

Magnificent BENNETT PIANO GIVEN AWAY!

IN MAHOGANY, WALNUT OR OAK CASE

To the lady receiving the largest number of votes from subscribers to The Alliance Herald

The regular selling price of this piano is Three Hundred Dollars. It is a better instrument than many pianos that sell for \$325 to \$400. These pianos are carried in stock by the Bennett Piano Company at their Alliance store, where they may be inspected by interested persons.

The Alliance Herald has purchased one of these magnificent pianos to be given as a present to the lady who receives the largest number of votes during the next few weeks from subscribers to the paper.



Our Plan

Commencing Friday, January 21, 1910, every person paying on subscription to The Alliance Herald during the time of this contest will be entitled to vote for the contestant of his or her choice, at the rate of one hundred votes for every dollar paid on subscription, whether arrearage or on advance subscription. The lady having the largest number of votes at the close of the contest, or election, will receive the \$300 Bennett Piano, in either Mahogany, Walnut or Oak case as she may prefer, delivered absolutely free to her residence in Box Butte county, or if she does not reside in Box Butte county, it will be delivered at the freight depot in Alliance, properly crated or boxed for shipment.

Nominations

Any reader of The Herald may nominate a lady acquaintance as a contestant. There is no limit to the number of nominations that may be made, but the right is reserved to drop the name of any one nominated if she receives no additional votes within a reasonable length of time after her nomination.

5,000 Free Votes

At the time of her nomination, every contestant will receive 5,000 votes free, in addition to what may be given her on subscription paid. If any lady shall be nominated by more than one person, she will receive the 5,000 free votes only on the first nomination.

Grand List of Additional Presents

In addition to the Magnificent Bennett Piano, we are preparing a large list of additional presents, to be given to ladies who are contestants but fail to receive the piano. A list of these presents will be published soon.

Now is the Time to Nominate and Vote

We expect this contest to continue only a few weeks. Subscribers, and persons wishing to become subscribers, who wish to make nominations or vote for persons nominated by some one else, should act promptly. We reserve the right to close nominations at any time after Thursday, January 27th.

Greatest Offer Ever Made in Western Nebraska

We believe this is the greatest offer ever made by any newspaper in Western Nebraska.

Number of Votes will be Published

Each week we will publish the number of votes received by all contestants up to the evening preceding publication day.

Herald Employees Barred

No member of the family of any person employed in The Herald office will be permitted to be a candidate for the Bennett Piano which we are soon to give away to the lady receiving the largest number of votes from subscribers.

Our Lincoln Letter

Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 14.—(Special Correspondence.)—On February 3 the Lincoln State Journal, page 1, second news section, had the following headlines:

STATE GENERAL FUND FULL

MORE THAN \$100,000 IN THE LONG DEPLETED FUND

Immediately under this headline appeared the following:

"For the first time in the history of the state, so far as known, the state has \$100,000 in the general fund and the state is out of debt."

There is an interesting story connected with this. After many years of republican mismanagement the state of Nebraska found itself burdened by a debt of over \$2,500,000, all in interest bearing warrants issued by republican treasurers. The Holcomb-Poynter administrations reduced this debt approximately half a million dollars; the demo-pop administrations being the first to reduce instead of increase the state's outstanding indebtedness. Later a republican legislature introduced and passed what is known as the "Sheldon law," which provided for a heavy tax for the especial purpose of wiping out the debt. The law was successful, but the people paid a direct tax in order to wipe out a heavy indebtedness incurred under republican mismanagement.

The democratic legislature of 1909 amended the Sheldon law, thus reducing the tax burden upon the people. But that same legislature enacted the corporation tax law, which has already, within twelve months, brought \$70,000 in fees into the state treasury. The oil inspection bureau has also added something like \$10,000 more than ever before turned over to the state in any one year. Thus, under democratic administration, within twelve months, a burdensome tax is removed from the shoulders of the people, and a surplus of \$100,000 piled up in the general fund.

The more you study the record of the present democratic administration the more certain it becomes that the democratic legislature of 1909 was the best in the history of the state.

The law enacted by the late legislature regulating the sale of oils and gasoline in Nebraska, which took effect April 1st, 1909, has resulted thus far in a saving to the consumers of oils and gasoline in this state, for a period of nine months covering its operation to January 1st of the present year, of \$158,320.72.

The new law in effect reduced the specific gravity test on gasoline from 65 to 62 degrees, which permitted the sale of Kansas and Oklahoma oils and gasoline in Nebraska, which were formerly excluded by the provisions of the old law from our markets. On the

very day the new oil bill took effect the wholesale price of gasoline in Nebraska was reduced 2 1/2 cents per gallon. Under the old law the railroads refused to pay inspection fees to the state for the reason that they contended they were exempted from the provisions of the act, by reason of the fact that they were users of oil and not dealers. The new act specifically includes oils used by the railroads. This is only another piece of legislation enacted by the late democratic legislature that has resulted in a great benefit to the people, and will, during the present bi-ennium, make a direct saving to the consumers of oil in Nebraska of at least a quarter million dollars.

Among the important laws passed by the last legislature is the so-called corporation tax law. This law imposes an occupation tax on all corporations, both foreign and domestic, doing business in the state. The tax is based on the capital stock of the corporation and runs from \$5.00 to \$200.00. Under the provisions of this law, the state collected this year more than \$70,000.00 from the various corporations in the state. The right of the state to levy this tax has been tested and sustained by the supreme court of the state. As the principle has now been established in our law, the legislature can modify the law and change the rates to be paid by the various corporations. In the so-called reform legislature of 1907, a law very similar to this was introduced and defeated. The corporations were strong enough to defeat this proposed law in 1907, but thanks to the democratic legislature, this law was passed and the state has been the beneficiary.

William Hayward has announced himself as a candidate for congress in the first district. "Pulchritudinous Bill" will have plenty of contestants for the nomination. This is taken as a sign that Sheldon will again be in the race for the gubernatorial nomination, which will be sad news for Aldrich. Mr. Aldrich has been entertaining the idea that he would have a walk-away for the nomination.

The g. o. p. leaders are still trying to figure out how they can defeat the Humphrey law, better known as the "Oregon Plan" law. They hesitate about taking it into court, so they are trying to have it quietly ignored because of a couple of misplaced commas. What is this law? O, it merely gives the people the right to name their own senators, that's all. Of course the republican managers are "ag'in it."

C. C. Jamieson, manager for the Richards & Comstock Co. at Ellsworth, was in Alliance Monday and Tuesday on business.

W. N. Wilkinson of Long Lake dropped into The Herald office while in the city last week and set himself ahead on subscription.

Special Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1910, next a special election will be held in and for the city of Alliance, Box Butte county, Nebraska, which election will be open at 9 a. m. on said day and will continue open until 7 p. m. of the said day. Said special election is called for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the Initiative and Referendum law for the City of Alliance, being Chapter 32 of the Session Laws of the State of Nebraska for the year 1897 entitled "as follows:

"An Act vesting a right in the voters of any city, county, town, village, school district, or other municipal subdivision of the state of Nebraska, to propose ordinances, contracts, agreements, or measures, and enact the same into laws for the government of such municipal divisions or subdivisions of the state, by a direct vote of the people who are qualified to vote in such respective jurisdictions; vesting a right to the voter of any such city, county, town, village, school district, or other municipal subdivision of the state of Nebraska to by a petition refer any ordinance, agreement, contract, or measure, enacted or proposed by the legislative body of any city, county, town, village, school district, or other municipal subdivision of this state to a vote of the voters of such jurisdiction and to reject the same by the ballot; to prescribe the manner of such legislation and to provide punishment for all offenders against the provisions of this act."

The polling places in the First ward of Alliance shall be in Mark's hall at the corner of Wyoming and Laramie avenues and the polling place for the Second ward of Alliance, Nebraska, shall be at the City Hall. Copy of the proposed law can be had at the city clerk's office.

Dated this 12th day of February, 1910. F. W. IRISH; City Clerk.

Wonders of Wireless Telegraphy

From time to time during the last two years, press dispatches have told stories of the wonderful work of wireless telegraphy, particularly in the saving of lives in cases of shipwreck. One of the latest was the rescue of the crew of the ocean steamer, Kentucky, by the steamer, Alamo, less than two weeks since, a call for help by wireless telegraphy having given the rescuing ship notice of the sinking condition of the Kentucky.

For the fifth time in little more than a year a disaster of the sea was turned into a triumph of heroes by the courage of the man at the key. Here is the record as compiled by the Denver Post.

Jan. 23, 1909—Liner Republic, wrecked off Nantucket; 1000 saved by Jack Binns, wireless operator.
Aug. 27, 1909—Steamer Ohio, wrecked off Alaska coast; 200 saved by George E.

Eccles, the operator, who drowned at his post.

Jan. 12, 1909—Liner Slavonia, wrecked off Azores; 410 saved by wireless call.

Oct. 12, 1909—Steamer Antilles, blown ashore off Florida coast; 100 saved by wireless.

Feb. 4, 1910—The Kentucky sinks; 46 saved by wireless call.

Governor Hanley at Alliance.

On Saturday evening, March 12th, the people of Alliance and vicinity will have the privilege of listening to a lecture by Hon. Frank Hanley, ex-governor of Indiana, which will be delivered in the Phelan Opera House. Mr. Hanley ranks among the most interesting orators of the present day, and we believe the people of this part of the west will appreciate the opportunity of hearing him. Further announcement will be made through The Herald later.

We understand that he is to speak in only one or two other places in northwestern Nebraska on this trip.

Ingratitude Worst of All

A thief may be honest in some things, a dead beat may have charity in his soul, but an ingrate has no redeeming traits. Ingratitude steals the nursing bottle from the lisping infant, tramples mother love under foot and sneaks in the night and destroys flowers growing on the graves of the departed. Ingratitude knocks at your door on bleak and cold days, comes in, and warms by your fireside and grows strong again by partaking of your food and wearing your clothes. It then repays that debt by lifting his head with a hiss and burying its poisonous fangs in your back. Ingratitude begs medicine and food from you when you are sick and when you grow well again it laughs at you because you are so easy fleeced; ingratitude trusted with gold steals it; trusted with honor betrays it; trusted with virtue destroys it. The thief can reform, the sinner repent, but the soul of the ingrate is dead and the still small voice will not penetrate it.—Exchange.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The morning topic will be, "God's Omnipresence;" evening, "The Burning Bush." The Ladies' Aid society will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Gavis.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Morning topic, "Turning the World Upside Down;" evening, "That We May be Rich." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the morning service the subject will be the fourth commandment. Usual evening preaching service at 7:30. The Young People's Christian Union meets at 6:30 o'clock, the following hour being spent in a service designed to be of especial interest and profit to the young people. All will be made welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning topic, "The Open Door;" evening, "An Expert Detective." Good singing at all services; everybody made welcome.

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lenten services—Sundays, Holy communion at 8 a. m. except on first Sunday. Sunday morning prayer, Litany and sermon at 11 a. m., except on first Sundays, when Holy Communion will be substituted for morning prayer. Sunday evening prayer at 7:30, except on 4th Sundays, when there will be no evening service. Wednesday, Litany at 4 p. m.; Friday, Litany at 4 p. m. and evening prayer and address at 7:30 p. m.

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Order of Services: Sunday Masses, 7:00, 9:00, and 10:30 a. m., except on the third Sunday of every month when the order is 9:00 and 10:30 a. m. Evening service every Sunday evening at 7:30.—Rev. W. L. McNamara, Pastor.

Two Moving Picture Shows Left

Three moving picture and vaudeville shows running simultaneously meant a freeze out for one of them, even in as good a show town as Alliance, hence the Hewett Vaudeville Co. has vacated to Bridgeport, we understand. Younkin has moved the Crystal to the Phelan Opera House, where he is making a hit with special attractions. The Garrick, erstwhile called the Idle Hour, is putting on an attractive program and we understand is getting a liberal patronage. Two good moving picture shows can do a good business in Alliance, but more than that is 100 many.

Cement Contractor.

For estimates on cement walks, cement blocks and all kinds of concrete work, see J. J. Vance, West Lawn, Alliance, Nebr. 39-4f

Moves Back to Herald Building

Since disposing of The Herald a little more than a year ago, O'Keefe Bros. have officed with Hall & Graham in the rear of the First National Bank. The room there not being large enough to conveniently accommodate two firms, they have removed to The Herald building and now occupy the front part of the south side, where they are doing business under the firm name of the O'Keefe Land Co. Their telephone number is 324.

FAIRVIEW

Several flocks of wild geese were seen here a few days ago.

Mrs. George West visited with friends in Alliance last week.

Miss Catron from Alliance attended the social Monday night.

Who said spring was here? It doesn't feel like it with this north wind.

Mr. Davig from near Neosho attended church at Fairview last Sunday.

Last Sunday, being a nice day, there was a large crowd out at church.

Mite Hayes of Illinois is here visiting his grandpa and other relatives.

Three or four of Mr. Aspden's children are sick with a gripe this week.

The Watkins medicine wagon was seen on the streets here several days the past week.

School opened Monday, the attendance being small on account of so many children being sick.

The Ladies' Aid met at Mrs. Hadley's last Thursday. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Fred Nason's Feb. 23.

Elmer Shanks from the sandhills spent Saturday and Sunday with F. J. Lawrence and family. He went to Alliance Monday to build a store house for the Nobe bakery.

The valentine social at Wm. Aspden's Monday night was well attended, about 75 being present. \$41.40 were realized from the sale of valentines. An all-around good time was had, everybody enjoying themselves.

Ben Teagle, who was found dead at his home last Thursday, was buried in the Catholic cemetery near Alliance Friday. Ben was very much respected by all who knew him, which were many, both in town and country. He came to Box Butte county about twenty years ago.

David D. Lewis, who died at his home at Alliance last week, was born at Newbridge, Wales, sixty-six years ago. He there married Miss Ann Jones. Coming to America, he settled at Nanticoke, Pa., where he remained two years. He then moved to Mahaska county, Iowa, staying there about twenty years, and then came to Box Butte twenty-three years ago, locating on a claim in the Fairview neighborhood, where he lived until three years ago. He leaves a wife, two sons and four daughters, also a brother at Beacon, Ia., and one sister in Wales.

Broken Bow is to have a new high school building, electric lights and probably a fine new court house.