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ANNOUNCEMENTS

To the Voters of Box Butte County,—I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff of Box Butte County upon the Democratic and Peoples Party tickets. Subject to the primary to be held August 17th, 1909.

Your support appreciated,
Thomas B. Shrewsbury.

Boost for Alliance and Box Butte county.

As Walt Mason, late of the United States, now of Emporia, Kans., says: "The consumer always gets it in the neck."

Wait for the Box Butte county fair. It's bound to be the biggest and best ever held in western Nebraska up to the year '09.

Radium is worth $600,000 an ounce. Why doesn't Senator Aldrich put a radium schedule in his tariff bill and encourage the home production of the stuff?

Omaha is to have a fifteen-story building, which will be constructed by the Woodmen of the World. It is to be of terra cotta-steel construction and will cost upwards of a million dollars.

The Wymore Wymorgan, republican, suggests that what the country needs is a revision of the U. S. senate instead of the tariff. We second the motion.

Will the Box Butte county fair be a success? We think it will, judging by other doings that have been held here recently. How about the state declamatory contest, and the Alliance Junior Normal, and the Stockmen's convention? And it's our opinion that the county fair will be the crowning event of the year.

In our account last week of the democratic conclave at Kearney recently, we headed the article, "A Feast of Reason and Flow of Soul." One of The Herald's lady friends wants to know whether there was a flow of anything else. Nothing else stronger than Platte river water. Kearney is a dry town this year, and while not many of the democrats are prohibitionists, they do not believe in carrying liquids into dry territory.

It is announced that "owing to the inflamed state of public opinion" the trial of the accused sugar weighers has been postponed until the fall term of court. If in the meantime further unblushing rascality by the lawless sugar trust should be uncovered the same plea will doubtless be urged for additional delay. Your Uncle Samuel is very solicitous of the rights to a fair trial of the big thieves. It is only the small ones that are railroaded to prison in a hurry regardless of the "inflamed state of public option."

The ranks of that remarkable development of latter day "lawing," the expert witness, will have to be widened as a result of the Gould divorce case. The servants of the ultra-rich are eligible to entry. In this delectable case one bunch of servant witnesses swears that Mrs. Gould was drunk most of the time, while another bunch declares with equal emphasis that she was a "poifect leddy" at all times. Their testimony is probably as valuable as that of the majority of expert witnesses, which isn't saying much for it.

Senator Tillman was justified in characterizing as "humbugs" that class of newspapers which, while advocating high duties on everything that the people eat, wear and use, are clamoring vociferously for the free admission of their own pulp and paper. It is right that newspapers should demand the removal of the tariff which makes them slaves of the paper trust, but it is monstrous that coupled with this demand they should acquiesce in the grinding down of all sorts and conditions of consumers for the profit of other trusts. Such newspapers as stand in this attitude have no reason to complain if the people voice endorsement of Tillman's denunciation of them as arrant humbugs.

President Taft seems to have experienced a remarkable change in his views on the income tax in the short space of less than a year. In accepting the republican nomination for the presidency, Mr. Taft said: "In my judgment an amendment to the constitution for an income tax is not necessary. I believe that an income tax * * can and should be devised, which under the decisions of the supreme court will conform to the constitution." Yet President Taft is now persuaded that a constitutional amendment is necessary before an income tax that will stand the test of the supreme court can be enacted. No explanation of this striking change of attitude has been offered. Has President Taft been converted by Senator Aldrich?

Primaries August 17th.

Under the new law primaries are to be held the third Tuesday in August instead of the first Tuesday in September. This makes the date of the primaries this year August 17th.

It is in order for persons who wish office to announce their candidacy. It is not necessary, of course, to publish a notice in the local newspaper, although that is eminently proper; but a failure to give publicity in due time is considered by many as a cause for distrust. The time was when the "gum shoe" in politics was very successful, but in recent years the candidate who tries to conceal his desire for office till he has the nomination cinched is looked upon with suspicion. The old saying, "If you want anything, ask for it like a man," is being applied to candidates more in recent years than formerly.

Thomas B. Shrewsbury is the first this year to come foreward with an announcement in The Herald. So far as we know he is the only candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff. He is well qualified for the office, and a feeling of confidence among his friends that if nominated he will be elected.

Life Policy-Holders to Gain

Press dispatches from New York the first of the week gave some life insurance news that will be of special interest to policy-holders of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, of whom there are a large number in this part of the west. Following is a special from New York to the Chicago Record-Herald under date of June 28:

The state insurance department has a campaign under way which promises substantial benefits to hundreds of thousands of policy-holders in the life companies in the shape of larger dividends. It has just completed an examination of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and has begun an examination of the affairs of the Mutual Life.

It was learned the report will recommend that the appraisals on its real estate and certain of the security holdings of the Equitable be increased by substantial figures, which will probably aggregate several millions. All of this increase will be directly applicable to the fund set aside for distribution among the holders of deferred dividend policies.

In the case of the Equitable Life, dividend payments to policy-holders now total nearly 70 per cent more than in 1904, the year just before the investigation. In that year they amounted to $6,001,903; in 1905 they were $6,709,003; in 1906, $7,280,735; in 1907, $7,508,776; in 1908, $8,011,016, and in 1909 $10,003,000 has been set aside for distribution.

If the state insurance department succeeds in bringing about its revision in the valuation of the $472,339,508 of assets of the company it is figured the dividend distrubutions in 1910 and thereafter should be much larger than the present rate.

A Good Ad.

The Herald ad man feels swelled up over Threlkeld's full page Crown piano ad in a recent issue, which said ad man assisted in getting up. The Crown manufacturers ordered a number of extra copies of that issue of the paper, and a prominent musical journal of large circulation made a commendatory mention of it.

West Side Wedding

On Monday evening, June 28, '09, Mr. Rolla L. Shettler and Miss Hattie Stewart, both of Liberty precinct, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Canton Baptist church, in the presence of an audience that filled the house to overflowing. Rev. J. M. Huston performed the marriage ceremony. The wedding date was the eighteenth birthday anniversary of the bride.

The contracting parties are well known in western Box Butte and eastern Sioux county, and have a host of friends who sincerely wish them a safe voyage across the sea of matrimonial fecility. For the present they will make their home at the residence of the bride's parents, and later will remove to Mr. Shetter's farm near Hemingford, where they will make their permanent home.

Will Grow Beans and Onions.

Fred Countryman is farming the R. L. Harris place northeast of town, and in addition to potatoes and other crops commonly grown here, will have a fine crop of beans and onions—that is, he is trying the experiment of growing them and has good prospect of success. Early in the spring he thoroughly pulverized two acres of sod ground and sowed the same to onions. The tubers are yet small but are growing nicely. Yesterday morning he finished planting about forty-five acres of beans, all on sod except about three acres. The beans first planted are up and doing fine.

Persons who desire the success of diversified farming in this country will keep tab on these two crops with a good deal of interest. The Herald will keep its readers posted on all matters of this kind.

Accidentally Shot

The thirteen-year-old daughter of H. I. Lapham, who resides in the Moffatt neighborhood, was accidentally shot through the foot by a rifle, which she was carrying, last Monday evening. She was immediately brought to Alliance by her father for treatment, arriving here early the next morning. At last accounts she was getting along nicely.

THE CRACKER

By Mary E. Mack

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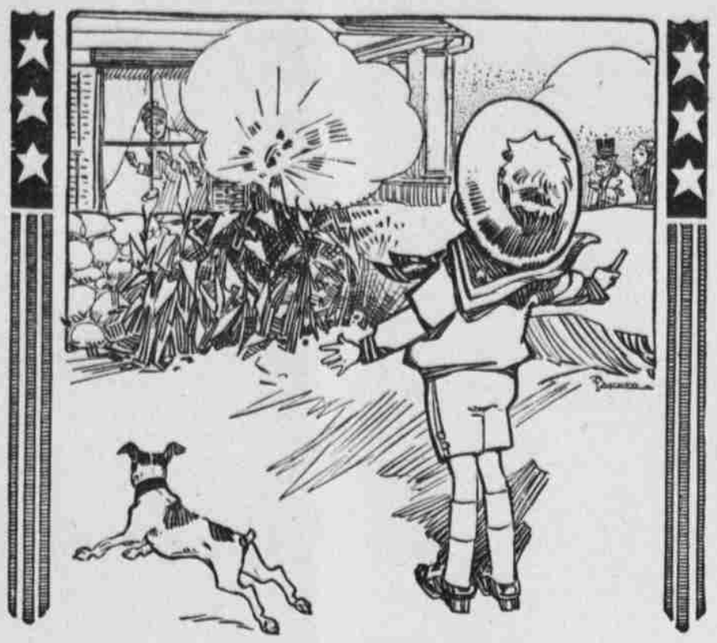
It was a cracker, the last of a pack—
Some punk—and a match—and our little boy Jack—
Oh, dear me!

Perfectly harmless when separate, why
Did they happen to meet on the Fourth of July?
Oh, dear me!

Little boy Jack had no harm in his head
When he happened to pause by the big canna bed—
Oh, dear me!

Jack is a good little boy, and he knew
Those cannas were dear to the heart of Aunt Sue—
Oh, dear me!



Was it the cracker that whispered to Jack,
"Make the most of me, the last of the pack?"
Oh, dear me!

Did it suggest, "Stuck on top of a canna,
See how I'll startle Aunt Sue and Aunt Hannah?"
Oh, dear me!

People who happened to pass in the road
Saw with surprise some French cannas explode—
Oh, dear me!

As a finale it was a success;
But—the sequel that followed perhaps you can guess!
Oh, dear me!

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH BACK YONDER.

A Fourth of July without firecrackers, without a brass band, without an oration, closing with the immersion of a bunch of negroes in the creek near the water mill of the town and county—can you conceive of a natal day of that sort? Do you go back that far?

It happened in a Missouri town about fifty years ago. It may have occurred a little further back, but it is not always wise to be exact about dates.

The big event of the day was the laying of the cornerstone of the first courthouse in the county. Of course the ceremony was by the Masonic lodge of the town. The announcement had brought in nearby farmers. Of course, again, the citizens turned out—the male population, for in that day it was not a woman's place to appear in a parade.

The "procession" formed on the playground of the only schoolhouse in the town. The grand marshal was the sheriff of the county, who was also a Mason from the blue lodge. He had a sword that had been in the Mexican war. The white plume of his wife's hat was utilized for his insignia. He was mounted on the biggest horse of the town. When he gave the order to fall in the lodge headed the column. Next came the justice of the peace of the township in a one horse shay. The school followed him. The master—they didn't call him the master then; he was simply the village schoolteacher—"headed" his pupils. He carried the bell which called the scholars to school five days in the week, and he rattled the clapper from the start of the parade until it halted on the courthouse square. Then came the citizens, on foot and in wagons.

When the grand marshal stopped the procession he dismounted, sheathed his historic blade and joined his lodge, and the stone was masonically laid. The crowd went across the street to a goods box on which stood the justice of the peace, who read the immortal Declaration of Independence. As soon as he had finished the first salute of the day was fired. It was from the only anvil in town. It was primed by a veteran who wore the uniform of the soldiery that followed old Zach Taylor to Mexico. He was the only uniformed man in the town.

After the thunders of this blacksmith shop attachment the citizens marched to the grove a mile away—it may not have been that distance—and there they picnicked. Was there ever a banquet that surpassed a country picnic in real enjoyment? Fourth of July picnics in those blessed days were reunions.

After the feed in the woods the colored folks had their time. They were the servants of the citizens. They led the procession to the old mill site near by, and while the parson, the faithful slave of the village doctor, waded his several converts out into the muddy stream and soused them under the people on shore sang, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand."

Then the assemblage scattered—the farmers back to the country, the citizens to their homes, where they had their suppers, for the regular meals in those dear old days were served regularly regardless of any great civic event. By 9 o'clock everybody was in bed. Lights were out. The day had been observed. There were no headaches the next day.

FRANK H. BROOKS.

"The Glorious Fourth"

Who hasn't seen the silver-tongued orator of his town mount the platform on a hot Fourth of July day and begin: "When, in the course of human events," etc.? Everyone has been among those present on these time-honored occasions.

A splendid picture, illustrating a good, old-fashioned Independence Day meeting is shown here. It includes a lot of old acquaintances. There is the orator—you can call him by name; the small boy at the corner of the platform who has recently lost a battle with a giant firecracker and is waiting anxiously for the end of the reading and the beginning of the pie-eating contest; the members of the Independent Cornet Band, who are very important people on a day like this; the staunch patriot radiating heat in the foreground; the good farmer and his good wife who holds a basket that makes you hungry; the parson, the village boss. Anyone can go through the picture and pick them out.

This illustration of a celebration of the Nation's birthday is the work of Samuel Nelson Abbott, and was made for Hart Schaffner & Marx.

A copy of this celebrated picture can be seen in one of the windows of The Famous Clothing House.

Planning a Trip

Roy S. Beckwith is planning to leave the first of the week for a week's visit in towns on the line of the Northwestern R. R. He will visit a brother at Rushville, friends at Gordon and his parents at Neligh. Mrs. Beckwith and the young son will accompany him on the trip, but when he is ready to return they will probably go east for a summer visit with relatives at Pittsburg.

Lawn Swings at The Gadsby Store. 26-tf

RAILWAY NOTES AND PERSONALS.

J. A. Vaughn of Broken Bow is a new flagman on the west end.

Gen. Supt. Bracken returned from a business trip to Lincoln Tuesday.

Brakeman Plank, having left the service, is talking of going to Chicago.

C. D. Peckenpaugh of Sheridan spent Monday in Alliance on official business.

F. D. Shirk, formerly employed in the shops here, is now at Lee's Summit, Mo.

Conductor Clyde Bullock has charge of Conductor Dunning's car and crew this week.

Mrs. W. H. Allgier returned this morning from a few days' visit in the eastern part of the state.

W. F. Landon has been sent to Edgemont as air inspector. He recently came here from Denver.

Brakeman W. G. Coutonbas has been transferred to the east end as brakeman for Conductor Gaddis.

C. A. Patterson, switchman, has left the service and started Tuesday morning for his home in Mississippi.

W. H. Prettyman, the genial agent at Hyannis, is enjoying a vacation and is being relieved by Chas. Triplett.

Dispatcher H. E. Marvin is laying off and visiting a few days in Hastings. Mr. Coleman is working his trick.

Operator W. A. Nickle of the Alliance telegraph office spent a few days in Denver the early part of the week.

Brakeman Showers now has his home in a cottage on Laramie avenue, having recently moved into the same.

Mrs. E. W. Reed, wife of Engineer Reed, is expected home the first of next week from her visit in Chicago.

Word comes from W. A. Law, who was formerly switchman at Alliance, that he has a position as operator at Chebanse, Ill.

W. S. Simonson has returned from Seneca, where he went last week to relieve Yardmaster Parrish, and is again running out of Alliance.

Engine 2847, the new passenger engine of the "S-1" type, has arrived from the east and has been assigned to regular passenger service.

Frank Vaughn, flagman on the east end, lays over Sunday at Ravenna, but some attraction at Broken Bow draws him there to spend the day.

A. M. Bagley, for the past two years agent at Berwyn, has left the service. Extra Agent McKinney is handling the station temporarily.

Engineer Hicks of the Ravenna-Seneca freight run was in Alliance Tuesday, he having been brought west of Seneca owing to a shortage of west-end crews at Seneca.

J. L. Lawler, an old-time Box Butte railroader, who is now running out of Denver, made a trip to Alliance on a passenger last week, relieving one of the regular men.

F. R. Myre, C. A. Myre, Thos. Coyne and Chas. Sledger are all new employes in the mechanical department, commencing work last Monday morning. They recently came to Alliance from Denver.

Mr. Birdsell returned from the Deadwood line on No. 36 Wednesday morning, where he has been superintending the repairs on the Hot Springs line, which was badly damaged by a heavy rain Saturday night.

Owing to a washout west of Gillette No. 44 was several hours late yesterday, and No. 42 was run in two sections this morning, the Deadwood connections running as first section and the western connections followed about four hours later.

Commencing next Sunday trains 39 and 40 will run daily between Lincoln and Seneca instead of daily except Sunday, as heretowith. With No. 43 and No. 44 running as through trains east of Seneca, it gave the towns between Seneca and Ravenna, with the exception of Broken Bow, no passenger service at all on Sunday, hence the change.

Official Proceedings of County Commissioners

Alliance, Nebr., June 21, 1909

Board of Commissioners met, all members present, Chairman Wanek, Jensen and Reck.

The petition of E. M. Snyder and others to vacate road was rejected.

The treasurer ordered to tranfer bridge fund of 1907 to road fund of 1907.

Road fund	$334 07
Bridge fund	842 82

The following bills were allowed on road fund of 1907:

S C Reck	14 60
Dierks Co.	6 10
Dierks Co	52 05
W H Babbitt	8 00
Tom Taley	4 00
Sam Heater	16 00
Jake J Winton	15 75
O Owens	6 00
Thos Gilshannon	26 00
C F Zinmaster	6 00
Ed Owens	17 00
E I Gregg	12 00
L M Kennedy	11 20
John O'Mara	7 80
C H Underwood	12 00
Herbert Tompkins	4 00
Geo Stafford	8 00
Clarence Tompkins	8 80
Ray Tompkins	4 00
Sam Heater	20 00
L M Kennedy	10 00
Cal Lammon	12 50
H P Coursey	12 00
Alfred Jahnke	31 80
Dierks Co	143 00
Henry Bruss	5 60
F McCoy	37 75
J R Lawrence	6 00

Commissioners adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Alliance, Nebr., June 22, 1909

Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment. Members present same as yesterday. Day was spent in considering prices for road work and bridges. There being no further business Commissioners adjourned subject to call by clerk. W. C. Mounts.

Found—pair of spectacles in case. Call at Herald office.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping; must be desirable. Phone 489.

Wanted, to trade one or two resident lots near St. Agnes Academy for prairie breaking within two miles from town. Phone 615. 27-tf

Found—Large door key. Owner can have same by calling at The Herald office. 27-tf

Wanted—A girl for general housework on a ranche. Wages $35.00 per month. Apply to E. W. Whitcomb, Moorcroft, Wyo.

Buy a Boyer gliding settee for your porch or lawn at The Gadsby Store. 26-tf

For sale cheap—A new Dunbar pop corn and peanut roaster. Can give good terms, monthly payments if desired. Inquire of L. E. Bye at Pool Hall. 23-tf

I am now ready to make contracts for cement work to be done as soon as the weather will permit.—John Pederson. tf

Wanted to rent—Two or three furnished rooms for light house keeping by family with one child. Address F. A. Richey, Herald Office. 29 1 w*

Will trade a fine automobile for land if suited. F. J. Betzold. 18-tf

Have you land to trade for an automobile? See F. J. Betzold. 18-tf

For Sale—Modern, 7 room house, $2,550.00. W. C. Taylor, phone 394. 26tf.

See the model "F" Jackson automobile for sale by F. J. Betzold. It is a beauty. 18-tf

The M. E. Ladies will have an exchange at Acheson Bros. every Saturday afternoon. Home made bread a specialty. 24-tf

Everything in office supplies from a typewriter ribbon or carbon paper to an office desk or fire and burglar proof safe furnished by the Western Office Supply Co. Lloyd C. Thomas, manager. Phone 58 or 340.

Found.— Switch key. Call and identify at Herald Office.

Fine Model "F" Jackson automobile with one rumble seat and turtle deck attachment; will trade for land close to any siding in Box Butte county or sell for cash cheap. F. J. Betzold, Alliance. 18-tf

For Sale—Five quarter sections of fine land, 14 miles north of Alliance. Will sell part or all.—Mrs. Matilda Hood, Alliance, Nebr. 28-4w*

Barry Hotel for Sale or Rent

Well furnished; doing good business; 27 outside rooms. Electric lights, hot and cold water, upstairs and down. Bath room. All in good condition. For particulars inquire at Barry House. 26-tf

Pure Bred Poultry.

Choice R. C. Leghorn cockerels for sale. Eggs 50 cents per setting. Call or write Mrs. A. Gregory, Marsland, Nebr. 18-13w

Special Sale of Sheet Music

Mrs. J. T. Wiker will have a special sale of sheet music at the Bennett store commencing June 24th and continuing till Saturday, July 3rd, or until the present stock is exhausted. Eight hundred pieces to select from. Call early while the assortment is complete. Regular 25c and 50c music, your choice during this sale for 15c. 28-2w

Repair Work

Sewing Machines and Organs.

Have secured the services of a practical mechanic and can guarantee all work done by him. Don't trust your work to travelling repair men. This man will be here permanently. Repairs and parts furnished for all machines.

Phone 139. Geo. D. Darling.

Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between C. Ferris and E. Essay, under the firm name of Ferris & Essay, has been dissolved by mutual consent, the business being continued by E. Essay.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska.

In Matter of the Guardianship of Adelia Ramsdell, an Insane person. } Order to Show Cause

The cause came on for hearing upon the petition of Frank H. Ramsdell, guardian of the person and estate of Adelia Ramsdell, an insane person, praying for a license to sell the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S½ SE¼) and South Half of Southwest Quarter (S½ SW ¼) of Section Five (5) in Township Twelve (12) N. Range Thirty (30) West, in Holt County, Nebraska, or a sufficient amount of the same to pay the sum of twelve hundred eighty dollars ($1280 00) for the payment of expenses incurred in the support, treatment, care and maintenance of said ward, there not being any personal property and the income of said ward being insufficient to pay the said debts and expenses, and maintain the said ward.

It is, therefore, ordered that the next of kin and all persons interested in said estate appear before me at Chambers at O'Neill, Nebraska, on the 28th day of July, 1909 at nine o'clock A. M. to show cause why a license should not be granted to said guardian to sell so much of the above described real estate of said ward as shall be necessary to pay said debts and expenses. I specify that this order be published in The Alliance Herald, a weekly newspaper, published at Alliance in said county for three weeks prior to the date of said hearing.

Dated June 25th, 1909. J. J. Harrington, Judge District Court.

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