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MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD FROM ALASKA

Valuable Cargo May Be Routed Through Alliance on Way to Denver—Change Guards

While it is not generally known, it is nevertheless a fact, that during the past two or three years literally millions of dollars worth of gold bullion has passed through the city of Alliance in guarded express cars over the C. B. & Q. While the inhabitants slept the trains have pulled in, made the necessary stop, changed guards and sped on the way to deliver the gold to the United States mint at Denver. In practically every instance, it is said, the shipments through Alliance have been made at night. The greatest secrecy is maintained regarding the shipments, and but few know anything about it until afterwards. The guards, which are changed here, do not know they are to make the trip until about thirty minutes before leaving time. P. D. Roberts of Alliance has made a number of trips to Denver and the mint as a guard.

Out of Alaska in Five Weeks

In about five weeks now it is estimated there will be a shipment of gold leaving Seward, Alaska, for Seattle. Whether this gold is for the United States mint at Denver, whether it is for one of the other governments, or whether it is for the government at all is not known. But should the shipment be for the mint at Denver and should it follow the same course of travel as have the other shipments during the past two or three years it will be taken to Seattle from Seward, placed in closely-guarded express car and shipped to Billings, Mont., over the Great Northern, where it will be transferred to the C. B. & Q., the guards changed and the journey continued to Alliance where another change will be made in the guards and the shipment sent on its way to Denver.

Is Closely Guarded

The guards are compelled to remain with the gold until it reaches the mint at Denver. If the gold reaches Denver at night the express car is switched to the mint and the guard given a receipt there, otherwise the guard turns the gold over to the express company at Denver and obtains his receipt from the company.

According to advices received here Robert Griffiths and C. Haly, express messengers, passed through Seward, Alaska, on November 28 on their way to interior camps to bring out gold shipments. They expect to return to Seward on their way to Seattle in five weeks with at least \$1,000,000 in gold dust.

Many operators in the Iditarod and Inoke districts recently completed their season's work and reported at Seward last week with gold shipments that they are taking to Seattle.

JOBS ARE OPEN FOR MALE STENOGRAPHERS

Positions Pay \$75 a Month and Better—Take Examinations in Alliance to Qualify

Men stenographers and typewriters are needed in the civil service department of the United States government. There is a great need for male stenographers, in fact for some time the government has been unable to supply the demand. The usual entrance salary for positions of this nature are \$900 a year, a few appointments are made at \$1,000 a year, and extremely few at higher salaries. Promotion is reasonably rapid for those whose services prove satisfactory. If there are men in Alliance or western Nebraska who are stenographers and typewriters and who are looking for a job that pays \$75 a month to start, here is an opportunity. Examinations for these positions will be held in Alliance on January 9, 1917, under the direction of F. W. Hicks, secretary of the local civil service board. There is such an urgent need that it is probable successful applicants will be at work in the departmental service at Washington, D. C., in a short time.

Other Jobs Open

There are some other good jobs open that could be filled successfully by men of western Nebraska. A chemist's aid is needed. The pay is from \$720 to \$1,200 a year. A dental interne (male) is wanted. The pay is \$600 a year with maintenance in Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C. A chemist (male) is to be hired at a salary of \$1,200 a year. Physicians (male) for positions in the Indian and Panama Canal services are needed. The Indian service jobs pay \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year and the Panama jobs \$1,800 a year. A statistical agent (male) is wanted for the Bureau of Fisheries at \$1,400 a year. There is an opening for a teacher of agriculture (male) in the Flandreau Indian school in South Dakota. Job pays \$900 a year. Examinations for all of these positions will be held in Alliance on Wednesday, Dec. 13. On December 13 and 14, examinations will be held for a laboratory apprentice (male) at salary of \$480 to \$540 a year for work in Bureau of Standards. On December 19 examinations will be held for dairyman (male) in the Indian service at the Omaha, Wis.

RIDGELL AGAIN NAMED FIRE COMMISSIONER

H. F. Requarte Re-appointed Chief Deputy—Neville Announces Five Appointments

Volunteer firemen all over the state of Nebraska unite in extending hearty congratulations to W. S. Ridgell over this reappointment as state fire commissioner. Governor-elect Keith Neville has given the plum tree a little agitation with the result that Judge Ridgell is re-appointed, as is Chief Deputy Fire Commissioner H. F. Requarte. It has been rumored for some time that Judge Ridgell, former Alliance citizen, would again be named, and now it is an actuality. Judge Ridgell is very popular with the volunteer firemen's associations over the state and has proved himself an earnest and efficient official. He is an official who works. Mr. Ridgell still maintains his membership in the Alliance volunteer fire department.

New Game Warden

George Koster of Niobrara has been appointed chief game warden to succeed Gust Rutenbeck, present incumbent. Game Warden Rutenbeck has known for some time that he was to be supplanted by a new man. "I have had the place four years," says the game warden, "and that is long enough. I believe in passing these things around a little." Mr. Koster, the new appointee, is a well known hunter and trapper on the Niobrara, and is at present running a hotel in the town where he resides. He has always taken a great deal of interest in birds and other animals.

Veterans Recognized

Colonel J. H. Presson of Omaha has been reappointed recording clerk in the executive offices, and William Woods has been reappointed janitor for the mansion and executive offices. The reappointment of Col. Presson as recording clerk by the new governor had been expected, as the colonel has been a valuable adjunct to the executive offices for some time. A Lincoln dispatch in commenting on Col. Presson's reappointment, says: "A good speaker, with a flow of language that would have made old Demosthenes or Bob Ingersoll green with envy, Colonel Presson has many times been called upon to fill dates for past executives for several administrations and he filled those dates with credit. As a writer of proclamations he has no equal and the 'horn of plenty' is always overflowing with adjectives and other high fluting language which make those proclamations things of beauty and joys forever." The appointment of Mr. Presson is a fitting recognition of the old veterans and will give general satisfaction.

COUNTRY SCHOOL TO HAVE EXHIBIT AND PROGRAM

An art exhibit will be held by School District No. 3 at the Fairview church, Friday evening December 8, starting at 8 o'clock. The beautiful collection of pictures for the exhibit is loaned by the Lincoln Fine Arts Shop. In connection with the exhibit a splendid program will be given by the school children, together with a box social. The proceeds from the box social will be invested in pictures for the school. This is the exhibit of its kind for the country schools. It is hoped that those interested in the school will show their interest by attending the exhibit and program Friday evening.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE AT PREMIUM

There will certainly be something doing in Alliance when the state convention of county commissioners, supervisors and clerks is held here December 12, 13 and 14. The Alliance hotel reports that they already have about all the reservations they can take care of. The Drake hotel has received a large number and indications are that rooms will be at a premium during this period. The business and entertainment features of the program seem to appeal strongly to the membership and it is not at all improbable that the citizens will have to come to the rescue and volunteer rooms for these three days. The addresses of welcome will be given by Mayor Romig and Earl D. Mallory, president of the Commercial Club, and the responses by J. C. Kennedy of York, president of the state association, and C. E. Neuman of Grand Island, president of the county clerks' organization. The entertainment will consist of a big theatrical performance the first night, a smoker the second night and a novel barbecue the closing evening.

MORRISEY OF BURLINGTON DIES

P. H. Morrissy, assistant to the vice president of the Burlington and former head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, died at his home at Galesburg, Ill., November 28. The funeral was held in Galesburg Thursday and the Salem school, Oregon, at \$720 a year. Those who have the qualifications should understand that there are other positions continually presenting themselves and if an applicant qualifies he is liable to appointment at any time.

OUR LINCOLN LETTER

State Officers Were Reckless Enough to Eat Turkey Dinner and Have a Happy Thanksgiving

The democratic officers-elect at the capitol commemorated Thanksgiving with genuine feeling this year. One or two of them, more reckless than the others, even went so far as to buy a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner, and had the dealer charge it to their next year's salaries. Work of propping up the east wing of the state house was commenced the fore part of the week. Several wagon loads of heavy timbers have been unloaded on the grounds, and before the legislature meets next month it is intended that the work will be completed and everything made so safe that the thundering oratory of the most virulent or vituperative type will not jar even a fly off the walls.

The state canvassing board finished canvassing the returns of the late election the fore part of the week and placed their stamp of approval upon the certificate. The official canvass shows that President Wilson carried 52 counties in the state. Secretary of State Pool carried 77; State Treasurer Hall, 75; State Auditor Smith, 70; and Attorney General Reed, 67. Governor-elect Neville was elected by 5,753. The returns show that without the Douglas county vote Mr. Neville could have been elected by about 2,400 plurality. A. O. Thomas, for state superintendent, was defeated by the smallest plurality of any republican on his ticket. He came within 1302 votes of winning out. State Veterinarian J. S. Anderson returned from Wauwata the latter part of the week where he had been for several days investigating a report that the foot and mouth disease was prevalent in that section. J. R. Robertson of Chase county shipped a car of cattle to Kansas City some time ago and when the cattle arrived it was found that many of them were afflicted with an ailment similar to the foot and mouth disease. A complaint from Kansas City was immediately dispatched to Dr. Anderson, and the shipment isolated. A quarantine was ordered and the state veterinarian promptly started an investigation. After spending a week in Chase county Dr. Anderson came to the conclusion that it was not the so-called foot and mouth disease, but what is known among veterinarians as "stomatitis," or cankerous sores which form in the mouth and on the tongue. The disease is contagious, but not necessarily fatal. When the malady is discovered, the state veterinarian advises immediate isolation, and treatment of the following solution: One level teaspoonful permanganate potash to one quart of warm water, and either swab or syringe out the mouth.

Governor-elect Keith Neville came in from North Platte Thanksgiving morning, visited the state house a few minutes and in the afternoon went to the football game. While here, however, Mr. Neville caused two of the home guard to lift up their voices in additional Thanksgiving praise because of the announcement of their reappointment. One is the present fire commissioner, W. S. Ridgell, and the other was Col. J. H. Presson, recording clerk and general factotum of the governor's office. Col. Presson is a pioneer and patriarch of the governor's department. As a matter of fact, Col. Presson is a sort of neutral, non-sectarian religious advisor to the governor. His friends, and they are legion, point with pride to the fact that no governor has ever gone wrong since the colonel's incumbency of this important position. One other appointment was announced while Mr. Neville was here, that of George Koster of Niobrara, for deputy fire commissioner, who will take Gust Rutenbeck's place. Mr. Rutenbeck says he has had the job four years and he thinks that is long enough. He believes in passing these plums around occasionally.

T. M. HAMPE ASSUMES HADDORFF MANAGEMENT

T. M. Hampe arrived in the city Saturday to assume the management of the Alliance store for the Haddorff Music House. Mr. Hampe succeeds C. T. Knapp, who goes to Casper, Wyo., to open up a new store for the Haddorffs. Mr. Hampe for several years has been the manager of the wholesale department of the Alliance and comes to Alliance to remain here at least a year, and probably longer. Mrs. Hampe accompanied her husband here and they will become located as soon as possible. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hampe are pleasant people to meet and will no doubt become acquainted quickly. Mr. Hampe has been in the piano business for something more than nineteen years and understands the business thoroughly. Several of the western Haddorff stores are under the supervision of the Alliance store, so that in addition to maintaining an efficient staff for the Alliance store and the keeping of a complete and up-to-the-minute line of players, pianos, phonographs, records and supplies, he must keep the several other western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming stores going to their fullest capacity.

Clean Cotton Rags Wanted at The Herald Office

We pay three cents per pound. Woolen rags not wanted.

DR. BAKER IN ALLIANCE

President of Fidelity Reserve Company Transacting Business with District and Local Agents

Dr. B. B. Baker of North Platte, president of the Fidelity Reserve Company, arrived in Alliance the first of last week and has since been working here and in neighboring towns in connection with John W. Thomas, district agent for northwestern Nebraska, and Archie Gregory, local agent at Alliance. Dr. Baker practiced medicine in western Nebraska for twenty-five years. In his profession he saw the need and benefit of life insurance to such an extent that he became an insurance enthusiast. After studying the proposition until he became practically an insurance expert, he decided to give up his large and lucrative practice in order to devote his entire time to the life insurance business.

As a result of his efforts, the Fidelity Reserve Company was organized with the purpose of conserving and using all the good features of other life insurance companies and improving upon those features that were susceptible of improvement, with the object in view of giving policy holders the best possible values for the premiums paid. Dr. Baker is an enthusiastic exponent of the idea that if a man is not a believer in life insurance it is because he does not thoroughly understand the principles involved in a complete protection policy. His instructions to his agents are to thoroughly explain every feature of the Fidelity Reserve Company policy, knowing that where it is the best understood it is the most popular.

HOLIDAY WAS WELL ENJOYED IN ALLIANCE

Just the Right Kind of Weather to Make Day Ideal—Services in the Several Churches

Thanksgiving day dawned in Alliance with just the finest kind of weather one could imagine. It was weather just right for turkey eating, football and such things. There was just a tinge of frost in the air, just enough to put the "pep" into one, just right to make everyone feel great. And the people proceeded to give thanks. Members of Holy Rosary Catholic church attended mass at 6 and 9 o'clock Thanksgiving morning. Rev. Father Manning preached the Thanksgiving sermon at the 9 o'clock service. Both masses were held at St. Agnes Academy, as the church is undergoing repairs.

Held Union Meeting

The Protestant churches of the city united in the holding of a union Thanksgiving service from 10:30 to 11:30 Thursday morning, the services being held at the Methodist church. Rev. J. B. Carns was in charge of the program. The music, which was beautiful, was furnished by the Methodist choir, under the direction of Prof. Rex Truman. Rev. Lewis McIntyre offered the prayer of Thanksgiving. Rev. Layton of the Baptist church read the president's Thanksgiving Day proclamation. Rev. W. M. Martin, the evangelist now holding revival meetings at the Baptist church, preached a forceful sermon, full of thought and help. The offering which was taken at the Union Thanksgiving service was taken for the benefit of the poor of the city. A canvass of the city was made and it is reported that the committee found only four families in the entire city that were partially in want. Thanksgiving services were held by Dean William Carson Shaw at St. Matthews Episcopal church at 11 o'clock in the morning.

At the Football Game

The football game between Alliance and Scottsbluff high schools, staged at Scottsbluff, should have attracted a large number from here, but the fact that the train due out here about 1 o'clock in the afternoon for the Bulls did not elave until about 3:34 o'clock kept many away. Those who did get arrived at Scottsbluff about 7 o'clock. A number of the party returned that evening to Bridgeport, arriving there about 11 o'clock, where they attended a dance until the train left Bridgeport about 2 o'clock. They arrived home about 4 o'clock. The football team returned on that train. Luckily the day went to Scottsbluff Wednesday morning or there probably would not have been a game. The day was ideal for auto driving and many took advantage of it. Others attended the theatre. The day was one of rejoicing. Many came to spend the day with home folks. Others left to do the same thing.

CAMPAIGN OVER AND MONEY REMAINS IN THE TREASURY

The expense of waging the democratic campaign in this state was \$21,151, according to the report filed by Treasurer A. V. Johnson of the democratic state committee, with the county clerk of Lancaster county. The committee emerges from the conflict with a \$444 balance. The national committee contributed \$10,022 to the state committee. Senator Hitchcock and Keith Neville were the heaviest individual contributors. In all there were over 2,000 donors from among Nebraska democrats.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO SELL RED CROSS SEALS HERE

Will Use Their Percentage to Purchase Sanitary Drinking Fountain for Alliance

The Women's Club of Alliance will have charge of the local sale of Red Cross Christmas seals this year. It is expected that a supply will be received within a few days, possibly this week, to be placed on sale in the various business places of the city. Business houses will probably be solicited and an effort made to place a large number of stamps. The Women's Club is endeavoring to secure the necessary funds to purchase and install a sanitary drinking fountain to be erected in this city. A sanitary drinking fountain will do its part to relieve the possibility of the carrying of the dread malady via the public drinking cup.

Ninety per cent of the money derived from the sale of stickers remains in the state, where it is spent for publicity on the prevention of tuberculosis, while ten per cent is returned to the American Red Cross and the National Association for the prevention of tuberculosis, for the cost of printing, packing and mailing. The local club will receive a percentage of the total gross sales which they will apply towards the purchase of a sanitary drinking fountain.

May Be Put on Letters

The government allows the stickers to be placed on all mail and parcel post packages. The stickers may be attached to express packages. The sale of Red Cross stamps started on December 1, but for certain reasons those in charge of the Alliance sale were slow in getting their order in. However, when the stamps arrive the sale will be started and an effort will be made to make up for lost time. Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, executive secretary for the Nebraska Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis which is the Nebraska distributor for Red Cross Christmas seals, has undertaken to distribute 600,000 seals in Nebraska this year. Red Cloud and Central City have already disposed of large quantities. The former city, which has a standing committee on tuberculosis (Mrs. James Cather, chairman) has secured 3,000 seals; and Central City through Mrs. J. C. Naylor, sub-agent at that point and also president of the Woman's Club, sold its initial shipment of 1,000 seals the day they were received and have ordered 2,000 more to be delivered immediately.

Mrs. P. M. Ruleau, head of the publicity department for the sale of the seals in Nebraska, is a former resident of western Nebraska, having lived at Scottsbluff. She knows from practical experience the ravages of the deadly malady—tuberculosis. Born in Pennsylvania and raised in a city the large part of her life, she became afflicted with the dread disease and only after a very stubborn fight by living in the open did she survive. Now she has taken hold in the work of selling Red Cross seals for the benefit of persons less fortunate than herself and she is appealing to citizens and firms in the state to aid in the movement against tuberculosis. Half Million in Nebraska In Scottsbluff, where Mrs. Ruleau formerly lived, the society women have made plans for a Red Cross seal day and have ordered 10,000 of the little red and green stickers. Kearney, Neb., where the state sanitarium for consumptives is located, has sent in its second order for 10,000 seals. From all over the state, according to a letter received by the Herald from Mrs. Edholm, calling for more stamps are coming in and she feels confident there will be no trouble in disposing of 500,000, and she has set the mark at 600,000. Firms all over the state are purchasing seals, many pasting stickers on every letter sent out. Schools are also lending a helping hand. In Omaha the University of Omaha, Creighton college, Bellevue, and Brownell Hall and many of the parochial schools are selling them.

MORE ABOUT O'NEIL-ALLIANCE RAILROAD

The Elgin Review says: Land owners and merchants in western Nebraska are jubilant over the report that the Burlington is planning to commence work next spring on the continuation of the extension westward from O'Neil. The O'Neil line now runs out from Sioux City and its progress further into the state will be a big boost for that district and farmers in that district. At Burlington headquarters it was admitted that a survey has already been run between O'Neil and a point near Dunnington and that the value of this extension will make it imperative in the immediate future. When the O'Neil-Dunnington extension is completed, the branches now ending at Sarsant, Burwell and Ericson will be continued for a few miles west to connect with it, making a veritable network of service lines through the central part of the state. Alliance business men are overjoyed at the prospect of this improvement, figuring that it will give them competition between Sioux City and Omaha and probably better prices and markets. Clean cotton rags wanted at The Herald office. We pay three cents per pound. Woolen rags not wanted.

BRISK CHRISTMAS TRADE REPORTED

Holiday Stocks Large—Much Ready Money in Country—People Buying Substantial Gifts

Every indication points to a big Christmas trade for Alliance merchants this year. The Christmas trade has already started off brisk, and it is expected will be in full swing before another week rolls around.

One of the very noticeable things in connection with the holiday displays is the size of the Christmas stocks, which are if anything larger than usual. Local merchants are being kept more than busy between selling merchandise for the holidays and unpacking and displaying the new shipments of Christmas wares. While already many of the show windows and interior displays feature Christmas goods, yet new shipments are being received daily. Eastern conditions have delayed the shipment of many of these lines, but are now coming through. The displays in the Alliance stores are about as large and complete as one will find in most any city, everything considered, and are being enlarged each day.

Sane Holiday Season

The fact that people are buying a better class of Christmas merchandise this year indicates a sane and sane holiday season. While there is the usual purchase of toys and things for the kiddies yet the sale of furniture and goods in the house-furnishing line are very substantial, especially in this true in rugs and furniture where there is no prospect of any material price decline for all of a year. Jewelers report good sales of the better class of their offerings. The clothing and men's furnishing business is also good, according to the merchants, and is expected to be heavy as the Christmas time approaches.

The 1916 Christmas trade promises to be a record breaker for Alliance merchants. Never before has there been so much ready money with which to buy gifts and with the ready cash it is natural to expect that a certain percentage of it will be spent along about Christmas time. Piano and phonograph dealers, as well as automobile men, are coming in for their share, too. Already one or two instances of the purchase of automobiles for Christmas gifts are reported and a number of pianos are being held at the stores to be delivered at Christmas time.

Many out-of-town people are driving in and coming in by rail to do their winter shopping and some exceptionally large sales have been recorded during the past week. There is no complaint among Alliance merchants over their prospects. They are selling the merchandise and getting paid for what they sell.

ALLIANCE WON FROM SCOTTSBLUFF HIGH

Overwhelmingly Defeat Opponents, 40 to 7—in Line for Black Hills Championship Now

Before a crowd of five hundred or more enthusiastic rooters the Alliance high school football squad won their second game from the Scottsbluff high squad this season, at that place, on Thanksgiving day. The final score was 40 to 7. The winning of this game places the Alliance team in position for the Black Hills championship. Alliance has won five games this season, lost two and tied for one.

Line Plunges Effective

The work of Alliance veteran back field in line plunges many on Scottsbluff's right side, the speedy work of Dickinson in skirting the ends and the general use of the forward pass proved too much for Scottsbluff, who were weak and slow in getting in and breaking up the plays. The Scottsbluff Star-Herald in its news story of the game had the following to say:

Pays Alliance Compliment

"In winning this game the Alliance team can make a just claim for the western high championship, and Scottsbluff is for them. They have a strong team of experienced players and the offensive work is as good as any of the high schools in the state. Especially their tandem formation in line plunges is effective. Scottsbluff was clearly outclassed except in the third quarter, when they showed up with some good football, keeping the visitors in the center of the field and breaking up their plays in good shape. During the rest of the game they lacked the punch and lost through inability to break up the Alliance passing and end-running. Scottsbluff's only touchdown came in the first quarter after Alliance had a kicked to the locals. Then by a couple of line plunges, end runs and a well-executed forward pass, Hood went over the line for a touchdown. Many penalties were inflicted on the Alliance team, mainly for offside work and for holding. Lotspiech was penalized but once. Lotspiech, Captain Davenport did the most and Burns at right end did the most effective work for the visitors, while Captain Burnham, Harper and H.

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