

\$150,000 BLAZE AT LAKESIDE

PAVING SHOULD BE STARTED AT AN EARLY DATE

COUNCIL WILL ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOLLOWING TONIGHT'S SESSION.

Those Interested Claim Contractors Can Be Secured and Urge Action Be Taken.

Engineer William Grant, who is to have charge of the construction work of the storm sewer system and the paving in Alliance arrived in Alliance this morning and is getting things lined up for the immediate commencement of the work planned.

Mr. Grant, like many others who are interested in the improvements planned, is confident that contractors may be secured to handle the job. He has in mind at this time one contractor who is anxious to bid on the job and says that he has the equipment necessary in shape as to enable him to place it on the job at once.

Let's Go! Alliance should by all means maintain her reputation of doing things.

STATE BANK PURCHASES BUILDING NOW OCCUPIED

The First State Bank of Alliance, is one of the more recent business property changes, became the owner of the building now occupied by this banking house and it is the intention of the officers and director to materially improve the building at a cost not far distant date.

BROADWATER-ALLIANCE ROAD WILL BE BUILT

Construction of Important Highway Started Monday—Bicknell Will Supervise.

Actual construction of an important north and south highway, from Broadway to Alliance, was commenced Monday Morning under the general supervision of J. W. Bicknell of Alliance.

Mr. Bicknell, who for several years past has been a strong advocate of this highway, has the contract for the grading and finishing of that portion which lies south of the Chas. Snow place and Mr. Snow will do the work from his place to the Rodgers corner seven miles south of Alliance.

TRAVELING MEN WERE COMMUNITY CLUB GUESTS

Traveling Men and Members of Community Club Enjoyed Chicken Banquet at Alliance Cafe.

Fifty traveling men, members of M. T. P. A., and members of Alliance Community Club sat around the festive board at the Alliance Cafe Grill Room Saturday evening and enjoyed a delicious banquet, of which fried spring chicken was the principal item on the menu.

The banquet was tendered the traveling men by the community club in appreciation of the good work done by Post M members during the recent race meet, both at the fair grounds and in conducting the most successful sale of sunny, golden, brown and grey haired dolls at the street booth.

John W. Guthrie was toastmaster of the evening and called upon different ones who were present for their sentiments. A touching little poem was read in honor of George Reed, and a momento was presented to him in appreciation of his successful "barking" through a megaphone at the doll sale.

BUSINESS BLOCK AND CLUB HOME COMING

Alliance Eagles Plan to Erect Two-Story Building on Box Butte Avenue to Cost \$40,000.

The Eagles Building Association of Alliance, at a meeting held on Monday evening, perfected preliminary plans for the financing and erection of a business and club home, to be erected on Box Butte avenue at a cost of \$40,000.

The plans call for a building to be 50x150 feet in size, two stories and full basement. The basement and first floor will be rented for business purposes.

The second floor will include a large lounge assembly hall, 32x50 feet; a banquet hall separated from the assembly hall by sliding partitions; will include a well equipped kitchen; the club quarters proper will include billiard room, lounge room, card room, office, shower and tub bath.

The lots on which the building is to be located are on the west side of Box Butte avenue, directly north of the garage building now occupied by Lowry & Henry and across the street from the Elks club home.

The officers of the Eagles Building Association are F. E. Holsten, president; Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary; E. T. Kibble, treasurer. The directors are F. E. Holsten, Lloyd C. Thomas, E. T. Kibble, A. J. Steffert, F. W. Hicks, M. E. Lander and T. J. Lawler.

COCKER BARN WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE THIS MORNING

The barn at the W. S. Coker place, Ninth street and Yellowstone was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The blaze was first discovered by the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coker as she was playing with other children of the neighborhood about ten o'clock.

SHERIDAN COUNTY POTASH TOWN CAME NEAR BEING WIPED FROM MAP TUESDAY AFTERNOON BY FIRE STARTING IN BARN.

THE ENTIRE BUSINESS BLOCK HIT BY FLAMES

Hord Potash Plant Fire Fighting Facilities Prevented Greater Loss—Two Lumber Yards, Hotel, Store and Printing Office Reduced to Ashes Within Two Hours' Time.

The business section of Lakeside, the little potash town, twenty-five miles southeast of Alliance was gutted and came near being wiped from the map in one of the most disastrous fires of western Nebraska history Tuesday afternoon. The blaze started in the barn owned by the Lakeside Mercantile Company and located at the rear end of the lot on which the company's other buildings are situated.

The fire was first noticed in the barn at about twenty minutes past three o'clock. As soon as the alarm was sounded the entire citizenship turned out to combat the mad flames, but without water facilities the fight was at best a poor one.

The heavy losers are The Lakeside Mercantile company, which lost its lumber yard; the Crowther store company for which the blaze destroyed the lumber yard and store and the hotel owners. In each case the loss will be covered in part by insurance.

The origin of the blaze is yet unsolved, other than it was first discovered in the barn.

\$100,000 FIRE SUFFERED AT DUNNING THIS AFTERNOON—IS STILL BURNING

The town of Dunning, on the Burlington east of Alliance, in the sandhills country, was nearly wiped out by fire which started, at 12:20 o'clock this afternoon, doing damage estimated at more than \$100,000 before it was finally stopped by volunteer fire-fighters.

The fire started in a shed near the hotel and spread to the hotel burning it and the opera house, one dwelling, a harness shop and two barns.

The fire was still burning at the time The Herald goes to press but its spread had been stopped and no additional damage was expected. Its origin is unknown.

CLASSY BALL GAME IS PROMISED FOR SUNDAY

One of the Fastest Ball Teams in Western Nebraska Has Been Secured.

The base ball team of Potter, this state, has been secured for a contest with the Alliance Fire Department nine at the fair grounds in this city for Sunday afternoon and a game that should be fast and interesting is assured the Alliance fans.

Potter, though a small town, has the reputation of producing some real ball players and boosters there say they have ever had. They have trimmed most of the teams they have gone against and will come to this city determined to "clean up".

WILSON & SON TO HOLD HORSE AND MULE SALE

J. E. Wilson & Son have arranged for another big sale of horses and mules. The opening of the southern horse markets have brought about a shortage of horses and mules and they anticipate no dearth of buyers when the big sale is held, August 5th and 6th.

BEUCHSENSTEIN BUYS DRAY LINE INTEREST

Forms Co-Partnership With John Wallace and Takes Management of Business.

Walter Beuchsenstein is now the owner of one-half interest in the transfer business which for years has been conducted by John Wallace. In the deal, which was closed a few days ago, Mr. Beuchsenstein takes the active management of the business enabling Mr. Wallace to devote his time entirely to the automobile and truck sales agency in which he has recently engaged.

MOLLING TO MARKETS TO PURCHASE FALL GOODS

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Molling left last Thursday night for Chicago and New York, where Mr. Molling will look over the markets and make arrangements for some new fall goods. He will spend about three weeks in the large wholesale houses of these cities and when he has finished and the goods have been received here the many Alliance patrons of "The Quality Store" will have an exceptional opportunity to buy the season's best.

CRAWFORD BALL TEAM LOST TO FIRE-FIGHTERS

Sunday's Game Was One of Best of Season Played on Local Diamond.

The Alliance fire-boys added another victory to their list Sunday afternoon at the fair grounds when they took the Crawford team into camp to the tune of 5 to 3. From start to finish the game was very close and during the sixth and seventh innings the score remained a tie, three and three.

The home team took the lead in the first inning, when "Jack" Gleason, the clever third baseman, the first man at bat hit the first pitched ball to deep right field for a home run. This did not however, affect the fighting spirit of the Crawford players and after one more run was pushed across the plate the side was retired.

Both sides played consistent baseball; both fought hard to win and not until the last inning had been played was it either side's game. The Crawford boys are a fine, clean bunch of fellows and have a ball team that will be hard to beat before the season closes.

NEW TYPE EQUIPMENT NOW BEING INSTALLED

First Shipment of New Materials Arrives With More Expected in Few Days.

The first shipment of type, a part of a large order placed a few weeks ago with Barnhart Bros. & Spindler Type Foundry of Omaha, arrived this week and is being installed in The Herald office. In the new equipment is to be found the most modern type faces and a plentiful supply has been provided for. When finally incorporated with the other printing materials and machinery this new type will increase the efficiency of the plant greatly and will make possible the production of a newspaper bigger and better than The Herald is today and job printing that cannot be excelled in western Nebraska.

Additional help has also been secured and it is a great relief too. Little do many realize the scarcity of skilled mechanics. For weeks we have searched the larger cities; have advertised in newspapers and trade publication and have kept the wires hot in our effort to secure sufficient help to properly handle a large and rapidly increasing patronage. We have at last succeeded and are now busy getting things in shape for bigger things and a better newspaper for our readers.

MULE CREEK OIL FIELD IS DEVELOPING FAST

Local Men, Interested in Field, Learn of New Development in the Edgemont District.

The Mule Creek oil field, located eighteen miles west of Edgemont, is one of the most rapidly developing oil fields in the state of Wyoming. Local men are in control of several thousand acres on the Mule Creek dome and are watching developments there with much interest.

The Denver News of yesterday contained the following report on recent developments there: The Mule Creek oil field in eastern Niobrara county is fast developing into one of the most promising of the newer Wyoming districts. The pay sand is found at 1,400 feet, and the amount of oil at that depth makes drilling attractive.

It is said that eight wells have so far been completed on the Mule Creek structure, and that four or five others are expected in within ten days. There are thirty rigs up in the field and about a dozen are drilling. The Ohio and Midwest companies control the largest acreage on Mule Creek, but many small companies are operating there.

BRONCHO LAKE WILL BE MADE A NATATORIUM

SITE IS SECURED FOR COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND BY LOCAL BOOSTERS

\$15,000 Will Be Expended Converting the Place into Pleasure Resort.

Alliance is soon to have a first class pleasure resort. The plans have already been made and local business men have agreed to raise the sum of \$15,000 to be expended in the improvement work outlined. A desirable site, consisting of forty acres of land on the north side of Broncho lake has been secured for the purpose and the work is scheduled to begin very shortly.

The plans specify the converting of the lake into a swimming pool; the erection of a large, airy dancing pavilion and the providing of gasoline launches and boats. The lake is to be dredged and the bottom graveled and spring boards and other paraphernalia necessary to avail the bather the most enjoyment of the pool will be furnished; the lake will be roped and the depth of the water at the various places marked that the danger may be eliminated insofar as is possible and the place fixed up in grand style.

Those interested will engage a competent landscape artist to supervise the work of planting hundreds of trees and shrubbery in abundance and to beautify the site in every possible manner. Sidewalks will be laid and fountain built and a tract of land and a lake, now representing but little value will be converted into a pleasure resort that will do credit to the entire western half of Nebraska. When the construction work has been finished the place will be put in the hands of experienced people and conducted in a manner as to command the good will of the people of the community.

W. R. HARPER LEAVES FOR FASHION CENTERS OF EAST

W. R. Harper left Alliance last evening for the fashion centers of the east to be gone about three weeks and informed friends here before leaving that ere he returned he would purchase the finest line of wearing apparel and dry goods ever brought to the city. Mr. Harper conducts one of the best stores in western Nebraska and keeps in close touch with the markets at all times.

HEWETT IS CANDIDATE FOR THE CONVENTION

Well Known Alliance Citizen Was Selected at Meeting Held in Court House on Monday Evening.

At a meeting held at the court house in Alliance Monday evening, called by W. R. Harper, Judge H. H. Hewett of the Alliance land office was selected as a candidate for election as a delegate to the constitutional convention to be held in Lincoln this coming winter.

Petitions were immediately started and the required number of signatures had been secured early Tuesday. Others who had been considering entering the race by the petition route have decided to withdraw and Judge Hewett will apparently have a clear field in this part of the district, which consists of both Box Butte and Sheridan counties.

Under the law, party lines are not considered in the primaries and at the election. If not more than two candidates file by means of petitions, which require five per cent of the total vote cast at a last election, there will be no primary.

Judge Hewett has been a resident of the district for many years and is widely known. His record is above reproach. His experience and knowledge gained therefrom will be of much value to him as a member of the constitutional convention. He will have no trouble in securing the necessary time away from his duties at the local land office. He could readily double this output, it is stated.

The Lusk and Mule Creek Oil company, of which Edward H. Leskey of Lusk is general manager, has a well down 670 feet. It was started July 9 and its completion is looked for about Aug. 10.

The Hugo-Williams company, which started a well for the first sand, changed to 8-inch casing at 285 feet and will sink to the depth sand at 1,300 feet.