

**Random Shots**

You can bet on anything. Two Alliance business men have discovered a game that is all chance. They bet each morning on which door of the postoffice will be open.

The fellow that told us says he can't beat the game. He's only guessed right one time in five weeks.

He wouldn't have won that time, if both doors hadn't been open.

There's more excitement in this than in betting on red-headed girls.

There is room for a Seagull club in Alliance.

Of course the eligibility rules are pretty strict, but enough would qualify to make it interesting.

More anon.

We know at least one school

teacher who has presence of mind. We saw his head close to that of a young lady at the boarding house, but when we arrived within earshot they were telling each other about the beautiful lecture that Dr. Venner had given.

Tact—we'll say it was tact.

As Gene Majors once said: "It's the tackiest thing I ever saw."

They tell a story of an Alliance man who, in happier and wetter days, was occupying a room in an Omaha hotel. He was just a trifle excited, and got a bit noisy. His friends cautioned him: "Be careful, they'll be sending a cop up here." The Alliance man, with quiet scorn, corrected them: "You mean 'cops,'" he said.

America's three greatest admirals, according to Stars and Stripes, were: Faragut, of the civil war; Dewey, of the Spanish-American war, and Grayson, of the bouoir.

On the same basis, name the three greatest soldiers.

Wuxtra! Wuxtra! Porters demand the abolition of tips.

Be calm—it's in Canada that all this is happening.

It isn't that they've experienced a change of heart. No, their patrons have. Gratuities have fallen off 40 per cent during the last two years.

The world is growing better. Some day the barbers won't insist that you need a shampoo.

Personal in a New York paper: "Lady with a bottle of vermouth would like to meet gentleman with bottle of gin; object, cocktails."

Here's one we clipped from a French magazine, and you may translate it as you wish. It sounds interesting, doesn't it:

"Jeunes officiers artilleurs ayant pour devise: la gaite jusqu'au bout, demandent marraines egalement gaies, discretion d'honneur, photo si possible. Ecrire capitaine Trom et lieutenant Bonnard au Sourire."

For the best catch-as-catch-can translation of that ad to reach us by March 1, we offer a prize of the best story Rufe Jones ever told.

It's not the story you think it is, either.

For the information of curious subscribers, we will say that the magazine was "Le Sourire de France," and from our memory of the contents, was worth the full price of subscription to any save the blind.

Lest we be misjudged, we hasten to explain that by "blind," we mean the "mentally blind."

As we have repeatedly said, nothing is too good for our subscribers.

**GRIFFITH OIL COMPANY  
NEAR NEW OIL GUSHER**

The Griffith Oil company, in which many Alliance people are stockholders, will soon start drilling on their 1,280 acres of holdings in the Wyoming Bolton creek field. Since the bringing of a gusher in this field a few days ago these holdings have increased immensely in value and the Griffith company expects to proceed with their development without delay.

The following from the Casper Herald of January 24 tells of the new well in the Bolton field:

"The tremendous pressure required to lift an eight-inch stream of oil from oil sands past 1,000 feet

in depth, indicates the tremendous value of the strike recently made by the Poison Spider-Bolton syndicate in the Bolton field. When the first reports of the well were received it was estimated that the production would be in the neighborhood of fifty barrels of oil a day. Yesterday, despite the fact that there is nearly fifty feet of cavings in the hole, that the tools are in the hole and that the well has never been drilled in, the well flowed over the top.

There is virtually no gas in the hole, so the oil was flowing from 1,000 feet on strictly rock pressure, indicating that there is a tremendous reservoir of oil beneath the producing depth.

"Representatives of large oil companies here yesterday visited the well and reported that the settled production should be one of the most valuable discoveries made in recent months.

"The Poison Spider-Bolton syndicate believe that the remaining portion of the hole should be far in excess of the original expectations and has a crew of twenty men in the field, who are erecting a new Standard rig on the new deep test location, others throwing up a temporary dike to retain the oil flowing from the well. The absence of storage tanks yesterday permitted the oil to flow virtually a mile from the camp and well site.

"Just as soon as possible the well will be headed off and arrangements made to clean it out and set the last casing lengths, before bringing the hole to full production. The indications received so far have made all persons interested in oil development here anxious to see what the well will do when full arrangements are completed."

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TUESDAY, FEB. 3

Mrs. Charlie Chaplin  
In her latest and best picture you ever saw—one you will remember for the balance of the year—

"HOME"

—Comedy—

"Oh You East Lynn"

Take it from us, it's a peach.

Latest Current Events

Mat. 3 p. m. Night 7:30 & 9  
Admission 13c & 27c & war tax

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

Special High School  
Declamatory Contest  
—Photoplay—

Lewis Bennison  
IN

"THE ROAD CALLED  
STRAIGHT"

Fatty Arbuckle in

"The Bell Boy"

Ford Educational

Adm.—Night 50c; Balcony 75c  
Mat. 3 p. m. Photoplays Only  
13c and 27c

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

Alliance's Favorite

Robert Warwick  
IN

One of the most popular novels ever written, made in one of the finest pictures ever screened—

"TOLD IN THE HILLS"

Usual Comedy

No Advance in Price  
Matinee and Night—13c & 27c

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

Matinee 3 p. m.

Special Matinee for School  
Children, 4:30—13c & war tax

Mary Pickford  
IN

"THE HOODLUM"

Night 7:30 & 9 p. m.  
Admission 27c & war tax to all

**Administrator's Sale**

**February 10th, 1920**

Starting at noon, I will sell at public auction at the Court Room in

**HARRISON, Sioux County, NEBRASKA**

the equity of the estate of the late Major Carter P Johnson in and to

**2,345 Acres of Deeded Lands**

and in and to the leases on 1,080 acres of School Lands. Also, in and to Park Addition to the town of Crawford, Nebraska, consisting of lots 1 to 38, both inclusive.

After this sale, I will offer at public auction three other tracts of land adjoining the estate lands, aggregating 1,600 acres, making a total of

**5,025.86 Acres to be sold at this sale**

All of the ranch land is close to the town of Glen, Sioux County, Nebraska and about 14 miles west of Crawford, Nebraska. There is standing timber on each tract of ranch land.

For terms, address the undersigned.

**Cyrus O. Wertz, Administrator**

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