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## SYNDICATE BLOCK BURNS LAST NIGHT

Firemen at Crawford Save Much Property and Lives in Fire Wednesday Night

(Special from Herald correspondent by phone.)

CRAWFORD, Nebr., Dec. 18.—The Syndicate block, a three story brick building on the main street of Crawford, is nearly a total loss from fire which is believed to have started in the rear of the opera house. The fire was discovered at 12:45 this morning and burned until four o'clock herculean work being done by Chief Tobiasen and his valiant firemen which saved thousands of dollars worth of property and perhaps a general conflagration. Every member of the department deserves great credit for his work. Many of them were coated with ice and had frozen noses, fingers and toes.

A basket ball game was played at the opera house in the evening. The fire is believed to have started in the rear of this room. The upstairs was occupied by eighteen sleeping rooms and the opera house. The whole building is practically a wreck although the walls are still standing. Most of the damage on the first floor was done by the water which came down, the firemen stopping the fire before it had burned down to the first floor to any extent.

The heaviest loss will probably fall on Samuel Knapp who occupied part of the first floor and basement with a large department store. His loss is estimated at \$15,000, fully covered by insurance. He carried a stock valued at approximately \$30,000. Thousands of dollars worth of dry goods were carried out by the firemen and their helpers.

The First National Bank, which occupied part of the first floor of the building, suffered a loss of not over \$1,500 as furniture, fixtures, etc., were taken out before being badly damaged.

### CANTON REGAL IS ORGANIZED

Second I. O. O. F. Canton in West End of State Organized on Monday Night

Canton Regal No. 24 was organized Monday night with seventeen charter members. The work was done under the direction of Canton officials from Omaha and Mitchell. After the work of organization was completed a banquet was served to those present and the meeting adjourned at 2 o'clock this morning. The drill team is practicing constantly and will be ready for exhibition soon.

The officers who were elected Monday night are: John R. Snyder, captain; C. W. Jeffers, lieutenant; H. H. Brandt, ensign; F. W. Buchman, clerk; W. S. Kewer, accountant. The appointive officers are: P. W. Brandt, standard bearer; Earl Hulm, guide; J. A. Hopfgardner, sentinel; Cal Cox, picket.

### DEAN WARE'S APPOINTMENTS

Special Services to Be Conducted by Him at Alliance, Bridgeport, and Crawford

The coming week will be a busy one for Dean George G. Ware of St. Matthew's Episcopal church. On Sunday he will conduct three services in the Alliance church.

On Monday he goes to Bridgeport, where he will hold Holy Communion service at 8 o'clock on the morning of December 23rd.

Returning to Alliance, he will conduct a midnight service, Wednesday night, Dec. 24th, in St. Matthew's church, and at 10 a. m. on Christmas day there will be celebration of the Holy Communion.

At 8 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 26th he will hold the celebration of the Holy Communion at Crawford.

J. B. Hunsaker and Mr. Middleton made a business trip to Bingham Monday.

## SECURES PATENT WORTH MILLIONS

Alliance Man Secures Patent to a Burner Which Will Revolutionize Engines

I. U. Hagar, formerly a Burlington engineer of Alliance, who has been working several years on a number of inventions, received notice Monday that his application for patent for a new crude oil burner had been granted. Wm. Hill of Alliance who is interested with Mr. Hagar in the invention, left Monday night for the east and south and will go first to Washington, D. C., on business connected with the patent.

The main difficulty with oil burning locomotives and boilers in steamships, etc., has been the impossibility of properly regulating the crude oil which is used as fuel. A number of the railroads are using crude oil as fuel in their locomotives but because of the fact that it has been a hard proposition to properly feed the oil to the burners and keep an even steam pressure the use of oil has not spread as rapidly as the production. At the present time the fireman is the most important personage on an oil burning locomotive or ship on account of the fact that he must keep constant watch of the steam gauge with one hand on the oil feed regulator. In fact, it has been a very hard proposition to keep an even heat on a boiler fed in this way.

Hagar's invention will relieve the fireman of the main responsibility of his job for the burner which he has patented regulates the flow of air and oil automatically, keeping the steam at any pressure desired, without attention being paid to it by the fireman. This burner also eliminates smoke and gases as it is scientifically adjusted to feed just the right amount of air and oil in the proper proportion, resulting in a saving of fuel as well as being an advantage to battleships which burn oil, in a lack of smoke to reveal their location in time of war.

While in Washington recently Mr. Hagar was taken to the Navy Department by Congressman Kinkaid, and three days were spent in going over the plans of the invention with government naval experts who were deeply interested and told him that when the device was patented it would be thoroughly tried out on battleships which are now in course of construction.

Mr. Hagar has a number of other inventions on which he is working and which will undoubtedly prove as valuable for their purposes as the one just completed.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY; IS NOW ILL

Kinkaid Man Who Had Birthday Celebration Recently With Many Friends, Ill Since

(By Herald Correspondent.)

KINKAID, Dec. 17.—Mrs. McLaughlin and daughter were callers at Mrs. Schott's one evening last week.

The Rodger boys spent Sunday at Hue Smith's.

We don't think from what we hear that Mr. Unger will want to celebrate another birthday party very soon, for he has been sick ever since his birthday party.

G. Workman succeeded in selling his herd of cattle the other day, keeping only a few milk cows.

Miss Pearl Pearman spent a very pleasant day over at Mr. McLaughlin's last Sunday, returning late in the evening.

Mrs. McIntyre and daughters were callers at Mrs. Schotte's one day last week.

Hue Smith has been hauling hay for the past few days.

George Workman was a caller at Soth's one night last week but did not stay long, for he heard there was to be a little party at his place that night unbeknownst to him.

Mr. McIntyre and family will leave for Alliance in the morning, where they expect to remain a few days to visit with friends and relatives before leaving for Oregon. They have not yet decided where they will make their home, but expect to visit with relatives in Oregon during the holiday season.

Mrs. C. W. Fogle, who has been visiting relatives for a week at Red Cloud, returned Sunday to her home in Alliance.

## ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT BERE A

Christmas Celebration at Berea to Be Held by Pastor and Members of Sunday School

Special Christmas services will be conducted in Berea on Christmas day, Dec. 25, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the school house in which the children of the Sunday school of the English Lutheran mission will render an appropriate Christmas program, and the pastor, Rev. Titus Lang, will preach a Christmas sermon.

The Christmas tree and the usual distribution of gifts to the children will also not be missing. Everybody is welcome to this service and is invited to attend.

### BOX BUTTE COUNTY AMONG THE BEST

Stands Eleventh in Percentage of Level Land in List of Ninety Nebr. Counties

The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture has compiled a table on level, hilly, loess and sandy soils of the state, arranged by counties. This makes an interesting study from which it is found that Hamilton county claims the distinction of being the county with the greatest percentage of level land, closely followed by others, as follows: Hamilton, 85 per cent; Clay, 84 per cent; Hall, Kearney and York, each 80 per cent; Adams, Cheyenne, Merrick and Polk each 76 per cent; Fillmore, 70 per cent, and Box Butte, Seward and Thayer, each 65 per cent, with sixteen other counties running from 50 to 60 per cent.

Thirty counties are shown as 50 per cent or more rolling; seventy-eight as 50 per cent or more loess soil and thirteen as 50 per cent or more sandy. The soil designated as "loess" is what is sometimes called "silicon", but not altogether correctly. It is the loam soil found on the table lands of the state and is remarkable for its fertility under proper cultivation and with sufficient moisture. With what has already been learned of the properties of the soil of northwestern Nebraska and its wonderful productive possibilities, it is reasonable to believe that agriculture is in its infancy yet in this country.

Persons who want information about this part of Nebraska should subscribe for The Alliance Herald, which gives more information regarding this country and its development than any other paper. The weekly, which is the official organ of the Nebraska Stock Growers' Association, official paper of Alliance and Box Butte county, contains eight or more well filled pages each issue, and has the largest circulation of any paper in the state north of the Platte river and west of Broken Bow. The price is \$1.50 per year. The Daily Herald is the only daily in this part of the state. It contains from four to eight pages, and the subscription price is fifty cents per month or five dollars per year.

### LAKESIDE DANCE ON XMAS NIGHT

Lakeside Will Have Grand Entertainment Christmas Night for All Who Want to Come

Lakeside is a place second to none for first-class entertainment. Crowther and Hunsaker, of that place, are going to give a big dance Christmas night, Dec. 25, with an Alliance orchestra furnishing the music. It will be held in the M. W. A. hall and there will be accommodations for all.

### WANTS A COWBOY OUTFIT

The Bee Hive received the following letter from a little chap out in the country for Santa Claus: Alliance, Nebr., December 9, 1913. Dear Santa Claus:—Will you please bring me some things for Xmas? I want a lasso rope cowboy suit, violin. Randall Arlie Fogle. I am 9 years old.

### FRESH NEWS FROM MARSLAND

Soon to Have Electric Lights. Snow Delays Business. Several Attend Alliance Funeral

(By Herald Correspondent.)

MARSLAND, Dec. 17.—Main line traffic was quite badly delayed Saturday and Sunday, caused by snow drifting, causing extra work to get several cars off the track at Girard. Miss Rusey Scofield left Sunday a. m. for Denver for few days. She then will return to Alliance to attend school.

Mrs. C. W. Graham and daughter returned from Omaha Sunday.

Kid Young, who has been second crew on the helper, left for Alliance Monday a. m. for some reason. He hated to go. Wonder why!

Mr. Richey received his gas engine Tuesday for electric lights in hotel, expects to have same in running order in few days.

J. M. Woody came down from Crawford on 44 Tuesday.

L. T. Poole arrived Tuesday p. m. for a few days' visit with family and friends.

Miss Alice Enyeart returned Tuesday after a three weeks' visit in Missouri and Illinois.

Mrs. J. M. Willis returned Thursday a. m. from Sheridan, where she has been visiting for a few days. Mr. Willis met her at Crawford.

Mrs. L. T. Poole was a Crawford visitor on 43 Wednesday, returning on 44 Thursday.

Miss Hazel Furman was a Crawford visitor on 43 Saturday.

True Miller went to Alliance on 44 Saturday morning.

Operator Thudman, who has been working at Whitman, returned to Marsland Friday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. C. E. Matthews, who has been visiting friends at Marsland for the past three weeks, returned to her home at Denver Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Phillips and Earl Enyeart left for Alliance Friday night to attend the funeral of Mr. Lotspech Saturday.

### CHRISTMAS AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Celebration at Immanuel's Ev. Lutheran Church, Commencing Wednesday Evg.

The Christmas celebration at the Immanuel's Ev. Lutheran church will begin on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 7:30 o'clock, with a children's service. A Christmas program will be rendered in German by the pupils of the parochial school, assisted by the choir and by the pastor of the congregation. The main features of this program will be a catechisation on the story of the birth of our Saviour, Christmas carols sung by the children, anthems by the choir, and two addresses, one in English and one in German, by the pastor. The program will be followed by the usual distribution of gifts to the children.

On Christmas day, Dec. 25, a special Christmas service, with an appropriate sermon by the pastor of the congregation, will be held in the German language. This service will commence at 10:30 a. m.

On the Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 28, at 10:30 a. m., a special Christmas service will be conducted at the church in the English language.

All members of the congregation and all friends are cordially invited to attend these services.

### CHRISTMAS PIE PARTY

The P. E. O. gave a Christmas pie supper at the home of Mrs. J. Kridelbaugh Monday evening. An entertaining musical and literary program was enjoyed. Refreshments were served, the dessert being Christmas pie. There were gifts for each person. Mrs. McCracken was the P. E. O. guest. Everyone had a lovely time.

### CHRISTMAS AT HYANNIS

J. P. Hazard, the surveyor, will spend Christmas in Hyannis, as he is going down there to show land the day after.

## SWEEP GAVE A DANCE AND SUPPER

Northport Man Entertains Friends—Mrs. Crick Visits in Denver—Preaching and S. S.

NORTHPORT, Nebr., Dec. 18.—H. J. Sween of this neighborhood gave a dance and supper for his friends. All who attended wish for another invitation soon.

Miss Merl Rogers from Lynn was visiting with her sister, Mrs. Perl Mount, this week.

Mrs. Flora P. Crick and children left for Denver last Thursday where they will remain until after the holidays.

Mrs. C. C. Vernon left for North Platte today where she will visit relatives and friends.

Preaching services are held in the Northport Sunday school every other Sunday, after Sunday school, by Rev. McDougall.

## CARPENTERS HAVE BANQUET WEDNESDAY

Thomas Cross is Host at Jolly Party for Carpenters Wednesday Evening

The members of the carpenters union were the guests of Thomas Cross, a member, at the Empress after the regular business meeting Wednesday evening. Following the show, they were taken to the Central cafe, where proprietor Cy Laing furnished a banquet that made all remember when they were boys at home and had mother's cooking regularly.

The menu at the banquet was indeed tempting. It looked like this: oyster stew, roast chicken, french fried potatoes, roast beef, salmon salad, cakes, preserves, etc. Excellent cigars were passed around, following which all went home, vowing that member Cross was a capital entertainer.

### VISITING HERE AND LAKESIDE

Herman and Eldred Families Are Recipients of Visit by Relatives from Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kliegel of Emmetsburg, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Chet Wells of Afton, Iowa, who have been visiting at the homes of Ed Eldred and I. W. Herman, went to Lakeside Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Herman. They will return to Alliance before going back to Iowa.

Mr. Kliegel and Mr. Wells are brothers-in-law of Ed Eldred and I. W. Herman. They appear to be well pleased with northwestern Nebraska, but both are prosperous Iowa farmers and when The Herald suggested to them that they move out to this country, they would not entertain the idea of leaving that state to make their homes anywhere else.

### REBEKAHS HAVE ENJOYABLE TIME

Pleasant Party After Regular Session of Lodge in I. O. O. F. Hall Friday Evening

The Rebekahs gave a pleasant surprise to some of their members after the regular session of lodge Friday evening when they served refreshments. Games were played and all enjoyed a visit together. A good crowd was present to partake of the delicious food which was served with steaming hot coffee.

### SCHILL RANCH SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schill have sold their ranch near Alliance and started on a ten months' trip through the west. They will visit Denver, San Diego, and will cover western Canada on the trip.

Dr. Tyler returned Tuesday morning from a business trip to Lexington, Nebr.

### MAKING PHOTO CALENDARS

Pretty Christmas Presents the Product of Alliance Young Lady's Artistic Skill

There are no more acceptable presents than those that are the handiwork of a friend. Miss Lura Vance realizing this fact, is engaged in making artistic photo calendars, which will serve the double purpose of Christmas present and souvenir of Alliance. Among the photographs taken by her for this purpose are some for which she secured the negative by going to the roof of the ne Central school building with her camera.

The Herald hopes that the publication of this news item will not arouse the expectations of too many of Miss Vance's friends. Altho an industrious young lady, she has too many friends to present a calendar of her own make to each of them.

### SHERIDAN CO. PEOPLE HERE

Prosperous Farmers of Spade and Bingham Neighborhoods Visit Alliance on Business

Jack Burkett of Spade who was formerly in business in Alliance and is well known here, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scoville of Bingham are some of the Sheridan county people who were recently in Alliance on business. Mr. and Mrs. Scoville came to the city a few days ago to have dental work done.

Mr. Burkett informs us that crops were good in his part of Sheridan county last summer, corn being the principal crop of this year. And corn is corn this year, too, as everybody knows.

### MANY LICENSES GIVEN IN 1913

County Clerk Issues More Hunting Licenses During Past Season Than Ever Before

County Clerk Hargraves has remitted the sum of \$283 to the state treasurer as receipts for hunting licenses in the county this fall. This breaks the record and shows that hunting is getting more popular than before. The fee for resident hunters is \$1 each and for non-resident hunters is \$10 each.

### BIG PAINTING CONTRACT LET

Suprise & Whisman Are Successful Bidders for Painting and Decorating Houses

Suprise & Whisman of Alliance were the successful bidders Monday for the contract for painting and decorating the two large Burlington residences which have been erected for the use of superintendent and general superintendent at Alliance. The buildings are practically ready for the painters and decorators to start on their work.

### Happenings at Peru Normal

(By Herald Correspondent.) PERU, Dec. 18.—A splendid entertainment was given Thursday evening by the men's glee club of the Wesleyan university. Especially unique was their descriptive steamboat journey down the Mississippi.

The Philomathean Literary society held an open session Friday evening to which the faculty and the Everett Literary society were guests.

The final inter-class basket ball game was played Saturday afternoon between the Junior and Senior girls. The championship was won by the Juniors. The playing done by both teams was equal to that of college teams.

Both the Sophomore and Junior classes held class parties Saturday evening and all report having a good time.

An exhibition and sale of products of the manual training department was held Tuesday and Wednesday. A piece was shown, any of which would make excellent Christmas presents.

The pupils of the first eight grades of the model school will unite in giving an entertainment on Friday, Dec. 19, to which parents and students of the normal are invited. The pupils of the seventh and eighth grades will give several scenes from Dickens' "Christmas Carol".

Saturday, Dec. 13, Frank Joice and Eva B. Dunham were united in marriage at Judge Berry's office.