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RESUME WORK FEDERAL BLDG.

Work Was Suspended Dec. 6 on Alliance Federal Building, when Charges were Filed

MEN RESUME WORK TODAY

J. W. Roberts, Supervising Architect U. S. Public Buildings, Made Investigation and Report

Construction on Alliance's new federal building, which was suspended on December 6, was resumed again this morning with D. E. W. Jones in charge of the work for the contractor, Geo. A. Shaal of Seneca, Kas.

A telegram from Washington to George A. Shaal at Seneca on Wednesday stated: "Investigation Alliance, Nebraska, shows no change in organization required. Resume suspended work weather permitting."

Shortly after the charges were filed by Stephen Olop, the government sent here for investigation J. W. Roberts of San Francisco, who is supervising architect of construction and superintendent of repairs on U. S. buildings.

A number of Alliance people received the impression that Mr. Olop was an army captain or a graduate of the military academy at West Point and he has been addressed as "Captain" since coming here.

Charles Johnson, being first duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says that he is employed by D. E. W. Jones, who has the contract for the construction of the federal building at Alliance, Box Butte county, Nebraska, and is at present working upon said building under said D. E. W. Jones.

Frank Seedorf and John Young make an affidavit in which they say: "Frank Seedorf and John Young, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and say they are acquainted or know D. E. W. Jones by sight, who is superintendent of the federal building at Alliance, Nebraska, and know by sight Stephen Olop, the government superintendent of construction upon said building; that the spend considerable time about the building under construction on this 23rd day of September, 1916.

Henry Young made an affidavit in which he said: "Henry Young, being first duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he has worked upon the federal building at Alliance, Nebraska, now under construction, since the 16th of July, 1916, and has worked under D. E. W. Jones upon said building; that during his employment upon said building he has never heard said D. E. W. Jones, superintendent for contractor upon said building, swear upon the grounds where said building is being constructed, or swear or curse at any of his men, and in any way use vile

E. H. S. ENTERTAIN A. H. S. ALUMNI

Big Time Enjoyed Wednesday Evening at Parish Home—Was a Successful Affair

Some fifty members of the High School Alumni Association were highly entertained at the Episcopal parish house by the E. S. H. society last evening.

The program of the evening included a Christmas-gift tree containing presents for all the guests. Numbers were passed about and as W. R. Pate, superintendent of the city schools, called the number of the gift the guest holding the corresponding number called for his parcel.

The society, as hosts and hostesses, felt highly elated over the spirit of enthusiasm that pervaded the party, and feels confident that its coming affairs for the Alumni members will meet with even greater success.

13TH ANNUAL BALL

Alliance Volunteer Fire Department Will Entertain at Opera House on Monday Night

The Alliance Volunteer Fire Department will give its 13th annual ball Monday night, January 1, at the Phelan opera house. This will be an event that will be attended by a large crowd and Alliance people should show their good will towards the fire department by purchasing tickets and being present.

The proceeds above the expenses of the ball will be devoted to helping pay the expenses of delegates to the annual state convention at Auburn on January 16, 17 and 18. When the committee calls on you dig down into your jeans and help them out with a couple of dollars for a couple of tickets.

PUBLIC SALE HERE SAT.

Art Roach to Sell Bunch of Horses and Farm Machinery, Harness, Etc., at Livery Barn

The public sale advertised by Art Roach in this issue of The Herald affords the farmers of this section an opportunity to purchase a quantity of farm machinery and horses at their own price. The sale is to be held in Alliance Saturday afternoon at the C. Lester livery barn. It is scheduled to start promptly at 1 o'clock, at which time Col. H. P. Coursey will mount the block and start the selling. The fact that the sale is to be held in town will make it much more convenient for many and there is every reason why there should be an exceptionally large attendance.

Twenty-five head of horses, from two years to full age and all good stock, are listed. If you need horses here is your opportunity. There are mowers, hay rakes, work harness, sweeps, etc., galore.

ELKS TREAT BOYS AND GIRLS

The Elks provided a merry Christmas for every youngster in the city who visited their club rooms Christmas afternoon. Candy, nuts and toys were distributed to the boys and girls. Santa Claus was there and did his part to make glad the hearts of the children. An orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The hall was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors which, with the Christmas tree, presented a pretty picture. The decorations will be held in the hall until after the Elks' New Year's ball, Monday evening.

Fred Palmer, who has been combination man at the local telephone exchange for the last year, has been promoted to the position of manager of the Kimball exchange, succeeding E. H. Chaffey, resigned.

or obscene language while upon the grounds of the building or while employed in the construction thereof."

Mr. Jones has been employed by Geo. A. Shaal for eight years. Five years of this time has been on government contracts. He has been in charge of the construction of nine state buildings in Nebraska.

A Herald reporter called at the office of Mr. Olop in the opera house block this morning but was unable to locate him. Whether any action will be taken removing him from Alliance to some other more agreeable location is not known, although a conclusion could be drawn from the results of the investigations of charges made by him against Mr. Jones.

BOX BUTTE FARMERS TO ORGANIZE NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

PROGRESSIVE MEN, ALIVE TO THEIR OPPORTUNITY, UNITING IN FORMING ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR MUTUAL FINANCIAL BENEFIT

TO HOLD MEETING IN ALLIANCE FRIDAY AFTERNOON

To Form First National Farm Loan Association Here This Week

Will Make It Possible for Members to Borrow from Federal Land Bank for Term of Forty Years at Not to Exceed Six Per Cent Interest, as Provided in Democratic Farm Loan Act—Borrower Makes Payments Same as Interest and Owes Nothing at Maturity of Loan—Many Expected to Take Advantage of Opportunity.

Tomorrow afternoon, Friday, December 29, a meeting will be held in the assembly room of the Box Butte county court house in Alliance, for the purpose of organizing a National Farm Loan Association. The meeting is scheduled to start at 2 o'clock sharp. Already more than the required number have made application for loans under the Federal Farm Loan act, so that the organization of the first association is assured. There are others who are expected to join either at the meeting to be held tomorrow or at a later date. Those who desire to secure loans under this act and who have not already made application will be provided with the opportunity to join at the meeting tomorrow. It takes ten members to organize an association, but the local organization will start out strong, there being more than the required number.

Will Elect Directors At the meeting to be held tomorrow, directors will be elected and the directors will then elect or appoint the appraisers and other officers. Articles of association will also be drawn up at this time.

Met with County Agent On Friday afternoon, December 22, some fifteen farmers met with the county agent at the court house to discuss the plan of borrowing money under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act. It was after a thorough discussion of the several factors necessary to borrow money that the most of those in attendance signified their intention of borrowing money from Uncle Sam on his long-time, low-interest proposition. The matter of organization for a National Farm Loan Association, in order to receive the benefits of the act, was gone into carefully as were the other things commonly used to frighten the public taking advantage of the act.

Must Have a Reason One of the things brought out was the fact that even though one is able to borrow money from a Federal Land bank for forty years with op-

tional payments, at a rate that cannot exceed six per cent and may be considerably lower, a rate of interest about three per cent below the average for this district a year ago, that is no reason for borrowing money when it is not needed and when it will not be productive. Borrowing without a purpose is discouraged. It is necessary to have a definite purpose in mind in order to borrow through the Federal Land banks. The county agent suggests that those who wish to avail themselves of this privilege should do so at once.

To Explain Act Again The act will be briefly explained again, at the meeting to be held Friday of this week, at which time those who have questions to ask that have not been answered before may gain additional information.

Effect Already Felt The Federal Farm Loan act seems to have already been the means of reducing the interest rate in this section, even before it actually goes into effect. Many are of the opinion that if the act can accomplish this effect now, it certainly must work to the benefit of the masses from now on. The act provides a means whereby the farmer may borrow from the Federal Land bank up to fifty per cent of the property and a percentage of the insured valuation of the improvements. Forty years are allowed in which to make the payments with the right to pay all at any interest-bearing date, except that borrowers must take the loan for a period of five years. Those who want short loans must secure them from other sources.

Many Interested It is believed the plan is going to be taken advantage of in this section by a large number. There are many who are still debating and who, when they see their neighbors in on the plan, will decide to delay no longer, and will then secure a loan and make needed improvements that will tend to make their farm labors more efficient as well as more productive.

NEW FEDERAL FARM LOAN BANK TO BE LOCATED AT OMAHA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28—The federal farm loan board yesterday announced the following cities in which federal farm loan banks will be located: Springfield, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Columbus, S. C.; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Wichita, Kans.; Houston, Texas; Berkeley, Calif.; and Spokane, Wash. One hundred and forty contesting cities were disappointed. The federal farm loan act was approved on July 17, 1916, and be-

comes operative January 1, 1917. It creates a banking system which will reach intimately into the rural districts, operate on terms suited to the farmer's needs under sympathetic management, introduce business methods into farm finance, bring order out of chaos, reduce the cost of handling farm loans, place upon the market mortgages which will be a safe investment for private funds, attract into agricultural operations a fair share of the capital of the nation and lead to a reduction of interest.

FIFTEEN FREIGHT CARS DERAILED NEAR WHITMAN

Fifteen cars were derailed two miles west of Whitman Saturday afternoon, about 1:30 o'clock, when a journal on one of the cars broke. The loss will reach \$5,000, it is said. The damage to the freight will probably be fifteen to twenty per cent of the damage to the cars. Some 600 feet of track was torn up. The wrecking crew from here was sent to the scene and the track cleared by 5 o'clock Sunday morning. Passenger train No. 44 was derailed via Brush, through Colorado, then to Lincoln.

LLOYD GOES TO LINCOLN

Lloyd Thomas of The Herald, state representative from the 73rd district, will leave tonight for Lincoln to attend the coming session of the state legislature, which convenes Tuesday, January 2. Lloyd will keep the people of this section of the state posted on legislative doings by weekly news letters.

W. H. Griffith, a prominent business man and well-known volunteer fireman of Scottsbluff, made The Herald office a pleasant visit this morning. He had been on a business trip to Marsland and returned home this afternoon. He always takes an active part in the work done by the volunteer firemen and will probably attend the state convention at Auburn in January. He took a prominent part in the last convention in Crawford in January of this year.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

Table with columns: Dec, Max, Min, Snow, Wind, Day. Data for Dec 21-27.

JOKER OR MURDERER SENT GERM-LADEN MAIL

Letter Sent from Alliance to Denver Woman Contained Loathsome Gift Bearing Smallpox Label

Alliance people who chanced to read the Denver Post of Tuesday's issue were shocked when they read a news story stating that someone in Alliance had mailed a letter containing scalings from old sores and labeled "smallpox germs" to Mrs. G. W. Holde, 2430 Humboldt street, Denver. Many were inclined to believe the story was a "fake," but when Postmaster Robert Graham started an investigation they were compelled to accept it as the truth. While the news story did not state that Mrs. Holde is a colored woman, that is the information received here. The postmaster has consulted with the local police department in an effort to locate the joker or would-be murderer. According to Police Chief Jeffers there are no colored families in Alliance who either have had or now have the smallpox, as near as can be learned. An effort is being made to apprehend the person who mailed the loathsome gift, and if found it will probably go hard with him.

A Serious Matter The Denver Post tells the story of the receipt of the gift labeled "smallpox germs" in the following language:

"Either a practical joker with a very distorted sense of humor or someone with wholesale murder in his heart is at large. This alleged humorous or fiendish slayer has been in Alliance, Nebr., recently. Now the postal authorities are looking for him."

"Mrs. G. W. Holde, 2430 Humboldt street, received a Christmas card, mailed from Alliance, Nebr. Inclosed with the card was a smaller tissue-paper envelope containing a number of scalings from old sores. And these were labeled "smallpox germs."

"To the frightened eyes of Mrs. Holden they looked like just what they were labeled, too. And to make matters worse, she received the mailed card and the deadly inclosure while she was attending a Christmas dinner party. Several of her friends handled the package before it finally reached her hands."

"Mrs. Holden hurried to the office of City Physician C. B. James. He vaccinated her and turned the contents of the envelope over to City Bacteriologist Mitchell for analysis. "The sender, if caught, may plead a practical joke, but Uncle Sam will hardly laugh at the thing. It's cold and his lips are chapped. Too many postoffice clerks, railway mail clerks and letter carriers handle each individual piece of mail, and Uncle Sam is just a bit touchy about being asked or expected to lug epidemic-spreading germs thru his mails."

"The Denver police, too, are busy on the case, and, with the assistance of the postal authorities, are looking up the sender from the Alliance end. If captured he will probably be shot at sunrise. But, on second thought, why wait until sunrise?"

FAMILY REUNION

Christmas Day Was a Merry and Happy Time at the Home of Editor and Mrs. J. W. Thomas

A family reunion at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, 408 Sweetwater avenue, added happiness to Christmas festivities. It takes only a few years for a family of six boys to become scattered with seldom a coming together of all at one time, except on special occasions.

Those present for dinner, besides the host and hostess, were: Mrs. H. F. Gallup, mother of Mrs. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas, Alliance; Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott Thomas and little son Paul C., Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Thomas, Alliance; Paul W. Thomas, Alliance; Mrs. Philip M. Thomas, Hyannis; E. Anson Thomas, Alliance; Miss Marian Grebe, Alliance.

This was an opportune time for such a reunion at this home. Within a few days following Lloyd left for Lincoln to attend the session of the legislature; Scott, who clerks in the Fair store at Gordon, could leave immediately following the rush of holiday trading better than at almost any other time; Paul was home from school for the holiday vacation; and Philip, who has charge of the Bassett ranch south of Hyannis, had an opportunity of setting a friend to look after the place for a few days. The other two boys reside in Alliance, Carl being foreman in The Herald office, and Anson attending high school.

After a sumptuous dinner consisting of turkey, chicken, and other reasonable viands, came the presentation of Christmas gifts. J. W. acting the part of Santa Claus, and little Paul, the grandson, as mascot. On Tuesday forenoon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, and six sons, four daughters-in-law, and grandson went to the Alliance Art Studio, where Photographer Grebe made the necessary negatives for group pictures and other photos.

Joe Smith has installed a handsome new, modern soda fountain and lunch counter at his place of business. The new fountain is made of marble and is certainly a dandy.

MILLER TO BUILD A MODERN HOTEL

Plans and Estimates Ready for Construction of Four or Five Story Modern Building

WOULD HAVE HUNDRED ROOMS

Commercial Club Could Be Accommodated with Quarters on Top Floor with Room for All

After receiving estimates on the re-building and remodeling of the Alliance Hotel building, J. M. Miller, proprietor of the hotel and lessee of the building, has decided that the expense would be too great and has therefore given up the proposition of modernizing and enlarging the building.

Several months ago Mr. Miller purchased the corner opposite the Alliance hotel. The Burlington hotel, a frame structure, now stands on this corner. He has had plans drawn and estimates made for the construction of a four or five-story new, modern hotel building on this corner. The plans may be seen at the Alliance hotel. They were drawn by O. J. Henke, Scottsbluff architect.

The new hotel with five floors would have 100 rooms and be constructed at an approximate cost of \$100,000. It would be the most modern and up-to-date hotel in this part of the west and would apply care for all business which might come to the city for years to come.

If only four floors should be built, there would be 87 rooms and the building could be constructed at a cost of \$80,000. The building would be 67 1/2 by 140 feet in size. The plans call for a large dining room with hard maple floors, which could be used for dancing when desired.

The commercial club could be accommodated with quarters prepared especially for them on one of the upper floors, giving the club a fine and comfortable home.

AUCTION SALE OF FULL BLOODED HEREFORDS

Nebraska Ranchmen Will Have Opportunity to Secure Exceptionally Good Stock for Breeding

In the stockmen's section of this issue of The Herald will be found the advertisement of a sale that should interest western Nebraska ranchmen at this particular time. It is the sale of Mousel Bros., Cambridge, Nebr., to be held January 4. Ninety head of their splendid strain of Herefords, fifty bulls and forty females, will be disposed of. That is pays better to raise a good grade of cattle than poor stuff is so well known that no argument is needed to convince cattlemen of the fact. We simply wish to call attention of ranchmen again to the above mentioned opportunity they have of doing themselves good by attending the Mousel Bros. sale next Thursday.

STOLE VALUABLE JEWELS

Thieves Broke into F. J. Was Home—Entrance Made Through a Kitchen Window

A quantity of jewelry and other valuables worth approximately \$300 was stolen from the F. J. Was home on Laramie avenue Sunday night. The thieves secured entrance to the home while the family was at church, some time between 6 and 9:30 o'clock. It is believed the thieves were local parties or persons closely acquainted with the habits of the family. Christmas presents that were in the home and which were to be given the next day were not disturbed.

Entrance was made through a kitchen window, which the robbers broke out. The police were called in shortly after the robbery was discovered, but as yet the guilty parties have not been apprehended.

TAKE OFFICE FIRST OF YEAR

Successful Candidates for County Offices Will Assume Duties Next Tuesday

Next Monday is January 1, also New Year's day. On Tuesday, January 2, the newly-elected county officials will take over the handling of the business affairs of Box Butte county. There will be changes in the offices of commissioner, county clerk, county treasurer, county judge and county assessor.

Anton Uhrig takes the place of J. M. Wanek as county commissioner. W. C. Mounts is the new county clerk. Mr. Mounts has selected as his deputy Miss Etta Kane. F. W. Irish has chosen Mrs. Cora Lewis as his assistant in the treasurer's office. Ira E. Taab will be the new county judge. J. A. Keegan is the newly-elected assessor. Sheriff Cal Cox and County Superintendent Opal Russell, together with County Attorney Bayne, were re-elected. Lloyd C. Thomas, representative-elect from the seventy-third district, comprising Box Butte and Sheridan counties, will assume his duties at Lincoln when the legislature convenes, January 2.