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VIOLENT DEATH OF TWO BRAKEMEN

Clyde O. Lanam and Frank La Riviere Killed in Accidents Friday and Sunday

Within the short space of forty hours, Alliance citizens have recently been twice shocked by news of the tragic death of Burlington brakemen. Clyde O. Lanam, thirty-eight years of age, who has been a resident of Alliance for some months, met his death at 3:45 p. m. last Friday near Ellsworth when he was crushed between the engine tender and a boxcar of a freight train. At 5:30 a. m. Sunday, Frank La Riviere was thrown from the side of a boxcar when the train passed over a bridge near Dunning.

Just how the Lanam accident occurred has not been determined. Lanam was known to be an ardent "safety first" advocate and had the reputation of being one of the most careful men on the road. Thirty seconds before the accident he was seen by brakeman E. W. Mayfield on top of a boxcar. A small son of Jack Kennedy of Ellsworth was an eye-witness to the accident. It is believed that Lanam was either thrown from the top of the car, or else he had crawled down between the tender and the first car to uncouple a car.

The freight had made slow progress after leaving Alliance due to a defective drawbar. At Ellsworth it was decided to cut out the car, which had been chained to the engine tender. The train was at a sidetrack, and the crew was preparing to set out the car. Lanam may have been down between the cars attempting to uncouple them when the engine lurched. His head was crushed and the condition of the body indicated that the shoulders had also been crushed between the two cars.

Lanam was rendered unconscious from the shock, and never recovered consciousness. The engine and wye-car were dispatched for Lakeside with the injured man, and on arrival at Lakeside a physician pronounced him dead.

Clyde O. Lanam leaves a wife, a father and mother, sister and other relatives, most of whom live in Litchfield, S. D. Those relatives were notified and came to Alliance immediately. The wife, parents and sister of the deceased stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiker until Sunday evening, when the body was sent to Mitchell, S. D., for interment. An aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Vandevanter of Denver, also came to Alliance.

Funeral services were held from the Episcopal church, at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, Rev. J. J. Dixon officiating. The services were in charge of the Masons, in which order the deceased held the thirty-second degree. He was also a member of the Elks and the Odd Fellows. Conductor Frank Roberts and brakeman E. W. Mayfield accompanied the remains to Mitchell.

Lanam owned a fine home in Denver, and had planned to give up railroading the coming spring, having made arrangements to take charge of his father's farm at Litchfield.

Frank La Riviere Meets Death.

Frank La Riviere, aged 22 years, Burlington brakeman, was instantly killed about 5:30 a. m. Sunday, near Dunning, when his head was crushed by contact with a bridge. Young La Riviere, who was one of the train crew of a Burlington freight, had been hanging onto the outside of a boxcar watching a hotbox, and did not see the bridge the train was approaching. One of the supports struck his head, hurling his body into the river.

The body was brought to Lincoln on No. 43 Sunday and taken to the Miller undertaking parlors. Funeral services will be held from the Holy Rosary Catholic church at 10 a. m. Wednesday, and interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery at Alliance.

La Riviere's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. La Riviere, live at 615 Emerson avenue in this city.

COPS ON TRAIL OF MAN WHO STOLE CAR

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a suspect who is believed to have stolen the new Reo car from the A. H. Jones company garage in this city some ten days ago. The suspect is believed to be headed for the Pacific coast, and police officials have been notified to be on the lookout for him.

P. J. Michael and A. M. Miller of Hemingford were in Alliance on business Saturday.

SETHMAN GENERATOR FOLKS BACK AGAIN

For the second time, representatives of the Sethman Generator and Electric company of Denver appeared before the Alliance chamber of commerce, in an effort to secure the assistance of the organization in approaching the council. Three representatives were on the ground at the meeting at the Alliance hotel Palm Room Monday evening, and their proposition was explained by C. B. Christian.

Mr. Christian declared that his company was willing to put up a surety bond to indemnify the city against any possible loss. He would undertake, he said, to rewind the smallest generator in the city plant, and would guarantee that when the work was completed, the generator would develop twice the number of kilowatts at the switchboard with the same or less consumption of fuel. The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

GLEN ELLISON CONCERT BIG MUSICAL TREAT

One of the musical treats of the season will be accorded the residents of Alliance on September 24th, when Glen Ellison, the famous baritone, comes to the Imperial Theatre for a concert.

Mr. Ellison has sung principal baritone roles in Grand Opera in England and Australia. His career in musical comedy is a long one in both countries. His reputation has grown to be an international one, and it is well deserved, for Glen Ellison puts a good cheer, an evidence of inward happiness into his songs that makes him irresistible.

Just listening to him and watching him is enough to make your troubles slip from your shoulders and vanish away. Mr. Ellison has the rare knack of putting his joyous personality into his songs, and it is this very ability that has made him one of the most beloved singers we have.

JUDGE TASH TAKES A SHORT VACATION

For the first time in six years, County Judge Ira E. Tash is away on a vacation. The judge was seized with the idea suddenly the other day while examining the court calendar. He saw that there hadn't been a case for over a week, and that nothing was scheduled for another week. Time seemed to drag rather heavily on the judicial hands, and so he determined that a change of scenery was the thing he needed. Furthermore, he hurried right down to the station and bought his ticket, lest he change his mind.

The judge hasn't selected any particular itinerary. His ticket read Omaha. That is a town where trains in all directions leave every little while. He plans to be back to Omaha on Thursday of this week for a convention of juvenile court officials of Nebraska, but the intervening time will probably be spent in Mason City, Ia., and other places. The judge hails from Iowa, but not anywhere near Mason City. He will go to Mason City because it's a place he has heard a lot about, but never has seen. It's much like the way we always wanted to see Muskegon, Mich. It has always seemed to us that Muskegon ought to be a good town.

At any rate, the judge will come back to Alliance in about a week, and probably still of the opinion that every man is entitled to a vacation at least once in six years. It has been that long, almost to a day, since the judge last set out to take a rest.

ALLIANCE TEAM WINS AT HEMINGFORD, 4 TO 2

The Alliance baseball team won from Hemingford at the latter's grounds last Sunday afternoon by a score of 4 to 2. The game was hotly contested and one of the most sensational of the season, running thirteen innings. Hemingford succeeded in scoring one in the first and Alliance put one over in the fourth. Both teams scored again in the tenth, and in the twelfth, with black on third, and Griffis on second, Edwards put the game on ice with a smashing two-bagger to left field.

Fenning pitched wonderful ball, striking out thirteen men and allowing but four hits. Rupe Walker, Hemingford pitcher, should be given credit for his wonderful work on the mound. He allowed but six hits and struck out sixteen men.

The Alliance team will play Scottsbluff at Hemingford tomorrow as a feature of the Hemingford spud festival. Scottsbluff won from Campor a week ago Sunday.

ANNUAL MEETING OF P-H ASS'N.

Alliance Will Entertain Several Hundred Visitors Some Time in October

The annual meeting of the Potash highway association, which will be held in Alliance some time during October, will bring several hundred visitors to Alliance from various towns along the route. The Alliance chamber of commerce issued an invitation to the association to meet in this city, and a communication recently received from J. C. Moore of Anselmo, president of the association, accepts the invitation for any date that is most convenient for the chamber of commerce.

The meeting should be a most interesting one, Mr. Moore points out, as since the last meeting a great deal of road work has been done. The federal government will complete the road as far as Broken Bow some time during this year, and they are also maintaining a road from Anselmo to Broken Bow. The next step is to get the road completed to Alliance, and if the meeting is successful in arousing interest, this can be accomplished without much delay.

The meeting will be held at the Lowry & Henry roof garden in one of the finest garages in the state. The roof garden, which will hold several hundred people, is being enclosed and will be ready for use early in October. This firm has offered the use of this roof garden for the meeting upon its completion. It will be enclosed and heated, so that in the event of bad weather the delegates will be comfortable.

The chamber of commerce will take upon its shoulders the matter of entertainment. The usual procedure at meetings of the association is a business session in the morning and afternoon, the balance of the time being devoted to entertainment. Delegations are expected from as far east as Grand Island and as far west as Hot Springs.

Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary of the association, is sending out letters to owners of garages in Alliance and to secretaries of commercial clubs, as well as newspapers, in the cities along the route, in an effort to arouse interest in the annual meeting. In his letter to the garagemen he emphasizes the importance of the highway as follows:

"It is apparent that the people of Alliance, and especially the business interests here, do not realize what the completion of the Potash highway through the sandhills from Grand Island to Alliance would mean to us. If they did, I am of the opinion that they would give the proposition much better support than they do now and evince more interest in the proposition.

"At a meeting of the association held last year, the secretary of the Omaha automobile club, who was in attendance, estimated that not less than 200 autos would pass through and stop over at Alliance daily during the tourist season, when the highway is completed. I cut this estimate in two, and with the help of competent local business men, estimated the benefits to be derived from Alliance from only 100 cars of tourists each day. We estimate, speaking conservatively, that it would mean an added income of \$90,000 monthly to Alliance business interests during the tourist season."

IN FAVOR OF TAYLOR FOR NIGHT POLICE

Chief of Police Reed will, unless the council objects, appoint Nova Taylor, former chief, to the position of night cop. Mr. Taylor returned to the city a few days ago, and Chief Reed, who has been doing double duty for some time, welcomes the thought of putting an experienced man on the job. Those who have followed Taylor's work recognize in him a fearless and conscientious officer.

An effort has been made to induce the council to put on an extra police officer at night in Alliance. While another officer would undoubtedly be of benefit, it is generally believed that policemen, while they may catch criminals, seldom put a stop to crime. There is just as much crime, if not more than usual, in the large cities where the whole city is patrolled than in the smaller cities like Alliance, where one or two men must cover an immense amount of territory. It would take a good sized force adequately to police Alliance, but one or two good men will be as good as half a dozen of mediocre ability.

WEAVER EXPLAINS THE AMENDMENTS

President of Constitutional Convention Makes Two Addresses in Alliance

A. J. Weaver of Falls City, president of the state constitutional convention, which met at Lincoln last winter, was in Alliance Monday and gave two addresses at which he explained in detail the work of the convention and the nature of the forty-one constitutional amendments which are to be submitted to the voters of Nebraska at a special election to be held September 21.

Mr. Weaver was guest of honor at a special dinner arranged by the Alliance chamber of commerce at the Palm Room of the Alliance hotel at 6 p. m., at which twenty-five business men were present. At 8 p. m. he addressed a good-sized audience at the court house. Judge H. H. Hewitt presided over this meeting and introduced the speaker. Mr. Hewitt was a member of the constitutional convention.

In his talk before the chamber of commerce, Mr. Weaver confined himself to a short summary of the more important measures. At the court house, he went into greater detail. At both of the addresses he emphasized the importance of voting on the amendments, and of voting upon all of them. There are forty-one propositions on the ballot, and in order to allow the voters perfect freedom of choice, the convention arranged for separate votes on each amendment. As it requires a majority of the votes cast to adopt any of the amendments it is important to vote upon all of them, for if no vote is cast on any one proposition it in reality counts as half a vote against it.

The present Nebraska constitution was adopted in 1875—forty-five years ago. In many respects it is an admirable document and was certainly a good constitution for its time, but it has been outgrown, the speaker said. The men who framed it had different ideas of the functions of government than are held today, and they placed in the 1875 constitution a number of unwise limitations, not alone upon salaries of state officials but other important things. Then, too, there have been economic changes in Nebraska which, in connection with the growth of the state, made the old constitutional restrictions burdensome.

The constitutional convention was in session for seventy-four days, and during that time considered nearly four hundred propositions. Of this large number, forty-one were adopted and will be presented for the approval of the voters of the state. Mr. Weaver said that he believed that a voter could safely approve all of them, but that if one proposition were not favored, the plan permitted of voting against it.

A short time ago, The Herald printed an explanation of each of the forty-one propositions by Mr. Weaver for the information of its readers, before it was known that he would be able to come to Alliance. Incidentally, it is the only newspaper in this trade territory that took pains to inform its readers concerning the most important election to be held in the state in years. Inasmuch as Herald readers are informed, it will not be necessary to give a complete resume of the measures which will come up for approval at the September 21 election.

The first proposition, authorizing a five-sixths jury verdict in civil cases, will save the state thousands of dollars. There have been hundreds of retrials at public expense of cases where one or two members of a jury have hung it.

Another important amendment is one which authorizes the legislature to regulate property rights of aliens. As it stands now, an immigrant can come to this country and remain for years without making any move toward becoming a citizen, and yet, aside from not voting, has every right of American citizens. In connection with this is the amendment which makes the English language the official one for this state. Every citizen of Nebraska should know this language, and his children should receive instruction in it.

Among other important provisions of the new constitution is one which provides for a budget system, which is intended not only to put the state's affairs on a sound financial basis, but to eliminate legislative log-rolling. Another takes away from the governor the pardoning power and places it in the hands of a board of pardons. A third provides that all measures in the legislature shall be passed by a yeas and nays vote. In the closing sessions of the legislature, it has been the custom to

hurry through a number of measures in the closing days by a viva voce vote.

The judicial system has been greatly simplified. Under the new constitution the supreme court may sit in two sections, thus enabling it to do twice the work. Judges are to be elected by districts instead of the state at large, enabling the voters to make a more intelligent choice.

The state's water power rights are reserved, and provision is made for the sale of school lands at public auction instead of private sale. The board of regents of the state university will also be elected by districts. At present five out of six come from Lancaster and Douglas counties. Provision is made for districting counties for the election of members of the legislature, and for increasing the membership of the senate if desired.

The number of signatures required for initiative and referendum petitions is reduced. The woman voters increase the electorate largely and if the present restrictions are to apply the initiative and referendums will be almost impossible to use.

The state's taxation system is also changed for the better, provision being made for the assessment of intangible property, such as money, credits and bonds, so that they will bear their fair share of the tax burdens. There are a number of provisions relating to corporations, private and public utility, which protect the interest of the people. Restrictions of a certain nature on cooperative organizations are renewed. Competing corporations may not consolidate without permission from the railway commission. Foreign concerns shall be regulated on the same basis as domestic. Stocks and bonds shall be issued only at their full value, thus doing away with blue sky companies.

The constitutional convention did good work, Mr. Weaver said. He believed that it was the best body that had ever been in session in the state. He believed that voters could safely approve all of the provisions, and that they should at least give careful consideration to all of them.

DRYS MUST ORGANIZE TO KEEP VICTORY WON

Dr. C. F. Swift of Philadelphia, representing the anti-saloon league, delivered an address at the First Baptist church last Sunday evening to an audience which filled every available seat in the building. It was a union service of all the churches in the city, and a union choir furnished music. The speaker's subject was "Another Colossal Job for Uncle Sam," and he emphasized the point that the dry victory must be protected by electing men who were in sympathy with prohibition enforcement.

America, the speaker said, is the only nation on the face of the earth that has had the courage to write into its constitution a prohibition amendment. He said that European countries are watching the result of the experiment with keen interest. He believed that if America remains dry, the rest of the world will follow her example. "A drinking England cannot compete with a dry America, nor can a light-wine-and-beer France hope to compete," he declared.

The problem facing the prohibition forces is two-fold, Dr. Swift told his hearers. The dry adherents must fight the move on the part of the wet element to bring back light wines and beer, and America is looked to for leadership in the world-wide prohibition campaign. The old theory is wrong, he said. For years the reform forces had tried to save men from filling drunkards' graves, when they should have struck at the root of the evil—the source of supply. The policy of today is to make it impossible to secure intoxicating liquors—one of prevention rather than cure.

At the close of the address an appeal was made for funds to carry on the work of the league.

TRIP BY AUTO TO CRAWFORD THURSDAY

Secretary J. W. Guthrie of the chamber of commerce announces a change in the arrangements for the Alliance excursion to the Crawford Tri-State fair for Thursday. Instead of going by train, the trip will be made by auto, the start being made at 8 a. m. Thursday. About twenty cars have been pledged for the trip. Those going have been asked to take a basket lunch and to stop at the creek this side of Crawford for lunch. After lunch the automobiles will go together into Crawford.

An effort will also be made to secure a delegation to go to Hemingford tomorrow for the Spud day festivities.

DUCK SEASON OPENS SEPT. 16

Hunting Prospects Reported Excellent—Some Interesting Dope About Game Laws

The open season on ducks, geese and waterfowls begins bright and early Thursday morning, September 16, and will continue until the moon rises on December 31. Travelers in the sandhills report an abundance of game, some bringing back tales that are almost too much to believe. Sales of shells have been brisk during the past few days and many housewives report that all the rags about the house have been used to polish favorite shotguns.

The following dope on poen seasons, hunting licenses and other things is furnished by Leo Stuhr, state secretary for agriculture:

Open Season
Ducks, geese and waterfowls—September 16 to December 31 inclusive.

Prairie chickens, grouse and sage hens—October 15 to November 15 inclusive.

Jack snipe, Wilson snipe, kill deer and yellow legs—September 16 to December 31 inclusive.

Plover and doves—None.
Swan and white crane, song and insectivorous birds—None.

Squirrels—October 1 to November 30 inclusive.

Deer, antelope and beaver—None.
Bass (not less than eight inches in length)—May 1 to November 15 inclusive.

Trout (not less than eight inches in length)—May 1 to October 1 inc.
All other fish—April 1 to November 15 inclusive.

Quail—None.
Muskrat, opossum, otter, racoon or mink—November 1 to Feb. 15.

License Fees
Resident to hunt and fish, \$1.00.
Resident to trap fur-bearing animals, \$2.00.
Non-resident to hunt and fish, \$1.00.
Non-resident to fish with hook and line only, \$2.00.
Non-resident to trap fur-bearing animals, \$10.00.

Bag Limit
Twenty-five birds or 10 squirrels and 25 game fish in one day.

Ten geese, prairie chicken, grouse and 50 other game birds or 50 game fish in possession at any one time.

Penalties for Unlawful Hunting and Fishing

For killing or having in possession at any time deer, antelope or beaver, \$100.00 to \$300.00.

For killing or having in possession at any time swan, white crane or song birds, \$5 for each bird.

For killing or having in possession during closed season any birds or animals protected, \$5 for each bird or animal.

For dynamiting fish, \$100 to \$500 or one year in the penitentiary.

For fishing with net or seine, \$100 or \$5 for each fish taken.

For shipping game or fish, unless accompanied by owner, \$50 and \$5 additional for each bird or fish.

For hunting or fishing without a license, any sum not exceeding \$50.

For selling game or game fish, taken from public waters at any season, \$5 for each bird, animal or fish.

BOX CAR THIEVES ARE NOW IN JAIL

Three young men are now in the city and county jails, and a complaint charging them with the theft of shoes from a freight car in train No. 109 Monday. Two of them, Clarence Mason and Leon Inman, were arrested by Chief of Police Reed at the Burlington station shortly after noon Monday, and the third was picked up later after confessions had been made by his companions. When the chief entered the station, he saw the two men sitting there, and on the floor near them was a paper sack containing a brand new pair of shoes. He asked them where they got them, and the boys told him they had purchased them from a colored man on the freight train.

The chief later discovered that the young fellows had tried to sell the shoes at a second hand store in Alliance. The boys are said to have confessed that they took a pair of shoes each, and implicated Paul Sharp. When charged with the theft, Sharp admitted his guilt, and gave up a third pair of shoes. He was taken to the county jail. Complaint has been filed against them, but no date for the hearing has been set.

WANTED—Girl for general household work. Good wages. 83