

11 KILLED; 23 INJURED IN WRECK

**FAST PASSENGER TRAIN NO. 43
RUNS INTO WORK TRAIN ON MAIN
LINE 7 MILES EAST OF ALLIANCE**

**Wreck Caused By Negligence on part
of Employees Verdict Returned
by Coroner's Jury**

LIST OF DEAD

FRANK I. WHIPPLE, Valentine, Nebraska.
GEORGE C. REED, Breckenridge, Missouri.
E. K. WILSON, 1525 Main street, Kansas City, Missouri.
ARTHUR BOUCHEE, Waverly, Missouri.
JOHN D. ROCK, Mullen, Nebr., salesman, International Harvester company.

FELIX CASTRO, Antioch, Nebraska.
RICHARD JONES, Antioch, Nebraska.
LLOYD PERRY, Antioch, Nebraska.
TWO UNKNOWN

LIST OF THE WOUNDED

D. H. WHEELER, Huron, S. Dak. Back wrenched and lower limbs hurt.
C. E. COOTER, Hoffland, Nebraska, ankle broken and other minor injuries.

DAN FITZPATRICK, Alliance, back and shoulder wrenched.
JAMES KEELEY, Ellsworth, Nebraska, injured severely.
J. S. BAKER, Springfield, Kentucky, left leg broken above ankle. Both legs badly crushed.

JAMES GILLESPIE, Coffeyville, Kansas, right leg crippled.
JAMES TRIGGS, Troy, Kansas, hurt inwardly and back badly wrenched.

THOMAS TRIGGS, Troy, Kansas, three ribs broken, bone in left leg broken and face quite badly cut up.
JAMES W. HUTCHINSON, West Berkeley, California, both legs broken and shoulder wrenched.

CHAS. LAMB, Denver.
K. NOMURA, Antioch, both legs bruised.
MODESTO GORGAS, no address.
HENRY HEJDUK, Hoffland, Nebraska, ankle and leg crushed slightly.

J. G. GORZA, Denver, Colorado.
F. SOULAS, no address.
IRA S. GRIFFIN, Kansas City, both limbs badly bruised.
S. AKITOMA, Hoffland, Nebraska, back sprained, side and limbs slightly hurt.

W. A. ANNEN, Hemingford, Nebraska.
CHARLEY SHOULDICE, Kansas City, limbs badly bruised, but no broken bones.

J. H. BURNS, Alliance, Nebraska, right leg hurt, back sprained and foot sprained.
L. B. STONE, Antioch.

I. C. CHILCOTE, cream messenger on baggage car on 43 and 44, between Edgemont and Broken Bow, was thrown about six feet and fell on left side over a cream can, few ribs broken on left side and other minor injuries. Lived at Dunning, Nebraska.

JOSEPH MONTINEZ, Antioch, bruised badly through chest. Condition serious.
S. FLOHANSO, Hoffland, both limbs badly bruised
JOE MUNOZ, limbs bruised up.

Eleven men were instantly killed and 23 seriously injured Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock when west bound passenger train No. 43 crashed into a work train seven miles east of Alliance, near Birdsell siding.

The passenger train had just rounded a curve and the engineer, Dan Fitzpatrick, was unable to see the work train until he was practically upon it. He immediately applied the brakes and leaped from the cab, hollering to his fireman to jump. The engineer and fireman of the work train also jumped, escaping injury.

The train seemed to come to a halt for a brief second when they struck the work train, then express car crashed through the smoker, taking everything in its way, until it halted half way through the smoker, where about forty men were penned among the wreckage, which completely littered the car. Conductor Cotant hastened to Birdsell siding, where he put in a hurry call for Alliance for doctors and nurses, who arrived at the scene in an incredibly short time, doing everything in their power to relieve the suffering of the injured, who received first aid from physicians and nurses before being taken to this city, where part of them were placed in the St. Joseph hospital and the balance were taken to the Alliance hotel, where they are receiving the best care possible.

Mr. Cotant told a Herald reporter that it seemed as though everybody from Alliance was at the scene when he returned from Birdsell, where he put in the call for help.

With the exception of a few, every one in the smoking car was either killed or seriously injured, the only ones escaping injury in this car were those who were able to free themselves from their seats and get into the aisle when they saw the end of the express car coming in on them. Those who were unable to get clear of their seats were either killed or injured. The express car made a clean sweep of everything in the car, taking men, seats, grips, etc., and piling them in a solid mass from floor to ceiling in the rear end of the car. Every seat in the car was torn from

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WILL ABANDON THREE U. S. LAND OFFICES

Additional Work Will Be Placed on Alliance Office from Valentine, North Platte and O'Neill.

The United States general land office at Washington has decided to abolish the government land offices at Valentine, North Platte and O'Neill in Nebraska. This will leave only three offices in the state—Alliance, Broken Bow and Lincoln.

Much of the work now being handled by the Valentine and North Platte land offices will be transferred to the Alliance land office, of which T. J. O'Keefe is register and J. C. Morrow receiver. The department announces that the step is taken in Nebraska as in several other states, because of a vast reduction in the amount of business done and the fact that it was difficult to secure officials at the low salaries paid for this purpose.

It is said that no change in officials will result from the decrease in the number of Nebraska offices.

John H. Morehead, successful candidate at the primaries for United States senator on the Democratic ticket, recently issued a statement thanking the Democrats who voted for him in the recent primaries. He said he favored prosecuting the war vigorously until the allies are in a position to dictate terms of peace. "If elected, I will support the government in every effort to prosecute the war," said he. "On the question of peace terms I will support and follow the lead of President Wilson." He said he was in favor of suppressing the profiteer and placing the principal burden of the war upon large incomes. He also said he favored action by the government to create large reservoirs where the surplus water of the Missouri could be impounded and used for irrigation purposes in Nebraska and other western states.

WELL KNOWN NEBRASKA MEN IN OIL COMPANY

Lincoln Petroleum Company Making Rapid Advances in Development in Wyoming Oil District.

The Lincoln Petroleum company, a Nebraska organization, is making rapid strides in the Wyoming oil district adjacent to Alliance. The directors of this company are all well known Nebraska men—John M. Stewart, Elmer B. Stephenson, Frantz E. Stewart, Mark W. Woods, John M. Alexander and George J. Woods.

The Glenrock, Wyoming, Gazette recently contained the following article regarding the company:

"The Lincoln Petroleum company of Lincoln, Nebraska, has taken over the 120 acre holdings of the Jupiter Oil company in the Big Muddy field and now has the hole down about 1400 feet. This 120 acres is part of the Glenrock Sheep company land, and is within 90 rods of the famous Fenex property, which is said to be flowing about 600 barrels a day. The remainder of the sheep company's land is held by the Midwest Oil company. All wells that have been drilled on this section have been big producers, flowing from 300 to 600 barrels per day.

"The Lincoln Petroleum company has also taken over the 320 acres held by the Glenrock Oil and Gas company in section 6. The well drilled by the Glenhurst Oil company in this section is down to the Shannon sand (1300 feet) and is considered a good 40 barrel well, but the Glenhurst company intends to go down to the Wall creek sand, as it is practically assured of getting a good well at that depth.

"Oil men consider the tracts that the Lincoln Petroleum company have acquired to be two of the choicest in the Big Muddy field."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Young people's service at 7 p. m.
Cordial invitation to all to these services.—Rev. A. A. Layton, pastor.

CHERRY COUNTY FAIR COMING NEXT WEEK

Complete Program Announced in This Issue of Valentine's Frontier Days and Fair.

Western Nebraska people who enjoy real entertainment will read with interest the announcement and complete program in this issue of The Herald of the Cherry county fair and frontier days entertainment at Valentine on September 17, 18, 19 and 20.

There will be exciting auto races and \$2,000 is offered in prizes. "Tad" Barnes, lady wild steer and horse rider, will appear in each day's program. Champion riders and ropers winning at the Cheyenne frontier days will also appear.

You should plan on attending this entertainment.

Tuesday evening about 50 friends of Floyd Donovan, who is home on a fifteen day furlough, gathered on the lawn at Central school for a good time before Floyd leaves for Fort Sill where he has been stationed. The evening was spent with music, games, songs and speeches. Floyd told of camp life at Fort Sill and gave some interesting facts, some of which were not familiar to every one. Those who heard him appreciated his talk very much. At a late hour ice cream and wafers were served. Everyone reported a good time and were especially glad that they could entertain one of Alliance's soldier boys before leaving for France.

Dr. A. G. Emerson, formerly owner of a ranch near Ellsworth, is now located in Omaha, and has sent out the following notice to his friends: "You are cordially invited to call at No. 200 Bee building, Omaha, Nebraska. I expect to leave for France early in October and would like to meet the old friends first. In the meantime if I can be of any service in referring you to the proper specialist, it will please me. Step in if you are able— if sick send for me."

\$2.20 MINIMUM PRICE FOR 1919 WHEAT CROP

Considerable Risk in Guaranteeing Wheat Price One Year in Advance—Omaha Price Placed at \$2.18

President Wilson by proclamation, has fixed the minimum price for wheat of the 1919 crop at \$2.20 per bushel. The basis upon which the price is fixed is No. 1 northern or its equivalents.

On this basis the Omaha price is \$2.18, which means that the farmer can always market his wheat at not less than \$2.18 in Omaha, less freight.

President Wilson also announced that next spring he will appoint a disinterested commission whose duty it will be to determine whether the increased farm labor cost and increased cost of supplies would justify an increase above the \$2.20 minimum.

"It is the desire and intention of all departments of the administration to give to the wheat grower a fair and stimulative return in order that the present acreage in wheat may be maintained," says President Wilson.

"I find a great conflict of opinion among various sections of the country as to the price that should be named as the minimum guarantee. It must be obvious to all, however, that the factors which will make for increased or decreased cost of production of next year's crop cannot be determined until the near approach of the harvest.

"In giving a guarantee price for wheat one year in advance—the only industry guaranteed by the government—there is involved a considerable national risk. If there should be peace or increased shipping available before the middle of 1920, Europe will naturally supply herself from the large stores of much cheaper wheat now in the southern hemisphere, and therefore, the government is undertaking a risk which might, in such an event, result in a national loss of as much as \$500,000,000 thru an unsalable surplus; or in any event in maintaining a high level of price to our own people for a long period subsequent to freedom in the world's markets."

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION OF AIR TANK UNDER PRESSURE KILLS ONE MAN AND INJURES ANOTHER

**Huge Air Pressure Tank Explodes
Stunning Several People Nearby--
Blew End of Tank 300 Feet**

**IT IS THOUGHT AIR GAUGE WAS OUT OF COMMISSION AND
AS THERE WAS NO SAFETY VALVE ON TANK THERE IS
NO TELLING THE AMOUNT OF PRESSURE IT HELD.**

About 11 o'clock Tuesday morning this city was startled by an explosion which rocked the entire city, caused by the large air pressure tank used by J. W. Tynan in the rug cleaning business on Laramie avenue, bursting, instantly killing Mr. Tynan and rendering C. A. Newberry unconscious.

The two men were conversing at the time about ten feet away and were thrown about fifteen feet, where they were picked up, lying side by side. Mr. Tynan was struck on the left temple by flying fragments, cutting a gash about two inches long, which is said to have caused instant death, although those who arrived at the scene first stated that he was still breathing. Mr. Newberry was also struck by the flying fragments, throwing him to the ground, cutting a gash on his arm, besides bruising him up pretty bad and tearing his clothes in strips. He was able to walk to the car by a little assistance and was taken to his home.

The pressure tank was ten feet long and three feet across the ends and was lying lengthwise on the ground, one end of the tank was blown about three hundred and fifty feet through a cupola in the O'Bannon feed store, another hole about three feet long was torn through the top of this same building, besides shattering windows as far as four hundred feet away. The large tank itself was blown one hundred feet to the rear of the Miller furniture store, tearing out two fences on its way, which probably stopped it from going through the rear of that establishment. Had the tank been laying endways in all probability the two men would have escaped serious injury, as the greater part of the force would have gone skyward.

It could easily be seen that one end of the tank was defective, this end being held on in two or three places only, having been welded and not riveted. Mr. Tynan used a four horse-power engine in filling the tank which was in operation at the time. As it is believed the air gauge was not working properly it is thought there must have been several hundred pounds of pressure up at the time.

Mr. Tynan came to this city about ten years ago from Galion, Ohio, and was night wire chief, devoting his time during the day to the rug cleaning business.

The deceased was 46 years old and is survived by a wife, an adopted son, Francis; father and mother, who live in Galion, O.; and two brothers. Funeral services were conducted from the Holy Rosary church at 9 o'clock Wednesday with solemn high mass by Father Manning, assisted by Father Gleason as deacon and Father D. Manning as sub-deacon. Father Manning preached the funeral sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shields were among those accompanying the body to Galion, Ohio, where interment will be made.

SUGAR TO ADVANCE TO 11 CENTS, OCT. 1

The New Price Will Remain in Effect for Remainder of Year—Profit to Go to the Government.

Sugar prices will soar October 1, landing at 11 cents a pound. And at that figure they will remain for the year.

This was decided by the sugar equalization board Saturday. The board fixed a price of \$9, less 2 per cent at seatboard for cash which will make the price to the consumer 11 cents.

This allows the fixed profit to the wholesaler and retailer and for freight.

The increased cost of production is given as the reason for the rise in price.

This increase will not go to the producer, however, but to the sugar equalization board, which will buy from the producer at the old price all that remains of the old crop and sell back to him at the new price. If there is a profit it will go to the government.

The new price will not affect people who buy at retail until about October 1, for the government has ordered wholesalers and retailers to sell the stock now on hand—and it is about 30 days' supply—at the old price of 9 1/2 cents.

This is done to keep down profiteering.

Lloyd C. Thomas, editor of The Alliance Herald, is in eastern Nebraska on a business trip this week.