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THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1909.

**Commercial Club Still Doing Things**

The regular monthly meeting of the Alliance Commercial Club was held Monday evening, a fair attendance being present. I. A. Tash, who was elected president at the annual meeting last month, occupied the chair. He made a short inaugural address in which he stated that his policy would be just what the members wanted it to be; in other words, that he is at the service of the club.  
The chair announced the appointment of the executive committee for the ensuing year as follows: On Membership and Entertainment, Dr. F. M. Knight; Manufactures and Traffic, C. A. Newberry; Good Roads and Local Trade, F. E. Reddish; Publicity and Statistics, W. W. Norton; Ordinances and Legislation, C. C. Barker; Civic Improvement and Public Health, G. L. Gregg; Employment, Wm. James. Some routine business was transacted, and then the matter of the state normal school for northwestern Nebraska was taken up. As Alliance is the logical and proper location for this institution, the members voted to support the matter.  
A vote of thanks was given the representatives of the Alliance high school who won first place in all three classes at the district declamatory contest at Crawford last week. It was also voted to guarantee the expense of the state declamatory contest, which is to be held in Alliance May 7, 1909.

**New Manager**

I. A. Berry, the new manager of the Forest Lumber company's Alliance branch, arrived this week. He is a genial appearing gentleman, has had extensive experience in the lumber business, and will no doubt give good satisfaction both to customers and the company. We are pleased to welcome him as an addition to the business men of this city.  
W. C. Hibbs, the retiring manager, will act as manager of the same company's yard at Webb City, Mo., to which place he will remove shortly with his family. He and his estimable wife have made many friends here, who will join The Herald in regrets because they are to leave. We wish them success and most enjoyable surroundings in their new home.

**Elected Superintendent of Crawford Schools**

Prof. H. H. Reimund's ability as an educator has been recognized by the school board of Crawford, with the result that he has been elected superintendent of city schools there for next year, at a salary considerably larger than he has been receiving here as principal of the high school. We regret that our school will lose him, but predict that he will make good in his new position in our sister city.

**Card from the Crystal.**

The Crystal Theatre wishes to thank every patron and former theatre-goer for their liberal patronage and hope to be able to justify themselves in their new venture. They also wish to thank most heartily the firemen of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department for their brave and heroic efforts in our behalf. Also extend our thanks to the people of Alliance for all favors and sympathy extended to us in our misfortune, and hope to be able to be at the old stand in a short time.  
We wish to announce that we have engaged the Phelan opera house for a time and will give our usual performances every evening. Also wish the people to realize that the vaudeville team of the Whettens extend their heartfelt thanks to all the business men of Alliance for their assistance given them; and also wish to say as their wardrobe and paraphernalia were destroyed in the fire they will be hand-capped, and we hope the people will overlook the same.  
We again extend our thanks to all for favors and sympathies and to the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, we beg to remain,  
**BURROUGHS & SCHELLAK  
THE WHETTENS.**

**Obituary**

Stewart Harrington Lynch, the seventeen year old son of the editor of the Bridgeport News-Blade, died at the Scottsbluff sanitarium on Saturday, April 3, 1909. He was a bright young man, respected and beloved by those

who knew him, and his untimely death has cast a pall of sadness over the community in which he lived as well as over the home that bears the affliction of his demise. The Herald realizes that at such a time words are inadequate to convey comfort to the bereaved family, but we wish to give expression to our heartfelt sympathy.

Following is clipped from an extended obituary notice in the News-Blade, written by the father of the deceased: "He will ever live in the memory of his parents and sisters as a joyous, generous hearted boy, who gave every promise of developing into a noble manhood. The days and years will come and go; gradually we will gather up the broken threads of human interest, and endeavor to go on with our work; but life will never again be to us what it was before. A whole lifetime of uninterrupted joy and gladness would not weigh in the balance against one hour of the anguish that now wrings our hearts."

"But in the sorrow which has fallen upon us we have learned the lesson of life. Our eyes have been opened and through our tears we have realized for the first time the duty we owe to God and to our neighbors. The heartfelt sympathy and assistance which has been showered so freely upon this stricken family have not fallen upon barren ground. Each act of kindness, each offer of sympathy, each tear that mingled so freely with our own, will be remembered with profound gratitude. We thank God that our lives have been cast in Bridgeport and that we are surrounded with such noble, generous and sympathetic people. While life lasts we will feel the obligations we owe them and it will ever be our aim to catch for opportunities to show our appreciation and gratitude."

"The funeral took place from the home at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, April 5th, the services being conducted by Rev. J. B. Burke of the Presbyterian church with which Stewart identified his young life on arriving in Bridgeport."

**Not a "Roorback"**

We recently received a request from a gentleman at South Omaha for a sample copy of The Herald, which we sent. We have just received the following from him, which, as the election is past, can hardly be called a "roorback":

"South Omaha, Nebr., April 9, 1909.  
Dear Sir: I have your issue of April 1st and see you have the saloon fight on. Will you please send me a copy of your paper since your city election? I am figuring on locating there, providing your town continues dry, but if saloons are allowed to return I will abandon the idea of moving there. I have seen all of the saloon business here that I ever want to."

**Important Meeting of Stockmen**

Last week The Herald published a letter from Dr. A. T. Peters of the Nebraska State University stating that he, accompanied by Dr. P. Juckness, state veterinarian; Dr. E. W. Howe, chief of the quarantine division; and Prof. E. W. Hunt, will be in Alliance on Monday, April 19th, the object of the visit being to meet and consult with the stockmen with a view to ascertaining ways and means of eradicating mange and other diseases, and thus securing the release by the Federal government of this state from quarantine. Accordingly R. M. Hampton, president of the Western Nebraska Stock Growers' association, has called a meeting of all interested parties to be held in the Commercial Club room, in the basement of the Phelan block, next Monday at 2 o'clock p.m. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance. Prof. Hunt makes the following statement to The Herald reporter in regard to this matter: "If cattlemen have any grievances in regard to the quarantine and sanitary laws, now is the time for them to make this heard. It is to be hoped that the cattlemen will turn out in force and thoroughly air their grievances. It might be well to suggest that they select one or two of their most capable men to represent them at this meeting and put forth the ranch side of these conditions. The state veterinarian, who has this matter in charge, is coming on a tour of inspection, and at this meeting will be afforded the first and only chance for the cattlemen's side of the question to be brought to his attention. It cannot be asserted that any change can be brought about, but we are assured that Mr. Juckness is a fair-minded man and will do everything for the cattle interest that is in his power."

**Everything Lost in the Fire**

Below we give a list of those subscribing to the list for the benefit of F. D. Whetten and wife, the actors who were playing at the Crystal. Everything they had except the clothes on their backs was lost, their trunks being in the building. Mr. and Mrs. Whetten state that they desire to express their heartfelt thanks for the favors tendered them. They will play at the Phelan Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Those subscribing are: Drake Hotel, Harry Thiele, H. J. Reardon, Bee Hive, Miller Brothers, Art Wiker, F. E. Holsten, W. W. Norton, E. C. McCluer, The Famous, Geo. A. Mollring, J. A. Mallory, First National Bank, Alliance National Bank, A. C. Kjelgaard, H. H. Bogue, Steve Desch, C. E. Marks, I. E. Tash, Roy Beckwith, Beal Brothers, F. E. Wilson, H. B. Schlemmer, F. J. Betzold, M. Colburn, Wm. James, C. H. Vinsel, Alliance Grocery Co., Ahneson Brothers, Dick Watkins, John W. Sisk, Wm. King, E. Cook, Ruth Olson, Mrs. English, of Alliance, and Mrs. Bogue and Mrs. Giles, both of Sheridan, Wyo.

**Obituary**

Again has the death angel entered a happy home and taken the loving wife and fond mother, Mrs. Ethel Blanch Piester, wife of H. H. Piester of Pullman, Nebr., was brought to the Alliance Hospital April 1, '09, for an operation, from which she did not recover but passed away April 5. She leaves a husband and 14-months old boy, besides parents, six brothers and seven sisters. Following are the brothers and sisters: Theodore, George, Charles, Frank, Clarence and Walter Phillips, Mrs. Minnie Young, Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Mrs. Amy Jay, Mrs. Maggie Wilcox, Mrs. Annie Wilcox, Mrs. Pearl Burr and Miss Della Phillips. The child will be taken care of by Mrs. Burr, of Pullman, a sister of the deceased. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Jordan at the Valley church, on Wednesday of last week.

**LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.**

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Claude McDonald is one of the California sojourners who have returned from Los Angeles during the past week.

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**Agricultural Experimentation in Box Butte County**  
PROF. E. W. HUNT, DIRECTOR

**The Danger of Impure Seed**

The Department of Agriculture at Washington is co-operating with the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station in the examination of seeds for purity and germinating power. Prof. Hunt sent a sample he obtained from one of the farmers near Alliance, to Lincoln for examination purposes. This seed was bought of a Milwaukee seed house for sand alfalfa seed and a corresponding price was paid for it.

The examination shows that it is only common alfalfa, that it tests only 90 per cent pure seed, and that in one pound of same there are approximately 3,960 Buckhorn Plantain seeds, 270 Green Fox-tail seeds, 270 Lamb's-quarters seeds, 180 Knot weed seeds, 90 wild carrot seeds. In addition to this, one pound of the sample contained 1,850 seeds of the common red clover. Whoever sows this seed at the rate of 10 pounds per acre, will be sowing 477 weed seeds to the square rod. The test for germination has not as yet been made and will be reported later.

The Buckhorn Plantain and Wild Carrot are among the most dangerous weeds that infest the land. It cost one farmer \$500.00 to get rid of Buckhorn Plantain that had been brought upon his farm through adulterated clover seed. The farmers of Box Butte county should use special care not to let these noxious weeds get a foothold here. The result of the above examination is given as a warning to the farmers of the danger they would run in, not knowing what kind of seed they are sowing. Prof. Hunt will be glad to submit for examination any samples of seed that may be furnished him.

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**Box Butte County School Department**  
ORA E. PHILLIPS, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, EDITOR

Miss Nina Nation of the Marsland schools attended the association at Crawford Saturday.

The Alliance high school examination was postponed from last Thursday until Monday of this week.

Miss Anna Murphy closed a five months' term of school in the Burke school district No. 23 last Friday. There are only five pupils in the district and as those are all Mr. Burke's, school is conducted at their home, one room being fitted up for that purpose.

The ninth grade class in the Marsland schools took up the study of book-keeping last Monday. The eighth grade also began with agriculture the same day. The Marsland pupils, who took the eighth grade examinations, were among the best in the county.

School was closed in Dist. 38, where Mrs. Clifford teaches, last Monday on account of the mumps. There was to have been another month of school but on account of this sickness it was thought best to dismiss for the year. Some of these pupils expected to complete the eighth grade this year but it may be impossible for them to do so now.

Two tennis courts have been built just north of the high school building by the Alliance high school students which are second to none in the town. A schedule will be arranged by G. H. Williams, physical director, whereby each member of the club will be assigned a time playing and for instruction. This is a splendid move and will afford a means of amusement and of physical development so essential to our high school students.

Deputy State Superintendent F. S. Perdue and Luther Mumford stopped in Alliance Sunday on their return from the association at Crawford. They started south Monday morning with the intention of visiting at Sidney, Bridgeport, Scottsbluff and other points along the Gurnsey line before returning to their homes in Lincoln. Supt. Perdue has several friends in and near Alliance and says he wishes to bring his wife here in the near future and spend a week visiting them, looking over the country and getting better acquainted with the people. We extend a hearty welcome and hope these wishes will materialize.

Miss Jessie Hacker closed a very successful seven months term of school in the Bera school district No. 13 last Friday. This is the first term of school conducted in the fine new school house which was built last summer at a cost of \$800. Miss Hacker did not say whether or not she would accept this school next year but we are hoping she will. Fifty dollars was the salary paid this year and perhaps an eight months term will be maintained next year. Miss Hacker will spend a week visiting friends, near Hemingford, before going to her home at Hot Springs, S. Dak. She expects to return for summer school.

Miss Edna Benedict, who teaches in Dist. No. 34, reports much better attendance in her school since nice weather. During thawing weather the creek was so high that at times it was impossible for some of the pupils to attend. This school has just received the library books for the amount of money required by law to be spent for library books. Twelve new books were added to the library and the cost was \$5.00. Considerable work should be done toward the repairing of the school property in this district and, if possible, a new school house should be built. Patrons, you should talk this matter up among yourselves and see if something could be done in the way of improvements before another school year.

Asbury Whitaker closed a very successful six months' term of school in the Cal Lammon district last Friday. A program was rendered by the pupils, and several visitors and patrons from that and adjoining districts were present. This is Mr. Whitaker's first term of school in the west. He having recently come here from Indiana where he had taught several terms. Mr. Whitaker has been successful in this work here and has aroused the pupils of his school to strive for excellence and perfection. Much interest was taken in spelling and Edna Shepherd of the eighth grade class made the best record, having missed only one word during the entire term. There were four pupils in the eighth grade and all passed the examination.

Miss Nellie Coffin closed her term of school in the Clark district northeast of Hemingford last Friday and left Wednesday for her home near Genoa. Miss Coffin has certainly taught an excellent school. She had only six pupils but they did work and made advancement second to none in the county. A program was given on the last day of school and several of the parents and friends were present. The county superintendent received a very neat invitation that had been prepared by the pupils, but regrets that it was impossible to attend. Miss Coffin stopped in Alliance on her return home and filed her reports which were properly filed out. She will attend summer school at the Wesleyan University this summer and will return to teach in this county again the next school year.

**Junior Normal Inquiries**

Several inquiries have been received from teachers relative to junior normal work this year. Those from a distance are Grace Douglas, Harlan county, Ellen Miller, Spearfish, S. D., and others.

We regret that even at this late date we are unable to give any information regarding this work as the junior normals are now under the jurisdiction of the state board of education, which has taken no action in this yet. They will meet, however, on April 14th and it is hoped that arrangements will be made at that time relative to the junior normal work.

**Do You Expect to Build a New School House This Year?**

School district No. 15 is now out of debt and when the taxes for this year are in they will have about \$175 on hand. It would be a good time for this district to figure on building a new school house. A new law was passed by the last legislature giving the voters of a school district power to levy a tax not to exceed ten mills for the purpose of accumulating a building fund. This tax is entirely separate from the twenty-five mill school tax that can be levied. This is no doubt a good law for certain districts, but it seems to the writer that it would be much cheaper

for the district to vote bonds, which, under the law giving the state the right to invest in school bonds, could be sold at par and would draw only 4 1/2 per cent interest. Money is worth 4 1/2 per cent to all the members of a school district and there would be no waiting for the money to accumulate before the school house could be built. I would therefore suggest that school bonds be voted where a new school house is to be built.

**Last Basket Ball Game of the Season**

The last basket ball games of the season will be played next Friday and Saturday evenings at the high school gymnasium. The game Friday night will be the Alliance high school vs. the Alliance fire boys, and Saturday night will be Alliance high school vs. Bridgeport high school. Special gymnastic exercises consisting of calisthenics, apparatus work and girls' basket ball will be an additional feature of these programs. Season tickets will admit you to these games and single admission 25 cents. These are the last games of the season and you should arrange to attend.

**Wedding Bells**

Last evening at 8 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage in this city occurred the wedding of two of Alliance's estimable young people, Mr. Chester Rodgers to Miss Grace C. Watson, Rev. J. M. Huston officiating. Bert Rodgers, brother of the groom, acted as best man, and Miss Merle Castle as bridesmaid. There were also present two brothers of the bride, Messrs. E. A. and Lucian Watson.

After the ceremony had been performed and congratulations and best wishes tendered, the company repaired to the home that had been provided and furnished by the groom on Missouri avenue where they partook of a bountiful supper.

The Herald takes pleasure in joining their many friends in sincere wishes and their expectations for matrimonial felicity may be fully realized.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Subject for morning sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Huston: "Post-Resurrection Ministry of Jesus." In the evening will be delivered the first of a series of five Sunday evening sermons on "The Love of God."

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
There will be no preaching next Sunday on account of the pastor being away. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Morning subject: "A Sublime Paradox;" evening subject: "One Article of Faith in which all Christians Agree."

Following the initiation of, about fifteen candidates last evening the D. of I. held a delightful banquet, which was one of the leading society events of the season.

F. E. Clark of Hemingford made The Herald office a business call while in Alliance Monday. He purchased of H. E. Jones a choice farm just west of Hemingford and has recently moved upon it, coming from Belgrade, Nebr. He is much pleased with the country surrounding Hemingford and will no doubt make a success of farming there as so many others have done.

We were pleased yesterday to meet our friend, E. B. Nelson, traveling representative of the Nebraska Cycle company of Omaha. He got a nice lot of business while here, one sale that he closed being that of a six-horse power motorcycle to Dr. L. W. Curtis, who will use it in his large veterinary practice. The local representatives in Alliance of the Nebraska Cycle Co. for the sale of phonographs and supplies are Miller Bros. and Geo. Darling.

Prof. Hunt left yesterday for Broken Bow, but will return time for the meeting of stockmen next Monday.

Leo Hagerman's team helped to enliven the town for a few minutes last Saturday by taking a runaway spin through the streets.

Coot Mulloy arrived last Sunday on his return from Los Angeles, to which place he accompanied his mother and sister. They will remain there for some time on account of his sister's poor health.

Darling, the undertaker, was called to Hyannis by wire last Friday.

See the model "F" Jackson automobile for sale by F. J. Betzold. It is a beauty. 15-ft

Buy some of those beautiful carnations at The Gadsby Store on sale 4 p. m. Saturday, 60 cents a dozen while they last.

Wanted—200 horses to pasture; fine range and good water. Inquire of J. S. Saxton, Palace meat market, Phone 131. 18-ft

I have just received a new line of Drawn Work and fancy Linen and will be pleased to show them. Remember me when purchasing a suit, skirt or hat. I have a line bound to please. Please call. Mrs. Simmons.