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HIGH ARMY MAN DIES AT HOTEL

Major Johnson, Commanding Officer at Fort Robinson, Dies Here of Heart Trouble

Commanding Officer Major Carter P. Johnson of Fort Robinson, near Crawford, died in his room at the Burlington hotel in this city Tuesday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock.

The major arrived in Alliance early Tuesday morning, having been taken ill on a Burlington train while on his return to Fort Robinson from Wheatland, Wyo., where he had been looking after his ranching and business interests near that place. Tuesday morning he had a physician called, realizing that his condition was serious. He had been troubled with heart trouble for years and had had several heart spells during recent years. It is believed his condition was much worse than any but himself realized. Major Johnson hired Charles Manchester, the night boy at the hotel, to look after and wait on him during the day. He confided in the doctor that he knew he was going to die. Shortly before 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon he became worse and summoned the physician again. He died a few minutes after 4 o'clock. About fifteen minutes before his death he aroused and stood looking out of the window into the great wide world, realizing that it was his last look into the life of this sphere, knowing that soon he would be in eternity.

Wife Came Tuesday Night A telegram was sent to Fort Robinson addressed to "The Commanding Officer," but as Major Johnson was the commanding officer the message was received by the chief clerk, Captain J. A. Habegger. Mrs. Johnson, Captain Habegger and a physician immediately started for Alliance, arriving here on No. 42 Tuesday night. A brother was notified at his ranch at Glenn, Nebr., and he came, as did William B. Harrison of Denver, a brother of Mrs. Johnson and a well-known attorney there. The remains were shipped to Stanton, Virginia, the old family home, being accompanied by Mrs. Johnson and her brother. Major Johnson is survived by the wife, a sister at Stanton, Va., and a brother at Glenn, Nebraska.

An Old Indian Fighter Major Johnson was in truth an old war horse. He enlisted in the Third U. S. Cavalry in the early '70s and saw active service in the west as an Indian fighter on his other frontier activities. He retired from the army about six years ago, a major of the Eighth U. S. Cavalry. He was returned to duty at Fort Robinson when the United States army was sent to the border. Major Johnson led expeditions into Mexico in the early days and fought under General Miles in some hard encounters with the Indians. The major also served as a captain in the Cuban affair, being with the famous Tenth Cavalry of colored horsemen under Colonel Roosevelt at that historical charge up San Juan hill. He also saw three years of service in the Philippine Islands. A man seeming without fear, a man who had stood his ground during life and fought nobly and well, so he faced the great unknown, accepting his lot without complaint or fear, a true soldier of Uncle Sam to the end.

BECKWITHS MAY GO TO PACIFIC COAST

Subpoenas issued for Alliance people as witnesses in case of steamer thief

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beckwith of Alliance, who were passengers on the steamer Bear which went on the beach of Humboldt county California, on June 14, 1916, may be compelled to go to San Francisco within the next few days to appear as witnesses in the federal court there. Walter Villemayer, a member of the Bear's crew, was arrested following the shipwreck and in his possession were found articles of clothing and personal property which belonged to passengers. Among the articles found were a Masonic charm belonging to Mr. Beckwith and several articles of clothing belonging to Mrs. Beckwith.

Mr. Beckwith received a letter this morning from John W. Preston, United States district attorney at San Francisco, stating that subpoenas had been issued for he and Mrs. Beckwith as witnesses in the case of the government against Villemayer.

The letter stated that it may only be necessary for one of them to go. They are hoping that matters will so shape themselves that they will be allowed to spend Christmas at their home in Alliance instead of on the coast.

COUNTY JAIL EMPTIED ON SUNDAY NIGHT

The county jail was emptied Sunday night when Sheriff Cal Cox took the two Mexicans who had robbed box cars in the Burlington yards here, and Livingston, the man of color, who was found guilty of carrying a revolver, to the state penitentiary. Marshall of Hemingford, who drew a year for wife desertion, was also taken to Lincoln.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GOODFELLOWS TO HELP

Worthy Families Need Assistance—Have You Clothing, Provisions or Cash to Donate?

There is an opportunity for some good fellow or some good fellows here in Alliance to do a kindly act here at home and right now. Often times when a collection is being taken for one purpose or another the expression is heard, "Why don't they start their charity here at home?" Well, Mr. or Mrs. or Miss Goodfellow, you have an opportunity and if you have money for local work you might step up and plank down the needed articles or some coin, or like the preacher said, "Forever hold your peace."

Nine Children in Family Several instances of need have been brought to the attention of the Herald. There is one family in Alliance consisting of nine children, ranging in age from three to sixteen years, who could use some clothing to great advantage. The father works by the day. The mother is a hard worker and capable and willing to make over clothing for the children.

Widow with Small Children Another case that is deserving of help is that of a widow who has to support and care for a family of several children, two of whom are too small to attend school.

Mother and Father Ill In another instance sickness has incapacitated the mother and father of a family of eight children. The cold weather and soaring prices make it necessary to temporarily assist this family until health is regained by the bread winners.

Too Proud to Ask Help Here are three worthy families who actually are in need of assistance. Here is an opportunity for some good fellow to do an act of kindness that will be remembered long after the act is forgotten. These people are people who have too much self respect and pride to apply to the City Mission for assistance, desiring to support themselves, but conditions are such that they must be helped by friendly ministrations.

The weather is cold and will get colder. Food costs money and considerable of it when it must be purchased for a large family. However, money is not the only need, by any means. Contributions of clothing, provisions or cash can be used to advantage and will be received by the chairman of the investigating committee, Mrs. E. C. Drake, 313 1/2 Box Butte avenue. If it is more convenient for the donor the articles or cash may be left at the Herald office to be turned over to Mrs. Drake. This is an opportunity to do something here at home. What have you to offer?

EARLY MORNING FIRE AT STURGEON HOME

An alarm was turned in from the D. L. Sturgeon home, 412 Emerson, about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. The fire department responded immediately and continued to fight with the fire about an hour. The fire originated in the pantry and completely destroyed the floor of the room, besides damaging the walls considerably. The total damage will probably be in the neighborhood of \$100. The two small chemical tanks and the big tank were all used to quench the fire. Water was carried in pails. The smoke was terrible, and retarded the work of putting out the fire.

The fire department was called to the Baptist church Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock, but the blaze was out before the department arrived. A box on top of the furnace had caught fire.

FOOTBALL TEAM NOW ASSURED OF SWEATERS

The 1916 football squad of the Alliance high school is now assured of sweaters in reward for their effort during the football season. The benefit show held at the Imperial theatre Monday night netted the team the sum of \$60, part of which was in the shape of a donation from Manager Dubuque. The team sold some \$75 worth of tickets. It will be necessary to purchase thirteen sweaters, and it is believed these can be secured for not to exceed \$6 each of a total of \$78. The difference between the \$78 and the \$60 will probably be made up by the athletic association, which is now out of debt for the first time in four years.

SALE DATE POSTPONED ACCOUNT OF WEATHER

Owing to the bad weather of Tuesday the William Rust, Jr., public sale has been postponed until Wednesday of next week, December 20. Elsewhere in this issue of the Herald a complete list of the stock and machinery to be sold will be found.

THE MYSTERY OF A HAT AND A COAT

James McNamee, a stone cutter on the federal building, is minus his coat and vest. His experience is about as surprising as that of the lad who watched the slight of hand performer—now you see it, now you don't. The coat and vest were in his room at noon, but since that time have been missing. The police were notified.

OUT IN OLD NEBRASKA

They talk of California, They say the climate's grand, They sing of old New Hampshire, Also of "Dixie Land," They sing of dear old Georgia, And of sunny Tennessee. I'll sing of old Nebraska, It's good enough for me.

In Wisconsin there's the cyclone; In Kansas there's the flood, While down in old Missouri, They wade knee deep in mud. In Texas there's the terror of Submersion by the sea, In Nebraska we have neither— It's good enough for me.

The east coast has its hurricanes, The west has its fogs, The north is full of snow and ice, The south has its bogs. I've traveled Uncle Sam's domain And some across the sea, But life in old Nebraska Is good enough for me.

Nebraska, where the cattle market Was never known to fail, And when spuds all miss in other states, We have plenty here for sale. But for livin' in Nebraska, My reasons they are three— There's sunshine, health, and happiness. That's why I'm living here.

—A MARPLE RANCHER.

COMMISSIONERS AND CLERKS HONORED GUESTS OF ALLIANCE

Nearly Two Hundred and Fifty Visitors from All Over Nebraska Attend Annual Convention of State Commissioners, Supervisors and Clerks

The twenty-second annual convention of the Nebraska State Association of Commissioners, Supervisors and County Clerks closed this afternoon as far as the business sessions are concerned and is ending up tonight with a big "blow-out" at the opera house at which the Alliance volunteer fire department is the host. Nearly two hundred and fifty delegates and visitors were in attendance from over the state and all will depart for their homes tonight with a better feeling towards and a better knowledge of western Nebraska and Alliance and Box Butte county in particular.

Old Officers Re-Elected All of the officers of the Commissioners and Supervisors Association were re-elected. These are: President, P. J. Kennedy, York; Vice-president, C. E. Hill, Hastings; secretary, C. E. Hill, Hastings; treasurer, Mike Cavey, St. Edward. Officers of the Clerks' Association elected for the ensuing year are: President, Rudolph Brazda, West Point; vice president, Robert E. Waters, Broken Bow; secretary and treasurer, J. J. Klumb, Aurora. The next convention will be held in Omaha one year from this date.

The Delegates Registered Among those who registered as delegates were the following: Antelope county—Perry H. Peterson, S. Greenanmyre, L. Thomsen, P. W. Payne, M. M. Mitchell, Hans Schutt, A. D. Wyman, Blaine county—D. C. Norris, Boone county—Henry R. Smith, A. J. Tisthammer, Box Butte county—C. L. Hashman, G. W. Duncan, J. M. Wanek, Anton Uhrig, Burt county—F. O. Lundstrom, M. S. Wilcox, Wm. Miller, A. J. Miller, Cass county—Henry Snoko, B. A. Rosenkrans, C. E. Heebner, Julius A. Piz, Charles Samelson, Cherry county—J. A. Adamson, Arthur Bownrig, A. B. Green, Cheyenne county—L. R. Barlow, Frank Rihn, Colfax county—W. Hugh Fletcher, Cuming county—Martin Byson, Rudolph Brazda, Custer county—J. H. Phillips, Geo. C. Marsh, John Walker, H. B. Scheringer, R. E. Waters, R. J. Mills, Fred W. Hayes, Dawes county—John Blundell, M. Christensen, Deuel county—J. G. McCormick, Dundy county—J. G. Horn, Ashby Morrison, M. A. Higgins, Franklin county—James Grout, J. H. Kelso, Garden county—G. E. Melvin, Grant county—F. Carrothers, Hall county—Gus E. Neumann, H. J. Voss, Wm. Stoeger, John Sasa, W. H. McDowell, M. L. Dolan, Hamilton county—H. C. Eaton, J. J. Klumb, Uriah Bush, C. W. Minton, Hayes county—J. F. Schneider, J. W. Alexander, W. D. Evans, Hitchcock county—J. O. Hardy, Holt county—T. E. Skidmore, H. W. Hubbard, P. C. Kelley, Howard county—K. D. Bahensky, Jefferson county—C. O. Marthis, Louis Jarchow, E. H. Knowland, Homer S. Yeakle, Johnson county—E. B. Platt, Keith county—C. E. Nichols, D. A. Laylor, O. P. Kilgore, Kim-

OFFICIAL REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

City Fathers Consider Several Proposals at Meeting Tuesday Evening

At the regular meeting of the city council held at the council chamber in the city hall Tuesday evening the regular order of business was followed. Claims were allowed and the reports of the city officials received, accepted and placed on file.

The report of Police Magistrate T. D. Roberts shows that during the month of November the sum of \$111.60 was collected in fines and fees. The fines totaled \$31.60. Judge fees amounted to \$46.40. Marshall's fees were \$33.60.

Treasurer's Report A. Gregory, city treasurer, reported a balance on hand in the general fund of \$149.01. There was a balance at the start of the month of \$723.29. Miscellaneous licenses netted the city \$5. Marshall's fees were \$33.60. Interest payment received amounted to \$6 and funds to the amount of \$46.40 were received from miscellaneous sources. Warrants to the amount of \$634.32 were paid as well as \$30.93 interest on them. The total amount of registered warrants yet unpaid is \$27,232.47.

There is a balance in the water fund of \$989.04. The sum of \$393.33 was received during the month, which added to the balance at the first of the month makes a total of \$3,129. The sum of \$1,140.81 was paid out.

Light Fund in Fine Shape The light fund shows a balance on hand of \$5,649.64. During the month \$4,275.15 was collected and \$2,134 paid out. There was a balance carried over of \$3,508.49. In commenting on the municipal plant the mayor stated that he felt that the plant was exceedingly well managed and that the city had good men in charge. The sum of \$868.69 invested in general fund warrants was not included in the light fund report. Ten dollars was reported to the fire insurance fund. The cemetery fund balance is \$94.12. Cemetery registered warrants amount to \$901.05.

Make Good Showing The report of J. S. Hughes, superintendent, and Grace H. Kennedy, cashier, of the electric light department, shows the gross earnings for this month to be \$3,630.35 as compared to \$3,354.33 last month and \$3,056.44 a year ago. Discounts were allowed to the amount of \$211.79 as compared with \$181.74 last month and \$188.73 a year ago. Operating expenses amounted to \$1,465.24 as compared with \$1,283.27 last month and \$1,192.27 a year ago. The net earnings were \$1,953.32 as compared with \$1,889.34 last month and \$1,431.45 last year. Construction cost \$239.45 as compared with \$253.92 last month and \$242.99 the same month last year. The report of the water department showed the receipts for the month ending Nov 15 to be \$3,366.77 with an uncollected balance of \$347.89.

Plumbers to Submit Bids Plumbers are to be asked to submit bids for the installing of lead service pipes for the water department, the intention being to give the successful bidder all of the city work instead of turn-about as is the present custom.

Ordinance No. 226, providing for the refunding of bonds and their replacement, was passed.

Pilkington Given Raise Chief of the Fire Department Pilkington was given a \$10-a-month raise in his salary. He had resigned to accept a position with more money and a satisfactory man could not be found. The mayor after talking the matter over with several of the councilmen offered him the raise, which act was ratified by the council at this meeting.

Let Scavenger Contract A five-year contract will be entered into with Sam Sheldon to do the scavenger work for the city, with the agreement that the city has complete authority to regulate price. Mr. Sheldon will invest a considerable sum in new equipment in order to better handle the work.

Fire Boys Helped Lloyd Thomas, deputy chief of the Alliance fire department, appeared and asked the council to guarantee the indebtedness of the department for the improvements which the department had made, which was done. The department, while it is able financially to handle a loan, is not incorporated and for that reason could not borrow money on its own account without the guarantee of the city.

Light Near School House At the request of the school board a light will be placed near the steps at the west approach to the Central school building.

H. Hines, who runs a lunch car on lower Box Butte avenue, was denied the privilege of making an extension to the car.

Following the board's organization as a board of equalization, it adjourned until December 28.

The council accepted the bond of Police Magistrate T. D. Roberts, Mr. Roberts having been re-elected at the recent election.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL BUILDING

Many visitors out of town attend ceremonies—banquet followed in evening at church

The new building to be occupied by St. Joseph's hospital was dedicated at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon with two hundred people in attendance. Following a tour of the new building by those present, the dedication ceremony was conducted by Rt. Rev. Duffy, of Kearney, Bishop of this diocese, assisted by Father Manning of Alliance. Bishop Duffy gave an interesting talk following the ceremony, telling of the work of the Sisters in charge and of the purposes of the dedication ceremonies.

The banquet was held at six o'clock. Bishop Duffy of Kearney spoke first following the banquet, which was served in the basement of the Catholic church. He stated that first the bishop must be a business man, as much of his time is taken up with business matters. He emphasized the fact that the Sisters are not in the hospital work for profit but that their lives are devoted to this work. He also emphasized the fact that it is more to Alliance to have the new building than it is to the Sisters.

Mayor Romig was the next speaker. He first complimented the ladies on the fine banquet. He told of the value of an institution of this kind to Alliance and stated that the people should support it financially and in every way.

R. M. Hampton made a speech which brought out the fact that men of means should give to deserving causes like the hospital and told of the work which had been done. He complimented the Sisters on their deserving work and stated that if the Sisters are donating their lives to this work the people of Alliance should not sit back and be afraid to donate a few minutes of their time and a few of their dollars to the good cause.

Doan Wm. Carson Shaw made a talk which will be long remembered by those present for its clearness, its directness and its comprehensiveness. He told of his own experience as a patient at the hospital and of the faithful work of the Sisters in charge. "Don't come and tell me that you are a Christian man unless you support a Christian institution," said the dean. The dean viewed the hospital from three different angles—that of a clergyman, that of a citizen and that of a graduate of the hospital. "I am intensely interested in the work of any man who shows that he is trying to do good," said the dean. His talk was followed by a spontaneous burst of applause.

John W. Guthrie announced several subscriptions which had been made.

Table listing names and amounts of subscriptions: Among the larger subscriptions which have been made up to date are the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Newberry \$500, Newberry Hardware Co. 500, R. M. Hampton 500, First National Bank 500, First State Bank 500, Dierks Lumber Co. 250, Foster Lumber Co. 250, Peter Becker 250, C. E. Stagle 250, Mallory Grocery Co. 50, Bruce G. Mallory 50, A. D. Rodgers 50, L. H. Richmond 50, E. J. Salloway 50, Harry Thiele 50, W. J. Hamilton 50, Bert Penath 25, Rowan & Wright 25, Miller Bros. 25, Lowry & Henry 25, P. E. Holsten 25, J. M. Miller 25, W. R. Harper 25, Geo. Mollring 25, S. B. Wright 25, J. W. Guthrie 25, Archie Allison 25, Thos. Katen 25.

SHELDON PLANS TO INSTALL INCINERATOR

City Scavenger, Who Was Given Five Year Contract, May Make Expensive Improvements

Sam Sheldon of Alliance, who was given a five-year contract Tuesday evening as city scavenger, is planning to install an incinerator for the purpose of burning all refuse, if the city does not feel able to bear the expense and desire to install the same.

Mr. Sheldon's contract with the city provides that the prices for his work as city scavenger shall be regulated by city ordinance. He plans to put in two new tank wagons for hauling garbage, at once.

An incinerating plant to properly care for Alliance would cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000. Mr. Sheldon has the necessary backing promised to put the plant in if the city does not care to do so. He has inspected the plants in operation at eBatrice, Nebr., and points as far east as Illinois.

The Rumer Motor Company is moving this week to the Norton block at 116 Box Butte avenue, recently vacated by Nicolai & Son. The interior of the garage room is being thoroughly remodeled and painted, a private office is being built, and the building being put in shape for a Crow-Elkhart service station.

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