

**Items of Community Interest**

James Hall and wife of Canton were in the city Tuesday on a visit.

Mrs. Ethek Stoll, of Hyannis, was in the city to have an operation performed last Saturday.

Rev. Dr. Morris speaks for the Red Cross meeting at Lakeside Thursday evening.

**Xmas Trees, Holly Wreaths, Telephone 41. Standard Mercantile.**

County Superintendent Opal Russell will leave the city Friday for a short visit with relatives over Christmas.

Hugh Davenport left Friday afternoon for Bayard, where he has accepted a position in a large Bayard store as salesman.

Frederick D. Crites, of Chadron, referee in the bankruptcy case of the Alliance Auto Supply company, was in town last Tuesday.

Mr. B. F. Bolinger, of Ellsworth, brought his little son in last Saturday to have his tonsils removed by one of the local doctors.

Fred Sweeney, of Alliance, has enlisted in the signal corps of the army. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sweeney, of Alliance.

Mrs. A. P. Gordon and children accompanied by Mrs. L. N. McFall went to Denver Saturday to consult a specialist in regard to Baby Gordon's illness.

Ralph N. Gould, formerly of Alliance, is now located at Hale, Carroll county, Missouri. He is foreman on the Hale Hustler-Leader, a thriving weekly newspaper.

Alexander J. Hill, a ranch man near Ellsworth, was in town Tuesday concerning his father's real estate. Mr. Hill was appointed executor at the time of his father's death.

C. L. Drake has made his dining room at the Drake hotel into four modern rooms, bath and all. Under present conditions this increases his room accommodations not a little.

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Mr. and Mrs. McFall have just returned from a visit to their son, Lieutenant George H. McFall at Camp Mills, N. Y. They also visited at Washington, D. C. and through the southern states.

Mrs. J. A. Stroehle and daughter, of Holland, were in town Wednesday on a shopping excursion. Mrs. Stroehle's husband is employed in the construction department of the Potash Reduction company.

Several of the boys are quite interested in Mutt and Jeff costumes at the present time. The occasion must be the Elks' ball on New Year's night. Watch for these costumers and see if they didn't make a fitting choice.

Last week The Herald published the school districts that had not put up their flags in accordance to the state law. Since that time District No. 79 has erected a flag staff and put a fine flag upon it. This was at the residence of Mrs. Cady Brus.

Bradley Minor, whose parents resided in Alliance years ago and now live in Lincoln, expects to spend Christmas at home. "Brad" is employed at the First National Bank and says that Alliance has much attraction for him.

C. I. Clifton, of Washington, Iowa, is in the city looking over the country. He says that land there sells at \$250 to \$350 an acre, the poorest hill land and oak land bringing \$80. He is a very energetic young man and expects to settle in this country. He did his best to enlist as he tried the army, navy and national guard.

Some minor defect kept him out. As it is he has decided to go into farming and serve his country by being a food producer.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Lackey, who live on West Third street Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Adams and daughter drove up Monday from Lakeside. While in the city they engaged a house for the winter and will make their home here during the winter. Mr. Adams recently sold his large ranch near Lakeside for a good price.

The walk across from the court house has been in bad shape for a couple of weeks. Judge Tash has been doing all he can to get it into shape as we can testify, for we have seen him out with a shovel every morning of the past week trying to clear off the walk.

Miss Margaret Sherwin and mother will spend the Christmas vacation at Lincoln. Miss Sherwin is a graduate of the State University and is in the employ of the food conservation bureau at this point. She expects to have an office in the court house after the first of the year.

D. W. Kenner, "Farmer Dick," was down on Monday from the farm near Girard. Dick is now busy planning his farming work for next season, but occasionally he stops work long enough to watch the railroad boys go past on his old run as a freight conductor on the Burlington.

A service flag on which are eight blue stars is displayed on the front of the Elks' lodge in Alliance. This shows that there are eight members of the lodge now in the service of the United States. Among them are H. C. Hugh, J. L. Westover, Ed Reardon, Jack Miller, F. A. King, Bruce Ballery and C. D. Gibson.

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J. W. Guthrie reports \$228 sent Tuesday night to the Alliance boys at Deming, N. M. The money was sent to Captain Miller and is to be used for Christmas offerings in the company. The company was formerly Company G and is now Battery D, 127th Field Artillery. All the money raised was by voluntary subscription.

Mrs. A. A. Layton, of Alliance, wife of the pastor of the Baptist church, returned last Sunday morning from a trip of two months in the east. She went east on account of the death of her father at Franklin, Ind., in November. In December she attended the national convention of the W. C. T. U. and then returned to Indiana for a stay with her mother.

Raymond Westover, who has been in the drafting room of the Alliance Potash company, entertained a few of his Alliance friends with a dinner party at the Alliance hotel last Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The dinner was Mr. Westover's farewell to the members of his set. "Pete" left on the midnight train for the east, as he has enlisted in Uncle Sam's army of shipbuilders and will go to the navy yard at Baltimore. After the dinner, the party enjoyed a little music in the Hotel Parlor and then went to the home of Cynthia Davenport, where the young people presented Raymond with a farewell gift. Those present at the dinner were Misses Cynthia Davenport, Irene Rice, Charlotte Mollring, Hanna Keane, Thresa O'Donnell and Messrs. Bradley Minor, Norman Newberry, Thomas E. Stuart and Raymond Westover.

That the spirit of Christmas is felt in Alliance is shown by the response of citizens to the needs of a destitute mother and five children. The children are 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years of age. The father is in a hos-

pital suffering from mental derangement. Those who have not had an opportunity to help this family may do so by leaving clothing for the children or a donation at the Darling furniture store.

A cutting scrape occurred on Burlington train No. 42 coming into Alliance Monday night. Two colored men were sitting together in a car seat when one of them sleepily threw his arm over the other one. Number two was much displeased and drawing a sharp knife, he proceeded to make Christmas turkey of number one, who awoke hurriedly from his sleep. Number one was severely cut on his shoulder and arm. First aid was administered to him and a doctor called as soon as he arrived. Number two was placed in the calaboose, but as the railroad company declined to prosecute both were later turned loose.

Mrs. Robert Campbell, living at 504 Cheyenne, has purchased an apartment house at Antioch. She expects to move there within the next few weeks. This sale is the result of a little Herald want ad, inserted at a cost of a few cents, but resulting in the closing of a deal of several thousand dollars. Read the want ads in The Herald this week. They are in-

**OFFICER THANKS ALLIANCE CITIZENS**

Head of Omaha Recruiting Division Appreciated the Farewell for Enlisted Soldiers

R. E. Frith, officer in charge of the Omaha recruiting district for the United States Army, has written to the Alliance Community Club, thanking the citizens of this city for the farewell reception given the enlisted men on Wednesday of last week.

Major Frith's letter was as follows:

Recruiting Station, U. S. Army  
Army Building  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
December 14 1917.  
Alliance Commercial Club,  
Alliance, Nebraska.  
Gentlemen:

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Alliance Commercial Club for the kindly assistance rendered this office

interesting and will mean dollars to those who take advantage of the bargains offered in them.

In bringing to the attention of the young men of draft age the closing date for voluntary enlistment, and the invaluable co-operation in stimulating enlistments. It is a pleasure to be associated with such patriotic and liberal men, and I assure you again I appreciate the kindness and liberality of the Commercial Club.

We enlisted during the twelve days of this month practically 4,000 men in the Omaha District, and I feel confident that when the reports are compiled in Washington this district will stand well to the front.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
R. E. FRITH,  
Major, U. S. Army, Retired.

**Beans Were Going Down**

The bean market in Alliance is on the decline. At least the beans were declining recently, according to the papers filed in a suit for damaged beans against W. W. Norton by H. E. Reddish and Earl Mallery. Mallery and Reddish leased ground from Norton on which beans were planted and grown. The beans grew to a ripe age and were stacked in a nice, big round stack on the field.

Mr. Norton's horses, in a nearby pasture, smelt the delightful smell

**LOST**  
In Alliance, somewhere on Boy Butte avenue, a package of photos of baby girl. Reward for return to DAN CONWAY Alliance Herald Office.

of the delicious "pork and" proceeded to go through the fence and help themselves to a nice, big portion. They were apparently quite hungry for they not only ate the beans, but they tramped over them and, according to the petition, did damage amounting to \$1,200.

Mr. Norton claims that he had no agreement regarding the keeping of the fence in order. The plaintiffs allege that he did. Thereby hangs the tale which will be solved in district court. In the meantime the horses had their fill. The bean report is thereby rather discouraging.

**Geo. D. Darling**  
Just Unloaded Two Carloads of  
**FURNITURE**

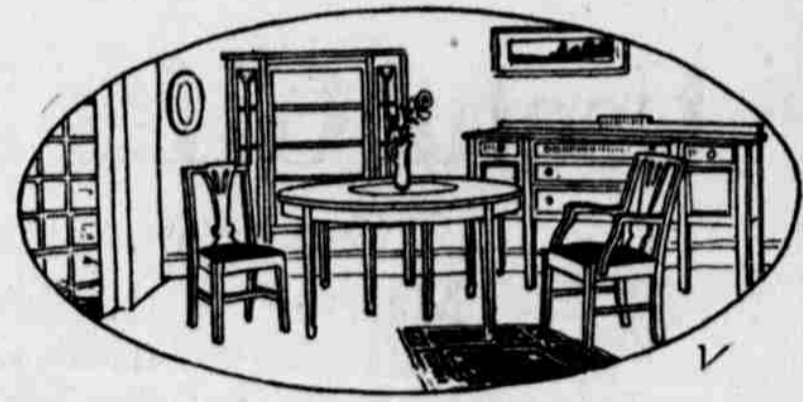
**"Christmas Goods Galore"**

Come in and feast your eyes on the many new creations in Furniture and Novelties---



- Solid Mahogany Gift Goods**
- PHONE SET, CHAIR AND DESK.
  - SEWING CABINETS—OPEN AND COVERED.
  - SMOKER CABINETS.
  - SMOKER STANDS.
  - COMBINED SERVING TRAY AND TABLE.
  - TEA WAGONS.

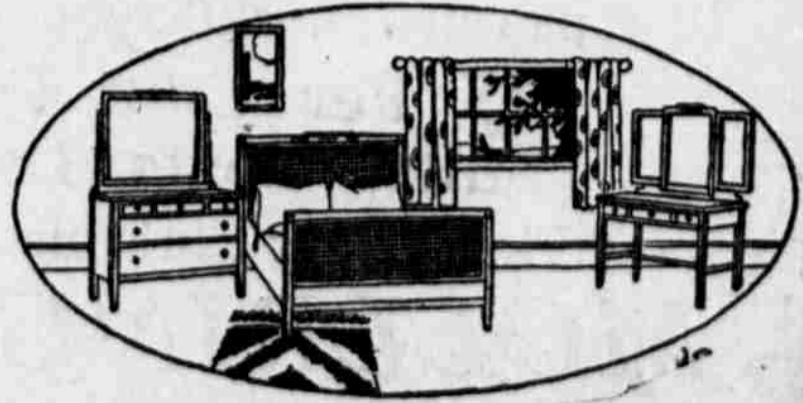
See the New Things in—  
Library Tables, Pedestals, Costumers, Buffets, Foot Stools, Large Comfort Rockers in Leather, Velours and Tapestries; Duofolds.



- Substantial Christmas Gifts For Children**
- Doll Beds in White Enamel and Mahogany finishes—complete with mattresses and pillows.
  - Desks and Chair Sets.
  - Combined Table and Folding Blackboards, Kitchen Cabinets, Dining Table and Chairs, Large Play House with doors and windows.
  - Rubber Tired Skips, Coaster Wagons and Sleds, Grass-hopper Cars, Porch Settees and Rockers, Baby Walkers, High Chairs with Porcelain Trays.

**Cedar Chests and Matting Covered Utility Boxes**  
Wife, Daughter, Mother Sister and Sweetheart would be pleased with one of these

Don't Overlook our line of—  
**RUGS**  
—room sizes and small ones  
**Our Doll Carts**  
May be here Friday or Saturday



**We Could Cut the Cost If We Could Hold Up Long Distance Calls**

We could greatly reduce the expense of furnishing long distance telephone service if we could hold up requests for calls and "put them through" during slack hours.

But we must have enough long distance lines ready all the time to take care of the largest number of people who may want to talk any time.

This means we must have a great deal of money invested in long distance equipment which is used only a few hours each day.

**The Real Xmas Spirit Prevails In This Store**