

Hemingford News Items

Miss Lois Wildy is home for the holidays.

Elmer Noe spent Christmas with friends here.

Postmaster Kinsella was in Alliance visiting Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Shephard were Alliance visitors Friday.

Etta Michael arrived Sunday for a visit with home folks.

Miss Ella Moravek spent Christmas in town with friends.

Bruce Kohrman and family were in Alliance Friday doing some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Black were in Alliance one day the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Vaughn were in Alliance Friday doing some shopping.

Ms. I. R. Walker spent a few days the first of the week with Mrs. D. W. Kenner.

G. F. Hedgecock's family were released from quarantine the first of the week.

Rasca, the butcher, is considerably under the weather with rheumatism at present.

Ms. Olevia Delsing visited with friends in Alliance a few days during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Utter and sons are spending the holiday week with friends at Aselmo.

C. W. Sharp was attending to business matters in Alliance the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, of Alliance, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kenner.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Elder and son, Guy went to Anselme Sunday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Ms. Howard Whitaker came up from Scottsbluff the latter part of the week for a visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Buchman were up from Alliance Thursday evening to attend the Green-Melick wedding.

Ms. Ben Miller and son, Edward came down from their Wyoming home Monday to visit until after the holidays.

Professor Fisher was released from quarantine last Thursday and went to Chadron to spend the rest of the vacation.

I. Copeland left here Sunday for Keene, Wyo., to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bushnell over Christmas.

J. D. Crist and "Doc" Cane were eastbound passengers from here Sunday going to their homes to spend Christmas.

A. M. Miller was in Alliance Friday getting the fixtures for the furnace, which he is having installed at the Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spellman is enjoying a visit with their son and family who came the first of the week for a holiday visit.

Milton Danborn is spending his holiday vacation with his parents and friends here. Milton is attending school at Lincoln.

James Berry left here the latter part of the week, going over to Valentine for a Christmas visit with the Rev. and Mrs. Palmer.

Misses Edna Wiltsey and Blennie Rohrbaugh who are attending school at Lincoln this winter, came in Saturday to spend the holiday vacation at their homes.

Miss Elsie Greene and Mr. Russell Mitek were very quietly married last Thursday evening at the home of the bride's mother. Only a few friends were present. The newlyweds took "42" the same night, going to the home of the groom's parents, where they will spend the holidays.

The Extinct Billy Goat. Strange is the march of time. The Billy and Nanny goat were once a dominating feature in every American community. A snapshot could not have been taken without a goat somewhere in the picture, but the goat was not deemed a fit insect to hobnob in swelled society. Its product might be admitted across the threshold of the rich, but not its savory self. The highest standard the goat has ever attained is the mascotship of a volunteer fire company, or a similar office in the U. S. navy, which was practically the lowest rank of any living thing abroad. In his palmy days vivid posters were often seen of him in the act of juggling with a glass of fresh bock, and now the American Billy goat is doomed to pass down the line of has-beens.

FINDS REMEDY FOR MEAT SHORTAGE

Alliance Man Has a Sure Method of Cutting Out Demand for Higher Priced Meats

It has remained for an Alliance man of long experience and much knowledge to solve the meat shortage problem. The steadily mounting price of pork and beef with meatless days not doing much to alleviate the situation has caused many high-priced experts to work new wrinkles in their brains in an endeavor to find some meat that would be palatable and that would fill the growing void in the stomachs of meat eaters.

Clyde Shieler, former Kansas farmer, who has lived on the western plains of Kansas and Nebraska for over thirty years, and who is now associated with Bruce McDowell in the tonsorial business in Alliance, has come forward with the solution of the problem.

Shieler suggests that the people of the country take to the eating of "Cynomys Ludovicianus saute." Meat from which this delicious dish is made roams the prairies of the western states in quantities almost unimaginable—tons and tons and tons and hundreds of tons of Nebraska legislators three years ago became aware of the steadily increasing amount of "Cynomys Ludovicianus" and passed a law tending to a decreasing of its growth, but the law appears to have fallen into disuse with the result that this meat keeps increasing.

Shieler is a close student of western conditions. Years ago he learned that a Boston professor had visited the western states who had made the interesting disclosure that a prairie dog is no dog at all, but a highly respected relative of the squirrel family, possessing many domestic virtues unknown to his tree dwelling cousins. He argued that as gray squirrels are good to eat and prairie dogs are like gray squirrels, therefore prairie dogs are fit for human food—and convinced himself and a few friends by his own logic. The professor's stomach had the strength of his convictions, for he scandalized a number of orthodox western cooks by ordering dishes composed of prairie dogs. He called the meat "Cynomys Ludovicianus saute," but to the westerners it was just plain stewed prairie dog.

Shieler has made a name for himself as one of the "bean kings" of western Nebraska this year. With the capable and expert advice and assistance of Cy Laing, formerly of Sarpy county, he and his partners have raised a large amount of beans this season. Now he is planning on giving a big demonstration banquet—public—if he can get the assistance of Secretary Fisher of the Community Club, and will serve as the chief dishes on the menu—baked, stewed, boiled, fried and roasted beans, and "Cynomys Ludovicianus saute." If the dinner proves a success it is very probable that a new industry will have been started—the catching, killing, dressing and shipping of prairie dogs from the broad prairies of western Nebraska. The stockmen don't want them—the farmer don't want them—they are a pest. But with the energy and ability of prominent western men behind the proposition, the western stockmen and farmers will be benefitted and the hungry meat eaters of the east will be able to afford nice, fat prairie dogs, served a la mode, for breakfast, luncheon and dinner. The question which is puzzling the promoters of the project is, however, whether or not "Cynomys Ludovicianus saute" should be served on "meatless days."

Planting Bulbs

Bulbs for outdoor spring flowers may be planted any time before the ground freezes, according to the department of horticulture of the University of Nebraska. If the soil is poor, a little well-rotted manure may be added. Be sure the ground has plenty of moisture. The bulbs should be planted to deep rather than too shallow. Five inches is about the right depth for hyacinths and four to six inches for tulips. After the ground is frozen, a mulch should be spread over the beds.

To Detect Butter Substitutes.

The simplest household test for the detection of butterine, oleomargarine and their kindred preparations is known as the boiling process, and is conducted as follows: Put a piece of the sample to be tested about the size of a small chestnut in an ordinary tablespoon and heat it (over the gas jet usually) until it melts, hastening the process by continually stirring it with a splinter of wood or a match. Then bring it to a brisk boil as possible, and after the boiling has begun stir the contents of the spoon thoroughly, not neglecting the outer edges, two or three times at intervals during the boiling, always shortly before the boiling ceases. Oleomargarine, butterine, and renovated butter boil noisily, spluttering (more or less) like a mixture of grease and water when boiled, and produce no foam, or but very little, while genuine butter boils usually with less noise and produces a great

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 30

REVIEW—GOD'S REDEEMING LOVE.

LESSON TEXT—Read Psalms 1:3; 1:24.
GOLDEN TEXT—With Jehovah there is loving kindness, and with him is plenteous redemption.—Ps. 130:7.

The lessons of the past year are the only ones in the six years course which are divided between the Old and the New Testament; therefore, at the close of this year we will review only the last two quarters, emphasizing the fourth which has just been completed.

Like Moses on Mount Nebo, let us glance over the whole period of the monarchy and note the progress and development of the Jewish people. The Jewish race is the marvel of all times, a nation without a country, scattered and peeled, chastised and driven from sea to sea, even slain in large numbers; yet possessed of a vitality which has caused them to endure through the centuries. Their contribution to the civilization of the world has been immeasurable. There is no walk or rank in life, in politics, literature, art, science, business, religion, or any other realm where they have not made their impress and rendered their contribution. Any movement which seeks to promote their welfare and to strengthen the bonds of sympathy which preserve race feelings, deserves the aid of all patriotic, liberty loving, God fearing people, for the Jews are still God's chosen heritage.

The united kingdom with its three kings, Saul, David and Solomon, lasted from about 1190 B. C. to 983 (Meecher), a period of 120 years. Then begins the divided kingdom—Judah and Israel side by side, a double experiment in the progress of the kingdom of God. This period extended from about 982 B. C. to approximately 723, or 721 B. C. Judah had a territory of about 3,400 square miles; Israel 9,400. Judah's capital was Jerusalem; in which was the temple; Israel's capital was Samaria, while it had two centers of false worship. Judah was more sheltered than Israel from close contact with heathenism, especially politically and religiously. Judah had one dynasty of rulers; eleven kings and one queen, all of them from the house of David. Israel had nineteen kings, belonging to nine different families or dynasties. Judah had several very good kings, and there were marked revivals of religion of prosperity and of deterioration of varying degrees, though resisted from time to time and helped along moral and religious lines through the work of Elijah and Elisha the prophets. The final period of events of this past quarter have reference to Judah alone from the days of Hezekiah, B. C. 722, to the time of the destruction of the city and the temple being destroyed 586 B. C., and lastly we have the period of the exile from the first captivity in 605 B. C. to the restoration and the new temple being erected 516 B. C. This was a period of great discipline and sifting as like unto wheat or of a purifying fire.

The return from exile and the new spiritual nation, dates from about 538 to the close of Bible history, say 400 years before the coming of Christ. A map should be used, and the scholars ought to be familiar with the contemporaneous secular history. There are several particular lessons we ought to learn from this history.

First: Every failure, every moral wrong, every fall into idolatry, every diminution of power for good is the result of a separation from God—a departure from the ways of God and righteousness. It also shows us that God's constant solicitude that the Jews should be kept separate from heathenism and idolatry, had in it the best interests of his own people and could only lead to those blessings which he had prepared for his particular people.

Secondly: The overthrow of Israel is directly attributed to its complete abandonment to idolatry. Beginning with false worship and a dependence upon men, there was the introduction of idolatry and a development of evil which led to a rapid decline, the introduction of revolutions and the final extinguishment of the kingdom.

As to Judah, it finally was brought into captivity because that was the only way that God could purge the nation from the sin of idolatry. They must be taught that there is but one God, that the word of God must be obeyed, and that their safety lay in the faith which they placed in his promises. The leaders of this period were Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah, heroic men, men of great consecration and power; also, Esther, the heroine. The prophets of this period are Daniel, Isaiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi. Notice how each and every one aided the cause of righteousness.

There are two great heroes of the return, Ezra and Nehemiah. Take up the actions of each and show how he proved his heroism. A good method of receiving the past quarter will be to summarize the teachings which center about these two great men. The period of the return is the one that we should emphasize, showing how a return to God and an obedience of his law is the paramount need of the present day in which we live, these days of darkness and evil upon which the

Lloyd's Column

The Devil Resigns
The Devil sat by a lake of fire,
On a pile of sulphur kegs;
His head was down upon his breast,
His tail between his legs.

A look of shame was on his face,
The tears dripped from his eyes;
He had sent his resignation to
The throne up in the skies.

"I'm down and out," the Devil said;
He said it with a sob.
There are others that outclass me,
And I want to quit my job."

"Hell simply isn't in it
With the land along the Rhine:
I'm a has-been and a piker;
And I simply must resign."

"One ammunition maker,
With his bloody shot and shell,
Knows more about damnation
Than all the imps of Hell."

"A heartless U-boat captain,
As he sinks his helpless prize,
Can do a lot more torture
Than my cunning can devise."

"Give my job to Kaiser Wilhelm,
The Author of this war;
He understands it better,
A million times by far."

"I hate to leave this happy home
The spot I love so well;
But I feel that I am out of date,
In the art of running Hell."

—Lloyd's Column—
Why is a newspaper like a woman?
Because every man should have one
of his own and not be running after
his neighbor's.

—Lloyd's Column—
... Not a Brown Dress ...
Printer—"Doesn't that girl over
there look like Helen Brown?"
Printer's Devil—"I don't call that
dress brown."

—Lloyd's Column—
Why Editors Grow Thin
Editor—"Here, boy, go to the ex-
change room and ask for mis-
cellany."

Copy Boy (returning)—Her father's
dead; she ain't here today.—
Buffalo News.

—Lloyd's Column—
Editorial Troubles
A Montana editor in publishing
the program of a musicale said,
"Mrs. Blicsson will sing 'I'm Float-
ing Down Life's Tranquil Stream
accompanied by Elder Simpkins.'
The editor is in a peck of trouble
over the matter."

—Lloyd's Column—
Placing Himself
"Let me see," said the editor to a
new acquisition, a graduate of the
college of journalism, "I hardly
know what to put you at."

"Until you decide," replied the
man, "I'll sit down and write a few
leading editorials."—Life.

—Lloyd's Column—
A Rich Editor
One of the better known success-
ful editors in Kansas has bought a
war pig to raise. This department is
not given to boasting of its con-
nections, but we don't mind saying
that we knew this captain of jour-
nalism when he could hardly scrape
up the funds to buy a new Linotype.
—Ex.

—Lloyd's Column—
The Editor Again
An exchange reports a joke on an
editor who went one evening to at-
tend a party at a home recently
blessed with a new baby. He met
his hostess at the door and after the
usual salutations he asked after the
baby's health. The lady who was
quite deaf and suffering with the
grippe thought he was asking after
her cold, answered that although she
usually had one every winter, this
was the worst one she ever had; it
kept her awake at night a good deal
and at first confined her to her bed.
Then noticing that the newspaper
man was getting nervous she said
she could tell by his looks that he
was going to have one just like hers
and asked him to go in and sit down.

—Lloyd's Column—
A kiss he printed on her lips,
The job caused some elation.
For she said, "Continue, please,
It boosts my circulation!"

—Lloyd's Column—
America's Food Waste.
The American people waste more
than \$1,000,000,000 worth of food each
year.

—Lloyd's Column—
Dickens' Forensic Masterpiece.
Dickens' lawyers are legion, but
none of them has a stronger hold on
the memory of his readers than Ser-
gent Buzfuz, whose peroration in
Bardell vs. Pickwick ranks as a foren-
sic masterpiece: "But Pickwick, gen-
tlemen, Pickwick, the ruthless destr-
oyer of this domestic oasis in the desert
of Goswell street—Pickwick, who has
choked up the well and thrown ashes
on the sward—Pickwick who comes
before you today with his heartless to-
mato sauce and warming pans—Pick-
wick still rears his head with unblush-
ing effrontery and gazes without a sigh
on the ruin he has made. Damages,
gentlemen, heavy damages, is the only
punishment with which you can visit
him—the only recompense you can
award to my client. And for those
damages she now appeals to an en-
lightened, a high-minded, a right-
feeling, a conscientious, a dispassionate,
a sympathizing, a contemptible jury
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Contributed

Rock Springs, Wyo., Dec. 24, 1917.
Editor of The Herald,
Alliance, Nebraska.
Dear Sir:

In your issue of November 15th you seem to think that this is a white man's war and that the negro soldier will not get much attention. Now, dear sir, I am a loyal citizen of this great republic—the United States of America. As a Christian I believe in Democracy for the world and that is what this Christian nation is fighting for.

The colored man is willing to fight and die to defend "Old Glory" in Europe or anywhere the flag leads. Why do England, France and the United States use their colored soldiers? It is because they are men and citizens. They pay taxes and vote as the others and have the same rights. Hence they are willing to die for their government. We know all nations engaged in this war are not white. The American negro has always given his life blood for this country. The first American soldier to die for America was Christopher Attuc in Boston, shot by the English.

The negro has fought with honor in all the American wars. Fifty thousand fought in the Civil war. They have fought in Cuba, the Philippine Islands and on our Mexican border. Some of the 80,000 colored soldiers now in the United States service are in France with our troops where they will prove their metal.

Our government has made 600 officers at Des Moines to command her black braves. The colored people are doing their bit to win this war in the Red Cross, Liberty Bonds, Y. M. C. A., War Relief Fund—in conservation, in short, we are doing our bit in all things asked by the government.

True, the negro has no Benedict Arnold, no assassins, no slackers and no traitors but loyal citizens who only ask for a man's chance to play our part in this great drama. As a reader of the good, old Alliance Herald, I ask you to give this letter space in your paper. I am yours for right and justice to all men that God has made.

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while the average death rate of the camp should not have exceeded twelve deaths." Mr. Reavis then stated that he visited the camp in October; that he saw 40,000 men clad in overalls and summer shirts when it was so cold he wore a sweater to keep warm; that he could not see more than 100 feet because of blowing sand and there was no heating apparatus installed.

"It is not strange that under the conditions so many men died," said Mr. Reavis, "but it is strange that a cantonment should have been located at a place which had been known as a center of meningitis for years. If this camp is thus infected these boys should be removed from there at once. Distasteful as it is for me to appear in the light of a critic, nevertheless, I feel that with thousands of Nebraska boys in this camp it is my duty as a member of congress to call attention to it and to see that something is done to make its repetition impossible."

Millions in the Red Cross

Washington.—Nearly eight million new members have been added to the rolls of the Red Cross since the Christmas membership drive started Monday, according to a compilation of returns received at national headquarters. The Atlantic division, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut reported 1,510,000 members. The Pennsylvania division, including Delaware, 1,000,000; the southern, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee, 438,000. The Gulf, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, 214,478; the lake Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, 1,796,000 the southwestern, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, 1,725,000; the mountain, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico, 130,000; the northwestern, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, 429,000, and the Pacific, comprising California, Arizona and Nevada, 433,220. More than half the quota of 894,000 set for the New England division already has been tabulated, while officials in the central, northern and Potomac divisions have reported that their quotas will be obtained.

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