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LAND DRAWING IS THIS AFTERNOON

Over Six Hundred Ex-Service Men File on Seven Sections Thrown Open

THE WINNERS

- No. 1—Fred Josias Wurtle, North Platte, first; Charles C. Tash, Omaha, second.
- No. 2—Ira D. Beynon, Lincoln, first; Gust M. Peterson, Alliance, second.
- No. 3—Carl E. Kaschke, Oshkosh, first; Charles J. Mashek, Ulysses, second.
- No. 4—James C. Applegate, Lincoln, first; Arthur L. Hudson, Lincoln, second.
- No. 5—Charles F. Tous, Exeter, first; Ralph L. Fish, Scottsbluff, second.
- No. 6—Ronnie R. Spears, Broadwater, first; J. Miles Robinson, North Bend, second; Everett O'Keefe, Alliance, third.
- No. 7—Eden K. Drake, Bridgeport, first; Clyde J. Oskins, Broadwater, second.

Six hundred and one ex-service men filed on the seven sections of sandhill land, formerly a part of the Everett Eldred ranch, thrown open to re-entry the first of the month. The drawing to discover the lucky homesteaders was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A medium sized steel churn was used to mix the numbers. Cards bearing the number of the entry and the name and addresses of the entrant was sealed in blank envelopes and placed in the churn. Each farm was drawn separately. Doris Malley, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Malley, drew the numbers from the churn. The first one drawn is the lucky number, although the others were drawn and a record kept.

It took a half hour to finish the drawing. A large crowd of ex-service men are in the city awaiting the result. Entries have been made from ten or twelve states, although the major portion of them come from Alliance and nearby towns.

The entries closed at 9 o'clock this morning. There was but two disappointed men who got in too late to file. These men were from Antioch.

With six hundred entries, this means that each man filing will have about one chance in ninety to draw one of the homesteads.

The lands are described as follows:

- No. 1—NE 1/4 and N 1/2 SE 1/4 of Sec. 19; NE 1/4 and N 1/2 SW 1/4 of Sec. 20; Twp. 19 N., R. 44 West 8 P. M., 480 acres.
- No. 2—NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec. 7; NW 1/4; N 1/2 SW 1/4; N 1/4 NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 8; W 1/2 NW 1/4 of Sec. 9 all in Twp. 20 N. Range 44 West 6 P. M., 640 acres.
- No. 3—S 1/2 E 1/4; S 1/2 NW 1/4; N 1/2 SE 1/4 and N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 18, Twp. 20 N. R. 44 W., S 1/2 NE 1/4; S 1/2 NW 1/4; W 1/2 SE 1/4 and N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 13, Twp. 20 N., R. 45 West 6 P. M., 632.24 acres.
- No. 4—All of Section 7 in township 21 N. R. 45 West 6 P. M., 646.76 acres.
- No. 5—N 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec. 2; N 1/2 NE 1/4 of Sec. 10; N 1/4 NW 1/4; N 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 11; N 1/4 NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 12, Twp. 20 N., R. 46 West 6 P. M., 680 acres.
- No. 6—S 1/2 NW 1/4; S 1/2 NE 1/4; N 1/2 SW 1/4; NW 1/4 SE 1/4, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Sec. 3, Twp. 20 N.; S 1/2 SW 1/4; S 1/2 SE 1/4; NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 35, Twp. 21 N., R. 46 West 6 P. M., 435.84 acres.
- No. 7—All of section 13, Twp. 18 N., R. 51 West 6 P. M., 640 acres.

BOOK SALE—PROVING A REGULAR RECORD BREAKER

The sale of the stock of the Book Furnishing company, which started Wednesday, is almost a record-breaker, according to F. W. Bell, manager for the Western Sales & Auction company which is superintending the event. The first day's sales disposed of nearly a tenth of the goods and crowds of eager buyers are daily visiting the place in search of bargains. It isn't often that buyers are given the chance to secure absolutely new goods at bargain sale prices but the decision of the Bucks to sell out presents the opportunity to Alliance customers. The sale will continue for a few days more and there still remains a quantity of the highest grade merchandise for sale at practically wholesale prices.

Major Morris of the Victory medal department arrived this afternoon to join his men in issuing Victory medals.

THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity: Tonight and Saturday: some what cooler east and central portions tonight; warmer Saturday extreme portions.

BERT TWO MOONS IS EXACTLY \$30 MINUS

Bert Two Moons, Indian who looks something like his name sounds, was held up in the Burlington yarda Wednesday morning early. According to the story told Chief Reed by the noble red man, two men set upon him and relieved him of \$30 in cash money. He didn't say whether this was all he had. Bert was in charge of a carload of horses headed for Longdale, Okla. He hails from the Crow reservation in Montana. No trace of the holdups was discovered.

WAGE-INCREASE FAILS TO SATISFY

Railroad Men in General Are Not Pleased Over Small Increase Granted

Alliance members of the railway brotherhoods, who were granted an increase in pay by the labor board at Chicago last Tuesday, are not saying much about what may be expected to happen. They admit that it is not what they expected, and some of them declare it is not as much as they were entitled to receive, but they do not discuss the question as to what future developments may be.

Representatives of the unions have been meeting at Chicago to decide whether the award shall be accepted without reservation; whether it shall be referred to the membership with a recommendation that it be accepted, or without any recommendation, or whether it shall be rejected and a strike ballot ordered. The majority of the union heads are said to be in favor of either accepting the award or referring it to the membership with a favorable recommendation. No decision was reached after an all night session last night.

From Denver comes the report that twenty-two Burlington switchmen, members of the "outlaw" organization, are taking "vacations." They gave no reason for refusal to work, but are reported to be dissatisfied with the award. Other railroad employees are criticizing them for taking matters into their own hands.

NOT A CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARYSHIP

Is Rufus Jones a candidate for the place as permanent secretary of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce, a position which he held until two months ago, and which has not been filled since his resignation?

He is not.

Mr. Jones made this most emphatically clear during the course of a conversation with The Herald today. He came to Alliance with the expectation of spending two or three weeks on vacation, but was induced to take charge at Chamber of Commerce headquarters during the enforced absence of J. W. Guthrie, who was summoned to Iowa by a telegram announcing the death of a relative. Not only is Mr. Jones refusing to become a candidate for the secretaryship permanently, but he does not care to hold on to the place temporarily any longer than is necessary.

The Herald knows that Rufus has been approached by dozens of members of the Chamber of Commerce who have earnestly requested him to apply for his old berth; but his plans for the future had already been made before he reached Alliance. He is willing to remain in charge of the office until Mr. Guthrie is ready to reassume the acting secretaryship, but that is all.

GEORGE MINTZER BUYS DOW BATTERY SERVICE

George E. Mintzer of the Alliance Tire Works purchased the C. A. Dow battery service the first of the week in this announced that from now on the battery service will be a feature of his establishment. He has arranged to carry a most complete stock of batteries for all makes of cars and will pay especial attention to battery repair work. N. C. McGrath, who has had years of experience in battery repair, will be at the head of the department.

The cattle shipping season is expected to open about the first of August.

AGED WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. William Sherlock Pours Kerosene on Clothes and Iginites It

Mrs. William Sherlock, fifty-five years of age, living on a farm eight miles southwest of Alliance, committed suicide about 11:15 Tuesday morning by pouring kerosene on her clothing and then igniting it. The clothing was burned from her body and she was terribly burned, but she lived for nearly three hours.

Mrs. Sherlock's mind has been affected for some time. Following a serious illness a year or so ago, her mind gave way and she was committed to the state hospital for the insane. Later she was brought back home, but has not been mentally sound, and the members of the family have been watching her carefully.

Tuesday morning, other members of the family came to Alliance to attend the funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Malley. One daughter, Kate, remained with her mother. Shortly after 11 o'clock the daughter went to the garden and within a few minutes heard frightful screams. She saw her mother run from the south door of the house, her body enveloped in flames. By the time she reached the woman, the clothes had been burned from her body, and bits of charred clothing were scattered over the ground for a distance of thirty feet.

"Mother, how did it happen?" the daughter asked.

"I did it," the mother answered. "I was tired of living." She told her daughter how she had saturated her clothing with the oil and touched a match to it. Later she said she was sorry.

Mrs. Sherlock was known to have been worrying about her two sons, Jack and William, jr., who served overseas during the war, one of them having been wounded. Both of the sons are now at home.

She is survived by her husband, William Sherlock, a pioneer Box Butte county farmer, five sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Sherlock was born in County Cavan, Ireland, February 12, 1865. A son, William is living on a homestead near Gillette, Wyo., and another son, Jack, homesteaded near Newcastle. Katherine, Joe, Mike, Margaret, Pat and Francis are living at home. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Anna Turney of Oconto, and three brothers, Andy and John Cusick of Alliance and Mike Cusick of Newcastle. Jim, Rode, Linn and Joe Sherlock, Mrs. William Ryan and Mrs. William O'Neill, brothers and sisters of Mrs. Sherlock, were in attendance at the funeral.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, Rev. Father Manning being in charge. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

MEXICAN FINED \$50 FOR HOUSE BREAKING

Ramor Mareno, a Mexican, was fined \$50 and costs amounting to \$63 in all, in police court Wednesday by Judge Roberts on a charge of breaking into a house on West Second street. This place has been broken into several times during the past few weeks, and Mareno was one of the men whom the police were suspecting. Complaint was filed by the residents and Mareno was arrested by Night Watch Al Roland and Special Officer Ray Trabert Tuesday evening on West Second between Toluca and Platt.

In police court Mareno was identified by Messadams Harvey, Purdy and Baird. The court considered this triple identification as sufficient evidence and assessed the fine, which was paid in full. Mareno was released.

Temperatures the past week have ranged from 98 to 106, unofficially. There seems to be a considerable variation in the heat registered at various places around Alliance, and heat records have a habit of growing as they pass along from mouth to mouth.

The home of Mrs. Williams on West Second was entered Tuesday evening and a suitcase containing some shirts, collars, a sweater and photographs was taken. It has not been recovered.

Mrs. Bert Moore and E. Donovan of Wilsonville stopped over in Alliance Friday on a sight seeing tour of the west. They expect to see all of the coast before their return.

SEND CHILDREN TO STATE HOME

County Judge Tash Decides This Best for Kittlemans and the Community

County Judge Tash, at a juvenile court hearing held Thursday afternoon, decided that the best interests of the community and the Kittleman children would be served by committing the children to state institutions. Some of the evidence adduced would have justified the judge in sending some of them to the reform school, but this, he declared, was not just, inasmuch as the children had not, strictly speaking, had a fair chance. They will be sent to the detention home at Lincoln, and later, through the Nebraska home for the friendless will be found proper homes.

The order will affect all of the children of Mrs. Elizabeth Kittleman save the two oldest, Emma and Augusta, who are over the juvenile court age, and two of the children of Mrs. Emma Kittleman, the youngest child of Emma Kittleman, John S., will be allowed to remain for a time. The court's order will take effect September 1.

The hearing was, in some ways, an affecting one. The courtroom was overrun with the nine children, some of whom played on the floor and lodged out into the corridors now and then. Some of them were crying. Others were exploring. Judge Tash probably doesn't know until now that one of the dirtiest unearthened private drinking cups and used it, carefully returning it to the place the judge thought was secret.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kittleman made it plain that she didn't want to lose a single one of the children, three of whom are her daughter's by her own husband. She told the court that several months ago, she wanted to give some of the children away, but when it came right down to brass tacks, she didn't like the idea.

"The boys are behaving now," she said, "and they mind better. We'll get along." When asked if they had plenty to eat, she said they "would have plenty," and that she could get clothing for them. She protested up to the minute that the judge announced his decision that she wouldn't give up a single child of her own or of Emma's. "The old man wanted us to take care of 'em", she said.

Robert Graham was called to the stand and told of a visit he had made to the home in company with Inspector Wetherell. Complaints had been made by neighbors that one of the Kittleman boys had rifled a mailbox and taken home a quantity of mail which was opened and was not returned until the neighbor had gone to the house after it. Margaret Kittleman was charged with writing checks in favor of mail order houses when she had no funds on deposit. Mr. Graham told of conditions at the Kittleman home, where children were running about half clad, poorly clad, or without clothing, and where conditions were practically filthy.

Deputy Sheriff Miskiman corroborated Mr. Graham's statements concerning conditions at the Kittleman ranch.

Emma Kittleman, next on the stand, told of the trouble she and her sister, Augusta, had in keeping the farm going. These two girls had planted crops and were preparing to harvest them with no outside assistance. Emma said that the children didn't have sufficient clothes at the time Mr. Graham called, but that she had purchased clothing for them out of the cream money. Of course, she hasn't bought shoes yet. The children, however, didn't wear their new clothes much, for fear of spoiling them, and matters weren't helped much. The boys seemed to give the greatest trouble. They were mischievous and lazy, and wouldn't help her with the work until she bit on the happy scheme of brightening them by a story that if they didn't work, she'd have Mr. Bayse bring them into court, and send them to school. "Since then, they hoe in the cornfield," she said.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kittleman was the last witness called and she confined her testimony largely to assertions that she didn't want any of the children to go and that they would get along. When asked if she would rather give up the boys or the girls, she said she would "keep them both."

Mrs. Kittleman explained the charges against her offspring by the postoffice department. The boy, she said, couldn't read, and the family's letters had been delivered together in the same bundle with others. Unable to sort out the family mail, he had taken it all home. Mrs. Kittleman herself cannot read

or write, and she had to wait till Margaret got home to sort over the mail. She said that the remainder had been returned, but the neighbors deny this and say they had to come after it, and found it opened. She defended the children against other charges in a similar way.

Harry Gantz, who represented the Kittlemans, addressed the court in their behalf. He was followed by County Attorney Bayse, who told the court that conditions at the Kittleman farm were such that it was impossible for the children to grow up to be the right sort of citizens, physically, mentally or morally. The acting head of the family, Emma, has three children of whom her father is the father, and this alone, Mr. Bayse said, was sufficient reason for taking the children away. The children run around without clothing, sleep together in the same room, and there is no one with any authority over them.

NO TIME FOR A RECAPITULATION

Too Much Time Required to Untangle the Census Reports for a Recount.

At the office of the Chamber of Commerce Acting Secretary Rufus Jones and Mrs. McKenzie, assistant secretary, have their noses to the grindstone in an effort to untangle the census figures. "In the words of the negro," said Mr. Jones yesterday, "it ain't hard—it's just so regular." From what The Herald can learn very few of the volunteer workers are turning in their listing sheets in correct shape. Some of them unintentionally get outside of their own territory and infringe on the territory of another worker; others neglect to give correct house numbers, and various sins of omission and commission are having to be straightened out by Mr. Jones and Mrs. McKenzie. For this reason they have not stopped long enough to go backward for an actual count.

Mr. Jones, however, while still declining to go very far toward a prediction as to what the ultimate result will be, feels that the results thus far justify a belief that what figures are to show an increase over the official estimate of 4,591. Thus far it would seem that the recount is showing a gradual increase. It is theoretically possible that some of the residence blocks not yet turned in may show a decrease and upset present calculations.

"It is going to take some tall hustling to show an increase large enough to send us over the 5,000 mark," said Mr. Jones, "but we are certainly straining every nerve to make the goal."

WATCHES FOR COPS; BROTHER ROBS SAFE

While his little brother, Roy, was watching the door of the police station in order to give the alarm should the police appear, Clyde Scott Monday night opened the safe in the Nichols & Covert establishment and took away with him some \$12 in cash. The little brother was given six quarter-dollars as a reward for his assistance.

Clyde Scott was sent to the reform school from Alliance about two years ago on complaint of his relatives that he was incorrigible. He was paroled a year ago to his mother, Mrs. H. Banjoff, and has since been living with her. This offense is a violation of his parole and he will be returned to the reform school. He is only fourteen years old.

Mr. Covert, on discovering the robbery, was suspicious. He knew that Clyde had the combination to the safe, and on questioning the younger brother, found him as willing to help his grandfather as he had been to help his brother. The younger boy confessed the whole story.

Perry Malley has discovered among the effects of his mother, who recently died, an old Box Butte county warrant for \$2.50 made out ten years ago to him. At the time he attempted to cash it, but was unable to do so because there were no funds available. He then gave it to his mother and forgot all about it. She did the same thing. The warrant is signed by W. C. Mounds and is just as good, if not better than it was the day it was drawn.

Dean Dixon is leaving this week for his vacation. He expects to be absent during the month of August visiting points in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

VICTORY MEDALS FOR EX-SOLDIERS

Army Field Clerks to Arrange for Distribution at Recruiting Office

Army field clerks will be at the Alliance recruiting office, 101 Box Butte avenue, Friday and Saturday of this week to arrange for the distribution of Victory war medals to ex-soldiers, sailors and marines. Every man who was in the service, overseas or at home, for over thirty days is entitled to receive some sort of a victory medal. Bring your discharge to the recruiting office on one of these two days, and the army clerks will make out your application.

Some 4,500,000 American soldiers and sailors are soon to receive the Victory medal, tribute of a grateful nation to all the men in uniform who aided in crushing German ambition to dominate the world.

During the spring of 1918, while hostilities were still at their height the different allied and associated nations agreed to adapt a medal which would be the same for all to commemorate the great war. In order to carry this plan into execution an interallied commission met in Paris after the armistice. The commission found it was impractical to adhere strictly to the original plan. It was decided, however, to have an identical ribbon and allow each country to design its own medal according to general specifications which were drawn up by the commission. The ribbon is a double rainbow, having the red in the center and with a white thread on each edge. It symbolizes the dawn of a new era of calm after the storm.

The specifications of the medal adopted by the commission are as follows: To be bronze, 1.4 inches in diameter and suspended from the ribbon by a ring, the same as most of our medals. On the obverse a winged victory, standing full length and full face. On the reverse, the inscription "The Great War for Civilization" and either the name or the arms of the allied and associated nations.

A system of clasps was adopted for this medal. To designate the possession of a battle clasp, a small bronze star is worn on the service ribbon. In accordance with the general principle that senior decorations are to the right silver citation stars should be worn to the right of bronze stars on the service ribbon. (Silver stars designate special citations.)

Various designed clasps will commemorate participation in the different offensive movements.

"TIN PAN ALLEY" AT THE IMPERIAL TONIGHT

"Tin Pan Alley," the feature for the Imperial program this evening described as a musical duet in pictures or a drama of thinking tunes and romance. Albert Ra and Elinor Fair take the heavy parts. A comedy, "Cash," and a current news reel complete the bill, which is admirably suited to hot weather.

The Saturday attraction is Bert Lytell in "Alias Jimmy Valentine," which is the title given to O. Henry's "A Retrieved Reformation." It is a fascinating story of a master safe cracker in six reels. A Snub Pollard comedy, "Cracked Wedding Bells," and Mutt and Jeff in "Paperhangers" complete the bill.

Ethel Clayton in "Young Mrs. Winthrop" is the Sunday attraction, together with the second episode of "The Hand of Vengeance," one of those serials that make chills run down your spine, a not unpleasant feeling this kind of weather. There is also a Big V comedy scheduled. "Sahara," with Louise Glaum, is the feature of the Monday bill. This film is a rich, luxurious drama of Paris, Cairo and the Egyptian desert. "Excess Baggage" is the comedy feature of the program.

This hot weather may be uncomfortable for the rest of us, but it has enabled the paving gang to make rapid progress with the pouring of the cement foundation. They have been putting in at least a half-black every day and if the stretch of sunny days continues, will soon be ready to begin the brick laying.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins left Friday for a visit with their son in Rochester, Wyo.

Deal Bates of Davenport, Ia., returned to his home after a business trip here Friday.