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### Press Comments on Normal School Location

We believe that the following from the Mitchell Index voices the sentiment of a large majority of people who were personally interested in the locating of the western Nebraska Normal school: "Much to the disappointment of Alliance, the North Platte Valley and we believe to a majority of the people of western Nebraska interested in the development of its schools, the Normal board has decided to locate the new State Normal school at Chadron, a town in the extreme northern and western part of the state, and reached by a single road, the North-Western."

The new State Normal school has been located at Chadron by the state board. We do not think it so good a location as Alliance would have been, but it is probably more accessible than Peru or Kearney.—Gering Courier.

In the following sentence the Gordon Journal reflects the sentiment of the northwestern combination that was made against Alliance: "Aside from having the school located at Gordon we had rather see it at Chadron than anywhere else in the district."

The Rushville Recorder: "The location of the new State Normal at Chadron is hailed as a victory for the North-Western railway."

The Chadron Chronicle speaks of the "effect" the northwestern combination had in securing the location for that city, as follows: "Chadron business men are very grateful to the people of Crawford and Rushville for their action during the visit of the Normal School board to their cities when they themselves were out for the location of the school and told the board that if they were not successful in getting it their second choice was Chadron. This undoubtedly had its effect and is a kindness that never shall be forgotten and they hope sometime to be able to reciprocate."

The following editorial from the Bridgeport News-Blade has a tinge of sarcasm, but contains about as much truth as could be well couched in the same number of words: "Chadron has been selected as the site for the proposed State Normal school. That will be very convenient for the people of South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana."

In another editorial the same paper makes the following pertinent remarks: "The action of the state board in selecting Chadron as the site for the proposed State Normal school is in strict keeping with the history of the measure from the time the trick was turned in the legislature. The News-Blade has repeatedly pointed out the perfidious tactics of the promoters of the measure and still insists the location of the school under the provisions of this act is an insult to the intelligence of the taxpayers of Nebraska. In the interest of the taxpayers of the state and for the protection of prospective students in western Nebraska the establishing of the normal school at Chadron should be prevented and the validity of the act tested. The same order of intelligence which permitted the passage of the bill seems to have guided the state board in selecting the site for the school."

### Alliance High School Still Leads

Last Friday, in the roughest and hardest game of basketball ever played in Scottsbluff, Alliance won by the close score of 39 to 31. Alliance had previously defeated this same team by a score of 44 to 14 and it may be that this fact gave the impression to the Alliance players that they would not be required to work for the game. Unquestionably the playing of the High School team was not up to its usual standard, a fact which may be accounted for by a lack of practice. On the other hand Scottsbluff was about 50 per cent. stronger on their own floor.

There was a notable lack of team work on Alliance's part. Every point made was only after the hardest kind of work. Several times Scottsbluff led the race only to be caught and passed by Alliance. Toward the end of the second half the Scottsbluff supporters were shouting loudly, for their favorites were taking the lead in what promised to be a winning spurt. But Alliance came back with its fighting spirit and pulled the game from the fire with the above margin. The following players represented Alliance: Noble (c), Carlson, Mawhirter, Parker, Betebenner.

Alliance still holds the championship of western Nebraska. She has not been defeated in any game as yet. Gothenburg will be here Friday, Jan.

28. They have not been defeated and are also claiming the championship of western Nebraska.

### Experiments with Corn

The Nebraska Experiment Station has just issued Bulletin No. 112 on Experiments with Corn. This bulletin is a report of the experimental work with corn which has been carried on at the Station for several years. Copies may be obtained free of cost by residents of Nebraska on application to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Lincoln, Nebr.

### Neighboring Notes

From Gordon Journal:

Rev. Kuhler is expected here today on 84 (if it gets here) to assume the duties as pastor of the M. E. church. There will be services Sunday morning and evening.

D. Webster Davis of Crawford will preach Sunday morning and evening at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Davis is a noted preacher and lecturer and is well worth hearing. Come out and hear him.

From Chadron Chronicle:

Miss Marie Mattox of Alliance, who has been a guest at the home of Guy Vaughn, returned to her home Saturday.

Chas. L. McDaniels of Alliance and Miss Nellie Adaline Carlson of Omaha were married in this city by Judge J. F. Houghton, Tuesday, and on Wednesday morning departed for Alliance, where they will make their home.

From Bridgeport News-Blade:

Attorney Burton of Alliance was in town yesterday on professional business in Judge Stenteville's court.

Attorney Wm. Mitchell of Alliance has been quite ill lately, but his many friends in this county will be glad to learn that he is recovering and is again devoting his attention to his professional business.

J. L. Hanway started for Alliance about two o'clock Thursday morning and when his train reached that city it was 11 o'clock. The passenger train caught a stalled freight about two miles this side of Angora and both trains remained there all night.

At Alliance on Dec. 24, Miss Grace Whitman and Mr. Noteb Hannawald, both of this neighborhood, were united in marriage and are now receiving the congratulations of their friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Whitman, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hannawald. The young couple will reside on Mr. Hannawald's homestead near Bridgeport. The News-Blade extends to them its best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

From Crawford Tribune:

Ora Phillips, who has just retired as superintendent of schools of Box Butte county, was in the city Tuesday, having returned from Chadron, where was summoned as a witness. Mr. Phillips is now in the real estate business in Alliance.

From Rushville Standard:

J. H. Krause of the south end of the county was in the city the fore part of the week on business matters.

Judge Westover went over to Alliance Saturday to pass sentence on a couple of men, who were in the county jail, and, rather than stay in Alliance, plead guilty to the charge on which they were being held.

John Krause was brought before his honor, Judge Edmunds, on Tuesday on a complaint of assault and battery on the person of James Potmesil. He was bound over to the district court, gave bonds for his appearance and went on his way rejoicing.

### MALINDA ITEMS

(Too late for last week)

Geo. Severson returned Sunday evening from a trip to Iowa. He reports a very pleasant time in spite of the two feet of snow which fell where he was.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Conrad and children started for their home in West Virginia Wednesday. They were accompanied by her mother and sister, who expect to return sometime in the spring.

A party was given Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson. The evening was spent mostly in party games, after which an excellent supper was served. Everyone reports a very pleasant evening.

Tell Us About It.

This paper can give all the local news only as our friends lend us their co-operation. If anyone visits you, if you contemplate leaving town, if you see or hear or do anything out of the ordinary day's routine, tell us about it, that we may tell the public.

### Our Lincoln Letter

Lincoln, Nebr., Jan. 18, 1910. (Special Correspondence.)—The "insurgency" of such grand old insurgents as John C. Fremont McKesson, Paul Clark, and others of like prominence in the ranks of the old-time "pass brigade" of the g.o.p., is a spectacle for gods and men. Just now this insurgent band is framing it up to defeat Senator Burkett, and to date they have succeeded in emphasizing the fact that the senator is one of the prime fence riders of the day. A careful analysis of the senator's votes during the past two years shows that he has been 50% with the opposition to that regime. If that isn't drawing it pretty fine there is no such thing. The Lincoln Star, which is "insurgency" at a great rate, charges that Senator Burkett had his private secretary and his chief clerk paint his barn for him last summer, and that in so doing he managed to save something like \$7.50 in wages that otherwise he might have had to pay to professional painters. The trade unionists of the state are getting ready to lift the senatorial scalp because Burkett, in spite of their unanimous protest, favored Hammond for collector of internal revenue. Hammond, by the way, has always posed as a progressive, but just now he is not lending any great encouragement to the uprising against the gentlemen who assisted in handing him the collectorship plun.

The more one studies the work of the last legislature the better it looks. It enacted the physical valuation law, a law taking away from the state board the arbitrary power of assessing property, the reciprocal demurrage law, the law limiting the issuance of stock by railroad companies, the anti-discrimination law, the charter laws for both Omahas, the amendments to the election laws, the military code, the Oregon plan of electing senators, the law regulating campaign contributions, the law prohibiting employers from attempting to control the votes of employees through intimidation, the law regulating the granting of divorces, the drainage laws, the corporation tax law, and many other important and needed laws. The liquor legislation enacted by the democratic legislature marked a long step forward. It was the first forward move in twenty years. Republican legislature after republican legislature met without amending the liquor laws, and all the while its managers posed as the special champions of morality and temperance, and declared that their party was the party of "God and morality."

The charge of democratic extravagance in the management of the state institutions has been met and dissipated by the real facts. The reports, made under oath, show that the institutions are now being conducted better, and at a lower cost per capita than at any time during the last ten years. This is remarkable in view of the greatly increased cost of food products, clothing and fuel.

The present state administration welcomes nothing quite so much as it does a comparison of its record to date with any similar period of time under republican administration.

### Reno Notes

(Too late for last week)

The Reno school opened again Monday after a two week's vacation.

H. H. Hier sold his five shares in the Syndicate Block property to F. W. Harris, consideration being \$1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Berry of Reno spent a part of the holidays at Broken Bow at a family reunion. They report having a fine time.

Hans Larson received a car of corn last week. J. C. Berry's car of coal came also. Mr. Berry is looking for a car of grain most any time.

The snow is still so deep in this section of the country that a number of the ranchmen are using four horses to haul out hay to feed their cattle.

Mrs. Fanny Switzer's school has closed for the winter, but will open again in the spring with three months' more of school. Her school is in the Reed district.

Cattle are looking pretty good in the sand hills considering that there has been a foot or more of snow on the ground ever since Thanksgiving. There is going to be a scarcity of hay if it stays on much longer and probably some loss of cattle.

Mrs. Jos. Bills passed through here recently on her way to her old home near Galva, Ill. She had received word of the serious illness of her brother, who has been in poor health for some time.

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