

**Our Lincoln Letter**

Lincoln, Neb., April 4.—The attention given by the legislature of 1909 to the needs of the agricultural population of Nebraska was evidenced in many ways, one specific instance being the legalization of the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association and making it a state institution. Under the law it is the duty of the association to hold annually a corn show, for the purpose of consulting and deliberating on the condition and furthering the methods of improving corn and breeding and cultivating the same in this state. The sum of \$2,000 was appropriated for the expenses of this investigation. If, through the efforts of this association, it is possible to produce a breed of corn that will average a half-dozen more grains per ear than is now secured, that seemingly small increase will add more than a million dollars a year to the corn value of the state.

The legislature of 1909 was compelled to take care of over \$77,000 of deficiencies bequeathed to it by the Sheldon administration. The legislature of 1907 boasted of its record for economy—a record very easy to make by simply refusing to make necessary appropriations and leaving a subsequent legislature to make up the deficiencies. After taking care of this republican deficit; after making more liberal appropriations for education than ever before made, and after making building appropriations that should have been made two, four or six years ago, the democratic legislature of 1910 appropriated less money per capita than the republican legislatures of 1907, or almost any other republican legislature in the state's history.

The republican managers are saying less and less about opposing the "Oregon plan" of electing United States senators. The legislature of 1910 made it possible for the people to take the election of senators into their own hands, instead of delegating that power to the combined corporate interests of the state. The "Oregon plan" is too familiar to need explanation here. For a time the republican managers, foreseeing that the plan would deprive them of their usual donations from favor-seeking corporations, threatened to contest the validity of the law. Then they declared they would ignore it because a misplaced comma made the law unintelligible. Later they discovered that the latter claim was an insult to the intelligence of Nebraskans and they back-tracked on that. Having heard from the rank and file the managers are not now saying a word against the "Oregon plan."

Gen. Charles F. Manderson, one of Nebraska's foremost citizens, is chairman of a committee of well-known men formed for the purpose of providing for a history of the Trans-Mississippi exposition of 1898. The cost of publication was provided for in advance. The book is profusely illustrated with splendid views of the grounds and fine photographs of the great structures. In one sense the history is an album of beautiful pictures, well worthy of preservation. The exposition did much to advertise the advantages of Nebraska, and the history of the achievement is at this late day a big advertising card, descriptive of Nebraska's greatness.

The growing business of Miller Bros. has made necessary an increase in room space for their carpet, furniture and china store, consequently they have had the partitions removed on the second floor of their building, changing the same into a room 25 by 60 feet in dimensions, and have had this room connected with the store below by a stairway which makes it convenient for use in showing their carpets, linoleums and some other goods that are kept on this floor.

**Closing out prices on trimmed hats, at Regan's.**

I have 300 tons of good hay and 1500 bushels of seed potatoes for sale. —J. D. Hagerty, Bridgeport, Neb.



**News Snapshots Of the Week**  
Senator Allds was found guilty of the Conger bribery charge. Senator Percy of Mississippi is being investigated by Governor Noel on charge of paying for his senate seat. Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court died. Sir Ernest Shackleton, the south pole explorer, is being honored in this country. Catherine Manz, sixteen years old, is under arrest at Massillon, O., for the murder of her sister Elizabeth. Tom L. Lewis and "Mother" Jones are heading the striking coal miners. W. H. Buckley continued his testimony as the king of lobbyists in the fire insurance graft scandal of New York. Albert W. Wolter is charged with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a sixteen-year-old stenographer.

**LOCAL PARAGRAPHS**

Miss Nelson is a new employe in the McCluer store.

Miss Minelle Highland has been very sick the past week.

Clark Brunell went to Bridgeport on a business trip today.

Alex Muirhead and wife of Hemingford were Alliance visitors several days last week.

F. O. Roe's baby has been quite ill the past week but is much better at this writing.

A. F. Baldrige has been laid up since Saturday evening with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Anne Robinson was the lucky one at the five dollar drawing at the Famous last Saturday.

Frank O'Connor is one of the number who have recently been afflicted with grip and tonsillitis.

Geo. Reid was very ill several days last week but is much improved and able to be around again.

Postmaster Tash and friend L. R. Corbin autoed to Hemingford Saturday returning on 44 Sunday.

One of W. R. Drake's children, a little girl, has been kept out of school several days by an attack of tonsillitis.

M. H. Huff of Fullerton who has visited his daughter Mrs. Hal Pardey the past three days left yesterday for his home.

Mrs. J. C. McCorkle left today for Chariton, Ia., to be present at the bedside of Mr. McCorkle's mother, who is seriously ill.

J. W. Guthrie went to Ardmore yesterday, expecting to spend four or five days in southwestern South Dakota on insurance business.

Hal Pardey and wife have enjoyed a visit from the latter's brother, John Huff, for a couple of weeks. He departed yesterday for Seattle.

After spending a very pleasant Easter vacation in Alliance Miss Inez Beck returned from Kewanee, Ill., and has left Saturday for Valley, Neb., where she is principal of the school.

Hon. Grant Shumway had business in Alliance a few days since. He has many friends here and always receives a cordial welcome in this city.

The time for gardening is near at hand and the festive business man can soon hurry home to do a day's work after 6 p. m., spading and raking.

On Monday of last week, Baldrige & Drake, proprietors of the "Western Land Headquarters," sold a section of land to a man from Presho, S. D.

Andy Sherman a machinist who formerly resided in Alliance and now located at Seneca, spent Sunday here. He will move back to this city in about a month.

Mrs. Holliday and Miss McDaniel returned to their home in Denver the first of the week. While here Mrs. Holliday was the guest of honor at several card parties.

E. C. McClellan left last Saturday for Paxton, Ill., to attend the wedding of a brother. Mr. McClellan will spend a few days in Chicago and return sometime this week or next.

Miss Kathryn Pletl has resigned her position as saleslady at the Model Candy Kitchen. She leaves on the Guernsey today for a visit at Mitchell, after which she plans to go to Denver.

Miss Lula Hadden of the International Harvesting Co. in Crawford spent several days this week in Alliance. She left Wednesday on 44 for a visit to the home of her parents in the east.

Alliance Hospital has been closed for a few days awaiting the arrival of the Sisters of Mercy, who are expected tomorrow. No doubt many of the Herald readers will be pleased to learn

that Mrs. Lois Riley, the trained nurse who has had charge, has decided to remain in this city and do private nursing. We wish to call attention to her card in the Herald.

We regret to learn this morning that Grandma Cavin, Mrs. Ella Hawkins' mother, is still seriously ill. Another daughter, Mrs. Crane of Creston, Ia., has been sent for and is expected here tomorrow.

Mrs. Jerry Rowan, Mrs. Lindley Ellis and a number of other members of the Woman's club left for Scottsbluff Wednesday noon to attend a district convention there. Mrs. Rowan goes as a delegate.

We have word from Miss Laura Miller that her mother continues to improve slowly but that it will probably be a month yet before Miss Miller can return from Albion to take her place in The Herald office.

W. B. Parker of the Bee Hive claims to have now the finest decorated store in western Nebraska. M. S. Gerrish of Chicago, an expert decorator, has been at work for several days, and he is sure a peach in his line.

Mrs. Mary R. Shave of Elysian, Minn., a sister of Geo. Douglas, arrived today for an all summer's visit in this county. She has been here before, and it is almost needless to say is well pleased with this country.

Road Master Byrne of Seneca was in Alliance Sunday. He formerly resided in this city and has many friends here that are always pleased to meet him and who would be glad to have him take up his residence in Alliance again.

L. M. E. Anderson had the misfortune to injure one of his hands with a splinter a few days ago. At first the injury seemed to be slight, but it has developed into a serious condition, making the carrying of his hand in a sling necessary.

Miss Susie Avery, a sister of Mrs. Mrs. Don B. Wagner, arrived last Friday from Kewanee, Ill., and has taken a position as saleslady in the Model Candy Kitchen. She is receiving a cordial welcome from the young people of this city.

J. P. Stedman, general agent for the Success oil burner, advertised in this issue of the Herald, returned Tuesday from a trip up the line. He disposed of the right of sale for Crawford and also Marsland. He informs us that there are good prospects for the agents to do a good business at those places.

Irvin Myers, who was formerly in the employ of D. W. Hughes, the ice man, and who is now holding down a Kinkaid fifteen miles north of Oshkosh, drove up to the city today. He favored The Herald with a call and left three "wagon wheels" on subscription, which sets him more than a year ahead.

H. W. and J. S. Barrett of Skidmore, Mo., arrived in Alliance yesterday morning in search of a suitable location in this part of the west. One of these men has been driver on a rural route and the other has been engaged in clerical work. If they find suitable employment here they will make this city their home. One of them being a married man will bring his family later.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hill and young son are comfortably domiciled at 412 Cheyenne ave. They formerly resided in this city and taking up their residence here again seems to them much like returning home. Mr. Hill is head storekeeper at Alliance for the Burlington, holding the position formerly occupied by Mr. Berryhill. We are pleased to enroll his name this week as one of The Herald's subscribers.

National Banks are required by law to publish periodical statements of the condition of their business. The two

banks in Alliance not only publish these statements as required by law, but are so well satisfied with the showing that they make, that they make use of means to give publicity to these statements. The Alliance National has had a quantity of enameled blotters printed containing a statement which appears in this issue of the Herald, the same to be used for advertising purposes; while the First National has its statement printed in their regular display ad on first page.

Mrs. W. M. Weidenhamer and daughter Alma are spending a few days in Denver.

Dr. Eikner left Sunday morning for Los Angeles. He will stop at Phoenix where he expects to invest in real estate.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Zurcher, March 29, a daughter, Muriel Elizabeth, grandchild to Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Burleigh.

The second recital of the pupils of Miss Swan will be given at the First Presbyterian church next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. F. W. Adams who formerly resided here, but who has been living recently at Lead, S. D., is stopping off for a few days visit at the home of Mrs. Wills and with other friends on her way to Connecticut.

E. C. McClellan and wife left last Saturday for Paxton, Ill., where they went to attend the wedding of Mrs. McCluer's brother, Chester Buffield which happy event took place last evening. Mr. McClellan will visit some of the wholesale houses in Chicago and order goods for his Alliance store before returning.

A case of child abandonment by its mother, a married woman, created some excitement and a good deal of fun for the boys Tuesday. There is a difference of opinion as to whether it was a case of attempted blackmail or not, but in any event the details are not such that we care to publish them.

Geo. Willoughby has returned to Madison as mentioned in the Herald in a former issue. Before leaving he called at our office to order his address for the paper changed. From what he said, we judge that he would have been glad have remained in Box Butte county if he could have made suitable arrangements in time to rent a farm this year.

The way of the transgressor is hard, or at least he thinks so when pulled up before Judge Zurn. A couple of young men filled up on booze and went into one of the city restaurants about eight o'clock Monday evening and proceeded to make a nuisance of themselves to such an extent that the marshal was called. When taken before the judge for trial they plead guilty to the charge of "drunk and disorderly and insulting ladies," and his honor assessed them each \$25 and trimmings. As they were financially embarrassed their fines will be worked out on the streets.

Frank Brown who has been carrying the mail between Alliance and Long Lake for Chas. Keeler, has taken the contract for the same from the government for the four years beginning July 1st. He will make the trip on Tuesdays and Fridays, leaving Long Lake in the morning and arriving at Alliance at 11:30 a. m., and on his return leaving Alliance at 1:30 p. m. and arriving at Long Lake in the evening. There are no postoffices along the route of 22 miles but he will carry mail for quite a number of farmers and ranchmen. As the country between Alliance and Long Lake is thickly settled, we would think that an intervening postoffice or two would be well patronized.

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**NEBRASKA NEWS**

**Costly Conflagration in Elevator District at Omaha.**

**FLAMES MAKE RAPID HEADWAY.**

Sweep Away Maney Mill Plant, Nye-Schneider-Fowler Elevator, the Cady Wooden Package Plant and All Their Contents—Many Box Cars Also Destroyed.

Omaha, April 5.—The total loss occasioned by the spectacular fire in the elevator district Monday is now estimated to be \$1,000,000. It was one of the most spectacular fires ever seen here. The fire started at the Nye-Schneider-Fowler elevator, near the boiler room. The blaze at the elevator was discovered about 11 o'clock by the watchman at the Maney mill. The northwest corner of the building was then ablaze. The gale which was sweeping across the open terminal yards at this point soon fanned this into a roaring mass of flames and began carrying huge burning brands far to the north.

These falling on the property of the Maney Milling company had that plant roaring with flames in an incredibly short time.

Thousands of people were attracted to the fire, the flames lighting up the sky so that the city was illuminated for miles around.

The Nye-Schneider-Fowler elevator had a capacity of 750,000 bushels and was valued at about \$400,000. It was said to have been pretty well filled with corn.

The Maney mill plant consisted of a mill building, engine house and 100,000 bushel elevator which was filled to its capacity with No. 1 wheat for milling purposes. The loss to the mill property has been estimated at \$200,000. Fifteen freight cars loaded with grain and thirty-five empty freight cars were destroyed with loss of \$60,000.

**RUINED GRAIN AS SALVAGE**

Farmers of Phelps County Are Buying It to Feed Their Stock.

Holdrege, Neb., April 4.—The ruins of last week's fire have been almost all cleared away and the insurance adjusters have completed their work preparatory to payment of losses. The grain, which was partially destroyed, is still burning in several places, but a considerable amount of it will be gotten out and sold regardless of the damage to it from fire and water.

B. Powell, representing Powell & Nelson, the large cattle and stock raisers of Marion, was in the city and contracted for thirty carloads of the salvage at 20 cents per bushel. He will ship it to the company's ranch, where it will be used to feed hogs.

**FRATS' "GRIDIRON" FEAST**

Greek Letter Men of University of Nebraska Will Have Novel Banquet.

Lincoln, April 4.—Governor Shallenberger has accepted an invitation to be present at the first annual banquet to be given by the fraternities of the University of Nebraska, April 13.

The Greek letter men of the state school are giving this annual banquet in honor of Chancellor Samuel Avery. Mayor Love of this city will preside as toastmaster. A long program in the nature of the gridiron banquet given each year by the newspaper men of Washington will be carried out.

**BANK SAFE BLOWN OPEN**

Masked Men at Randolph Tie Marshal and Wreck Vault With Dynamite.

Randolph, Neb., April 5.—The First National bank was dynamited and robbed of \$10,000 in gold and currency between 2 and 3 a. m. Town Marshal Carroll was held up on the street and bound and gagged and relieved of his gun and placed in a bank room, while seven explosions, requiring forty-five minutes, wrecked the vault. Three masked men did the job. They escaped.

**Meats Increase 100 Per Cent.**

Lincoln, April 5.—Land Commission-

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
The Alliance National Bank**  
CHARTER NO. 5057.

At Alliance, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business, March 29, 1910.

**RESOURCES:**

Loans and discounts	\$250,701.54
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	790.98
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	20,000.00
Other Real Estate owned	1,250.00
Due from national banks	
Gross reserve accounts	\$1,157.56
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers	
Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	940.57
Due from approved reserve agents	85,147.71
Checks and other cash items	1,772.98
Notes of other national banks	100.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	39.88
<b>LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:</b>	
Specie	\$8,098.45
Legal tender notes, 1,270.00	9,368.45
Redemption fund with U. S. treasury 5 per cent. of circulation	2,500.00
Total	101,093.06

Total Resources \$423,866.47

**LIABILITIES:**

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	32,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,430.07
National bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	8,954.77
Individual deposits subject to check	174,869.65
Demand certificates of deposit	23,070.10
Time certificates of deposit	82,012.88
Total	\$423,866.47

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss: COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE. I, F. W. Harris, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. HARRIS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, 1910.

B. F. GILMAN, Notary Public. My Commission Expires December 27, 1911.

**Brewery Licenses Held Valid.**

Omaha, April 5.—Liquor licenses granted Omaha breweries and brewery agents by the board of fire and police commissioners will stand valid through the year by virtue of a decision in the district court handed down by Judge Troup. Judge Day, who sat with Judge Troup in a test hearing, concurs in the finding.

**Sheldons Buy Bay State Ranch.**

Columbus, Neb., April 2.—A deal was closed here by which C. H. Sheldon & Son became the owners of the old Bay State feeding station, located near North Bend. This ranch comprises 775 acres, and brought \$70,000, or nearly \$100 per acre. The ranch has about 200 acres under cultivation and the remainder is hay and pasture land.

**PHYSICAL VALUATION REPORT**

Hurd Makes Showing of Some of Work Done Under New Law.

Lincoln, April 5.—E. C. Hurd, chief engineer in charge of the work of placing a value upon the railway property of the state under the provisions of the physical valuation law enacted last winter, has filed a report with the state railway commission covering a period from December to April. The report shows that four of the railroads have filed complete statements as required and four more have made partial reports. In addition to these reports, ninety-six plans of structure have been received which, with the number reported previously, makes a total of 443. Construction profiles of 883 miles have been received, making a total of 1,595 miles of roadway, including terminals, have been received.

There has been inspected 1,127 miles of roadway, which added to that reported previously makes a total of 2,707 miles, including five large terminals. Sixteen mechanical plants have been investigated, covering about 90 per cent of this class of property in the state.

Right of way has been investigated to the extent of 1,582 miles, located in forty-two of the more important towns and cities of the state. The mileage when taken with the 1,870 previously reported makes a total of 3,452 miles investigated.

The total expenses to date, according to the report, has been \$13,028.01, out of an appropriation of \$40,000.

**BLAIR TO MEET PLATTSOUTH**

Two Debating Teams Will Contest on April 18.

Plattsouth, Neb., April 5.—The schedule of debates in this eastern district in the first series of contests in the eleven districts among the sixty schools which are members of the Nebraska High School Debating league have all taken place except two. The Blair team will visit this city on Friday evening, April 18, and debate with the Plattsouth team. The subject will be, "Resolved, That Labor Unions on the Whole Are Beneficial." The Wahoo and David City teams will show their ability about the same time and the two winning teams will lock horns for the honor of representing this district, composed of the schools in South Omaha, Blair, Fremont, Wahoo, Weeping Water and City. In the coming contest in Lincoln on May 13 for the state championship.