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BIG RED CROSS

SEAL SALE HERE

Members of Alliance Woman's Club Highly Gratiated at Progress Already Made

The ladies of the Alliance Woman's Club, who are in charge of the 1916 sale of Red Cross seals in Alliance, are highly elated with the progress made already. They have planned a most active campaign to sell now until Christmas and hope to see every seal sold. Seals are now on sale in practically every business house in the city and may be had on application to the committee of the Woman's Club which is comprised of Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson and Mrs. Lee aBsey. The club receives a percentage of the gross local sale and will apply the funds received on the purchase of a sanitary drinking fountain to be presented to the city.

Here are six of the ways the money you spend for Red Cross seals is used:

- (1) Tuberculosis patients who are in need of food, clothing, sanatorium care or other necessities may be relieved.
(2) A visiting nurse may be engaged to go out to the homes of the poor and give instruction and advice on the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. She is a most valuable educational and preventive agency.
(3) A special campaign for a city or county hospital may be carried on, and the community be thereby induced to assume its share of the tuberculosis burden. Thus your money is multiplied manifold.
(4) A dispensary may be maintained where patients and their families may call for free advice and examination.
(5) Open air schools and fresh air classes may be started, where boys and girls who have tuberculosis or are threatened with it may be built up in body and mind.
(6) Educational work will be done to show the entire community men, women and children, that tuberculosis can be cured and prevented.

Every Red Cross seal is a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

Secretary Baker Likes Idea

Among many thousands of others over the United States, Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, is an enthusiast in the use of Red Cross Christmas seals. A year ago, when he was still mayor of Cleveland, he wrote to the Anti-Tuberculosis League of that city as follows:

"I enclose my check for \$1.75 for this year's seals and also my order for seals for 1916. No other one thing means so much to life, health and happiness of the people of Cleveland as the fight against tuberculosis. The League is offering a great privilege to the people of Cleveland in giving them this opportunity to join their forces in a great cause.

"Please send twenty-five seals to each of my children. Address them Betty, Jack and Peggy Baker, respectively, at my house, 1851 Crawford Road. I want them each to put seals on each of their Christmas presents so that they will learn that they, too, are partners in the community burden and share the community opportunity.

"Yours very truly, (Signed) 'NEWTON D. BAKER, Mayor."

Have you bought your Red Cross seals and shouldered thereby your share of the community burden and opportunity?

RANCHERS ALMOST

ASPHYXIATED

Escaping Coal Gas Proves Almost Too Much for Mr. and Mrs. Loran

Mr. and Mrs. William Loran, living east of this city, narrowly escaped death from asphyxiation Sunday night as the result of escaping coal gas. The night being cold, the house had been closed up securely. The escaping gas from the stove filled the kitchen and the bed room in which Mr. and Mrs. Loran were sleeping. Mr. Loran awoke in the nick of time. He tried to get to the door but fell to the floor. On making another effort he was successful in reaching the door and letting in the fresh air. He then attempted to wake the wife, but she was unconscious. Getting her to the door she began to revive on getting the fresh air.

A physician was called from this city. He made a quick trip to the ranch. Both Mr. and Mrs. Loran were recovered from the effects of the gas.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

Table with 7 columns: Date, Max, Min, Snow, Wind, Day, Part cloudy. Rows for Dec 21-25.

SANTA CLAUS



DISCOVERED



HELP MAKE THEM COMFORTABLE

Clothing, Provisions, and Cash Needed—Will You Help Those in Actual Need?

See, but hasn't it been cold these last few days—but you and I don't mind so much, we have comforts aplenty for over the bed, a nice big warm coat to get into when we go out. We have plenty of coal and kindling. We have enough to eat. Gee, but doesn't the world seem rosy. But wait just a minute.

Some in Want Did you read in the last issue of The Herald about those families that were actually in want, but the heads of which were too proud to ask for assistance? Picture yourself in that way. Suppose you have always had plenty. Now the time comes when you are short. You have never asked charity, you hate the word when it is applied to you. Wouldn't you appreciate a Christmas gift that you and the family need. Perhaps you are one of those who sometimes remark that "charity should begin at home." Well, here is your chance, right here in Alliance, where you know what becomes of your gifts. If you don't kick in now, never, never talk about "they ought to help the poor people here instead of sending hymn books to the cannibal islands."

All Hustle and Bustle These days the postmen are heavily laden with mysterious-looking packages. The fragrant pine and fir trees are being delivered to the many homes in Alliance where gaily decked and heavily laden they will soon be receiving the joyful greetings of happy, excited children. All is hustle and bustle purchasing the last gifts that nimble fingers find so delightful to wrap and tie.

They Need Help Preparations for the annual feast are already beginning, and "merry man" wears a benign smile as he sniffs the sweet spices and savory stews that are in process of transformation into food fit indeed for a king. This is a pleasant picture to dwell upon and fortunately it is the true picture of a majority of American homes, but there are a few homes, right here in Alliance, where both joyful preparation and participation must be foregone unless something is done to help.

Generous Response The appeal made in last week's issue of The Herald for help for several actually needy families has been responded to quite generally, but there is still more needed to fit these persons out comfortably for the extreme cold weather that has arrived and will probably continue until after the holidays.

Epworth League Helps The Epworth League of the M. E. church started the ball rolling by preparing a couple of comforts and purchasing a quantity of toys for the small children and some useful gifts for the older ones. The T. P. A.'s are planning to distribute Christmas baskets. The Elks will have their usual Christmas tree for the children, while the several churches, as usual, will give a treat to the kiddies attending the Christmas exercises. A number of private contributions have also been received at committee headquarters. The committee are already at work sorting and arranging these articles for the most suitable places. But more contributions such as have been made by the Epworth League of the M. E. church are needed. These families need more than candy and nuts. You, Mr. or Mrs. or Miss Godfellow of Alliance, what are you going to do about it?

What Will You Do? You probably want a finger in the pie, but it will be necessary for you to move lively if you want to play Santa Clause to any of these people. You will enjoy your own gifts more and your Christmas dinner will taste better after you've done something to help those less fortunate. Send your contributions to Mrs. E. C. Drake, 313 1/2 Box Butte avenue, who is chairman of the investigating committee, or if that is not convenient you may either notify The Herald office or leave your gifts at this office and they will be turned over to the committee immediately.

PROHIBITION RATIFICATION

Alliance W. C. T. U. Will Entertain at Baptist Church Next Thursday, December 28, Evening

The Alliance W. C. T. U. extend a cordial invitation to the general public to attend the "Prohibition Ratification" at the Baptist church, Thursday evening, December 28, starting at 8 o'clock. The program will be as follows:

- Devotionals—Mrs. A. A. Layton.
Welcome—Mrs. J. A. Keegan.
Recitation, "The Result"—by Charles Cross.
Vocal duet—Mrs. Carl Thomas and Miss Nell Acheson.
Reading—Mrs. E. G. Laing.
Address—Hon. I. E. Tash.
Solo—Miss Mae Graham; Miss Hattie Renwood, accompanist.
Report of National W. C. T. U. convention—Mrs. A. Gregory.
Song, "Nebraska is Dry."
Social hour.

Mrs. C. E. Amsherry this morning accepted a position at Tiller's.

ROLLER SKATING NOW

Royal Roller Rink Opened at Third and Niobrara Monday Evening

Now the roller skating fans of Alliance can roll the light fantastic to their heart's delight, for now Alliance has a regular roller skating rink—the Royal Roller Rink. It is located on Third and Niobrara, across from the Alliance Steam Laundry. The proprietors come here well recommended and yesterday in a conversation with a Herald reporter assured him that they would operate nothing but a high-class, refined, clean place—a place ladies and children will delight to frequent and spend away the time.

The Royal Roller Rink will be open afternoons and evenings. The afternoon hours will be spent by the management and instructors in teaching ladies to skate, for which service there will be no charge. The rink is provided with plenty of skates to accommodate almost any number that could conveniently skate on the floor.

The roller rink is a good thing for Alliance. It provides a safe and sane amusement with plenty of exercise. It provides a place for the young people to go and really enjoy themselves. The management states that they will lease the rink for private skating parties, providing the dates chosen come on what might be termed an "off night."

L. H. HIGHLAND DECIDES TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

L. H. Highland has made it possible for every one in Alliance to attend a free matinee at the Imperial theatre Saturday afternoon of this week, December 23, starting at 2:30 p. m. Elsewhere in this issue of The Herald he advertises that on December 21, 22 and 23 he will, with every dollar's worth of groceries, purchased at his store, the Alliance Grocery, he will give one free ticket to the Imperial matinee. A five-dollar purchase will provide tickets for the entire family, if the family does not consist of more than five persons. This plan allows the buyer to purchase groceries at a reasonable price and secure the added satisfaction of seeing a matinee at the Imperial free of charge.

FOR KNIGHT TEMPLARS

Sir Knight Rev. J. B. Carns to Preach Special Sermon for Members Sunday Morning

Sir Knight Rev. J. B. Carns will hold special services for the Knight Templars of Alliance at the Methodist church, Sunday morning, December 24.

The Knight Templars will meet at the lodge hall at 10 o'clock, before going to the church.

ASK BELLIGERENTS TO STATE TERMS

Wilson Paves Way for Conference of All Warring Powers—Believe Peace is Closer

What is believed to be the most important and by all odds the most significant step in the direction of ending the great war has been taken by the president of the United States. Mr. Wilson has addressed a note to the entente allies and the central powers proposing that they exchange views of the terms on which peace might be concluded and of the guarantees which might be given to insure the world against a repetition of the conflict.

Willing to State Terms The president disclaims any intention of taking advantage of Germany's peace overtures to the allies, and says he wishes his proposals considered independently thereof. The note to the belligerents, written by the president, but signed by Secretary of State Lansing, says in its concluding paragraph:

Notwithstanding this disclaimer of a definite appeal to end the war the utmost importance attaches to another disclosure of the day to the effect that both groups of belligerents are willing to state their views officially to the United States. President Wilson did not make his move until he had received assurances that the allies and the Teutonic powers are inclined to go much farther with the American government than with each other in the outlining of peace conditions.

May Propose Conference It, therefore, is expected that each group of belligerents will dispatch a reply to the president's note which will set forth its conception of the conditions on which the great struggle can be terminated.

Mr. Wilson hopes that these replies will be sufficiently encouraging to warrant him in proposing a preliminary conference of representatives of the belligerents at which the views of peace terms can be directly exchanged between the two parties to the quarrel.

Believe Peace Closer

The view in allied, Teutonic and diplomatic circles is that the president's note will have the effect of bringing peace perceptibly closer. Frank surprise was expressed at the various embassies and legations when the contents of the note was read.

"I am now perfectly convinced that we will have a conference," was the comment of Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

In circles close to the French embassy it was declared nothing is contained in the American note to which the allies could take exception. Its promulgation follows logically after Lloyd-George's statement in parliament yesterday that the entente must know the terms of the central powers.

LOCAL EMPLOYEES GET BIG SLICE

Western Union and Telephone Co. Cut Large Sum Among Their Employees

There are any number of people who would as soon as not be in the employ of either the Western Union or the Bell Telephone Company and associated lines.

These companies have announced a Christmas present really worth while. In the instance of the Western Union, the present, while divided between all the ordinary employees of the concern is divided on a sliding scale.

All employees drawing less than \$2,000 per year and employed continuously by the company since January 1, 1916, are to share. The lowest in the scale, according to the announcement, are the messenger boys. Each of them is to receive from the company \$25 in cash. Next in the scale are salaried employees drawing less than \$1,200 per annum. They are to receive seven per cent of their earnings for the year.

Employees drawing between \$1,200 and \$2,000 per annum are to be brought six per cent of their year's pay by the W. U. Santa Claus. The Bell telephone company and lines affiliated with it will pay out about \$6,000,000 this Christmas in presents. The plan is much the same as that of the Western Union. The amounts given each employee will, it is said, amount to two or three weeks' pay.

Local employees of both the Western Union and the telephone company will be affected and will receive their portion of the Christmas gift.

Mrs. S. V. Selfudge of Scottsbluff spent a couple of days in Alliance this week.

NEW COUNCIL AT SIDNEY

Alliance Knights of Columbus Will Assist in Organization of New Council at Neighboring Town

A large number of the members of the Alliance council of Knights of Columbus will go to Sidney on January 13 for the purpose of putting on the first degree there. A new council is to be formed at that point and there are about sixty candidates for initiation. A rousing time is expected.

New officers in the Alliance council are as follows: J. W. Guthrie, Grand Knight; Robert Driscoll, Deputy Grand Knight; John Morrow, Chancellor; John J. Manion, Recorder; E. F. Shields, Financial Secretary; John O'Keefe, Treasurer; J. W. Tynan, Advocate; Ed McNulty, Warden; Fred Haargarten, trustee for three years; C. O'Brien, Inside Guard; Irvin Macken, outside Guard.