin of Reelfoot Lake, are sentenced to be hanged on February 19th.

There is no indication of congress making peace with the president, and there is no indication of capitulation on the part of the head of the government who wields the big stick.

"To live as Jesus would live," is a fad that is creating a great deal of commotion in Cleveland, Ohio these days. There's no doubt but that is a most difficult task—in Cleveland.

The plumbers surely had their inning the first of the week thawing out frozen pipes and limbering the water pipes of steam heaters. How the political fences withstood the inclement weather we have not heard.

Speaker Poole of the Nebraska legislature did a wise act when he announced that his speech of acceptance would be in the form of business and at once called the members to order with this object in view.

Lots of snow makes moisture; moisture means good crop prospects for western Nebraska, and good crop prospects indicate lively immigration for Box Butte county next spring. So don't grumble at the conditions.

A human skull was found in the waiting room of a Lincoln depot one day this week and the police of the capital city are unable to identify the same or unravel the mystery. Perhaps some belated representative lost his head when he got off the train at that place.

Freight rates on coal have increased fifty cents per ton, which is not encouraging news to those who have exerted themselves to have the rates reduced. Manager Lawrence of the electric light plant states that for \$1 coal at the mine he pays \$3 per ton freight.

When hypnotism can be exercised as it did in the case of Rev. John Carmichael by his wife to the extent that he was led to kill, chop and burn the body of his friend, Browning, at Battle Run, Mich., it is high time that the mysterious what-ever-it-is be made a statutory crime and the one exercising the same should be severely dealt with.

## Italy's Great Calamity.

The Damage Wrought by Earthquake, Fire and Tidal Wave in Sicily and Calabria—Causes of the Phenomenon.

SUCH destruction was wrought by earthquake and fire and tidal wave in the island of Sicily that the Italian government proposed to prohibit rebuilding of some of the cities destroyed. So many disasters have visited the region as to create the feeling that to dwell there is never going to be safe and that it ought to be abandoned to the use only of wild beasts and vultures, crows and other birds of carrion which are now hovering over it, enjoying the feast on human flesh with which the violence of nature has provided them. But those who lived and toiled in these cities do not fall in with this view. Messina, which had a population of nearly 100,000 before the earthquake, was a very prosperous commercial city. Those of its merchants who survive do not agree that its site should become a desert and that the locations of their former homes, stores and business offices should be forgotten. Instead of this they decided at a meeting held at Palermo to return to the stricken city and when the ruins are cleared away rebuild it once again.

When San Francisco fell before the united attack of earthquake and fire there was talk of abandonment of the site of the city. But this idea did not prevail, and now, less than three years after the great calamity, the metropolis of the Pacific coast has risen from its ashes more beautiful and imposing than before.

In the rebuilding of San Francisco fire and earthquake proof construction was largely followed. It is expected that in the rebuilding of Messina the Italian government will impose restrictions as to building to prevent such widespread loss of life in the future as was recently caused by the shaking down of high walls and heavy roofs. Probably the Japanese plan of building will be largely followed. The loss of private property for the city of Messina is given at \$400,000,000, with very little insurance. It was a commercial rather than an industrial city, and therefore there were few large industrial plants to be destroyed. But there were many fine public and business buildings, which are now in ruins, in addition to the thousands of homes demolished. However, the capacity of the locality to prosecute the silk and



THE ANCIENT CASTLE OF PIZZO.

citrus culture remains, and the soil and the sea are left, and these resources are depended upon as factors which may stimulate recovery as did similar factors in the case of San Francisco and Galveston.

It is possible now to estimate the extent of the disaster and speculate on its causes. Professor Riccio, director of the observatory at Catania, states that the earthquake of Dec. 28 had its maximum violence in Sicily and at the southern point of Calabria. The ruin spread from Castrolibero, in Sicily, to Palmi, in Calabria, a distance of forty miles. The earthquake was felt less violently from Noto, in Sicily, to Cosenza, in Calabria, a distance of 183 miles. There have been at least fifty minor shocks since the great one which did so much damage, and more are to be anticipated.

Earthquake experts who are studying the phenomenon generally agree that the earthquake was the result of a fault in the geological formation under Messina, which constituted a line of contact in the volcanic actions between Mount Etna and Mount Vesuvius, and that a slip occurred similar to the one which long ago detached Sicily from the mainland. That a subsidence occurred at some points and that there was a rising of the earth's surface at others are proved by soundings which show the channel of the harbor deeper at some places and shallower at others. The British battleship Exmouth, at a distance one-half mile south of Reggio, found fifty-eight fathoms of water where formerly there were 243.

The famous Pizzo chateau, in Calabria, is reported entirely destroyed. It stood on the slopes overlooking the sea and was one of the most picturesque of the structures of this vicinity which had survived the convulsions of the past.

## POWDERLY IN "BREAD LINE."

How Labor Expert In Disguise Sized Up the Bums.

Terence V. Powderly, government labor agent and formerly master workman of the Knights of Labor, has been posing recently as a bum. He made up as a weary Willie in order to get into a bread line in Broadway.

After disguising himself and standing in the bread line for hours, during which time he interviewed many others in line, Mr. Powderly made up his mind that most of the men who form the nightly line in Broadway would not work if they had a chance.

Mr. Powderly, who is a careful student of sociology and whose chief business it is to find work for immigrants and to keep them out of the cities, has



MR. POWDERLY AND HIS ADVENTURE IN THE "BREAD LINE."

made several visits to the bread line. In hobo makeup he has studied at close range the men who go nightly for bread.

"Some of them are all right," said Mr. Powderly, "and more of them would not work if they had the chance. I took one man, for instance, to a restaurant and bought him a meal. When it was served he asked if he might take it home to his family. He was one of those who honestly wanted work and could find nothing to do."

"The majority told me sad tales about their lives, tales that I knew to be false. Some of them pretended to have been bankers or brokers or engaged in other lines of business. Their very speech betrayed them. 'I do not believe from my close observation of men in the line during personal visits disguised as one of them that the length of the line is any indication of industrial conditions. Most of them are bums and scoundrels.'"

Mr. Powderly's plan to do away with the line and sort out the worthy from the unworthy is for the state to purchase farms and then arrest as vagrants all men who accept charity from the bakers. He would send these men to the state farms instead of to penal institutions and there make them work, furnishing them with food, clothing and shelter in proportion to the amount of work they showed a disposition to perform.

## AN OFFICER'S BRIDE.

Nuptials of Captain H. L. Wigmore, U. S. A., and Miss Irene Moore.

One of the early matrimonial events this season was the marriage of Miss Irene Moore on Dec. 5 to Captain H. L. Wigmore. The bride is a niece of the former multimillionaire senator



MRS. L. L. WIGMORE.

from Montana, William A. Clark, and both she and Captain Wigmore are well known and popular in Washington society. The match is of special interest in military circles at the capital.

## Sizing Him Up.

"She is writing a poem about her dear duke." "Is she as good as all that at blank verse?"

## County Treasurer's Statement -- Box Butte County

Summary of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for the last half 1908, Ending Jan. 1, 1909:

| COLLECTIONS                         | AMOUNT      | DISBURSEMENTS                            | AMOUNTS     | BALANCES                        | AMOUNT      |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| To Cash on hand Forwarded           | \$28,610.75 | By State Treas. Order No. 3654           | \$ 3,649.73 | State General Fund Consolidated | \$ 5,821.19 |
| To 1908 Tax Collected               | 32.82       | By Co. Gen. Warrants Redeemed and Claims | 11,426.96   | Lease on School Land            | 2,200.00    |
| To 1908 " " " " " "                 | 31.00       | By School Bonds and Coupons              | 1,163.46    | Co. General Fund                | 1,179.95    |
| To 1908 " " " " " "                 | 31.97       | By School Orders Paid—Local Tax          | 15,199.18   | Co. Poor Fund                   | 54          |
| To 1907 " " " " " "                 | 25.38       | By Poll Tax Receipts                     | 81.49       | Co. Jail Fund                   | 25          |
| To 1906 " " " " " "                 | 17.74       | By City Repts. Alliance                  | 4,580.00    | Alliance Electric Light         | 51          |
| To 1905 " " " " " "                 | 38.02       | By Village Treas. Repts. Hemingford      | 359.49      | Alliance Bond Fund City Hall    | 1,081.34    |
| To 1904 " " " " " "                 | 19.28       | Alliance Water Bonds and Coupons         | 2,483.33    | Advertising Fund                | 514.80      |
| To 1903 " " " " " "                 | 49.53       | By Treasurer's Fees                      | 358.50      | School Bond Fund                | 8,030.51    |
| To 1902 " " " " " "                 | 31.73       | By Treasurer's Commission                | 1,704.92    | School Judgment Fund            | 6.95        |
| To 1901 " " " " " "                 | 210.82      | Redemption                               | 1,857.25    | School District Fund            | 12,782.29   |
| To 1900 " " " " " "                 | 346.26      | By Balance                               | 36,820.79   | Gen. High School                | 719.95      |
| To 1900 " " " " " "                 | 8,002.10    |  |             | District Sinking Fund           | 248.55      |
| To 1900 " " " " " "                 | 35,997.00   |  |             | District Sinking Fund           | 116.63      |
| To School Land—Lease                | 1,501.14    |  |             | Redemption Act                  | 114.58      |
| To June App'l Rec'd of State Treas. | 1,217.57    |  |             | Village of Hemingford           | 139.71      |
| To Miscellaneous Col.—Co. Gen.      | 73.90       |  |             | Alliance Water Bond             | 1,718.90    |
| To Miscellaneous Col.—Co. Supt.     | 1,309.00    |  |             | Hemingford Water Bond           | 0.83        |
| To Interest on County Deposits      | 247.77      |  |             |                                 |             |
| To Redemption                       | 1,899.55    |  |             |                                 |             |
| To Fees                             | 296.00      |  |             |                                 |             |
|                                     | \$82,073.47 |  |             |                                 |             |
|                                     |             |  | \$82,073.47 |                                 |             |
|                                     |             |  |             | Cash and Cash Items on Hand     | \$6,820.79  |

STATE OF NEBRASKA }  
Box BUTTE COUNTY, } ss. I, Fred Mollring, County Treasurer of Box Butte county, Nebr., do solemnly swear that the above and within is a true and correct statement of all moneys received and paid out by me from July 1, 1908, to Jan. 1, 1909, inclusive, and balances on hand Jan. 2, 1909, as the same appears upon the records of this office.

FRED MOLLRING, County Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me Jan. 13, 1909. W. C. MOUNTS, [SEAL]

## Box Butte County Industrial Contests

The Box Butte county industrial contests will be held in Hemingford February 13th. The purpose of the contest is to interest the boys and girls in the work involved and to acquaint them more particularly with the things that pertain to home life. The work is designed principally as home work and does not interfere with the regular school work except those in map drawing and water color work which is prepared as regular school work. The specimens of map drawing and water color work need not necessarily be done by school children but any boy or girl in the county may take part whether in the county or not.

We are glad to note, however, that nearly all of the teachers of the county are co-operating in the advancement of this work and upon these teachers the success of the contest depends for without their help it could not be handled. We notice that much good is gained by the work done in this line. Some teachers use an opening period one day of each week in discussing the different kinds of grains and the quality of samples furnished by the pupils. This is also done with potatoes. Every teacher of the county is urged to send an exhibit of school work and to have his or her school represented in as many of the contests as possible. Any other work besides that for which prizes are offered will be gladly received to be placed in the exhibit. Teachers who have only a small school should not hesitate to send in their exhibit thinking that it will not be as good as some others. This is the wrong spirit. Get in the contest like you meant to win and let the rest of the county see that you are alive. It is always most satisfactory to do the best you can and let others know you are trying than to do nothing. The best work that was sent to the office last year came from a school of five pupils twenty miles from town. Remember we will be pleased to have you try.

This work has been carried on in other parts of the state but this is the first attempt in this county. The state will do its part in contributing to its success by sending judges and speakers from Lincoln. State Superintendent E. C. Bishop also writes that he will be present to be of any assistance he can. We are indeed fortunate in being able to have such men as these, who were the originators of the work, with us.

It is hoped that every person in the county will do as much as possible in making this a successful work and to keep it going.

The next contest will be earlier in the year so that those who get the prizes may enter the state contests generally held in December.

This being the first contest in the county many classes had to be ruled out to fit the amount of money to be given in prizes. We think, however, that there will be many contestants and hope that next year the amount will be doubled.

Following is a list of the prizes offered:

- 1 Best Loaf White Bread.....\$2.00
- 2 Best Loaf White Bread.....1.50
- 3 Best Loaf White Bread.....1.00
- 4 Best Loaf White Bread......50
- 1 Best Corn Bread.....\$2.00
- 2 Best Corn Bread.....1.50
- 3 Best Corn Bread.....1.00
- 4 Best Corn Bread......50
- 1 Best Dozen Sugar Cookies.....\$1.00
- 2 Best Dozen Sugar Cookies......75
- 3 Best Dozen Sugar Cookies......50
- 4 Best Dozen Sugar Cookies......25
- 1 Best Dozen Doughnuts.....\$1.00
- 2 Best Dozen Doughnuts......75
- 3 Best Dozen Doughnuts......50
- 4 Best Dozen Doughnuts......25
- 1 Best Pumpkin Pie.....\$1.00
- 2 Best Pumpkin Pie......75
- 3 Best Pumpkin Pie......50
- 4 Best Pumpkin Pie......25
- 1 Best Hand Sewed Apron.....\$3.00
- 2 Best Hand Sewed Apron.....2.50
- 3 Best Hand Sewed Apron.....2.00
- 4 Best Hand Sewed Apron.....1.50
- 1 Best Machine Sewed Apron.....\$2.00
- 2 Best Machine Sewed Apron.....1.50
- 3 Best Machine Sewed Apron.....1.00
- 4 Best Machine Sewed Apron......50
- 1 Best Six Potatoes.....\$2.50
- 2 Best Six Potatoes.....1.50

- 3 Best Six Potatoes.....1.00
- 4 Best Six Potatoes......50
- 1 Fewest No. Potatoes for Bushel.....\$2.00
- 2 Fewest No. Potatoes for Bushel.....1.50
- 3 Fewest No. Potatoes for Bushel.....1.00
- 4 Fewest No. Potatoes for Bushel......75
- 1 Best Peck Wheat.....\$1.50
- 2 Best Peck Wheat.....1.00
- 3 Best Peck Wheat......75
- 4 Best Peck Wheat......50
- 1 Best Peck Oats.....\$1.50
- 2 Best Peck Oats.....1.00
- 3 Best Peck Oats......75
- 4 Best Peck Oats......50
- 1 Best Specimen Map Drawing.....\$1.00
- 2 Best Specimen Map Drawing......75
- 3 Best Specimen Map Drawing......50
- 4 Best Specimen Map Drawing......25
- 1 Best Specimen Water Color.....\$1.00
- 2 Best Specimen Water Color......75
- 3 Best Specimen Water Color......50
- 4 Best Specimen Water Color......25

Best collection school work furnished by any teacher from graded or rural school and consisting of ten specimens.

First Prize.....\$5.00

Second Prize.....3.00

Third Prize.....2.00

Fourth Prize.....1.00

The contest for white bread and corn bread is open for all under eighteen years of age, while those for sugar cookies, doughnuts and pumpkin pie are open for those under thirteen years of age.

There will be two lists of prizes for the hand sewed apron for pupils under thirteen years of age and one for those over thirteen and under eighteen years of age. The machine sewed apron is open for all under eighteen years of age.

In the contests for potatoes, wheat and oats all under eighteen may enter.

In the map drawing, water color work and specimens of school work all under eighteen may enter and should place their age but not their name on the work. Removable tags, containing the owner's name, should be pinned to all work as the name will be removed and the work numbered before placed in the exhibit. This will prevent the judges from knowing any names until after the prizes have been awarded. Arrangements will be made to get all work of those living in and near Alliance to the contests and it will receive the same attention in the exhibit as the work of those present.

Come to the contests if you possible can and see what the rest are doing. It will do you good and will do us all good to see you there.

O. E. PHILLIPS,

County Superintendent.

## The Pandora Club Makes Long Journey

The Pandora club gave a progressive party to their gentlemen friends last Tuesday night. The party met at the union depot, which was at the home of Miss Agatha Gregg. A lunch of wafers, chocolate and apples was served. From there they went to the home of Misses Hazel and Frances Bowman where they presumed they were in far-away China and partook of rice, tea and wafers in true Mongolian style. Next the home of Miss Josie Hampton was invaded and here the party feasted in true old Dutch style, which comprised a menu of sauerkraut, weiners, Dutch cheese and brown bread. Here a drawing contest was indulged in by the party and the cartoon skill of contestants brought forth much mirth and interest. Webster Bernhardt showed great skill in drawing a Dutch lad and succeeded in carrying off the prize. The end of the journey brought the Pandora club and friends in the land of the Sulton, the home of Miss Mary Putman, who served coffee, dates and wafers.

## New Harness Store.

Having sold my harness business to Mr. A. E. McKee of Lincoln, Neb., I wish to express appreciation of your patronage in the past and will solicit a continuation of the same at the old stand until a more commodious room can be obtained. I expect to remain with my successor and pay the highest prices for hides and furs.

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GEO. A. HILLS.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

- REPORTED BY
- A. F. BALDRIDGE, Bonded Abstracter
- F S Dismar to D Dunn, lt 14, blk 26, city of Alliance. \$3,000.
- W L Haworth to F E Reddish, se 1/4 of 9-24-49. \$1,600.
- R Fenner to G Seidler, ne 1/4 of 28-25-47. \$2,000.
- J N Clarke, Rec to H A Peters, s 1/2 of ne 1/4 and s 1/2 of nw 1/4 of 2-28-47. \$600.
- R M Smith to Cora Miller, lt 2, blk 7, first addition to Alliance. \$250.
- E T Kibble to Paul Bulgrin, nw 1/4 of 29-25-47. \$2,000.
- T H Barnes to T J O'Keefe, sw 1/4 of 27-26-50. \$1,600.

## Phelan Opera House

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## LEGAL NOTICE

In the County Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska.  
State of Nebraska, ss.  
Box Butte County, ss.  
In the matter of the estate of Anna Kohrmann, deceased.  
To all persons interested in the estate of Anna Kohrmann, deceased:  
You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of December, 1908, John Kohrmann, the husband of Anna Kohrmann, deceased, filed his petition in the county court of Box Butte County, Nebraska, praying for the assignment to him of personal property of which he is given an absolute right by the terms of the statute from the estate of said Anna Kohrmann, deceased, and that said petition will be heard at the county court room in the city of Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska, on the 6th day of February 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

It is further ordered that notice of the pendency of this petition be given to all persons interested in said estate by the publication of this notice for four consecutive weeks in the Alliance Herald, a newspaper, printed, published and circulating in Box Butte county, Nebraska.

Dated this 9th day of January, 1909.

[SEAL] J. A. BERRY, County Judge.

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