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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1909.

Do it now.  
Hide the hammer.  
Now that district court is over let's think of something else.  
There's one town where knockers are unpopular, and this is it.

Better celebrate today, the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the "great emancipator."

That Alliance will vote the necessary bonds and put in the sewer system without unnecessary delay seems to be a foregone conclusion.

If you want to rest your eyes on a good picture of a good-looking man, just step into The Herald office and take a look at the photo-engraving of Hon. W. J. Bryan which we have had hung over our editorial desk.

We are in receipt of the February number of "The Envoy," a monthly publication issued by the students of the Chadron Academy. It is well edited, neatly printed and is a credit to the institution which it represents.

The Broken Bow Republican complains that the police force of that city is not strong enough, numerically. One man on duty from noon till midnight is not sufficient to keep the stores of the Custer county seat from being burglarized.

Weinel Brothers have just finished building a barn on their farm ten miles northwest of Alliance. It is 28 feet by 30 feet, with hay mow, etc. This is the kind of improvements that we are delighted to see. They indicate permanency and development, and development means prosperity.

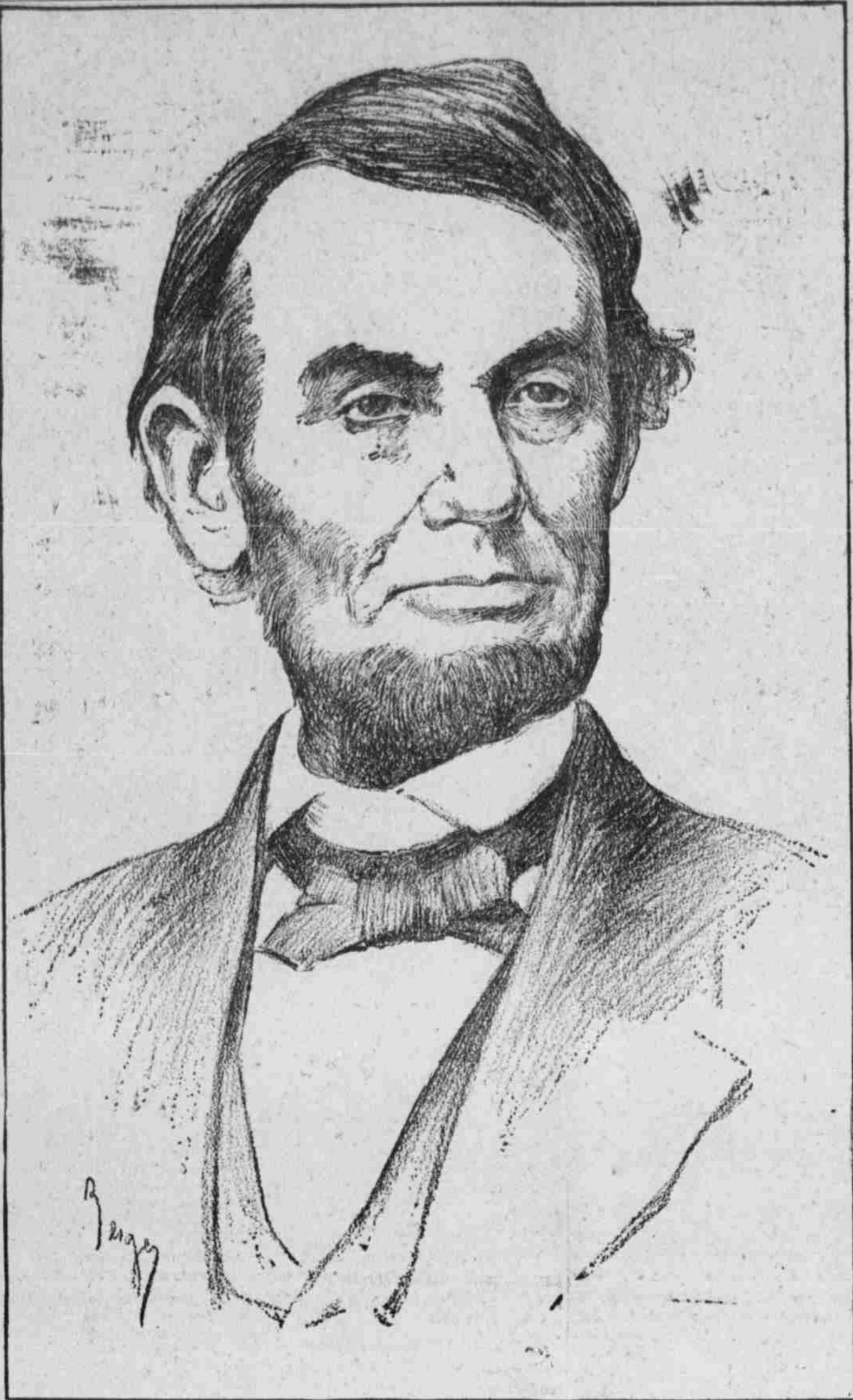
People in this part of the state will be pleased with the decision that has been made to hold the next National Corn Exposition in Omaha. The first annual exposition which was held in Nebraska's metropolis last December was a great success, but it is expected to make the next much larger and more attractive in every way.

T. J. O'Keefe returned yesterday from his trip to the eastern part of the state. He had a very pleasant visit among friends at Omaha and Lincoln, and did some boosting for northwestern Nebraska. He brings some good reports regarding the prospect for a normal school in this part of the state, about which we shall have more to say in another column.

The cost to the county of the recent grand jury has been a matter of considerable speculation. It was to be expected that the expense would be considerable, but probably few had any definite idea as to what it would amount to. Through the courtesy of County Clerk Mounts we are able to state that the cost was \$459.60 for grand jury and \$591.40 for witnesses, making a total of \$1,051.00. Now if you wish to know how much of that you will have to pay, you can tell approximately by referring to the assessors' books and figuring it out.

### Kind of Towns Recognized by the "Burlington."

The "Daily Drift" pencil pusher of the Lincoln Journal enters complaint, in a humorous vein, for the people of Nebraska City because the Burlington station at the latter named town is not more commodious, and ascribes the



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lack of an up-to-date building and modern conveniences to a desire on the part of Mr. James J. Hill to retrench expenses. But the "Daily Drift" man has another guess coming. The fact is the Burlington management has the towns along the line "sized up" and they usually get what is coming to them, according to their commercial importance. For instance, just glance this way a moment. Alliance has at present only about the same population that Nebraska City claims, but the Burlington has a new depot here that any city in the state might well be proud of.

But here is the paragraph above referred to:

"Some time ago it dawned upon the people of Nebraska City that the Burlington station was inadequate to the accommodation of more than a part of the traveling public. Every day when the train came from Red Oak bound for Lincoln and intervening points, both waiting rooms were crowded, and the overflow in cold weather had to make the best of a bad situation by getting on the sunny side of the outside and shivering until it came time to enter the cars and prevail upon the brakeman to shut the door. It is related that on one occasion the Commercial club sent its most able and distinguished representatives to plead with the high officials of the Burlington for a bigger house. Relief was promised on an indeterminate basis, on the strength of which the Commercial club took a nip of ginger ale and went to sleep again. It is said to be the policy of James J. Hill to run railroads without losing money. If it is a question of building depots or paying dividends, his orders are to get along the best you can with present accommodations and let the beaten rage. As the Irishman says, 'he do,' and that is why these lines are written. Really, it is too bad for the road as well as the people that it is as it is.

Seems to me it is a pity That our own Nebraska City Should possess so small a station When more room is its salvation. Here the traveling people battle, Crowded like a bunch of cattle, With their heavy winter clothes on.

Some too warm and some half frozen. Waiting for the trains belated That by fate are relegated To the region where they never Can inform us when, if ever, They would leave that humble station For our longed-for destination. Maybe when the summer roses Bloom like winter's frozen noses, This old town will be delighted By a change—don't get excited— From this depot, small and batty To a large one, new and batty: In which hope there's consolation. Now, then, watch them build the station."

### Another Box Butte Citizen.

P. J. Knapp, who purchased a section of the O'Donovan land near Berea of J. C. McCorkle, arrived last Friday morning from Madison, Nebr., with his family and two car loads of stuff, and is now a citizen of Box Butte county. He has a steam plow and threshing outfit coming and besides farming on a large scale will turn over sod for others who need his help.

He has great confidence in the future of this country in agriculture and shows his confidence by making preparations to plant a large acreage to potatoes and other crops. This country needs more such men who will do their part in its development by going ahead and doing things instead of sitting back and waiting for others to do them.

Besides starting out right in other respects, he ordered his name placed on the Herald's subscription list on the day of his arrival.

You will find something new in the cracker line at the cracker demonstration, Saturday, Feb. 13 at Alliance Grocery Co. 8-1

**KREAMER & KENNEDY**  
DENTISTS.  
Office in Alliance National Bank Bldg. Over Postoffice.  
Phone 391.

### The Great Emancipator.

Tomorrow being the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator, we publish in this issue of The Herald a cut made especially for this occasion.

Many things are now being published in praise of this great man who through his patriotism made for himself an immortal name, and numerous interesting stories are related of his life. While we prize all these tributes to his sacred memory, we believe that to exalt the principles which he advocated, and for which he became a martyr, does him a greater honor.

The principles of equality and truth which he so ably championed exalted him to position among the greatest men of the world; whoever honors them helps to add lustre to the name of their great champion.

### Pioneer Lady Passes Away

Death in its relentless march came to the home of Mr. Alex. Hill last evening about five o'clock and took from his peaceful, happy fireside his beloved wife, the companion of his life's journey for so these many years. Mrs. Hill's serious illness with pneumonia was of more than a week's duration.

In the death of this aged pioneer not only is the family sadly bereaved but also her many friends in the city who knew and admired the sterling character of the good old lady. Besides the husband, several children are left to mourn her demise.

Mrs. Hill lacked but one day of being 66 years of age at the time of her death. The family are pioneers in Box Butte and resided on a ranch six miles northwest of the city until a few years ago when they moved to town.

The funeral will take place tomorrow from Holy Rosary church, Father McNamara officiating. Solemn requiem mass will precede the last rites at 9:30.

### Legislative Action on State Normal

Robert Graham and T. J. O'Keefe have returned from a trip to Lincoln where they were in conference with a number of the legislators relative to the establishment of an additional State Normal School in Western Nebraska. As a result of this conference House roll No. 327 was introduced Tuesday by Representative Henry of Holt county. This bill, it is thought, will receive the support of a larger number of representatives than any other bill of its nature that could be introduced. It provides for the establishment of two additional normal schools, one to be located west of the 98th meridian, and one at large. It carries an appropriation of \$125,000. It provides that the locating of the schools shall be left to the State Board of Education.

While a number of bills have already been introduced, having for their object the location of normal schools at specified places, it is believed that this is the fairest to all sections of the state. One bill that has been introduced mentions Crawford, another Ainsworth, another Wayne, and still another Norfolk. Alliance was not the only town represented by a delegation at Lincoln, there being delegations there from Ainsworth, Crawford, Chadron, Wayne and Norfolk. All these delegations were working in the interests of their respective towns for a state normal school. One thing the delegation from Alliance recommends, is that every person who is interested in the educational welfare of western Nebraska should write representatives and senators from different sections of the state urging them to support House roll No. 327.

### Communicated.

ALLIANCE, NEB., Feb. 10, 1909.  
Dear Mr. Editor:

The burning question in Alliance seems to be "Does the editor of the Times want to be candidate for mayor on the Wet-Ticket, or does Hon. Broome? Did Hon. Ellis write the article that appeared in a recent number of the Times, or did he really get Hon. Broome to write it? Who furnished the facts?" I am not a subscriber to that dispenser of wisdom but still I read the article. It sure was news and a lot of us fellows were glad to be put right. We thought that we had a pretty good town and that the merchants were well satisfied with the effects of a dry, or partly dry, town.

I was around paying some bills a few days ago and casually the question of wet town came up and every merchant with whom I talked said he was for a dry town, his collections had been better and he had had good business. Two men said that they had a larger business than ever. I have been around quite a bit and have heard of only one merchant kicking. One fellow said that if the men who were telling how dull business was would spend their money in town that they would not get sore eyes watching the merchants sitting around waiting for some one to come and buy their goods. As for closing early and going home to bed instead of hanging around till P.M., I guess the clerks are not kicking. But it seems to me that these storemen closed up at 6 p. m. before the town went dry. At least I know my wife used that as an excuse for my late suppers long before we had to send to Bridgeport for our booze.

Will Hon. Broome please tell the court what part of the country was howling for mechanics to push new projects last year? The booms were few and far between and Alliance was right up in the front row with towns of her size. He said something about sidewalks, but he only looks at a few cross walks; how about the thousands of square feet of cement walks that were laid, much to the credit of the city?

Does he want us to believe that the houses are vacant because the town is dry, and the business on the B. & M. is quiet because little Alliance went dry? Because Crawford and Edgemont did not go dry is no argument that the B. & M. does not favor a dry town. Let a "booze-fighter" and another apply for a job and who gets it? The man who does not fight booze, and you know it.

He asks, is life worth living to make a living and not be able to blow what you make on booze? Ask some of the women in town if they are sorry that the bungalows have been plugged. To be sure, there have been a few leaks, there always is a leak at first until the plug swells up good and tight. Most leaks are let go because such men do not care whether the law is enforced or not.

He says that it is not a question of saloons, and the next sentence says it is. His logic is as floppy as his rhetoric. He says, come on, boys, let's fight it out squarely, you caught us asleep last year. Alright, "let's." I second the nomination for Hon. Broome for mayor on the WET ticket.

Yours truly,  
T. B. DRYER.  
A town boomer may be useful only occasionally, but a booster always. Let's all boost for Alliance.

### LINCOLN AND TAD.

An incident of the Memorable Tragedy Now in Mind.  
One of the pathetic incidents connected with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln was the grief of his son Thomas, then a boy of eleven and known affectionately as "Tad." The night



PHOTO. BY CLINEGINSY, WASH. D. C.  
PRESIDENT LINCOLN, HIS SON TAD AND OLD TOM PENDEL.

that Lincoln was shot his little son ran all the way from Ford's theater to the White House and, entering the east door downstairs, threw himself upon Tom Pendel, an attendant at the executive mansion, exclaiming, "Oh, Tom, they have killed my papa dead!" Pendel tried to soothe the grief of the afflicted boy and put him to bed in the martyr president's chamber. Pendel is still one of the attaches of the White House, his service now having covered a period of forty-five years.

### TIMBER FRAUDS IN OKLAHOMA.

Thefts of Gigantic Proportions Alleged to Have Been Unearthed.  
Alleged timber frauds of gigantic proportions are said to have been unearthed by the government timber inspectors in southeast Oklahoma, and are under investigation by the federal grand jury, which reconvened here after a four days' recess. There are about fifty witnesses who will testify and twelve of them were examined. They were from the vicinity of Tallhina and Grant, in the Choctaw nation. Relative to the alleged frauds, the government officials remain reticent, but from other sources it is learned that several large timber companies are said to have been cutting fine hardwood timber on Indian lands for years. Much pine timber is also said to have been used.

In a number of instances the United States Indian agent has been compelled to eject persons from the timber land. A special examiner for the government is expected to appear before the grand jury soon. It is understood he has secured evidence against the largest timber companies in Oklahoma.

### KING EDWARD VISITS KAISER.

Berlin Papers Make No Comment on Political Importance of Event.  
The visit of King Edward to Berlin is regarded generally in itself as an event at the present moment of the greatest political significance and with the feeling that it would be an excellent thing for both nations if the meeting of the two monarchs resulted in a mutual understanding tending to allay international tension. From no quarter, however, is the expectation voiced with any confidence that the visit of the English king will produce direct tangible effects.

King Edward is accompanied by Queen Alexandra, and official circles welcome the royal visitors in the most courtly tone, regarding their coming to Berlin as a return for the emperor's visit to England and making no comment on the political importance of the event.

### Senate Pays Honors Today to Memory of Deceased Leader.

The senate transacted no public business Saturday, the time being devoted to eulogies of the career of the late William Boyd Allison, senator from Iowa, who died Aug. 4, 1908.

An unusual note of feeling ran through the addresses. They had little of the perfunctory nature generally marking the obituary exercises in the senate, as Senator Allison's long service in the upper national house and the qualities of his character commanded the respect of his colleagues. The principal address was made by Senator Dolliver of Iowa.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The French actor, Honoré Coquelin, the French actor, known under the name of Coquelin Cadet, died in a hospital in Paris. He was a brother of Benoit Constant Coquelin, who died Jan. 27.