

WESTERN NEBRASKA

Interesting Items Taken From This End of the State for Herald Readers.

F. E. Neely of Gering has been promoted to the position of cashier of the Gering National bank. He has been employed by the bank for several years.

The annual meeting of the Steamboat ditch company was held in Gering last week. The following officers were elected: R. M. Lee, president; G. M. Crabbill, secretary and treasurer.

The following is taken from the interview of an Omaha World-Herald reporter with F. M. Sands, a prominent citizen of Scotts Bluff county:

"The completion of the double tracking of the Union Pacific will benefit Nebraska, particularly western Nebraska, more than is generally supposed. The line up the North Platte valley from North Platte to Medicine Bow, in Wyoming, via Gering runs through what is destined to be the largest and best irrigated district east of the Rocky mountains. In area, quality of soil, and water supply, this irrigated district stands second to none. It lies partly in Nebraska and partly in Wyoming, but is wholly tributary to Omaha. Few people in the eastern part of the state realize the size and importance of the irrigated domain that is rapidly building up out near the Wyoming line. The people of Gering are to be congratulated on the successful outcome of the plucky fight they have put up under somewhat discouraging circumstances."

The McCook High school gave their annual banquet at the Monte Cristo cafe Saturday evening of last week.

The ordinances of the village of Oshkosh were published in the Oshkosh Herald last week, taking up a large part of that worthy newspaper.

Jay Buntin has purchased the Howlett barber shop at Gordon and is refitting the same with new fixtures throughout, before opening up for business.

An auto can be used in western Nebraska all the year. The last two or three years autos have been so perfected that the sandhills now have no terror for them and it would surprise our readers to know really how many autos are used all winter long in this end of the state.

F. N. Roberts, of Sterling, Colo., is trying to purchase the Scottsbluff electric light and power plant, which has been "on the bum" for some time. If he succeeds in buying the plant he expects to expend about \$30,000 in improvements, giving that city an up-to-date plant, which it certainly needs.

A site has been purchased at Gordon for the erection of the new electric light and power plant which is soon to be built.

The recent fire in Marsland caused a loss of \$27,550, divided as follows:

- L. T. Poole, building and stock, \$750; insurance, \$450.
- C. E. Mathews & Co., building and stock, \$15,000; insurance, \$13,000.
- A. E. Bennett, barber shop, \$100, no insurance.
- Tribune office and pool hall, \$1,000; no insurance.
- True Miller, building, \$750; insurance, \$500.
- Gregg & Son, merchandise, \$6,500; insurance, \$3,500.
- Mrs. McGogy, building, \$1,250; insurance, \$800.
- Marsland Bank building, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,500.

It is supposed that the fire started in the grocery department of the Mathews store. Work has already been started on buildings to replace those burned and J. T. Hanley, editor and proprietor of the Marsland Tribune has purchased an entire new outfit to replace that burned.

At a test of the water pressure in Rushville recently water was thrown 100 feet in the air. This is sufficient to go over any building in the city. The system used is air pressure, a pressure of 100 pounds being obtained by this method. The pumping is done by an Alamo gasoline engine, the pump having a capacity of 250 gallons per minute.

There are two cases of small pox in Garden county according to the Oshkosh Herald.

It is rumored that the contract let to Kilpatrick Brothers for the grading west of Northport by the Union Pacific has been held up in New York. It is also rumored that a trackage agreement between the Union Pacific and the Burlington is under consideration and that a portion of the Burlington road up the river may be used by the Union Pacific.

Twenty-four street lights are to be installed in Bridgeport at a cost of \$300.

The Henry Lumber company has been incorporated at Henry, Nebraska. Capital stock, \$25,000.

The electric light plant at O'Neill is nearly completed and will soon be in operation.

A portable alfalfa mill has been invented by three citizens of McCook. One has been used on the Wilcox and Tuttle ranch, near McCook, for some time and will grind at the rate of two and one-half to three tons per hour.

The inventors have applied for a patent and expect that it will revolutionize the alfalfa feeding business.

It is rumored that the large irrigation ditch at Culbertson, which has been the property of Senator Buckley of Connecticut, for some years, has been sold to Chicago capitalists and that the ditch will be developed and put to much better use than

lately. This would mean a great deal for that part of Nebraska.

Application has been made by the Platte Valley Telephone company of Scottsbluff, to increase the rates on all farm lines from 25 cents per month per phone to 35 cents per month.

The barn of Charles A. Morrill at Scottsbluff was totally destroyed by fire last week. The loss, including a valuable auto was \$3,400; insurance, \$1,700.

Citizens of Cheyenne county are starting a movement for a new court house at Sidney. They want the county commissioners to call a \$50,000 bond election.

The homesteaders under the government canal in the North Platte valley have been trying for the last two years to get the payments on their water rights extended. Because of the shortage of water the last season or two, and because of breakages in the canal, many of them lost part of their crops and it has been practically impossible for them to meet the payments to the government.

The following letter from the secretary of the Interior to the secretary of the North Platte Valley Water Users Association, at Scottsbluff, has bearing on this matter, and shows that the payments will in all probability be extended and that the work on the project which is soon going to be taken up with the additional \$4,500,000 appropriated from the \$20,000,000 fund, will be given to the settlers in-so-far as possible:

Mr. B. J. Seger,
Secretary N.P.V.W.U.A.,
Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Sir: Receipt is acknowledged of copy of resolutions adopted by your association that appropriate legislation be enacted so as to make possible the further graduation and deferment of the payments of water right charges.

This Department has recommended the enactment of legislation deemed necessary to make possible a modification of the present plan of payment, and bills to effectuate such purposes have been introduced in Congress.

Note has also been made of the resolutions to the effect that work be expended in pursuance of additional allotment of funds for work in extending the North Platte Project and in awarding the work that settlers under the project be given the preference.

The work in question will be taken up as soon as possible, and, other conditions being equal, the work will so far as possible be given to settlers under the project.

Very respectfully,
R. A. Ballenger,
Secretary.

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SNOW FALL BULLETIN

The amount of snow fall on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains is a matter of great importance to persons interested in agriculture in eastern Wyoming and western Nebraska. The following extract from a snow fall bulletin recently issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, showing the snow on the Platte and Laramie watersheds, will be interesting to many Herald readers:

Arlington: The snow is wet and solid, and in the best condition I ever saw it for this time of year. W. A. McIntyre.

Centennial: The drifts are well packed. Louis A. Gregory.

Downington: There is an average depth of well packed snow in this section. John O. Eames.

Heather Creek: The snow is well packed in this district and there is an average depth. Walter I. Mickey.

Holmes: There is at least 14 inches more of well packed snow than we had here at any time last winter. Jas. T. McGrath.

Medicine Bow Mountains: The depth of snow in the mountains at the close of January ranged from 24 inches at 8,000 feet to 63 inches at 10,500 feet; at the close of December the depths ranged from 15 inches at 8,000 feet to 36 inches at 10,500 feet. Wm. Cotes.

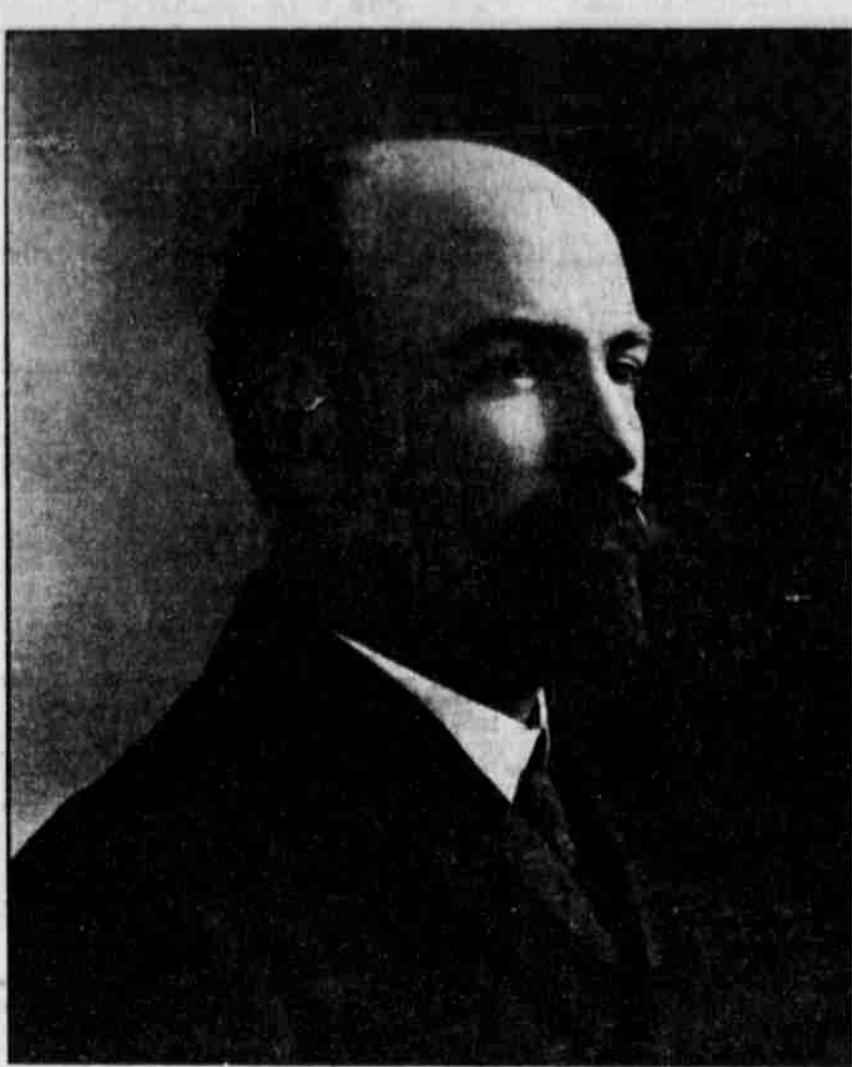
The following, taken from reports from the ten stations named, shows the amount on ground at close of month, the amount on adjacent hills or mountains, and the amount compared with the usual depth:

- Arlington, Carbon county; 40 inches; on adjacent hills or mountains, 46 inches; compared with usual depth more.
- Centennial, Albany county; drifts; 26 inches; less.
- Downington, Carbon county; 10 inches; 41 inches; average.
- Elk Mountain, Carbon county; 9 inches; Encampment, Carbon county; 3 inches; 72 inches; more.
- Heather Creek, Carbon county; 6 inches; 72 inches; average.
- Holmes, Albany county; 56 inches; 56 inches;
- Pearl, Colorado county; 15 inches; 15 inches; less.
- South Pass City, Fremont county; 14 inches; 34 inches; average.
- South Pass Ranger Station, Fremont county; 24 inches; 26 inches; less.

EXPERT WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER AT HOLSTEN'S

Roy J. Furnish, an expert watchmaker and jeweler, arrived from Kansas City recently to accept a position at Holsten's. Mr. Furnish is a genial young man and will no doubt soon make many friends in our city.

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REV. D. B. M'LAUGHLIN

RESUME OF THREE YEARS' WORK BY REV. D. B. M'LAUGHLIN

But a small proportion of the work that a pastor evangelist and Sunday school missionary does, ever appears on paper. He is the minister that goes into thousands of homes that no other religious worker ever enters. He is continually cheering the man by the wayside and brightening homes that are burdened with toil and loneliness. The people with whom he mingles are far from former friends and new neighbors are usually distant. If there should be one near, there is but little time to visit, for household duties and cares and the anxieties that go with frontier life with all its destitution, hinder social intercourse.

Many a home has been entered and felt as though he were not welcome until he put off his clerical garb, stepped out and made himself one of the people, when he found hearts opening up, and soon found he was more than welcome if such could be. That home was ever after one of welcome to the missionary.

He meets the family in the evening, tells a few good jokes around the fireside, and gives them the feeling that that minister is one of them. After the regular role of themes has been discussed, such as politics, farming, dairying, raising children, and making homes, then the thoughtful missionary begins on the themes of his heart: his life, his calling, and the great command of Almighty God, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Then they kneel down and hold the first family worship that home has ever had. And when he receives the gratitude afterward expressed, he is inspired to greater things.

He is oftentimes the lawyer, the farmer, the doctor, the preacher; frequently being called upon to settle the disputes, to prescribe for the sick (the missionary always carries a few simple remedies), for which he never makes a charge, but feels glad of the opportunity of doing good, and calls it missionary work, and passes on.

He learns not to complain regarding his trials. He sleeps in more jacked knife beds than a common Jew peddler. Anything is good enough for the missionary, from a hay mow to the best bed in the best home in the territory. We have as a rule, iron clad stomachs and can eat anything that is set before us and ask no questions for conscience' sake.

Again he gathers raiment and clothes the poor. I only wish I had room to tell some of my experiences along this line.

He is not lazy and cannot afford to have a lazy bone. The demands are so urgent and the need is so great.

He spends but little time with his own family. Sometimes but four or five days in months are spent in his own home.

He travels by rail, stage, or carriage; sometimes he walks and occasionally is forced to go by the Broncho route which is not very pleasant for a missionary weighing nearly two hundred pounds.

I have heard the darkies down south sing, "Every day will be Sunday by and by." I think so far as work and hustle are concerned, this job means Sunday every day and hour. The missionary preaches from morning till night—if not by word, by deeds and acts.

Our expenses are usually greater than our collections, but I have had money almost forced upon me when I could much rather have given it.

We establish Sunday schools in summer and get people to work who never dreamed of doing such things before. We go to the out of way places where there is nothing more than dances to entertain the people. The school is planted and then we return in winter and have a good meeting for two or three weeks and organize if possible into a working church, and a moral change is wrought in the community.

We tell them of the importance of this way, and that our greatest bankers, lawyers, doctors, preachers, statesmen and especially our greatest presidents have come from the humble homes, and they become enthusiastic.

At the close of this article is a partial summary of my three years' work. Aside from this summary, an average of ten Sunday schools a year have been established; two churches have been built and nine societies organized. My expenses of which I

have kept account for the period of three years are near eight hundred dollars.

Many people think a missionary has nothing to do but "have a good time". You may call it what you will; we call it hustling for the Master and laying up treasure in heaven and thank God he has called us to such work.

Summary

Miles traveled, 30,109; families visited, 1,500; addresses delivered, 489; conversions, 238; tracts distributed, 5,299; expenses, \$748. 57.

D. B. M'LAUGHLIN,

Presbyterian pastor evangelist and Sunday School missionary, Box Butte presbytery.

MOVE TO ALLIANCE

Mr. and Mrs. A. Rhodes and son arrived in Alliance on Friday, February 17th, from Lincoln, with the intention of making their future home here, and The Herald extends a cordial welcome, not only for itself, but also on behalf of the people of our good city. Mr. Rhodes is district manager for western Nebraska of the Pioneer Accident and Health Insurance Co. He has a good proposition for persons wanting insurance, and he makes a good start in this part of the state by appointing E. T. Kibble local agent for Alliance and vicinity. It wasn't necessary to ask our readers to notice the ad on third page of last issue of The Herald—you couldn't help noticing it. If you did not read it, hunt up last week's paper and read it, and then if you need accident and health insurance call on Mr. Kibble and have him explain the proposition more fully.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Maycock nee Zoll, who was married recently and moved to Lewisville, Colo., died on the morning of the 23rd of February. She had been ailing for some time. The cause of death is unknown. She leaves a husband and three children, the oldest of whom was married the 8th of January and the youngest being nine years old, besides her mother, Mrs. B. C. Keeler, and two sisters, Mrs. H. Hier and Mrs. S. Mishler, and two brothers to mourn her death. Funeral services will be held at her home in Lewisville, and she will be buried somewhere near there. The sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of this community.

IN MEMORY OF A SISTER

When falls the night upon the earth
And all in shadow lies,
The sun's not dead; his radiance
still
Beams bright on other skies.
And when the dawn-star groweth
dim
Upon the brow of morn,
It still shines on, though earthly
eyes
That miss it, grow forlorn.
Some other world is glad to see
Our star that's gone away;
The light whose going makes our
night,
Makes somewhere else a day.
And she is just our loved one still,
And loves us now no less;
She goes away to come again,
To watch us, and to bless.

A NEW PRESS

An addition to the equipment of The Herald last week was a fine cylinder proof press, for the taking of proofs of advertisements as well as news matter. This greatly facilitates the work in the office and plain proofs are always assured.

PROMOTED

The Business Men's Gym Club has every reason to feel elated over the fact that Phillip Nohe, Jr., who has had charge of the classes in the gym, has been appointed physical director of the large Y. M. C. A. at Richmond, W. Va.

The club will miss Mr. Nohe very much but know that he is going to a position which will fill to the satisfaction of all and that it is the kind of work which he enjoys. He expects to leave next Monday.

A classified advertisement, carrying a message of any importance, will almost always bring the answer.

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PERSONS WHO KNOW the merits of the celebrated Lyon & Healy Musical Instruments will be pleased to learn that they have established an agency in Alliance for the sale of their goods. The first shipment of pianos has been received. They are on exhibition at 405 Box Butte Ave., where they may be inspected by prospective purchaser.

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- Black Bird Corn Syrup, per gallon 40c
- Karomel Brand, per gallon 40c
- A Pure Sugar Maple flavor per gallon \$1.00
- A Pure Sorghum, per gallon 75c

- Canada Sap, a Pure Maple, per qt. 40c
- Log Cabin, a Pure Maple, per qt. 45c
- Autumn Leaf, a Pure Maple, 1/2 gal. 70c
- Beet Sugar Syrup, per qt. 25c
- Bonnie, a Pure Cooking Molasses, qt. 20c

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