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ANNUAL FARM MEETING WAS ONE HUMMER

ALTHOUGH ATTENDANCE WAS NOT LARGE — INTEREST WAS INTENSE—MUCH GOOD WORK

NEW OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

Annual Report of County Agricultural Agent Presented, Showing Much Good Done

The annual meeting of the Box Butte County Farm Bureau was held at the Central school building in Alliance on Saturday. While the attendance was not large, on account of the severe weather, the interest manifested was intense and the meeting was one of accomplishment.

L. J. Schill was chairman and Art Groves secretary of the afternoon meeting.

F. M. Seidell, former county agent and now with the federal land bank, was the first speaker. He told of the past work of the Box Butte county bureau and that this year was a war year. The work done this year was with the view of helping win the war. Mr. Seidell urged the support of all farmers and continuation of the work.

W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Alliance Community Club, in a rapid-fire talk, stated that he was glad to be back with the people of Box Butte county. He urged that more meetings of the farm association be held and mentioned some of the benefits to be derived. He stated that co-operation was needed between the business men and the farmers. He told of the new auto truck purchased by the club for work on the roads and of the plans for the Good Roads Fair at Alliance in the month of March.

C. S. Hawk, of Chadron, former Dawes county agricultural agent and now one of the eighteen Nebraska men who have been selected to help increase hog production, made a talk filled with interesting and instructive points on hog raising. He stated that the United States is short six million hogs—15 per cent of the normal supply. And that Nebraska is short 600,000 hogs—20 per cent of the normal supply. Mr. Hawk explained the prices fixed on pork. He said that experts figured that it takes 11.61 bushels of corn to produce 100 pounds of pork. The price fixed, so as to give the hog raiser a good margin of profit, is at the ratio of 13 to 1. Inasmuch as the packers are limited to a total profit of only 9 per cent during the year this should result in fairness to both producer and consumer.

State Representative L. O. Thomas, editor of The Herald, made a short talk in which he told of legislation accomplished for the farmers at the last session of the Nebraska legislature. He also urged that the good work of such men as Fred Seidell, George Neuswanger and W. D. Fisher be kept up on account of the excellent results achieved by them for the county.

State Leader of County Agent Work C. E. Gunnels, spoke for thirty minutes on subjects of importance in connection with the county agent work. He stated that three-fourths of all the agricultural counties in the United States now have county agents. Other counties are being provided with "federal emergency agents" to help in the great work.

Mr. Gunnels spoke of the need of increased production in many lines. As an illustration he mentioned sheep. The population of the United States has doubled in the last thirty-five years, but there are now 20 per cent less sheep than at that time. This means that there are now 50 per cent less sheep in proportion to the population of the country than there were thirty-five years ago.

Alliance is in the most protected spot in the world today, said Mr. Gunnels. But that does not release us from our obligation to do our bit for our country and the world-wide fight to save democracy. Co-operation is needed. Farmers can buy stock from each other by the help of the county agents. Some of the eastern Nebraska counties are so thoroughly organized that every farmer can be reached in quick time.

In referring to the cost of the county agent work the Department of Agriculture has presented figures showing that the cost for the last year was \$3,000,000 and that the direct profit derived was over 100 per cent.

Mr. Gunnels outlined the objects of county agent work as follows:

- To increase and conserve the nation's food supply.
- To assist in the development of community and county organizations.

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DEVIL ABDICATES FOR THE KAISER

Satan Admits That Pupil Has Become Master—Iowa Man's Satire Attracts Much Attention

The Herald in a recent issue printed a short poem asking the location of the German Kaiser's home. A watchful reader has furnished the answer, written by Louis Syberkrop, of Creston, Iowa, which has been widely circulated and reads as follows:

The Infernal Region,
June 28, 1917.
To Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, Emperor of all Germany and Envoy Extraordinary of Almighty God:

My dear Wilhelm—I can call you by that familiar name, for I have always been very close to you, much closer than you could ever know.

From the time that you were yet an undeveloped being in your mother's womb I have shaped your destiny for my own purpose.

In the days of Rome I created a roughneck known in history as Nero; he was a vulgar character and suited my purpose at that particular time. In these modern days a classic demon and efficient supercriminal was needed, and as I know the Hohenzollern blood I picked you as my special instrument to place on earth an annex of Hell.

I gave you an abnormal ambition, likewise an oversupply of egotism, that you might not discover your own failings; I twisted your mind to that of a mad man with certain normal tendencies to carry you by, a most dangerous character placed in power; I gave you the power of a hypnotist and a certain magnetic force that you might sway your people.

Three Evil Spirits to Assist
I am responsible for the deformed arm that hangs helpless on your left, for your crippled condition embitters your life and destroys all noble impulses that might otherwise cause me

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THE LIGHT EARNINGS \$1474.66

Net Earnings for Past Month by Light Department Were Nearly 1,000 Short of Year Ago

According to the report of J. E. Hughes, superintendent of the city light and power plant, for the month ending December 15th, the net earnings of the plant were only \$1,474.66 as compared with earnings of \$2,353.58 for the same month last year and \$1,277.26 for the month ending November 15, 1917.

Detailed statement of the business for the month ending December 15th and for the same month last year were as follows:

	This Month	Last Year
Gross earnings	\$4,284.08	\$3,803.28
Discount allowed	279.39	237.65
Oper. expenses	2,320.36	1,193.59
Net earnings	1,474.66	2,353.58
Construction	209.67	18.46

The report of the water department showed receipts for the month ending December 15th of \$293.50, with the regular quarterly report due next month.

Report of Treasurer
The report of Frank Abegg, city treasurer, for the month ending December 15th showed the month starting out with an overdraft of \$35.45 in the general fund. Receipts in this fund were 2,590.78 from the county treasurer; \$8.40 from marshal fees; and \$12.10 from miscellaneous sources, a total of \$2,611.53 received. Warrants amounting to 2,480.21 and interest on same amounting to \$222.94 were paid, leaving an overdraft of \$122.07 in this fund. Registered warrants unpaid amount to \$35,252.18.

There is on hand in the fire insurance fund \$20.00; in the cemetery fund \$78.34 with unpaid warrants of \$815.40; and on hand in the park fund \$577.54.

The water fund received during the month \$293.50 and disbursements were \$2,293.58, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,885.63.

The light fund received during the month \$4,304.08 and disbursed \$3,689.75, leaving a balance on hand of \$15,078.07. Unpaid light balances on January 8th amounted to \$515.99.

Basket Ball Games Friday Night

The boys' basketball game between Alliance high school and Morrill high school which is scheduled for Friday night, January 11th, is cancelled, and the class games will take place at that time. The Junior Girls will play the Freshmen Girls, and the Senior Boys will play the Sophomore Boys. Games start promptly at 8:15. Admission, 10 cents. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross Society.

ANOTHER SPY SUSPECT IS ARRESTED HERE

APPREHENDED WHILE WORKING IN BURLINGTON RAILROAD YARD IN ALLIANCE

HAD IMPORTANT PHOTOGRAPHS

Escaped Interned German Sailor Arrested Monday—Charged With Being a Spy

Another spy suspect has been apprehended at Alliance. The case against him proves conclusively that he is an enemy and an intriguer against the national government. He is also, it is thought by United States Court Commissioner Berry to be an escaped intern from the Kaiser Wilhelm, the large German ship that was interned in New York harbor and taken over by our government. As in the case of the other suspect taken at Alliance this man also had a high priced camera which takes a picture about 12x14.

The suspected spy, Rudolph Strong, was arrested at the Burlington round house Tuesday, January 8th. Previous to that time he had posed as an ignorant laborer and was taken as such, inasmuch as he looked the part. However, he gave himself away in a conversation with some of the men Tuesday. It happened that five cars of field artillery were going through Alliance Tuesday. Strong, of course, was down looking at them. He forgot himself to the point that he explained the mechanism of the guns, also going into detail regarding the action of nitroglycerin, how to blow up buildings, guns, etc. This led to the man's arrest, as his actions proved that he wasn't what he pretended to be. Sheriff Cox was notified and a warrant issued for his arrest. His belongings were gone over and other incriminating evidence was found in the form of photographs. He had a picture of the Kaiser Wilhelm, New York Harbor, important buildings of New York, defenses of the government bridges across the Niagara river, the power houses at Niagara and a complete set of pictures of the Burlington yards and shops at Alliance.

Judge Berry examined the man, and Strong asserted that he had been released from the Kaiser Wilhelm by the government, but that he had lost all the papers proving his statements. All other evidence that would help clear he had lost also. Judge Berry did not give Strong's statements much credit as his evasions were unlikely. It looks suspicious in a man to not lose his camera and photographs and to lose papers so valuable to his safety. Judge Berry also stated that the man was very intelligent, which also led him to believe that his work at the round house was a blind. Strong is a man of distinct German caste and when arrested was in an unrecognizable condition from grime and soot.

Judge Berry's estimation of the

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U. S. INLAND EMPIRE PROSPERS

A Splendid Report Is Made From Territory of Which We Are a Part

Omaha, January 9.—One of the most prosperous sections of the United States is that portion of the Missouri Valley often spoken of as "Omaha's trade territory," meaning the state of Nebraska and parts of Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri. Figures compiled by the local Bureau of Publicity show that this territory purchased from Omaha alone in 1917 over \$236,000,000 worth of goods, or almost 30 per cent more than in 1916. When considered that this represents the wholesale price, and does not include the purchases made at other points in the same territory, or outside the territory, one gets a

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Dr. Hand Married

Dr. George J. Hand, well known Alliance physician, and one of the most popular members of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, was married on Monday, December 31st, to Miss Nellie Luton, of Emerick, Nebr. After a short honeymoon at Omaha and eastern Nebraska points the doctor returned to Alliance to care for his large practice, while the bride remained to visit friends a short time before coming to Alliance to make her home. The doctor is receiving congratulations from a host of friends.

THE MAYOR SAYS GAMBLING WAS PERMITTED

MAYOR ROUSEY CHARGES THAT GAMBLING HAS BEEN PERMITTED IN POOL HALLS

FOUR COUNCILMEN ARE ABSENT

City Council Will Assist Firemen Delegates in Expenses on Trip to Fremont

At the "unofficial" council meeting held Tuesday night at the council chamber in the city hall, Mayor W. E. Rousey charged that gambling has been permitted recently in one or more of the pool halls of Alliance. The mayor said that he slipped unobserved into one pool hall on the night of December 28th and saw money changing hands and that he also did the same thing at the same pool hall on the night of January 1st.

"I am certain that there was gambling going on," said the mayor, "for I used to play pool myself and know a little about the game." This rather aroused the ire of Councilman Johnson, who is known as one of the pool experts of the Burlington system and can beat the ordinary citizen, including newspapermen, with the wrong end of the cue behind the cue ball.

The mayor stated that he overheard one man say that if he was arrested for gambling he would have to pay \$103 in fines. The mayor stated that it was impossible for the police officers to catch the culprits for the officers are too well known and gambling ceases when they have in sight. The officers were instructed to notify the owners of pool halls which have been violating the gambling ordinances that further violations would result in a suspension of the license.

John W. Guthrie, Chief Leonard Pilkington, Dr. George J. Hand, Chas. L. Hill, Ray Trabert and Lloyd Thomas, members of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, were present for the purpose of asking the council to assist in paying the expenses of the delegates to the annual convention in Fremont on January 15th, 16th and 17th. Councilman Hills, an exempt veteran member of the fire department, made a strong talk in favor of the plan, telling of the good he had received at conventions in past years. After short talks by the visiting firemen and by the mayor and members of the council, it was decided to give the department the sum of \$100 to assist in paying expenses, in accordance with the custom of previous years. After Dr. Hand had made his talk he was sent out to buy the cigars on account of recent happenings, which he did with good grace.

Inasmuch as there was not a quorum present—there being only Welch, Snyder, Johnson and Hills, no official action was taken on matters presented. Councilmen Spencer and Moore were out of the city; Councilman Davis was confined to his bed with sickness; and Councilman Davidson was caring for a sick man. An adjourned meeting will be held later in the week or early next week.

MITCHELL BOY SENT TO PRISON

Young Soldier Gets Homesick and Goes Home Without Leave of Absence

Rollie Miller, of Mitchell, who belongs to a company that was stationed at Fort Russell, Wyo., called at the recruiting station last Saturday and requested transportation to take him back to his station. As he had left before without leave and had also been absent for more than twenty days, he was held on that charge. Yesterday Recruiting Officer Hepler received orders to take young Miller to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, leaving for that place the same morning. Mr. Miller is not classed as a deserter, but made a mistake in being absent without leave and staying away for more than twenty days, and will have to pay the penalty for his mistake.

It was the privilege of a member of The Herald's editorial force to spend Christmas week on the farm managed by "Farmer Dick" Kenner, northwest of Hemingford. While there the farm life was enlivened by the birth of three calves which were named Dick, Lloyd and Rupert. It was to our surprise that we received the following announcement through the mails yesterday: "Announcing the birth of 'Frits' in the west pasture, about noon, January 3, 1918. Big Red Foxy (won't drink). Mother and child doing nicely. More cream for the Kenner's now." Comments are unnecessary.

NEW POTASH BEDS TO BE DEVELOPED

Potash Beds Near Gordon May Prove More Valuable Than Those at Antioch

According to the Gordon Journal, Northern Sheridan county may have potash beds that are more valuable than those at Antioch, and plans are being developed to work the new fields. The Journal's article reads as follows:

For some little time past prospecting for potash beds has been going on in the vicinity of Gordon and Irwin in a spirited manner, but it is only at this time that we are able to give any news that we might say is of a definite nature. The little burg of Irwin just to the east of us seems to be the center of attraction at the present time and many potash leases has been signed in the past few days. Part of the Hathorne ranch, the Carson ranch, the Mills ranch, the Berryman-Carey ranch and others, all of which seem to look good to the prospectors.

As we have not interviewed the promoters we are not able to say just what their plans are but it is understood from very reliable sources that a large refining plant will be built this coming spring and the beds developed, which will mean no little item to this section of the country, with the other good things which seem to be coming this way.

These new beds, it is said, are even more valuable than those around the town of Antioch in the southern part of this county and if such is the case there is sure to be a lot of things happen in this locality before another year rolls around.

In the lease of the Mills ranch we understand that a clause was inserted at the suggestion of Mr. Mills, which binds the promoters to develop a power plant on the Niobrara river to supply electricity for their operation so it looks as though the new enterprise was going to be of more than ordinary value to everybody in the territory.

FURNISHES SHARE OF CASES

Record Shows That Total of \$30,000 Has Been Collected in Entire State in Past 8 Months

Enforcement of the prohibition law during the first eight months of its operation in Nebraska has brought in \$29,909.20 according to a statement issued here today by Governor Keith Neville.

Of this amount \$8,222.50 has been collected in Omaha and \$800 more in Douglas county outside of the city or a third of the total amount in the state.

The expenses of administration is less than a sixth of the total fines collected, the report shows. The total expenditures from the \$50,000 appropriations which the legislature made for enforcement was but \$3,831.86 up to November 1.

From the report of the collection of fines by counties, it appears that Cheyenne has been the most diligent in this respect of any of the counties in the panhandle, more than half of the counties of this particular portion of the state, making no report of any cases whatever based on the enforcement of the liquor law.

The report of the counties reporting in this section is as follows:

County	Fines Collected
Box Butte	\$ 500
Cheyenne	1,200
Kimball	410
Scotts Bluff	800
Sheridan	15

Weekly Weather Report

Western Nebraska is today covered with a heavy fall of snow while the temperature is down below the zero mark. The snowfall, according to the weekly report of F. W. Hicks, official weather observer, was 2 1/2 inches on Wednesday, January 9th, a precipitation of .23 of an inch.

The report of Observer Hicks for the past week is as follows:

Jan.	Maxi.	Mini.	Wind	Day
1	59	25	N	Clear
2	61	28	W	Clear
3	63	20	W	Clear
4	61	22	N	Cloudy
5	40	20	N	Cloudy
6	34	15	N	Pt. Cl'd'y
7	40	8	W	Pt. Cl'd'y
8	35	20	N	Pt. Cl'd'y
9	25	4	N	Pt. Cl'd'y
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The prediction is for continued cold for several days.

The next number of the Redpath Lyceum Course will consist of a great address on "War and Germany," by Dr. Laugher, war chaplain. Also Ladies' Course, a selection from the national band and address of General Pershing on "Landing Soldiers in France." x

GOOD DEMAND FOR POTATOES ON BIG MARKETS

RECEIPTS CONTINUE TO RUN LIGHT ON CHICAGO MARKET—QUIET MARKET AT K. C.

IS CHARGED WITH HOARDING

Illinois Food Administrator Charges That Minnesota and Wisconsin Growers Hoard

The demand for potatoes on the big middle western markets continued good last week, although the price is still low. The immense stocks of potatoes still in growers' hands is causing worry in many quarters. The Packer, in its review of last week's potato markets, says: "We do not export potatoes and as the 1917 crop was the biggest on record there is need of pushing it not only to the normal domestic potato consuming trade, but also as a substitute so that we may have a greater surplus for shipping abroad of the exportable kinds of food. Potatoes are selling at reasonable prices and there exists an unusual need for stimulating the demand. Consumers get out of the habit of eating them last year when potatoes were high; quite a percentage of our population has not been brought to understand that present potato prices are moderate, and consequently the food administration is pointing out that the consumption is away below normal. Indeed our big potato crop—450,000,000 bushels, according to government figures—is causing the food administration no little worry because the people are not eating them. This unusual production at this time of food scarcity must all be put into consumption before the end of the present consuming season or a surplus will go to waste. And if any considerable quantity is allowed to rot the government will construe it as a reflection on our distributing system. Action will necessarily be taken promptly to overcome the weakness. It is therefore up to all distributors, both wholesale and retail, to push the sale of potatoes as they have never done before."

Steady Chicago Market
Chicago.—The potato market last week was steady under a fairly good demand and prices were practically unchanged over those which prevailed a week ago.

Receipts continue to run quite light and the cars held on local tracks have been less than the holdings for quite a period of time. Cold weather in growing sections has hindered the loading out of cars to some extent, and also shippers in certain districts continued to experience more or less trouble in getting a sufficient supply of refrigerator cars. It seems to be the general opinion that, if the required number of cars can be had, shipments will show some increase from now on. Some of the leading operators are of the opinion that a considerable smaller percentage of the total production of the leading producing states had been moved up to the first of the year than is ordinarily moved out by that time.

The demand locally has been satisfactory and the call which came from the outside territory compared very favorably with that of the last two weeks, but did not quite come up to expectations of the local trade inasmuch as they had looked forward to considerable improvement in the inquiry immediately following the first of the year.

There has been a good demand for Triumphs for seed from the growing sections to the south with operators quoting around \$3.35 per cwt. The total receipts for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were but 43 cars, which was unusually light for three days' receipts on this market. Wednesday the market was steady with Wisconsin white stock selling at \$1.95@2.10 per cwt; Minnesota white stock brought \$1.90@2.05 and Western stock sold at \$2@2.20, according to quality. (Ninety-six cars were reported on track at the opening of the day's trading.)

Thursday receipts were 35 cars and the total number of cars on track had been reduced slightly, totaling 89. The market was firm under a good demand with prices unchanged. Friday the market was somewhat easier with \$2.05 the top on Minnesota and Wisconsin white stock.

Quiet Market in Kansas City
Kansas City, Mo.—The local carlot potato market generally presented unchanged conditions last week. Trade was interfered with

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