

## BOX BUTTE BOY IS REPORTED KILLED WHILE BRAVELY FIGHTING IN FRANCE

**RICHARD HAUGH, AGED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, WHO WAS DRAFTED FROM BOX BUTTE COUNTY, IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED.**

### OLDER BROTHER LEFT FOR TRAINING CAMP IN JUNE

**Haugh Is the First Box Butte Soldier to Lose Life on Foreign Soil—Worked for a Farmer Northeast of Alliance—Claimed No Exemptions When Called by Draft.**

Richard Haugh, aged twenty-five years, who left Alliance in September, 1917, as a member of the national draft army, is reported to have lost his life in France last week, according to the news dispatches. If the report is correct, Haugh is the first Box Butte boy to lose his life on foreign soil.

Haugh, when called by the draft, was working for Charles Heath, a Box Butte county farmer, living northeast of Alliance. Haugh claimed no exemptions and was accepted by the Box Butte board on August 13, 1917. He was accepted for the army on September 21, 1917, and left for Camp Funston on September 22, 1917.

Haugh was born at Sault St. Marie, Michigan, on August 4, 1892. His parents are now living near Pontiac, Michigan, and were paid a visit by the boy before leaving for the training camp. He has an older brother, Roy Haugh, who is twenty-eight years of age and who was born at Donaldson, Michigan. Roy formerly worked for L. M. Beal, of Alliance, and was called in the draft on May 1, 1918, and accepted on June 5, being sent to Columbus Barracks, Ohio.

The fallen soldier is remembered by his friends in Box Butte county as a steady, industrious young man, who gladly responded to the call of his country when it came. He fell while doing his duty and he will be remembered as the first hero from Box Butte county who died on foreign soil fighting to free the world from the dastardly influence of the Hun.

## FORDSON TRACTOR GIVES DEMONSTRATION

**Many Box Butte County Farmers Watched Work of New Ford Tractor With Much Interest.**

A good crowd of Box Butte county farmers attended the Fordson tractor demonstration on the Thomas Beal farm, south of Alliance Saturday afternoon. The doughty little tractor handled two plows like a veteran and did other stunts as well, in order to show those there what the newest Ford product can do.

Leonard Pilkington, of the Coursey & Miller garage, was the tractor "engineer" and handled the machine like an old-timer. The tractor astonished those watching when it plowed a furrow nine inches deep in blackroot soil.

The announcement of Coursey & Miller in this issue of The Herald that another carload of these tractors can be obtained, providing the orders are sent in previously, will be read with interest by those who need tractors.

The Beal farm, on which the demonstration was made Saturday, has some crops on it which are well worth making the trip to see. Tom has one field of potatoes that, from present appearances, should run not less than 300 bushels per acre. He is practicing intensive farming this year and will make a good success of it.

George Neuswanger, Boxe Butte county agricultural agent, goes to Kimball the last of the week to attend the potato meeting at that place. This meeting will be attended by the agricultural county agents of western Nebraska and by J. G. Mirward, secretary of the Wisconsin Potato Growers' association, and by R. F. Howard, secretary of the Nebraska Potato Growers' association. They will go from Kimball to Greeley, Colo., to visit the potato experiment station.

Mrs. Glen Runyan arrived on Wednesday from Broken Bow where she has been visiting with her husband's parents. She will visit with her parents here before returning home.

### SERVICE FLAG FOR ALLIANCE

The Herald in this issue wishes to make the following suggestion for Alliance—that a service flag be made for the city and that the flag be hung on the welcome sign. Eastern cities, both large and small, have made for themselves service flags, which are proudly hung where all may see.

A service flag could be made in a short time and there are undoubtedly plenty of people who would be glad to donate the time and material necessary for a flag of this nature.

Our brave boys in the army, both in France and still in this country, would be glad to know that they are being remembered in this manner.

## A POEM OF BY-GONE DAYS

**Moving the Old Court House From Hemingford to Alliance by Train. Many Old Box Butte Settlers Remember This Historic Incident to Which the Poem Printed Below Was a Forerunner.**

**R**ICHARD BEVAN, one of the old Box Butte county settlers, visited Alliance a short time ago and noticed the fine, new court house. The visit to the scenes of the old days brought back to him a poem which he had composed, and which was printed in The Hemingford Herald (now The Alliance Herald) when the campaign was on for the removal of the county seat to Alliance from Hemingford. Mr. Bevan, since returning to his home at Colorado Springs, has written the following article to The Herald and sends with it the poem which he had written over twenty-two years ago.

### THE FIGHT FOR THE COUNTY SEAT (By RICHARD BEVAN)

The following poem was composed and published in The Hemingford Herald, at the time of the political fight for the county seat of Box Butte county, between the two rival towns—Alliance and Hemingford, the latter of which won the contest after a terrific struggle, but about four years later, Alliance having outgrown Hemingford in population and influence, wrested again and won the honor from her, where it has remained since and permanently too, for the county has erected a court house there, at much cost, and from the time this poem was written, some twenty-two years ago, the county has continued to grow and prosper, from a sparsely settled ranch country to one of the leading agricultural districts in Nebraska. And little wonder, because here lies one of the most beautiful and level prairies in America, with a dark loamy soil, fit to grow anything. Our experience is, and many of the older settlers will bear us out, that the precipitation of moisture has doubled and trebled since that time, and it would not surprise me, if in the coming years, we may see this county with a family on every quarter section. We operated a blacksmith shop in Hemingford from 1892 to 1896:

Hemingford is in the field again,  
Prepared her foes to meet,  
So brighten up your armor,  
Boys,  
We'll fight for the county seat.

Alliance has held a war council  
Of all her learned sages,  
And they determined then and there  
To exterminate us for ages.

There met the big bug Hampton  
Alliance's great "I am,"  
And R. C. Nolan as the little duck,  
That looks so like a lamb.

The venerable "Sons of Simon,"  
Met with that congress bright,  
Also G. Clark that likes to bark,  
Sat with them near all night.

That (grand old man) G. Sullivan  
On him flies is no flies,  
How his head holds all the brains  
He's got,  
To me is a great surprise.

There were some other mighty men,  
Among them Mr. Broome,  
Should I tell you all they said and did,  
I'd sure have little room.

But never was a council held,  
Wherein so many asses,  
Resolved upon such foolish schemes,  
It my description passes.

Resolved we'll bond the county,  
And build a court house grand,  
The beat of which was never seen  
Throughout this western land.

This means that you, my farmer friends,  
Great taxes all must pay,  
For lime and mortar, brick and sand,  
All in a grand array.

And farmers all, fat, great and small,  
Both young and old and wise,  
Work for our country's interest,  
Where 'ere it is in you lies.

Recently when on a visit to Alliance we beheld the new court house with pride, and consider it a credit to the town and well upholds the dignity of the county, for both the present and the years to come.

### "TRANSPLANTING" THE BOX BUTTE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.



(This article was published with the above cut in The Alliance Herald on April 8, 1904.)

The above illustration graphically portrays the moving of the county court house from Hemingford to Alliance. This feat of engineering was successfully accomplished in 1901. After an attempt was made to move the large buildings overland, a distance of 20 miles, the railroad company, through its efficient employes, succeeded in hauling it to this city without damage and in a short time. The "house of justice" is 40x50 feet in size, two full stories, with a heavy truss roof, constructed with a heavy pine frame, weighing ten tons. On the road there were two cuts to pass through, and an effort was made to get the building high enough on four 50,000 capacity trucks to clear the banks. The building was thus "in the clear," and with several loaded flat cars to balance the engine, No. 185, with W. A. Meyers at the throttle, moved slowly to its destination, 20 miles away. Once the court house reached Alliance, the building soon rested on its present site and today the story of its strange adventure can only be verified in the minds of the astounded hearers by a photographic representation of the real facts.

## AMERICANS DEFEAT GERMANS IN DRIVE ONWARD TOWARD CITY OF PARIS

**ALLIES HOLD LINES AND DEFEAT FIFTH GERMAN DRIVE—LOSSES OF GERMANS ENORMOUS AS THEY ENDEAVOR TO PUSH ON THEIR WAY TO PARIS.**

### LIEUTENANT QUENTIN ROOSEVELT KILLED BY HUN

**Youngest Son of Theodore Roosevelt Loses Life in Battle With Two German Planes and His Plane Fell to Earth—Might Be German Prisoner.**

Paris, France.—The American troops are holding all the gains made Wednesday by them against the Germans on the Marne front between Chateau Thierry and Dormans. From Chateau Thierry to Courtemont the enemy has been completely thrown back across the Marne. Despite violent attacks thrown against them and bloody fighting, the American troops have offered no reverse.

Everywhere the battles are being stubbornly contested, and where the French and Italians have been compelled to give ground it has been only after the infliction of extremely heavy casualties on the invaders.

The Americans nowhere have been forced to withdraw.

### DEATH OF QUENTIN ROOSEVELT

London.—Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, Colonel Roosevelt's youngest son, who has been attached to the American line forces on the Marne front, was killed at Chateau Thierry on July 14, says a dispatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph company. Lieutenant Roosevelt, the dispatch says, was returning from a patrol flight when he was attacked by a German squadron.

Oyster Bay, N. J.—A ray of hope that Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt may not have fallen to his death in a combat was brot to Col. Roosevelt and his wife in a cable message from Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., in Paris, in which she says the report was "absolutely unconfirmed" there.

## POTASH PROSPECTING CONTINUES UNABATED

**John J. Lawless Homesteaded Land in 1899 Which Sold for \$75,000 Cash Last Week.**

Potash prospecting in the sand hill district continues unabated and Alliance continues to be crowded with prospectors who come by train and auto, giving the district somewhat the look of a mining territory where a gold strike has been made.

John J. Lawless, who sold his small aggregation of lakes to Swift & Company last week for \$75,000 cash, homesteaded the quarter-section on which the lakes are located in the year 1899. He has been making his home in California for several years but recently got the idea that his lakes might have some potash in them and came to investigate with the result that he received probably a hundred times as much for them as he would have been glad to have gotten a year ago.

The Lawless lakes comprise seven small bodies of water with a total acreage of thirty-two and one half acres. They are located eight and one-half miles north of Lakeside and twelve miles northeast of Antioch, not far from the Ellsworth district. One interesting feature of the lakes is that good potash deposits were found 150 feet from the lake, under dry land. Brine taken from the sands under the dry land ran, according to reports given to Mr. Lawless, 10 percent solids and 29.42 K2O. Mr. Lawless is of the opinion that the potash industry of Nebraska is still in its infancy.

John W. Guthrie, the Alliance insurance man, left the city Tuesday noon for Hot Springs, Virginia, to attend the national convention of the "Century Club" of insurance men. This club is composed of insurance men—employees of the Equitable who have written a certain amount of business. T. F. Guthrie, his brother, is also a member of the club, these two men being near the top of the list of several thousand during the past six months. A special train takes the club members from Chicago to Hot Springs. Mr. Guthrie was accompanied east by his daughters, who have been visiting him here for several weeks. He will visit Washington, D. C., before returning.

There has been some misunderstanding about the teachers' institute which is usually held in Alliance during the summer. This institute will be held during the last week in August as usual in Alliance and those who wish to attend will not have to go to Chadron, as they supposed. The definite time will be announced later on.

Mrs. L. D. Perrin and son, Harold, returned to Alliance on Saturday after a very enjoyable month's visit with Mrs. Perrin's mother, Mrs. Carl Korth, of Ashley, Indiana. They went to Whitman on Monday, returning home on Tuesday. Mr. Perrin is extra dispatcher along this line and they live in Alliance much of the time.

## GEORGE WITTENBERGER RETURNS FROM FRANCE

**Young Man, Seventeen Years of Age, Now Home Again With Father—Mother in Hospital.**

George Wittenberger, who joined the army in December of last year at the age of 17 years, leaving his parents at Bayard, is reported to have returned from France and to be working with his father—John Wittenberger—teaming at Antioch.

George was the only son and after he was damped in December and joined the army, although only 17 years of age, his mother is reported to have become mentally infirm and to be now confined in the state hospital at Norfolk. George returned ten days ago and visited his mother at Norfolk before taking up work with his father teaming at Antioch.

The friends of the boy say that his comparatively short experience in the army made a new person out of him—that he is as straight as an arrow and looks much improved. He says that he would be glad to return to France if he could do so and take part in the great conflict.

### WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

F. W. Hicks, the Alliance weather bureau prophet, reports that the total rainfall for June up to date is 1.91 inches. The weather report for the past week is as follows:

Date	Max. tem.	Min. tem.	Rain-fall
11	75	55	.09
12	88	58	.00
13	89	60	.83
14	86	57	.43
15	85	65	.00
16	71	56	.12
17	80	57	.07



With the Sells-Floto Shows Monday Afternoon.