

THE ALLIANCE HERALD

December Sixth is "Smokeless Day" to Boost the Soldier's Christmas Fund

Thursday, December 6, is hereby set aside as "Smokeless day" in all Nebraska.

This proclamation has the hearty approval and support of Governor Neville.

Nebraskans are asked to give up their cigars, pipes and cigarettes on that day and give the money to the Omaha Daily News-Red Cross fund to send every Nebraska soldier in an army or navy camp a Christmas gift.

Or, if you, Mr. Man, simply can't get along without your smoke for a day, you may donate

the amount you will spend on that day for your cigars, tobacco or cigarettes.

Arrangements are being made for the collection of the fund in Alliance by the Herald, and in every city, town or hamlet in the state.

Ministers are to make an appeal from their pulpits next Sunday.

School children are being enlisted in the one-day campaign.

Local newspapers will take it up in their neighborhoods.

In fact, everybody will be helping in this great big move to give

Nebraska's heroes a worth-while Christmas remembrance.

The gift will not be very expensive.

Each yuletide package will cost approximately \$1, but the sentiment and love that will prompt the sending will make it invaluable to the Nebraska soldier.

This Christmas fund in general for the soldiers has been indorsed by General Leonard Wood, in command at Camp Funston, and by General George H. Harries of Camp Cody, who led the Nebraska

guardsmen when they left the state.

John H. Morehead, ex-governor of the state, has also strongly indorsed the fund and has contributed to it.

Nebraskans need not wait until the prescribed date to make their contributions to the fund. Neither are men who do not smoke and women barred from contributing.

Not less than \$15,000 will be needed to make certain that every soldier receives a Christmas gift.

The money will be spent by the Nebraska Red Cross and every cent acknowledged in the Omaha Daily News. An accounting will be made of the expenditures.

The Nebraska Red Cross has indorsed the movement and is co-operating with the Omaha Daily News.

The Alliance Herald will co-operate with the Omaha Daily News in covering Alliance and surrounding territory. The Herald will receive donations for the fund and see that they are forwarded to

the Daily News. On "Smokeless day" contribution boxes will be placed in the Alliance stores and places of business. When you see a "Smokeless day" box don't forget the soldier boys and add your contribution. Donations can be made at the Herald Office. Checks or money orders will be received through the mail. Where the name of the donor is given it will be published in both the Herald and the Omaha Daily News.

Don't forget, Thursday, December 6, is the big day.

DID NEGRO FIND POT OF MONEY IN BOX COFFIN?

"BUCK" WASHINGTON, COLORED MAN WHO DUG UP BONES, MAY HAVE FOUND MONEY

LEFT TOWN IN BIG HURRY

Opinion of Authorities Over Find of Bones in Box Coffin Still Divided As to Its Origin

That "Buck" Washington, the negro who dug up the box coffin in which were the bones of an old being, either human or animal, may have found a pot of gold coin in with the bones is the opinion of several of his former associates in Alliance. Washington left town very hurriedly the next day after digging up the bones and he appeared flush with money. His associates do not know where this "bushness" came from and some believe that he found a good sized roll with the skeleton in the box.

Another theory advanced is that Washington might have found some evidence in the box that would have incriminated the person or persons who buried the skeleton, if it was a skeleton, years ago and that he was furnished the wherewithal to move to a warmer clime in order to get him away from the investigation which is being made as to how the bones came to be buried in an old box in an alley.

Scores of people have called on The Herald office during the past week to view the few bones which were found in the box. The partial remains of the pine box are in the possession of F. E. Sweeney, an old settler who is helping in the investigation. Evidence that the box was an old one is shown by the fact that the nails with which it was put together were the old-fashioned cut variety, much older than the wire nails which have been used in Alliance since it started, twenty-eight years ago.

Physicians and surgeons who have viewed the bones are somewhat divided in their opinion as to whether they came from a human being or an animal. If from an animal why were they buried many years ago in a pine box coffin with a glass top? If from a human being why were they sawed into pieces? One explanation given was that the bones might have been placed in the box and buried there by school boys recently as a prank, they knowing that the sewer would be dug and the bones found. This is discredited by the fact that the box was so old and rotten that it quickly came to pieces when brought out and also the ground in which they were buried showed no signs of having been recently disturbed.

Old timers and early settlers are remembering of a number of mysterious disappearances in early years in Alliance. F. E. Reddish, who settled in Box Butte county before Alliance was started and who has been with the town since its start, remembers of a number of people who disappeared in the early days without a trace. J. C. McCorkle, another pioneer settler, remembers of several murders among the early cowboys—one who was murdered in the "Broncho lake district," and another one in the Nebraska river district.

Until a satisfactory explanation is made of the finding of the bones the question refuses to remain settled. It is believed that there are more bones under one of the large piles of dirt taken from the sewer excavation. When these piles of dirt are moved the bones found may help to decide the question as to whether they are human or not.

ATTEND FOOTBALL GAME HERE

Mrs. Eastman of Scottsbluff was over to see her son play football this afternoon. Among the other people from that city to accompany their team to Alliance were: C. M. Matheny, superintendent of schools; Mr. Shaver, the principal of the high school; and Willard Hamer. Substitutes for the Scottsbluff team who were over but did not get a chance to show their speed were: Burton Warrick, Mike Ryan, Harold Fox Douglas Callahan, Robert Ripley, and Beryl Snyder.

LYOYD SMITH IS FIRST LIEUTENANT

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith Receives Commission After Training at Fort Snelling

Lloyd M. Smith of Omaha, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith of Alliance, has received a commission as first lieutenant in the infantry, Reserve Corps, after training at Fort Snelling for the last three months. Earl M. Cline of Nebraska City, former teacher in the Junior Normal at Alliance, and at one time candidate for nomination for state superintendent, was commissioned a captain in the Infantry Reserve Corps.

Joseph L. Westover of Rushville, former Alliance attorney, son of district judge W. H. Westover, was commissioned a first lieutenant. Walter C. Weiss of Hebron, first assistant chief clerk in the Nebraska house of representatives at the 1917 session was commissioned a first lieutenant. P. C. Shockley of Brownlee received a commission as captain.

Other western Nebraska young men received commissions as first lieutenants in the infantry, reserve corps, as follows: F. M. Stuart of North Platte; Harry P. Conklin of Minatare; Carl P. Jeffords of Broken Bow; Claiborne Perry and Wm. Richie, Jr., Bridgeport attorneys; Thomas M. Tiehman of Bridgeport; R. J. Mathews, Scottsbluff; William McDonald and C. W. Helzer of Valentine were commissioned as first lieutenants in the artillery reserve corps.

J. E. Brown of Rushville was commissioned as second lieutenant in the infantry, reserve corps. D. J. Collier of Lisco was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular army, infantry.

SOLDIER SON WAS KILLED IN WEST

Son of E. E. Smith of Alliance Killed in California While Enroute From Training Camp

Madison C. Smith, aged twenty-three years, a member of the national army and son of Ernest E. Smith of Alliance, was killed accidentally in Siskiyou county, California, while en route from the training camp at El Centro, California, to the training camp at American Lake, Washington, where he had been transferred. The boy's father was apprised of the death of his son from the following telegram, received November 26th: "Burr Oak, Kansas, November 26, 1917. Following telegram received today—'El Centro, California, November 26th. Madison C. Smith, enroute to American Lake training camp killed on twentieth in Siskiyou county. Body now held by coroner. Born in Burr Oak, only record here. Please endeavor to locate relatives and ascertain disposition of body. C. W. Barton, clerk of local board.'—Am told this is your son." This telegram was signed by H. A. Modlin, mayor of Burr Oak.

Upon receipt of the telegram the father immediately notified the authorities to ship the body here. It will be taken to Ravenna on its arrival and buried beside his mother at that place.

RAILROAD BRAKEMAN SERIOUSLY BURNED

Threw Kerosene on Hot Coals in Way Car Stove—Flare-up Caused Serious Burns About Head

E. A. Kenyon, a Burlington brakeman, was seriously burned about the back of the head and right side of the face Saturday morning at Crawford, when he attempted to revive a fire with Kerosene. There had been a fire in the stove the night before. Kenyon threw on some waste and then poured on some kerosene. In the flareup that ensued the entire back of his head, his ears and his right eye were burned.

After being given emergency treatment at Crawford he was brought to St. Joseph's Hospital at Alliance and treated by Dr. C. E. Hershman, Burlington physician. Kenyon was out today for his Thanksgiving dinner.

What Governor Neville Says of Smokeless Day

BY GOVERNOR KEITH NEVILLE

"The least we can do at home is to avail ourselves of every opportunity to render more pleasant the life of the courageous men of Nebraska who have so nobly offered their all in our behalf.

"I cannot too heartily commend your worthy endeavor in co-operating with the Red Cross in the plan of providing a gift for every Nebraska soldier on Christmas Day.

"I most cordially approve the idea of having Nebraska men contribute the cost of one day's smoking to this fund.

"Every man ought to be willing to give what his tobacco costs him for one day, regardless of whether he actually does without his smoking or not.

"One day's self-denial would not mean very much to the men at home and it would mean great things to the men in the army camps.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE FOR HEMINGFORD

Construction Will Start at Once on An Attractive New Building to Care for Growing School

(Contributed). The Hemingford school board has been compelled to build the new school house by employing a foreman, who will in turn, employ the help necessary. The advertisements for bids ran in the Ledger for three weeks, but none of the local contractors filed any bids, and hence, the work has to be done by the method of day work.

The new building is to be located on the southeast corner of the half block, donated by the O'Keefe family to the school district, which lies just west of the Catholic church property the City Water works lot, and the Delsing residence lot. It will face the south and the plan is the work of Architect Sidney M. Foster of Gordon.

It meets the approval of Deputy State Supt. Woodward who was here this summer, whose advice was asked by the board as to the style of building most suitable, and is in line with the ideas of construction as recommended by the Educational Department at Washington, D. C. The building will be of Spanish Villa design with flat roof, and stucco exterior. The stucco will not be put on until danger of frost is passed in the spring. The dimensions will be 33 by 35 feet with 11-foot ceilings and with 9-foot ceilings in the gymnasium (basement). The main school room is lighted by what is known as the uni-lateral system, which eliminates all cross lights and accompanying eye strain.

It will also be equipped with an up-to-date complete ventilating system. Provision will be made for a hot air furnace and a fuel room 9 x 12 is arranged. The gymnasium will have plenty of light. There will be, besides a vestibule, separate cloak room for boys and girls, and a teachers private room or library 9 x 12. In designing the building the thought has been maintained to make a room suitable for a public library when the town's all have grown to the point where a new High School building is required, which will be built large enough to house the entire school. In that event this building would make an ideal public library with the lower floor to be used for farmers meetings, club meetings, and various other kinds of public activities. If this should come to pass, the district, of course, would dispose of it to the city for the purpose outlined.

According to the head of a New York draft board, the Irish are the most eager to fight. Everybody felt assured from the outset that the pro-German O'Learys and disloyal Sinn Feiners were but a small minority.

BELMONT TUNNEL CLOSED ONE DAY

One Hundred and Fifty Feet of Tunnel Roof Fell in on Freight Train Last Saturday

All traffic on the Burlington west of Alliance was held up for twenty-four hours, from 2:45 o'clock Saturday morning until 1:45 o'clock Sunday morning, when a steam shovel on extra train number 5253, in charge of freight conductor Roberts pulled out a stretch of the twelve-inch timbers which held up the roof of the tunnel releasing the earth and rock.

The extra freight had just entered the tunnel when a large beam at the top of the steam shovel, which was about a foot too high, tore out the stretch of heavy beams. This started a cave-in which extended for about one hundred and fifty feet in the tunnel. No one was injured in the accident but traffic was completely tied up.

Four crews responded to the call for wreckers, two from Alliance and two from Crawford. Under the direction of division superintendent Weidenheimer and his capable subordinates the work was handled rapidly. Passenger train number 42 Friday night had just passed through the tunnel a short time before the accident. Alliance filled with floating rumors regarding the work of "German spies" until the real cause of the accident was learned.

Passenger trains west of the accident were detoured via Casper, coming down the North Platte Valley and up to Alliance. Westbound trains were sent via the same route.

PASSES EXAMINATION

Will O'Keefe, son of John O'Keefe of Alliance, who took the preliminary examinations a week ago, preparatory to being accepted for training in the balloon school at Fort Omaha, passed successfully and is now enlisted in the Signal Corps subject to immediate call for active service. The enclosed clipping from the Lincoln State Journal will be of interest to friends in this end of the state:

Mrs. Alice Becker announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Pauline, to William L. O'Keefe. Miss Golden is a graduate of St. Mary's of Notre Dame and Mr. O'Keefe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Keefe of Alliance. He is a member of the Beta Sigma Beta and is now connected with the department of state.

H. G. Leavitt of Scottsbluff was over to the football game this afternoon. Mr. Leavitt is an old Harvard star and is much interested in athletics. He is a strong booster along that line.

FIVE LICENSES WERE ISSUED IN A WEEK

Courthouse Tash is Getting To Be An Expert Trier of The Matrimonial Knots

Judge Tash has had a very busy week in the matrimonial department. He issued nine licenses since last Wednesday and performed the marriage ceremony for seven out of the nine couples. Two of the nine licenses were issued to Alliance couples, one to Howard L. Meeker and Miss Freda Sellers; the other to William F. Coupons and Miss Agnes F. Riley.

Four Mexicans, none of whom could read and write English, applied for a license. Judge Tash said that he made out a license for two of them and married the two he thought were guilty, but wasn't sure yet as to whether he had married the right couple.

Professor Crawford participated in his second wedding Wednesday afternoon. He happened to drop into the court house about five-thirty and was called upon by Judge Tash as witness of the marriage between Miss Ruth M. Speak of Ft. Benton, Montana and Walter M. Trent of Halsey.

Other licenses issued were to: Clarence L. Skinner and Marjiam M. Lewis, both of Spade; Andrew Iversen of Dunlap and Mary M. Iodence of Hemingford; Hobart L. McLaughlin and Miss Ernestine Thomas, both of Marland; Harry W. Delsing and Lena Annen, of Dunlap; Edgar E. Riddle and Miss Gladys Husted, both of Antioch. The names of the Mexicans are unpronounceable—try your luck; Fratibiddid Munoy and Miss Mary Owyne.

On the whole Judge Tash receives his share of the business from Cupid's archery.

PURPLE CROSS WAS FULLY ENDORSED

Many Alliance People Signed Petitions to Congress to Pass Law Asked By Purple Cross

A large number of the people of Alliance and surrounding territory have signed the big petitions which will be sent in tonight by George D. Darling to Congress, petitioning that body to pass the Moore Purple Cross bill, known as House Roll 5410, entitled "a bill to render possible the return of the bodies of our soldier dead to their home burial grounds in a sanitary and recognizable condition."

The bill provides that the bodies of our dead soldier boys be cared for by experienced and scientific embalmers on the battle fields, to be eventually returned to their homes for burial. There is a strong sentiment back of the bill over the entire country and it will undoubtedly become a law at the coming session of congress.

WORK BEGINS ON NEW POTASH PLANT

Stakes Set At Antioch For Site of New Plant of National Potash Company

Stakes were set this week for the new big plant of the National Potash Company at Antioch, east of Alliance. The plant will be erected on a forty-acre tract west of the new Antioch depot.

Messrs. O'Brien and Haynes, in charge of the work, arrived in Alliance from Omaha the first of the week and report that everything is in readiness for the rapid construction of the new plant which will take its potash brine from the lakes on the Beck Bench, south of Antioch. This company is financed by Omaha capitalists.

Another plant will soon be erected just west of Lakeside, according to present indications. This plant is to be backed by other Omaha capitalists rumored to be the Metz Brewery people.

THANKSGIVING GAME WON BY SCOTTSBLUFF

OUTWEIGHED, ALLIANCE PUTS PUTS UP A STIFF FIGHT, BUT LOSES TO VISITORS

WAS A HARD FOUGHT GAME

Large Crowd of Holiday Observers Witness Lively Gridiron Contest This Afternoon

Scottsbluff was very much surprised this afternoon by a stiff opposition from the Alliance team. The boys from the Bluffs trotted out on the field at three o'clock with assurance written all over their faces. This expression soon changed, for, during the first half Alliance had by far the best of the team from the best country. Scottsbluff kicked off to Alliance. Cary returned the ball fifteen yards. Alliance then by straight line plunges by Davenport made two first downs in succession putting the ball on the Scottsbluff thirty yard line. They then lost the ball. Scottsbluff was held repeatedly and then on a run around left end calamity came to Alliance, for Davenport in tackling Eli, the husky half from the Bluffs suffered a dislocated shoulder and had to leave the game. Losing their best man put all the more fight in the Alliance boys and they held for downs. Taking the ball the Alliance boys by a succession of forward passes advanced it to the Bluff fifteen yard line from which O'Connor placed a pretty drop kick over the goal posts. Score, Alliance 3, Scottsbluff 0. The rest of the half Alliance was on the aggressive all of the time in the Bluff's territory—their forward passes were perfect.

The second half Alliance received the ball and immediately punted. Scottsbluff had changed their lineup putting Raymond in at the quarter and Vanderbig at an end. This change helped the Bluffs, as the new quarter showed better generalship. Scottsbluff's first touchdown came in the third quarter, resulting from line plunges by the Westerveld Brothers. These fellows by superior weight forced their way through the Alliance line. Bennett for Alliance played a superior game at tackle. Time after time he stopped the opponents' plays before they were started. The play of the Bluffs was much stronger in the second half—they opened up a series of passes that were good for long gains. Also their weight began to tell as our men were weakened by the repeated plunges of the heavy backs. The loss of Davenport was severely felt as he is an excellent man on defense. However, the game was hard fought and Alliance made their opponents work for all they got. The third quarter, both resulting Scottsbluff added two touchdowns in third quarter, both resulting from long forward passes. Out of the three touchdowns the Bluffs kicked one goal, making the score 19 to 3. There was a good crowd at the game, and none were disappointed as it was fast and interesting all the way through. Every man on the Alliance team deserves credit for his playing. Lunn, Bennett, Cary, Plato and O'Connor played a strong game all the way through. The back field for the Bluffs made an exceptionally good showing.

LINEUP
Alliance
Lotspeich LE
Fleming LT
Rider LG
Lunn C
Curtis RT
Bennett RG
Plato RE
Cary QB
O'Connor LH
Davenport RH
Graham FB
Touchdown —Lawrence Westerveld
2; Mendall Westerveld.
Goal from field—O'Connor.
Substitutes— Westerveld for McCubbin; Raymond for Vanderbig; Brennan for Davenport.
Referee and umpire—Hartman and Schawb alternating.

Scottsbluff
Fickett
Baldridge
Ripley
Stoner
McCookey
Eastman
Right
Raymond
McCubbin
Hause
Westerveld
Lawrence Westerveld
Mendall Westerveld
O'Connor
Westerveld
Raymond
Vanderbig
Brennan
Davenport
Hartman
Schawb