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News Snapshots Of the Week

Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, who successfully piloted the Atlantic fleet around the world in 1908-9, died of pneumonia. Lord Decies and his bride, Vivien Gould, will sail for Egypt Feb. 18 on their honeymoon. With disastrous effect a consignment of dynamite for the Panama canal being loaded on a boat at the piers of the Central Railroad of New Jersey at Communipaw exploded, killing and wounding scores on both sides of the North river, the shock being felt fifty miles away. In a special message to congress President Taft introduced the reciprocity agreement recently signed by Canadian ministers and Secretary of State Knox. The last rites of the church were given to Archbishop Ryan, who has been seriously ill at Philadelphia for some time.

ALLIANCE MEN CAUGHT

Mexican Revolutionists Capture Party Containing John O'Keefe and Joe Vaughn. No Harm Done.

It will be remembered that The Herald recently announced the trip of Joe Vaughn and John O'Keefe to southern Mexico. The trip was fine and they got along very successfully until they started to return to the United States. Then the fun began. The city editor of The Herald received a letter from them Tuesday morning, which explains itself, and will be read with interest. It reads as follows:

HOTEL GRAND CENTRAL

El Paso, Texas, February 4, 1911. Lloyd C. Thomas, Alliance, Nebr. Friend Lloyd: We left Mexico City last Tuesday morning and our train was stopped at Teorrone, Mexico. Wednesday noon we were ordered off and told to hit the high places for the states. We did not wait for a second invitation. We were sent back and around by Eagle Pass making a round of about 500 miles to get to the border. Several passenger trains are lost south of Juarez, in Mexico and some of them have been blown up.

Plenty of excitement, but we are enjoying the trip. The Insurrectos have sent word that they will fire on Juarez (just across the river from El Paso) at 10:30 today. We can see the sharpshooters on the hills from this side. The Americans have all been ordered to stay on American soil. (We will comply.) We will send you some of the papers today, and if Juarez falls we will wire you. We are feeling fine. Yours, O'KEEFE AND VAUGHN.

In answer to the letter the following telegram was immediately sent to them at El Paso. However, as no answer has been received it is supposed that they had already left El Paso before the telegram reached them.

"Letter received. If possible get photos engagements. Rush with story. LLOYD C. THOMAS."

Their return is awaited with interest and The Herald's readers are assured that a complete story of their experiences will be given.

OWLS ORGANIZE

The order of the Owls has been organized in Alliance, about 140 charter members joining the order. The organization meeting was held at Marks' hall Tuesday evening, the following officers being elected:

J. C. Berry, president; Chas. Jefferys, vice president; Cal Cox, past president; E. P. Woods, warden; Chas. Williams, invocator; Bates Copeland, secretary and treasurer; L. I. Glarum, wicket; John Pederson, picket; Wm. Hamilton, Dr. Allison, Fred McDonald, trustees.

After much discussion, the lodge was named "The Sand Hill Nest". About one hundred of the charter members were present at the meeting. Club rooms will be fitted up, the location not yet having been decided upon.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday night at the K. C. hall.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club of Alliance will meet at the home of Mrs. L. H. Highland Friday evening, February 10th. Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas is the hostess. The business session will begin promptly at 7:45.

LADIES' GUILD MEETS

The Ladies' Guild will hold a reception at the home of F. E. Holsten for Bishop Beecher Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. All members and all wishing to meet the Bishop are cordially invited.

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"WHIRL O' TH' TOWN"

Alliance Amateurs Outdo All Previous Performances by Their Production Last Evening. Best Ever Seen in Western Nebraska.

PACKED HOUSE EXPECTED TONIGHT

Well, if you attended the Elks' show last night you want to go tonight, which we are sure you will. If you had to write this story and how good the play was you would be in doubt as to where to begin and where you would end.

You might say you would begin at the beginning and stop at the ending. If you did this and kept on until you reached the end of your story and that of your friends about the excellent performance, you would probably not have finished until it is again time for another Elk show. And let us say, right here, that the Alliance lodge of Elks have made a move that will be looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure as one of the coming events in this city.

We have witnessed a great many home talent productions and we will say without hesitation that this is the best, none of them equalling the Elks' production of "The Whirl O' Th' Town", and if memory runneth not to contrary we have witnessed some regular supposedly big musical comedies that were very dry sailing in comparison.

Mr. Williams, under whose direction the play was given, is to be congratulated on the success attained. It was just ten days before the production that Mr. Williams started rehearsals and this itself is a high compliment to his ability as a director of amateur theatricals.

Each member of the caste is to be complimented on the excellent manner in which he or she handled the difficult parts, and as to those who took part we might say individually that J. B. Miller, as Andrew Jackson Squills, and later Senator Squills, was indeed well chosen for the part, which he handled with all the ease of a veteran of the stage.

H. R. Beal, the private secretary to the senator, showed his ability to handle the part as efficiently as he holds down the job as a spud dealer in this famous spud country.

J. F. Lichty, as John D. Astorg, a man of finance, had a very difficult part to play, but he acquitted himself nobly.

Harry Czarnowsky, the country dicker, played his part well and evoked many a laugh. His long experience as a "drummer" stood him well in this part and made it very easy for him.

R. S. Smith, the prodigal son, made a hit for a "home run".

Talk about your political lobbyists and the man with the loud vest and a big cigar and mustache who was engineering the graft deal. The prize must go to "Bill" Schlupp, who played the part and did it well. In fact it looks as if the coming election had cast its shadow before it.

Doc Lee, as Arizona Pete, the man from the Hole in the Wall, and the wild and woolly west, was about as bad a bad man as you ever saw. He looked and played the part just as naturally as though it was part of the work he does for his "pension".

Harry Gantz, as Algernon Snitz-Noodle, a gentleman of leisure, and other peculiarities, including fancy clothes (which looked as if they had been borrowed at Norton's) and striped socks, was exceptionally good. We think that Harry was at one time a real "Cholly" boy.

The part of Vivian Darling, an actress, in the hands of Frances Lockwood, suggests to us that she would find the stage her chosen calling. Her costumes would have done credit to any professional show.

W. H. Butler, as Hooker Jenkins, the hired man, with a large craving for cake and an easy job, was blissfully happy. He seemed to have forgotten all about the duties of a yardmaster, which are entirely foreign to this kind of a character.

Joe McNamara, the leader of the Fuss Town Screamers Brass Cornet Band, had Sousa beaten off the map with his musical fit. And as Toil Not, the tramp, he was great. We think that he must have had some previous experience of this kind before taking up the calling of an exclusive shoe store proprietor.

Ethel Nolan, as Pretty Soon, our one and only soubrette, made the hit of the evening, and in her song, "Take Me Where There's a Big Brass Band", assisted by Ryan and McNamara, they brought down the house and received a number of hearty encores.

An by the way, N. A. Ryan, as Hap Hazard, the farm boy, was there and over with his funny jokes and witty sayings. He was on the job all the time.

Bruce Mallery, the bell boy, played the part of that important individual, who seems always to be collecting souvenirs in the shape of "fifty cents, please".

Miss Bernice Kridelbaugh, as Truly Yours, the village belle, or "Our Leading Lady", was exceptionally good. And her solo, "Would You If You Could," assisted by the country boys and girls, and her duet, "Twinkling Star," with Mr. Lichty, received the plaudits of everyone there.

Miss Dorothy Hoag, as the book agent, and Miss Minelle Highland, as the manicurist, made Arizona Pete and Jim Feeny, look like individuals of very small proportions when it came to getting results.

Miss Mandy Sparks, the conventional old maid, in the hands of Mrs. Joe McNamara, was certainly good. It was one of the cleverest parts in the play and required a great deal of acting, and she is to be congratulated upon her success in this part.

Mrs. W. T. Schlupp, as Agnes Watson, the sweetheart of the long lost Tom Squills, carried her part exceptionally well.

Ruth Morris, the Indian maid, made a fine looking Indian maiden. In fact, if we had not known who she was, we would have thought that she had escaped from the Indian reservation.

Joe O'Connor, as Bug House Jake, drew the part that suited him to a T.

Miss Dorothy Hoag, singing, "So Long, Mary," came in for a good round of applause, and although we have heard this song before in "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway", we must say that it did not in our opinion, come up to last night, in that famous play.

Clyde Barker, with "Tough Guy Levi", the Yiddish cowboy, was such a bad man, that he shot the props off the stage, and looked so real in the part that a small child in the rear of the house squealed at the sight of him. On the first encore, his parody about the cowboys and bullets, which was entirely original, brought him back again.

The country boys and girls, Misses Maud Spacht, Minelle Highland, Edna Duncan, Pearle Hillis, Grace Whaley, Blanche McDonald, Mrs. F. B. McDonald and Mrs. H. E. Gantz; Messrs. Lloyd Johnson, George Panzer, Tom Purcell, W. F. Boland, A. Kennedy, Harry Betebenner, Frank Kerr and F. B. McDonald received a good share of the applause.

And then our composite of fanciers in the song, "I Have Taken Quite a Fancy to You Dear", Misses Marie Carey, Nellie O'Donnell, Mabel Carey, Katie O'Donnell, Agnes Kniest, and Marie Buchenstein, was one of the best choruses of the evening. The girls wore costumes in white and all were very neat and pretty.

Joe Westover was a real soldier and went through the drill like a machine.

The Indian bride song, by Lloyd Smith, was exceptionally good, and made better by Carl Rockey, the spot light man, who helped the scenic effects with his good work.

One of the best compliments given to the production was by R. G. Bradford, advance agent for the Omaha Concert company, who has had twenty years of experience in the theatrical business, and who stated to The Herald reporter that this production was really the best that he had ever seen by an amateur company.

It is safe to say that there will be a great many people waiting for the next B. P. O. E. show.

MOTHER OF J. C. M'CORKLE DIES

Word has been received that the mother of J. C. McCorkle died on Tuesday at her home near Knoxville, Iowa. Mr. McCorkle was summoned by wire last Saturday to her bedside. The funeral was held Wednesday.

WENT TO DENVER

John C. Shoemaker, manager of the Alliance Steam Laundry, spent the first two days of the week on a business trip to Denver.

BAND FOR ALLIANCE

T. S. Jones, formerly of the 8th Cavalry at Ft. Robinson, is in Alliance and on Monday will hold a meeting at the city hall for the purpose of forming a band. Meeting at 8 p.m.

Mr. Jones has been a member of the Fort band and was in Alliance last Fourth of July. Alliance needs a good band and the support of the citizens is assured.

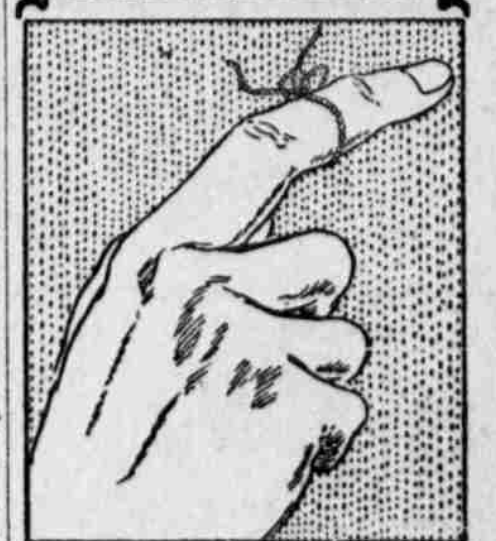
RECEIVE SENTENCES

Judge Westover this afternoon at two-thirty sentenced Harry Foster and Charles Brower to three years in the penitentiary at hard labor. These are the two men who robbed the pool hall of W. F. Crane the 18 of last January. They will be taken to Lincoln tomorrow to start serving their time.

John Deates was sentenced today to one year at hard labor in the state penitentiary by Judge Westover. His crime was burglary.

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ALLIANCE ON THE MAP

We were shown more evidence that Alliance is "on the map" this week in the following manner: Mention is made in the Agents Paper printed by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York of the largest policies written by their agents during the past two weeks. In the list we find agents at Paris, Glasgow, Boston, New York, San Francisco, Pittsburg and Alliance, Nebraska. The occasion for this mention is the fact that Gray & Guthrie of Alliance wrote a \$30,000 Life Insurance policy for Alliance's most widely known merchant, Mr. C. A. Newberry. This is probably the largest single policy ever written in this part of Nebraska and we congratulate all the parties concerned on the completion of this business.

DR. A. GAISER, DENTIST.

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PASSES BAD CHECKS

Slick Stranger Works Alliance Merchants. Makes a Clean Get-away and Has Not Been Located.

A tall, slim stranger giving the name of John Vest victimized several Alliance merchants week before last by passing bogus checks signed with the name of Mrs. Lyda Pier, who has a large cattle ranch southwest of Alliance.

The man said that he had worked for Mrs. Pier, who is a widow lady, and had little trouble in passing the checks. They were passed on Saturday, January 29th, the crook having two days in which to get away.

We understand that four of the Alliance merchants were victimized and that a Bridgeport merchant was also taken in. The total amount secured will probably amount to nearly two hundred dollars.

The checks were drawn on the Alliance National bank and are said by the officers of this institution to be very good counterfeits.

A classified advertisement will reduce the cost of selling your property to the lowest degree.