

MASTER LISTS ARE MAILED

Local Board Sent Two Lists in Different Mails—Herald Publishes the Draft List

WILL BE TWO MORE DRAFTS

Drafts Will Be Held in Porto Rico and Alaska—First Examinations in about Week

The master lists containing the numbers in the order in which they were drafted in the great draft held in Washington last week have been mailed from Washington to the local board. There are eleven sheets to each list—one sheet for each 1,000 numbers and the eleventh sheet for the remaining 500 numbers.

The Alliance Herald was first in Alliance to receive the news Friday morning that the draft was actually in progress. The first three numbers drawn were received by The Herald by telegraph shortly after 9 o'clock Friday morning.

In a surprisingly short time a crowd congregated in front of The Herald eagerly looking over the lists and waiting for additional bulletins. All day long the crowd remained. Late Friday afternoon The Herald issued a special bulletin giving the numbers and names of the first hundred drawn.

In order that the board would be assured of getting a list in the mails, two copies were mailed—in separate mails. The theory of this practice is that if one list went astray, the other would surely reach its destination.

These lists are being posted by each board on receipt. The men drafted for the first call are thereupon called to present themselves for examination as the board may designate.

To make it easier for the men, the board will notify them by mail on what day to appear for examination. But in the final analysis it is incumbent upon the man himself to appear before the board should he fail to receive notice.

Those selected for service under the draft will be permitted to enlist in the regular army or national guard at any time prior to their call for examination before exemption boards, probably in about a week.

Two more drafts will be held, but not in Washington. One will be at San Juan, Porto Rico, under the direction of the governor general there. Approximately 104,000 Porto Ricans registered on July 6, their registration day, and the governor general notified the war department that this probably would be increased to 110,000 by subsequent registrations delayed by ignorance or bad weather.

Alaska has not even registered yet. She is supposed to supply 691 men for the national army. It will require more than three months for the northernmost territory to register alone, it is estimated, and probably six months more before the draft can be completed and the force mobilized.

CLERK-CARRIER EXAMINATION FOR ALLIANCE POSTOFFICE

Secretary F. W. Hicks of the local civil service board announces that on Saturday, August 11, at Alliance, a competitive examination will be held for the positions of clerk and city carrier in the postoffice at Alliance. Married women will not be admitted to this examination. Clerks in the offices of the first and second class offices, and carriers in the city delivery service, are divided into five grades, the salaries of which are \$800, \$900, \$1,000, \$1,100 and \$1,200 per annum, respectively.

Those who are interested in taking the examination may secure additional information by inquiring of Mr. Hicks at the Alliance postoffice.

Miss Alice Chrysler is at Sterling, Colo., enjoying a three weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

YOUNG RUSSIAN TO VISIT BOX BUTTE

Russian Commission to America Sends Man to Investigate the County Agent Work

Box Butte county within a week or two will have the honor of entertaining and instructing a progressive young man from the new republic of Russia. This young man is one of twenty brought here to become acquainted with the county agent work in this country.

Charles E. Gunnels, county agent leader, in a letter to County Agent F. M. Seidell, says: "A letter from W. A. Lloyd, in charge of county agent work north and west, to Professor Pugsley reads in part as follows: 'We have just been honored by a call from Professor N. Boradin representing the Russian Commission to America, who wishes to acquaint about twenty young men from Russia with county agent work in the United States.'

"We are writing to inquire if you can arrange to assign three of these men to as many of your county agents for a period of about two weeks each. Most of them speak English but slightly and they would like your co-operation in seeing that every courtesy is shown them and that they be given opportunity to observe the work of your agents. They will be not only interested in the demonstrations, meetings and evidences of local co-operation of the farmers, but also in study and observation of the use of all types and kinds of farm machinery.

"The international significance of this visit from these young Russians is so important that I know you will urge attention to their comfort on the part of the agents that they be given opportunity to see as much as possible in the time that they can be in your state. They will be prepared to pay their expenses and will be ready for work in about two weeks."

"This gives you enough of the letter so that you can understand what is wanted. If you are willing to undertake the task, please advise me at once that we may forward the necessary information to Washington." County Agent Seidell asks the co-operation of all in making the visit of the young Russian assigned to this county both profitable and entertaining.

TULLY ESTATE IS OPENED FOR PROBATE

Herman A. Peters is Appointed Administrator at the Request of Mrs. Charles Tully

The estate of the late Charles Tully was opened for probate in the county court Tuesday afternoon before Judge Ira E. Tash. Mrs. Capitola S. Tully, the widow, in a petition to the court, asked the appointment of Herman A. Peters as administrator. The bond was fixed at \$20,000, which Mr. Peters supplied. After the bond was approved, Mr. Peters took the oath of office and has now entered upon his duties.

The petition presented to the court by Mrs. Tully sets forth that it is her belief that the estate is valued at approximately \$50,000. What the value of the estate actually is will not be known until the administrator gets the affairs of the estate lined up. The total may be twice \$50,000, or it may be less. The direct heirs are Mrs. Tully and Lloyd M. Tully, the son. Mr. Tully left no will.

Mr. Tully's interests were many and varied. He owned one-half of the stock of the Tully-Musser Cattle Company, the parent company for several lesser companies.

Logan Musser owns the other fifty per cent of the stock. The company is carrying interest in the Tully-Musser Cattle Co., Mr. Tully was interested in the Fawn Lake Cattle Co., the Box A Ranch Co., the Plains Iron Works of Denver, the First State Bank of Alliance, and other concerns. He carried between \$13,000 and \$15,000 in life insurance, it is said.

CITY BUYS A TRACTOR TO BE USED ON ROADS

The finance and purchasing committee of the city council held a special meeting Tuesday night and agreed to the purchase of a Case tractor to be used on the city streets.

INSTALL NO MORE PHONES

Only 20 More Telephones May Be Installed in Alliance During Present Emergency

CONSERVATION OF SERVICE

Shortage of Materials—Alliance—North Platte Circuit Finished—Men Laid Off

Manager P. D. Gleason of the Alliance exchange of the Nebraska Telephone Company has received orders to the effect that when twenty more telephones are installed in Alliance, no further phones are to be installed until further notice.

Manager Gleason states the order means just what it says and that if Alliance residents are contemplating having telephones installed, they will be wise if they have it done immediately.

There are several reasons assigned for this order. In the first place the company finds it next to impossible to secure material, including wires and telephone instruments. The war is directly responsible for this because the materials that are used in a telephone system are some of the materials necessary in the war program.

All facilities of the great telephone systems are being worked to capacity, states Mr. Gleason. During the first month after the war was declared there was an increase of 3,800,000 calls, according to records from all sections of the country. When it is considered that this number is not the total, but instead is the increase in the number of calls, some idea can be gained of the effect of the war on the telephone systems.

The telephone service of the country is being held at the call of the government. Government business comes first and there has been a great increase in the number of official calls all over the country, due to the mobilization of troops, the placing of orders and the general getting ready program.

The telephone companies are not putting in extension telephones or any private branch exchange equipment. This is the first time in history, states Manager Gleason, that this condition has existed and there seems to be no telling when relief may be expected.

Workmen Laid Off Construction gangs are being laid off all over the country. The new circuit on the toll line from North Platte to Alliance was completed here Saturday and the gang of twelve men employed was then laid off, and no further construction work will be undertaken this year. This condition is general. Material is almost impossible to get and this, coupled with the fact that it is almost impossible to get men enough to attempt to start any large project, places the company in a position where they must accept the inevitable and discontinue operations everywhere. Thousands of telephone line men and others in the employ of the telephone companies in the United States have joined some branch of the federal service, and it is expected that the draft will take many more.

Manager Gleason asks that the public do their part to conserve the telephone facilities of the country now by not using the long-distance only when necessary. He says that particularly since the draft there have been many needless calls, probably not seemingly needless to the person putting in the call, but nevertheless, needless. For instance, it is reported that Governor Neville at Lincoln has had so many long-distance calls from over the state from fathers for a son or some relative that the governor's time is very much taken up. If fathers and other relatives could realize that the governor is not the exemption board and has absolutely no authority in making exemptions, many of these needless calls would not be put in and the toll lines would be open for use in business and emergency.

The Nebraska Telephone Company has prepared a series of advertisements which are soon to start. These advertisements are not asking the people to conserve the telephone service. The Nebraska Telephone Company, along with other telephone companies, is up against a serious situation and is doing its best, Manager Gleason says, to get along until the time when business can be carried on as before.

Miss Nell Wilkins, traveling chief operator, is in Alliance this week. Her headquarters are in Omaha. Miss Wilkins is here to give the operators instruction in the handling of telephone calls with the idea of making their work more efficient.

BUY OLD WHEAT FLOUR. It's the best. The price will go higher and the supply soon gone. Special prices on ten-pack lots. O'Bannon Brothers, phone 155.

Mrs. Percy Cogswell and daughter went to Crawford Monday for a short visit at the W. O. Barnes home.

MORE PROPERTY ON TAX LISTS

County Assessor Reports Increase of Over Half Million Dollars in Personal Effects

ASSESSED TOTAL IS \$515,935.00

Tax Levy for County Will Probably Be Made Next Month—Assessment about Complete

"The taking of the personal property assessment for taxes in Box Butte county for this year is about completed. With the possible exception of a very few changes, it is completed," said County Assessor J. A. Keegan to The Herald. "Present figures indicate that the grand total of the personal property assessment in Box Butte county this year will show a gain of approximately \$515,935 over the figures shown in the 1916 assessment," said Mr. Keegan. "Many counties in Nebraska completed the taking of the assessment some time ago, but here in Box Butte we have been delayed because of the fact that we have put forth great extra effort to have listed every bit of personal property possible. It has taken a great amount of time and work, and while we know we have not gotten everything, we know that the present assessment comes as nearly as possible to listing all the personal property in the county. We have been treated with courtesy and respect in almost every instance, there having been but a very few instances where the person being assessed has objected strenuously to the assessment as made."

The county assessor found it necessary to return some schedules with the request that they be revised. In a few instances, as ascertained by The Herald in looking over the records, it was necessary to raise the assessment of confirmed tax dodgers as much as three hundred per cent over the last year. The assessor did this because he found that the stock, equipment or other personal property of the tax dodger warranted it.

Mr. Keegan is rather reticent about claiming the credit due him for his impartial and fearless work in the office of county assessor. He stated that he appreciates the support given him by the county board of equalization. Said Mr. Keegan, "It is right and proper that a man blessed with three times as much personal property as his neighbor pay three times as much tax. There is no injustice in that and never can be. We have tried to be fair in every instance, and we have found that it is all the great majority of people ask."

In interviews with people who have had their assessment raised, The Herald's representative found the majority of them glad to stand their share of the taxes if they knew that their neighbor or competitor was compelled to stand the same treatment. The average man doesn't object to paying taxes on what he has when he has the assurance that everyone else has to do the same. The assessor's work is not yet perfect and next year Mr. Keegan plans on going further in the work of equalizing the assessment.

The records show an approximate gain in the assessment this year of \$515,935. This does not mean that the burden of taxation is going to be greater, but it does mean that those who have the greatest amount of personal property are going to pay the greatest amount of the tax. It can be readily seen that in an unequal assessment, the burden of taxation will be unequal.

Said Mr. Keegan: "The board of equalization felt it advisable to subpoena the bankers of people believed to possess more property than was turned in. The law gives the board that power and when called the bankers were placed under oath and had no alternative in the matter other than to tell the truth. In this way we learned of a certain amount of property that had not been turned in. It is right and just that this be done. If very many hold out, someone else has got to pay the taxes on the other man's property. We do not believe this will be necessary next year."

Present figures in the hands of the assessor show the total of personal property listed in the city of Alliance to be \$145,569; in Lake perinet, \$41,165; in Boyd, \$47,649; in Wright, \$8,499; in Box Butte, \$23,729; in Running Water, 15,795; in Nonpareil, \$53,965; in Lawn, \$76,449; in Liberty, \$21,369; in Dorsey, \$55,885; and in Snake Creek, 30,605; making a grand total of \$515,935.

It is possible the total in both the city of Alliance and in Dorsey will be raised before the assessment is over this year. The assessment in Wright is light due to the fact that there are not nearly the cattle in Wright this year there were last year, many head having been sold. The county tax levy will probably not be made before some time next month.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

Annual County Sunday School Convention to Be Held at Hemingford Monday and Tuesday

The annual Box Butte county Sunday school convention will be held next week at Hemingford, Monday and Tuesday, July 30-31. The convention will be held in the Hemingford M. E. church. This convention is inter-denominational. Every Sunday school of every church of every denomination in the county is invited to send delegates to the convention and take part in the proceedings.

The Box Butte County Sunday School Association is affiliated with the Nebraska State Sunday School Association, of which Margaret Ellen Brown is general secretary, and W. H. Kimberly is business manager. Miss Alta V. Young of Alliance is secretary of the county association.

A well-balanced program has been prepared for the convention at Hemingford on Monday and Tuesday. W. H. Kimberly of the state association will be in attendance and will deliver an address before the convention Monday evening. Miss Brown will give a stereopticon lecture on China Tuesday evening. Tuesday afternoon Rev. Burrill will talk on the "Conditions and Needs of Northwest Nebraska." Dr. J. B. Carns of Alliance will be in charge of the devotionals Tuesday afternoon.

The committee in charge of the convention is anxious that all churches be represented. It is suggested that if delegates have not already been appointed, they be appointed before Monday.

MONDAY EVENING

- 8:00. Devotionals—Rev. York. Address of Welcome—Rev. Burrill. Response—C. H. Fuller. Roll Call. Special Music—Selected. Address—Mr. Kimberly. Collection. Benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING

- 9:00. Quiet Hour—Mrs. T. J. Brown. Roll Call. Business Session. Reports: President, Secretary-Treasurer, Division Superintendent. Appointment of Committees: Resolutions, Nominating. 10:30. Question Box. Announcements. Benediction.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00. Devotionals—Rev. J. B. Carns. Roll Call. Special Music—Selected. Report of State Convention and Remarks—Messrs. Kimberly and Brown. 3:30. Report of Nominating Committee. Election of Officers. Unfinished Business. 4:00. Conditions and Needs of Northwest Nebraska—Rev. Burrill. 4:45. Invitation for Next Convention. Announcements. Benediction. Adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING

- 8:00. Devotionals—Rev. Brown. Roll Call. Special Music—Selected. Stereopticon Lecture, China—Miss Brown. Collection. Report of Resolutions Committee. Benediction. Adjournment.

MEXICAN DIES FROM SHOCK OF ACCIDENT

Caught Leg in Coal Conveyor at Potash Plant at Lakeside—Died in St. Joseph's Hospital

Ramon Aguilar, a Mexican aged about 30 years, died Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital from the shock of an accident in which his left leg was seriously injured at the potash plant of the Hord Alkali Products Company at Lakeside at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Aguilar was engaged in shoveling coal onto a moving conveyor at the plant. In some manner his leg became caught in the conveyor, which was at once stopped, but not before the leg was crushed and broken. He was placed on a freight train which was at Lakeside and brought to Alliance at once.

Funeral services were held from Holy Rosary church this morning, interment being made in the Catholic cemetery. Relatives are living in Mexico.

The Herald buys old newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and scrap paper of all kinds in good condition. We pay twenty cents per hundred pounds—four dollars per ton. Lots of one hundred pounds or more called for if within the city limits of Alliance. Phone 340.

CHAUTAUQUA AGAIN NEXT YEAR

Business Affairs to Be Handled in Business-like Manner—Start Will Be Made Early

PLANS ARE BEING MADE NOW

To Sell Both Season and Coupon Tickets—Expect to Have Restful Reserved Chairs

Monday night saw the close of the 1917 Chautauqua for Alliance. From the standpoint of the Chautauqua, in itself it was a great success. The Standard Chautauqua system of Lincoln furnished a delightful program—one filled with genuine entertainment and instruction. In one or two instances one program alone was worth the entire price of a season ticket.

When it is considered that about the only opportunity Alliance has to hear the better lyceum talent is by means of the Chautauqua, the need for the Chautauqua is apparent. Located as Alliance is, a considerable distance from any large city, about midway between the central west and the far west, and off the beaten path as traveled by the first-class theatre attractions and the best lyceum talent, about the only feasible way to secure the talent for this city is through the Chautauqua.

Now that this year's Chautauqua is a thing of the past, plans are already being made looking towards a Chautauqua for next year. The boosters are taking hold of the proposition in a business-like manner and propose to handle it all the way through as a business proposition. While criticizing no one, it is nevertheless a fact that the business of boosting the Chautauqua this year did not actually start until about ten days before the opening date. Of course, there are reasons for this, but those who have the proposition in hand do not propose to have it happen again.

The business end of next year's Chautauqua will be handled in a somewhat different manner. Season tickets will be sold as usual and probably at the same price of \$2. However, another kind of ticket will also be sold next year. It is what is known as a coupon ticket, containing twelve coupons, and will sell for \$3. While the price of the coupon ticket is \$1 more than the season ticket, yet it has advantages that will more than make up for the difference. For example: the coupon tickets may be torn off and used by anyone. If a man does not expect to attend the afternoon sessions he can use the coupon ticket to great advantage. A man and his wife can attend the six evening sessions on the one coupon ticket at a cost of \$3, while two season tickets cost \$4. More than this, the twelve tickets that make up a coupon ticket may all be used at one session, afternoon or evening, by as many different persons and it is all right.

Those who sold season tickets state that it is their honest belief that fully \$200 more could have been realized from advance sales had the coupon ticket been in use.

Another improvement in the local Chautauqua under consideration for the coming year is the selling of reserved chairs. The plan is to arrange two or three hundred chairs in the front. These chairs may be reserved for ten cents per session. Reserved chair tickets will be sold and one may purchase the same reserved chair for every session, for the evening sessions, or for any given session. It is believed that the reserved chair idea will work towards greater ticket sales, one of the drawbacks of the Chautauqua just closed being the uncomfortable seats. The local committee did not break even this year by almost \$150. It is stated that it will probably be necessary to assess each one who signed the guarantee about \$1. The guarantee was for \$800. The sale of season tickets totaled \$704. There was about \$50 expense for the seats, rental of the piano, moving the piano two ways, etc. This made the total responsibility of the committee amount to about \$850.

Very efficient work was done by the volunteer sellers of season tickets and by the officers appointed about two weeks before the opening date of the Chautauqua. J. H. Barnes was president of the local committee. Rev. Black was secretary, and W. C. Mounts was treasurer.

SALE CLOSING NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

The big piano contest of the Geo. W. Whitsey July Clearance Sale closes at Hemingford at 10 o'clock Saturday night, July 28. Mr. Whitsey makes an announcement of much interest to all, in this section of The Herald this week, in connection with the closing date of the sale. This has been one of the most successful sales of its kind ever held in Box Butte county and is due to a large extent to the unusual bargains given at the store. You should plan to be at the store at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and also Saturday evening.