

## The Alliance Herald Wishes All Its Readers A Merry Christmas

## The First National Bank

A business institution of which western Nebraska is justly proud is the First National Bank of Alliance. A bank probably has more influence towards the building up of a community and town than any other one thing. It is for this reason that the prospective settler or investor in a strange country naturally goes first to the banks and studies them to ascertain the condition of the community which he is planning to enter.

The First National Bank of Alliance is the active, potent evidence of the life work of men who have made their business the banking business from the first days of their business career. And the fact that it is one of the strongest financial

honest business methods, has been one of the largest factors in bringing this financial institution to its present place of high standing. Mr. Hampton recently erected a fine residence in Alliance. A picture of this residence is shown herewith. He is president of the Nebraska Stockgrowers' Association, and because of his popularity he finds it hard at times to refuse the offers of public office which thrust themselves upon him.

The cashier of the bank is S. K. Warrick, who made his home in Alliance for many years and who is now president of the First National Bank of Scottsbluff, the strongest financial institution on the North

GOOD NEWS  
FOR CLEAVER

Bookkeeper Working on Ranch East of Alliance is Heir to a Small Fortune

Frederick C. Cleaver, who is believed to be employed on a large ranch near Ellsworth, will find news of much interest for him when he reads this issue of The Herald. The following letter was received by The Herald this morning:

JOHN J. DWYER,  
Attorney at Law,  
7 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.  
The Herald, Dec. 8, 1913.  
Alliance, Nebr.

Gentlemen:  
We are trying to locate Frederick C. Cleaver, a native of England,

publish this letter in the hope that it may come to his notice or to the notice of some one who can give us his present address.

Yours truly,  
JOHN J. DWYER.

## BACHELOR FINDS A PEARL

A good story comes to The Herald concerning Pete McLaughlin, the jolly bachelor who manages or calls most of the dances in his neighborhood southeast of town. It seems that Pete had been corresponding with a highly respected young lady in the east whom he had not met, the correspondence probably being brought about through her relatives residing near Pete's place. He had her photo but had never met her and did not know that she was intending to come west, until he met her at the party at Louis Unger's last evening. The pleasure of the meeting was just as great as though he had been notified of her coming. And now the boys say there's going to be some big doings down that way soon.

## MACHINISTS ELECT OFFICERS

The following officers were elected by the Machinists at their regular meeting Monday night: I. F. Stough, president; Robert Driscoll, vice president; George Davis, financial secretary; J. M. Schirk, recording secretary; Frank Carlson, treasurer; and Robert Harness, inside guardian.

## SPRY IN CALIFORNIA

Simon Spry, who left for the west a few days ago, has arrived safely in Los Angeles and is located for his winter vacation. He asks that The Herald be sent to his address there, 234 West 6 St. Simon says the weather there is quite cold.

## DOING WIRING JOB

The Alliance Electrical Works have just finished the job of wiring the new Dwight Zediker house and wagon sheds at 8th street and Niobrara avenue.

## ELECTRIC WORK AT MARSLAND

Mr. Griffin, an electrician from

PUBLIC SALE  
NEXT THURSDAY

One of the Biggest Sales of Recent years, including Horses, Cattle, and Ranch

A public sale that will be of more than usual interest to farmers and ranchmen will be held on Thursday, December 18, on the ranch of A. W. Taylor, between Antioch and Lake-side. The sale will begin at 10 a.m., and a free lunch served at noon. Mr. Taylor has decided to return to Iowa and will make a clean sweep in this sale, as will be seen by the following:

## 20 Head of Horses

- 2 black Mares, four years, weight 2200.
- 2 black Mares, four and five years, weight 2100, colts by their sides.
- 1 sorrel Mare, four years old, weight 900, colt by side.
- 1 bay Mare, four years old, weight 900, male colt by side.
- 1 black Mare, four years old, weight 1000, colt by side.
- 1 gray Mare, eight years old, weight 1200, colt by side.
- 1 gray Mare, smooth mouth, weight 1300, colt by side.

All the above mares are in foal by a registered Shire stallion.

- 2 bay Geldings, three and four years old, weight 1800.
- 1 sorrel Gelding, two years old.
- 6 yearling colts and 1 spring colt.

## 70 Head of Cattle

- 1 Registered Shorthorn Cow, 10 years old.
- 1 Registered Shorthorn Cow, 7 years old.
- 1 Registered Shorthorn Cow, 3 years old, calf by her side.
- 1 Registered Shorthorn Cow 2 years old, calf by her side.
- 1 Registered Heifer, 1 year old.
- 1 Registered Bull, four years old, Register No. 343,498.
- 8 Cows giving milk.
- 12 range Cows.
- 5 two-year-old Heifers, three with calves by their sides.
- 1 Holstein Cow, will be fresh in early spring.
- 8 good yearling Steers.
- 9 first-class yearling Heifers.
- 18 good spring calves.

## 12 Head of Hogs

- One Poland China boar; 1 sow and 7 shotes. 1 sow and 2 pigs.

## Farm Machinery

McCormick mower and rake, as good as new; Keystone mower; 2 hay sweepers; good prairie breaking plow; wagon; sleigh; box hay rack; baled hay rack; hay baller.

## Miscellaneous

Sixty to 75 tons of good hay; about two or three dozen chickens; a few bushels timothy seed; 1 small water tank; 1 work bench; and a number of other articles too numerous to mention.

## Home Ranch at Auction

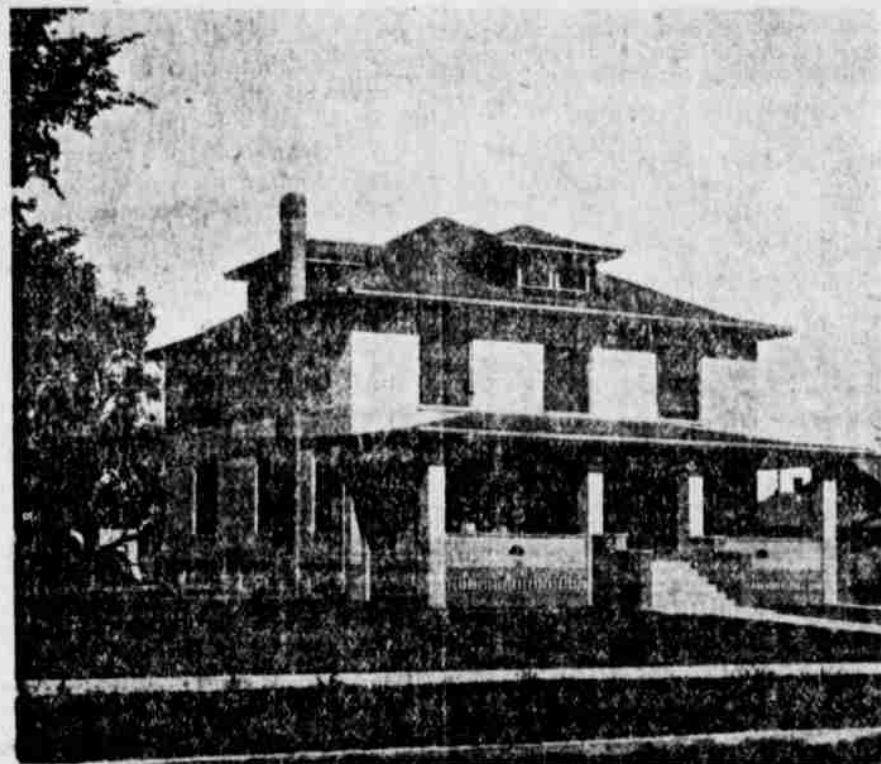
The home ranch on which the sale will be held will also be sold at the same time and place. This is an exceptionally good ranch and, being sold on easy terms, will give some one a splendid opportunity to start in a profitable ranch business. It consists of 720 acres deeded land and 400 acres of leased land, making a total of 1120 acres. The deeded land is mostly valley, cuts from 75 tons and up of hay each year, all fenced and cross fenced, thirty-five acres plowed, ten acres of alfalfa, 150 rods of woven wire fence, 2 good windmills, plenty of good water. Terms of Land: One-fourth down, balance one, two or three years to suit purchaser.—Adv.

## MORE NEWS OF NORTHPORT

NORTHPORT, Nebr., Dec. 9.—Mr. Ricks and family, from near Lewellen, intend to make their home at this place for the winter.

Miss Florence Guthridge has taken up a position as clerk at Jesse Edson's store, where she will clerk during the busy season.

K. G. Brown and family are making preparations to go back to New York, where they intend to make their home with Mrs. Brown, aged mother of Mr. Brown.



RESIDENCE OF HON. R. M. HAMPTON

institutions in the state of Nebraska today is evidence that these men have made a success of their work.

The president of the bank is Chas. E. Ford, of Chicago, who is a leading figure in the financial world. He owns and controls a number of important banks which form an unbreakable financial chain. The patrons of these banks know that in times of financial stress they are fully and absolutely protected by the great banking influences which Mr. Ford controls.

The vice president of the bank is R. M. Hampton, who organized the bank in the younger days of Alliance and who is one of the oldest settlers in the county. He came to Box Butte county with a capital of small amount and by exercising his business abilities and by careful and

Platte river in the western end of the state. Mr. Warrick is highly regarded all over the state and has a wide acquaintance.

Younger men who are holding positions of responsibility in the institution and who are men of integrity and honor, with bright prospects for the future before them are F. J. Was, assistant cashier and director, and Eugene Ford, assistant cashier and director in the bank. Both are well trained in the banking business and are training for positions of greater responsibility in the future.

A statement of the bank makes interesting reading especially to one who is posted on banking affairs. The excellent condition of the bank shows well for those who are connected with it.

## CEMENT SHOW AT OMAHA

Many Eastern Firms Will Exhibit at Omaha in February at Annual Cement Show

OMAHA, Nebr., Dec. 9.—That the Nebraska-Iowa Cement show, which will be held in conjunction with the Nebraska Cement Users' Association in Omaha, in February, will be successful is assured. More than a half of the space for the exhibits have been taken, the greater majority by firms from the East.

The cement show has proven to be an excellent advertising medium for Nebraska, as it brings more than two hundred dealers and manufacturers from points east of the Mississippi river to Nebraska.

The Omaha show compares favorably with the Chicago show, these two being the only ones which have ever been able to increase attendance and consequent interest.

The Cement Users' Association convention will be attended by nearly one thousand dealers and cement workers of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Kansas.

## BAD CHECK SKIPS TOWN

Man Who Came to Alliance With Excuse of Wanting to Purchase Business, Forges Paper

A man who came to town a few days ago, presumably for the purpose

of negotiating for the purchase of one of the Alliance stores, passed a bad check on Jack Riordan Monday night in the amount of \$25. The check was drawn on the Alliance National bank and signed by the name the man gave here, James F. King.

The man and his partner left on the night train, either south or east. The authorities have wired in both directions asking that King be apprehended.

## GRAIN AND LIVE STOCK MEETING

Annual Convention of Farmers' Co-Operative Live Stock and Grain Shipping Ass'n

OMAHA, Nebr., Dec. 9.—The Farmers' Co-Operative Live Stock and Grain Shipping Association will hold its annual convention in Omaha, December 17 to 19, holding its meeting separate from the Farmers' Congress for the first time in years.

Two hundred and twenty-five Co-Operative Shipping Associations of Nebraska will be represented at this meeting by stockholders and managers. The program, being prepared, will include subjects relating to the shipping of grain and live stock as a result, it is very likely that important changes will be requested of the railroads; also the commission men, who handle shipments.

The meeting will last for a period of three days, beginning Wednesday and ending Friday evening.



who was formerly connected with the Hospital Corps of the U. S. Army and was discharged at Fort Robinson some years ago. It is believed he is now employed as bookkeeper on some ranch in the "Sand Hills" east of Alliance, and I think the ranch is owned by Bartlett Richards.

Mr. Cleaver is entitled to a small inheritance and I wish you would

## GOING EAST FOR HOLIDAYS

Conductor W. W. Johnson will start for Pennsylvania within a day or two for a holiday visit, joining Mrs. Johnson who has been making an extended visit with friends in the east. They will return to Alliance together about the first of the year.

the Electric Light Department of the City of Alliance, went to Marsland Wednesday noon on No. 3 to finish the installation of the electric light plant in the new hotel there.

Chicago mail order houses are sending out 9,000 tons of catalogues. There is going to be a lot of reading matter for the long winter evenings on the farm.