

LEGISLATURE PASSES BILLS

Dry Committee Holding Open Sessions in Legislative Hall to Give Opportunity to Express Views

MONDAY LAST DAY FOR BILLS

House Passes Bill Giving Lincoln and Omaha Municipal Employees Eight-hour Day

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24—Limited suffrage will be given to the women of Nebraska if House Roll No. 222, introduced by Representative Norton, becomes a law. The act permits women to vote on president, municipal officers and all others except those mentioned in the state constitution, which restricts the right of suffrage to males.

House Roll No. 229, offered by Representative Lloyd Thomas, declares pipe lines to be common carriers, puts them under the state railway commission, and gives them the power of eminent domain. This refers particularly to potash companies and others engaged in handling alkali and salt brines through pipe lines.

Representative Murty of Cass county proposes to amend the state banking law. In explanation of his proposed amendment he says: "This bill will take our guarantee law out of the realm of politics and place it on a permanent business basis. The cold facts are our guarantee, yet many of our bankers have permitted, or at least they do advertise it in such a way that the depositor is led to believe he is absolutely guaranteed."

"I am opposed to the idea for our banking board to assume the right to say who shall go into the banking business, and who shall not. It would soon create a giant monopoly that should be opposed by all our farmers and business men. The guaranties of interest-bearing certificates of deposit at 5 per cent at a time when our reserve banks are offering an unlimited amount at 4 1/2 per cent is entirely wrong. No insurance company of any kind—and our guarantee law is only insurance—guarantees a man his principal and also a large profit. If a man wants to loan his money at a high rate, he should assume part of his responsibility."

"This bill does not interfere with the checking account or the non-interest bearing certificate of deposit. It would in reality almost practically guarantee two-thirds of the deposits in our banks. If we take the guarantee off of interest-bearing certificates of deposit and prohibit the advertising of our guarantee law, it will remove the bank promoter—it will keep our banks from being flooded with eastern deposits when money is plenty and the skies are clear, to be quickly withdrawn at the first sign of a cloud in our financial skies. We are approaching the general slump in business as peace in Europe appears not far remote, and we should place our banks now and forever on a permanent business basis. Those eastern deposits from outside our state are only fair weather deposits that come when we don't need them. They will quickly vanish when we do need them."

The Sheridan county delegation visited the senate Wednesday of last week. Rev. Walter C. Rundin of Crawford and Senator George Adams were speakers.

County Agent F. M. Seidell of Box Butte county was a visitor at the House Tuesday of this week. John O'Keefe of Alliance and E. G. Laing of the same city were recent callers.

The House was adjourned Monday (Continued on page 8 this section)

STATE MEETING OF COUNTY ASSESSORS

Legislature Will Be Asked to Make Some Radical Changes in Methods of Assessing Property

Secretary O. E. Bernecker of the State Board of Equalization has sent out a request that all county assessors meet in Lincoln for a conference, on Monday and Tuesday, January 29 and 30.

Some radical changes in the present system of assessing in Nebraska are contemplated. Mr. Bernecker wants the date for commencing to assess changed from April 1 to March 1, so as to give assessors longer time to do their work. He would have real estate assessing begin in January. It is also planned to greatly increase the powers and duties of county assessors and provide that they shall visit the different precincts of the county and help in assessing the land. The mailing of blanks for personal property schedules from the county office to each tax payer, instead of the present method, and many other changes will be considered.

All proposed changes in the law that may be agreed upon by the conference of county assessors will be presented to the legislature with the request that they be enacted.

Box Butte county will be represented in the conference by County Assessor J. A. Keegan, whose fund of practical information on the subjects to be considered will be helpful in adopting a course of procedure.

HILL WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

The will of William Hill, deceased, has been filed here for probate. The court is asked to name Mattie A. Cooper as administratrix. February 17 is the date set for hearing.

SIXTY TOOK THE TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS

Number Swelled because All Members of Ninth Grade at Academy Took Examinations

A total of sixty took the teachers' examinations given at the court house Friday and Saturday by County Superintendent of Schools Opal Russell. The number taking the examination this time was swelled considerably by reason of the fact that the members of the ninth grade at St. Agnes Academy took the examinations. The academy is not an accredited school and those desiring to teach must take and pass all examinations. The capacity of the superintendent's office and the assembly room was taxed.

Those from out of town who took the examinations were as follows: Florence M. Delhl of Belmont, Dawes county, and Alma Rosenberger of the same place; Harry Schmeker of Bingham, Sheridan county; Marie and Lenna Annen of Dunlap, Box Butte county; Louis Van Buskirk of Long Lake, Sheridan county; Russell R. Wyland of Ellsworth; Anna Carter of Hemingford.

The examination papers have been sent to the office of the state superintendent of schools for correction and all are corrected. Miss Russell will be advised as to the grades made and she will then report to those taking the examinations.

KNOWLES TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT MONDAY

Christian Church to Give Varied Program at Phelan Opera House on January 29

With the help of Evangelist Knowles a number of live wires in the Christian church have planned an excellent entertainment to be given at the Phelan opera house Monday evening. All the money taken in on admissions will go to the church and will be used by them in helping to finance the revival meetings that have been in progress at the Christian church for the past month.

The following is the program for the evening: Cornet solo, "Melody in F"—Mrs. J. O. Walker. Illustrated song, "You're the Brightest Star of All My Dreams", with 18 slides—Mrs. Rhein. Illustrated quartet, "Abide with Me"—Messrs. Irvin, Young, Reeves and Truman. 14 slides. Fifteen minutes of double dissolving art selections—H. G. Knowles. Illustrated solo, "The Holy City"—Mrs. Rhein. 20 slides. Illustrated solo, "The Old Cross Roads"—Mr. Truman. 18 slides. Illustrated quartet, "Swanee River"—Messrs. Irvin, Young, Reeves and Truman. 19 slides. Part 1, "In His Steps", reading by H. G. Knowles. 30 slides. Cornet solo, "The Lost Chord"—Mrs. J. O. Walker. Part 2, "In His Steps"—H. G. Knowles. 30 slides.

Office supplies at The Herald of Ice Phone 340.

WILL SPEND \$100,000.00

Nebraska Telephone Company Considering Proposition of Building New Toll Line

ALLIANCE TO BROKEN BOW

Would Connect Twenty-four Towns Not Now in Communication With Each Other

Never in the history of all western Nebraska has there ever been a time when prosperity was so general as it is now. Every day almost is seen the evidence of this fact. Farmers were never as well fixed. They never were better able to enjoy life. More farms are being sold and the great influx of farmers from eastern Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri is settling up the country to such a extent that new facilities are necessary.

Line 200 Miles Long But few of the towns in this section of the country, of which Alliance is one, have the advantages of long-distance telephone service. There is a great area some two hundred miles in length between Alliance and Broken Bow where the multitude of small towns have to content themselves with communicating with the outside world by mail or telegraph. There are no toll lines in this section.

To Build of Copper Now comes the Nebraska Telephone Company, one of the companies owned and controlled by the Bell system. This company proposes to build some two hundred miles of new copper toll line out of Alliance to Broken Bow connecting these many towns that have never before had the advantages afforded by long-distance telephone communication. The distance between Alliance and Broken Bow is, according to the railway time table, 190 miles, but the distance these long lines of copper will have to cover will probably be somewhat greater.

Gleason Made Tour P. D. Gleason, manager of the Alliance exchange, recently completed a tour of the territory between this city and Broken Bow, to determine in advance what amount of business could reasonably be expected to originate in these towns and to what extent a toll line connecting these towns would be patronized. The proposed telephone extension represents the expenditure for material and labor of between \$80,000 and \$100,000. It is a sum so large that the company must know in advance pretty much what revenue it can expect. The telephone company figures years ahead, and anticipates the growth of the country, knowing that if they can do no more than break even now they have a good thing that, in years to come, will develop as the country develops.

Makes Recommendation Mr. Gleason, after making the tour, was firm in his belief that the time was now opportune to build this extension. His report and recommendations were sent to the district manager at Grand Island some days ago. It will probably be a couple of weeks before the Grand Island office sends the report on to the general offices at Omaha. How soon definite action will be taken on the new project is said to depend entirely on how busy the officials are at Grand Island and Omaha. However, it is expected that the matter will come up within a reasonable time and that favorable action will be taken.

Means Greater Development The expenditure of between \$80,000 and \$100,000 in telephone improvement between this city and Broken Bow means the starting of a new era of development for the country between. There is a demand and will be a demand for telephone connections through this territory, that is evidenced by the fact that a big corporation is about to pour funds into the proposition. The next few years will without question see a remarkable change in this territory.

Connect 24 Towns The proposed telephone extension from Alliance will connect twenty-four towns, as follows: Alliance, Birdsell—where the new \$100,000 potash plant is to be built—Hoffland, Antioch, Lakeside, Ellsworth, Bingham, Ashby, Hyannis, Whitman, Weir, Mullen, Seneca, Norway, Theford, Natiek, Halsey, Dunning, Lincoln, Gavin, Anselmo, Merna, Ernst, and Broken Bow.

Alliance Is "Turn Point" Alliance is now what is known as a "turn point" for the "Bell" system. All calls from the east of Alliance to points west of this city going through the local exchange, are handled as local business. The local office handles all its own tickets. The long-distance business that originates in Alliance is very small, considering what a city of this size generally yaverages, according to a man closely identified with the company. The railroad offices have no great need for long-distance telephone communication from here because they use their own telegraph wires. O'Bannon Brothers perhaps have the largest average toll bill, with (Continued on page 8 this section)

WHO IS TO BUILD HOTEL?

Two Outfits Planning Erection of Four-story Modern Hotels in Alliance

WOULD COST \$80,000 TO \$100,000

J. M. Miller Plans Erecting New Hotel—Omaha Concern Buys Option for Site

As was announced some weeks ago, Alliance is going to have a new four- or five-story modern, high-class hotel, to cost from \$80,000 to \$100,000, with from 87 to 106 sleeping rooms. That fact seems to be settled. The question now is just who is going to build it.

Miller Owns Site J. M. Miller of the Alliance hotel has plans and specifications for a handsome new, modern hotel building to be built on the site of the present Burlington hotel.

Buyers Option for \$200 The North American Hotel Company, a subsidiary branch of the Bankers Investment Company of Omaha, has purchased an option on the Methodist church parsonage property located at the corner of Box Butte avenue and Fifth street, paying \$200 cash to the church for a ninety-days option, and if they decide to buy it, the price for the property will be \$12,000.

Representative Here H. G. Simon, a representative of the North American Hotel Company, has been in the city the past week. He conferred with the board of directors of the Commercial Club and purchased the option in the name of his company, so that the concern will have a site in the event they might build.

Would Sell Stock There seems to be one big drawback to the plan, however, and that is that the company must sell its stock in order to do anything. That would mean a stock-selling proposition in which the people of Alliance would be asked to contribute or invest certain moneys. It is stated now that the entire success of the plan will depend on the sale of stock locally. The stock to be sold would not be for the new hotel here alone but for the company which is a building company. The North American Hotel Company is building a new hotel in Omaha to be known as the Blackstone, and are said to have built three hotels on the plan suggested for this city.

Still Debating It is reported that the board of directors of the Commercial Club have not accepted a proposition from this concern and appearances indicate that they may be expected not to make any agreement. It is also understood that the hotel company will have something more to say pertaining to the proposition.

Local Men Back Miller Today a Herald reporter was advised that certain local moneyed men are getting together with the idea in mind of backing J. M. Miller in his plan to build a new and up-to-date hotel in Alliance. Mr. Miller now operates the Alliance hotel and owns the Burlington hotel property. One of two plans will be followed, it is said. Either the Burlington property will be disposed of and another site purchased or the new hotel will be built on the site of the old Burlington.

Meeting Tonight The Herald reporter has learned that the local men interested in the new hotel will hold a meeting tonight at which the proposition will be gone over carefully. As near as can be learned there has been as \$18,000 and \$20,000 already subscribed towards the fund necessary to build the hotel planned by Mr. Miller. However, those interested do not care to talk for publication at this time and nothing authentic can be learned. It is believed these interested will incorporate a company at an early date and at that time will make their announcement.

Plans Are Drawn The plans for the new hotel as drawn for Mr. Miller by O. J. Henke, an architect located at Scottsbluff, call for a modern and complete hotel to be operated on the European plan. The new hotel with five floors would have 106 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 be ample for all the needs of the city for years to come. However, the proposition to build a four-story hotel with 87 rooms seems at this time to be in favor unless the fifth floor could be rented to the Commercial Club or to some other local body.

Modern in Every Way If the new hotel is built on the site of the Burlington hotel it will be 57 1/2 by 140 feet in size. The plans call for a large dining room with hard maple floors so that the room could be easily converted into a ballroom. There will be a large modern cafe and it will be here that the large amount of that end of the business will be conducted.

Need for New Hotel The fact that there is a need for a (Continued on page 4, this section)

NEIL CROSS KILLED AT OMAHA SUNDAY

Man Charged with Murder of Brother of Alliance Machinist Is Killed at Omaha

Neil Cross, who was to be tried in Omaha Monday of this coming week for manslaughter, was found shot early Sunday morning in the railroad yards at the foot of Cuming street in Omaha. He was a special detective for the Northwestern railroad.

On April 3 of last year Cross ran down O. J. Schirk of Omaha, injuring him so that he died. Cross was driving an automobile. O. J. Schirk was a brother of J. M. Schirk of this city, a Burlington machinist, and was known here. J. M. Schirk received a telegram from an attorney, who was acting for the widow of his brother, Sunday, advising of the death of Cross. Mr. Schirk left Monday night for Omaha.

When Cross was found he was clutching his flashlight, which was still burning, the death pressure of his stiffened fingers serving to hold down the push button. His pistol was gone from his holster, and his pocketbook was also missing.

The bullet that ended his life was apparently from a range far enough away to prevent his being powder burned. It struck him squarely in the mouth. From the position he was found in, apparently he went to his death calmly. A cigar that he was smoking was still clutched firmly between his teeth.

Paul O'Leary, messenger boy with the watchman, said the officer had just arrested three men charged with robbing a car. One of them shot Cross. All three then ran.

OLD BOX BUTTE WAKES THEM UP

Potatoes Made Big Hit at Potato Show—Real Estate Men on Job—The Prizes

Box Butte and Sheridan counties certainly made it plain to all who attended the meetings of Organized Agriculture last week that these two counties were the "promised land", and that there was a fortune awaiting all who would come to this land of promise and raise potatoes.

L. O. Williams writing in the State Journal said of the potato show: "The visitors at our agricultural meetings the past week were sure to run up against some potato man sooner or later. Go where you might, out among the farmers at the state farm, at the auditorium, where the show was staged, at the hotel lobbies, or at the lunch counter, you were sure to hear more or less potato talk. The leading contestants in the potato show this winter were Sheridan and Box Butte counties. I do not mean to say that these two counties contested with each other for the best collective exhibit, but rather that most of the potatoes shown were from these two great centers of spud production."

Credits Box Butte "There was a good-natured rivalry that was evident at the show between these two counties—not alone by the growers—but more prominently by the rivalry between the real estate dealers in these two sections. Box Butte county laid down the claim to the largest total yield of any county in the state. Around 6,000,000 bushels was their high mark."

The Awards The following awards were won by Box Butte exhibitors: Bliss Triumphs Karl Forstrom, Hemingford, second; Adolph Forstrom, Hemingford, third; E. F. Abbet, Hemingford, fourth, and A. S. Enyeart, Hemingford, fourth.

Cobblers F. J. Betzold, Alliance, second; G. W. Nation, Alliance, third. Eurekas Frank Ballwig, Alliance, second. Early Ohios P. O. Muntz, Alliance, fourth; A. H. Bacon, Hemingford, fifth; A. S. Enyeart, Hemingford, fifth; M. C. Benham, Hemingford, fifth; Peter Jensen, Hemingford, third; Chris Hansen, Hemingford, third; C. M. Johnson, Alliance, fourth.

First Prizes The first prizes in most instances are said to have been taken by professional exhibitors.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FAIR ASSN. FRIDAY EVE.

The annual meeting of the Box Butte Fair Association will be held tomorrow evening, Friday, January 26, in the Commercial Club rooms, starting at 7:30 o'clock. New officers are to be elected and there is other important business to be taken up. At this time the proposition of the Commercial Club to combine the fair and the Stockmen's Reunion will be decided upon.

PUT BAN ON "FREE" LOVE

Alliance Barber and Former Waitress in Local Cafe Arrested Here Tuesday Night

ARE FOUND TOGETHER IN ROOM

Police after Fast Men as Well as Fast Women—Married Man Said to Be in "Dutch"

"You just say that there are certain married men in this town as well as unmarried ones who are going to get in bad right soon if they don't change their ways. There is one man in particular who has a wife he allows to make her own living while he makes his living off of so-called sporting women. You say this business has got to stop and stop now. If we have to 'clean up' this tribe we will clean them up and we will not bother with making it a city case, but instead will make a stage charge and push it to the limit."—Chief of Police Jeffers to Herald Reporter.

There is always a day of reckoning. For some it comes sooner than for others. There are a number of men in Alliance, and some of them are married men, who are this week shaking in their boots for fear that some of their recent escapades will be made public and the light of day shed on their actions. There seems to be a just reason for 'his fear that is apparently freezing these men up. Local officials have been and are active in running down a number of leads secured from sources that ought to be authentic.

Arrested at 11 "Bells" Emma White, until recently employed at the Burlington cafe, and Jack Fenton, a barber employed at a local barber shop, were arrested Tuesday night about 11 o'clock in a rooming house conducted by Mrs. Louisa Blume, 210 East First street.

Mrs. Blume had complained that some of the girls staying there had been creating a disturbance that bothered others so they could not sleep. She told the police that men were leaving the girls' rooms at all times of the night and that things did not look good. The result of Mrs. Blume's complaint was the visit by the police Tuesday night.

Girl Locked Up The White woman was locked up in the woman's ward at the city hall where she remained until Wednesday morning when her case came up for hearing before Judge Roberts. Jack Fenton put up an appearance bond Tuesday night and failed to put in an appearance Wednesday morning. He made no effort to aid in securing his companion's release or in putting up bond for her. The woman pleaded guilty before Judge Roberts Wednesday morning to disturbing the peace by loud and boisterous language and by acting in a disorderly manner with one Jack Fenton. She was fined twenty dollars and costs and committed to the city jail until such time as the fine and costs were paid or she was otherwise lawfully discharged.

No Regular Employment In police court Wednesday morning Mrs. White stated that she was 24 years old; that she was divorced from her husband and did not know anything about where he was; that her home was in Kansas; that she left Kansas in September; that she came to Alliance from Lakeside and to Lakeside from Lincoln. She had been employed by Pete Manewal at the Burlington cafe, but was let out when the cafe changed hands a week or two ago. Since that time she has had no regular employment. She had been staying at the Berry House, but stated she left there because they would not call her in the morning. It was then that she rented a room at Blume's. Her chum, employed at another cafe, also stayed there.

Police Are "Wise" Now The police, it is learned, are "on" to the game of certain parties in Alliance and unless their conduct is very much changed within a short time said parties may expect to pay a visit to the police court and once there they need not expect to depend on bluff or boldness to clean them. All appearances indicate that the police are keeping a sharp lookout and may be expected to descend on those pulling shady stunts almost any time.

Party of Six When asked regarding a recent performance said to have been staged by Mrs. White told the court that there were three couples in the room mentioned at the time, three girls and three men. To the question of whether or not they had liquor that night, she replied in the negative, and the same way as to the playing of cards. Mrs. White was asked what she did that night and replied that she was "sore" and spent her time on the bed.

Made Date for Her "Two men tried to make a date with me for another man, the two (Continued on page 4 this section)