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3rd The courtesy and spirit of accommodation displayed by the officers and employes.
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A Pioneer Passes to Great Beyond



Because of the weight of years that was upon him and his feeble condition, although still able to be about, it was no surprise to Alliance citizens last Sunday to learn Nelson Fletcher had gently breathed his last and passed to the great beyond, some time between six and eight o'clock on the morning of that day.

The funeral service was conducted this (Thursday) afternoon by the Elks Lodge, from their hall in the Zbinden block, interment being in Greenwood cemetery. A large concourse of people testified to the esteem in which he was held by attending the funeral.

The following sketch of his life is reprinted from the Alliance Times of Tuesday.

Nelson Fletcher, Nebraska pioneer of Alliance, was a son of Silas and Isabella Sutherland Fletcher, the latter of Quaker ancestry. Silas Fletcher was a direct descendant of Robert Fletcher, who emigrated from England to Massachusetts colonies in 1632.

He was born in New Hampshire, and moved to Canada, about 1804. He took an active part in the Canadian rebellion of 1837, and was always active in politics, but never an office-seeker. He as a farmer by occupation and always in prosperous circumstances Nelson Fletcher was born March 8, 1824, in York county, upper Canada, now Ontario. He acquired his early education in a log school house, where only reading, spelling and arithmetic were taught, and teachers "boarded round."

He earned his first money teaching school and subsequently followed surveying in Wisconsin from 1849 to 1853, a part of the time doing contract work for the United States government. In 1855, he engaged in the banking business, which he followed for four years, until failing health, compelled him to retire. In 1868, he engaged in the foundry machine shop business, in which he failed, during the general financial collapse of 1874. In 1878 he emigrated to Nebraska and settled on a farm in Thayer county, having at that time but very limited means. He farmed until 1887, when he moved to Alliance, Box Butte county, and engaged in the real estate and insurance business, which he continued until a month or so ago.

Mr. Fletcher was married to Olive J. Wyman on New Year's day, 1855. Six children were born to this union. The only son, William N., a graduate of the Nebraska state university, class of 1887, was admitted to the bar, and went to Cape Nome, Alaska, in the fall of 1909, and died there. The rest of the children all died in infancy or early youth, except one, who lived to be thirty-one years of age.

His wife, Olive Jane Fletcher, died March 20, 1909, after a short illness, her remains being laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery, beside which those of her faithful companion of life, will be placed. Deceased was made a member of the I. O. O. F. at the age of twenty-one years and joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at the age of eighty-one years. The loss of this grand, old man, to the city of Alliance can not be measured, he having always been foremost in what he believed to be for the best interests of the city. He served on the city council a few years ago. Mr. Fletcher was possessed of considerable property interests in this city, at the time of his demise. His death will be sincerely mourned by all Alliance citizens.

Decceased was a member of the Episcopal faith, but it was his request that his obsequies be conducted by the B. P. O. E. with other orders assisting. Less than a week ago he was upon Alliance's streets, and it is a consolation to his many friends to know that he retained his ruggedness to the age of more than eighty-six years and finished life's chapter without pain. He stated some weeks ago however to near friends that he was worn out and had but a short time to live. One of Alliance's best business buildings stands as a monument to his energy and enterprise, and Alliance has lost one who was ever zealous in promoting what he believed was for the good of his city and country. Nelson Fletcher is gone, but his memory will live long with those who knew him best.

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Birthday Surprises

Last Friday, Dec. 9th, being the fifty-second birthday anniversary of Moses Wright, the members of Alliance Lodge No. 104, Daughters of Rebekah, of which Mrs. Wright is a member, planned a very pleasant surprise. That night being the time for the regular meeting of the I. O. O. F., supper was prepared to be served in their hall. About fifty guests were present, members of the I. O. O. F. and D. of R. lodges and a jolly good time was enjoyed by all. Mr. Wright was presented with a beautiful hand painted cup and saucer, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his friends.

Wedded in Alliance

To one who has a true appreciation of human life, the union of two noble young people in the holy bonds of wedlock is occasion for sincerest congratulations. It gives us pleasure to record the union of two happy hearts and their life destinies this week, and that pleasure is increased by the fact that the editor had the honor of officiating at the union.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCorkle, in Alliance, at 6:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening, December 14, 1910, Mr. Charles L. Widman and Miss Mary B. McDonald, both of Monte Vista, Colorado, were married in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Harper, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle, and Mr. Norman McCorkle, J. W. Thomas, editor of The Herald, performed the ceremony. It seems superfluous to say more by way of congratulations and good wishes.

The groom is a prosperous young ranchman of southern Colorado. The bride is well known and has a host of friends in Monte Vista, where she was formerly a saleslady in a mercantile establishment. They will spend the winter in Alliance, after which they take up their residence on their ranch near Monte Vista.

Dr. Iker, now of Los Angeles, Cal., but formerly of Hemingford, is in the city on business. The doctor says this cold weather seems rather hard on him and he is anxious to get back to the sunny south.

A candy sale will be given by the Methodist Sunday school beginning Saturday morning at the Phillips Grocery.

RAILWAY NOTES AND PERSONALS

Conductor McDonald is laying off. C. D. Reed took his run Tuesday.

Owing to slack business three cars and crews have been pulled off. They were Hetrick, Picket, Heisenbottle.

Conductor Picket gets Simonson's car and crew. Simonson is off until after Christmas.

Engineer Jacoby came up from Ravenna Tuesday. He is here to attend court.

General Supt. E. E. Young and Supt. Weidenhamer went to Edgemont Tuesday on the inspection engine 366.

Train Master D. J. Nelson has been several days in Ravenna on Company business.

Engineer Desomers has bid on the Masland Hill run. Pete Rowland who will come to Alliance is now relieving Engineer Johnson.

Charles Olson, formerly a conductor here now has a fine position in Vancouver. His wife and son will leave Monday to join him there.

Conductor R. J. Burke has been on the relief several days. He will leave Monday for Lincoln, where he will spend Christmas with relatives.

Engineer George Riddle who has been on local between Seneca and Ravenna has been promoted to passenger. He is now on 39-40. Mr. Riddle has been in the company's service and this comes as a well deserved promotion.

It is rumored that there will be two new trains after January 1st. One a fast passenger and a fast freight between Kansas City and Seattle. It will be the same class train as No. 45 leaving Kansas City in the morning.

Special Agent Wilson who has been in a hospital in Omaha for some time is in a very critical condition. If he improves enough so he can stand the journey he will be taken to New York City for treatment. His many friends here are hoping that he will recover and be able to return to Alliance and his work here.

Mr. Charley Yockey, a one time conductor here, came over from Ft. Morgan Friday. He was accompanied by his wife and little son. Mr. Yockey is now on a ranch and says he is well satisfied. They will visit relatives here until after Christmas.

Conductor T. J. Campbell has gone to southern Missouri called there by the serious illness of his mother. The last word received she was very low with no hope of recovery.

The acquaintance and friends of Mr. Howard Short, now of Stater, Mo., will be sorry to hear that he met with a very serious accident some time ago. He was dead heading on a passenger and fell from an open vestibule door. The last word received was that he was at home from the hospital but had a stiff arm and would probably never be able to railroad again. He has been working for the Chicago and Alton.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

R. W. Hobart, the Mitchell lawyer, is attending court.

A pretty birthday party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Lowry in honor of their daughter, Zear, to some of her playmates, on Monday afternoon.

C. C. Barker, of the law firm of Boyd & Barker, expects to leave for Chadron the last of the week, to attend court there.

Cal Wildy, of Hemingford, was in Alliance Saturday.

Simon Spry, the well known Alliance stockman, left yesterday for a short trip to California.

A new threshing machine separator was received last week by Peter Kicken to be used next season in connection with his kerosene traction engine, with which he has been breaking up a great deal of Box Butte county land the last two seasons.

It isn't too late to repeat the hackneyed advice, "Do your Christmas shopping early."

Mrs. C. C. Hucke came down from her home in the Hemingford neighborhood Wednesday to do some Christmas shopping. She favored The Herald with a call to pay two years ahead on subscription, which entitles her to one of the premium Wall Charts.

In one of the Alliance schools a boy was asked last week what the products of Russia would be if lumbering and fishing were the industries. His reply was "grass".

Andrew Limbeck, who is moving from Crele, Nebr., to Dalton, was in Alliance Friday with his car of household goods and called at the Herald office. He has purchased a farm near Dalton and will now boost for western Nebraska.

J. P. McClurken, of San Deigo, California, was a caller at The Herald office on Monday. Mr. McClurken is owner of a tract of nearly three thousand acres of valuable land in Box Butte county and makes occasional trips to look after it.

That the Herald advertisers believe that it pays them is shown by the fact that the half-page ad for the Bennett Company in this issue was ordered by wire. The Omaha office heard that this special edition was to be issued and in order to be sure of space a telegram was sent reserving it for them.

Work on the Alliance city directory has all been completed except for comparison of names, the census all being finished. It is our opinion and the opinion of the representatives of the R. L. Polk Company, that this directory will show nearly as many in Alliance as the government census showed in Box Butte county.

The Herald office mailed forty-six pounds of letters and circulars last Thursday. This was exclusive of the edition of The Herald on that date, which weighs over 150 pounds each issue.

Word received from Jordan Robinson at the Osteopathic Hospital at Kirksville, Mo., is to the effect that he is now able to bear his weight on one foot, and has complete use of his hands. He was taken there a few months ago, unable to use any of his limbs.

Peter Wragg and wife arrived in Alliance Monday from Dixon, Ill. He is a son-in-law of Menzo Boon, a ranchman living about twenty miles south of Alliance. They will remain about a month.

Extra copies of this edition of The Herald can be obtained by applying in time at The Herald office. Several hundred extra copies have been printed but the demand is heavy and orders should be left at the office or phoned to 340.

A full line of legal blanks is carried at The Herald office and can be had at reasonable prices. Loose-leaf ledger outfits, card index systems, and office supplies of every kind can be purchased. The Herald does not desire to come into competition with local merchants and the supplies carried cannot be purchased through them.

A set of pictures that are attracting attention are those displayed in The Herald window, showing the chase and catch of the "desperado" in Alliance some time ago, an account of which appeared in The Herald. Although these are now getting old, they still attract a crowd, as it doesn't happen more than once or twice in a life time that pictures of this kind are secured from real life.

Eleven weeks ago W. A. Mollring, the expert window trimmer and salesman at the Mollring dry goods establishment, was attacked by that relentless foe of the human race, rheumatism. For several weeks he was bedfast, then the disease began yielding to medical treatment. We are glad to note that he has sufficiently recovered to be at the store again and assist in waiting on customers.

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