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OPPORTUNE TIME TO REMARK

It is a good time to remark, at this juncture, that it isn't always the locomotive that has the loudest whistle that can pull the heaviest loads or make the best speed; it isn't always the man who makes the most noise with his mouth that is the bravest in time of a real crisis or in the face of unavoidable danger.

I. C. S. REPRESENTATIVES

B. F. Crocker and W. N. Whitmore of Denver arrived in Alliance the first of this week on business connected with the International Correspondence Schools. Mr. Crocker is division superintendent from a territory covering western Nebraska and part of two or three other states. Mr. Whitmore has recently been appointed representative for the route including Box Butte and Scotts Bluff counties. These gentlemen represent an institution that has done remarkable work in educating men and women by means of home study courses.

We chance to know something about the practical workings of the I. C. S., and do not hesitate to commend their courses of study and methods of instruction. The student who has the ambition and self mastery to hold himself to the study of the lessons, according to instructions given, which he can do easily by the expenditure of a little energy, cannot fail to be greatly benefited by enrolling for one of their many practical courses.

A COUNTY OF SMALL MAJORITIES

Now that the time is drawing near for the next political campaign in Nebraska, speculation is rife as to what will be the result on various candidates and the issues to be settled by direct vote of the people; and from now on there will be quite a good deal of referring to the results of previous elections as a basis for calculating the outcome of the next. If every county in Nebraska had given as small majorities at the last election as Valley county did on most candidates, there would not have been much of a majority for any one.

At the last election Valley county polled 2,233 votes and probably had more small majorities than any other county in the state having as many votes. Woman's suffrage carried the county by a majority of four, Governor Morehead's plurality was three, Wm. H. Smith received five more votes for state auditor than were given to his republican opponent, one county supervisor was elected by a majority of four and another by a majority of seven. Willis E. Reed for attorney general had a majority of fifteen, and William B. Eastham nineteen for commissioner of public lands and buildings.

The sentiment of those who expressed themselves on the proposed armory graft was more one-sided, the number voting for it being 279 to 1,212 against, a majority of 933 of those voting on the proposition being against it. The voters also showed a strong preference for the democratic nominee for county superintendent over his republican opponent, the majority being 625.

BUCKING MAIL ORDER HOUSES

One of The Herald's exchanges, published in Illinois where local merchants perhaps suffer as much or more from mail order house competition than in western Nebraska, has the following sensible editorial under the above heading:

The parcel post has resulted, as was generally expected, in a large increase of the mail order business. Some merchants bewail this condition, and never cease to complain about the unfairness of the system that provides such easy facilities for this form of trade.

Other merchants, instead of complaining, imitate the mail order methods with great success. They start a campaign for educating the people along the country roads about the advantages they get by buying in near-by centers. They show them how the near-home store simply has to keep only substantial and reliable goods, or it could never hold its trade.

Also they can get goods the day they order them, and if the stuff does not prove as represented, satisfaction is guaranteed. They do not have to go through with the vexatious process of trying to get satisfaction out of some vast impersonal machine of a great mail-order house.

The bulk of the trade that goes to mail-order houses would go to stores near home if people knew what the home store has to sell. The local newspaper is both catalogue and solicitor for the home merchant, and the one means by which he can beat the big mail order concern.

WESTERN MAN FOR STATE OFFICE

A western Nebraska candidate for state office does not stand much show of being elected for the reason that the eastern end of the state is more densely populated and out votes the west. But for all that, the western part of the state is entitled to some recognition in the distribution of the state offices.

It is not our intention, as editor of a stockmen's paper, to dabble much in politics. It would not be wise to do so, and we have no desire for it. However, we hope to be pardoned, if once in a while we say a good word for a worthy candidate in the west half of the state.

Joe W. Leedom, editor of The Gordon Journal, has announced his candidacy for the office of Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, subject to the republican nomination at the April primaries.

We confess to having a friendly feeling for Mr. Leedom, first, perhaps, because he is a newspaper man, but more because we know him to be a man of good character and ability. Altho his location so far west in the state will be against his securing either the nomination or election to a state office, it will not make the support of his friends less hearty.

Mr. Leedom is a native Nebraskan and has resided in this state twenty-six years, but spent a few years in Iowa and South Dakota. He has a high school education, supplemented by study in the State University of Nebraska and Morning Side College at Sioux City, where considerable time was spent in the study of politics, economics and public speaking.

DUTCHMAN ROBBED CLEAN-UP STARTED

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tel in the evening when the drunken man was taken to his room. He said he called at the room the following morning to awaken the man and to collect the room rent and it was then that Malvocht discovered that he had been robbed.

Malvocht came to this country from Germany about three years ago and up to the time he came to the Potash Works several weeks ago he had been working in the mines at Keystone, S. D.

Similar deals involving smaller amounts have been frequently reported to the police of late, and it is believed that the same organized gang is back of it all. Other parties swindled or robbed have been reluctant about the notoriety accompanying an investigation and failed to push or back up any complaints. Considerable information has come to light during the investigation following the Dutchman's robbery, and besides the Atlas Hotel and the "Pea Green" rooming house, several joints may be affected by subsequent official action.

WARMER WEATHER NOW

Report of Official Weather Observer for Past Week Shows Weather Has Not Been Below Zero

The report of F. W. Hicks, U. S. weather observer, for the past week, looks better than for the week previous. The report is as follows: Feb. 3—maximum 30; minimum 0. Feb. 4—maximum 17; minimum 0. Feb. 5—maximum 33; minimum 0. Feb. 6—maximum 35; minimum 12. Feb. 7—maximum 41; minimum 6. Feb. 8—maximum 44; minimum 21. Feb. 9—maximum 48; minimum 18. The chinook winds have taken off much of the snow on the prairies and some of the farmers are already planning to soon start plowing for spring crops.

Meeting of Farmers' Club
The February meeting of the Box Butte County Farmers' Club is to be held Tuesday, February 15, at the home of Glen Russell. An invitation to the public is extended and all who are interested in this work are urged to attend. The meetings of this club are productive of much good.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of the estate of Machias Posvar, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of March, 1916, at the County Court room in the city of Alliance, said County, at the hour of 9 o'clock, A. M., of said day, the following matter will be heard and considered, to-wit: the petition of Charles Posvar filed February 5th, 1916, setting forth that Machias Posvar departed this life October 9th, 1895, in the County of Box Butte, state of Nebraska, being at the time of his death a resident of said county of Box Butte, seized of the following described real estate, to-wit: The Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Eight (8), Township Twenty-seven (27), North Range Fifty-two (52), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Box Butte County, State of Nebraska, in which petitioner has an undivided one-fifth interest, with prayer for the determination of the time of the death of the decedent, of the heirs of the said decedent, and the degree of kinship and right of descent of the real property belonging to the said decedent.

Dated February 5th, 1916.
L. A. BERRY, County Judge.
(SEAL)
10-4t-682-6439

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Dated February 5th, 1916.
L. A. BERRY, County Judge.
(SEAL)
10-4t-681-6889



Mrs. C. H. Tully presided at a 1 o'clock luncheon this afternoon and had as her guests many of her intimate friends. The hours following the repast were spent at bridge.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week the Woman's Club enjoyed a session at the Imperial, and about seventy-five ladies, including the members and invited guests, enjoyed the pictures of famous artists, each picture being described by Mrs. Rowan.

Mrs. L. H. Highland entertained at dinner Sunday noon, in honor of Mrs. Nieman's birthday anniversary, and Mr. Highland's, approaching birthday. A three-course dinner was served, and the friends enjoyed the time spent in celebrating with the honored ones.

The woman's guild met at the parish house yesterday afternoon in regular session, and the hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Frankie and Mrs. Cogswell. A pleasant time was had. About sixty-one are reported as being in attendance, and the ladies are very much pleased with the success of the guild and its undertakings.

The Virgil class of the high school and the A. P. S. girls called on Mrs. James Walker, formerly Miss Gabus, their teacher, last Tuesday evening, and the hours were enjoyed. The self-invited visitors furnished the "goodies" and all were delighted to have the opportunity for a social chat with their much beloved ex-instructor.

The G. I. A.'s are to be the hosts of the B. L. E. this evening at 6 o'clock, presiding at their annual dinner which is to be served in the Odd Fellows hall. The program will include music and speeches, and a general social time is expected. Contributions have been laid for a large company, and no doubt the time will be one long to be remembered.

The Auxillary of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. W. C. Mounst yesterday afternoon, and the hostess for the evening was Mrs. Fee. There were forty-two in attendance, and the time was pleasantly spent. The lunch served was suggestive of Valentine Day, the napkins being decorated with red hearts, and the lunch was prepared in boxes which were tastefully ornamented with hearts.

Miss Teresa Vandervoort agreeably entertained the ladies of the Methodist Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Mark yesterday, when she gave a reading, "Priscilla's Wedding," to the delight of her listeners. By calling Miss Gifford at the School of Music, clubs or societies will be able to obtain pupils under her instruction who will gladly respond for programs.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church were entertained at the home of Mrs. L. E. Mark yesterday afternoon. Those who assisted Mrs. Mark with the serving were Mrs. C. O. Davenport, Mrs. J. C. McCorkle and Mrs. Fred Mollring. Included in the pleasant program for the afternoon was the contribution of a dollar by each member of the society, and the telling of each member in original rhyme how she earned the money.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. E. C. Dyer entertained a company of twenty-five young people in honor of her son, Chester, and the hours were spent pleasantly with games and a jolly good time. The Misses Alta Dye, Thelma Wealy, Edith Jacks, Mable Hawkins, Laura Weaver, Besie Younk, Chloe Richards, Chloe Miller, Bertie Kidd, Rose Summers, Pauline Kidd, Vera Dunn, and Messrs. Ray Butler, Floyd Lotspeich, Hesty Campbell, Fred Hanna, Arthur Whetstone, Bryant Salzburg, John Moscrip, John Fleming, George Moscrip, Chester Dyer, Arthur Wright, Max Moscrip and Carl Moscrip were the invited guests. Mrs. Dyer served a plentiful and delicious lunch to the young folks and time went by all too rapidly.

Girl Drowned in Dismal River
Thedford, Nebr., Feb. 9—Anna Hora was drowned in the Dismal river Sunday afternoon. Her body has not been found. The Hora family live on a homestead eighteen miles southeast of Thedford.

Anna left home on horse-back at noon Sunday to go to her school two miles down and across the river. No notice was taken of her non-appearance until Monday when inquiries at the home excited the gravest fear. Following tracks searchers found the broken ice and the end of the trail. Yesterday searchers found the horse where he had drifted, a hundred yards under the ice. Neighbors joined in the search and a large party went out from Thedford last night but all efforts to locate the body have been futile.

BOUGHT SITE FOR NEW RESERVOIR

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necessary furniture for the new council chamber.

Will Plant Trees in Cemetery

Councilman Rowan, chairman of the cemetery committee, stated that J. P. Barger, the nurseryman, would furnish six to eight foot elm trees for sixty-five cents each and eight to ten foot for one dollar. Mr. Barger would also furnish Golden Willows from six to eight feet for sixty cents, and from eight to ten feet for eighty-five cents. These prices include dynamiting the ground, setting the trees, and a guarantee of one year. The committee was instructed to purchase trees as needed, to have them planted and do such other work as needed at the cemetery.

A new up-to-date city map was ordered, the size of the map to be four feet square, scale of two hundred feet to the inch, and to cost \$100.

Complaint was made that railroad men have lost their positions through reports made by members of the city police force. Chief of Police Jeffers stated that he had not made such reports. Mayor Romig stated that the railroad has its own special officer located here for that purpose.

W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Commercial Club, was present and asked the city to assist in the erection of the new "Welcome" sign by helping erect the two poles for the sign, furnishing the electric globes for the main sign and furnishing the current. The council voted to do this.

Will Pave Alley

A petition was presented signed by property owners asking that the alley between Box Butte and Laramie and Third and Fourth street be paved. The council voted that an ordinance be drawn creating the paving district and that bids be advertised for paving.

A petition was presented asking for the gutting of Box Butte avenue but was not acted upon on account of lack of sufficient signers. Curb petitions are being prepared for Third street, Seventh street and Box Butte avenue.

City Election Coming

The annual city election will take place April 4. Polling places were designated the same as last year: First ward in the Central school building; Second ward in the city hall; Third ward in the McCorkle building; Fourth ward in the Episcopal parish house.

BAND CONCERT SUNDAY

Next Sunday afternoon the second of a series of free band concerts planned for this winter will be given by the Alliance Band under the direction of John Havlik.

The boys have shown marked improvement the past several months, and the object of these concerts is to show the people of Alliance and vicinity that we have a real band, one that is worthy of support, and to try to increase the interest of the Alliance people in their band.

This concert will be given in the Imperial Theatre at 2:30 o'clock. The program follows:

- "Sousa's Triumphant," March
- Fred P. Hralow
- "High Jinks," Selection
- Rudolf Friml
- "A Night in June," Serenade
- K. L. King
- "Our Glorious Nation," March
- H. C. Miller
- INTERMISSION
- "Major Katonasz," Hungarian
- Soldiary
- James M. Fulton
- Selection from "Maritana"
- Wm. V. Wallace
- "La Belle Roumaine," Waltz
- J. Ivanovic
- "Panama-Pacific," March
- Harry L. Alford

ROMIG AT KEARNEY

Alliance Mayor Attending Annual Convention of Municipal Officers in the Nebraska City



E. E. Romig, mayor of Alliance, is attending the annual convention of Nebraska municipal officers, being held in Kearney this week. Nearly three hundred were present at the banquet Tuesday night. N. P. McDonald acted as toastmaster for the evening.

A. C. Killian, president of the club, responded to the toast, "Lest We Forget." This was followed by an address by J. J. Klein, a farmer residing north of the city, who spoke on "Good Roads." R. I. Elliott, of the Kearney normal faculty, spoke on the educational advantages of Kearney. S. R. McKelvie of Lincoln spoke on "Community Interests."

Archdeacon George G. Ware of St. Luke's Episcopal church, formerly dean of St. Matthews at Alliance, spoke on "Preparedness." Matthew J. Long of Plattsmouth was the last speaker. His subject was "Men and Women of the West."

CITY OFFICERS' REPORT

Reports of City Departments and Officers for Month of January—Excellent Showings Made

The reports of the city departments and officers for the month of January, as rendered to the city council Tuesday evening, are as follows:

The report of T. D. Roberts, police magistrate, shows fines collected amounting to \$16; judge's fees amounting to \$11.60 and marshal's fees amounting to \$8.40, a total of \$36.

The report of the city treasurer shows receipts amounting to \$364.29 in the general fund and expenditures of \$3284.99, leaving a balance in the general fund of \$179.30, with registered warrants unpaid amounting to \$12,613.63. Receipts in the water fund were \$2097.79 with disbursements of \$484.40 with a balance on hand of \$1995.88. The receipts in the light fund were \$2560.44, with disbursements of \$1513.84, and a balance on hand of \$5632.74, not including \$5814.65 invested in general warrants not included. There is a balance in the cemetery fund of \$238.69.

The report of the electric light department shows gross earnings for the month ending January 15 of \$3213.21; discount allowed, \$232.80; operating expenses, \$1192.91, with net earnings of \$1787.50, with no construction expenses. For the same month last year, when the rates were one-third higher for light and power, the gross earnings were \$3625.31, with discounts allowed of \$238.99; with operating expenses of \$1318.16 and net earnings of \$1688.87 and construction expenses of \$379.29. There are now 610 consumers of light an dpower, an increase of five over last month.

The water department shows receipts amounting to \$203.78 with uncollected balances of \$562.01 and 687 consumers.

Carload of Overlands

George F. Snyder, local agent for the Overland automobile, unloaded a car of these machines Saturday and placed them in his garage opposite the city hall. In the shipment were three four-cylinder and one six-cylinder machines.

METHODIST CHURCH

At the morning service Sunday will be held a national song service in the interests of the freedmen. No collection will be taken, but the pastor will say something that all will wish to hear.

A lecture on "Abe Lincoln" will be given Sunday evening, and the recalling of the great life of so grand a character will be interesting for every listener.

Death of Mrs. D. A. Garrison
Word has been received in Alliance of the recent death of Mrs. D. A. Garrison, a former Alliance woman, at Rawlins, Wyo., where she lived with her husband, who was in business there.

Mr. Garrison will be remembered as being in the employ of the W. D. Zediker Plumbing Shop and the city light and water department, during their stay here.

Death resulted from a severe throat trouble. The remains were taken to the former home at Lincoln for burial.

Study Club Organized

The "Study Club" organized last week at a meeting at the home of Floyd Donovan will hold its second meeting tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Drake. The club is composed of the present time of about fifteen young people, most of whom are members of the Epworth League of the First Methodist church, who are taking up for their first work this year the study of "The Greatest Common Destroyer," a book in lesson form treating on the liquor question. This book contains a series of eight lessons, and when the study of it is completed the members expect to take up another study.

FIVE IN SHERIFF RACE

A. A. Ralls, Former Manager of Forest Lumber Co., Files for Democratic Nomination

Two more candidates for sheriff have made their appearance in the ring. They are Ed Mabin, of Hemingford, whose filing for the Republican nomination is mentioned elsewhere in this paper, and Arthur A. Ralls, who filed Tuesday for the Democratic nomination. Mr. Ralls is a long time resident of Box Butte and former manager for the Forest Lumber Company in this city.

There are now two democrats, Cal Cox and A. A. Ralls, and three republicans, W. O. Barnes, W. L. Griffith and Ed Mabin.

These arms straighten out and your lenses loosen

This is a common fault of most rimless glasses. And it is positively harmful to the eyesight besides being annoying and dangerous. That trouble absolutely cannot happen with the new KeeLock. Lenses are cemented in solidly without pressure and they never loosen. You can hardly appreciate the handsome appearance of KeeLock mountings unless you see them. We will demonstrate if you will call.

Drake & Drake
Optometrists

Willard

Keeping in Condition

A half-starved man can't work on an ice wagon. And a weak battery can't give good lighting and starting service. We're here to make weak batteries strong.

ALLIANCE ELECTRIC WORKS

Free inspection of any battery at any time