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BOX BUTTE GIRL IS CHAMPION

Miss Alice Schill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Schill, has Proud Distinction

FIRST PRIZE IN GARDENING

Wins Over All Other Boys and Girls in Nebraska—Awarded Hand-some Trophy

Box Butte county now has an addition to make to the list of agricultural honors held by the county. The latest is the award received by Miss Alice Schill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Schill. Miss Schill has been awarded the first prize in the Garden-Canning project in the Nebraska Boys' and Girls' Clubs. Miss Schill is fourteen years old and now claims the proud distinction of winning over all other boys and girls entered in this particular line of work over all the state of Nebraska. It is a distinction to be proud of, a reward of effort conducive to the doing of even better things. All Box Butte county is proud of "our champion," for while awarding the championship to Miss Schill individually it reflects to the glory and the good of all Box Butte county.

Front \$993.40 Per Acre
Nebraska boys and girls over ten years of age and under eighteen years of age are entitled to join these clubs and there were hundreds of members. The area of Miss Schill's garden plot was 362 square feet. Her total receipts were \$10.41. The total expense was \$1.75. The total profit was \$8.66. At this rate her profit per hundred square feet of garden was \$2.88. At this rate, after allowing \$45 for rent, an acre of garden would produce a profit of \$993.40. Championship Plank

Miss Schill besides winning the state championship of the state garden-canning club project will receive the championship plank or shield awarded by the Nebraska Farm Journal. The plank is a large wooden shield of beautiful design upon which will be engraved the name of Miss Schill. It is a trophy she will always cherish.

Receipts
The score card kept by Miss Schill and which was approved by County Superintendent of Schools Miss Opal Russell on January 13, 1917 shows that the value of fresh vegetables sold from her garden was \$8.55; the value of the fresh vegetables used at home was 96 cents; the value of vegetables on hand was 50 cents; the value of vegetables canned (at 20c a quart) was 40 cents. The total value of the products of her garden being \$10.41.

Expenses
The following are the expenses figured on a uniform basis (as were the receipts) for all members of the club in the state: Labor, \$1.13 1-3. Supplies, \$1.13. Rent 33 3-5 cents. Total expense \$2.59 14-15. Total profit \$8.66. Profit per 100 square feet, \$2.28.

Other Data
Miss Schill estimates that probably about fifty people visited her garden. She grew four kinds of vegetables. The three most prominent being tomatoes, beets and radishes. She canned two quarts of vegetables herself while 129 quarts were canned at home by others.

How Crop Was Raised
Each contestant was required to write an essay on the subject, "How I Raised My Crop." The following is Miss Schill's essay:
"When papa received the letter telling about the different clubs there was a perfect uproar for a few minutes, then I was able to hear myself think. I decided I would be in the in my card of membership. I could hardly wait for the answer to come. When it did I was more enthusiastic than ever. Mamma got tired of telling me it was not time to plant yet.

"One warm spring day however (we had the men plow the garden some time ago) we took rakes and hoes and set to work. The ground was hard and full of tough clods which we had to break up—that was the hardest work of the whole garden. I think. We used the rake and the hoe and it took about two hours. Then we made nice straight rows and planted the radishes and beets leaving the bigger part of the garden for tomatoes. I had the tomatoes about six inches tall in cans in the house. When these came up we watered them. They grew rapidly. We had a few rains but a hard wind after them which made the ground very hard and we had to hoe the ground around the plants and water them above I planted beans. Soon we dug holes and filled them with water then put the tomatoes in and packed the earth around them. I had the tomatoes in paper boxes in the house so all I had to do was peel the paper off. That left lots of good soil around the roots. The tomatoes I had this way did not even droop at all. Then I watered and hoed. We had a pipe leading from the tank and then ditches. As a consequence my garden had plenty of water. My vegetables had not been very good be-

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FARMERS MEETING HELD HERE

Western Potato Growers Association Organized Tuesday from among Members

Some sixty-five members of the Farmers' Union met Tuesday evening at Hamilton's Hall, corner Third street and Laramie avenue, and organized the Western Potato Growers' Association. Delegates were in attendance from various parts of the state, coming to consider the proposition. Another meeting is being planned for.

T. M. Tyson, of the Union State Exchange, at Omaha, was in attendance at the meeting held here Tuesday night and made a number of suggestions along the line those assembled were interested in.

Alliance was awarded two of the officials. George Nutton was elected president, and Alex Lee was elected secretary-treasurer. Mr. Coleman of Hay Springs was elected president.

Following the meeting in the hall those in attendance marched to the Alliance cafe, where an oyster supper was served.

WOMAN COUNTY AGENT HERE THIS SUMMER

Communities Desiring Services of Miss Rokahr Must Notify the County Agent at Once

Box Butte county is to have a woman county agent this summer. That fact is now settled. Through the efforts of the three county agents in northwest Nebraska, arrangements have been made to have Miss Rokahr of the Extension Service spend the summer months in this part of the state, dividing her time between Box Butte, Sheridan and Dawes counties. She will work only in those communities where she is asked to come. She will not have time for over five or six communities in each county. The meetings will begin in April.

Last summer the women of four Madison county communities met once a month for the purpose of studying Home Economics. The meetings started in March and continued through September. Study in hot weather may seem uninviting, but as a matter of fact, attendance increased steadily throughout the time. The classes met in farm-home kitchens and the women wore wash dresses, for there was work to be done, and each woman did a part.

First Come, First Served
The leader was a member of the Home Economics Extension Service. When, in the spring, it was announced that she could spend one week in each month in Madison county, the women of these four communities were the first to say, "We want her." It was "first come, first served."

In March the women had a meal lesson. They learned how to use a pressure cooker and how to make a dressmaker. Since these utensils are especially useful in meat cooking. On that day they chose subjects for the remaining lessons. They did not stick to food entirely, but chose canning, house furnishings, the use of the dress form, and other subjects.

The women had such good times that they didn't want to give up when September came. So they formed permanent organizations, which have held monthly meetings all winter. These clubs have not only studied home economics, but have done things for their communities as well. They have aided in the establishment of hot lunches in the schools; they have sought to provide wholesome amusement for their young people. Now they are working to secure a woman county agent, and they are going at it so energetically and so systematically that they are bound to succeed.

With the announcement that the services of Miss Rokahr have been secured for Box Butte and Sheridan and Dawes counties for this summer, there will probably be many communities who will want to secure her services in conducting meets in their community during the summer. This is an excellent opportunity for the women of the country communities to study home economics under a trained leader for a while. It will be, "First come, first served." If you want to reserve Miss Rokahr for your community this summer, telephone County Agent F. M. Seidell at once. Mr. Seidell has his office in the court house and the number of his office telephone is "one-four-five."

WIKERS TO HANDLE SEVERAL MAKES NOW

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wiker of the Wiker Music House closed a deal while in Omaha last week whereby they become distributors for the A. Hospe Company of Omaha for a number of lines of pianos. They now have several makes of pianos to offer to those contemplating the purchase of a piano. Among the list is found the Mason & Hamlin, Cable-Nelson, and the Bush & Lane. They will continue to feature the Kurtzman, which they are now getting direct from the factory.

DRY BILL BROUGHT BACK TO HOUSE

Prohibition Committee Makes Some Changes and Reports Prohibition Bill Back for Action

WILL BE MADE "BONE DRY"

Provisions Added to Bill for Trial by Police Judge without Jury and for the Searching of Autos

(From Lincoln Daily News)
Those Nebraskans who are planning on stocking up their wine cellars and sideboards prior to May 1 might as well give up the idea right now. If the special prohibition committee of the lower house has its way the fact that any person has an excessive amount of liquor in his home will be prima facie evidence that he is keeping it for illegal purposes. In other words, it will be up to him to prove that he alone expected to make use of it, without giving any of his friends a chance to relieve their thirst.

After having spent nearly three weeks in considering H. R. 793, the dry enforcement measure drawn up by a sub-committee from both houses and referred to the special house committee, the latter body made its report to the lower house Friday morning. Upon motion of Chairman Norton of the committee consideration of the amended bill in committee of the whole was then set for 10 a. m. Tuesday. Mr. Norton explained that the committee amendments would be included in the house journal for Friday, giving the printers until Monday morning to get them printed. The members would then have a whole day to look over the changes and the bill itself before being asked to give them their approval.

While it was the original intention of the framers of the bill to prevent the stocking up of wine cellars just before prohibition takes effect, it was found that this clause was not as explicit as it might have been, and so that clause was changed to make it so definite that no one could get around it.

Hold Down Auto Shipments
This was the most drastic change affected by the special committee but there are others of some importance. One section now provides that an auto carrying booze from out of the state may be declared a public nuisance and that the authorities may proceed against it in much the same manner as against other nuisances. An officer can search an auto without even going to the trouble of securing a search warrant, but he must secure that warrant immediately afterwards. Of course if he makes a mistake and searches the wrong auto he is liable for damages, but he is running no greater risks than all officers take in entering private homes and rooming houses.

This provision regarding autos was inserted with a view of getting away from one of the easiest means of bootlegging. Under the proposed law there would be so much red tape connected with receiving booze shipments by express that few men would undertake to get their liquor in that way. Auto loads coming in from Missouri, however, could slip by the officers without having their shipments registered. It is said that the chief barrier to absolute prohibition in Des Moines is to be found in the auto lines established between that city and Minneapolis. By means of this amendment the committee hopes to hold bootlegging to a minimum.

Another new clause provides that magistrates may try misdemeanor cases without a jury. In places like Omaha, where twenty or thirty cases might come up before the court in (Continued on page 8 this section)

STOLEN HORSES TO ALLIANCE

McKinley Swanson and Floyd Irwin of Cheyenne Trained Horses Here

RECOVERED SIXTEEN HEAD

Had Been in Saddle for Three Weeks Scouting for Horses Stolen from Their Ranches

McKinley Swanson of Morrill, Nebraska, and Floyd Irwin of Cheyenne, Wyo., arrived in Alliance about 2 o'clock Monday afternoon with sixteen head of horses which they trailed here. These are horses that had been stolen and had been recovered. Irwin was out hunting horses that had been stolen from the Irwin ranch and also horses belonging to Gus Palm living near Cheyenne. Swanson has recovered all of his horses known to have been stolen, but Irwin was still out six head. The horses were found along the line from Valentine to Gordon and up on the Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota. Swanson's brand is "ET" on the jaw; Irwin's is "Y6" on the hip; and Palm's is a bar branded on the shoulder. The men had been out three weeks hunting for horses and were about all in, having been in the saddle every day since they were out.

Shipped from Here
The horses were shipped from here yesterday, Swanson's horses going to Morrill, and Irwin's to Torrington, Wyo., that station being nearest his ranch. One horse had to be left at the Rust ranch eleven miles north of Alliance, the horse not being able to stand the continued trailing.

On Trail of Rustlers
With the arrest of Walter Lawyer and Thomas Nelson at the latter's ranch near the Banner county line, the authorities believe they have gotten on the trail of a well-organized gang of horse thieves who have been operating in Nebraska and Wyoming for some time past. On the Nelson place at the time of the arrest were a number of stolen horses. Nelson would give no information as to where the horses came from or whose they were.

Nebraska Salesman
The indications are that Lawyer was the Nebraska salesman for horses stolen in Wyoming near Cheyenne. Since the investigation started many of the stolen horses have been located and the authorities believe that soon they will have recovered all of fifty horses. Two other arrests are said to have been made one being Clarence Cunningham of Pine Bluffs, and a man named Schaffer of Valentine, said to be the father-in-law of Nelson. Other arrests are expected to follow.

Posse Hunted Them
A posse of four sheriffs and five deputies scoured the country several days in an effort to capture a band of horse thieves. With the assistance of Sheriff Cox of this city seven head of horses were located on the Leonard Armstrong ranch west of Alliance, where the stolen horses were deserted by the five rustlers. The men were evidently trying to take the horses farther east. They were seen by Mr. Hooper, who lives near the Armstrong ranch. They turned the horses into a pasture and left them there, going on their way. In commenting on the horse stealing the Bridgeport News-Blade says that had the Cheyenne authorities notified Sheriff Cox of this county a month ago of the operations of the horse thieves another band could have been taken about the first of the year. At that time two men driving a string of sixteen horses passed through what is known as the Collins neighborhood and spent the (Continued on page 8 this section)

Box Butte Farmers Own More Land Than They Lease

Farm Management in Box Butte Co. Article No. 1. (By F. M. Seidell, County Agent)

The farm management surveys for Box Butte county as conducted by County Agent F. M. Seidell show that there is more land owned entirely by the operator than there is land leased entirely by the operator. The amount of land owned and rented varies in all sections of the state. A large per cent of the farmers operated in Box Butte county are owned in part by the operator with a part of the farm rented. The survey shows:

Land owned entirely by operator,	Pct.
Operators owning more land than they lease	34
Operators owning same amount that they lease	7
Operators owning less land than they lease	25
Operators leasing all their land.	15

This is the first of a series of ar-

ticles based upon the Farm Management Surveys as conducted as a part of the County Agent work in Box Butte county. The object of this demonstration as stated in the project adopted by the board of directors is to assemble and make available to farmers the local facts pertaining to the business organization and management of farming in the community.

The articles will contain only the unexaggerated facts that show farming conditions in Box Butte county as compared to other areas from a farm management or business point of view. This will show much in favor of Box Butte county. The facts are based upon the business records of farms on the table land of this county, aggregating a property value of \$2,161,012. These articles are intended to show the facts as well as the advantages of farming in Box Butte county and the advantage of one type of farming over another. The facts are based upon 113 Box Butte farm records.

HOT TIME IN POLICE COURT THIS WEEK

Mexicans, Gentlemen of Color and White Men All Pay Visit to Judge Roberts

The past week has been a busy one in police court. All kinds of cases have demanded the attention of Police Judge Roberts.

Mexicans Take on Some
Monday morning two Mexicans who had been in over Sunday were haled into court and fined a dollar and costs. They were arrested Saturday afternoon after they had for several minutes been at work beating each other up in an alley back of the city hall. They had filled up on red liquor and then proceeded to get busy and fight in the regular Mexican way. But after spending the Sabbath in the city lockup Yones Rodrigues and Castro Magdaleno were glad to plead guilty to being full, and pay their fine.

Jack Kennedy and George Travis each paid a fine of \$1 and costs, a total of \$6 each, for being drunk.

Henry Reese on Tuesday pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at the Box Butte Rooming House and paid a fine of \$1 and costs.

Home Is Open Air
W. M. Fay, Ed Brown and Walter McDonald were all arrested for being drunk and each was fined \$1 and costs, or three days or more on the streets. They all worked on the streets for the city. McDonald when asked by the officer where he lived said: "My address is the open air, and my home is a box car."

Was Member I. W. W.
Frank Kelley got hooked up Monday and visited the Alliance cafe. He ordered a lunch and refused to pay saying he was an I. W. W., which may stand for Independent Workers of the World, or "I Won't Work." He succeeded in smashing some dishes at the Alliance cafe and when being taken to the station smashed one of the windows in the Indiana lunch car. He was fined \$25 and costs and put to work on the streets. He made his escape yesterday.

"Slapped" Woman's Face
John Ware, a colored porter employed at a local barber shop, was arrested Saturday night for disturbing the peace. He had been attending a jamboree at the home of Mrs. Lane, also colored. There is said to have been "red eye" there or some other stimulant. Anyway, there was trouble, just exactly what it was cannot be learned. Finally things got so hot he is alleged to have "slapped" the face of a large woman of color, one Mrs. Stark. Ware entered a plea of not guilty at the preliminary hearing Monday morning and furnished bonds to the amount of \$20 to appear Tuesday morning for trial. Tuesday he changed his plea to guilty and paid a fine of \$5 and costs, a total of \$10.

There were fourteen in the city jail Wednesday morning to be fed. John Bayers was arrested early Tuesday morning for carrying a gun and for being intoxicated. He was fined \$25 and costs and the fine suspended. It is stated that he had given a ring to a girl and was seeking to recover same, which is said to account for the fact that he had a gun.

Shot Hubby in Caboose
Alberta Turner, colored, on Tuesday shot her husband in the caboose, at least it was somewhere near the seat of his being. It seems that Alberta was at "Gert" Jackson's place having a good time. Friend husband appeared on the scene and tried to get her to go home, but there was nothing doing, so Turner left. Then friend wife went home and got her gun and returned to "Gert's" house. When Turner returned to the house there was some argument and then Mrs. Turner proceeded to do a shooting act. Mrs. Turner is passing her time at the city jail while her husband and James Washington are enjoying Washington's birthday (not James' birthday, however) at the county jail.

Dr. H. A. Copey went to Denver Monday night on business.

Mrs. A. C. Bracken is here from Portland, Ore., the guest of Mrs. Ray Hoag.

The J. Irwin home was quarantined Monday for smallpox.

Mrs. William Eberly received word yesterday telling of the death of her mother in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Eberly left last night to attend the funeral.

Ray Brady, Burlington brakeman, Tuesday resigned and will go to work for the U. P. at North Platte.

THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

The meteorological record or report of F. W. Hicks, Alliance official observer for the Weather Bureau, United States Department of Agriculture, for the week ending Wednesday, February 21, is as follows:

Feb	Max	Min	Snow	Wind	Day
15	44	18	NW	Pt	Cloudy
16	54	20	W	Clear	
17	40	15	NE	Cloudy	
18	19	7 1/4	SE	Cloudy	
19	26	-6	E	Clear	
20	48	8	W	Clear	
21	50	12	SE	Clear	

EXTENSION MAY BE BUILT NOW

Burlington Officials Do Not Explain where Large Appropriation Is to Be Spent

FROM O'NEILL TO ALLIANCE

Land Owners Being Approached and Asked for Prices on Portions of Their Holdings

Talk that the Burlington extension from O'Neill to Alliance may be begun this year will not down. The fact is there are a number of indications that point towards the fact that the extension is to be built.

Big Appropriation
Recently Burlington officials announced a large appropriation to be expended in Nebraska this year, and their failure to definitely state the purposes of the proposed expenditures, taken in conjunction with the known activity of certain private individuals in purchasing land along the proposed route, is taken to mean that the land is being purchased under cover for the road. Another singular fact is that the officials of the road neither confirm nor deny the story. History has shown that land increases in value the instant the owners know or think they know that a railroad is purchasing for extension purposes, and as a result condemnation proceedings which are slow, expensive and laborious frequently must be resorted to.

Activities in Real Estate
There can be no mistake in the fact that the actions of certain individuals in dealing for land and in the purchasing of options would be peculiar business if the land in question was to be used for any other purpose than for a railroad right of way. The O'Neill Frontier in telling of the peculiar activities in real estate says that land owners around Chambers and further to the west and south have been approached and asked for prices on portions of their holdings since the first of the year. In each instance, the Frontier states, the would-be buyers have been residents of eastern Holt county or counties along the short line and men who are prominent in business, agriculture or stock raising. They generally explain that they are buying merely for investment, but it is noted, says the Frontier, that the purchases and offers are for elongated strips not necessarily adapted to stock raising or farming.

Says Not for Investment
At the same time the Frontier calls attention to the fact that a buyer seeking land for investment generally prefers compact bodies as nearly square as possible and says the same activities noted in Holt county are reported from Brown and Rock counties and also along the length of Survey valley, a fertile valley running east and west through Cherry county and Sheridan county.

Bill Before Legislature
These activities, considered with a bill now pending in the legislature pertaining to rates and services on new extensions of existing lines, or lines built by new organizations, lead the optimistic to believe that the extension soon is to be built. It is stated that the bill pending in the legislature is likely to pass.

Good Proposition
While the average person knows but very little of what the Burlington proposes to do, yet it is reasonable to get the opinion that they are about to do something, when the facts are known as to what is actually being done now, whether by the railroad or by the individuals themselves. The fact that the road would be a paying proposition from a number of standpoints is generally admitted.

O'Neill to Alliance
Alliance and O'Neill are some 230 miles apart. A railroad continuing the O'Neill short line at O'Neill and extending to Alliance would probably pass through about fifteen towns. Sioux City capital is getting anxious. They desire to connect with this part of the country, recognizing the fact that western and northern Nebraska is going to experience a wonderful growth within the next few years. Evidence of their activity is seen in the effort being made to continue the passenger service from Sioux City clear to Alliance over the present system. A connecting link between Sioux City and Alliance would be a boom to all concerned. It would open up new trade territory to Sioux City wholesalers, and commission men, and provide all towns along the line with a new buying center, causing more competition, and with more competition, naturally better prices.

New Operations Now
With the completion of the Yutan cutoff by the Burlington road, it is but natural to assume that the company will start new operations. The logical proposition is the O'Neill-Alliance extension. The proposed extension of the O'Neill short line will give the Burlington a direct Denver-to-Sioux-City service via Alliance, with excellent connections at Sioux City for St. Paul and Minneapolis via the Great Northern and the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha. The (Continued from page 1 this section)