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AN EXPLANATION

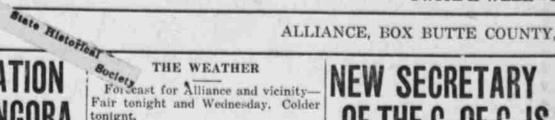
**OF THE ANGORA** 

**GAS EXPLOSION** 

PLAUSIBLE THEORY

ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1921

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who are financially able to thoroughly investigate the proposition. G. W. NATION.

the discoverer to Nebraska for it does

not even mention the state or country

in which the discovery must be made.

istance for a quarter of a century in

one form or another, and no one has

This standing offer has been in ex-

The state of Nebraska has a stand-G. W. NATION HAS DEVELOPED paid out of the state treasury by order of the governor if he is satisfied that **NO INDICATION THAT OIL EXISTS** coal has been found in a vein twentysix inches thick near enough the surface and of sufficient quantity to pay to mine. It does not matter, according Alliance Man Also Knows of the Existto the letter of the law, whether the coal thus discovered is in Alaska or Nebraska. The law does not confine

ence of Several Veins of Coal in Nebraska and May Lay Claim to State's Reward

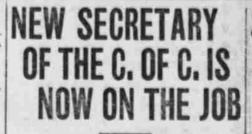
G. W. Nation of Alliance, in a communication to The Herald, furnishes a plausible explanation of the so-called "gas pocket" at Angora, which has caused considerable excitement in three feet thick, the reward is \$5,000. that part of the country on the theory It must go to the owners of the coal. that the presence of gas was an indication that there was a pool of petroleum underlying it. Mr. Nation law. For the discovery of oil or gas rather knocks the props out from un- the owners of the land are to have who are talking of drilling for oil, as has been found in several places in well as the Alliance men who are Nebraska but never in paying quanti- provement here. scurrying around grabbing leases on ties, nearby land, are equally out of luck.

Mr. Nation was at one time a coal miner, and it has been his experience, he says, that whenever blasting is done, be it earth or rock or coal, there remains a thick smoke of unexploded gases which will, if ignited, burn two or three minutes, This was the condition that existed at Angora, Mr. Na- Interest in City Manager and the tion believes, and the burning gas pocket in that event holds out no hope to the oil cathusiasts.

The Alliance man is also interested !

by the state of Nebraska for a coal m., less than 200 people in the city mine discovered within the state. Mr. had voted on the question. In the

if Mr. Nation knows of the existence tion had the business district covored activities. He stated that he did not that co-operative marketing pays them Eihaney, the law requiring a femining



BERS OF ORGANIZATION

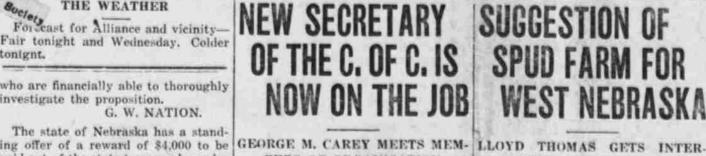
In Brief Address at Monday Luncheon Believes Legislature Should Encour-He Tells What He Expects to Do in Alliance

George M. Carey of North Platte, Lloyd C. Thomas of Alliance, former newly elected secretary of the Alliance nember of the house of representives chamber of commerce, was formally from the seventy-third district arintroduced to the members of the or- | fived in Lincoln, Thursday afternoon ganization at the Monday noon lunch- for a short business visit. Alliance is con. In a brief address, he told the making a campaign for the 1922 conmembers what he hoped to accomplish, vention of the Nebraska state volunand his program, as well as the man teer firemen's association and Mr. yet copped the prize. If the vein is himself, were given a most cordial Thomas visited a number of towns reception.

For the discovery of iron ore a rehas tentatively chalked down as need- tions to the different volunteer fire ward of \$2,000 is offered by the state ing attention ars the roads around departments to support Alliance at the Alliance. He's considerable of a good 1921 convention to be held at York der that belief, and if his theory is \$15,000 for finding one or the other or roads booster, and knows their value next month. the correct one, the Angora capitalists \$30,000 for the discovery of both. Coal as community assets. Incidentally, Mr Thomas believes that the comthere's ample opportunity for im- ing session of the legislature should

Mr. Carey told of his plans con- ture by the establishment of a potato

o-operation with the farmers and at an allitude of about four thousand ranchers. Letters will be sent out, in- fost and which have a soil heavily imiting them to attend and take part responded with potash salts, raise Motion for a Rehearing to Be Heard brasks Packing company, didn't even a the meetings, and they will be in-light amounts of the best kind of vited to affiliate with the organiza- polycers. Experiments have shown ion. Women will be urged to attend that the sails of these four counties in a story reprinted in The Herald to The special election being held to- and made welcome. He also plans with their relatively high potach conthe effect that some Oregon man is day is now occupying public interest to do something along the lines of teat, raise the best potatoes in the about to lay claim to a bouhty offered to the exclusion of all else At 2 p. vocational training and night schools. United States, both for quality and Onother thing he expects to do in- for keeping. The legislature could hancy, convicted of the saurder of Earl ance, and had no desire to present Onother thing he expects to do do not better investment than to B. Anderson two weeks ago, has not Scottsbluff with a project where onemine discovered within the state. Mr. had voted on the question. In the ship council, to be composed of three appropriate the few thousand dollars be and been cast where one-Nation knows of the location of sev- First ward, 11 votes had been cast ship council, to be composed of three appropriate the few thousand dollars be and been cast where one-merabers from the Rotary club. We necessary to establish a state experieral veins of coal which might be un to I o'clock; in the Second ward, members from the Rotary club, Wo- necessary to establish a state experiworked in paying quantities. One of 100 had been voted; in the Third, 61 man's club, volunteer firemen and oth- mental farm, to be conducted by the time Wedwill prohably be loard some paid in. ers who will meet with the board of university, for the purpose of going at will be passed. 



VIEWED IN LINCOLN

afe Counties Raising Average **Crops of Million Bushels** 

between his city and Lincoln on the Among the things which Mr. Carey road down, extending personal invita-

encourage western Nebraska agricul-

cerning the weekly luncheons. Begin- experimental farm in Western Nening next time, the food will begin brasks in talking on this subject he promptly at 12:05 p. m., and the meet- said: "Box Butte and Sheridan couning will be over in one hour. Speak- thes raise on an average a total of a will be warned to cut down their million bushels each of excellent unlks so as not to pass the dead line. Irrigated potatoes each year. Dawen

The new secretary is also strong on and Slaut counties, which are also



Thrift is not self-denial of the enjoyments of life. Thrift is the regulation of your income in such a manner that you can participate in the good things of life now and in the future by sensible distribution of spending and saving.

During the days of high wages and higher prices, when everyone spent freely and indulged in pleasures and conveniences that they never could afford before, the savings deposits in the banks of the country increased tremendously, particularly among wage earners. There was a chance for thrift and good living.

But if buying stops, transportation stops, production stops, work becomes scarce, wages come down, thousands are unemployed, and the chance for saving, thrift or the purchase of enjoyments and extra comforts become rare. When you stop buying, you put a "binger" on the bank-roll-on your bank-roll, on mine, on the man who buys from me, on the man from whom I buy, on the things that you are paid to make, and the boss who pays you to make them.

Who's the goat? You areeventually.



and Sentence to Be Passed Thursday

District court convened for a hort holders didn't approve of the idea in erm this morning, and business was the least. They had decided that the project couldn't be put across in Allitime Wednesday, after which sentence

Those who may possibly object that the some handbills early in the morning, monthly or weekly bulletin will be dis-tributed giving details of the did not that co-operative marketing pays them the company Mrs. Mcof proxies. It was found that a quorum escort in such cases. The escort has was present, something which the pronot yet been selected. moters of the company had not expected. Out of a total of 295 shares, An initiation of the Eastern Star 206 were represented at the meeting. will be held Tuesday at the Masonic Adjournment was taken until 1 p. m. Temple. A special invitation is issued George Platt, T. R. Enyeart, George to members to attend. L. Taylor, Charles Baldwin and Charles Moravek were chosen as election inspectors at the morning meeting.



STOCKHOLDERS WANTED THEIR 821/2 PER CENT

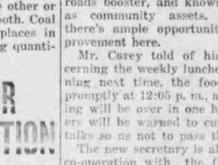
## NO VOTES CAST AGAINST PLAN

Hemingford Stockhelders Organize and Carry Meeting by Storm-Refuse to Listen to Proposal to Remove to Scottsbluff

The Alliance Packing company is no more. The organization that was to build a million dollar plant in this city, to serve the needs of stockmen in part of five states was dealt a knockout blow at the second annual meeting of stockholders, held at the armory in Alliance Monday morning and afternoon. Half a hundred farmers and stockmen from Hemingford, headed by Charles Hucke, one of the heavy cash investors in the concern and accompanied by William Mitchell, attorney for the dissatisfied stockholders, came into the meeting organized to get what they wanted, and they had not the least trouble in putting it across

When the votes were counted, not a ingle man was registered in favor of ceeping the company going, and President Plumbe's resolution to change the name of the concern to the Neret a second. This resolution was the first of a series which was designed to effect the removel of the base of operitions to Scottsbluff, but the stock-

The meeting was called for 10 a. m.,



Telephone Franchise Could Be Greater

explanation that it takes money to do ever, to give full details to parties who may be interested in developing NEW YEAR'S DAY WAS

these mines, and probably will receive offers. His letter follows: Alliance, Neb., Jan. 1 .- To the Edi-

tor of The Herald .- Dear Sir: The following statement will explain the discovery of "porket" gas in the vicinity of Angora a few days ago.

In blasting earth, rock or coal there often remains after the explosion a thick smoke of unconsumed gases that will, while thick and warm, readily take flame from the light of a match or torch and will burn from one-half to three minutes, and may at times produce a fierce explosion in coal mines if there be much dust about.

When I used to mine coal, after firing a blast I always tried and generally did fire and burn the secondary gases that formed from the unconsumed powder smoke.

Also, in the matter of the state of Nebraska offering a reward of \$4,000 to the first discovery of a vein of good coal not less than 26 inches thick, I will say there are several veins of coal in Sioux county, but the thickest is four inches. There are also veins of a to accompany them to the station. She

been taken out five years when I got kitty for a few minutes. ít

There is a railroad fifteen miles NOW THE NORTHWESTERN from this coal field. A line extended to it would follow the valley of a stream and for most of the way the only grading needed would be to lay the ties and throw some dirt between them.

There is also a virgin undeveloped oil field at the same locality.

Then, if I am in possession of the above facts, why haven't I developed panies operating throughout the states this field before now? Because, I of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North have not been in a financial condition and South Dakota were consolidated to do so, and as it is probable I will under the one name. No change was not now be able to do so alone it is made in officers or headquarters, as

of coal fields, he would have devel- with arguments for their side of the these things and the Alliance man friends of the plan are willing to con- time to time. hasn't been sufficiently well heeled to cede defeat, but on the other hand,

**GELEBRATED BY A FEW** 

New Year's isn't the same sort of

be procured without mortgaging the old homestead to pay the vintner. However, there were a few who managed to get cargoes aboard, but these men, for the most part, remained off the streets, and if they did any singing, did it quietly.

Last Saturdy night, the police were called to the roof garden to take care

of one gentlemen who was unable to manage himself. He was taken to jail, and the next morning meekly anwered to the name of John Doe, after wasn't acceptable to the court. Un-

der the name of John Doe he was fined \$50 and costs, and that is the name under which the fine was paid, altho he had a familiar face

The cops also invited a young lady few inches in the southeastern part was was in the passenger station, hav-brought up before, but the two trains German competition. inch vein of fair quality of coal in the the police saw her. Inasmuch as they there was n ocontract to carry mail on northeastern part of the state, and had warned her to leave town on them until it was certai nthey would prices and many of them are facing good coal eighty miles as the crow fore escorted her to outgoing trains, take the matter up with the postal are causing many of them to market flies from Alliance, but it is 8 miles in Chief Jeffers didn't mince matters. authorities and the railroad. He gave her her choice of jail or else-

Judging from surface indications where, and when she refused to do and the contour and elevation of the opposition to her will, to the city basland I think it may extend a number either, escorted her, very much in of miles into Nebraska. I had a tile, where she suffered a change of sample of this coal about the size of heart and decided to depart. The an egg for more than five years. It girl was but eighteen years of age, was then in good condition and had but she put up a scrap like a wild united in marriage at the home of the



The telephone company here will roses. After the ceremony an elaborhenceforth be known as the North- ate dinner was served to the immediwestern Bell Telephone company, hav-

ing changed its name January 1. On that date the three Bell com-

Denver and Mrs. Fleak of Rocky Ford. The young couple legt on the midnight train for Denver and other Colorado points.

HALL-BEVINGTON.

Albon Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.

A. Hall of this city, and Miss Esther

Bevington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

W. M. Bevington of this city, were

bride's parents, January 1 at 6 o'clock,

by Rev. A. J. Kearns. They were at-

ttended by Elizabeth and Lawrence

Card of Denver, cousins of the groom.

The ring ceremony was used. The

bride wore a beautiful gown of white

satin and carried a bouquet of bride's

ate relatives. The out-of-town guests

were Mrs. Card, son and daughter of

Mrs. Coutant arrived from Hot for this reason I have concluded to the companies for many years have Springs, S. D. Monday for a visit with day, where he was called on account certainly does not signify that the stock in the new company they would

intend to give more than an idea of big returns. A state experimental farm oped them long ago, are met with the question. Despite these evidences of the work that might be done, and that would assist in showing them that by interest, the vote haven't grown. Some additional reports will be made from properly selecting seed and with the proper preparation and care of the

Earl Mallery spoke for the board of soil, it is just as easy to raise 150 and go ahead with them. He offers, how- the opponents were none too confident. directors. The weekly luncheons have 200 bushels per acre as it is 75 to done more to enlist the co-operation 100. "If the state of Nebraska decides to

of the whole membership than any other one thing, he said. He empha- give the ex-service men the financial sized the fact that the board of di- support they should receive," said Mr. rectors do not want to do it all. The Thomas, "it could do nothing better

chamber of commerce was never need- for them than to assist them in seed more than it is right now, he de- curing western Nebraska land and in holiday that it used to be in the clared, and of every member will have improving and cultivating it. There days when liquid refreshments could a personal responsibility much may are still hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile, untilled soll in the

be ccomplished. John S. Rhein endorsed Mr. Mal- western portion of the state, waiting lery's remarks and declared that for the farmer to make them produce, while the chamber of commerce had These lands can be purchased cheaply been considered as representing chief- and on easy terms. Many Nebraska exly the directors, this was not the case. service men look with longing eyes to-He said some good words for the wards the western end of the state new secretary, and believed that with and the opportunities there for builda definite program, such as Mr Carey ing homes for themselves, but they had outlined, the chamber of com- lack the comparatively small amount merce would be able to get some- of capital needed to make the start. where, provided every member does his share. The new secretary has the the western end of the state is al- was making naughty eyes at Scotts- company to die. "Stick to your comhe found out that the name Jones unlimited confidence of the board, he most completely shut down, we believe bluff, but up to a day or so ago, the pany now," he said, "when there is said, and commended him to the en- that the incoming congress will estab- sugar city simply wouldn't acknowl- need for firmness if we are to hold the lish a tariff that will allow our in- edge it. tire membership.

E. G. Laing brought up the fact that dustry to operate at a reasonable train No. 40 does not carry parcel profit, which it has a hard time in carried directly to that point and then to produce it. The Nebraska industry States to allow it to be strangled by "The stockmen of western Nebraska

their stock at a heavy loss, although the bankers of the state are apparently doing their best to help in a difficult situation.

"Another proposition that will come before the legislature at this term will be the proposition of extending aid to some of the weaker counties of the state in the building of the state roads. A number of the small sandhill counties are inaccessible by road at the present time. The Potash highway of Nebraska, extending from Grand Island westward along the Burlington, will traverse some of these counties. It is expected that delegations from this territory will visit Lincoln during the session and explain their situation to the legislators."

W. E. Cutts returned from Lincoln and Giltner, Nebr. He was called to Giltner by the death of his brother-inlaw, Tom Howard.

her son and daughter of this city. of the serious illness of his mother.

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along with the two other newspapers their minds already made up as to of that city has been trying hard to what the would do. Mr. Plumbe's admaintain an air of mystery concern- dress concerned largely the feasibility ng the chances of that city to secure of the proposal, despite the hard blow acking plant, has finally come out told of some of the difficulties of ornto the open and admitted that the ganizing the company, and of the implant they have been expecting to possibility of getting a satisfactory cop is the Alliance Packing company, board of directors. The reason for Alliance newspapers and readouts lack of greater progress was, he said, have known for some weeks that a lack of "esprit de corps." He pleaded "Although the potash industry of one of the officers of the company with the stockholders not to allow the

The Star-Herald takes occasion to mistake-there are advantages and reply to an article in one of the Alli- gains made that will take years to rethere were some people who thought he had a familiar face post mail, and that packages mailed doing now with German potash com-he had a familiar face points east as far as Seneca are ing in at a price less than it costs us Scottsbluff didn't watch out, it would with you men here today. You have find a packing company in swaddling everything to lose and nothing to gain back over the same line the next day is too valuable an asset to the United clothes left on its doorstep. The Alli- if you desert your company now." ance newspaper hinted that the pack-| Mr. Plumbe reviewed the results of

> polis of the North Platte valley. This they still needed a market near at Here's what they said about it: "The proposal of the securing of a

packing plant for Scottsbluff which miles. has been 'in the lap of the gods' for

some time, now appears to be approaching a definite outcome. Alliance, to do collectively what they had agreed plant, naturally looks with disfavor failed, he said, to get behind the packupon its proposed removal to Scottsbluff, and the Times of that city prophesies in so many words, that possible in Scottsbluff.

In the first place it would assume by of a community. He urged that the comparison that the two cities are stockholders vote to remove the plant equal, when the fact is that despite there, and then played his trump card. its much later start as a municipality Mr. Plumbe proposed, in behalf of gained, finally caught up with and has ers to cut down their investment to most emphatically outdistanced Alli- such an amount as they believed they

same would be true in Scottsbluff."

At the afternoon session, R. COMES OUT OF THE BUSH Plumbe, the organization president, made an address which lasted some

two hours, and was given a most The Scottsbluff Star-Herald, which, courteous hearing by the men who had certain unnamed million - dollar dealt by the financial stringency. He advantages we have gained. Make no

ing plant wouldn't go here, and the recent increase in freigh, rates to wouldn't do much better in the metro- the stockgrowers, pointed out that wounds the sensibilities of the Scotts- hand. He described the plan in use in bluffers, and they drop their disguise 1,791 independent packing plants in in their haste to boost their city. the United States, and drew a picture of increased profits for livestock men within a radius of several hundred

In closing, Mr. Plumbe charged that the merchants of Alliance had failed the first site selected for the proposed to do as individuals. The city has ing plant, and success without local support and co-operation is impossible. He then told of the offer made by what was apparently impossible to ac- Scottsbluff-a suitable site at low cost, complish in Alliance, will also be im- a satisfactory board of directors, sewerage and water facilities, good rail-

"That is neither correct nor logical. road trackage, and the united support Scottsbluff from its inception steadily the fiscal agency, to allow stockholdance in population, business, banking could carry. At the time they made and commercial interest generally. Be- their purchases of stock, money was cause a matter of big business drags plentiful. Now it is tight. He of-

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