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## MADE TRIP TO LINCOLN

F. M. Seidell Box Butte County Farm Demonstrator, Attended Conference at State Capital

F. M. Seidell, Box Butte county farm demonstrator, attended the meeting of farm demonstrators held at Lincoln last week. Mr. Seidell was accompanied by his wife. They stopped over at Grand Island on the return, for Christmas, visiting with relatives there and reaching Alliance Sunday.

At Lincoln a week was spent by the farm demonstrators in profitable meetings. Among the government officials there were Prof. C. B. Smith, in charge of farm demonstration work for the northwestern states, who was with them for two days; Mr. Fuller, supervisor of work in the central states.

W. W. Burr, who is assistant in charge of dry land farming investigations for the department of agriculture, will be in Alliance in January at a meeting of the Box Butte County Farmers' Association.

Box Butte county received much notice as the first county in the western "arid" region which had a farm survey, which was carefully studied. Mr. Seidell is very optimistic over the outlook for the work in 1916.

## DIED OF HEMORRHAGE

Former Alliance Man, Who Was Employed near Ardmore, Died Suddenly from Hemorrhage

E. N. Nussbaum, a former Alliance man, who was employed at a ditching camp one mile from Ardmore, S. D., died Saturday morning, December 25, or late Friday night, from hemorrhage of the brain. He had been visiting with the other men at the camp until 9:30 o'clock the evening before and seemed to feel all right. He slept in a tent by himself and when called the next morning did not respond. After calling three times to him and receiving no response, the men entered his tent and found him lifeless, lying in bed as he had retired.

Relatives in Alliance were notified by telegraph and his son, I. E. Nussbaum, left on the noon train Saturday, returning with the body Sunday. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Darling chapel, the funeral services conducted by Rev. H. J. Young. Interment was made in the Alliance cemetery.

Mr. Nussbaum was aged sixty-four years, ten months and twelve days. He is survived by two daughters and three sons, Mrs. G. W. Zoble of Alliance, Mrs. Guy Spencer of Elsie, Idaho, I. E. Nussbaum of Alliance, B. F. Nussbaum of Jerome, Idaho, and W. M. Nussbaum of Sherwood, Oregon. There are three grandchildren in Alliance.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to sincerely thank the many friends for their kindness during our bereavement, for their kind deeds and the floral offerings at the funeral and burial of our father, E. N. Nussbaum.

MRS. G. W. ZOBLE,  
MRS. GUY SPENCER,  
I. E. NUSSBAUM,  
B. F. NUSSBAUM,  
W. M. NUSSBAUM.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Box Butte County Farmers' Association Will Hold Annual Meeting at Court House on Friday

The annual meeting of the Box Butte Farmers' Association will be held in the court room of the court house, Alliance, on Friday, December 31. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:30 p. m. A meeting of the directors will be held following this meeting.

The purpose of this annual meeting is to bring the members of the association together at one place where at least a progress report can be made. It will enable every member to see what has been either started or accomplished by the association. If time permits, some plans for next year's work of the association will be discussed, and suggestions for bettering the work and efficiency of the association will be presented.

Mr. Hawk, former county agent of Dawes county, and probably some other member of the Extension department of the Nebraska College of Agriculture, will present a good live topic of interest to every member of the association.

A real live meeting is expected. Read over the Constitution and By-laws of the association so as to familiarize yourself with the object and work of this association. Help to make the association a success by giving it your moral as well as your financial support. Cooperate in this meeting by being present and bringing with you a friend that may be interested or at least glad to find out regarding the work and objects of the Box Butte Farmers' Association.

Miss Moore on Visit to Lake Preston  
Miss E. Catherine Moore, society editor of The Herald, left last Thursday night for a short visit at Lake Preston, S. D., her former home before coming to Alliance. She will return today.

## DEATH OF MIKE BAYER

Well Known Alliance Citizen Died Friday Afternoon at Home in City—Funeral Monday

Michael Bayer, well known Alliance business man, who had been a resident of Alliance for the past eighteen years, died at his home in Alliance at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, December 24. Mr. Bayer had suffered from heart trouble for some time. By his side was found a dram bottle of strychnine, emptied, and it is believed that he took the contents of the bottle unintentionally, when suffering great pain.

Doctors Bowman and Bellwood were called at once when the condition of Mr. Bayer was discovered. He was found lying on a bed in the bedroom at his residence, and the attention of members of his family was called by his groaning. The doctors did all in their power to save his life but he died in a few minutes after their arrival.

Although Mr. Bayer had been in ill health and had been somewhat mentally unbalanced since an attack of typhoid fever and the death of a little son about a year ago, the fact that he had talked with friends only a few minutes before going to his home and that he seemed in good spirits seems to indicate that he had no intention of ending his life and that the strychnine was taken by him during a period of mental aberration.

Mr. Bayer would have been forty-eight years of age January 13. He was in the employ of the Burlington railroad until a few months ago, when he purchased a pool hall in the Reddish building on Box Butte avenue and went into business. On May 3, 1916, he would have been married fourteen years. To him and Mrs. Bayer were born four children, two of whom are living. He is also survived by a stepson, John, twenty years of age.

The funeral was held at Holy Rosary church Monday morning and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. Rev. Fr. Peter Donnelly conducted the funeral services.

### Card of Thanks

To the many kind friends who so thoughtfully assisted us by kind deeds and words of sympathy during our bereavement, we wish to extend our sincere thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rheinkober.

## JUDGE ALDEN TO SPEAK

Judge George D. Alden, of the Massachusetts Bar, Will Deliver Lecture January 6

The second number of the Alliance School of Music lecture course will be given at the opera house January 6, when Judge George D. Alden, of the Massachusetts bar, will deliver one of his famous lectures. His subjects are, "The Needs of the Hour," "The Powder and the Match," "Jack and the Beanstalk."

Alliance people should not fail to hear Judge Alden, who has a national reputation as a speaker. He is recognized as one of the giants of the American platform and you will miss a treat if you do not attend.

## WRITE TO SHERIFF

Penitentiary Prisoners Write Christmas Letters to Sheriff Cox, Telling of Experiences There

Charles Brinkley, who robbed the Becker home at Alliance, and Charles Vaughn, who passed a bad check on Colonel Evans, both of whom were taken to the penitentiary at Lincoln, have written Sheriff Cal Cox.

Brinkley wrote on December 25th, Christmas Day, and said: "I drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along since you brought me here. I am getting along in fine shape and so is Frank Harte. I am working in the concrete gang and Harte is working in the chair shop. I hope you and your family are in good health and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We had a good show here this morning and enjoyed it very much. With best regards from Harte and myself and good wishes to Mr. Cox."

Vaughn wrote on December 26th, and said: "Just a letter to inform you that I am getting along nicely and together with many good wishes to you and your family of the festive season. I hope that the year 1916 may be more prosperous, more happier and far better than the past ones. I want to state that the little experience I have had of prison life has already reformed me considerably and that no one knows how sweet liberty is until he is confined behind the walls. I say that liberty is the sweetest thing on earth. Forgetting things that have past and looking to the future, believe me, I weigh every word when I repeat to you that I must, in the future, be a man and avoid all evil associates."

Sheriff Cox is proud of the letters from the men whom he had charge of in his official capacity here, and he has good reason to be, for they show good feeling towards him and no resentment because he had a hand in placing them behind the bars for their ill-advised deeds.

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## HERALD FORCE EATS

Employees of Herald Publishing Co. Enjoyed Christmas Dinner Party at Alliance Cafe

The Herald force attended their first annual Christmas dinner party at the Alliance Cafe last Thursday evening. A wholesome and delicious chicken supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller, proprietors of the cafe, at 8 o'clock.

Among those who were present round the festive board were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Amsberry, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Drake, J. Carl Thomas, Philip M. Thomas, Miss Eva Duncan, Miss E. Catherine Moore, Anson Thomas, Paul Thomas, and Dr. Geo. J. Hand.

After enjoying the supper, short talks were made by those present, who each pledged to help make the year 1916 the biggest year in the history of The Herald and to give Herald readers and advertisers the biggest and best newspaper of its kind in the state.

At the close, Mr. Rhodes, with a well chosen little speech, presented "Lloyd" with a costly, handsome pipe and case, a present from the force.

## ATTORNEY GILMAN BACK

Prominent Alliance Attorney Returns After Vacation Spent in North Feeling Much Better

Attorney B. F. Gilman returned Friday with Mrs. Gilman from their extended trip north, which took in St. Paul, Duluth and Mondovia, Wisconsin. Mr. Gilman found time to spend a week in the pine woods on his annual deer hunt with his brothers.

Mr. Gilman feels much improved in health since his vacation and is back at work with his usual vim. He looks much better and his friends are pleased to know that he enjoyed the trip.

### Will Be Greatest Ever

Preparations for the coming National Western Stock Show, which opens in Denver January 17, and continues until the following Saturday, are being pushed vigorously. Entries are so numerous that the association has been compelled to arrange with the stock-yards company for increased facilities. Additional new cattle sheds are being erected. It is expected that there will be in the pure bred cattle classes about fifteen herds of Shorthorns, and over twenty herds of Herefords, with Angus and Gallo-way cattle showing stronger exhibits than ever before.

This will be the first big live stock show held in the past two years, and there is more than usual interest among the stockmen over the competitions in the various breeds. The big herds have been unable to get together, and it is promised that there will be some surprises when the ribbons are hung.

The horse show will also be much larger and stronger than ever before, and will include some of the greatest stables in this country.

The railroads have already announced the usual low rates for this occasion, and Denver is planning to take care of the largest crowd that has ever come to the show.

## SALE POSTPONED

Public Sale at the W. M. Robinson Farm Postponed Until January 3 Account of Bad Weather

On account of the heavy snowstorm on Wednesday, December 29, the public sale which was to have been held at Valley View Field Farm, eighteen miles southwest of Hemingford, near Canton, by W. M. Robinson, owner, the sale has been postponed until Monday January 3, starting at 11 a. m.

Mr. Robinson will sell sixteen head of horses, milk cow, farm implements, two-seat top buggy, spring wagon. The horses are very choice stuff, and it will pay Box Butte county farmers to attend the sale on the date to which it has been postponed.

### Where Will It End?

When a foreign nobleman comes to America, it is the custom of fond fathers of lovely daughters to make a rush for him and offer almost any kind of bounty to secure him as a son-in-law. In this part of the country, and more especially in Alliance, a different custom prevails, as is disclosed by a recent occurrence, where in the father of a loving son even goes so far as to offer bounty to his boy if he will marry and settle down.

Judging from the recent preparations of this young man, he intends to "take his father up" on the offer—and he has the proper determination, as was shown when, upon a recent visit to the lady in the case he and she conspired to send her mother to a distant point so she would not interrupt, at least one pleasant evening.

The aromatic smell of Dierks lumber seems to determine young men on courses of this kind, and it is indeed sad there is no cure for the malady. Fuller particulars, and possibly a description of a bride's dress, may be secured from Willard Myers of Dierks Lumber & Coal Co.—Contributed.

## ENJOYABLE T. P. A. PARTY

Five Hundred People Packed Imperial Theatre to Overlooking as Guests of Post M. T. P. A.

Post M. Travelers' Protective Association, held its first annual entertainment and party at the Imperial Theatre last Friday night—Christmas eve. Over five hundred people crowded the house to overflowing and enjoyed the excellent picture and vaudeville program presented by Manager Harry DuBouque.

Following the program, the committee in charge turned over the stage to Messrs. Graham, O'Keefe, Morrow, Spencer and Campbell, who made a handsome Christmas present of a six-cylinder Studebaker automobile to Fred Carlson, assistant postmaster at Alliance. Fred was at home in bed, resting after a strenuous day in the postoffice handling the Christmas mail, but quickly rallied from the shock and responded to congratulations from his friends over the telephone.

The Post, after paying all expenses of the party, had a nice sum left as entertainment fund for the big state convention to be held in Alliance next April.

## LINCOLN NEWS

Detroit, Mich., Power Trust Pays Back Taxes to State of Nebraska Through Secretary Pool

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Reported by Charles DeFrance and Hugh L. Cooper).—"Administer the law without fear or favor" is a motto which is closely observed by the present democratic state officers. Every little while evidence is found of republican negligence or favoritism in the past. Secretary of State Charles W. Pool has just turned over to State Treasurer Hall a draft for \$2127.50 to cover corporation tax and penalty assessed against the Commonwealth Power Co., a Nebraska company with headquarters at Detroit, Michigan, for the years 1914 and 1915. This concern might be classed as the "electric power trust," and 1914 being a year of political campaign, the republican secretary of state was not so active in administering the law as he was in sending out post cards of the Lincoln monument and an incidental boost for his own candidacy, and so he failed to collect all the corporation taxes. However, the Commonwealth paid \$277.50 penalty for trying to evade payment of its tax. "Come across," said Charlie Pool—and somewhat reluctantly they came.

A brief of 29 pages has been filed in supreme court by the attorneys for State Treasurer Geo. E. Hall in the case of State ex rel Ridgell vs. Hall. This is the first case in which Hall refused to countersign a warrant drawn against the special cash fund, because the legislature of 1915 did not make a specific appropriation of the fund. After hearing the case the supreme court allowed a writ of mandamus ordering Hall to countersign and pay, but before the writ was issued he asked for a rehearing on the ground that only three of the seven judges had concurred in the entire opinion and that vitally important points had thus been left undecided by a majority of the court. Rehearing has not yet been allowed.

The board of educational lands and funds at its meeting Thursday decided to sell \$315,000 of Mississippi state bonds, which yield the state school fund 4 per cent and invest in school district and municipal bonds of Nebraska bearing 5 per cent. Land Commissioner Beckman, republican member of the board, voted "no" on the proposition.

As the time draws near for the Democratic Editorial Association dinner, to be held in Lincoln January 11, added interest is shown in this city and points over the state. There is certain to be a good attendance and the program will interest all. The Walt Male Quartette has been engaged to render some appropriate songs; a special orchestra is to furnish music during the dinner hour. The candidates will doubtless have something to say worth while. Arrangements have been made to use the City Auditorium for the affair, and everybody will be well cared for. Tickets can be secured from any of the democratic editors during the next ten days.

Acting under direction of State Auditor Wm. H. Smith, the state accountant has completed a check of the accounts of the insurance department for the period December 1, 1912, to November 30, 1914, and in his report asks that the insurance board make a formal ruling on section 10 of article two of the code and say whether a "certificate of license" is identical with a "certificate of authority." He asks also that the board require the commissioner to keep a numerical record of all agents' licenses issued—something that has not been done heretofore.

"Dusty" Goes South on Vacation  
"Dusty" Rhodes, city editor of The Herald, left last Saturday night for a vacation in Arkansas and Oklahoma with Mrs. Rhodes. He will keep Herald readers in touch with his travels by frequent write-ups of the sunny south while on the trip.

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## ABNORMAL CONDITIONS

Bishop Beecher Calls Attention to Conditions Existing Among the Young Boys and Girls

The following article is taken from Bishop Beecher's message to the Hastings Diocese of the Episcopal church, at Holdrege last month, and is reprinted from the Holdrege Progress:

One of the greatest problems confronting us, not only in this district, but in every diocese and district in the country, is the lack of religious training in the home and the school life of our children. As I visit the smaller towns of the district, I find, without exception, in each locality, the evidence of the most abnormal social conditions among the boys and girls.

It seems almost impossible for us to know what is best to be done, or what part the church can take in dealing with this problem.

I will give you a specific example to illustrate. Recently I stepped into a railroad station of a small town to purchase a ticket. The waiting room was filled with young lads whose ages ranged from seven to seventeen or twenty. There must have been twelve or fourteen lads in the room. It was about half past nine or ten o'clock in the evening. The conversation of these young lads was most disreputable. The use of obscene and profane language seemed to be the most natural expression of their thoughts, and there was apparently an utter abandonment of all parental responsibility, no one seeming to care where the boy was or what he was doing.

This is a condition which is bound to result in vicious criminals and moral degeneracy. I cite this instance to you simply because it is a condition common to all communities so far as I am able to observe, and I travel around a great deal throughout the district. It seems to be that where we have one church family of earnest, Christian people, there ought to be some way of getting in touch with these young boys and girls so that we can bring to them some better ideals and guide them out of the darkness of their present moral blindness into the light of purer thoughts and purer speech.

The problems of the small towns are far greater, in my judgment, than are the social problems of the greater cities. This is so simply because no one seems to care or to be interested. They seem to take it as a matter of course and let it go.

I attended a ball game in one of the small towns of our district. There was a very small attendance of spectators, but the language used on the diamond by the young lads engaged in the contest was so pointed and disgraceful that it destroyed every vestige of the true sport, and I left the grounds disgusted and discouraged.

These are conditions confronting us and I do not hesitate to say that they are serious to the utmost degree, if we are going to live in this spiritual abandonment of the youth of our country, we shall soon find ourselves in a civilization far more degraded and morally depraved than that of the Caesars in the pre-Christian Roman empire.

I appeal to you as parents and as older brothers and sisters to do all in your power to rectify the sentiment of domestic sociability. With this God-given and divinely appointed agency, we ought not to depend upon the church to substitute as a corrective for the negligence which parents have shown in the discipline and education of their children. The work of the Sunday school cannot cure these moral diseases of the community. We may be able in our Sunday schools to gather in a few untarnished little ones and give them the instruction for one hour in religious things, but these conditions have gone so far that it is almost impossible for us to stem the tide unless we become actively engaged in the work of community service.

We think of the horrible destruction of human life caused by the cruel war across the seas, but even this cannot be compared with the loss of human character and staining of human souls in the dregs of sin and moral corruption which is destroying the very best manhood and young womanhood in this country.

We may lose our material possessions and be able eventually to regain them, but the loss of character is unreclaimable. Let us look to the interest of the community along these moral lines.

My heart is constantly centered in the one desire to bring to the home life of our people as much of the real religion of Jesus Christ as is possible. When once we establish the family altar and have a due respect instilled into the minds of the children, we are building upon sure foundations which the storms of sin through the years can never destroy.

May God help us to think on these things, and give us His blessings.

### Candidate for Sheriff

W. L. Griffith, familiarly known as "Brown" by his many friends throughout the county, has filed for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket. He has a wide acquaintance and will make a good race for the nomination.

### Mrs. Zehring at Denver

Mrs. W. H. Zehring writes friends in Alliance that she has located at The Palms hotel in Denver and is now employed by the Denver Dry Goods Company, starting Tuesday. Her children will attend the Ebert school.

## PHELAN APPOINTED HERE

Former Alliance Business Man, Now Ranchman, Appointed on Membership Committee of League

Washington, D. C., December 30.—(Special to The Alliance Herald).—John R. Phelan, of Alliance, Nebr., has been appointed to the Membership Committee of the Navy League of the United States and will help to represent that organization in his district in the active, aggressive campaign which is being carried on in all parts of the country in behalf of adequate preparedness against invasion and disaster. He will co-operate with the members of the Navy League's state committee for Nebraska, of which Arthur C. Smith of Omaha is chairman, and will lend his energetic and enthusiastic support to the work undertaken to consolidate and organize the overwhelming sentiment of thinking people of that state in behalf of measures of adequate preparedness. A special letter has been forwarded Mr. Phelan by the Nebraska State committee are James B. Haynes, Walter L. Page, E. E. Bruce, Ward M. Burgess, Gen. J. C. Cowin, Gen. George H. Harris, Chas. Watson Hull, Frank M. Judson, Hon. John I. Kennedy, W. H. McCord and L. D. Richards.

## COLD WEATHER HERE

From Six to Twelve Inches of Snow on the Plains put Moisture on Ground for Next Year

Last week has seen the first real cold weather of the season. From six to twelve inches of snow has fallen and the thermometer at night hugs the zero mark. Stockmen and farmers were glad to see the snow, which came without much wind and was not hard on stock. It means that the moisture is getting into the ground, taking care of fall crops and the range for next season.

From all indications at present, the prospect for 1916 is excellent. 1915 was the best year in twenty-five and if next year keeps up with it, the bank accounts of farmers and stockmen will grow beyond bounds.

The railroads in western Nebraska are operating their lines without much trouble and are generally on time.

## SHOOTING IN SIOUX

Neighbors Indulge in Dangerous Pastime in Adjoining County—Near Elmore Dam

Word reached the officers here by phone Wednesday morning that a shooting scrape was in progress in Sioux county, a short distance west of Elmore's dam. It seemed that a couple of neighbors became angry at each other, and both took recourse with revolvers.

The person who sent in word that the scrape was in progress urged the officers to come out and settle matters, and the first report was that the deputy sheriff had left Alliance "armed to the teeth." It was later found that no one from Alliance had gone to the scene, as it was out of their jurisdiction.

### Gene to Los Angeles

On Tuesday of this week, Thomas Katen received word of the serious illness of his brother at Los Angeles, and left for that city yesterday, going via Sidney. He did not know how long he will be away from Alliance, but will probably be gone several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Skala left on the same train for Los Angeles, where they will spend the balance of the winter.

### Visitor from Hawkeye State

J. M. Brenaman of Chariton, Iowa, brother of Henry Brenaman of Alliance, terminated a week's visit in northwestern Nebraska yesterday, leaving on 44 for the east. While waiting for the belated train, he met his old time friend, W. G. Wilson of Antioch, who was in Alliance on business, between trains.

### Prof. Meyer and Wife Here

Prof. E. L. Meyer and wife, of Geneva, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Meyer's home folks in Alliance. Prof. Meyer was formerly principal of the Alliance high school and is now superintendent of schools at Geneva.

### Phillips Gets New Trial

Ira Phillips, brother of Ora Phillips, who was convicted at Chadron several months ago of setting fire to their store at Marsland, has been granted a new trial by the supreme court. The court ruled that an error was made in admitting testimony tending to show that the accused was implicated in former fires. The trial of Ora Phillips has been held off, pending the outcome of this one.

Fred Black, John S. Adams and R. A. Westover, of Lakeside, were in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Herald job department has just printed, for Miss Opal Russell, county superintendent of schools, the bulletin for 1916-1916, giving the list of district officers and teachers, with assessed valuation, levy, cen-