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INSTANTLY KILLED BY THE LIMITED TRAIN

Robert Lilly, a Settler Living Natick, Struck by Forty-One Monday Morning

Robert Lilly, aged about twenty-nine years, a homesteader living near Natick, in Thomas county, of which Theford is the county seat, was instantly killed at one o'clock Monday morning when struck by limited passenger train number forty-one at a point four miles east of Natick.

Engineer George Milliken, who was running the train, did not see Lilly, who was lying on the track, until the engine was within a few hundred feet. He instantly blew the whistle and Lilly rose to a sitting position and turned around to face the train. He appeared too dazed to move and sat there until struck by the engine, which threw him to one side of the track. Milliken had applied the brakes and stopped the train. Lilly was found near the rear end of the train but was dead when picked up. His head had been crushed.

No explanation has been offered for Lilly's presence on the railroad track and no blame is attached to the engineer or the railroad company for the accident. Lilly has a brother at Natick and had with him when killed a small valve. He may have been on his way to see his brother and laid down in the dangerous position to rest and fallen asleep.

The body was placed in the baggage car of the train and taken to Theford, the county seat, where it was turned over to the county officials. Rumor has it that the sheriff of Thomas county had been looking for Lilly in order to serve papers on him.

Death of John M. Lynch

John M. Lynch, formerly publisher of the Bridgeport News-Blade, who sold out some time ago to Bruce Wilcox of Alliance, the present publisher, died on the morning of July 4th at his home in Bridgeport. Death was caused by heart failure. Mr. Lynch came to Bridgeport eight years ago and consolidated the two newspapers, the News and the Blade, publishing the paper until he sold out to Mr. Wilcox. He was buried on the afternoon of July 6. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Safford Likes The Herald Henry Safford of Scottsbluff, in remitting on his subscription to The Herald, writes: "I enclose remittance on my subscription. I enjoy reading the paper each week."

MAKE PUMPING RECORD

City Water Department Pumped 675,000 Gallons of Water on Thursday, July 6

The city water department, on Thursday, July 6, broke the pumping record by pumping 675,000 gallons of water. The previous record was 580,000 gallons. The Burlington railroad helped out one day when there was a serious shortage.

The new storage reservoir, which will hold 500,000 gallons and more, will be completed about August 1. This, with the addition of the new high-pressure pump, will give the city equipment second to none and an ample supply of water for all times.

1423 SCHOOL CHILDREN

School Census, Just Finished by Prof. G. M. Burns, Shows Gradual Increase in Population

The Alliance public school census for the year 1916, just finished by Prof. G. M. Burns, who has done this work for several years, shows 721 boys and 702 girls of school age in the city, a total of 1,423.

The census for the past three years has been as follows: 1913, 626 boys, 608 girls, total, 1,234; 1914, 708 boys, 694 girls, total, 1,402; 1915, 735 boys, 698 girls, total, 1,433; 1916, 721 boys, 702 girls, total, 1,423.

and family. Mrs. Baker has the honor of catching the largest fish, a 3 1/2 pound pike. The boys claim that Roy Strong ate the most fish, while we know from personal knowledge that Jack Hawes has had the biggest fish story. The Herald reporter happened to be standing near when Jack told of the number caught each day - it added up into the thousands before Jack got through.

Caught Hundreds of Fish Several members of Post M. T. P. A., with their families, spent part of last week at Henry, Nebr., fishing and camping out. Among those who were there were R. M. Baker and family, George Heilman and wife, R. C. Strong and family and Jack Hawes

Cooked First Meal in Alliance

G. P. Whaley, of Colorado Springs, arrived Sunday for a visit of two weeks with his brother J. E. Whaley. Mr. Whaley cooked and served the first meal in Alliance, when the town of Grand Lake was started where the fair grounds now stand. He left Alliance eighteen years ago. Mr. Whaley was much surprised at the big change in the town in recent years.

OPENS NEW HOMESTEADS

1,191,131 Acres of Land in Montana Opened to Homestead Entry Under Government Laws

Upon the recommendation of Secretary Lane the President has restored to entry 1,892,468 acres of land in northern and northeastern Montana heretofore included in coal withdrawal. A large part of this area has been entered under the homestead and other nonmineral land laws, but whatever such entries have been patented since the withdrawals in 1910, reservation has been made to the United States of all underlying coal. All of this area has recently been classified by the Geological Survey and nonmineral entryman on lands classified as noncoal land will now receive full or unlimited patent. Areas classified as coal land are opened to absolute sale and entry under the coal land laws. Surface or agricultural rights may be acquired as heretofore on these lands, under the homestead, or desert land laws or the Carey Act, the ownership of the coal in such cases remaining in the Government.

The Carey Act provides for the segregation of public lands to a state for a period of ten years, (which may be extended to not exceeding fifteen years) of desert lands therein, upon the presentation of a feasible plan for the reclamation through irrigation of the land. Upon submission of due and satisfactory proof of reclamation of any such segregated land, patent therefor is granted to the state, which in turn allows entry by qualified individual entrymen of tracts not exceeding 160 acres, and upon proof of settlement and of cultivation of at least one-eighth of the area entered, patents or deeds the land to entrymen.

Nearly two-thirds of the area of the present restoration, 1,191,131 acres, lies in northeastern Montana in Sheridan and Valley counties north of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. Of this area 649,350 acres have been classified as coal land and the remainder as noncoal. The coal is lignitic in character and the land is therefore classified at the minimum price of \$20 per acre where within 15 miles of an operating railroad, and \$10 per acre where outside of that limit. Several small lignite mines have been opened in this region to supply local demands, but no extensive development has been undertaken. The lignite of northeastern Montana, although a poor fuel in comparison with subbituminous and higher grade coal, constitutes an important fuel source and will in time become of great value.

Another large area included in the present restoration lies along the international boundary line north and east of the Milk River field. Only 3,239 acres of the 682,407 acres in this field were classified as coal land. The coal beds are for the most part thin and the coal is of subbituminous grade. A few local mines have been opened and have proved an important source of fuel for homesteaders in the region, but on account of the limited amount of coal the area will never be important as a coal field.

The restoration of this large area is another step in the policy of canceling withdrawals as rapidly as the lands can be examined and classified by the Survey. Upon the recommendation of Secretaries Lane and Houston, the President has signed a proclamation excluding about 21,300 acres from the Teton National Forest, Wyoming. The public lands therein will be subject to settlement under the homestead laws in advance of entry at 9 o'clock a. m., September 1, until and including September 28, 1916, and thereafter to disposition under any public land law applicable thereto. The excluded lands are in northwestern Wyoming in Lincoln county and are situated on both sides of Snake River in the region known as "Jackson Hole." For detailed information communications should be addressed to the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Evanston, Wyoming.

A MARRYING JUDGE

County Judge L. A. Berry Completed His 722nd Couple on Monday Morning

County Judge L. A. Berry of Alliance has justly earned the title of "the marrying judge" when he tied up his 722nd couple on Monday morning, with Col. Willard M. Evans and The Herald reporter witness. Col. Evans, who would like to be called Willard Evans Hughes if it were possible, on account of his intense liking for the Republican presidential candidate, felt quite flattered by the honor and took with him the box which held the bride's wedding ring, as a memento of the occasion.

The couple who were married were Albert H. Switzer, aged 43, of Igbo, Wyoming, a traveling coal salesman, and Mrs. Ella McDonald, aged 35, of Butte, Montana. This was Mr. Switzer's third marriage and Mrs. McDonald's second. Both seemed of the opinion that it would be their last.

On Saturday, July 8th, Judge Berry performed the marriage ceremony for Lege Houchins, aged 35, of Alliance, who is a cook, and Miss Mamie Pellese, aged 25, of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Both were colored and this was the second time for Houchins. On Monday, July 3rd, the judge married Chas. B. Coin, aged 46, a

STRIPED SKIRTS ARE POPULAR THIS SUMMER



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painter of Denver, Colorado, to Cora E. Clark, aged 39, of Cheyenne, Wyoming. He was a widower and she was a widow.

Caught Some Fine Fish A. G. Isaacson and John Wilker made a trip the other night out to the dam west of town, and report that they secured a fine bunch of fish. They are planning on another one soon. Their friends claim that they hold the record for catching fish in the lake.

Omaha Man Drowns at Crawford Crawford, Neb., July 8.—D. Mikelson of Omaha was drowned in the government lake yesterday afternoon. He and his family had been fishing. He was on a raft, which capsized. His wife and two children were on the shore. His body was recovered after three hours.

"Uncle" Jack Fuller, aged 72, a notorious character, living in Crawford many years, was found dead in the grandstand in the City park this afternoon. He had been sleeping in

the park the last two weeks. Death is believed to have been from old age.

Hicks and Wife Back from Colorado F. W. Hicks and wife, with the baby, returned Sunday noon from Denver. Mr. Hicks had been gone five weeks, attending the railroad men's convention there. Mrs. Hicks joined him a week ago and at the close of the convention they made a short trip to Colorado Springs.

Death of Wortham Baby Tuesday evening, Cecil, son of C. R. Witham, died. Malnutrition is given as the cause of its death. Rev. H. J. Young conducted a short funeral service at the home Wednesday afternoon and the remains were taken to Aurora, Neb., on 42, Wednesday night. Rev. Young accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Witham to Aurora and then continued his journey to Lincoln.

Wednesday noon, Mrs. Katie Peck-enough arrived from Denver to spend a few weeks with Mrs. H. E. Gantz and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell.

Attending Baltimore Convention Baltimore, Md., July 8.—More than 1,000 Elks and their families have arrived here to attend the convention of the Grand lodge of the order, which will begin next Monday and last until the following Saturday. Hotel reservations have been made for nearly 10,000. The two candidates for grand exalted ruler, Lloyd H. Maxwell of Chicago and Edward O. Richter of New Orleans, have established headquarters and one of the liveliest contests ever waged for the chief office is in prospect.

The delegate from Alliance lodge is Ben J. Sallows, editor of The Alliance Times, who left a week ago for the east.

Railroad Delegates Back Bacon and Hicks, Delegates, and Wilburn, Visitor, Returned From Denver Convention

Three Alliance men returned Sunday from attending the annual convention of the B. L. F. & E., held for thirty-three days in Denver, which closed Friday morning. The meeting was an eventful one from start to finish.

Among the things accomplished at the convention were the changing of headquarters from Peoria, Illinois, to Cleveland, Ohio; the change of the official magazine from monthly to semi-monthly; and other business of importance. The next convention will be held at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1917. J. A. Bacon and F. W. Hicks were the Alliance delegates and were accompanied by S. Z. Wilburn as a visitor.

Dundas Visits Old Friends Verde W. Dundas, who was a former Alliance boy employed by the local telephone company, and who went to California four years ago, is visiting with friends here this week. He is now located at Riverside, Calif., engaged in the electrical branch of the automobile business, and is doing well. After a visit during the week here he will go east for a visit with friends.

Property owners in Alliance who have trees with low limbs must cut them off or have it done for them by the city. Reports have come to the city officials lately of a number of instances in which people have narrowly escaped injury by running into the low limbs of trees which overhang the sidewalks. The city council has directed that these be fixed.

KISSED TOWN FAREWELL

H. H. Jenkins, Magazine Solicitor, Leaves Town for Good After Spending Week in Jail

"Panhandle Pete," better known as H. H. Jenkins, the magazine solicitor, who in his desire for funds to obtain strong drink "panhandle" everyone in town with whom he came in contact, on Monday morning was released from the county jail and left on the night train for parts unknown, after relatives had paid the claims against him.

Jenkins came to town a number of months ago and leased the famous "Pea Green" rooming house and turned it into a boarding house, after remodeling it and repainting it another color. Mrs. Jenkins handled the work and everything went along fine, but sudden prosperity was too much for Jenkins, who kept the bartenders of the burg busy jodeling out the red eye to him, with the result that his train flew the track. While drunk one night he beat up his wife shamefully, charging that she was untrue to him. Mrs. Jenkins was unable to withstand the abuse and left him. She has since sued him for divorce. The trial will come up on July 18th.

Jenkins is an expert and experienced magazine solicitor but he was not faithful to his trust, as is shown by the following letter which was sent to the Alliance police on April 21st by the manager of the circulation department of the Nebraska Farm Journal of Omaha: "I feel obliged to call on your service on the behalf of your citizens as well as myself in order that we may all be protected against one H. H. Jenkins, who makes his headquarters at the hotel in your city, who has been employed by the Nebraska Farm Journal for the past month taking subscriptions for our papers. However, we are sorry to say that he is anything but honest and I am enclosing a letter as evidence that he has misrepresented our position to this party. Mr. Jenkins is indebted to this company to the extent of \$15. By all means take his letter of authority from him and his press card, receipt books, etc., so that there will be no chance of his causing any further trouble."

Attached to the letter from the Nebraska Farm Journal was a letter from a citizen of Bingham who had paid Jenkins \$1.98 for the magazines, 50c extra for a set of crockery and in addition had loaned him \$10.00 to be paid back "in three weeks."

A number of Alliance people are out from fifty cents to several dollars each, loaned Jenkins in response to his ready tongue. However, he fell afoul of the law when he attempted to beat a board bill at a local cafe and was placed in jail one day last week.

Jenkins kept the sheriff busy during his stay in the jail with requests for ice water, ice cream, cigars and other luxuries. He insisted that the county jail was no place for a "gentleman" and endeavored to talk his way out, without success.

Monday morning the board bill and costs of the arrest were settled by relatives and Jenkins was released, on the condition that he kiss the town goodbye, which he proceeded to do Monday night. If he turns up in Alliance again he will be given his just deserts.

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Ten Commandments for Your Home Town

By Rev. Fred Eastman, in the American City

- I. Thou shalt love thy home town above all other towns. Thou shalt speak no evil of her; thou shalt be loyal to her people, worthy of the great men and women of her past, confident in her present, and full of hope for her future. II. Thou shalt guard thy home town from the hosts of evil that would invade her and destroy her soul. The saloon, the gambling den, and the house of iniquity shall thy crush under thy heel, for they are enemies of both God and man. Thou shalt keep the good name of the home town clean and without stain or blemish. III. Thou shalt elect as thy public servants in political office men of strong character, without fear or favor of the boss or the ring, eager to conserve the best interests of thy people. And when thou hast elected such men, thou shalt stand by them and support them and encourage them; for their temptations are many and their burdens are not light. IV. Thou shalt exalt thy public school and honor it all the days of thy life with the best teachers, building and equipment, for the school is the cradle of democracy. Thy children are hers, and they shall be the citizens of tomorrow. No training is too good for them and no preparation superfluous. V. Thou shalt defend the health of thy home town from the death that lurks in marshes, swamps, and heaps of filth. Thou shalt exterminate the fly and likewise the mosquito. The tubercle-bacillus shall thou drive before thee with the sun and fresh air as thy allies. VI. Thou shalt build good roads and keep them good, for by her roads is a village known for good or ill. Thou shalt not be content with sand in thy cup holes, but only with oil and stone and tar. Eternal watchfulness shall be thy motto, that thy roads may not ravel nor thy supervisor forget thee. VII. Thou shalt keep thy home town beautiful. The hills, the trees, the waters, that nature has given her thou shalt preserve in sacred trust. No hotel of a man shall thou permit to disfigure them. Thou shalt keep thy homes and thy door yards clean and cheerful. Thou shalt burn the caterpillar in his nest. Thy waters shall thou purify, that they may bring thee life and strength. The future of thy town shall thou plan with care and diligence, that thy growth be not haphazard, but full of thought and loving care, as the plans of a mother for the growth of her child. VIII. Thou shalt go to church. Thou shalt not consider thyself too wise nor too busy nor too good to spend an hour or two on Sunday with thy neighbors in the worship of God. Thou shalt not send thy children to church, thou shalt bring them there. Thou shalt offer thyself to the minister and the officers of the church for the service of God and thy community. IX. Thou shalt honor thy home town with a Neighborhood House. Thou shalt meet thy neighbors there on equal footing. Thou shalt work with them there for the common welfare. Thou shalt play with them there with all thy heart and strength and mind. Thou shalt know thy fellows better and thy friendships shall multiply. X. Thou shalt not take unto thyself any graven image of a community secretary. When thou findest the man thou desirest, thou shalt obey him. Thou shalt do as thou art bidden. Thou shalt serve on committees where thou art put and not intrude on committees where thou art not put. Thou shalt encourage thy secretary with thy service, thy loyalty, and thy friendship. So shall ye win many battles together.

EVANGELIST WILLIAMS

DRAWING GOOD CROWDS

Interesting Series of Revival Meetings Being Held at Methodist Church

The revival meetings at the Methodist church are progressing splendidly, good congregations attending each of the services. The evangelist, Rev. Stephen B. Williams, of Lincoln, preaches the old theology that characterized the revival movements of an earlier day, and is indicative of success here in Alliance. He says that sin is sin, and the blood of Christ is the only remedy; that a man must repent, and change his way of living, in order to be a Christian.

On Sunday there were three services, one in the afternoon for women, when the preacher spoke of the power of influence, and emphasizing the fact that parents should live Godly, Christian lives in order to lead their children in the right way. The older people held a brief prayer service on the parsonage lawn preceding the regular meeting, marching in a body to the church, while the Epworth League held a meeting on the lawn at the Thomas home, where the evangelist is staying, and where he will be glad to have those call who may care to see him personally.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Williams held a brief street service, being impressed with the large number of people on the streets who do not come to the services, and for about fifteen minutes had a respectful hearing. He plans to have several such services during the meeting, and a number of the young people of the church have agreed to take part. The services continue each day at three o'clock in the afternoon, and at eight at night. Cottage prayer services are held at nine in the morning, and a preliminary prayer service in the church at 7:45 each evening. The general public is invited to these services, and all will be made welcome.

On next Sunday morning Mr. Williams will give his address, bearing on his experience as a converted Catholic. This has been given in various parts of the country as a popular lecture, and has elicited many words of commendation from ministers and others. This address is not abusive of the Catholic religion, but the speaker tells in plain language of the failure of that religion to satisfy the cravings of his own spiritual nature, and tells of the incidents, step by step which led up to his conversion, and his acceptance of the Protestant faith.

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