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## INVESTIGATING DEMONSTRATORS

### Custer County Farmers Send Delegate to Merrick, Thurston and Gage Counties

Custer County farmers recently decided that they wanted to know the unvarnished truth about farm demonstrators at first hand. They had heard the views of local enthusiasts as well as those of opponents. As a result, they selected the most unbiased man they knew, who they felt was competent to judge, to visit at their expense the counties employing farm demonstrators. The delegate, however, was more or less opposed to the movement. After investigating the work in Merrick, Seward and Gage counties and interviewing the opponents as well as those favoring the work, he came back not only favorably impressed but said that if Custer county could obtain as good a demonstrator as those he saw, his county surely ought to have one. At a local meeting of the members of the farm management association at Broken Bow, he gave a written report, extracts from which follow.

Concerning the work in Merrick county, the delegate quoted several of the prominent farmers and business men as being in favor of the work. One man said "that the farmers have learned more than enough to offset the expenses of the project." Another said that "he thinks the county's condition has been improved in the production of wheat, the quality and quantity of live stock, and especially in the use of hog serum."

Besides obtaining the opinions of the opposers, the delegate examined the farms of the opponents. In some instances he said that their farms were run-down while some of the other farmers, who had condemned the work, had consciously or unconsciously adopted the practices advocated by the county demonstrator.

In Seward county the visitor "found that the farmers are beginning to cooperate more with the demonstrator than in Merrick and that Mr. Beckhoff, the farm demonstrator, is doing some good work."

He found Mr. Beckhoff to be "a common sort of fellow, raised on a farm or ranch in Thomas county, who had finished a course in our agricultural college and is not afraid of work. His hands are hard and his clothes are common, and he shows that he is right at work all the time. He has increased the yield of oats from 25 to 40 per cent in treating for smut. Where he has sprayed orchards, as fine apples as you will see anywhere are to be found, while the same orchards had not a decent bushel of apples on them for four or five years; also adjoining orchards not sprayed this year have no salable apples."

"Farmers," said the delegate, "were continually coming into the office or calling by phone for advice, altho there had been some opposition and is some yet to the movement."

Regarding the work in Gage, he said, "Mr. Liebers, the demonstrator, has more cooperation than he can take care of and has had an assistant for the past three weeks. He gets out as early as 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning, is busy until dark and after, some nights, and eats his supper in the country, driving in after night. He has meetings in town and in the country school houses and usually has a fair attendance. There were from three to five men in his presence and asking questions by phone all the time I was in the office with him.

"There is still some opposition, but every day brings new members.

Men are seeking information and are securing results.

"Mr. Liebers has done good work in spraying orchards, seeding alfalfa, examining alfalfa seed, buying seed corn, and thoroughbred stock for the farmers. He has vaccinated 8,000 head of hogs in the county. He keeps a record of all hogs treated and finds that he loses less than one-third of one per cent of all hogs with a temperature lower than 105 degrees. He has the farmers burn their dead hogs, and if they do not believe in the work or are careless or indifferent, and he can get evidence that they are slack, he calls on them and asks them to burn and reasons with them, showing them that they cannot hope to stamp out the disease without so doing.

"Mr. Liebers vaccinated 1,000 head of hogs last week. He has also talked silo until 75 have been built this fall. He has purchased \$14,000 worth of stock for the farmers. Sixty per cent of the farmers in Gage county are renters, or perhaps the work would improve faster than it already does."

## ALLIANCE BAND NOW ORGANIZED

### Officers of Band Elected at Meeting in City Hall Monday Evening—Whaley Elected Director

At a meeting of the Alliance band, held at the city hall Monday evening, the following officers were elected: Director, Harvey Whaley; president, Theo. S. Waddell; secretary and treasurer, Harvey J. Ellis. Those present at the meeting were: Harvey Whaley, Harvey J. Ellis, H. A. Johnson, William Edwards, Wm. Trabert, Chas. A. Whaley, F. H. Gilbert, Carl Thomas, Theo. S. Waddell, Rev. H. J. Young, A. M. Pool, Henry Rider, Roy Trabert, F. W. Buchman and C. W. Corp.

The boys will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Any one interested in band work is invited to be present. The Commercial Club is giving its backing and will assist in seeing that Alliance has a good band.

### ORANGES FROM TEXAS

#### Alliance Business Man Received a Crate of Fresh Oranges from Orchard at Alvin, Texas

Philip Nohe, Sr., proprietor of Nohe's Bakery and Cafe, received from Alvin, Texas, on Tuesday of this week, a crate of fine oranges, grown on land which he owns at that point. Mr. Nohe's orchard is twenty-three miles from Houston, in a thickly populated and prosperous country.

The oranges, arriving on a day when the temperature here was very low and snow fell all day, were doubly welcomed by Mr. Nohe and family. The Herald force was treated to some of the delicious fruit.

### BUSINESS STARTS OUT WELL

#### New Auto Repair Shop Already Has Plenty of Work to Do

On November 23, Walter Eaton and Clyde Windle opened an auto repair shop in the Anderson building at 114 West 2nd street, formerly occupied by the "Second Street Garage," which was in no way connected with the present business.

The name of the new firm is Eaton & Windle. They have a building well adapted to their work, and inform The Herald that their business has started out fine. They will have an ad in this paper a little later.

### Irrigation Officials Here

Samuel H. Martin, president, and O. E. Farnsworth, secretary, of the Belle Fourche Valley Water User's Association, of South Dakota, were in Alliance between trains last Thursday on their way to the state irrigation convention at Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potmesil and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Pierce were visitors from Hemingford on Thursday of last week.

## IRRIGATIONISTS ELECT OFFICERS

### Fifth Annual Convention of Nebraska State Irrigation Association Is Held at Bridgeport

The fifth annual convention of the Nebraska State Irrigation Association was held at Bridgeport on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. The officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President, J. T. Whitehead, Mitchell.

First vice president, W. V. Hoagland, North Platte.

Second vice president, S. P. Delatour, Lewellen.

Secretary, J. E. LeBlanc, Bridgeport.

Treasurer, Mark Spanogle, Bridgeport.

Over two hundred delegates were enrolled at the convention, and fully that many visitors attended, making the total attendance over four hundred. The convention was the most successful in the history of the association.

Speakers of prominence at the convention were O. W. Gardner, Gering; G. J. Hunt, Bridgeport; Tom Hewett, Lexington; M. J. Huffman, Gering; Prof. F. Knorr, bureau of plant industry, U. S. department of Agriculture, Mitchell; H. C. Diesem, irrigation engineer, U. S. department of Agriculture, North Platte; W. M. Barbour, Scottsbluff; J. T. Whitehead, Mitchell; J. L. McIntosh, Sidney; Hon. Walter V. Hoagland, North Platte; Hon. Fred A. Wright, Scottsbluff; Hon. J. G. Beeler, North Platte; R. F. Walters, supervising engineer, U. S. reclamation service, Denver; I. D. O'Donnell, supervisor of irrigation, U. S. reclamation service, Billings, Mont.; Hon. F. E. Williams, Bridgeport; Dr. G. E. Condra, director Nebraska conservation and soil survey, Lincoln, who gave an illustrated lecture.

### Civil Service Examinations

The following civil service examinations will be held in Alliance on the dates given:

December 12.—Elevator conductor for federal building at North Platte. \$660 per year.

December 22.—Editor in Farm Management. Salary, \$2,250.

January 6.—Veterinarian. Salary \$1,400.

Full information can be secured from J. N. Johnston, local secretary, at the post office.

### Christmas Cantata

A Christmas Chorus Class will render a two-part cantata at the Methodist church next Sunday evening. Prof. Anderson will direct. There will be a short talk by the pastor. A large class of singers have been under training for some time. You will enjoy the service and be made welcome. Come. Remember, next Sunday night.

### Everybody Using Stamps

The first war revenue stamp used in Alliance is believed to have been used by the Newberry Hardware Company, when they shipped a package by express. The rush for revenue stamps was strong at the banks the first day until a supply had been secured by those who had to use them.

### Enlarged Homesteads

Secretary Lane has just made orders extending to the following land the provisions of the enlarged homestead act. This action is taken after the lands had been determined by examination to be nonirrigable, and the orders become effective January 11, 1915, on which date such of the lands affected are as vacant public lands will be subject to be taken up as homesteads in tracts of 320 acres each.

Over 300,000 acres in central and

eastern Oregon, the greater portion of which lies in Wasco, Crook and Grant counties.

More than 100,000 acres in Montana, the greater portion of which lies in Chouteau, Fergus and Custer counties. A number of applications from prospective homesteaders were received asking for the designation of the lands.

Over 160,000 acres in New Mexico, lying principally in Guadalupe, Roosevelt and Chaves counties.

Descriptions of the lands affected by the orders will be furnished to the appropriate local land offices where further information may be obtained and applications to enter may be filed.

### Rate Conference

The Nebraska railway commission will attend a meeting at Omaha next Saturday to consider the proposed increase on grain rates. The commission of fifteen states have formed an organization to oppose the railroads. Data is being compiled by the commission and an effort will be made to show that the proposed rates on grain are unjust to Nebraska farmers.

## WILL REPORT ON BUILDING

### Commercial Club Committee Met in McCorkle Block Wednesday to Plan for Rooms

The committee appointed by the Commercial Club for the purpose of investigating the proposition of establishing a home for the club, either a new building, or rooms to use until such time as a new building could be erected, met in the McCorkle block Wednesday morning. Those present were Chairman Earl D. Mallory and Messrs. Dole, Young, Fisher, Sallows and Thomas.

F. E. Reddish, owner of the building now occupied by the Elks club rooms, made a proposition to rent the club the north one-half of the space now occupied by the lodge, at a very reasonable rent. The committee inspected the rooms and were very favorably impressed. They are investigating other locations and will report at the smoker Friday evening.

### MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS

#### Alliance Auto Supply Company Has More and Better Room

The Alliance Auto Supply Co., of which Chas. C. Tash is the efficient manager, moved the first of the week from 122 West 3rd street to the building recently vacated by the New Bee Hive store, 116 West 3rd. The new location is quite an improvement over the old, for the reason that it affords more room and will be more comfortable than the frame building. The room has been divided by a glass partition, the front part being used for office and merchandise room and the back part for the work shop.

A good business has been built up by the Alliance Auto Supply Co. since its organization, with prospects that it will continue to grow. We call attention to their advertisement in this issue of The Herald.

### Books on Rental Plan

In order to secure funds for the purchase of new books for the Alliance city library, the library board, at a recent meeting, decided to purchase new books and let them pay their own cost by a reasonable charge for their use, until they pay for themselves.

New books will be purchased and kept separate from the regular library books. They will be rented at ten cents per week until each book pays for itself, when they will be placed on the free list. The books on the rental list will not be considered the property of the library until paid for.

Emperor Francis Joseph has subscribed 5,000,000 crowns to the war loan. Wouldn't be surprised to see some of those crowns lost.

## ARBITRATION WAGE HEARING

### Substantial Progress Made During Past Week at Wage Hearing of Employees of RR Roads

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Substantial progress in the arbitration wage hearing of the employes of ninety-eight Western roads was made during the past week. The arbitration board, consisting of six members, began its work Monday, Nov. 30, and continued throughout the week, adjourning Friday evening until Monday, Dec. 7. Because of the fact that the 65,000 locomotive engineers, firemen and hostlers of the Western roads are endeavoring to standardize wages and obtain better working conditions, the burden is upon them to impress the arbitration board with the merit of their cause.

This means that the two bodies, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, are offering their testimony first, putting on witness and presenting exhibits to prove their case. It probably will take several weeks to complete their side of the issue and then the railroad companies, through James M. Sheehan, their counsel, will offer rebuttal testimony. The railroads claim that if they meet the demands of the employes in this instance it will cost them between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000; the men say this is an exaggeration; it is expected that the companies will plead poverty and will hold that the present rate of compensation for engineers, firemen and hostlers is high enough. It is reported that the railroads have a mass of evidence to bolster up this claim and there is a good deal of speculation in financial and labor circles as to whether, or not, they will include in this symposium references to watered stock and how much it costs the railroads of the country each year to try to pay dividends on such stock.

The features of the past week were a strong introductory speech by Warren S. Stone, president of the engineers' brotherhood, on Monday; the testimony of M. W. Cadle, assistant Grand Chief of the engineers' body, who was on the stand for two days; the testimony of Walter D. Moore, a clerk in the grand lodge office of the firemen's brotherhood; testimony of William S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, who presented and important exhibit; and the evidence presented by Samuel T. Steinberger, a clerk in the grand lodge office of the firemen's organization, who was the last witness to testify Friday evening.

Mr. Stone, who is a forceful talker, in his introductory remarks emphasized the increased responsibilities, and the more arduous and more strenuous labors to which the engineers, firemen and hostlers have been subjected in recent years. Mr. Stone made some pungent comparisons that apparently impressed the arbitration board deeply. He said, for instance, that before a machine or a locomotive owned by the railroads becomes out of date or is more or less worn out, it has earned enough for its owner to permit him to buy a new one to supplant it.

"We all realize enough must be saved from the earnings of the locomotive to buy a new one when the old one is worn out," remarked Mr. Stone. "What we have not yet learned is that labor must be paid enough to make good this worn out human machine."

Mr. Stone at another time graphically pictured the high importance of the work of the engineers and firemen, and he said, "You can have

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