

FOUR HUNDRED TEACHERS ARE GUESTS OF CITY

NORTHWEST SECTION OF STATE ASSOCIATION HERE

At Least 450 Expected to be on Hand for Last Day of the Convention Tomorrow

Alliance is host this week to the northwest section of the Nebraska state teachers' association, and has extended a most hearty welcome to its guests. The chamber of commerce has taken upon itself the providing of quarters for the visiting teachers; a large number of the merchants have made special decorations and are offering special values, and the teachers themselves are finding something every minute to occupy their attention. A big three-day program has been arranged for the meeting which is the first time the northwest section has ever met apart from the rest of the association.

At noon today there were 390 who had registered their names at headquarters at the Alliance hotel, but every incoming train brings more teachers and it is expected that there will be from 450 to 500 here for the last day's program Saturday. The chamber of commerce has plenty of rooms to take care of all the visitors, and every train has been met by Alliance citizens with automobiles who help the teachers get located for the convention.

Teachers are present from practically every city in northwestern Nebraska, the nearby cities sending large delegations. Among the towns represented are Scottsbluff, Morrill, Genoa, Crawford, Chadron and Broadwater. The largest delegations are from Scottsbluff and Chadron.

Big Program Prepared.

The three-day program is filled with addresses by leading educators of Nebraska, as well as a number of entertainments. Dean Charles Fordyce of the college of education of the University of Nebraska; Dr. Hugh S. Magill, field secretary for the national education association, and Dr. Lida B. Earhart, professor of elementary education in the teachers' college of the state university, figure prominently in the program.

The convention began this morning in earnest, Thursday being largely devoted to registering the arrivals. Friday morning a session was held in the Imperial theatre at 9 o'clock, at which time addresses were given by Miss Margaret Fedde, chairwoman of the department of home economics, University of Nebraska; Dean W. T. Stockdale of Chadron state normal, and Dean Fordyce of the state university. Music under the direction of Miss Anna Booth of Alliance and half an hour of community singing were other attractions.

This afternoon five sectional meetings were held, the home economics teachers meeting at the Methodist church; the primary section at the Central school; high school section at the high school; rural school section at the court house and the grammar grades section at the Presbyterian church.

This evening the Schoolmen's club will banquet at the Alliance hotel Fern Garden from 5 to 8 p. m.

Tomorrow another session will be held at the Imperial theatre in the morning, with addresses by Dr. Earhart; Hugh S. Magill. In the afternoon the various sections will hold special meetings.

R. I. Elliott Talks to Lions Club at Thursday Luncheon

The Alliance Lions club held one of its most enthusiastic meetings Thursday noon. There was a special program presented for the members. Rotarian R. I. Elliott, president of the Chadron state normal and president of the northwest section of the state teachers' association, now in convention here, talked to the club on community co-operation. Two readings were given, "Billy Brand and the Big Lie," and "Beyond Endurance." Organizer William Mills of the Lions International was a special guest and gave a short talk following the dinner.

Three Ranchers File Suits Against Railroad For Prairie Fire Loss

Damage suits aggregating over \$5,000 were filed in district court this week by three ranchers against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company. The ranchers allege that the railroad company was responsible for the prairie fire last week which burned a considerable amount of hay south of Alliance.

Mel L. Liggett has filed a claim for \$3,250; Hall & Granham ask \$2,475, and Fannie Shanklin sets the amount of her loss at \$896.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday. Cooler west portion Saturday.

To Collect Funds To Square Deficit of Salvation Army

At a meeting of the Box Butte county Salvation Army advisory board held at the chamber of commerce rooms at 10 a. m., yesterday, it was decided that, despite the fact that the Army is to withdraw its post from this city, the campaign for funds, started some months ago, will be completed. The drive covered only a small part of the city.

The three Salvation Army girls who are in the city will take charge of the solicitation for funds. There is at present a deficit of some \$650, and it is believed that the drive will bring in sufficient money to meet all indebtedness.

It should be understood that while the girls are doing the work of solicitation, they have the backing and support of the advisory board, consisting of twenty business men of the city. It is announced that those who did not come through with contributions during the first section of the drive will be the first ones visited.

A Complaint That Health Regulations Are Being Violated

A complaint was filed in county court Tuesday against Frank Brandell, charging him with violations of the health regulations. Brandell, it is charged, was under contract with the Burlington to remove the carcasses of dead animals from its property. For a time he conducted a rendering plant outside the city limits, but of late it has not been profitable to conduct it. The occasion of the filing of the complaint was the dumping of twenty-five sheep near the slaughter house. Mr. Brandell has promised to dispose of the carcasses, and also a good many more that are now piled near the rendering plant.

Frank Abegg, J. S. Rhein, K. R. Hamilton, Edwin M. Burr, Calvin D. Walker and George M. Carey drove to Bayard Wednesday where they assisted in welcoming a new Lions club into the fold.

Candidate O'Keefe States His Position On Affairs of City

A report is being circulated that I, together with other candidates for Councilman, have agreed on a selection of a City Manager. It is a poor policy to cross a bridge before coming to it and in this instance I will say for the benefit of the voters who may be influenced by such a report that I have not, and until elected, will not give such a matter any consideration. Should it be my pleasure to assist in the appointment of a City Manager the voters may be assured my selection will be one that will merit the approval of the majority of citizens, property owners and taxpayers of the City of Alliance.

Other reports are to the effect I am not a property owner, that I am young and inexperienced. For the information of the voters will say that I own an equity in my home, am rearing a family and trying to establish a successful business, a fairly responsible undertaking for one of my years. Our family owns nine dwelling houses and one business building in the city and even though individuals take exception to my candidacy because I have not acquired in my own name any considerable amount of property, they will probably concede I would not act contrary to the best interests of the citizens, and property owners and taxpayers. My interests are in the city of Alliance and I am ready for any service which will enable me to become a more useful citizen.

As for experience I may state I successfully discharged the duties of the Chief Clerk in the Department of State of the State of Nebraska for about three years, resigning that position to enter the United States Army. I have probably had as much experience as the ordinary individual of my age and working in harmony with the older and more experienced members of the city council believe that in addition to rendering the city an efficient service, can fit myself for the duties of an active and good citizen of Alliance which I trust I shall always be.

There is one matter on which I have decided definitely and if elected I pledge myself to work for the interests of the citizens and property owners of the east side of the city, and try and obtain for them improvements they have so long desired.

W. L. O'KEEFE.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Mitchell returned Thursday from an extended wedding trip through Colorado and Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. George Melbourne and Mrs. Ida Wyckoff left Thursday for their homestead near Dewey, S. D.

STATE LEGION TO HOLD MEETING AT ALLIANCE

WILL VISIT ALLIANCE POST ON APRIL 25

One of a Series Held to Arouse Patriotism and Combat German Propaganda

A great 100 per cent Americanism mass meeting will be held in Omaha on April 18, according to announcement from state headquarters of the American Legion. Commander Robert G. Simmons and Adjutant Frank B. O'Connell of the department of Nebraska will be present and National Commander Galbraith will be invited to make the principal address. This meeting will be one of a series held throughout the United States under the auspices of the legion to arouse patriotism and combat the mass of German propaganda which is inundating the country. Post Commander Harry Byrne and Dr. E. C. Henry, chairman of the state Legion Americanization committee, are in charge of the Omaha meeting.

Following the big demonstration in Omaha, Commander Simmons and Adjutant O'Connell, together with a representative of national headquarters will start a statewide tour of Legion posts. They will study local conditions at first hand, and address meetings at various points in Nebraska. The entire party will visit the posts at Norfolk, April 20; Alliance, April 25; Kearney, April 28; Falls City, April 30. The party will be divided and one or more of the officials speak at the following points, according to the tentative schedule:

On April 19 at Tekamah, Fullerton and Blair; April 21, Neligh, Plainville and Wayne; April 22, Ainsworth, Valentine and O'Neill; April 23, Chadron, Crawford and Rushville; April 26, at Broken Bow, North Platte and Sidney; April 27, St. Paul, Ogallala and Lexington; April 28, David City, McCook and Superior; April 30, Arapahoe.

Potato Acreage Is To Be Increased For Coming Year

Many western potato growers are materially increasing their acreage in anticipation of a reaction resulting in a good demand and better prices again next year, according to reports of inspectors to the bureau of markets of the Nebraska department of agriculture.

Shipments in the United States have been unusually heavy this year, the department announces. During the week ending March 19, 3,635 cars were shipped as compared to 2,552 cars during the corresponding week last season. Nebraska growers contributed 3,000 cars of the total of 158,214 shipped up to March 19.

Up to date, the bureau of markets has inspected 2,810 cars of potatoes and it is expected that the total number of car lot shipments for the season will exceed the 3,000 mark. The total inspections for last season were 1,718. The bureau has twenty-six potato inspectors located at the principal shipping points in the state.

The cars inspected this season were graded as follows: No. 1, 2,157 cars; No. 2, 630 cars; mixed or manufacturing, 25 cars; shipped for seed, 421 cars. About 76 per cent of the shipments rank as Grade No. 1. The Early Ohio are found in the greatest quantity.

Another Prairie Fire Does Much Damage to Hay Over Wide Area

The second big prairie fire within the last week started Tuesday morning on a ranch eleven miles south of Hay Springs. A rancher was burning a collection of tumbleweeds, and the blaze was beyond his control within a short time. The fire started to spread about 11 o'clock, and it was 8 p. m. before it was extinguished. During this time it burned over an area over a mile wide and nearly as far as Lake side. The strong wind fanned the flames, which traveled with incredible speed.

The extent of the damage has not been reported, but hundreds of tons of hay were burned. In some instances, the fire threatened ranch and farm houses, but fire guards were established and only a few small buildings caught fire.

Ranchers in the fire district tell of herds of cattle which were panic stricken by the flames and sought refuge in the small lakes.

Miss Ruth Pickereff of Chadron, spent a few days this week with Mrs. J. M. Simpson. She left Thursday for Whitman to visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McKune left Thursday morning for their homestead near Dewey, S. D.

Dr. Baldwin of Hay Springs was an Alliance visitor Thursday.

DR. JEFFREY IS SERVING "TIME" IN CASPER JAIL

HEAD OF WYOMING CHIROPRACTORS ACCEPTS SENTENCE

No Appeal Taken From Verdict of Jury by Former Alliance Man—A Matter of Principle.

Dr. J. H. Jeffrey, head of the Wyoming association of chiropractors, formerly of this city, is now engaged in serving a ninety-day jail sentence imposed by the district court on a charge of practicing medicine without a license. The doctor voluntarily accepted the jail sentence and announced that he would not appeal the case to the supreme court, believing that it would be to the best interests of his profession to adopt this attitude. Two or three times the doctor has been arrested in Casper, where there has been considerable persecution of the chiropractors, and it is quite probable that Dr. Jeffrey's decision will have an important bearing on legislation legalizing the profession.

In Wyoming, the law relative to the practice of medicine is so worded that there was nothing for the jury to do, under a plain interpretation of the statute, but bring in a verdict of guilty. In Wyoming, as in Nebraska, there are efforts being made to have the legislature make some provision for the chiropractors, and Dr. Jeffrey's attitude will undoubtedly do much to hasten matters.

Unfortunately for his Alliance friends, the incarceration comes at just the wrong time. Dr. Jeffrey had announced his intention of making a rather extended visit to Alliance as soon as spring had officially arrived, during which he intended to put his knowledge of the great game of golf at the disposal of his friends. The ninety-day sentence plays hob with this plan, and the golf fans are disappointed. Harry Gantz, it was reported yesterday, is preparing a petition to the Wyoming court asking that the doctor be permitted to serve his sentence under the custody of the Alliance Country club, the idea being that he would be under constant surveillance on the links and taken in charge by his friends each evening. Such a proposition might do the business.

Apparently, other chiropractors in Casper are still attending to their practice. Dr. Jeffrey, as head of the state association, was selected as the victim of those who desired to put a stop to the chiropractic competition, and instead of doing as most men would have done under similar circumstances—appealing the case to the supreme court, where, under the present wording of the law, defeat was almost certain, Dr. Jeffrey has appealed to public sentiment by voluntarily going to jail.

Dr. B. G. Hahn, a chiropractic comrade, has announced that he will care for Dr. Jeffrey's patients while the latter is in durance vile, and that he will give all fees received to the doctor. An advertisement lists the "chiropractors still at large" and advises friends to "keep smiling."

In reporting the sentencing of Dr. Jeffrey the Casper Daily Tribune says:

Dr. J. H. Jeffrey, president of the Wyoming Chiropractic association and wealthy Casper practitioner, elected to follow the closest text of the law after having been convicted in district court on a charge of practicing medicine without a license and without a quiver accepted the judgment of the court, which causes his incarceration in the county jail for a period of ninety days.

Sentence was imposed by Judge C. O. Brown, the presiding jurist, at noon today when Dr. Jeffrey refused to plead for leniency of the court and announced that he was satisfied with the manner in which the case was handled and that from the principles involved he would not take the case to the supreme court.

Judge Brown then announced that Dr. Jeffrey's decision changed the whole complexion of the sentence he had prepared as he intended to assess a small fine thinking that the case would eventually be taken to the supreme court. Realizing that no matter what fine was assessed Dr. Jeffrey would elect to serve the time out at a dollar a day he announced that he would name a straight jail sentence.

A pathetic scene was enacted in court when Dr. Jeffrey accepted the sentence of the courts and announced that he was satisfied with the decision. Many spectators, some of whom have been clients of Dr. Jeffrey and most of them women, visibly showed the effects of the decision.

Before starting his sentence Dr. Jeffrey asked for a few hours in which to right his affairs so that he could serve his sentence without jeopardizing his other interests. This permission was readily granted by Sheriff Leo Martin in whose hands he was placed.

Counsel in the case which has made a complete test of the state law included ex-Governor Tom Morris of Wisconsin, international counsellor of the United Chiropractic association, whose headquarters are in LaCrosse; George W. Ferguson of Casper, for

the defense and Attorneys Hal Curran and C. D. Murane for the state. Mr. Ferguson asked permission to address the court before sentence was passed and was granted the right.

Stating that the defense had no criticism to make of the way the case was handled, Mr. Ferguson exploded the bombshell when he announced that despite his persuasion Dr. Jeffrey had elected to serve the sentence of the court in jail, thus letting the law take its full course.

"My client absolutely refuses to do anything to mitigate the severity of this law because he still feels he has committed no crime," Mr. Ferguson announced.

"If that is the attitude of the defense," responded Hal Curran of state counsel, "we will ask for a maximum sentence both in jail term and in fine, and withdraw our recommendation for a minimum fine which we hoped would place ultimate decision of this case up to the supreme court."

"I have come to a decision on the principles involved in this case and in deciding to accept the jail sentence I am going against the advice of my counsel," said Dr. Jeffrey when asked by Judge Brown if he had anything to say before sentence was passed.

"I have no fault to find with the jury's verdict. The court and counsel for the state were eminently fair and I firmly believe that I was strongly defended. My decision is not a display of belligerent opposition to the court's decision.

"I do not believe that the case will justify a fine and I prefer to serve my sentence as any other ordinary prisoner."

Judge Brown announced his regret at the decision of the defendant, stating that he had intended to impose a slight fine believing that this action would take the case to the supreme court for decision of the principles involved.

"Upon your decision, Mr. Jeffrey, I will make it a straight jail sentence and remand you to serve a sentence of 90 days in the county jail," was the statement made by the court.

In an interview after sentence had been pronounced, Attorney Hal Curran said, "I regret like the very devil to see Dr. Jeffrey go to jail. I believed that the case would be carried to the supreme court where the equity of the case could be fully threshed out. I would rather serve that sentence myself than see the defendant go to jail."

"I accepted the sentence in behalf of the principles of chiropractic," said Dr. Jeffrey. "The time was not ripe to carry it to the supreme court, where the decision in this case might be upheld, working to the detriment of chiropractors all over the state. In the next two years things will be changed to obviate the necessity of such action."

Precinct Assessors Decide on Basis of Livestock Valuation

The precinct assessors of Box Butte county, called into conference by County Assessor John Pilkington, met at the court house Wednesday afternoon and decided upon the basis of valuation for livestock. With but one exception, every precinct assessor was present at the meeting. The following schedule was adopted:

Yearling steers, \$25 to \$35; yearling heifers, \$20 to \$25; two-year-old steers, \$40; two-year-old heifers, \$25 to \$35; three-year-old steers, \$50 to \$60; cows and calves, \$35; dry cows, \$30; milk cows, \$45 to \$60; registered bulls, \$50 to \$100; grade bulls, \$50; fat cattle, 7 cents per 100 pounds; yearling colts, \$6 to \$15; work horses, \$80 up and down; range horses, \$10 to \$25; yearling mules, \$25 up and down; two-year-old mules, \$40; three-year-old mules, \$60; work mares, \$70; dogs, \$5; poultry on hand, \$5 per dozen; hogs, all ages, 7 cents per 100 pounds; sheep and goats, \$1 to \$5.

The assessors have decided among themselves to get even with the men who neglect to list their automobiles, or those who list one, but fail to mention one or two others around the place. Hereafter, the assessors will have a list of the automobile licenses and to whom they are issued, and if any taxpayer neglects to mention the fact that he has a car, his automobile will be assessed at the price of a brand-new model of the same make.

This year the precinct assessors have a special duty to perform. Under the provisions of House Roll No. 524, Session Laws 1915, they will compile a list of all ex-soldiers and sailors residing in Box Butte county, showing their names, addresses, the war in which they served, their regiment, company, ship or battery; the state from which they enlisted; as well as the number of those who served overseas.

Two Alliance Students Winners in District Declamatory Contest

Alliance high school students scored a victory in two of the classes at the district declamatory contest, held at the Imperial theatre yesterday afternoon. Miss Violet Walker was given first place in the dramatic class, and Sterling Harris was the winner in the oratorical class. These two students will represent Alliance in the state contest, to be held within a few weeks.

MARVIN TILBER HAS ONCE MORE DESERTED WIFE

PAROLED CONVICT FROM BOX BUTTE SOUGHT

History Has Repeated Itself in the Case of Man Sent to Pen For Grand Larceny

Another illustration of the manner in which the beneficent parole system actually works out came to the attention of County Attorney Lee Basye this week, when he received a letter from the woman who married Marvin Tilber, paroled convict, sent to the penitentiary from this county some months ago when he pleaded guilty to the theft of the W. W. Norton automobile.

Tilber had been in the penitentiary only a few months when efforts were made to have him paroled. At that time, the state board of pardons was not so anxious to get the opinion of the prosecuting attorney and the trial judge as they appear to be of late, and due to the efforts of certain reformers in University Place and Lincoln, the parole was granted. Mr. Tilber apparently made good use of his time, for the letter received by the county attorney bears the news that he was married last September, a month after he was paroled. The letter follows:

"Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Mr. Lee Basye, Alliance, Nebraska.—I write to you for information, feeling at the same time as though I am taking a chance, but will undertake it anyway. My husband, Marvin Tilber, convicted for grand larceny from Box Butte county, who was let out on parole August 7, broke his parole December 12, and left the country. I have not seen or heard from his since.

"What I would like to know is was there a trial held over his stealing this Ford. He told me he did not have a trial, that he went and pleaded guilty, and was told if he had given the names of the men who disappeared with the car he would not have been sentenced to the pen.

"Please give me all the information if possible for you to do so. We were married on September 5, 1920, at University Place. Naturally I am a heart-broken woman, and those who had so much confidence in him and worked hard to get him out on parole are much disappointed."

County Attorney Basye has replied, but his letter does not hold out much hope for the victim. Mr. Basye said that he was not particularly surprised to learn of Tilber's disappearance, as it was in conformity with his actions while a resident of Box Butte county. While living in Alliance, Tilber was married, and about the time his baby was born, stole a car and left the country. Nothing was heard from him for a long time. He happened to come to the city at the time a carnival was on, and was arrested. He pleaded guilty to stealing the car and declared that he wanted to go to the penitentiary, as he felt sure he would kill his brother-in-law if he stayed here. His wife brought suit for divorce, and her plea was granted. Mr. Basye expressed some surprise that a woman would marry a paroled convict, but promised to forward any information that he might receive.

\$6,000 Damage Claim Filed Against Estate of Oscar O'Bannon

Ray Aspden, living four miles northeast of Alliance, Thursday filed a claim in probate court against the estate of Oscar O'Bannon in the sum of \$6,165 for injuries and damage to property resulting from the fatal accident in which Oscar O'Bannon was killed on the night of January 19, 1921. Mr. Aspden was driving the Chevrolet car which was struck by the automobile driven by O'Bannon. His car was hurled across the road by the force of the impact and he was cut about the face and his arm injured.

The items listed in the claim are as follows: Loss of time, \$500; doctor's bill, \$65; nursing bill, \$100; damage to automobile, \$500; pain and suffering and permanent disability, \$5,000; total, \$6,165.

In his petition, Mr. Aspden alleges that he has suffered a permanent facial disfigurement and nervous and physical injuries; that the accident so damaged his automobile that it is useless and beyond repair; that he received severe cuts on his face resulting in permanent disfigurement, great humiliation and mental pain and agony; that his arm was injured, causing him great pain, suffering and loss of time; and that he was under the care of a physician for five weeks, during which time he was unable to work at his trade, the breaking and tanning of horses.

Miss Bertha Wilson formerly commercial teacher in the Alliance high school, is an Alliance visitor.

Maude Nason is visiting with Miss Leila Cutts during the week end.