

BURLINGTON PASSENGER WRECKED IN ALLIANCE YARDS THIS AFTERNOON—TRAFFIC IS AT A STANDSTILL

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATED A LARGE CLASS LAST SUNDAY

THIRTY-FOUR NEW MEMBERS TAKEN IN AT SPECIAL SERVICE HELD IN ALLIANCE LAST SUNDAY—A NUMBER FROM OUT OF TOWN

BANQUET AND MUSICAL PROGRAM SUNDAY EVE

Well Known Speakers Orated At Banquet Served in Phelan Opera House—J. C. Morrow Toastmaster—Rousey, Miles, Mitchell and Guthrie were Speakers

Thirty-four new members were initiated into the Knights of Columbus at special initiatory services held in Alliance on Sunday. There were many visitors from out of town, several being here from Sidney, Antioch, Lakeside, and other neighboring towns. Although the weather was stormy it did not dampen the ardor of the members who spent a busy day.

Among those initiated were the following: Henry A. Rust, Edmond O'Donnell, Edward O'Neill, Frank Abegg, Frank L. Buechsenstein, Dr. John H. McCoy, Harry S. Morrish, Father Halbert F. Albel, Wm. Connealy, Wm. E. Connors, S. E. Townsend, John W. Carroll, Emil J. Murphy, Morris F. Fitzgerald, John J. Riordan, Sam Burchell, C. H. Benjamin, Raymond McNulty, Bernard J. Flaherty, John F. Fosket, John B. Feyen, Geo. Flaherty, Geo. Buechsenstein, Francis J. Fay, M. J. Doyle, Clyde Rust and Martin W. Trumble.

Sunday evening, starting at 6:00 o'clock, a banquet was served in the Phelan Opera House by the Altar Society of the Catholic church. The banquet was bountiful and delicious with roast turkey as the foundation. The musical program was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Townsend and was greatly enjoyed.

J. C. Morrow of Alliance was toastmaster. He filled the place in his usual capable and efficient manner. The first speaker of the evening was Mayor Rousey who touched on the record of the order during the war and told of personal reports which had come to him of the hospitality of the Knights of Columbus but.

Attorney William Mitchell of Alliance spoke on "Patriotism." He told of the friendship and support received in early days in Box Butte county from members of the order. He then said that the war had made it plain to us the men from the farm, stores and factories of the United States could be made into efficient fighting men within six months; that the United States was now the great world power, the money center of the world being transferred from London to New York.

Mr. Mitchell said that the American soldier, when he returns from France, will help run the country. That in the past year he had seen more downright charity by members of the Catholic church and order than by any other organization he knew of. He spoke of the success of the Red Cross and that in Box Butte county its success had been largely due to the good work of J. C. Morrow and Charles Brittan.

John W. Guthrie, as representative of the council of defense, made an interesting talk in which he stated that when our boys come back they will ask what we have done. As an answer to this the state of Nebraska has more than filled its quota on every war fund drive made and that Alliance and Box Butte county have stayed with the state.

Hon. W. P. Miles of Sidney, well known western Nebraska orator spoke on "The Knights of Columbus and what They Stand For." Mr. Miles held his audience from start to finish. He told of the pioneers of the country were members of the church and said that the Knights of Columbus stand as the representative of the Catholic laymen of the United States. His speech was interspersed with a number of interesting anecdotes which brought much laughter from his hearers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND GOING TO FREMONT

Alliance Business and Professional Men Donate Liberally For Expenses of the Trip

At the meeting of the Alliance Fire Department held Wednesday evening at the city hall it was announced that the business and professional men of Alliance have donated the sum of one thousand dollars by subscribing that amount to the fund to pay the expenses of the Alliance fire department band in attending the annual state convention at Fremont on January 21, 22 and 23.

Brittan, Harper and Isaacson, the committee, were much pleased with the good spirit shown by the Alliance citizens. The band will consist of twenty-two pieces and it will visit Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha in addition to Fremont. Alliance will secure much advertising from the trip, and the association will be invited to hold the 1920 convention at Alliance.

In accordance with the request of the Alliance board of health the department has closed the armory to dances until the ban is raised. The boys are showing a patriotic spirit by discontinuing their weekly dance, which was netting their treasury a snug profit.

METHODIST CONFERENCE HELD HERE LAST WEEK

Attendance From This District Somewhat Limited Owing to Cases of Spanish Influenza

Although the attendance at the centenary conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held in Alliance last week was somewhat restricted on account of the influenza situation throughout the district, an interesting meeting was held and much important business transacted.

Rev. O. S. Baker, district superintendent, located at Crawford, presided at the conference. Dr. Baker was formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Alliance and is well liked here. Noted churchmen who attended from out of the district were: Rev. Dr. Isham of Omaha; Dr. J. J. Lacey of Salt Lake City; Dr. Powell of Indianapolis and Dr. Quick of Des Moines.

Among the ministers who attended from the district were: J. A. Brownlee, Bayard; M. C. Smith, Crawford; A. J. X. May, Hemingford; J. H. Bishop, Henry; W. C. Birmingham, Lakeside; F. R. Williams, Marsland; S. C. Roberson, Mullen; Benjamin Kuhler, Mitchell; O. E. Brown, Morrill circuit; R. M. Baker, Oshkosh; C. D. Innis, Rushville; O. S. Baker, Chadron; and Rev. W. Wright of Alliance.

Peace will have a three-fold meaning if at this Christmas season your gift is a War Savings Stamp. It makes the recipient a stockholder on the biggest and best corporation on earth. It honors the American boys who have fought so gallantly and have won a victory that assures peace among the nations of the earth. It lays the foundation for someone's future prosperity for who but those who acquire habits of thrift and economy are made prosperous and strong, independent and self-reliant?

Chase-Lester Co. Phelan—Begins Sunday Dec. 15. 10 & 25 Cents.

TRAINMEN EXPERIENCED NARROW ESCAPE AS ENGINE AND BAGGAGE CAR LEFT TRACK AT TOP OF HIGH GRADE

NONE ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Quick Action By Engineer J. A. McDonald Saved Other Lives and Much Damage To Railroad Rolling Stock and Roadbed—Train Running at Speed of From Fifteen to Eighteen Miles Per Hour

Burlington passenger train number forty-three while running at an estimated speed of from fifteen to eighteen miles per hour, was wrecked at the east end of the Alliance yards at 1:55 o'clock this afternoon, the engine, tender and baggage car leaving the track on the high grade at the east end of the viaduct.

No one was seriously injured although engineer J. A. McDonald received a severe bruise on the back of the head when the framework of the engine cab was thrown on him as he lay on the ground after jumping through the window in his cab. Fireman A. B. Wheeler was caught in the wreckage but quickly extricated himself before the blinding, scalding clouds of steam had time to do him any injury.

The passenger engine, which is of the S-1 type, no 2806, left the main track at the east switch track and plowed along the rails for a distance of a hundred or more feet before its nose was forced into the ground by the pressure of the oncoming train. The engine now lies half buried in the grade. The cab was completely demolished by the trucks of the coal tender. The water tank and coal "bin" were thrown down the grade a distance of twenty feet. The grade is thirty or more feet in height at the location of the wreck.

The express car was thrown from the track half way down the grade, the upper end being held by the car following it which stayed on the track. When engineer McDonald felt the engine leave the rails he threw it into reverse and put on the air. This brought the balance of the train to a complete stop so quietly that passengers in the rear cars knew nothing of the wreck until they clambered out. Expressmen Bud Bindell and Cliff Dohnen had the express car doors open and jumped through the north side, receiving no injuries. The interior of the car was a wreck the express and baggage being thrown into a jumbled mass.

Traffic in both directions is tied up on the main line. The wrecker is down on the Sterling division and although it was wired for at once it will be several hours before it reaches Alliance. It is probable that after it gets here it will require from six to twelve hours to extricate the partially buried engine and to rebuild the destroyed track. A stub train was made up and sent west with passengers and mail. Train forty-two tonight will probably be routed via Brush and Sidney. Freight trains east which are bound west will tie up on sidings until the line is open.

The train crew on the wrecked train consisted of Conductor John McDonald brakeman Robert Monfort, Engineer J. A. McDonald, and fireman A. B. Wheeler. Engineer McDonald and fireman Wheeler, although both experienced narrow escapes from death, took the situation coolly as though it were part of the day's work of arailroad man. Had the train been running at its usual speed of twenty-five miles per hour this point the damage might have been much greater. Passengers, remembering the wreck six miles east on September 12th in which fifteen were killed and twenty-one injured, were thankful that nothing more serious happened. Engineer McDonald, after reversing and throwing on the air, jumped through his window on the north side, the wreckage being thrown onto him. Fireman Wheeler, because of the fact that the engine appeared to be heading down the steep bank at the south side, started out the north side from the engine deck but his foot caught, which was probably lucky for him as he would undoubtedly have been caught under the tender and cab wreckage. He clambered out the south side.

An official inquiry will be held at once by railroad officials to determine the cause of the wreck. The trainmen report that the signals at the switch showed clear. An examination of the switch after the wreck showed, according to reports, that the switch, which was of the upright type, had been locked but not padlocked. The opinion among railroad men seems to be that the rails spread, the roadbed at that point being quite soft. Trains entering and leaving Alliance now run on central time east. This is given as the cause of the wreck in

GOOD ROADS GIVEN A BIG BOOST AT ALLIANCE MEETING TUESDAY

LARGE NUMBER OF GOOD ROADS ENTHUSIASTS FROM SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WERE HERE TUESDAY

NOON-DAY LUNCHEON AT THE ALLIANCE HOTEL

Prominent Good Roads Men From Eastern Nebraska Attended as Speakers—Plans Being Laid For Extensive Improvements on Western Nebraska Roads Next Year

TRUST COMPANY OPENS BUILDING SATURDAY

Modern Office Building Will be Occupied by Substantial Business Concern

The new building erected by the Guardian Trust Company of Alliance on Box Butte Avenue will be opened for business Saturday morning. The interior work is being rushed to completion and the general public will have an opportunity to visit the new home Saturday.

An expert from factory will demonstrate the safety deposit vault which is of the most modern construction and is equipped with the latest devices for burglar proofing. The new furniture, tiled lobby and floors, with artistic decorating combine to give the building a most attractive appearance.

Wright & Wright will move into the building with the trust company. Dr. C. E. Hershman will have the suite of offices on the second floor which are finished to correspond with the first floor.

September at Birdsall, the difference in time not being considered by men on the work train which was rammed by forty-three the afternoon of the 12th. On January first a new time card will be issued and all trains will run on mountain time to Ravenna. Engineers now run through to Ravenna instead of to Seneca. Among the Alliance men who were on the train were J. C. Morrow, Earl D. Mallery and Dr. Geo. Hand.

EMBARGO ON GERMAN POTASH IS PLANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT

WESTERN NEBRASKA POTASH INDUSTRY FACES BRIGHT FUTURE AS PROTECTION IS ASSURED BY GOVERNMENT

Several million dollars worth of potash, stored in the south and east by western Nebraska companies, will find a ready market and the future of the Nebraska industry is very bright, due to the decision of the government to place an embargo on German potash until after the treaty of peace is signed. In the meantime the government is expected to pass legislation insuring domestic potash protection against the foreign product.

The following news dispatches give particulars regarding the Washington developments:

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 9.—An embargo against the importation of German potash to domestic fertilizer concerns has been agreed to and will be issued by Vance McCormick, chairman of the war industries board. Congressman Reavis made the announcement following a conference that he and Congressman Kinkaid had with Mr. McCormick today. The Nebraska men express entire confidence that this will create a much better market for Nebraska potash. The enforcement of this embargo is of importance and benefit, not only to Nebraska, but particularly to southern farmers, who are large users of fertilizers. Congressman Asbury F. Lever of South Carolina, chairman of the committee on agriculture, who is deeply concerned over the fertilizer situation at once got the Nebraska men in touch with southern newspapers in order that the news of the embargo might be sent to the south. He stated that fertilizer concerns have been telling the southern farmers that they could not

fill fertilizer orders until they could obtain German potash. The method by which the embargo will be enforced is to refuse import-licenses and alien enemy license for the importation of German potash until peace is formally declared. In the meantime it is expected that congress will enact proper legislation on the subject insuring domestic potash protection against the foreign product. WASHINGTON D. C., December 7.—Additional legislation for the further protection of American potash was proposed in the house today by Congressman Kinkaid. He has offered an amendment to have the law under which the interior department regulated the production of mineral products, so that a duty may be levied upon foreign potash. The proposed amendment is as follows: Provide, futher, that the president is further authorized and directed, up on finding that the importation into the United States of potassium, or potash, crude or otherwise, is likely to result in a loss to the United States or to any producer thereof in the United States to ascertain, fix and proclaim such rate of duty upon such potassium or potash as shall be sufficient to adequately protect the United States or any such producer from loss, which proclamation shall remain in effect until otherwise hereafter provided by law.

DON'T SELL YOUR WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

There are still millions of men in the service. Two million are in France, many of whom will stay there indefinitely.

Shall we give them the same support now that they had when they were fighting? YES.

HOLD YOUR STAMPS

The Government needs that money to give them the care that they deserve. In selling the stamps you deplete the Government's resources which must be replaced in future drives.

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