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Engineer Carter is working at Ardmore at present.

Brakeman Pryor is entertaining a brother from the Black Hills.

Engineer George Hicks of Ravenna made a trip to Alliance the first of the week.

Conductor Forest Hill is on the relief this week. He is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Wm. Sowers of the switch yards force layed off several days this week on account of a badly bruised knee.

Machinist Austin left Monday noon for his home in Seneca. He received word that his mother was very sick.

Fireman McMillan of Edgemont arrived in Alliance on No. 44 Wednesday for a few days' visit with friends.

Fireman Robinson, who has been spending the past month in the Black Hills, returned to Alliance Wednesday morning.

Night round house foreman, Vanderwert, was sick and unable to be on duty Tuesday night. Mr. McGill filled his place.

Fireman "Speck" Ambrose left Tuesday evening for Ravenna, where he has relatives. He will go to North Platte for a few days before his return.

Fireman B. F. Trenkle accompanied Mrs. Wheeler and the body of her husband to the home of Mr. Wheeler's mother, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Trenkle will be gone for ten days.

When the B. of L. F. & E. or any other of the four railroad orders start to do anything they do it with a will. When one of their members is in trouble they give not only their help and sympathy, but money to tide them over the time of trouble.

Chas. Fredricks, a well known Alliance railroad man, has secured employment in Canada, and has moved to Moosejaw, where he is working as brakeman for the Canadian Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Fredricks have many friends here who wish them health and prosperity in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crilley of Livingston, Montana, arrived in Alliance Wednesday. They will spend a few days with Mr. Crilley's aunt, Mrs. Nellie Moran, then go to Denver, thence to Florida, for a month's honeymoon. They will be at home after March first in Livingston, where Danny is employed as conductor on the Northern Pacific.

ALLIANCE MEN KILLED

Monster freight Engine Explodes, Killing Three Alliance Men. Entire City Grieved

ENGINE BROUGHT TO ALLIANCE

A shapeless mass of steel, looking like a huge cannon of war, only many times larger, was brought into the railroad yards at Alliance this morning, loaded on two flat cars. Behind the car followed an odd, gruesome looking arrangement of wheels and the tender of an engine. It was all that remained of the monster freight engine, 5029, that left the Alliance yards Friday noon at the head of a fast through freight, No. 109, and which exploded at 12:05 Saturday morning, four miles east of Provo, South Dakota, instantly killing "Santa Fe" Johnson, engineer, G. T. Wheeler, fireman, and Lewis Charles Sundstrom, head brakeman.

Dozens of people viewed the wreck of the engine in the railroad yards this morning and a large number of photos were taken. It is almost impossible for the human mind to conceive of the awful force which was expended in tearing the thick steel crown sheet from a hundred steel bolts, tearing off their heads as though they had been matches. The force of these explosions, which was downward and forward, caused the crown sheet, in tearing itself loose from the many bolts which fastened it, to pull the rear end of the monster fire box a

distance of several inches. The front end of the boiler, held by large steel bolts, was torn away as though it had been made of paper. Not a vestige of the cab remains around the firebox and all that could be found of it was twisted pieces of steel and charred pieces of wood. The boiler, in its flight of three hundred feet, had nearly stripped itself of the heavy coverings placed over it. The sand dome was full of mud and the front end of the boiler, out from which projected twisted steam pipes and a mass of shapeless steel, had buried itself in the ground when striking. The engine trucks (it was a big eight-wheeler, four big drivers on each side) did not seem to be injured at all excepting where the fastenings had been torn loose when the explosion took place. It appears, from the looks of the wreck, that the first and most intense part of the explosion was around the crown sheet which is surrounding the fire box at the rear of the engine. The crown sheet, which is steel and half an inch thick, was burned and torn. The bodies of the men were brot to Alliance Sunday morning on 42 and were taken charge of by the different fraternal organizations and relatives.

"Santa Fe" Johnson
Funeral services were held Sunday morning at the Methodist church, Rev. O. S. Baker officiating. The members of the railroad orders, as well as the Masons, of which he was a member, were present in large numbers.

Mr. Johnson was born in Booneville, Missouri, June, 1881. The body was accompanied by Henry Rennau to Ipswich, S. D., where the mother of the deceased lives. His loss is deeply felt by his many friends and his fellow employes on the railroad.

G. T. Wheeler
The arrangements for the funeral of Fireman G. T. Wheeler were taken care of by Alliance Lodge No. 623, B. of L. F. & E. Rev. Baker, of the Methodist church, conducted the funeral services at the Darling undertaking parlors. B. F. Trenkle accompanied the body to Coldwater, Michigan. R. C. Wheeler, a brother, arrived Monday morning and returned with Mrs. Wheeler, leaving Alliance Tuesday morning. Mr. Wheeler was twenty-seven years of age. He leaves a wife, mother and father, brother and two sisters. The funeral services were held Monday evening. A large number of flowers and a beautiful floral cross were on the casket. A telegram was received yesterday by F. W. Hicks from Mr. Trenkle stating that the party arrived at Coldwater and that short funeral services were held.

Lewis Charles Sundstrom
Lewis Charles Sundstrom was born in Howard county, Nebraska, February 23, 1885. When still a small boy he, with his parents, moved to Sherman county, Nebr., on a farm two miles southeast of Rockville, where he lived until he was married to Miss Eva Blanche Carpenter, of Austin, Nebr., October 17, 1905. His parents then moved to Rockville and he remained on the farm four years. He then moved to Alliance. This was three years ago. He took a position as brakeman on the railroad, which position he held at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, two boys, aged five and three years.

Funeral services were held at the house in Alliance Sunday evening. The house was crowded with friends and members of the trainmen's orders and the Odd Fellows, who assisted in the services and care of the dead. Rev. F. A. Woten preached the funeral sermon. The body was accompanied to the depot by fifty brother Odd Fellows and the widow and body accompanied to Ravenna by Bro. P. D. Welnel.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank the many kind friends who assisted during my bereavement and sorrow in the death and burial of my husband. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the railroad men and the members of the I. O. O. F. for their kind attention and thoughtfulness.

MRS. EVA SUNDSTROM AND CHILDREN.

CARD OF THANKS
To the many friends who so kindly gave their assistance and comfort, and especially the members of the B. of L. F. & E., we wish to render our sincere appreciation and

thanks.
MRS. B. WHEELER
MRS. E. J. WHEELER
MRS. W. VAN NORTWICK
R. C. WHEELER.

RESOLUTION

At a meeting of Alliance lodge No. 168, I. O. O. F., held on Tuesday evening, February 18, 1913, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted and a copy thereof forwarded to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Rockville, Nebraska, and Mrs. C. Sundstrom:

WHEREAS, it is allotted unto man but once to die, therefore be ye ready, for in such an hour as ye know not, the Son of man cometh, and

WHEREAS, it has pleased our Almighty Father, in His infinite wisdom and power, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, C. Sundstrom, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of Alliance lodge No. 168, I. O. O. F., in regular session assembled, offer our condolences and deepest sympathy to the sorrowing widow and the members of the Rockville lodge.

ALLIANCE LODGE NO. 168,
By F. W. Hedengren
H. R. Beans
J. A. Hopingardner
Committee.

BUREAU VISITS ALLIANCE

Members of Nebraska State Fire Prevention Bureau Inspect Alliance Property—Are Banqueted

MAKE INTERESTING SPEECHES

Charles U. Hendrickson, state agent for the Hanover Fire Insurance Company, of Omaha, chairman for the board while at Alliance; F. M. Pond, state agent for the Fidelity-Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, of Omaha, state secretary of the association; W. S. Harding, state agent for the Springfield Fire-Marine Insurance Company, of Omaha; A. G. Evans, state agent for the Continental Fire Insurance Company, of Omaha; and J. L. Thorburn, state agent for the Aetna Fire Insurance Company, of Omaha, together with Hon. W. S. Ridgell, state fire commissioner, were visitors in Alliance on Monday. These men comprised the members of the board selected by the Nebraska State Fire Prevention Bureau, who were here for the purpose of inspecting the business and public buildings of Alliance. Fire Chief Romig of Alliance is also a member of this board, and accompanied the gentlemen on their trip of inspection.

In the evening a banquet was tendered the members of the board by the business men of Alliance. Thirty-five of the leading Alliance business men gathered with the members of the board at the banquet table and were given a fine banquet by the Burlington Hotel management in its spacious dining room.

John W. Guthrie of Alliance acted as toastmaster. Mayor W. O. Barnes made the opening speech after the toastmaster had properly introduced him as Walter O'Barnes. Charles U. Hendrickson, chairman, spoke next. His speech was in part as follows:

In German and English cities an incendiary fire creates as much excitement as a murder. In Frankfurt, Germany, there has not been an incendiary fire for more than a year.

Some states recommend the establishment of a secret service fund for the use of the fire marshal and an arson bureau as a means of reducing the fire waste in the state.

Indirectly fire prevention will have a salutary effect in solving the cost of living. The fire losses in the United States in 1912 would pay the total interest bearing debt of the country in four years; would build the Panama Canal in less than two years; exceed the total cost of the army and navy for one year; are greater than the annual cost of the United States postal service.

Fifteen hundred people are killed and 5,000 are injured annually as a result of fire.

Fire losses in the United States and Canada in 1912 were over \$250,000,000.

Fire losses and the cost of fire prevention in the United States amount annually to \$450,000,000, or more than the total American production of gold, silver, copper and petroleum in a year.

The cost of fire each year is one-half the cost of all the new buildings erected in a year.

The annual per capita fire waste in the United States is nearly \$3.00. In Europe 33 cents. Cause: The latter has better construction, less carelessness, increased responsibility.

If buildings in the United States were as fire proof as in Europe, the annual cost of fire losses and protection would be only \$90,000,000.

Fires in the United States cost over \$500 a minute.

The way to get lower insurance rates is to have fewer fires.

New York city spends \$10,000,000 a year for fire extinguishment and \$15,000,000 a year for fire prevention.

Spend more money for fire prevention and less will be needed for fire extinguishment.

The 90,000,000 people in the United States use more matches than the 900,000,000 in the rest of the more or less civilized world.

Over 1,000 fires in Chicago in 1912 were due to the careless use of matches.

Defective flues are responsible for 13 per cent of all the fires.

Dangers of gasoline: Gasoline is a dangerous oil and will ignite quickly when near a fire or carelessly handled, though this can hardly be called spontaneous combustion, and is mentioned only as emphasizing the danger of mineral, as well as animal or vegetable oils.

Spontaneous combustion probably causes more fires than are attributed to it, from the fact that in order to determine whether a fire originated in this manner it must be discovered at the very beginning, before the flames have consumed the evidence in its cause.

Secretary Frank M. Pool followed next. He told of a great deal of poor electric wiring in buildings in the city and said that buildings with poor wiring of this kind were in great danger of serious fires. He said that the motto of the association is, "All fires are the same size at the start." He stated that the alleys of the city were dirty in some places and that the basements were particularly clean. He said that tumbleweeds pile up in the vacant lots and alleys and are very dangerous. He said a man with a wagon should be hired to haul away the trash which is now burned in the "little bird cages". He spoke of the good work being done by Chief Romig, and that 1100 feet of the hose owned by the department is good, that 1000 feet more should be purchased. He told of the urgent need of a chemical engine for the town of Alliance and said that one should be purchased at the earliest possible moment.

State Fire Commissioner W. D. Ridgell, of Alliance, spoke next. He told how that he now has 250 deputy fire commissioners working under him and how that by the end of the year he will have 500 of them, how that condemned buildings will come down, and stated that there are from twenty-five to thirty fires per day in Nebraska.

C. A. Newberry, A. D. Rodgers, W. D. Rumer, and others, made interesting talks.

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VETERANS MEET

The United Spanish War Veterans met in the council chamber of the city hall Thursday evening for a big banquet. A good, big bunch were present and a regular old-time reunion was held.

Jack Reardon made a good speech. It is said that when Jack was in the Philippines he always drank coffee that was brewed by the Chinese cook. He said the coffee served at this banquet was almost as good as that they used to get in the Philippines under the blazing sun.

REBEKAHS INITIATE

The Order of Rebekahs initiated five new members on Friday evening. They were F. W. Hedengren, J. A. Hopingardner, Inez Brandt, F. A. Trabert, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas. After the initiation ceremonies were over a banquet was served by the ladies. It was certainly delicious and we know a few who did their part in diminishing the food supply that evening. This branch of the I. O. O. F. is rapidly growing in Alliance and is becoming one of the leading lodges.

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NO FEDERAL BUILDING FOR ALLIANCE

Representative Kinkaid Neglects Alliance Until too Late. Chadron Gets \$110,000

"Slippery Moses" Kinkaid, who was entrusted by the people of the Sixth District with their interests in the house of representatives in Washington, has "slipped one over" on Alliance and neglected to ask for an appropriation for a federal building here until the appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$110,000 for Chadron, has passed the House and was in the Senate.

Kinkaid, just before election a couple of years ago, secured an appropriation of \$15,000 with which to purchase the site for the federal building. This was done, but since that time no action whatever has been taken for an appropriation for a building to be erected on the site. It seems that as long as Representative Kinkaid is on the job Alliance stands no show whatever of getting her just deserts.

Senator Brown in Washington is making an effort to get an appropriation of \$125,000 for Alliance. Senator Hitchcock, who is in Omaha, is being asked to use his influence in getting this appropriation through, although it seems that there is no hope whatever of getting anything at this time.

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BIG VALENTINE SOCIAL

A big Valentine social was held at the T. H. Nason home, three and a half miles northwest of the Fairview church. About 125 persons were present and enjoyed a fine banquet. The proceeds of the social went to the benefit of the church.

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SPECIAL TRAIN TO WASHINGTON

The Burlington will run a special train from Omaha to Washington, D. C., for the inauguration of President Wilson on March 4th. The train will leave Omaha at 6:30 o'clock in the evening on February 28th. This will be a special train and will be used by Governor Morehead. Reservations can be secured by having the local agent wire to Omaha.

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An Alliance home was robbed this week

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