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## ALLIANCE ELKS PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR DEAD

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eternity; it is the apogee of that highway upon which our departed friends have trod, and we who live after them can see the flowers which they have plucked along its hillside and the thorns with which they have been stung. From the noiseless chamber of the dead no sobs of sorrow, no heartaches over broken hopes, no anguish over aspirations unattained disturb the restfulness of their dreamless sleep. The starlessness of a black night does not mar or detract from the generous deeds which they performed while living. For the happiness they gave to others; and from their sunless supulchre there comes no cry of pain. Let us salute their memory!

"Death is the end of all sorrow; it secures happiness or ends suffering, it frees the slave from his master, opens the prison door, cures pain and closes the struggle of poverty. It is the last and best boon of nature for it is the emancipation of man from all his cares and is at worst but the close of a banquet we have all enjoyed.

"Death with a relentless tread has wandered into the forest of this order and hewed therefrom its sturdiest oaks and most promising saplings; plucked from it the buds of spring and the sear and yellow leaves of autumn. Men in the flush and morning of their manhood and others who had passed the meridian of life have been cut down by that inexorable and desolating law of nature which we call death. In this ceaseless carnage hearts are bleeding, wounds are made which never heal, and tears of sorrow make a furrow on the cheek of love. Mourned members of this order, whose names have been so tenderly announced, and faded away amid the scintillations of electric lights, have 'gone to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.'

"Whether their journey was only one stride across the imperceptible line of demarcation between two eternities, or whether a boundless unfathomable ocean stretches between these earthly shores and those invisible shores, we do not know!

"Whether after death they saw the glorious splendor of eternal life, or whether their ashes shall slumber in cold oblivion until the resurrection morn, we do not know!

"Whether from the narrow easements of their present habitation they respond to the memories which we arouse, or whether from a celestial horizon above they remember us as we remember them, we do not know!

"Whether death is but a journey in which the weary traveler sleeps beside the highway in an eternal rest, or whether it is only a hiatus along an endless path, we do not know!

"These are some of the unsolved and perplexing inquiries which the finite makes of the infinite, the interrogation point at which the simplest child and the profoundest philosopher must pause alike. As to what is after death, the peasant is as wise as the sage. The dead alone have solved the stupendous problem of immortality, it is beyond the living. For centuries life has implored death to echo back its destiny but through the corridors of ages no answer comes.

"If a man die, shall he live again?"

"Monuments of marble as chaste as an icicle that hangs on Diana's temple, will rear their spotless heights to heaven as an epitaph to genius. Poems will be written in the vigils of the night, shapeless marble metamorphosed into living entities that their creators may live in the niches of fame, and lives be sacrificed in senseless wars to immortalize ambition's child. But I would rather have as a monument to my memory such a tribute as is paid here today than all the shafts of marble reared at the altar of fame. To know that some loving hand will plant a flower upon a grave or some heart sorrow at a dissolution, is the greatest monument of all.

"I have stood under the shadows of a monument reared to the memory of Burns by his grateful countrymen, and in fancy heard the sad sea moan over his death; I have stood at the grave of Tasso and dreamed of his 'Jerusalem Delivered' while his resting place remained unmarked; I have stood in the gallery at Dresden, awed and enthralled with the transcendent genius of Raphael, as his divine creation of the Sistine Madonna burns her ineffable halo into the heart; I have leaned upon the marble balustrade of the Church of the Invalides, where sleeps the restless Napoleon; I have stood upon the spot where Caesar fell and have scaled the walls of the Coliseum and heard in fancy the protest of its silent stones against the crimes

of Roman brutality; I have been in the halls of the palace of a king decorated with the bloody trophies of a senseless war; but of all these tributes to greatness and genius which the present pays to the past, none can approximate in intensity and feeling that sentiment which prompts us with each coming year to stand in memory upon the edge of an unmarked grave and shed a tear for our unforgotten dead.

## MEMBERS IN FAVOR OF A HOME MAN FOR SECRETARY

Twenty-five members of the Alliance chamber of commerce met Monday noon for the first of their weekly luncheons in their new quarters above the Brennan drug store. The members were asked for their opinion as to whether the organization should employ a local or an outside man for secretary, and several applications for the place were read. The sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of a home man, and it is the intention of the board of directors to offer the place to an Alliance man whose application was presented. The club will have two rooms above Brennan's, one of which will be used for the secretary's office.

## SOUTH DAKOTA HAS ITS FIRST OIL WELL

The first producing oil well in South Dakota was brought in two miles southwest of Edgemont on Wednesday, December 1st, when French & Rossiter, drilling with a small rig on a 1,200-acre lease known as the Slocum lease, found oil in the Dakota sandstone at a reported depth of 700 feet.

The production is not known and only varied estimates have been made, running from 20 to 500 barrels. Conservative oil men estimate that the well will produce 100 barrels per day. The well had been financed by Hollingsworth interests, which are said to represent Omaha capital.

South Dakota is said to have offered a large cash premium for the first producing oil well. A claim will be made by French & Rossiter for this premium. That this well may prove an extension of the Mule Creek field is possible, located as it is twelve miles southeast from this field. Wildcatting is now going on at several points midway between Edgemont and the Mule Creek field, the closest production in the latter field being sixteen miles directly west of Edgemont, about 3,000 barrels per day being the reported daily production at this time. Should the new field prove to be an extension of Mule Creek it would make this one of the most extensive fields in the west.

## LAKESIDE

Eddie Tyler went to Hastings last Thursday.

Frank Pilch returned from Omaha one day last week.

We are sorry to have forgotten to give Mrs. Beck and the committee on the Red Cross work the credit due them during the last drive. In this small field they took in the sum of \$60.00.

Luther Phipps returned to his home at Whitman Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carey were business visitors Thursday.

Mr. Arthur Tyler and daughter, Marian, were Lakeside visitors Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Graybill and Mrs. J. L. Roe were Alliance visitors Thursday and Friday.

Alva Ash drove in from the ranch Thursday morning.

The ladies' aid society will have a box social and handkerchief bazaar December 10, at the church.

Mable Speer went to Hoffland Friday.

Ernie Weller and family moved to St. Paul the first of this week where they expect to farm next year.

Mr. Weller returned from an eastern trip last week.

Shorty Pryor was an eastbound passenger to Omaha Saturday.

Mrs. Ash and son were in from the ranch Saturday morning.

Heber Hord is in town on company business.

R. A. Westover and daughters have gone to keeping house in the Standard locality.

Frank Cody and son Ed. drove in from their ranch Saturday.

Mrs. Hazel Conner returned from a visit with friends in Alliance.

Lee Wells drove over from Pawlette last Thursday and returned home Friday.

Jake Herman was in from the

ranch Friday morning.

Wm. Wilson, salesman for Hitchcock Hill, was a Lakeside business visitor the latter part of last week.

Lon Trester was in from the ranch Friday.

Mrs. Leo Berry was an Alliance visitor Friday.

Walter Rice returned from Oregon Thursday.

Bill Shey and wife came down from Hoffland Saturday on No. 40.

R. D. Kirkpatrick returned from an eastern trip Saturday on No. 43.

Hans Peterson and a bunch of carpenters have been busy building cattle sheds on the Lakeside ranch, south of town, the last few days.

# Give Your Wife A Bank Account For Christmas

Some day you can buy that home or go into business for yourself when you get the big Bank Account.

At least you can save money and trouble by giving her or yourself a bank account and letting her write checks to pay bills. We help her to keep her accounts straight, and her checks are receipts.

Start a savings account for profit, it pays 5 per cent interest compounded December and June 1st. We will credit your Savings book with the December interest if you will bring the book in. Savings deposits made on or before December 10, will earn interest for all of December.

# The Guardian State Bank

Capital \$50,000.00  
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# Christmas Suggestions

At The  
**Horace Bogue Store**



## Christmas Gifts

at this store you will find gifts suitable

For All The Family



We have given much attention and care to the selection of our stock for the holiday season, and we now have the goods on display where you will find it easy to select a present that will be a pleasure to give and that will reflect pleasant thoughts of the giver many times. Here are a few suggestions:

Dalion Phonographs (prices now reduced); Cigars, Fountain Pens (Scheaffer and Waterman) Johnston's Candies and Chocolates, Fine Stationery, Pocket Books, Cameras, Photo Albums, Manicure and Ivory (in sets or separate) Perfumes, Books, Dolls, Teddy Bears, Etc.

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Gowns

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Silk

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Underwear

Fancy Linens

Fancy Towels Table Linens Lunch Cloths, Hand Bags Ribbons Traveling Bags