

RETURNED WILTSON PROPY

Building Bought by Wm. King "Settled" after He Purchased and before Sale Confirmed

The property on West Third street, occupied by the Alliance Auto Supply company, which was a part of the Wiltson estate, has been returned to that estate by William King, who bought the building at the time of the auction some time ago. It is stated that one wall of the building has "settled" considerably and that large cracks have appeared, that lessen the value of the building greatly. The agreement was made at the time the property was bought, which was while Mr. King was in a hospital at Rochester, Minn., that he could either take it or return it to the estate after he had examined it. The price of the two blocks was \$5,100.

NEW ZEHRUNG TRIAL

Attorneys Boyd & Metz File Motion for New Trial—Say Material Testimony was Stricken

Thru her attorneys, E. H. Boyd and W. R. Metz, Mrs. Anna Zehrung has filed a motion for a new trial in her breach of promise suit against Joseph Barkhurst. In the petition it is stated that material testimony on the part of Mrs. Zehrung and witnesses was ordered stricken from the records by the judge and that this testimony should be allowed to stand to prove the existence of a marriage contract between the plaintiff and the defendant. It was Judge Westover's ruling that no circumstantial evidence or hearsay should be allowed, as the marriage contract was the same as any other contract.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

Many New Books Added to List at the Alliance Public Library Recently

Thru the courtesy of the librarian, Mrs. Wilson, we are given a list of new books which have recently been added to the list of books already in use at that institution. We will herewith mention the works of fiction and give the authors' names: Rainbow Trail—Zane Grey. Pretender—Robert W. Service. Lonesomeland—B. M. Bower. Master's Degree—Margaret Hill McCarter. Beltane the Smith—Jeffery Farnol. Story of Julia Page—Kathleen Norris. Jaffery—William J. Locke. Terrible Twins—Edgar Jepson. Ragged-Trousered Philanthropists—Robert Tressall. Angela's Business—Henry Sydney Harrison. Girl of the Blue Ridge—Payne Erskine. Little Mother Who Lists at Home—Helen Barzyzka. Mary Moreland—Marie VanVorst.

The following is a list of juvenile books: Horseman of the Plains—Joseph A. Altsheler. Story of the Bible—Charles Foster. Yankee Ships and Yankee Sailors—James Barnes. Automobile Girls at Palm Beach—Laura Dent Crane. Doodles—Emma C. Dowd. College Years—Ralph D. Paine. Hand-book for Boys, American Handy Book for Girls—Lura and Adella Beard. Automobile Girls at Washington—Laura Dent Crane. African Adventure Stories—Alden J. Loring. Dramatic Reading for Schools—Marion Florence Lansing. Tom Strong, Washington's Scout—Alfred Bishop Mason. Peggy Raymond's Vacation—Harriet L. Smith. Damon and Pythias—Albert Payne Terhune. Cab and Caboose—Kirk Munroe. Lovers of non-fiction will be glad to know that Edgar Allen Poe's poems, Henry Van Dyke's poems, and "Happiness" by Hugh Black, have been added to the list of works under this head.

The great opportunities that people of Alliance have in being able to keep in touch with the greatest and best writers of the day thru the public library, should be more and more appreciated and patronized.



TWO KILLED IN WRECK

Auto Runs into Switching Cars at Billings—Third Occupant Badly Injured

C. Doggett was instantly killed, Fred T. Devaul died a few hours later, and Martin Schroop was probably fatally injured Sunday evening when the automobile in which they were riding near Billings, Mont., ran into a passenger car that was being switched in the joint Great Northern and Burlington yards at that place. According to information received here by railroad officials immediately after the accident, the automobile was driven by Devaul, who is an auto salesman, and was going at a rate of forty or fifty miles an hour, and the switch engine was running three or four miles an hour. The automobile was forced under the coach, and in this position was dragged about eighty feet.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE

Wehn Telephone Company to Build a New Line from Oshkosh to Hyannis Soon

It is probable that in the near future the Wehn Telephone company, of Bridgeport, will start construction work on a telephone line from Oshkosh to Hyannis, crossing the sand hills and connecting with Lewellen, Broadwater and Lisco. This will be a toll line and will connect with the Bridgeport exchange and thence to Alliance. The principal object in constructing this line is to give the large ranchers in the sand hill country toll connections with the outside world. The length of the new line will be about sixty miles, and the cost of construction will be about \$20,000. It will probably be built in the spring.

EXPLAINED FARM SURVEY

R. R. Spafford of the Department of Agriculture Spoke to Interested Audience

It was unfortunate that more farmers, and even more business men, were not present at the city hall Saturday afternoon to hear R. R. Spafford, of the department of agriculture, explain the Box Butte county farm record work. By means of charts Mr. Spafford explained this important proposition thoroughly, and those who were present were given a decidedly different viewpoint on the farming business.

For the charts and for his explanation Mr. Spafford used a total of 50,000 acres, the table land in Box Butte county. Of this land, the fifteen poorest paying farms were selected at random, as were the best fifteen paying farms, and these two divisions, together with the fifty-five farms were compared in the matters of capital, receipts, expenditures, profits and labor income. The capital consists of the real estate, live stock, feeds, machinery and cash.

Mr. Spafford urged the farmers to figure their house rent as a separate and distinct item in their business, the same as does the banker or the merchant.

The machinery on these fifty-five farms, according to the speaker, who had other statistics on the subject, lasts on an average of ten years. The size of these farms ranges from 160 to 2,000 acres, and for 1914 the average labor income for them all was \$30. On some there was nothing left for the labor income, and this had to be made up by the best paying farms. \$30 was the average labor income for the fifty-five farms, and for the fifteen best paying farms it was \$763. The average area of the fifteen poor paying farms is 1143 acres; the average for the fifteen best paying farms is 1099 acres.

Mr. Spafford made a plea for the diversification of crops, urging the farmers to balance their planting so they would not be dependent on any one variety of crop. This, he said, would bring western Nebraska to the front in a hurry.

After the speaker had finished his discussion a comparison was made between the farms in this section and those in the eastern part of the state, in the matter of capital, area of farms, and cost of feeding each animal unit. In Box Butte county the average capital for the entire fifty-five farms is \$21,055, and for the fifteen best paying farms, \$24,942.

OLD SANTA AT HARPER'S

That Distinguished Gentleman Will Arrive Next Saturday Afternoon from Lincoln

Old Santa Claus—thoughts of whom are now uppermost in the minds of the children of Alliance—will arrive in this city next Saturday, the 18th, on train No. 43, according to advices received this week. On his arrival, Santa will go to the Harper department store, where he will appear at 1 o'clock, dressed in his Iceland raiment. Mr. Harper requests the children to go to the train to meet Santa and give him a joyous and welcome reception, as he is expecting this show of appreciation at his making a special trip here.

Furthermore, Santa is bringing with him one thousand toys, one of which will be given to every child that enters the Harper store Saturday afternoon. Remember, Santa will be here next Saturday, without fail.

Fremont Court House Burned

The Dodge county court house at Fremont, Nebr., burned between the hours of 5 and 10 o'clock Sunday morning, December 5. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, with insurance of \$40,000 on the building and \$4,000 on the contents. Chief Harry Houser and his fire fighters worked their best but the fire had too much of a start when they attacked it. The blaze is supposed to have started in the county treasurer's office in a "spit-box". Three alarms were turned in by the fire department, bringing out every fireman in the city. Many valuable papers were saved by the firemen. The five vaults stood the fire test.

BUYS BEE HIVE

J. E. Tiller, of Fairview, Kans., Comes into Possession of Popular Variety Store

The deal was consummated this week whereby J. E. Tiller, of Fairview, Kans., became owner of the Bee Hive variety store, the change in possession to occur January 2.

The new proprietor has had a number of years' experience in variety stores, part of which were spent managing a large store of this nature. For some time past Mr. Tiller has been on the road, and after passing thru Alliance a number of times decided this was the busiest and best little city he had seen—hence his decision to go into business here.

It is his intention to add a number of new lines to the stock, and one change will be to dispose of the high-priced articles at once and sell only goods retailing at five, ten and twenty-five cents. Mr. Tiller has already moved to Alliance with his family, and they have begun house-keeping.

Past That

A clergyman had taught an old man in his congregation to read, and found him an apt pupil. Calling at the house some time afterward, he had found only the wife at home.

"How's John?" asked he.

"He is well, thank you," said the wife.

"How does he get on with his reading?"

"Nicely, sir."

"Ah, I suppose he can read his Bible comfortably now."

"Bible, sir! Bless me, he was out of the Bible and into the sporting pages long ago!"

PLEASING BAND CONCERT

Alliance Organization Plays to Large and Appreciative Audience at the Imperial

The band concert at the Imperial Sunday afternoon by the Alliance organization was one of the best that has been heard in Alliance, each number being rendered in a manner that was pleasing. There were twenty pieces in the band, and every member handled his part "par excellence". At the close of the concert a collection was taken up for the purpose of helping defray the expenses during the winter and the expenses of the program. This is the first of the series of concerts, and the next will be given at the Imperial, the middle of January. Two reasons are given for holding these concerts—one is that they will assist in keeping the band in practice and the other is that by hearing the band at frequent intervals the public will appreciate it more and be more interested in the organization.

Old Friends Visit

"Private" Logan and E. G. Laine were serving in the same company in the Philippines some few years ago. When they were discharged, each went in a different direction and had not met since. But just the other day Mr. Logan "dropped in" at the Laine store and there was immediate recognition on both sides. Old time and old timers in the Philippines were discussed. Mr. Logan recently came to Alliance to work for the Burlington, and before coming here was civilian clerk in the quartermaster's office.

LEMAN WAS THE MAN

Night Officer Kish Identifies Alleged Murderer as Man Who Was in Alliance

It is now an established fact that Guy Leman, the young man who was arrested at Omaha for the murder of C. D. Campbell, the Lincoln contractor, is the young man who was in Alliance on November 17, and who left that night on No. 42 with a ticket for Omaha. As was stated in last week's Herald it was not conclusively known at that time that Leman was the man who had stayed at a local hotel, and whom Officer Kish had seen buy a ticket for Omaha, but photographs of the man received last week identified him. This information was forwarded to the officers at Omaha.

Leman claimed that he became drunk at Alliance, and had left here with his companion, Conway, in a wheat car. Either Leman was so drunk here that he did not know what he was doing, or else he deliberately led to the Omaha police, telling them that he got off the train at Lincoln and that he had no ticket for Omaha.

The Omaha police are encountering considerable trouble in establishing Leman's connection with the murder, although a taxi driver there said he saw Leman fire the shot that killed Campbell.

Hope

Tom—"Is it true that you proposed to Alice and were rejected?"

Jack—"Not exactly rejected. She said when she felt like making a fool of herself she'd let me know."

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