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NEW RECORD SET IN MOVING COAL

Efficiency of Railroads Increasing to Such an Extent that Concern is Not Warranted.

During the past few weeks, considerable concern has been manifested by cities and towns over the state as to the coal supply for this winter. It has been pointed out that the supplies in a number of cities are greatly below the normal, and the delivery by the railroads does not seem to do much more than keep pace with the normal summer demand. Fears have been entertained that the winter weather would arrive before coal stocks were sufficiently large to take care of the demand when cold weather comes.

The following bulletin from Burlington headquarters shows that there is little cause for alarm. It would seem that the railroads have developed a plan that will take care of the whole country, and work no hardship on any one part. Coal is now being delivered to northwestern and New England districts, where cold weather strikes first, and where there is an even more serious shortage than in the west, and when these districts have been supplied, a large number of cars will be diverted to the central western states.

The bulletin shows that the railroads are making strenuous efforts to handle the situation so that the entire country will be cared for without hardship. The record, as shown by the bulletin, indicates that there is greater efficiency than ever before, and that there is no warrant for the concern that is being manifested.

"As there has been no opportunity to increase the available facilities since the railroads were returned to their owners," A. G. Smart, general superintendent, told The Herald, "credit for this increased efficiency should be given to the rank and file of railroad employees who are making an earnest effort to properly provide the public with sufficient transportation to fulfil that requirement."

The bulletin follows: Individuals and industries in the west that have ordered coal and yet are unable to obtain delivery have naturally exhibited some concern over the prospective coal supply situation, which will, however, be gradually dispelled when the facts regarding the production and movement of coal are disclosed.

This year up to September 25, the railroads had moved 392,747,000 tons of bituminous coal from the mines as compared with a total of 341,276,000 in the same period last year, an increase of over 51,000,000 tons.

Where is the coal going? Largely to northwestern and New England districts, because of the serious shortage there, and to which it must be moved before navigation on the Great Lakes is closed.

The next step will be to supply the central west and other sections, to which winter comes later and is less rigorous.

This heavy movement of coal has been made possible only by increased railroad operating efficiency, because the available facilities have not increased, could not be in the short time in which the railroads have been operated by their owners.

The results which already have been accomplished in increasing efficiency are indicative of what can be done by private initiative and organization in the face of very adverse conditions. In the week ending September 4, 947,743 cars of freight were loaded; in the week ending September 11, in which was included the Labor day holiday, 827,043 cars; in the week ending September 18, 983,913 cars.

The accumulation of delayed cars in April, following the outlaw strike of yardmen totaled 288,000 cars. This was reduced to 47,889 cars for the week ending September 24, which is normal. In April the average miles made daily by each freight car in the country was less than 20 miles. This average had been increased to 25.7 miles by July and the reports which have since been made by various railroads indicate that the goal of 30 miles per car per day, set by the railroad executives, will be reached.

The excess of cars ordered by shippers throughout the United States in the week ending September 1, over the number supplied by the railways, was reported as 151,440. In the week ending September 17 it was 96,114. While transportation conditions are by no means satisfactory, the facts show that the railway managements are making splendid progress in improving them.

W. W. Norton of Los Angeles is visiting in Alliance for a few days.

PRESS GANG MEETS IN GERING TODAY

In Gering today, while Alliance newspapermen are working to get out the Friday issue, the editors of western Nebraska are gathered for a social business session. Ole Buck of Alliance, grand secretary of the Nebraska press association; Bill Maupin, and Asa Wood of Gering; the members of the fraternity in Scottsbluff; Mark of Mitchell; Snow from Chadron and a bunch of other good fellows, but we won't be there to enjoy it. Some day Ole Buck will call one of those meetings for some other date than publication day, and when that glad day comes, we'll be there with bells on.

SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS ARRIVE

Ensign Henrietta Parkes and Lieutenant Helen Walenski, who have been at Hastings for over a year past, arrived in Alliance Thursday to establish a Salvation Army corps. A meeting of the Box Butte county advisory board was called by Chairman Robert Graham at the postoffice this morning, and practically the entire board attended.

A committee consisting of J. S. Rhein, Jessie Miller and Dr. H. A. Copsey was appointed to make arrangements for renting a building for headquarters for the corps. These men have been given full authority to enter into a contract. The building just vacated by the Brennan drug store is under consideration.

The drive to put over the Salvation Army quota in Box Butte county will be staged as soon as the corps is established and has begun work. The drive was scheduled to begin October 18, but the local advisory board delayed starting the ball rolling until Alliance received its post. There is no civic charitable agency in this city since the city mission was discontinued, and the Salvation Army will carry on the work for the entire community, and should easily receive sufficient support.

KILL BIG PORCUPINE CLOSE TO HEMINGFORD

Hemingford, Oct. 19.—Ben Peterson going to feed his horses found their legs up to the knees filled with porcupine quills. He also found one of the horses with his nose full of quills. He threw the horses and extracted the quills, some of which were more than three inches long. After a search of the neighborhood the porcupine was located. Unable to capture it on account of the quills, the men engaged in the chase finally shot the animal which weighed between fifty and sixty pounds. Old timers do not remember seeing a porcupine here before.—State Journal.

Mrs. Fred Hellings of Antioch came Tuesday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Doyle. Mrs. Hellings has been ill during the past week.

Master Lawrence Berry is reported to be improving.

HERALD SECURES LARGER QUARTERS

Burr Printing Company to Move to Masonic Temple Building About November 1.

Wednesday morning of this week, the Burr Printing company, publishers of The Herald, signed a five-year lease with the Masonic Temple Building association for the quarters formerly occupied by the A. H. Jones company garage. Carpenters are now at work making alterations in the building, lowering the basement floor to accommodate the large newspaper press, erecting partitions and cutting new windows in the side of the building. It is expected that the building will be in shape to occupy by the first of November.

For months the present quarters of The Herald have been inadequate to carry on our growing business. The new quarters are not only large enough for immediate needs, but there is ample room to take care of future expansion. During the past year The Herald has enjoyed an unprecedented growth in all lines of business, and the finding of a suitable location became imperative months ago. The building secured leaves nothing to be desired.

Our new typesetting machine was shipped from Brooklyn on September 30, and should arrive some time this month. We have been assured that an erector will be sent promptly upon the arrival of the machine, which will be erected in the new location. Following its arrival, the printing establishment will be moved. This is no slight task, but ample assistance will be secured to complete it in two or three days, thus assuring as little inconvenience to Herald patrons as possible.

In the new building, The Herald will have one of the best located and best arranged printing establishments in western Nebraska. Additional machinery and equipment has been ordered, and with two floors available, the plant can be arranged in the most efficient way. It is the plan of the owners to build up a printing establishment that will have no equal outside of the larger cities of the state, and the move to larger quarters is an essential step in the working out of this plan.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE ADJUDGED INANE

L. F. BARR, who attempted suicide at the Western hotel early Monday morning, was adjudged insane by the insanity board at a hearing held Wednesday morning. It has not yet been decided whether he will be sent to the state hospital. A brother lives in Ashby, and Mr. Barr himself owns property there near Hemingford. He had made his home in Alliance the past year.

Mrs. Marjorie W. Lanam, widow of Clyde C. Lanam, brakeman, who was killed four weeks ago at Ellsworth, when he was crushed between a freight car and engine tender, has received \$9,100 from the Burlington railroad company in settlement of

DAVIS HELD FOR DISTRICT COURT

Tells Court He Spent Last Cent in Buying Revolver to Protect His Money.

A man giving his name as Claude Davis was bound over for trial in district court Thursday afternoon, on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. He was arrested on a complaint sworn to by Thomas J. Smith, Burlington special agent, who picked up in the Burlington yards late Thursday morning. He was beating his way on the trains. Hearing was held in county court before Judge Tash Thursday afternoon. Davis entered a plea of guilty to the offense charged in the complaint.

When arrested, Davis was carrying a .44 Colt's Army revolver. He had no money or valuables in his possession. He told the court that the reason he had purchased a pistol was that he had been held up two or three times in the past few weeks and relieved of the money he carried, and that he purchased the revolver to protect himself. He said, further, that he had spent his last cent to buy a revolver, which reminded Judge Tash of the Irishman who sold his frying pan to get meat to fry.

The law provides a maximum penalty of a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or two years in the penitentiary for carrying concealed weapons. Exceptions are made where the defendant has employment which necessitates more than ordinary protection, or where he is carrying considerable valuables. Mr. Davis having spent his money for the gun, could not plead either of these in defense, and he was ordered held for trial at the next term of district court. Bail was set at \$100, which was not furnished.

FLEHARTY TO SPEAK AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Harry B. Fleharty of Omaha, prominent democrat, will address a democratic rally at the Imperial theater tonight. The meeting will be called to order at 9 p. m., following the close of the first show, and is open to every voter. It will be an opportunity not only to hear an entertaining address on the views of the present campaign, but will be perhaps the best chance before election for voters to become informed concerning the league of nations.

Women voters and men are alike interested in preventing war, and in avoiding the awful toll of human life and wealth that follow in the wake of such cataclysms. Patriots demand that you be informed concerning the league, and that you be able to vote intelligently upon a subject that has been misrepresented alike by its friends and its enemies. The discussion this evening will cover subjects upon which it is essential that every voter be informed.

Mr. Fleharty will attend the meeting of the Cox-Roosevelt club prior to the meeting at the Imperial.

MISS MINNIE RYAN DIED LAST NIGHT

Miss Minnie Ryan, aged twenty-five years, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Ryan, in this city at 10:55 last evening. Articular rheumatism was the cause of death. She was taken ill September 18, and had been on the road to recovery until yesterday.

Miss Ryan was born in Havelock, Neb., February 27, 1895. She leaves father and mother, two sisters, Mary Ryan and Rose McDonald; two brothers, Thomas and Dennis, all of whom live in Alliance.

The funeral services will be held from the Holy Rosary church at 9 o'clock Monday morning, with Father Manning in charge.

BAYARD TO MEET ALLIANCE SATURDAY

The football game Saturday between Alliance and Bayard should prove the biggest drawing card of the season. All the dope sheets say that Bayard is due to win the 1920 championship, but the Alliance boys have their eyes on the pennant, and tomorrow's game may result in a change of opinion. A special train will bring the Bayard team, rooters and a booster band. To date 263 have signed for the Bayard special, and Alliance hopes to get at least double that number of home spectators. Saturday is a hard day to get out a crowd, but this was the only vacant date on the Bayard schedule.

Principal Engleman of Crawford will umpire the game, the Broken Bow principal will referee and Principal Britt of Bridgeport will be head linesman. The spectators are requested to co-operate with the players and keep off the field during the game. The Bayard players insist that this rule be strictly observed.

The Bayard team has been attracting statewide attention the past few days, and have run up a nice string of victories, the team defeated by Kearney Military academy, 63 to 0; Chadron normal, 3 to 0; and the team held the Wesleyan team down to two touchdowns.

WOMEN VOTERS TO DISCUSS CANDIDATES

The league of women voters will meet at the home of Mrs. G. L. Fernald, 603 Laramie, Tuesday, October 26 at 2:30 p. m. State candidates will be discussed. Anyone having information for or against any candidate please bring it, and it will be considered. What we want to know is not what party shall we vote for, but what are the principles of the man we vote for. All women urged to attend.

Louis LaRiviere, father of Frank LaRiviere, was Thursday afternoon appointed special administrator of the estate of his son, who met his death a short time ago in a railroad accident. Mr. LaRiviere has made settlement with the railroad company for \$2,500.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brice of Lakeside a baby girl.

ARRESTS CLEAR BAYARD MYSTERIES

Authorities Discover Auto Thief King, Distillery and Hold-up of Poker Game.

Three mysteries are believed to have been cleared up by the arrest of John Bartling, well known around Bayard, and Harry Jones, who has lived at the Bartling home the past few weeks. These are the unusually large liquor supply of recent date, the large number of car thefts in the same period and the hold up of a poker party in which one man was dangerously wounded, says the Bayard correspondent to the State Journal.

In revenge against Bartling, whom Jones accuses of holding out on the division of profits, the latter unboasted himself to the officers who arrested the two on a charge of dealing in stolen automobiles. He declared the Bartling place was a rendezvous for auto thieves, for whom Bartling would sell cars on a fifty-fifty basis. Jones also stated that he had come from Nevada, Mo., to assist Bartling in operating a still and disposing of stolen automobiles, and that he could and would name a man declared to have delivered and started in operation some twenty stills between Casper, Wyo., and Bridgeport, Neb.

Jones further set forth that the men who owned the string of stills and who headed the automobile thief gang were the ones who held up the poker party and shot one of the players. On the night of the holdup, his story goes, the men came to the Bartling place, related details of the episode, exchanged their car for one Bartling claimed as his, and left early next morning for Denver.

Bartling and Jones are in jail here, charged with manufacturing and selling alcoholic liquors, and it is expected charges of automobile stealing will be filed against them.

Funeral of John Lingen.

Funeral services for John Lingen, city water commissioner, who died as a result of gunshot wounds inflicted by Leon Martinez, a Mexican, in Bayard Saturday night were held from the Presbyterian church in that city Wednesday afternoon. As a mark of respect for the official who met his death in upholding the law, Mayor Kemper and the city officials attended in a body, and the business houses of the city were closed during the funeral hour.

The Mexican bandit is still hovering between life and death at the local hospital, physicians entertaining little hope for his recovery. The wounded man still maintains that he was assisted in the shooting by his brother Pedro, but a round-up of "little Mexico" failed to reveal the missing brother or anyone who had seen him. There is a suspicion that the "little brother" is really a white man.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR COUNTRY CLUB

At a meeting held at the Elks club Thursday evening, some twenty men completed the formal arrangements for the organization of the Alliance Country club. It was decided to incorporate for \$15,000, and to limit the membership to one hundred. A membership committee will be appointed, which will work during the winter months, and as soon as the weather next spring permits, building of the club house will be started. The forty acres north of Broncho lake has been leased.

Present plans include the completion of the golf links, the construction of a club house, of a dock and boat house, of tennis courts and other necessary improvements. A private light and water plant will be installed, together with steam heat. The following officers were elected, to serve until the annual meeting of the club:

President—H. E. Gantz.
Vice President—Dr. J. P. Maxwell.
Secretary—Percy Cogswell.
Treasurer—Charles Brittan.
Directors—Earl Mallory, Charles Britton, Earl Meyer, B. J. Sallows, Fred Harris, Frank Abegg, W. B. Barnett.

Another meeting will be called for some day next week, at which a constitution and by-laws will be adopted.

Fire at the home of L. Griggs, 303 West Third street, about 9 o'clock this morning, burned a hole about two feet in diameter in the floor. Aside from smoke, no other damage was done. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Mrs. E. T. Ogel returned to her home in Blackton, Ia.

The Facts About the War Expenditures

Early in the game the Box Butte county republicans did not need to make a campaign. Like their presidential nominee, they took "a front porch position," and like their presidential nominee they have been smoked out. With their ink daubing calamity howling, they seek to obscure the real issues of the campaign and like their party leaders, they are looking backward, not forward. They chronicle the appalling and wanton waste of conducting the war—wasteful extravagance of conducting the cantonments on the coast plus plan.

There's considerable difference in the angle of looking at a thing. The man or woman whose son was on the battle line was always anxious that everything possible be done to carry the war to a speedy and successful conclusion. The man in uniform didn't stop to count the cost, either to himself or the nation. In those days, not a single protest was heard from anyone, democrat or republican, soldier or the man not in uniform who supported him. Those not in the service didn't look at the expenditure then or now from the same angle.

You don't hear any big howl about waste and extravagance going up from the man behind the gun, no matter what his politics are or what ticket he is supporting. The howl is merely political fireworks from the

men behind the men with the guns. They did not then, to any great extent, nor do they now realize one of the most serious problems of mobilization was to provide cantonments for the troops. Would any sane contractor gamble with the ever increasing cost of labor and materials and attempt to contract any building operation on any other plan?

Couldn't Await "Bargain Sales."

One of the typical charges made by the republicans is that the government purchased too much, yet no American father or mother would have wished the war prolonged and the lives of their soldier sons further endangered because of a pinch-penny policy in purchases. No one knew how long the war would last. The program of the United States was to move swiftly with men, money and materials and end it quickly—saving life and money in the long run.

The United States bought quickly at the best prices obtainable. It did not wait for "bargain sales" in guns, munitions or clothing, while its men at the front were fighting. It commandeered industry, hurriedly assembled supplies of war material, and bent every energy to bring the war to a decisive and early end. It was not a time for cheese-paring. The country would not have stood it.

Indisputable Facts

Offsetting the hundreds of printed

pages of partisan criticism and testimony filed by the investigating committees, after their costly "junkets" abroad and across this continent, and after a year of diligent "smelling," are these plain facts:

America won the war, and the public has shown no disposition to quibble over the cost of victory. Thousands of army and navy officers, democrats and republicans alike, were engaged in handling contracts involving expenditures of billions of dollars. Not one has been pointed out for prosecution by any of the investigating committees and in no instance has graft by a responsible official been shown. General Pershing, a republican, concluded his final report with praise for the co-operation of President Wilson and Secretary Baker.

The investigating committees refused to call General Pershing to testify regarding the conduct of the war, although he knew better than anyone what was done and how it was done. No legislature enactment has followed the report of any of the investigating committees. Their reports have been productive only of political debate in congress.

The report of one of the investigating sub-committees was so partisan and prejudiced that in the closing hours of congress it was rejected even by the republican mem-

bers of the full committee. This is an index of the nature of the inquiries. With more than fifty "smelling committees" at work, the orgy of investigation reach such a stage that an effort was made in the house to have appointed a committee named, "To Investigate Investigating Committees." It was killed by republican opposition.

It has cost the taxpayers probably two million dollars to satisfy republican craving for scandal with which to besmirch the honor and integrity of the nation, and to belittle the gallantry of American soldiers and sailors.

Net Result of Inquiries

Summed up, the net result of all the inquiries to date has been:
No scandal discovered.
No fraud unearthed.
No arrests made.
No punishments recommended.
No legislation suggested.
No criminal wastefulness shown.
Just millions of words of useless testimony and reports, printed at public expense.
Lucrative jobs for investigating "experts."
Pleasant "junkets" for the "smelling" committees.
A despicable attempt to make politics out of a war conducted by an administration which refused to think of political lines while it lasted.