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## ALLIANCE BOY IN BIG VICTORY

Former Alliance R. R. Man Writes Friends Here That he Helped Drive Germans Back

### NOW IN A BRITISH HOSPITAL

Anxious to Get Back to Front Again and Help Whip the Germans— Glad America Going to Help

P. L. Stewart, a former Alliance railroad man, is confined to a British hospital at Sheffield, England, after do night "bit" in helping capture Viny Ridge from the Germans a few weeks ago when the great British-French offensive started, driving the Germans before them and capturing miles of trenches and strong fortified positions.

Many Alliance people, especially the railroad men, will remember Pat, the brakeman. He left the United States early in the war and joined a Canadian regiment, going first to England for training and then to the front battle line in France, finally getting to take part in the biggest battle of the war. He will be envied by hundreds of American boys, anxious to serve their country, and his story will be read with interest.

Pat's letter was written on April 19th to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kenner. Mr. Kenner is a railroad freight conductor for whom Pat worked while employed on the Alliance division. The letter is written from Ward 28, Third Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, England. It is written carefully and does not give details because the British censor would not allow this. The letter read as follows:

"I am severely wounded in dear old Blighty. I've been having some time since I last wrote to you. I suppose you have learned what we Canadians did to the Germans on Easter Monday at Viny Ridge. Some excitement. It beats being on short time for 42 (the Burlington main line passenger train), all to h---. You can tell the boys your old lead mate was right in the game until I ran up against a machine gun and got two through my left hand. I may lose my fingers but I would not have missed that scrap for both arms. The doctor has decided that he can perhaps save my fingers for me. Am not suffering much and have every care that we could wish.

"I just met an American nurse from Ohio. She says she is coming in to talk to me every day. She is in another ward. I haven't heard from my chum yet. Am hoping he's all right.

"How are the boys taking the war in America? Am sorry you were forced into this trouble am glad my country has shown the world she is willing to fight rather than be dishonored. I don't think they will have any fighting to do for it is my firm belief we've got them going. They can't stand up against that British 10-1 shelling long. I know. This isn't newspaper "con." It is from a friend who is trying to tell you just what he thinks for I know you want to know. I've seen the tables turned on those Germans. Honestly they are the poorest losers you ever saw. Can't fight a bit if they ain't running.

"I know you wonder what it is like to be in a big battle. Well, there's only one way to know—one will never be able to explain it. I know I never was so anxious for anything to start in my life. We had stayed in those muddy trenches all winter and were crazy to go. They (the Germans) say they are withdrawing according to plans. They are—according to our plans. I knew a week ahead that they would start withdrawing from Viny Ridge at 5:30 Monday morning, April 9th and they did. From the amount of provisions and supplies we captured I don't think they ever had any idea of withdrawing, as they claim.

"Life in the trenches isn't one to wish for but 'over the top, boy, two more minutes to go' is the sweetest music in the world to a Canadian soldier.

"Can't write much from France. Can't tell you where I am when there or what we are doing, but if I go back you can know I am doing my bit. Answer soon with a long letter to your friend Pat."

Pat would doubtless be glad to hear from other friends who knew him here. Mr. and Mrs. Kenner have written him often to cheer up the American soldier boy in France. If you want to write him address your letter to "P. Claude Stewart, 207757 Ward 28, Third Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, England, in care of Army Postoffice, Doddon.

### FRED HELLING KICKED BY FRIGHTENED HORSES

Saturday morning when Fred Helling, a teamster, entered the barn about 5 o'clock to feed the horses they became frightened. One horse kicked him over the right eye. He fell beneath another team and was kicked in the head. He was unconscious until late Saturday afternoon but is improving now.

## \$90 AN ACRE FOR BOY'S HOME SITE LAND

Iowa Man Buys One Hundred Eleven Acres for \$10,000.00—Will Plat Into Lots

### TOWN TO BE STARTED AT BEREA

C. H. Cass to Build Store Building and Put in Coal and Lumber Yard Ideal Location for Small Town

C. H. Cass of Bridgewater, Iowa, on Saturday purchased one-half of the tract of land on which the townsite of Berea is now located, paying at the rate of ninety dollars per acre for the 111½ acres purchased, a total of \$10,035. Berea is located ten miles northwest of Alliance, on the Burlington, midway between this city and Hemingford.

The tract of land on which the townsite is located consists of 223 acres. Mr. Hawkins, who recently purchased the entire tract from the Gilman Land Co., of Sioux City, Ia., retains one-half of the tract and will be interested in the townsite promotion.

Mr. Cass will start the erection of a business building at Berea very soon and plans to install a general store and a coal and lumber yard to supply the rapidly developing farming community which surrounds Berea. The tract will be platted into town lots and the same placed on the market within a short time.

### ALLIANCE WOMEN ARE STUDYING CITY AFFAIRS

Alliance women are taking an active interest and giving time to the study of city affairs. Members of the Alliance W. C. T. U. and their friends have attended the last two meetings of the city council to carefully study the handling of municipal affairs. At the next election women will have the right to vote for city officials and to take a part in the city management. These wide-awake Alliance women are taking time by the forelock and planning to intelligently exercise the right given them by the last session of the Nebraska legislature.

Twenty-six women were present at the April meeting of the council. Sixteen were present Tuesday evening, at the May meeting. Alliance women are taking an interest not shown by the men in the past, for seldom has the council chamber been filled with men interested in municipal affairs.

### SAYS NICE THINGS ABOUT ALLIANCE

The Kearney Times of April 26th pays a very pretty compliment to Alliance in an editorial that appeared under the caption of "Successful Alliance." The editorial is reproduced herewith:

"Alliance gets the next state convention of the local insurance men who closed their session here yesterday. And Alliance gets it because it campaigned for it and sent men here to put it over.

"One other city was anxious that the plum should fall to it. But it sent its delegation too late. Cities can get recognition with no huge effort, but it is necessary to be always on the job and to never let your city name be forgotten.

"People admire Alliance for the way in which the little city does things. They admire Kearney for the way in which she has gone ahead. In fact the public is sure to recognize activity no matter in that line.

### RED CROSS TAG DAY NETS OVER \$400.00

Saturday was "Red Cross tag day" in Alliance. The ladies were out bright and early and succeeded in collecting around \$400 for the work of the local chapter. A. G. Isaacson was in charge of the work. Women were stationed at various points about the city and instructed to "get" everyone. How well they succeeded is evidenced by the amount collected.

### MOTHER'S DAY WILL BE OBSERVED SUNDAY AT THE M. E. CHURCH

Mrs. M. Huff and daughter Helen, of Edgemont, are visiting at the home of Mrs. M. Munger.

The three-year-old son of Mrs. M. Munger underwent an operation for adenoids last Tuesday, and is recovering nicely.

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## Push It to The Depths of Oblivion



### PRACTICAL WORK FOR PRODUCERS DAVIDSON WOULD DISPERSE POLICE

Nebraska Farmers and Stockmen Needing Help Invited to Wire Firms at South Omaha

There are a lot of theories floating around now as to how to increase production of the necessities of life. Some of these are practical and will be helpful in securing the desired results, while others will be of little use if any at all.

The South Omaha Live Stock Exchange, composed of practical men who know what the country needs, is backing up its theories with deeds that are really beginning to produce results. Knowing that many farmers and stockmen will need more help in order to accomplish what they desire in increased production and that they will probably experience difficulty in securing the needed workers, the Exchange has resolved itself into a free employment bureau, in best sense of the word.

It is getting somewhat late in the season to employ farm and ranch help for the summer, but as the season in northwestern Nebraska is late there is yet time to accomplish much for this part of the state. The Exchange has entered heartily into this work and every effort possible is being made to aid in the distribution of labor so that the farmers and stockmen of the West will have enough help to produce maximum crops. The secretary, A. F. Stryker, whose office is located in the Live Stock Exchange building at the stock yards, will register the names of all men, women, boys and girls who are willing and capable of performing labor on the farms and ranches of the West. He will keep a record of the experience, capability and general character of each volunteer, or would-be farm worker.

All farmers or ranchmen needing help are at the same time invited to write their commission firms, or if preferable, direct to the secretary, stating the kind of help needed, what the working conditions will be and the wages to be paid. Then the commission man or the secretary will go over the list, picking out the individual most nearly answering the requirements. The would-be farm hand will be communicated with and if conditions are satisfactory on both sides the commission man will engage the help and send it to the applicant in the country, no charge being made for the service.

By this system of procedure it will be possible to eliminate the city bums and idlers so strongly objected to by farmers because of their worthless and inefficiency. Only good, serious-minded people, who expect to do good honest work in the best manner of which they are capable, will be registered.

### STATE BANK IS ACCEPTING SUBSCRIPTION TO NEW LOAN

The First State Bank of Alliance announces that it has been authorized to accept subscriptions to the new "Liberty" or war loan. These government bonds will be sold in various denominations and will be dated July 1, 1917, and will draw three and one-half per cent interest. They are free from taxation. The First State Bank is ready to accept subscriptions in unlimited amounts.

## CLAIMS OIL IN THIS SECTION

Oklahoma Oil Driller Says He Believes There Is Oil to Be Found Not Far from Alliance

### WAS DRILLING WATER WELLS

Is Willing to Put His Time and Experience against Money of Any Who Will Take Chance

For years and years the alkali deposits of western Nebraska were undeveloped. There were millions to be had in the potash business. The opportunity was there. No one took advantage of it. Finally some foresighted man with but very little capital got busy and started out to find what there was to the story. The result is as everyone knows—millions being made out of potash in this section.

Now comes a man—F. G. Stone of Bartlesville and Tulsa, Okla.—a man who for eight years has been drilling oil wells in the Oklahoma oil fields, who after an examination of certain lands not far from Alliance, states that he is positive there is oil here. So positive is Mr. Stone that he states that if someone will buy or lease the necessary equipment to drill the well with, he will do the drilling without charging one cent of cash money. All the remuneration he asks is an interest in the business. He is willing to stake his time and his experience against a small amount of capital.

Mr. Stone was on his way to the oil fields at Casper, Wyo. He stopped over in Alliance and was offered a job drilling wells at the Jacobs ranch, about six miles from Angola. These wells are water wells, and not oil wells.

In conversation with The Herald this morning Mr. Stone stated that before he even struck a drill into the ground at the Jacobs ranch, he felt sure that there was oil underneath. He formed this conclusion from the formation of the land. Mr. Stone said to The Herald, "The rock is first-class oil rock, the same as is found on the surface of all oil fields. On the Jacobs ranch there is a seepage of oil on certain springs that is so strong the stock will not drink it. It is not alkali and not common crude oil, but petroleum or high-test crude oil."

Continuing, Mr. Stone said, "We went down seventy feet, and the formation is as good for oil as any I ever saw. In my opinion oil should be struck at between 1,600 and 2,500 feet. The first sand is something like sand rock, only harder, and contains carbon. The second rock is what in Oklahoma we call 'Mississippi lime', a rock that when it mixes with the drill forms a kind of putty. This is as far as we get with the drilling. The next layer should be a rock full of little shells and flat pieces of shell. Oil sand is usually found in the next layer. Contrary to the usual idea, there are sometimes two or three different layers of oil sand. A well sunk in one place may be unproductive, while one just a few feet away may bring forth the desired oil. In our drilling we reached the layer of Mississippi lime or putty rock."

Mr. Stone was taken ill and came to Alliance for medical attention. As soon as he feels better he will return to the ranch where he will continue the drilling. The outfit being used at the Jacobs ranch is an outfit for drilling water wells only.

If there is a man or men in this section who have a few dollars they can afford to gamble with, Mr. Stone would like to get in touch with them. He believes there is oil in this section and is willing to stake his time and experience against their money. If oil is struck all profit, and if nothing shows up, all are out. He considers it a fair proposition either way. Stone said to The Herald, "If no one takes up my proposition, I just want you to remember in the years to come what I told you. Eventually someone will get the velvet out of this oil. It generally happens that someone from the outside comes in and develops the land and the local people stand around and wonder why they didn't think of it themselves."

### OLOP IS MADE A MAJOR OF ENGINEERS

Stephen Olop, federal superintendent representing the treasury department in the construction of the new government building here for the past nine months has qualified as a major of engineers, O. R. S., United States army. He recently took the examination and has received notice that his examination was satisfactory. Major Olop is to report to Fort Riley by the 15th of this month. He has asked for his release from duty here and will leave as soon as that is secured.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Mahaffy on Laramie avenue. This is a birthday meeting, and a large attendance is desired. All ladies are cordially invited.

## CHAUTAUQUA DATES FIXED

Many Excellent Features on Alliance Chautauqua Program This Season—Hussar Band Coming

### SIX DAYS, FROM JULY 21 TO 26

Junior Chautauqua, for Boys and Girls, to Be Feature—Big Field Meet Scheduled

H. J. Young of the local Chautauqua committee is in receipt of advice from the Standard Chautauqua System that the dates for Alliance are July 21 to July 26 inclusive. The Chautauqua will start Saturday, July 21, and will continue to and including Thursday, July 26. Mr. Young, in conversation with The Herald this morning, stated that the program as outlined is one of the strongest the Standard people have ever brought to this city. He said, "I know a great deal of the talent and it looks good to me."

About sixty names of prominent people of Alliance are attached to the contract for this year's chautauqua. These sixty people guarantee the financial end of the Chautauqua, thus making it possible for the people of western Nebraska to enjoy six days of real entertainment.

An enjoyable time is assured all who attend the Alliance Chautauqua this year, for this city is scheduled for a great program. The Chicago Orchestral Sextette, with pep and versatility; the Kuehn Concert Co., recognized artists; the Famous Fisk Jubilee Singers and the White Hussar Band are among the musical companies to be enjoyed.

Ross Crane, the great cartoonist and clay modeler, will give one of his pleasing programs. The Irish orator, Gabriel R. Maguire, will tell the wonderful story of his African experiences; Morris Hindus, the native Russian, who, in his Chautauqua address last year predicted the overthrow of the Czar of Russia, will this summer tell how it all happened; Dr. Fox in his new lecture, "Changing the Mental Atmosphere"; The Hon. Leslie M. Shaw will discuss the "Evolution in Matters Governmental" and weave into it some facts concerning the present world conflict.

An important feature of the Standard Chautauqua this year will be the Junior Chautauqua for the boys and girls, the keynote of which will be "patriotism." Not merely cheers for the flag, but that deep-seated, aggressive patriotism that expresses itself in public service. The Junior supervisor accomplishes this with stories, games and historical parade. A field meet is provided for the boys and will be directed by one of the Chautauqua crewmen. The events will be a running high jump, 100-yard dash, standing broad jump and chinning the bar. Recognition will be given each boy passing all four tests.

The following is the program for the Alliance Chautauqua to be held July 21 to July 26, inclusive:

**Saturday, July 21**  
Afternoon: Opening exercises, introductions and announcements by Alliance people. Full concert by Chicago Orchestral Sextette, male, mixed and instrumental quartette.  
Evening: Musical concert by Chicago Orchestral Sextette. Lecture, "With Irishmen thru the Jungles of Africa," by Dr. Gabriel R. Maguire.

**Sunday, July 22**  
Afternoon: Musical concert by Kuehn Concert Co., a company of recognized artists, of which each member is a soloist.  
Evening: Musical prelude by Kuehn Concert Co. Lecture, "Russia Today," by Morris G. Hindus, native of Russia and citizen of America.

**Monday, July 23**  
Afternoon: Full concert by The Old Fashioned Girls, a lady quartet, in songs and stories of '61. Costumed readings, whistling and violin solos.  
Evening: Musical sketch by The Old Fashioned Girls. Lecture, "The Mental Atmosphere," or "The Philosophy of Common Sense," by Dr. Daniel F. Fox, Chautauqua favorite in 1915.

**Tuesday, July 24**  
Afternoon: Jubilee Concert by Famous Fisk Jubilee Singers, eight people in southern plantation melodies.  
Evening: Grand Concert Famous Fisk Jubilee Singers in a program as unique as it is artistic.

**Wednesday, July 25**  
Afternoon: Popular program by The Boyds, duets, dramatic and humorous readings, together with musical sketches in pleasing costumes.  
Evening: Concert by The Boyds. Lecture, "Evolution in Matters Governmental," by Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, former governor of Iowa and ex-secretary of the United States treasury.

**Thursday, July 26**  
Afternoon: Musical program by the White Hussars, a singing band, a big hit vocally and instrumentally, a company of headliners in Hussar uniforms.  
Evening: Closing concert by the White Hussars. Ross Crane, cartoonist and clay modeler, in his celebrated program, "From the Eyebrows Up."