

BROOME TO VALENTINE

No Permanent Arrangements Made as to the Management of the Alliance News

F. M. Broome, who was recently appointed to the receivership of the Valentine land office, left Monday for that place to take charge of his duties under the appointment.

Mr. Broome had not expected to leave for a couple of weeks but received a message Saturday to be on hand to take over the work February 1, hence his sudden departure.

He left the News temporarily in charge of E. C. Drake of this city and Charles Wallace of Gordon, a former Hemingford man, who arrived the first of the week.

Mr. Broome will return to Alliance in a few days to make permanent arrangements concerning his newspaper before establishing his residence at Valentine.

SHULL SELLS HOTEL

M. L. Shull, Former Alliance Restaurant Man, Sells Hemingford Hotel to Hubbell, of Minatare

M. L. Shull, former proprietor of the Alliance restaurant now known as the Bon Ton Cafe, and who has been conducting a hotel at Hemingford since early in the spring of 1915, sold his hotel business there last week to G. E. Hubbell, of Minatare.

Mr. Hubbell will take possession of the business on February 10. Mr. Shull has not announced his plans for the future.

CONLEY MILLER MOVES

Box Butte Avenue Second Hand Store Now Located in Building at Box Butte and Second Streets

Conley Miller, who has been conducting a second-hand store on Box Butte avenue for more than a year, has leased the building on the corner of Box Butte avenue and Second street for a term of three years and moved his stock of goods therein yesterday.

Mr. Miller is operating a rooming house upstairs over the building and on Monday he purchased the rooming-house business on the second floor over The Famous clothing store.

ENLARGING THEATRE

Carpenters at Work Remodeling Balcony So as to Make a Material Increase in Seating Capacity

Carpenters are at work this week at the Imperial theatre, remodeling the balcony so as to increase the seating capacity of this fine theatre. The Imperial has had a capacity of six hundred to seven hundred, and under the new arrangement they will be enabled to accommodate eight hundred.

Manager DuBouque is a theatre man of exceptional ability and he is always on the alert to make any changes or improvements at the Imperial, which is already the finest institution of the kind outside of the big cities in the middle western states.

GOES TO LUSK

Lyle Berry Accepts Position as Superintendent of Light and Power Plant in Wyoming Town

Lyle Berry, son of County Judge and Mrs. L. A. Berry, left Monday for Lusk, Wyo., to accept a position as superintendent of the city light and power plant. Mr. Berry, who had been in communication with the city officials of Lusk, received a telegram Saturday asking him to come at once. The message also stated that they had a place for another first class electrical engineer on the city force and if he knew of any person who could qualify to bring him along.

Roy Spacht, who returned a short time ago from England where he had been employed by one of the big electrical firms, left Wednesday morning for Lusk with a view to accepting the position referred to in Mr. Berry's message.

PRELIMINARY DEBATE

Students Selected to Represent Alliance High School at the District Debating Contest

At the preliminary debate held in the assembly room of the Alliance high school Friday evening, Hannah Cotant, Homer Barnes and Charlotte Mollring were selected to represent the local school at the debating contest between the schools of the Northwestern Nebraska district. Oral Harvey was selected as substitute to serve in case anything should happen to prevent any of the other three from participating.

The question debated Friday night was "Preparedness". The students taking part in the contest were allowed to choose the side they preferred, and the contest was not a contest between teams but an exhibition of the individual ability of each

debater. Ex-postmaster J. E. Tash was selected as a disinterested person to officiate in the capacity of chairman of the meeting, and the judges were W. R. Harper, E. G. Laine and Lee Bayse.

It is the opinion of those who attended the debate that Alliance will succeed in making an excellent showing at the district contest, the winners at which will represent their district at the state contest to be held later in the spring at Lincoln.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Marian Grebe, pianist, Paul Thomas, violinist, and Carl Thomas, cellist.

WILL REDUCE RATES

City Insurance Rates Will Lower When Supply of Water Is Increased by New Reservoir

The question has recently been raised regarding the lowering of insurance rates in Alliance, predicted by local insurance men two years ago, when the question of purchasing a new auto chemical truck and new pump for the city water department was voted upon. The voters of the city expressed themselves as being in favor of both.

The state laws do not allow insurance companies to agree on uniform rates on property, and for that reason it would not be lawful for the insurance men to make stated rates on any building. However, it can be stated on good authority that whenever the city installs the new reservoir which has been contemplated and the new pump is placed in the plant, providing a larger storage of water for fire fighting purposes, that insurance rates will come down.

The proposed "anti-discrimination law" which was killed by the last legislature was designed to prevent discrimination and to lower the rates. It is stated on good authority that the law of this kind which was passed in Iowa has reduced rates there one-third. This law will undoubtedly come up again this fall and stands a good chance of carrying.

CHANGED THE DATES

New Dates Set for the Banquets to Be Held Last of February and the First of March

Wednesday, February 23, has been set as the date for the Clerks' and Business Men's banquet. The program for this banquet will be announced in full soon.

Because of the fact that the first of March is the date for the annual Commercial Club banquet and that it would come so near the former banquet, the date has been postponed until Wednesday, March 8. The annual election of officers will be held at this time.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN

Visible Today as Only Partial Eclipse in United States, Mexico and Central America

A total eclipse of the sun, according to astronomers, is scheduled for today, February 3, though it is visible in Nebraska as only a half eclipse. Professor Swezy of the astronomy department of the university says that a total eclipse of the sun occurs only in about every 300 years in a given locality. The eclipse on February 3 is observed as total in the northwestern parts of South America. It will be visible as a partial eclipse in all parts of the United States, Mexico and Central America. It will not be visible in Alaska and the adjacent portion of Canada. The path of the central or total eclipse begins in the Pacific ocean, moves eastward, crosses the north portion of Colombia, north of Caracas, over the island of Guadalupe, passes northwest of the Azores and ends at sunset in the Atlantic ocean south of Ireland.

GETS NAMES CONFUSED

Man Headed for Lyons, Colo., Lands Unexpectedly in Alliance, Nebraska

When a Mr. Dexter, from Oklahoma, asked the ticket agent at Denver last Saturday for a ticket to Lyons, Colo., his peculiar pronunciation of the word Lyons (with a hissing sound at the end of the word) caused the agent to confuse the word with the name Alliance and he forthwith told him that he meant Alliance, Nebraska.

"No, I don't," he said. "I mean Lyons, Colorado."

"There is no such place in Colorado," said the agent and he handed him a ticket to Alliance, quoting the price of it. Dexter protested again saying he knew it was only about fifty miles to Lyons but he accepted the ticket, paid for it, boarded the Burlington train and landed in Alliance.

He remained here till Tuesday when he returned to Denver determined this time to buy a ticket to his proper destination regardless of the agent, or else to walk.

Architect aBresen, of Cheyenne, who has charge of the plans for the third story addition to the Alliance Hotel building, is in Alliance today. Work on the building, which was suspended several days on account of the severe cold weather, has been resumed.

Reward will be paid for information leading to the apprehension of the parties who have recently broken windows in the two-story frame house at the northeast corner of Fifth and Niobrara avenue.

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ROBBED POOL HALL

Man Charged with Robbing Seneca Pool Hall Was Wearing Clothes Stolen Here, when Arrested

W. M. Darling, a young man about thirty years of age, who was arrested in Alliance Sunday afternoon, charged with robbing a pool hall at Seneca Saturday night, had on, at the time of his arrest, clothing which was stolen from Charles King at the Rodgers rooming house in this city several weeks ago. He also was wearing a fireman's pin belonging to Mr. King and had several other articles in his possession which were the property of Mr. King.

Sheriff Cox had been notified of the robbery at Seneca and went to the depot Sunday noon to meet the train on which Sheriff Noles, of Thomas county, and the owner of the pool hall were expected. The young man was also at the depot and when he recognized the owner of the pool hall getting off the train he bolted for town. Sheriff Cox and Sheriff Noles gave chase and caught the young man in the Buick garage as he was making a dash through for the alley.

Darling had disposed of several boxes of cigars which were identified as the property of the Seneca pool hall man, and had other articles in his possession for which he will have to answer to charge of theft. Sheriff Noles left that evening with his prisoner for Theadford.

CHANGES IN STORE

George A. Mollring Will Enlarge Capacity of Store and Install Rest Rooms for Customers

George A. Mollring, proprietor of the well known dry goods and ladies' furnishings store, announces that he will start at once remodeling the interior of the store, installing a modern ladies' rest room with all conveniences.

The interior of the store will also be arranged to give more room for the immense stock of goods which is carried. This move has been contemplated for some time and will serve to make the store more popular.

NEW TRAIN COMING

Rumored That Burlington Will Install New Through Train to Run from Omaha to Casper

It is rumored in railroad circles that as soon as the railroad business opens up in the spring a new through train, equipped with Pullman sleepers and observation car, will be installed, to run from Omaha to Casper, via Alliance, Bridgeport and Guernsey, over the new line.

The train will probably leave Omaha about midnight, after the theatres close, arriving in Alliance the next morning and getting into Casper the next evening, shortening the time between Omaha and Casper by several hours. This train will probably be in addition to trains forty-one and forty-three.

SCOTTSBLUFF BEET CROP

Company Pays \$2,148,000 to Farmers—Total Output of Factory for 1915 Is 700,000 Bags

The Scottsbluff Sugar Company of Scottsbluff, Nebr., paid \$2,148,000 to farmers for sugar beets in the year 1915. In addition it paid over \$60,000 to employees. The company handled 246,000 tons of beets at the factory and manufactured 700,000 bags of sugar, each bag weighing 100 pounds. The company furnished 9,784 cars of freight to shipment over railroads. It paid an average of \$5.65 a ton for beets for a crop that averaged twelve tons to the acre. The acreage planted was 32,000 and the total yield was 382,000 tons. Of that amount 118,000 tons were shipped to a factory in Colorado. The company is building a factory at Gering, Nebr., to care for the increasing crop raised by farmers.

The company produced 100,000 tons of pulp which was fed to 3,070 head of cattle and 9,136 head of sheep.

Sanford Stark, financial agent of the company, shipped 1,400 cars of sugar, 500 bags to the car. "We estimate in working beets," said Mr. Stark, "ten acres to a person, though this is rather more than one should work, but occasionally a farmer with a small acreage works with his own help. All this gives employment to 3,800 people during the crop. Thousands of teams are employed during the crop, and this gives work to many men. A good many beet workers are women and children. They make good wages, as they receive \$20 an acre for hand work on a crop and between times they work in harvest fields and at other work, and many of them are getting to be farmers themselves, some renting and some are buying land."

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BOX CAR THIEF CAUGHT

Man Wanted in Lancaster County Caught in Alliance Sunday by Sheriff Cal Cox

W. T. Woodring, who had been going under the name of J. E. Barnes, was arrested in Alliance Sunday by Sheriff Cox of this city, and a deputy sheriff from Lancaster county, and he was taken back to Lincoln to answer to the charge of robbing freight cars in the yards at Lincoln.

The man had been under suspicion at Lincoln and when he left there several days ago, checking some baggage through to Bridgeport, the officers decided to investigate. The deputy sheriff, accompanied by G. G. Phillips, a Burlington special agent, followed him to Bridgeport. Fearing that he was under suspicion, Woodring fled from Bridgeport, coming to Alliance and after examining his baggage and finding articles stolen from the freight cars, the officers wired instructions to Cox and caught the next train for Alliance, where the arrest was made. They left the same evening with their prisoner for Lancaster county.

TO BRING IN SETTLERS

Co-operative Plan to Interest Eastern Farmers in Settling in Western Nebraska

R. W. Lovelace, assistant immigration agent for the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroad company, was here from Omaha, consulting with Alliance business men with regard to a co-operative plan to interest farmers from eastern Nebraska and from some of the eastern states in western Nebraska opportunities.

Mr. Lovelace met with officers of the Commercial Club and with real estate dealers of the city and various plans were suggested to help settle this country. It is very probable that a meeting will be called at an early date to take up the matter in an official way and to arrive at definite plans.

Mr. Lovelace stated that the commercial club of Sheridan, Wyo., has raised a large fund to be used in furthering the interests of their section of the country in this regard and that a meeting has been called to be held soon, at which they will meet with H. B. Howard, of Omaha, immigration agent for the Burlington, to arrange definite plans for using this money.

The railroad company, through its immigration department, will co-operate with the cities of this territory in the matter of funds as well as in other ways in any organized effort that may be made to bring in new settlers and it is believed that from 250 to 300 settlers can be secured for Box Butte county every year.

WEATHER MODERATES

Report of Official Weather Observer Shows Warmer Weather the Last Few Days

The severe cold spell which has been afflicting this section of the country for some time has moderated somewhat the last few days. Today is much warmer, although there was a light fall of snow during the night.

The report of F. W. Hicks, official weather observer, for the past week is as follows:

Friday, January 28—Maximum temperature, 2 degrees above; minimum, 14 degrees below zero.

Saturday, January 29—Maximum, 2 degrees below; minimum, 18 degrees below.

Sunday, January 30—Maximum, 22 degrees above; minimum, 14 degrees below.

Monday, January 31—Maximum, 32 degrees above; minimum, 11 degrees below.

Tuesday, February 1—Maximum, 18 degrees above; minimum, 10 degrees below.

Wednesday, February 2—Maximum, 16 degrees above; minimum, 8 degrees below.

WAS NOT ROBERT WHISTON

Report Circulated Reflecting on Evangelist Who Held Meetings Here Said to Be Erroneous

Members of the Alliance Christian church feel that an injustice has been done them in the circulating of a report that Evangelist Robert Whiston, who conducted a very successful revival meeting here a few years ago, at the time Rev. Woten was pastor of the church, figured as the defendant recently in a sensational divorce case in Hamilton county, Nebraska.

It seems evident that the incorrect report occurred through the fact that dispatches in eastern papers reporting the divorce proceedings used the name Whiston without mentioning the defendant's first name, and while local parties have no first hand information they think it is probable that the Whiston referred to is Burton Whiston, a brother of Robert Whiston, the evangelist who conducted the meetings here.

In recent issues of the Christian Standard, published at Cincinnati, and the Christian Evangelist, published at St. Louis, two of the biggest official publications of the Christian church, repeated reference is

made to Evangelist Robert Whiston and the success he is having in the meetings he has been conducting at various places. In the Christian Standard of January 15, reference is made to meetings at Flint, Mich., at which he was being assisted by Mrs. Whiston. In a more recent issue of one of the papers mention is made that owing to the cancellation of a date in Michigan he will be available for a proposed meeting in an eastern Nebraska city some time during the month of February.

Among the members of the local church are quite a number who are personally acquainted with Evangelist Whiston and his wife and they state that Mrs. Robert Whiston's Christian name is "Ruby," whereas the newspaper reports referring to the divorce proceedings give the first name of Mrs. Whiston, the plaintiff, as "Maude."

Members of the church here feel that there is no justification in the publication of reports which in a way might reflect on the local institution without having accurate information or without having the reports confirmed.

Announcement of Opening of North Platte Project Brings Flood of Mail from over United States

Announcements made last week of the restoration to entry of certain lands reclaimed by the government along the North Platte project has resulted in a flood of mail into the land office in this city from all over the United States. Within two days after the announcement was first made in the Herald last week there were nearly five hundred inquiries received at the land office and the number has since then nearly doubled.

As it is almost impossible to answer each letter individually, Register T. J. O'Keefe has asked the department at Washington for a supply of the official notices originally sent out. As these notices are a little bit vague to the average citizen a circular containing detailed information has been prepared and will be enclosed with the official department notices when sent out.

These notices, which are signed by T. J. O'Keefe, register, and J. C. Morrow, receiver, contain, in part, the following information:

Relating to the lands to be opened to entry through this office on March 24, 1916, the public press has advertised that 14,000 acres are opened to homestead entry. The statement is misleading to those who are not familiar with the status of these lands. An examination of the record shows about 4,000 acres open to entry in the territory involved. The tracts are called "Farm Units" and contain from 40 to 160 acres; most of them contain 80 to 100 acres each. These lands are just north of the Platte river and the Burlington railroad. Approximately 8 to 12 miles northeast from Bayard, Nebraska, in Township 21 N., Range 51, are 12 of these units; in Township 22 N., R. 51, are 2 units, and in Township 21 N., Range 52, is one unit. Six to eight miles northeast of Minatare, Nebraska, in Township 22 N., Range 52, are 10 units; in Township 22 N., Range 53 W., are 16 units, and in Township 23 N., Range 53, are 2 units—43 units in all.

Plats showing the exact location of these units will be furnished for \$1 per township. There are no maps for distribution.

The water right charges are based on the number of irrigable acres in the unit, and run from 30 to 100 acres in the unit. The units of 80 to 100 acres contain 55 to 75 irrigable.

In closing his address, Mr. Propps called attention to the revival of interest in exhibits of dairy and farm products at county fairs, which he highly commended, and the new interest that has been aroused by the exhibits at fairs made up by members of boys' and girls' clubs. He urged farmers to consult the county farm agent regarding dairy matters, as well as to other things relating to agricultural matters, and recommended that steps be taken to hold a county fair the coming season, making exhibits of dairy and farm products a strong feature.

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ADDRESS ON DAIRYING

Dairy Extension Man visits Box Butte County and Gives Instructive and Entertaining Lectures

Very interesting and instructive addresses on the subject of dairying were made at special meetings of the Box Butte County Farmers' Association, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, by Prof. D. H. Propps, a specialist who devotes his entire time to the dairy interests, in the employ of the federal government and co-operating with the State Agricultural College of Nebraska.

F. M. Seidell, county agent of the association, presided at the meetings and introduced the speaker. Twenty-five interested farmers attended the meeting Tuesday, which was held in Hemingford. The meeting Wednesday afternoon was held in the council chamber of the city hall in Alliance. The attendance was not large but the interest was fine, as might be expected for an address that was both instructive and practical.

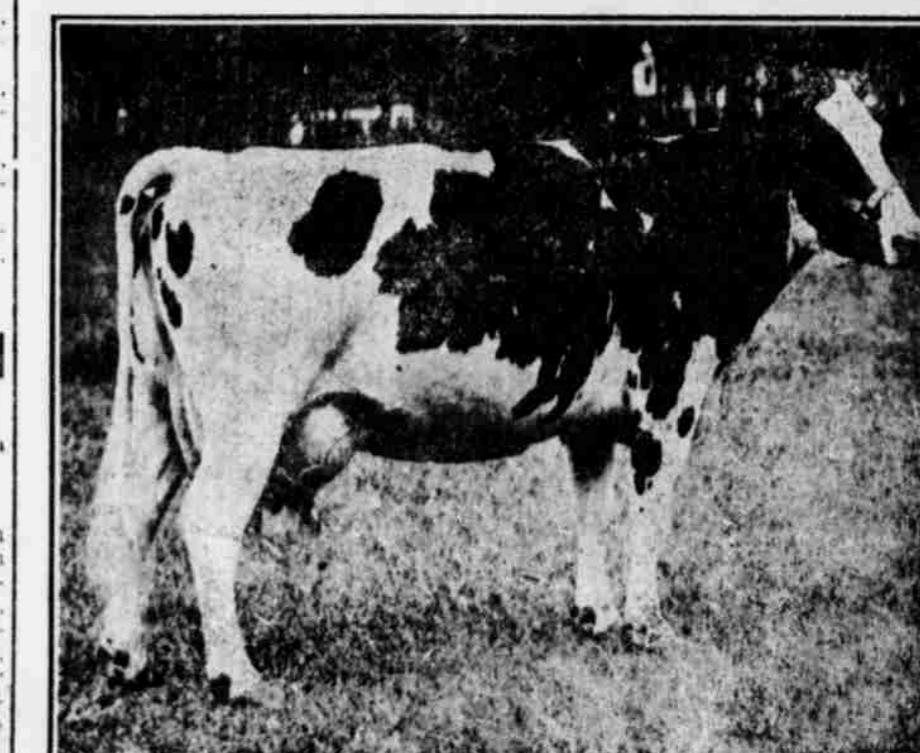
Mr. Propps is a ready speaker and adapts his talks to the audience that he faces. Some times they are made up exclusively of farmers, and again they are composed largely of business men. He is loaded with information on the subject which he discusses. While he does not, in one address, tell all he knows on the subject, he knows all he tells, that is, he is sure of the accuracy of his statements.

He began his lecture in Alliance by referring to the great awakening in Nebraska regarding the matter of dairying the interest now not being confined to the eastern part of the state but being evident in this part, also. At a dairy meeting held in Chadron last Saturday, seventy were present. He emphasized the fact that conditions in eastern and western Nebraska are quite different, but that western Nebraska may be a successful dairy country, if the people want it to be, as well as the eastern part of the state.

Mr. Propps is an enthusiast on the subject of dairying, as might be expected, but is not an extremist. He is rather conservative in his statements, particularly when giving advice to persons who contemplate going into dairying. His address was marked throughout with the practical in the information, suggestions and advice given. His advice to persons who wish to enter the dairy business was to "grow into it," rather than to "go into it," beginning on a small scale and enlarging as they learned. Persons who like dairying can make a great success of it; those who do not like it will never succeed in it. Co-operation is an important element of success.

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This is a picture of the Holstein-Friesian cow, Duchess Skylark Ormsby, the new world's champion butter producer. In a 365-day test she milked 27,761.07 pounds with a butterfat yield in this milk of 1,205.09 pounds, making over \$500 worth of commercial butter. Attention of Herald readers is called to the advertisement in the other section of this issue to the advertisement of the Nebraska Holstein Breeders sale at the Union Stock Yards sale pavilion, South Omaha, on Wednesday, February 23rd. F. M. Seidell, county agent, can give full information regarding this sale of high grade cattle.