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SECTIONAL H. S. CONFERENCE

New Department of Y. M. C. A. High School Work Starts Well in Western Nebraska

The splendid work of the Young Men's Christian Association in the cities of America and other countries has come to be recognized and appreciated by people of all churches and by very many persons who are not members of any church. While the work is practicable in the larger cities where money can be raised to erect and equip suitable buildings and where running expenses can be met without their becoming burdensome, it has been a problem how to supply the smaller cities and villages with the advantages and privileges of the Y. M. C. A.

First, it usually requires a hard pull in cities of less than 10,000 population to secure subscriptions sufficient to cover the cost of erecting and equipping the building; then comes the more serious proposition of meeting the annual deficit on running expenses.

Within the last few years a movement has been devised and set in motion to give to a great extent the benefits of the Y. M. C. A. to communities that cannot afford the luxury of an association building. In 1911 the first high school leaders' conference for Nebraska was held in York, with an attendance of about three hundred high school men. The results obtained showed the popularity as well as the effectiveness of the idea.

To reach a larger number of high schools and increase the value of this work, three conferences were held in as many sections of the state in 1912, and six in 1913. The entire state will be served this year with nine conferences. The hearty co-operation of Nebraska school men and the earnestness of high school boys have made it possible and advisable to put a state high school secretary in the field.

The sectional high school leaders' conference for western Nebraska was held at Alliance, Saturday and Sunday, January 23 and 24. Besides the Alliance High school, a number of other schools were represented, including Chadron High school, Chadron State Normal, Sidney, Minatare and Theford. The attendance was not as large as had been hoped for, but an interest and enthusiasm was aroused that will surely become contagious and enlist the active cooperation of many others in the years to come. The meetings were held in the High school building on Saturday and in the M. E. church on Sunday.

On Saturday the first meeting was held at 2:30 p. m., at which there was an address of welcome, a response and other interesting talks. The students of the domestic science department of the High school served a banquet at 6 o'clock. Supt. W. R. Pate acting as toastmaster. At 7:30 the meeting in the assembly room was addressed by Rev. H. J. Young, pastor of the Alliance Christian church; Clyde B. Crumb, state high school secretary; and J. P. Bailey, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Sunday afternoon the meeting was for high school students. In the evening a union, open meeting was held in the M. E. church, Supt. Pate presiding. Short addresses were made by Mr. Crumb, Mr. Bailey, Rev. Young and delegates from other towns.

The conference theme was, "For the other fellow." "To stand openly for clean speech, clean athletics and clean living and start now" was the central thought of the convention. It made a strong impression on the minds of those attending the meetings.

ESTIMATING THE CROPS

Work of Bureau of Crop Estimates Described in Annual Report

One hundred and forty-three thousand six hundred and twenty-one volunteer crop reporters and special correspondents are now assisting the Bureau of Crop Estimates in its work. The annual report of this bureau, formerly known as the Bureau of Statistics, which has recently been published, speaks highly of the services of these men, who receive no compensation for their work. Their cooperation has enabled the salaried force of the bureau to perform much more work than otherwise would have been possible. In this connection the report contains some interesting statements in regard to the accuracy of the crop forecasts of the bureau, which were begun in 1911. A review of these shows that those made in June were, on an average, 10.5 per cent from the final estimates of the year; those in July, 9 per cent; those in August, 6.3 per cent; in September, 3.8 per cent; and in October, 3.3 per cent. It is pointed out, moreover, that the differences between the earlier estimates and the final ones do not necessarily indicate inaccuracy in the calculations, but are largely due to conditions which could not possibly be foreseen. For example, the condition of the corn crop on August 1 may indicate an average yield of 35 bushels per acre. Ten days later a devastating hot wind may work such havoc that the final yield may be only 2 or 3 bushels an acre. In fixing earlier estimates, therefore, calculations are made on a basis which leaves an even chance for the final

yield to be above or below the early forecasts.

The report describes an important change in the organization of the bureau's field force. The place of state statistical agent, of whom there were formerly 47, or one for each state, has been abolished. Their work is to be taken over by an efficient corps of field agents, who will devote all of their time to the work of the bureau. The state statistical agents devoted only a small part of their time to the work of the bureau. Each one of these men will be assigned to a state or to a group of small states. In addition, specialists will be appointed for each one of the more important crops. For example, there is now a crop specialist on tobacco, a crop specialist on rice, and a crop specialist on cotton. These men will devote their entire time to their own particular crop, just as the field agents will do with the crop production within their own special territories.

COMPLETION OF TEST WELL

Sixteen Feet of Coarse Gravel Looks Encouraging for Well Irrigation Enterprise

The test well that was put down recently by Carey, the well man of Lakeside, on the farm of Brown Griffith near Alliance looks good to persons who want to see pump irrigation made a success in this country, but there is some doubt whether it gives positive proof that water sufficient for farm irrigation can be secured from wells in that locality. All are anxiously waiting for the opinion of H. C. Diesen of North Platte, the government engineer, who will arrive Saturday.

The test well on Mr. Griffith's place is 76 feet deep. A sample of the soil passed thru was taken every few feet. The last sixteen feet consists of coarse sand with some gravel in it. When here before, Mr. Diesen requested that test wells be made five inches in diameter. The one on the Griffith farm is only two inches. Whether this will impair its usefulness for testing purposes remains to be seen.

SANFORD DODGE RECITAL TONIGHT

Shakespearean Recital at Episcopal Parish House This Evening by Sanford Dodge

Sanford Dodge, whose success in Shakespearean roles is well known, will appear at the Episcopal Parish House this evening in a recital, under the auspices of the ladies of the Episcopal church, for the benefit of the church. The recital will begin at 8 o'clock. General admission will be fifty cents for adults and thirty-five cents for school children. This recital will be an inspiration promoting the appreciation of Shakespeare. An oratorical demonstration, dramatic and effective. A school event that will always live in the memory. Mr. Dodge also gives recitations of some of the masterpieces of the great modern authors.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NEWS

Plymouth, Neb.—Kid—Wedge, prize fighter, who became an evangelist in a Billy Sunday, has jumped back into the prize ring again and has issued a challenge.

Salem, W. Va.—It is quite certain that the sale of liquor is being carried on here, but the offenders have not been located. It is thought that this town is but one of many stations of operation for a larger organization of bootleggers.

Topeka, Kans.—A kitten, alive and well, was discovered in the ruins of a burned barn. The kitten was hiding in a tin can that had been tied to its tail.

Davenport, Ia.—Miss Daisy Ogden of this place is said to be the only woman passenger agent in the world.

Wichita, Kan.—Mrs. Beatrice V. Kirkman and her daughter will be graduated together next June from the Kansas state normal school.

Great Neck, L. I.—Mrs. S. P. R. Dugmore is the only woman in America wearing the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

Centralia, Mo.—Farmers throughout this section are losing many of their horses from some unknown disease. The horses go mad before they die.

Firemen Are All Home The members of the Alliance fire department who attended the annual state convention at Nebraska City last week have all returned home. Several visited Lincoln and Omaha over Sunday. The boys all report a fine time, although the severe cold weather caused much discomfort. The fact that Crawford will have the convention in 1916 causes much pleasure, and it is expected that Alliance will send a monster delegation to her sister city. The Alliance boys were well behaved and attended the sessions regularly. They made a delegation that Alliance could well be proud of.

Illinois is charged with using dum-dum legislation.

PIONEER LIFE OF CAPTAIN AKERS

Incident Showing Faith of Wife and Rustling Ability of Husband on Homestead Claim

The State Journal of last Saturday contained a story of Capt. William R. Akers that shows how early settlers found the bread and meat necessary to sustain life and permit them to continue residence on their homestead claims. There was a time in the winter of 1884 that brought the question of subsistence for the next meal. The autumn previously, Akers had time and idle horses, and he borrowed tools and cut the hard stemmed sand grass, and made several stacks. The ranchman told him it would make no hay fit for stock to eat, but he thought it better than nothing. Winter came and he found his horses ate it while stock on the range grew poorer.

One cheerless day the flour sack was empty, and so was the purse. The lion-hearted said, "Mother, I don't know where to get more flour," and here Mother Akers justified the faith of a pioneer's wife.

"William, it will come from somewhere," She went out to call on a new neighbor, Mrs. Steinmetz, and Mr. Akers sat moodily by the cabin door. A stranger rode up and saluted, asking if he knew of anyone who had any hay for sale. Akers took him over the ridge to a stack which he examined.

"How much for the stack?" he asked. "One hundred dollars," he bravely said, but with inward dread that the man would vanish.

The man laid down twenty dollars in gold, and gave a check for eighty.

At noon Mother Akers returned home to try to improvise a meal. Captain Akers met her at the door and said:

"Mother, I have sold a stack of hay."

"How much did you get for it, father?" she asked, in eager anxiety. "One hundred dollars," and he had to assist her to keep her from falling on the doorstep.

That afternoon Watson's grocery, a small store up the river, put fifty dollars' worth of groceries into Captain Akers' wagon, and the gaunt wolf left his door forever.

Swine Industry

According to the summary of the state board of agriculture the swine on Nebraska farms in 1914 were valued at \$17,908,831. Counties of the state with a swine industry valued at \$300,000 a year or over are the following:

Custer	\$688,190
Knox	611,269
Cedar	550,025
Cuming	540,814
Platte	436,943
Richardson	429,013
Madison	401,917
Webster	375,919
Dixon	351,275
Stanton	340,587
Gage	334,378
Seward	330,217
Wayne	313,638
Pierce	209,685
Dodge	204,451

SPECIAL NOTICE TO FARMERS

County Commissioners Notify All Interested in Well Irrigation to Attend Meeting

Notice is hereby given to farmers and all other persons who are interested in the proposition of irrigating from wells in Box Butte county, Nebraska, that they are invited to attend a meeting to consider the matter, to be held in the assembly room of the court house, in Alliance, at 1 p. m., on Monday, February 1, 1915. H. C. Diesen, government engineer, will be present to give explanations and answer questions. A large attendance at the meeting is desired. Jan 28-15-5269

Cleaning, Dyeing and Pressing for ladies and gentlemen. Dry and steam cleaned by the latest and best process. Pressing and repairing neatly done. Draperies and household work cared for. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 58. ALLIANCE CLEANING WORKS Mrs. Anna Zehrung, Prop. 8-15-5266

Family to Kansas City James McLean, who has a ranch twenty miles northeast of Alliance, brought his wife and son to Alliance Tuesday morning, from where they took the noon train for Kansas City, where they will visit her sister for a couple of weeks. Mr. McLean returned to the ranch after paying The Herald office a pleasant call.

Petition for Divorce Hazel Rice, through her attorney, Lee Bayne, has filed suit for divorce against Clifford Rice, alleging non-support. She states that they were married on October 2, 1913, and has secured a restraining order to prevent him interfering with her liberty.

FIREMEN PUSH SWIMMING POOL

Eight Hundred and Twenty Dollars Subscribed Towards Paying Expense of Erection

The members of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department are getting right down to business and are ready to start the construction of their municipal swimming pool just as soon as the ground can be broken. They are receiving much support from outside of the department and many offers of financial assistance if needed, from leading Alliance business men and property owners. Many people have urged that the site adjoining the city hall on the east be considered in preference to the lot back of the building. This matter is being taken up by a committee appointed to ascertain the sentiment of the council and the property owners of the city in regard to the location.

At the regular meeting held Wednesday evening the delegates who attended the state convention of volunteer firemen at Nebraska City last week made their reports. They all reported an enjoyable and profitable time. Preparations were begun for the purpose of entertaining the delegates from the eastern part of the state next year when they come to Crawford. Alliance will invite them to stop over here either the day before or the day after the convention. An athletic show will be given within a month to replenish the funds of the department, the committee in charge to announce the date soon.

A new constitution and by-laws have been prepared for the department by a special committee. They are now in the hands of the committee and are to be reported on at an adjourned meeting to be held at the club rooms Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when they will be acted upon in order that they may be presented to the city council at the regular meeting Tuesday evening. The need of new rules has been seriously felt for a long time. Other departments throughout the state have asked for copies of the rules in order that they might model their organizations after that of Alliance, which stands very high in the state.

A number of new members were taken into the department and there are several on the waiting list. The membership of the Alliance department is seventy-five.

TWO GAMES FOR FRIDAY EVENING

Sidney Warriors Play Alliance Team—Gering Plays High School Second Team

The greatest game of the season is to be played at the High school tomorrow (Friday) evening, when the Alliance boys will meet the Sidney aggregation. Alliance defeated Sidney at that place this season, but by a small score. At the end of the game the score was tied, the Alliance boys winning when the tie was played off. The Sidney boys have no doubt been working hard to get in trim for tomorrow night's game, and will put up a strong fight.

The Alliance second team will also entertain local basketball fans when they meet the Gering team at the High school gym tomorrow night.

A large crowd has attended each game played here this season, and it is predicted that the gymnasium will be packed tomorrow night.

A Busy Sewing Machine Man D. G. Bates, northwest Nebraska agent for the Singer sewing machine, is a busy man and is doing a good business. Besides handling the city trade of Alliance, in which he is ably assisted by Mrs. Bates, he sells machines in the surrounding country and neighboring counties. He has a good proposition for prospective purchasers of sewing machines, to which he calls public attention through an advertisement in The Herald.

Special Sale at Lakeside Speaking of special January sales, The Herald is pleased to mention one that was put on at Lakeside by the Lakeside Mercantile Co., of which Walter Marcy is manager. It is called a "red figure" sale, the reduced prices being tagged on the goods in red figures. The sale was advertised in the surrounding country by means of posters, turned out from The Herald's job printing department.

Prepare for High Priced Eggs If the farmer wishes to benefit by the high prices that eggs are certain to bring next fall and winter, he should begin to get ready for them at once, say the poultry specialists. The way to have eggs late in the year is to hatch pullets early. It is the early hatches from which the early pullets are derived that are the largest money makers for the poultry producer. The early hatched cockerels can be marketed in almost any market in America when they attain a weight of three-fourths of a pound to a pound and a half each, which they should reach at about 6 to 10 weeks of age, respectively, at a greater profit to the producer than

at any other time of their lives. The early hatched pullets, if properly grown, should begin to lay in the fall at the time when eggs are scarce and high in price.

Pullets must be well matured before they will lay many eggs. Pullets that start to lay in the fall before cold weather sets in will, as a rule, lay all winter.

It is the early hatched pullets that produce eggs in the fall and early winter, when prices are high. February, March and April are the months to do your hatching in order to secure early hatched pullets.

Yearling and 2-year-old hens do not lay many eggs in the fall, as they are molting at that time, and the feed they consume goes not only to keep up the energy and life of the birds but also to put on or grow a new coat of feathers.

In properly matured pullets all surplus energy beyond that needed to meet the requirements of the body is available for the production of eggs.

ANOTHER BOOST FOR DAIRYING

Forty Head of Holstein Cows and Heifers to Be Sold in Alliance Next Saturday

The better the milkers the more profitable is dairying. It costs no more to feed a good milk cow than it does a poor one, and it takes no more work to take care of her. That being true it is very evident that any increase in the milk productivity of a dairy herd is clear profit to the dairyman.

The above being true, the man who ships in good dairy stuff and sells it to farmers around Alliance is doing the community a good turn. M. E. Baggs of St. Paul, Minn., has two car loads of good Holstein cows at the Checkered Front Livery barn in Alliance, which will be offered for sale at public auction next Saturday. Every reader of The Herald who is interested in dairying is urged to read Mr. Baggs' advertisement in this issue and attend the sale. Special attention is called to the fact that these cows and heifers are all in good, healthy condition. They have been inspected by government veterinarians and pronounced sound.

COAL BY PARCEL POST

Alliance Firm to Ship 500 Pounds to Customer at Ellsworth

What will probably be the first time in the history of the parcel post that coal has been shipped in this unique manner will take place Friday, when the Forest Lumber Company of Alliance will ship to a customer at Ellsworth five hundred pounds, in fifty pound sacks.

The Ellsworth customer is a blacksmith and lives eighteen miles from town. The coal is blacksmith coal, and costs him at the rate of \$23 per ton, or \$5.75. The parcel postage will be \$5.40, and the coal will be delivered at his door. This is cheaper than he could have the coal shipped by freight to Ellsworth and go to the station and bring it home.

TEN YEARS AGO

From the Files of The Alliance Herald of January 27, 1905

J. W. Bettens, advance agent for the U. S. Naval Recruiting party, was in town today and announced the establishment of a recruiting station here with headquarters at the Hotel Charters next Monday, January 30. D. W. Hughes, one of Alliance's wide-awake rustlers, is putting up one thousand tons of ice.

W. M. Wilson has purchased of Mrs. Richardson the frame building on Box Butte avenue, which was used as a restaurant for a number of years. Mr. Wilson is moving his stock of second-hand goods therein. The consideration was \$2,000.

Register Bruce Wilcox and wife visited her parents near Bridgeport Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Reed drove to Hay Springs Wednesday to attend the Lumley-Hargraves nuptials.

Monte Hargraves left for Hay Springs Saturday, where he will attend the wedding of his sister, Miss Maud, well known in Alliance society circles. C. F. Lumley, cashier of the Beaver City bank, was the lucky groom.

S. W. Thompson has bought the Quivey residence and will occupy it as soon as the Quiveys move to Mitchell, where they are engaged in business.

Conductor J. N. Andrews is on the sick list. Conductor H. McClellan is on the passenger in his place. A very enjoyable reception was held last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Worley in honor of their newly married son, Ralph, and his wife.

The publication day of The Herald was changed from Friday to Thursday.

The construction of a sewer system for Alliance is being agitated. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allison are the happy parents of a girl, born yesterday.

Christian Science Society Wood's Hall Services, 11 a. m., Sunday. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting, 7:30

DEMONSTRATOR AND IRRIGATION

Two Important Subjects Given Consideration at Meeting of Farmers Saturday

A meeting of the Box Butte County Farm Management Association was held at the court house at 1:30 p. m., last Saturday, at which very important matters were considered.

The following named officers and others interested in farm development were present: T. S. Leith, J. B. Leith, P. H. Zobel, Guy Rust, B. W. Griffith, J. P. Barger, F. M. Russell, H. Koester, A. Wayne Wilson, Louis F. Powell, Wm. Davidson, F. H. Nason, D. E. Purinton, Chris Hansen, G. W. Nation, P. H. Dillon, H. C. Hansen, H. Hennings, A. F. Berg, C. L. Powell, Ellsworth Vaughan, M. P. Nason, Thos. Eaton, Peter Becker, S. M. Esal, C. E. Gleason, H. L. Hawkins, J. C. Miller, W. D. Fisher, H. J. Young, A. D. Rodgers.

Secretary Fisher announced that H. C. Diesen, government engineer, will arrive in Alliance next Saturday and inspect the well at Brown Griffith's farm, and will make a report at the meeting in the court house next Monday.

The matter of the farm demonstrator was discussed and all thought that we should make a special effort to secure the balance of the subscribers this week. It was explained that there would be ten directors on this farm demonstrator board, one from each country precinct, and it was decided to appoint a chairman for each precinct, he to call for a meeting Thursday, January 28, and at this meeting three men were to be nominated and that the general election will be held Monday, February 1, at 1 p. m., at the court house.

Proximate meetings will be held at 1 p. m. today (Thursday). Following is a list of the places where they will be held, with the name of the chairman appointed for each precinct:

Box Butte precinct—At residence of H. Soderberger; Herb Nason, chairman.

Lake—Court house in Alliance; L. F. Powell and A. H. Grove.

Nonpareil—At residence of Peter Jensen; H. C. Hansen.

Liberty—Residence of Henry Winton; Neils Peterson.

Wright—Residence of Mrs. John Vogel; Frank McCoy.

Dorsey—Hemingford; A. S. Enyeart.

Running Water—Residence John Jelinek; John Jelinek.

Lawn—Residence D. P. Sprecklan; D. P. Sprecklan.

Snake Creek—Residence of Fred Crawford; Fred Crawford.

Boyd—Residence J. A. Keegan; J. A. Keegan.

A committee of six farmers was appointed to wait on those who are not members of the Commercial Club and the Commercial Club has appointed their own committee to see their members. A very enthusiastic meeting was held and they all feel that the balance of the money will be raised by Saturday night. Twelve new members were reported at the meeting, making a total of 125 farmers to date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p. m., to meet again at the court house, February 1, at 1 p. m.

MILKER FOR FORTY COWS

Alliance Creamery Company Furnished Mechanical Milker for Progressive Scottsbluff Dairyman

J. R. Chambers, chief engineer for the Alliance Creamery Company, was at Scottsbluff last week, where he installed an Empire milking machine for Lee Everett, a progressive Scottsbluff dairyman with a large herd, who supplies Scottsbluff with milk and cream.

The milker takes care of forty cows in one hour and is like the one used by L. J. Schill on his farm south of Alliance. Mr. Everett has a complete and modern dairy outfit at Scottsbluff. He sterilizes the milk and handles it in the latest manner.

A Sweetly Solemn Thought How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber.

Who pays in advance at the birth of each year. Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly. And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer. He never says, "Stop it; I cannot afford it. I'm getting more papers than now I can read." But always says, "Send it; our people all like it. In fact, we all think it a help and a need."

How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum. How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our heart dance. We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him. The steady subscriber who pays in advance. —Selected by Al Sieffert.