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MORRILL POTATO GROWERS PRO-TEST SYSTEM

JOBBER OFFER DOLLAR A HUNDRED POUNDS—SELL THEM IN LINCOLN FOR \$2.25

500 CARLOADS AT MORRILL

Will Appeal To Government Officials To Help Them Move Their Potatoes

The Lincoln State Journal contained the following interesting article in a recent issue, which shows how the consumer is held up for potatoes in the cities. The article is as follows:

While wholesale dealers are charging grocers in Lincoln \$2.25 a hundred pounds for potatoes, and consumers are being held up to the tune of \$3 a hundred pounds, there are 2,000 car loads of the finest quality stored in farmers cellars in the North Platte valley, and the raisers are unable to find a market for them, according to Frank Thomas, E. R. Kirkpatrick and James Elliott, farmers who live near Morrill, Nebr. Six hundred car loads of spuds are stored in cellars near Morrill. E. R. Kirkpatrick raised 11,000 bushels of the best grade, he said and now has them for sale. They want government agents to help them move the spuds.

The price quoted to him, when a price is quoted, is \$1 a hundred pounds. He sold two car loads just before coming to Lincoln at that price. But the great difficulty is that there is no market for them now.

These men were astonished to find that the wholesalers were quoting spuds to the retailers here at \$2.25 a hundred pounds. "We cannot understand why there should be so great a difference between the prices paid us at Morrill and the price charged the retailer in Lincoln," said Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Hundreds of Cars Stored
Men at Morrill want to say that we have 600 car loads stored in the cellars and that we have a Farmers Union there and that this union is ready to deliver them, put them in the cars at Morrill, sacked, at \$1.25 per hundred pounds.

The men offered Friday night to dispose of their spuds at that price. E. R. Morrill and said they would deliver them in Lincoln for twenty-two cents more per hundred pounds, or the cost of the freight which they computed at that figure. They declared that they wanted to protest against the conditions that exist in the food market as far as potatoes are concerned.

They declared that it has been computed that potatoes cannot be sold by the raiser for less than \$1.25 a hundred pounds and make money on them. The men who have come to buy one of them a buyer for a Lincoln firm, have offered from \$1 to \$1.10 a hundred pounds but only want a car or two at a time.

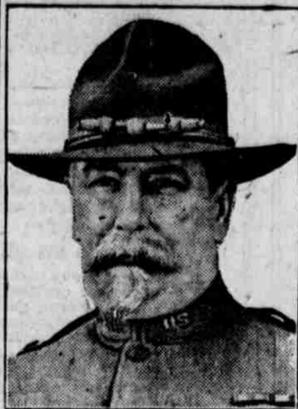
Mr. Elliott declared that when the farmer sells his potatoes at one dollar a hundred pounds, he loses \$14 an acre on them. The men, however are not holding for higher prices. They said they were not hoarding them. Some of the men are disposing of them at \$1 a hundred and all that have potatoes realize that they must dispose of them by the first of May. There are 2,000 carloads to be moved by that time and the market must open up soon to take care of them.

"We are going to make an appeal to the government officials," declared Mr. Elliott. "Government agents came to the farmers in the North Platte valley the spring of 1917 and urged us to plant potatoes, and we did it thru patriotism. Now we want the government to help us move them."

These men pointed out things that are responsible for the conditions in the potato market. They called attention to the fact that the exorbitant prices charged the people in the cities cut down the demand for potatoes because people stop using them so freely when they get so high. This cuts down demand. The wholesaler gets his big prices. The retailer has to sell them at a big figure and the wholesaler comes back at the planter with the statement that there is not a big demand and that he cannot handle his potatoes.

Mr. Kirkpatrick and his companions pointed out that when the market was open they could not get cars to move them. Now that they have cars to move them they cannot get a market for them. The men were indignant over conditions. They felt that there was a big injustice being done somewhere along the line and expressed a desire to see the wrong conditions righted.

MAJ. GEN. GEORGE BELL, JR.



Maj. Gen. George Bell, Jr., in command of Camp Logan, Houston, was born in Maryland, January 23, 1859, and consequently is fifty-eight years of age. He is recognized as one of the ablest commanding officers in the army.

WEEK OF VIOLENCE OVER AT BAYARD

Four Violent Deaths Constitute the Record at Bayard Last Week

A murder and suicide occurred at Bayard Tuesday. Wm. Linn, who lived on a farm near that city, was taken sick some time ago and was taken to a local hospital, where he was treated for a nervous breakdown, and was apparently getting better. On Tuesday he was released from the hospital and went home. During his illness he and his family had made arrangements to leave the country as soon as he was able, and a sale of his property had been arranged. Ace Cadwell, a neighbor, who had been attending to Linn's chores while he latter was in the hospital, was assisting him in his preparations to leave. Cadwell was sitting at a table writing out a sale bill to advertise a sale, when Linn came to the door and without saying a word shot him with a shotgun, killing him instantly. Linn then went to the barn, where he hung himself. Both men were of middle age and apparently the best of friends. No cause for the act can be given, but it is supposed that Linn was deranged at the time the tragedy occurred. Cadwell leaves a wife and nine children.

Last Saturday afternoon Ole Hansen took on a load of booze and went to a restaurant conducted by Bob Morgan, near the depot, and it is stated that Hansen started a rough-house. During the scuffle in which Morgan was trying to get him out of the house, Hansen made it pretty warm for Morgan, who seeing a knife lying on a table grabbed it and stabbed Hansen in the back. The injured man was taken to the hospital, where he remained until Wednesday night, dying about 6:30. He was a man about 30 years old and came to Bayard from Fremont last summer.

The other case was the death of A. Lord, a laborer at the Bayard factory. In some manner Lord gained admission to the main office of the company, and in making a search of the premises found some wood alcohol, which, it is supposed, he mistook for the real thing. At any rate, he drank it, and died shortly after taking the fatal dose.

NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Alliance Association Pays Handsome Dividends for Past Year on Running Stock

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Alliance Building & Loan Association was held on January 8th. Officers re-elected were R. M. Hampton, president; Jerry Rowan, vice-president; F. W. Harris, treasurer; M. S. Hargraves, secretary. The board of directors consists of the above and John McDonald, George E. Davis, W. C. Mounts, F. W. Irish, Elisha D. Henry.

An unusually good showing was made for the year 1917 on the interest paid on the running stock. The dividend for June first amounted to nine-ninths per cent. The semi-annual dividend for January 1st amounted to eight per cent, making a total dividend for the year of seven and nine-tenths per cent on the running stock. The paid up stock draws the regular dividend of six per cent.

The stockholders of the company were delighted with the excellent showing made for the past year.

Mrs. J. M. Miller returned last night from a short visit at Crawford.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN BURLINGTON YARDS

Young Switchman Was Caught Between Two Freight Cars and Instantly Killed, Last Friday

An accident occurred at the Burlington yards at ten o'clock last Friday morning when J. J. Dean, a switchman was caught between two coal cars and was killed instantly. The morning was bitterly cold and a heavy fog of smoke and steam enveloped the yards making it impossible for the engineer to see the stop signal and the train moved back and caught the unfortunate man, he dying without uttering a sound.

Clifford Sward was the only eye witness to the tragedy. Mr. Sward was helping Mr. Dean set out a bad order car on the switching track. Mr. Sward gave the stop signal to the engineer, but owing to the heavy fog the engineer did not see the signal, and the train moved back and Dean was caught between two cars, one that had lost a draw bar coupling, the others having the coupling mashed down so that when the two cars came together there was no space between them. Mr. Dean came from Denver about a week before the tragedy and had been working for the Burlington since his arrival. His wife and little baby had arrived two days before and were making their home with their brother, D. W. Mains.

Mr. Dean's parents and two sisters reside at Halifax, Nova Scotia and he has two brothers residing in Boston.

Corner Baye at once visited the scene of the accident. He decided to hold an inquest. A jury was impaneled, consisting of Roy Beckwith, James Rice, Bert McCool, O. E. More, Everett Cook, John Snyder.

The jury brought in a verdict as follows: That J. J. Dean came to his death by being crushed between two bad order cars while working as a switchman on the Burlington, that because of steam escaping from the engine, together with atmospheric conditions prevented the engineer from receiving the last signal. The railroad was at fault for using an engine in bad order.

The remains were taken to Denver for burial on Saturday.

FARMERS TO GIVE NEXT SALE

Red Cross Sale on Sturday, January 26 to be Conducted by our Farmers

The farmers will have charge of the next Red Cross sale to be held in Alliance January 26th at 3 p. m. at the corner of 3rd and Box Butte. The first sale was held by the town people and a large number of farmers expressed themselves as wanting to make the next one strictly for the farmers, so the committee in charge has appointed Brown Griffith as chairman with the following to assist: J. A. Keegan, M. D. Hecley, A. Groves, L. J. Schill, Herb Nason, Wm. Rust, Jr. Elmer Englehorn, Cal Geo. Newslinger and W. D. Fisher.

Those who come in before the 26th can leave their articles at the Community headquarters, Harry Coursey has again donated his services free for this occasion. You can also bring in your horses, cows, pigs, etc. Mr. Coursey will donate his commission to the Red Cross and the farmer can donate any additional amount as he wishes. Let every farmer get behind this and show the other counties what we can do.

A BOX BUTTE PIONEER

A traveling salesman of an Omaha Paper Co. was in the Herald office Wednesday. He spoke quite enthusiastically of Judge Tash who had been telling him of early days in Box Butte County. He said it was very rare to find a man who had lived in one community for thirty years. Judge Tash has been here that long and has a great deal to do with the growth of the county. The Judge has served in all three court houses that the county has had.

TAKES SECOND PLACE

Box Butte County was awarded second place in the county exhibits at the fruit and vegetable show being held in Lincoln this week. First place was awarded to Kimball County, but both irrigated and dry land potatoes were included in the Kimball County exhibit.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank neighbors and friends for assistance and floral offerings during the sickness and death of our baby.

Elmer Lawrence and Family, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Lawrence, Henry Lawrence and Mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herian of Antioch were in Alliance on business Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

EXCELLENT TALK BY CHAPLAIN LOUGHER

Churches Hold Union Meeting Last Sunday Night at the First Baptist Church

As Chaplain Lougher did not make his connections as was expected, the lecture advertised for last Saturday night was held Sunday night at the First Baptist Church. All the other churches showed their spirit of co-operation and called off their services for Sunday night so that everybody could take advantage of the lecture.

Previous to the lecture prayer was held and several songs sung by the women's chorus. A splendid phonograph had been provided, several appropriate records being played.

Chaplain Lougher diverged from the lecture advertised and took up crime problems in the United States. No one regretted the change, as the lecture was live and interesting from the time Mr. Lougher started until he closed.

Facts presented were startling. It was shown that crime has been on the increase in the United States, that there is a great deal of unheard of crookedness in our men chosen to fill offices for the administering of the law and that the average age of men being sent to the penitentiary has dropped from thirty seven years to twenty two years. Chaplain Lougher brought home to us forcibly the need of prison reform, different methods for the young offenders being corrected than the reform school. He stated that the moving picture show should be strictly censored, preventing all pictures featuring "hero" crooks, as such pictures put wrong ideas into the young. It is just as easy to show constructive pictures as to show the other kind.

On the whole, the lecture by Chaplain Lougher was excellent. There was a large attendance, the church being too small to accommodate the crowd.

Messrs Fred J. Vogel of The Alliance Times and Dan R. Conway of The Alliance Herald spent Sunday last in Scottsbluff, there to attend the regular monthly meeting of Bridgeport Local No. 755 International Typographical Union.

PRINTERS' UNION BUYS STAMPS

Local Printers Show Their Patriotic Spirit in a Financial Way

At the regular monthly meeting held in Scottsbluff on last Sunday afternoon, January 12th, the members of Local No. 755, International Typographical Union voted unanimously to purchase \$100 worth of the new thrift stamps in the name of the organization.

Bridgeport local No. 755, includes the members of the printing craft in the offices of the newspapers at Scottsbluff, Alliance, Gering and Bridgeport. The members of the Union will subscribe the fund and the stamps will be purchased from time to time as the fund allows. In view of the fact that membership of the Union is comparatively small, being composed of printers actively engaged in their profession, it can be realized that the patriotism thus manifested means no small, sacrifice.

MARRIED

Mr. Gerald Laurence Beck and Miss Mary Thomasine Sample were married at Ellensburg Washington on Dec. 31st. The marriage was a home affair, at the home of the brides parents. Laurence formerly lived in Alliance and was a member of the class of 1915 at the high school. However he did not graduate here but completed his course at the North Yokima, Washington high school. After leaving high school he attended the Washington State Normal, it was here that he met Miss Sample. While in Alliance Mr. Beck was a member of the Alliance band, being quite active in all affairs and well liked by the younger set of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck took a short honeymoon and are now at home in Cle Elum, Washington.

FARMERS UNION MEETS

Members and their families of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative State Union of Nebraska. Meet at district No. 2 school house 2 miles east of Alliance Monday evening Jan. 7. After the initiation of new officers. Herman Trabert was elected as delegate to the state convention at Lincoln. Miss Norma Trabert sang several well selected songs and G. W. Nation gave a recitation. Messrs Stoll and Muntz rendered several good musical pieces on the violin guitar and mandolin, after which followed a bountiful lunch, everyone returned home after a delightful evening.

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT L. BULLARD



Robert L. Bullard, one of the new major generals, was born in Alabama in 1861 and graduated from West Point in 1881. He became a colonel of infantry in 1911.

PLAYED BASKETBALL FOR RED CROSS

Exciting Game Goes To Sophomore Boys... Girls Battle Won By The Juniors

The high school gymnasium was filled to the limit Tuesday night with a crowd of enthusiasts. They were not disappointed as the two games played by the classes were full of thrills. The excitement was intense through the games, the referees having a hard time to stop the players when infractions of the rules were called, as the noise was terrific.

The girls game between the Freshman and the Juniors, was a battle royal all the way through. First one team would lead, then the other, at the end of the first half the score stood, Juniors 11, Freshman 9. When the next half started the Freshman took the lead but held it for only a short time. The Juniors taking the lead and holding it until the end of the game. Final score being Juniors 15, Freshman 14. The Freshman girls had the better team as far as Basket Ball playing goes but the Junior girls were too tall.

In the boys game some good basket ball was shown. The first half the sophomores played rings around the seniors, their team work and goal shooting being perfect. The game was clean, good sportsmanship being shown by both classes. Score first half, Sophomores 12 Seniors 14. The next half the Seniors came back strong, their play so far excelled the Sophomores that they made up the points lost and if time had been a few minutes more would have defeated the Sophomores. The final score stood Sophomores 14, Seniors 13.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS AT BAYARD NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

The high school team under coach Crawford has been rounded into shape, playing its first game at Bayard next Saturday night. The team is composed of eight men who will all take the trip. We anticipate the boys showing some good basket ball as they have a good fast team and put up a clean scrappy game.

COMMENDS OUR ORGANIZATION

State Rural School Inspector, Alice Florer, Writes to Secretary Fisher

January 11, 1918.

Sec'y, Fisher, Community Club, Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I looked over the Alliance Herald which came to my desk this week and especially the work of your Community Club and the Defense day which the women are carrying out. If every community could establish a good community club in which subjects relating to their immediate work and interests were discussed and where people get together and get information and up-to-date opinion, our schools would be better and there would be a happier relationship among the people of such communities.

I am writing to congratulate you upon this splendid club which you have organized and wish you unbounded success in this great work.

Very sincerely,
Alice Florer
Assistant State Superintendent
Rural School Inspector

COUNTY BOARD HEARS ROAD COMPLAINTS

ALLIANCE MEN MEET WITH THE MORRILL COUNTY BOARD AT BRIDGEPORT

ROADS THE WORST IN STATE

Every Effort is Being Made to Improve Road Conditions Here

The board of county commissioners of Morrill county devoted a good share of Tuesday forenoon to hearing complaints of parties from the north end of the county on the deplorable condition of the roads, says the Bridgeport News Blade.

A delegation from Alliance, consisting of Secretary Fisher, of the Alliance commercial club, and Robert Graham, postmaster at that place, with T. B. Estill representing Bridgeport, appeared before the board to ask for an appropriation for work on the road from Bridgeport north to the Box Butte county line. Mr. Estill opened the proceedings by showing the necessity for work on this road and by calling the attention of the board to the fact that a considerable sum of money is now in the treasury that should be spent instead of lying idle. Mr. Fisher followed by offering co-operation on behalf of Alliance in making the road and in hauling material to improve the road in this county and to build gates through which cars can be driven without stopping.

The proposition was made to do the work of building gates if the commissioners would pay for the lumber which will cost from \$12 to \$15 for each gate. The community clubs of Alliance and Bridgeport will also do a large amount of work on the road if the commissioners will use the funds in the various precincts for road work. Mr. Fisher showed that a sand road can be successfully constructed by using spoil hay as a base and covering this with the magnesia that is so plentiful in the sand hill country. The road will have to be what is called a "gate road," that is, it cannot be an open road for the present since it crosses private lands in a meandering line; but there is no doubt it will in time develop into an open road as it is worked and traveled and the necessity for an open road becomes apparent.

Several men from the northeastern part of the county were also present to urge the claims of the residents of that section for a north and south road from Alliance to Broadwater. Robert Graham, who owns large real estate interests in that section, made a strong and eloquent plea for justice to those who live in that locality. He called attention to the fact that he and others have been paying taxes there for about twenty-seven years, but have had absolutely nothing done for them in the way of roads. He stated that this fund had been increasing from year to year, and that it should in justice be spent on roads. The road was surveyed some time ago, but it has not as yet been opened for the reason that some land owners have made what is deemed exorbitant claims for damages. Mr. Graham argued that a few men should not be permitted to hold back a public improvement in this manner, and that it is the duty of the commissioners to go ahead and open the road. The postoffice at Cleman, on this road, was established in 1897, and a small route to Alliance was established at the same time. Most of the land at that time was vacant government land; and as the land came into private ownership, the owners recognized the road as a postal route and paid the mail carrier wages for shutting the gates along the route, since they knew they had no right to place any obstruction in the way of a gate or otherwise, on an established postal route. Mr. Graham questions the right of the present owners to collect damages now upon the formal opening of the road by the commissioners, since the postal route was established long before they became owners of the land. He argues that the road can be opened legally at this time without liability on the part of the county so far as the part used as a postal route is concerned, and came before the board well armed with postal law to support his contention.

Sam Hickman, from the same locality, seconded Mr. Graham's demand for a road, and said that he had come to the county seat by train because of the impassable condition of the roads. Mr. Hickman said the only way he could get to Bridgeport was by train or aeroplane.

Mr. Scott, who lives on the Rice ranch in the northeastern part of the