

BUILDING ASSOCIATION TO ERECT TEN MODERN FIVE-ROOM COTTAGES

Contracts to Be Let At Once and Work on the New Structures Will Be Progressing Within the Next Week

The Housing Question in Alliance Has Been a Serious One—Purchasers Can Save From \$500.00 to \$700.00

At a meeting of the business men Tuesday evening an association was formed to be known as the Alliance Community Building Association for the purpose of erecting and selling new modern cottages.

The organization is similar to the one organized some time ago for the promotion of the new federal building.

Local business men have already subscribed \$22,000 but the association expects to boost the subscription to at least \$50,000 by the time operations are started the latter part of this week.

The first ten cottages will be strictly modern from cellar to garret and will probably be erected on lots in the west part of the city, the location depending somewhat on the cost of lots.

The Alliance Community Building Association is composed of the following officers: W. D. Fisher, president; M. H. Hargraves, secretary; and F. W. Harris, treasurer.

FLU CAUSED MORE DEATHS IN U. S. THAN OCCURED IN FRANCE

The census bureau at Washington announced on Tuesday that the recent epidemic of influenza in the United States caused more deaths than occurred among the American expeditionary forces in France and the allied fronts from all causes.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bald, went to Bayard Saturday to visit a couple of weeks with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bald have been visiting their son F. A. Bald of Alliance.

Metz Entered By French Early Tuesday Afternoon

MARSHAL PETAIN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FRENCH ARMIES, ENTERED HISTORIC TOWN AMID PICTURESQUE DEMONSTRATION

At two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Marshal Petain, commander-in-chief of the French armies, made his entry into Metz, the great stronghold of Lorraine and the pivot of Germany's effort to crush France.

From early in the morning all the roads leading to Metz were crowded with citizens of Lorraine on their way to the city to assist in the celebration.

COURSEY & MILLER GARAGE IS NEARING COMPLETION

Re-construction work on the building recently purchased by Coursey & Miller at Third Street and Laramie avenue is proceeding at a rapid pace. When completed, this home for the auto, garage and tractor business of this enterprising firm, will occupy two floors and a basement, giving them room to care for 150 autos on their three floors.

JOHN R. SNYDER IS GRAND PRIEST

Prominent Alliance Lodge Man is Elected to High Office in Odd Fellows Grand Encampment

John R. Snyder of Alliance, prominent in Odd Fellows fraternal circles, was elected to the important office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment at the forty-seventh annual session in Lincoln on Tuesday of this week.

The session closed Tuesday afternoon with the installation of the new officers. J. S. Hoagland of North Platte, past grand patriarch and past grand representative to the sovereign grand lodge, had charge of the installation. The names and titles of the new officers elected are as follows:

Grand patriarch, A. P. Hansen, Omaha; grand senior warden, J. Guy Swope, North Platte; grand scribe, I. P. Gage, Fremont; grand treasurer, F. B. Bryant, Omaha; grand high priest, John R. Snyder, Alliance; grand junior warden, W. K. Knight, Fall City; grand representative (two years) E. J. Farr, Blair; grand representative, (one year) George E. Trunkington, Omaha.

The grand patriarch appointed C. J. Clark, of Fairbury, grand guard; J. W. Brown of Lincoln, grand marshal and R. R. Snidley of Broken Bow, grand sentinel.

Reports from local jurisdictions showed that the encampment is in excellent shape and that a net gain in membership for the state was accomplished during the year. It was voted to buy \$500 worth of liberty bonds.

NEW BUSINESS WILL BE OCCUPIED BY TRUST CO.

The Guardian Trust Company's new building is rapidly nearing completion, the workmen are putting the finishing touches to the interior this week which will be handsomely decorated and arranged to handle the business of this firm.

The firm of Wright & Wright expect to move into their new building about December 15, where they will have about 500 safety deposit boxes and will be equipped to handle wills, estates of deceased persons and do a general trust company business.

The business end of this company is under the management of S. E. Wright.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO ATTEND PEACE MEETING

Will Sail For Versailles After Congress Convened On December 2nd Other Rulers To Attend

It is officially announced at Washington that President Wilson will head America's delegation to the peace conference. Mrs. Wilson will accompany the president and the entire delegation will probably sail on one of the big liners.

The news was contained in the following official announcement made from the White House.

"The president expects to sail for France immediately after the opening of the regular session of congress for the purpose of taking in the discussion and settlement of the main features of the treaty of peace.

It is not likely that it will be possible for him to remain throughout the sessions of the formal peace conference, but his presence at the outset is necessary in order to obviate the manifest disadvantages of discussion by cable in determining the general outlines of the final treaty on which he must necessarily be consulted. He will, of course, be accompanied by delegates who will sit as the representatives of the United States throughout the conference. The names of the delegates will be presently announced."

GIVE WAR-SAVINGS AND THRIFT STAMPS FOR XMAS

The use of War-Savings and Thrift Stamps as Christmas presents supports the government in a three-fold manner, it furnishes money for the maintenance and equipment of the army and navy; cuts down the purchase of non-essentials and thereby releases labor and material; promotes the doctrine of thrift by example. Don't overlook the War-Savings and Thrift Stamps when you make out your gift list for Xmas.

HUGE VICTORY SALE AT THE HORACE BOUGE STORE

The Horace Bouge Store is a firm believer in living up to the wishes of Uncle Sam who is urging the public to do their Christmas shopping early. This noted store has a two-page ad elsewhere in this issue, brim full of bargains at greatly reduced prices. This huge sale is now on in full force and will continue during the balance of this month. Do your Xmas shopping early.

Ex-governor Chester H. Aldrich of Lincoln was appointed judge of the supreme court of Nebraska last Saturday by governor Neville. The appointment was made for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Francis G. Hamer of Kearney. Ex-governor Aldrich was one of the three candidates for the three judgeships to be filled at the general election held on November 5th. He received the highest vote and his term of office would have begun on January first. He sat with the judges on Monday of this week for the first time.

PRESIDENT SETS DAY FOR ALL TO JOIN IN GIVING THANKS

President Wilson, in a proclamation today designated Thursday, November 28, the Thanksgiving day and said this year the American people have special and moving cause to be grateful and rejoice. Complete victory, he said, has brought not only peace but the confident promise of a new day as well.

The proclamation follows: It has long been our custom to turn in the autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. This year we have special and moving cause to be grateful and to rejoice. God has in His good pleasure given us peace. It has not come as a mere cessation of arms, a mere relief from the strain and tragedy of war. It has come as a great triumph of right. Complete victory has brought us, not peace alone, but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which justice shall replace force and jealous intrigue among the nations. Our gallant armies have participated in a triumph which is not marred or stained by another purpose of selfish aggression. In a righteous cause they have won immortal glory and have nobly served their nation in serving mankind. God has indeed been gracious. We have cause for such rejoicing as revives and strengthens in us all the best traditions of our national history. A new day shines about us, in which our hearts take new courage and look forward with a new hope to new and greater duties.

While we render thanks for these things, let us not forget to seek the Divine guidance in the performance of those duties, and Divine mercy and forgiveness for all errors of act or purpose, and pray that in all that we do we shall strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual respect upon which we must assist to build the new structure of peace and good will among the nations: Wherefore,

I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the ruler of nations. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-third.

POTASH PRODUCTION CONTINUES RAPIDLY

Meeting Being Held in East This Week to Determine Price to be Paid for Fertilizer Ingredient

The coming of peace had a stimulating effect on the potash industry, judging from the activities in the potash districts of western Nebraska during the past few days. The erection of the new plants under course of construction continues without diminution and the new companies in the field are continuing their plans for development of potash deposits held by them.

The plants operating in the district east of Alliance are continuing their operations at full blast. New plants recently started are increasing their production as rapidly as they can get their units in proper working order.

The Alliance plant at Antioch, recently damaged by fire, was gotten back into operation within twenty-four hours and has been steadily increasing its output until it is now back nearly to normal production. This is one of the most modern plants in the district.

The output of potash from the western Nebraska fields is estimated by a well posted authority for the year 1919 to be not less than 300,000 tons of salts averaging 20 per cent pure potash. The total estimated capacity of the large plants now operating or to be operating within the next few weeks, is 800 tons per day. The estimate capacity of the small plants located on lakes away from the railroad, is estimated at from 60 to 100 tons of salts per day.

The monster Western plant at Antioch, recently completed, is now getting into its stride and its output is increasing daily. This plant, erected at a cost of over a million dollars, is modern in every detail and will prove to be a big factor in production.

Several small plants are being erected, some of them designed along new lines, added from the experience of the pioneers in small plant operation. These plants are erected on and operated on small but excellent lakes to which it would not be profitable to run expensive pipe lines. Auto trucks now cover the roads from these plants to the railroads in quick time, hauling out fuel to the plants and returning with loads of potash salts.

Re-construction of the National plant at Antioch, recently badly damaged by fire, has proceeded at a rapid rate and it is expected that this plant will be in operation again with as little delay as possible. A large force of carpenters and mechanics has been busy on this plant from immediately after the fire.

Representatives of the Nebraska potash industry are attending a meeting being held in the east this week by the fertilizer manufacturers—the consumers of the potash from this field. The local men are concerned chiefly as to the price to be set for the potash used in fertilizer manufacture. The last sales were reported on a basis of \$4.50 per unit. This would be \$90 per ton for salts running 20

WAR WORK CAMPAIGN EXTENDED TO SATURDAY NIGHT—LACK \$7,000

Real Drive Supposed to Have Ended Last Night—Will Hold Off Until Saturday to Let All Get In

Boys Must Be Cared For For Months to Come—They Have Fought For You—Show Your Appreciation

POTATO FLOUR PLANT STARTS AT RUSHVILLE

First Potato Plant in Nebraska to Start Operations at Rushville by December First

The first potato plant in Nebraska, to manufacture flour and starch from potatoes, will soon be in operation at Rushville, the county seat of Sheridan county. The factory building is ready and the machinery now being installed. It is expected that operations will begin by December first.

Twenty car-loads of potato culls are ready to start through the plant. Potato flakes will also be manufactured. The original intention was to erect the plant at Gordon but on account of the fact that trackage could not be secured there the plant was located at Rushville.

A co-operative farmers' organization which has potato storage and shipping plants at Clinton, Gordon, Rushville and Hay Springs will operate the factory.

JAMES MURPHY NOW BIG RANCH OWNER

Well Known Ranchman, Living South of Alliance, Purchased Interest of Partner in Big Ranch

One of the largest real estate deals consummated in western Nebraska this year was closed Monday when James Murphy purchased from Miss Annie King her interest in the King and Murphy ranch, located twenty-seven miles south of Alliance for a consideration of \$50,000.

Miss King owns property interests in Texas and will spend the winter there. She will probably return to Alliance to make her home next spring. Miss King and Mr. Murphy, by the use of good business judgment and plenty of hard work, have built up one of the largest and most valuable ranches in this section of the state.

Mr. Murphy purchased Miss King's interest in the stock and personal property on the ranch also.

K20; \$112.50 for salts running 25 K 20; and \$135 per ton for salts running as high as 30 K20.

Potash producers have received as low as \$4.00 per unit and as high as \$6.00 since the starting of the western Nebraska industry. The average price has been probably \$4.75 or \$5.00 per unit.

It is estimated that during the year 1918 the western Nebraska fields produced not less than 75 per cent of the potash produced in the United States. And this product is entirely free from borax or other injurious substances, making it highly desirable for use as fertilizer.

J. W. Guthrie, chairman of the local United War Work Drive, stated today that Box Butte county is short between six and seven thousand dollars of the required \$27,000 quota, having subscribed only a little over \$20,000.

The campaign which was to have closed last night will be extended to Saturday night to let those get in with their subscriptions who have so far failed to make their appearance. The majority of the people have responded promptly but a number have failed to go to the banks and show their appreciation for the sacrifices millions of boys have undergone for them by going to the banks and subscribing to the United War Work Campaign.

It should not be necessary to call any before the Council of Defense but these steps will be taken if you fail to subscribe your required quota. Bear in mind the campaign closes Saturday and you will be listed among the slackers if you fail to enter your subscription.

President Wilson emphasizes the fact that since hostilities have ceased we have entered upon a period in which the work of our seven welfare agencies assumes, if possible, an added importance. The inclement under which our soldiers and sailors have been working is withdrawn, their hours of leisure are more numerous, their temptations are greatly multiplied and intensified.

The seven United War Work organizations will take care of the boys, give them an educational training, etc during the months of demobilization if you do your part. Subscribe today.

NEBRASKA RETAIL DEALERS ASKED TO POOL PURCHASES

Pooled carlot purchases of Nebraska grown and graded potatoes are urged by Gordon W. Wattles, Federal Food Administrator for Nebraska.

Mr. Wattles is making this recommendation through the county food administrators of Nebraska and he is asking them to urge upon the retailers of their counties these pooled purchases.

Such purchases, says Wattles, will decrease the cost of potatoes and should enable the consumer to buy at less cost. Retailers of the cities and towns of the state are urged to get together and buy Nebraska potatoes and to divide them after shipment.

This recommendation of Wattles is a part of his campaign to get potatoes to the consumer at less cost than formerly. It also emphasizes the quality of Nebraska potatoes and requests Nebraska distributors to buy and distribute the Nebraska product.

"Nebraska grown potatoes, when properly graded, are as good as any potato grown in any state. They should be used by Nebraskans in preference to other potatoes, which are not any better," says Wattles. Mr. Wattles' recommendations come only after a thorough investigation of Nebraska potatoes and of the cost of distribution.

Twenty German Subs Handed To British

WHITE FLAGS ARE HOISTED AS BIG U-BOATS PASS THE ENGLISH GUNS—EIGHTY MORE TO BE GIVEN UP WITHIN A WEEK

THANKSGIVING SERVICES TO BE HELD AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Union Thanksgiving services of the churches of this city will be held at the Baptist church on the morning of Thanksgiving day at 10:30 o'clock.

Rev. H. B. Wright of the Methodist church will deliver the sermon. The president's proclamation will be read by Rev. Epler of the Christian church. Prayer will be offered by Rev. S. E. Black Presbyterian church.

Rev. Layton of the Baptist church will have charge of the services, the choir from this church will sing the anthem.

A cordial welcome is extended to all the community to attend these services.

Twenty German submarines were surrendered to Rear Admiral Reginald W. Tyrwhitt, thirty miles off Harwich, England, on Wednesday morning at sunrise. These are the first of the U-boats to be turned over to the allies by Germany. Admiral Tyrwhitt received the surrender of the German boats on board his flagship, a British cruiser. The subs proceeded to Harwich in charge of their own crews.

At Harwich the U-boats were boarded by British crews and interpreters and proceeded to Parkstone quay.

The Germans left the subs there and boarded transports for their return to Germany.