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SALUTATORY.

In assuming the editorship of the Herald, I wish to observe the time-honored custom of publishing a signed editorial as a "Salutatory," but I donot deem it necessary to try the patience of my readers by enumerating a long list of the great things which are to be accomplished in the future through the periodical, or to present a string of promises, the fulfillment of which might depend largely upon circumstances.

While I am receiving so many expressions of good will and encouragement, I realize that I have a great task on my hands in trying to keep the paper up to the standard of excellence which it has attained under the able editorial management of Mr. T. J. O'Keefe, who has given such universal satisfaction. Without doubt our readers are much disappointed to learn that he has stepped down from the editorial tripod, but I am pleased to say that I am assured of the assistance of his timely advice and suggestions which will materially assist me in my labor.

The policy of the paper will continue practically the same as heretofore, except that in politics it will be independent or nonpartisan. Personally I have for some years past taken an independent position in politics, as the registration books for voters in the city of Omaha, where I have resided in recent years, will show. My experience as publisher of a local newspaper and close observation lead me to believe that most people who are interested readers of a local publication prefer that it shall be conducted on this basis, and as my personal convictions are such that I can conscientiously pursue such a course, I shall do so with all the earnestness and energy at my command.

I conceive that the office of a local publication is, or should be, primarily to give the news and use its influence to promote the prosperity of its patrons. The Herald will continue to be a newspaper, with emphasis on the first syllable of the word and with special reference to the gathering and dissemination of local news, and will continue to work for the upbuilding of the business interests of Alliance, the metropolis of western Nebraska, and the development of the country tributary thereto.

I am happy to announce that Mr. J. B. Kniest, whose reputation as an expert printer is second to none in this part of the west, will continue permanently in his present position as associate editor and foreman of the mechanical department.

Hoping and believing that I shall receive the co-operation of the Herald's numerous readers in my efforts to make it such a periodical as the city of Alliance and the patronizing territory deserve, I am,

Very truly yours,
JOHN W. THOMAS.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I hope it will not be too much of a surprise to the many friends and patrons of the Herald when I inform them of a business transaction which occurred yesterday (Wednesday) between the undersigned and Messrs. Lloyd C. Thomas, F. A. Pierson and J. W. Thomas by which for a good and sufficient monetary consideration the Herald becomes the property of these gentlemen.

During the fourteen years of the Herald's publication in Box Butte county by the undersigned, the business has grown each year and at the present time is greater than any previous year. We believe that we can safely say that today it is one of the best country newspaper propositions in the state. It is almost impossible for me to express sufficiently my appreciation of the good will and patronage which I have invariably received from a great majority of the citizens of Box Butte and surrounding counties, and especially from the business and professional men of Alliance and Hemingford.

The gentlemen under whose auspices the Herald will be guided in the future, scarcely need an introduction to the people of Alliance. Mr. Lloyd C. Thomas was until recently connected with the Nebraska Land company and when the Alliance Commercial club was organized last summer, his ability and activity was so recognized by the members that he was unanimously chosen as secretary and all will agree that his duties have been performed most faithfully. Mr. Pierson is also well known to our citizens, having been employed in the office of Superintendent Birdsell of the Burlington in this city for the past four years. He is a young man of integrity and, like Mr. Thomas, known as a hustler. With such men as these and Mr. J. W. Thomas, an able and experienced newspaper man as editor and Mr. J. B. Kniest who has so long been connected with the paper as foreman and associate editor, we will be surprised if the Herald is not made the leading country paper of the state and its business doubled within the next six months.

While in a certain sense I regret severing my connection with the Herald, because it has grown up under my care, I feel confident that it will continue to stand up for everything tending to promote the welfare and prosperity of Alliance and Northwest Nebraska. I wish it every success and the continued patronage of its many friends in Box Butte county. I will continue in the real estate business in Alliance and after a few weeks' absence on a trip south my friends and patrons will find the latch string of my office always on the outside.

Sincerely,
T. J. O'KEEFE.

Father M. J. O'Connor, vice president of Creighton university, Omaha, has resigned and will leave for New York this week to become one of eight associate editors of a new publication, which will be in the nature of a general review. He has been connected with Creighton university as vice president for six years and will be succeeded by Father William Dooley, who has been in Omaha about a year.

Dies of Dropsy

Charles R. Streator, brother of Mrs. Snow, who came here recently in quest of health, died at the home of his sister Sunday morning. Mr. Streator was a sufferer with dropsy and was sixty-two years of age. He was employed at the Charlestown navy yards as head salesman. The remains were shipped to Everett, Mass., last Tuesday morning accompanied by Mrs. Snow and Undertaker Darling, who went as far as Chicago to care for the remains and assist in the transfer to the eastern road.

Obituary.

Hyannis Tribune.

Mrs. C. E. Dahlberg, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. E. E. Barr and Miss Nellie Dahlberg, was called to Lincoln Tuesday to attend the funeral of her daughter, Mrs. Banks Stewart of Deadwood, S. D. Mrs. Stewart had been in ill health for some time, but her death was due to the after-effects of an operation. She had undergone the operation and was apparently doing well when Mrs. Dahlberg was shocked to receive a telegram announcing her death. Mr. Stewart and daughter, Miss Bessie, and Clarence Dahlberg accompanied the body to Lincoln, where interment was made yesterday. Mr. Dahlberg joined his wife there, and they and their family returned today, accompanied by Mr. Stewart and his daughter who will remain here a few days before returning to Deadwood.

HASHMAN

We are having fine weather in this vicinity and poor roads.

School began in the Shimer district Monday after such a long wait.

Miss Edith Key visited at her home last Sunday.

Sunday school was well attended last Sabbath.

Mrs. Bertha Moore and Orvil Ross expect to return to Sioux county the latter part of the week.

It has got so if people live in Box Butte all the way from two months to two years they cannot be told apart. They resemble one another so closely, especially near neighbors. Two of our prominent farmers look so much alike that two fellows lost a bet over them when one was in Omaha and the other at home. Box Butte had better have an eye examiner.

Alliance Defeats Sidney

Despite the inclement weather a large crowd turned out to witness the basket ball game between Alliance and Sidney Saturday evening. In the past this feature of school work, so prominent in other leading schools of the state, has been omitted owing to the inefficient means for practicing. But now that the new gymnasium is completed this wholesome sport may be pushed with success. While all things of this nature are auxiliary to and dependent upon the real school work, yet all such wholesome games are an important element in school life and serve a splendid part in arousing school interest. An athletic league has been effected between some of the principal towns of this section of the west and the series of games to be played are to determine what school will get the pennant that has been offered by the league. The next game to be played at Alliance will be between Alliance and Bridgeport next Saturday night. The team has put in some good hard practice this fall and winter preparing for these league contests, and deserves the hearty support of the business men and patrons generally. Judging from the large crowd on such a stormy night as Saturday we feel that our patrons are interested in the work being done by the school. The game was one of the best that has been played in this part of the west for a long time and was exciting from the first to the last. The high school was much in evidence and with songs and high school yells helped to cheer our boys on to victory. Throughout the game the very best of spirit was exhibited by all the contending parties. There were no sore spots and wrangles which have sometimes marred the pleasure of these games. Sidney elicited applause of the spectators whenever a good play was made by them. This feeling of good will that has characterized the contests between schools of this section has made the relation between them both pleasant and profitable. The score was 24 for Sidney and 46 for Alliance. Following was the line-up. Sidney: Howard, McConnell, Lobb, Costello, Hudson. Alliance: C. Nohe, P. Nohe, Shay, Taylor, L. Mewhirter, Smith.

Former County Commissioner Geo. W. Loer was down from Nonpareil precinct yesterday. Mr. Loer has leased his fine farm for one year to Charles Price of Melrose, Iowa, who will arrive Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Loer expect to take a well earned vacation this year and will leave in May for a visit with relatives in Idaho and visit the Seattle exposition. Mr. Loer and his good wife have endured the many vicissitudes of pioneer life in Nebraska and it is a pleasure for The Herald to see them so situated that they can enjoy some of the pleasures made possible by possessing a goodly amount of this world's goods in the declining years of their lives. We have in mind other friends now entering the sunny side of life whom we should like to see do as Mr. and Mrs. Loer.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

REPORTED BY
A. F. BALDRIDGE, Bonded Abstracter

Ursula Tuttle to Susanna Collins, n e ¼ of 6-24-50, $1,000.

John Hoosis Jr. to Edwin G. Kirk, n w ¼ of 22-25-48, $1.00 and val.

Cora A. McGowan to C. G. Bowen and A. T. Fletcher, e ½ of 25-28-49, $4800.

Trees for Sale

Cottonwood trees from 18 inches to 7 feet high for sale in lots from 10 up; also some good ash. Write me what you want. I refer you to R. M. Hampton, who bought 500 of me last spring.

A. M. TEMPLIN,
6-4w Palmer, Nebr.

Mrs. H. C. Haken, public stenographer, Commercial club office. Phone 677. 48-8w*

Dr. Allen, dentist. Opera house blk.

For Rent—A large east front room, close in. Inquire at Herald office.

Christian Science services held every Sunday at 11 o'clock, in Odd Fellows' hall. All are cordially invited to attend. 50-tf.

"No bill so large,
No bill so small,
But this expert
Can collect them all."

Expert Bill Collector Phone 677
Commercial Club Office 50tf

Dr. Allen, dentist. Opera house blk.

Geo. A. Hills pays 6 cents for hides.

Furnished rooms for rent at 404 Wyoming avenue, or phone 205.

For Sale—Two milk cows, coming fresh.—C. E. Rosenberger, Hemingford, Nebr. 3w*

Wanted—Nursing to do. Phone 503. 6-2w*

Bison Steaks A la Chicago.

Palates of the Town's Epicures Tickled by a Wily Ranchman—Prettiest Girl to Take the Abruzzi-Elkins Cake.

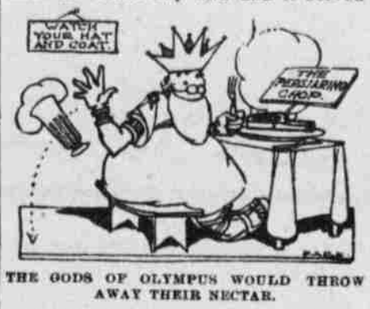
[From Our Chicago Correspondent.]

MAYBE the day for "beef and" in Chicago is near the finish. Hybrid "catallo" may soon be on the menu. Anything that affects the beef market of this city affects the world. Paris sets the fashion pace, Chicago puts up the beef. Of course the world is still in the dense as to hybrid "catallo." President Roosevelt has tasted it. He had it served when he was the guest of "Buffalo" Jones on the latter's ranch.

The new meat is, to put it in its plainest term, homemade bison. Mr. Jones is an enthusiast about home raised buffalo. It raises itself, so to speak. Jones avers that the animal when brought up on a ranch need not eat a grain of corn, wheat or oats until a few days before it is taken to the slaughter for the market. Then it is the most succulent ever.

Jones believes that ranch buffalo is the meat of the future. He says that all that is necessary to perpetuate the animal which was one of the picturesque features of the old plains is to get Mr. Rockefeller or Mr. Morgan to furnish the money and by opening up a few big ranches and giving the buffalo a chance the animal will perpetuate itself. It seems paradoxical to speak of anything perpetuating itself when it is being reared for the slaughter pen, but the Jones idea is that when you begin breeding buffaloes on the ranch the demand will never be greater than the output.

Jones brought one of his slain bisons here the other day and had it served



THE GODS OF OLYMPUS WOULD THROW AWAY THEIR NECTAR.

to the epicures of the town, and they declared, according to Jones, that their appetites for old fashioned beef were destroyed.

In connection with the Jones bison there is fostered a certain brand of sheep which Jones calls Persiarino. This breed crossed with the Shropshire beats anything in the lamb line that ever grew wool. For some reason not explained by Jones this Persiarino thrives best on the ranch where the bison is brought up. The Persiarino chop or roast is said to have a juiciness which would have made the gods on Olympus throw away their nectar if they had ever tasted the Jones brand of lamb. The whole town is talking about the combination, and to hear the various high feeders of Chicago one would think that the "double cross" had been placed on Texas and other cattle.

An evangelist appeared before a meeting of ministers in this city and told them that their libraries abounded in books which were making of them (the ministers) atheists, naturalists, rationalists and polytheists. The evangelist told the ministers to get rid of these obnoxious works and study their Bibles. He said that they must accept the Bible as a whole. The newfangled book would retard the work of any church. Preachers should accept the story of Jonah and the whale just as it was printed in the old book. The remarks did not agree with the views of those present, and when the evangelist got through somebody handed him his hat and asked him not to hasten.

SHOULD ACCEPT STORY OF JONAH.

A recollection of the Abruzzi-Elkins engagement came up in a funny way at one of the big hotels. The chef asked for a leave of absence to visit the land of his birth. When the boss asked for the reason the chef explained that after the engagement of the duke was announced he began the preparation of an enormous wedding cake which would be the biggest and the most elaborately decorated cake ever seen. It was not finished until after the engagement was off. Still, knowing how love matches are sometimes rearranged after a rupture, the chef kept on working out the cake scheme, laboring far into the night on the decorations. When it was finished he was in an almost exhausted condition and needed an ocean voyage to bring back his art. The leave of absence was granted, with the understanding that the Abruzzi-Elkins cake is to be raffled. The girl who gets the largest number of votes will take the cake.

THE ABRUZZI CAKE.

A grave situation is before the board of education of Chicago. Forty-five hundred teachers, male and female, petitioned for an increase of salaries. The petitioners asserted that they were promised more money some time ago. The chairman of the committee before which the presentation was made declared that no such promise had ever been made. That assertion is what is causing the ire of the teachers to sizzle. They object to be being put in the Ananias class. The chairman sent the petition to the file, and there it remains. The teachers are cogitating. When 4,500 teachers get together and cogitate something unexpected is liable to happen. It has been hinted at this remote stage of the situation that every schoolhouse in Chicago is destined to be unopened some day, without notice, unless the epithet of liar is withdrawn.

Marriages by persons divorced in Illinois, or even in other states, within a year are illegal. This is the decision of one learned judge of Chicago, and it has been concurred in by several others. In the case on which the decision is based the judge said that marriage in Illinois was being reduced to the level of commercialism and that the consequences were more baneful than Mormonism. The court went back to the garden of Eden match, in which he asserted that when Adam and Eve stood before the Almighty the edict was made that when a man takes a woman to be his wife he shall leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife and that they two shall be one in flesh. The court added to this by quoting the sacredness of the marital tie as mentioned in the New Testament. One of the lawyers in the case is to said to have remarked, but not in the hearing of the jurist, that the higher courts of Illinois would knock out the garden of Eden edict.

ONE OF THE LAWYERS REMARKED.

The suffrage movement of Chicago women is suffering more than was expected. The organization was awaiting the arrival here of Mrs. Potter Palmer. The leaders expressed confidence that Mrs. Palmer would give the movement the benefit of her indorsement. When the women of Chicago want to be assured of success in anything they undertake they get Mrs. Palmer's approval. There is no doubt about Mrs. Palmer being the leader in all matters in this city which are for the amelioration of her sex. But the suffragists went to defeat when they endeavored to get Mrs. Palmer's approval of their plans. In spite of many well planned efforts all that the mistress of the Lake Shore drive castle uttered was, "I have nothing to say." When asked if the militant tactics of the English suffragettes had turned her against the movement, Mrs. Palmer bowed in that manner of which she is a supreme mistress and repeated, "I have nothing to say."

The health department of Chicago is a good thing, as is the health department of any city. But ours is more intent upon earning its salaries than is for the town's credit. The board is entitled to its pay, but it gets it at the expense of the city's good name. It has just discovered that the air 400 feet above the sidewalk is impregnated with a mineral that would convert a natural blond or one of the manufactured type into a dusky Mongolian, so far as complexion is concerned.

The chemist who made this discovery does not hesitate to assert that much of this upper air comes down upon the city about so often—he does not say just how often—and that people inhale it and that it produces all sorts

THE AIR SHOULD BE PUT INTO A CHOPPER.

of disease. He almost says that the air should be put into a chopper before being fed to the people. Still, Chicago lives about as long per capita as any town of its size. If sediment in the air killed folks, Pittsburg would have been unmapped long ago.

BEVERLY BRUX.

Not For Himself.

"He seems to be on a still hunt."
"He does?"
"Yes."
"What for?"
"Trouble, I guess."
"Then it must be that he is going to make somebody a present of it."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Furnished rooms, by week or month. Call or write to Chas. A. Schellok, at Crystal theatre. 6-1w*

Dr. Barnes, the eye sight specialist of Omaha, will be in Alliance, Nebr., Tuesday, January 26th, at the Drake hotel. Don't forget the date. Remember frequent visits are made over this road. Call and have your eyes examined.

Household goods stored in basement of Yonkin's restaurant. Terms reasonable. Enquire of S. W. Holt at Yonkin's restaurant for further particulars. 6-4w

Dr. Allen, dentist. Opera house blk

For sale: Two well-bred colts. One broke to drive single, the other halter broke. Full brother and sister. Inquire of Ira Reed. 5-tf

House and two lots with barn 28x32, and new windmill, to trade for horses or cattle. Inquire of E. Becker, at Alliance Bowling Alley. 5-tf.

A piano for rent cheap to a family without children. Inquire 804 Box Butte avenue or phone 310. 5-w

A DREADFUL WEAPON.

The Slashing Sharks' Teeth Club of the Polynesians.

Clubs were the weapons of primitive and savage man. Ancient specimens from Mexico are heavy sticks grooved along the side for the insertion of blades of bosidian—that is, volcanic glass. The Sioux club is a flat piece of wood, curving and widening away from the grip and terminating in a spherical head, which in modern times carries a long spike, while the blades of several butcher knives are commonly inserted along the margin. The national museum of the United States possesses a great variety of these shocking weapons, designed, as the frontiersmen say, to "knock down the white man and then to brain him and cut him into mince meat." The Kingsmill islanders and other Polynesians make dreadful slashing weapons by securing rows of sharks' teeth along a haft of wood.

These weapons vary from a few inches to sixteen feet in length, and it has been said that in all the range of weapons devised by mankind there is nothing more blood curdling to behold. They show how the sword may have been evolved from the club even by tribes unacquainted with the use of metals. African weapons, again, are exceedingly complicated owing to the acquaintance of the natives with iron. The standard club is converted into a sort of tomahawk by the addition of blades or into a primitive spear by the addition of a sharp spud. The plain clubs in the African area are used chiefly for throwing.

The small knobbed clubs, or "kerries," such as are found among the Kaffirs and other African tribes, are generally used as missiles. Whereas the club proper was soon brought to perfection among savage tribes and was long ago abandoned as a weapon of civilized warfare, the missile—typified by the thrown clubs or "kerries"—is still being improved upon in boomerangs, bows and arrows, crossbows and firearms.

BEETHOVEN AND BUSINESS.

Selling His Music Was Distasteful to the Great Composer.

An extremely interesting article which has appeared in a German musical and theatrical paper under the above heading contains the following statement, says a London exchange: Beethoven never bargained in the ordinary way. His fees for a composition were demanded briefly and in a decided manner, and he always pointed out when mentioning a price that he meant guineas and not sovereigns, or, rather, their equivalent in Austrian coin. In 1801 he wrote to a music firm at Leipzig: "Now the unpalatable business part is done with. I wish things could be managed differently in this world. There should be only one music publisher to whom the artist might take his work, knowing that he might ask a fee according to his requirements. As it is, he has to be partly a tradesman. Good heavens, how different and unpalatable this is!" But this pious wish was never fulfilled, and Beethoven had to remain "half a tradesman" to the end.

As a suggestion of how dedications are occasionally made, the following letter, which Beethoven wrote to the same publisher in 1802 from Vienna, is interesting:

"The lady in question can have a sonata, and I will do my best to carry out her aesthetic ideas. The price is 5 guineas (ducaten), and for this she may retain the sonata for a year as her private property, but not for publication. At the end of the year the sonata becomes my property—that is to say, I have the right to publish it, and if she thinks it an honor she may ask to have the work dedicated to her."

This, from the business point of view of the lady in question, is surely a tempting offer. At least, so the art patroness of today would think if she had a chance of suggesting to a Beethoven the "aesthetic idea" for a sonata, to retain such a treasure in her own hands for a twelvemonth and thereafter have it dedicated to her—and all for 5 guineas!