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## J. A. GREGORY IS FOUND DEAD AT KILPATRICK'S

### FARM HAND COMMITTED SUICIDE BY HANGING.

#### No Reason for the Deed Known—Owner of 240 Acres of Box Butte County Land.

J. A. Gregory, a farm hand employed at the Kilpatrick ranch, twenty-two miles west of Alliance, was found by other ranch employees shortly after 5 o'clock Tuesday morning hanging from a beam in the barn. The condition of the body showed that Gregory had been dead for some hours. The county authorities were notified and Sheriff Miller went to the ranch, and superintended the removal of the body, which was brought to the Glen Miller undertaking rooms.

Gregory was a middle-aged man who had accumulated a fair amount of property, and no reason can be assigned for the suicide. He is down in the tax books as the owner of 240 acres of land, most of which was purchased during the past year. He has been in the employ of the Kilpatrick ranch for some time, and nothing unusual was noticed about his behavior until Monday, when he complained of having a headache and feeling out of sorts, but there was no indication that his mind was affected.

According to the men at the ranch, the suicide retired Monday evening with the rest of the employees, but some time during the night arose, went to the barn and made away with his life. When the body was discovered, Gregory's feet were touching the ground, but there had been a sufficient fall to break the neck. Death is believed to have been almost instantaneous.

County Attorney Bayse announced that no inquest would be held.

Mr. Gregory was fifty years of age and unmarried, and had, so far as known, no relatives in Box Butte county. A sister, Mrs. Ella Maier, lives at Caldwell, Idaho, and a nephew, J. R. Atwood, at Nevinville, Ia. These two have been notified of his death.

It is believed that he was worrying over a land purchase, upon which he still owed considerable money, and that despondency over financial matters was the cause that led to his suicide. Over \$200 was found in his pockets. He had been in the county for over a year, at one time making his home at the Drake hotel.

## Alliance High School Loses to Scottsbluff at Track Meet Friday

The Scottsbluff high school track team took the honors away from the Alliance team by a comfortable margin at Scottsbluff last Friday afternoon, the locals getting the short end of a score of 75 points to 48. Daily of Alliance won individual honors with 25 points, followed by Campbell of Scottsbluff with 18. Ted Campbell of Scottsbluff broke two state records at the meet, when he put the shot 46 feet 1 inch and threw the javelin 156 feet 1 inch.

Summary:  
120-yard high hurdles—Wyatt (S), Cross (A), Whitsell (S). Time—20 4-5 sec.

220-yard low hurdles—Wyatt (S), Roland (S), Pate (A). Time—29 4-5 sec.

100-yard dash—Daily (A), Wyatt (S), Strong (A). Time—11 1-5 sec.

220-yard dash—Daily (A), Wyatt (C), Ballah (S). Time—24 4-5 sec.

440-yard dash—Ballah (S), Strong (A), Glover (S). Time—58 2-5 sec.

880-yard dash—Wong (A), Pruitt (S), Harrison (S). Time—2-min. 23 2-5 sec.

880-yard relay—Alliance. Time—1 min. 43 3-5 sec.

Mile run—Pruitt (S), Wong (A), Love (S). Time—5 min. 10 sec.

Broad jump—Ballah (S), 17 ft. 11 1/2 in.; Roland (S), 17 ft. 8 in.; Pate (A), 17 ft. 7 in.

High jump—Daily (A), Campbell (S), Whitsell (S). Height—5 ft. 1 in.

Discus throw—Campbell (S), 101 ft. 11 in.; Pickett (S), 85 ft. 10 in. Pate (A), 74 ft. 9 1/2 in.

Pole vault (Daily (A), 9 ft. 6 in.; Humbird (S), 9 ft. 2 in.; Fowler (A).

Shot put—Campbell (S) 46 ft. 1 in.; Pate (A) 32 ft. 11 in.; Pickett (S) 32 ft. 10 in.

Javelin throw—Campbell (S) 156 ft. 1 in.; Roland (S) 130 ft. 5 in.; Fowler (A) 108 ft. 5 in.

The Alliance track squad was somewhat crippled through the inability of one of the main performers in both track and field events. If it had not been for the inability, Alliance would have copped the meet. The Alliance team won all the sprints, while Scottsbluff took both hurdle races and all but one of the field events. Taking the outcome of the meet into consideration, the Alliance high school should copped the cup at the western Nebraska track and field meet at Mitchell Friday of this week.

S. W. Thompson went to Omaha Thursday evening on a business trip.

State Historical Society PAPER

Fair and continued cool tonight. Frost east portion Wednesday. Increasing cloudiness.

## Kinkaid Favors Bill For Merger in Land Offices at Alliance

According to a special dispatch from Washington to the Omaha Bee, Judge Kinkaid, when his attention was called to a bill introduced by Senator Norris consolidating the offices of register and receiver at the land office at Alliance, Neb., said that he had not introduced such a measure because a general bill applying to all land offices was pending before the public land committee of the house, giving the secretary of the interior authority for consolidation at his discretion.

"The house has passed such a bill on several occasions, but has met with defeat in the senate. Personally I see no reason why the two offices should not be consolidated in the Alliance land office. I am informed that the present incumbents of those offices desire to quit, but until some affirmative action is taken looking to the consolidation of the offices I suppose they will continue to serve. If Senator Norris' bill should come over to the house, and there is seemingly little chance of getting a general bill through, I will make an effort to pass the Norris bill."

## Will Dispense With Caddies at the Links of the Country Club

According to a recent decision of the directors of the Alliance Country club, caddies will be dispensed with in the future, and no matter how perspiring the golf players may be on a warm day, they'll have to tote their own bags and clubs, or else adopt the system of doing all their shooting with one club.

Since golf was first started in Alliance, the grounds have swarmed with kids who yearned to earn an honest quarter and at the same time have the privilege of criticizing the play of the man who hired them. They have, in recent weeks, become somewhat of a pest, largely because of their numbers. The kids have been overrunning the grounds, getting in the way of the players and causing some golfer to have heart trouble nearly every time a drive is made, because the would-be caddies have no knowledge of the rules and rush in where angels would fear to tread. About ten times as many kids report for duty as are needed, and the unemployed cluster the links and get in the way.

Another matter that has been decided upon is to confine the use of the grounds to club members only, or their out-of-town guests. A caretaker will be on the grounds before so very long, who will be instructed to enforce this rule.

The directors have made arrangements for a Fourth of July celebration, which will include a number of entertaining features. Among the other things planned is a fireworks exhibition, a dance if the club house construction is far enough along to permit of it, and there will be, of course, boating and bathing. Some of these days there will be enough motor boats at the club to permit of holding a regatta, but the Fourth of July comes too soon to expect this entertainment.

## Annual Homecoming of Alliance Odd Fellows Held Friday Evening

Members of Alliance lodge No. 168, I. O. O. F., Alliance lodge No. 104, Rebekah; Box Butte encampment No. 81; Canton Regal No. 24 and Fortress Regal No. 2, met at Odd Fellows hall, 119 1/2 West Third street, Friday evening for the annual homecoming and roll call.

The usual roll call was omitted Friday evening, but instead the 102d year of Odd Fellowship was observed. The entertainment was in charge of a committee consisting of F. W. Hicks, E. C. Drake and F. O. Rowe, and the following program was given, following which refreshments of ice cream and cake were served:

Orchestra.  
Toastmaster, A. D. Rodgers.  
Reading, Miss Elsie Harris.  
Subordinate Lodge, J. R. Beach.  
Piano solo, Miss Ruth Nation.  
Vocal solo, J. H. Vance.  
Encampment, J. R. Snyder.  
Reading, Miss Edna Hiles.  
Rebekahs, Mrs. S. B. Mitchell.  
Piano solo, Mr. Stratton.  
Canton, F. O. Rowe.  
Canton Auxiliary, Mrs. J. R. Snyder.  
Quarrette, Beach, Moore, Lucas and Vance.  
Refreshments.

Mrs. A. H. Harper, who has been visiting relatives in Houston, Texas, this winter, is leaving there Friday and expects to arrive here Sunday noon.

Joe Pozza from Lakeside had an operation Friday afternoon at the local hospital.

## OVER 300 NEW LAWS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

### BRIEF DIGEST OF LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS ENACTED

#### Fortieth Session of State Lawmakers Resulted in Record-Breaking Amount of Legislation

The session of the legislature which came to a close at Lincoln last week was a record-breaker in two respects. It remained in session longer than any other legislature, and enacted more laws. The number of bills signed by the governor was in excess of three hundred.

Among the laws passed that are of special interest is one authorizing a five-sixths jury verdict in civil cases; a bill increasing the penalties for issuing fraudulent checks; a law covering the grading of potatoes for car-lot shipment; another authorizing the practice of Christian Science healing; amending the prohibition enforcement act; prohibiting "ambulance chasing" by lawyers; and a number of others.

Herald readers will be interested in this summary of new legislation added to the statute books, not alone because of the enormous bulk of it, but because a number of the new laws will be found to apply to them.

In the list, laws followed by the word "emergency" took effect on approval by the governor and are now in full force and effect. All other laws become effective three calendar months after final adjournment of the legislature, therefore approximately July 28, 1921. The compilation was made for the Western Newspaper Union by Frank E. Helvey.

Following is the summary of the work of the fortieth session of the Nebraska legislature:

### SENATE FILES

S. F. 2—Extends workmen's compensation laws to peace officers of cities, towns and counties.

S. F. 7—Authorizing verdict in civil cases by 5/6 of jury.

S. F. 10—Removes regulation of irrigation water rates from jurisdiction of State Railway Commission.

S. F. 23—Joint memorial to Congress praying development of Great Lakes-St. Lawrence ocean water-way.

S. F. 27—Grants right to bring quo warranto proceedings to any elector when law officer fails or refuses to act.

S. F. 29—Omaha Water and Utility district authorized to extend water or gas mains and charge expense to property benefited. Emergency.

S. F. 30—Creating Omaha "Metropolitan Utilities" district to replace the existing "Water District" and define powers of new organization. Emergency.

S. F. 31—Authorizing Omaha Metropolitan Utilities district to vote 5% bonds for extension or improvement of utilities under its control.

S. F. 32—Increases fees of county judge in probate matters.

S. F. 34—Authorizes county attorney of Douglas county to appoint a chief clerk.

S. F. 35—Authorizes cities of 1st and 2nd class and villages to vote bonds for municipal light and heating plants.

S. F. 48—Increases penalties for issuing fraudulent checks.

S. F. 50—Increases school district rights and powers of eminent domain. Emergency.

S. F. 51—Uniform procedure in actions to quiet title to real estate and cancel unenforceable liens.

S. F. 52—Penalty of life imprisonment for third conviction for felony within 10 years.

S. F. 60—Grading potatoes for car-lot shipment.

S. F. 61—Increases salary of reporters of circuit courts to \$2,750. Emergency.

S. F. 63—Amending law relating to qualifications of jurors in Douglas county.

S. F. 65—New Revenue law.

S. F. 77—Minors under 18 years forbidden in pool halls.

S. F. 80—Court authorized to make independent investigation in case of divorce by default or where minor children are concerned.

S. F. 81—Amending age to 16 years in law relating to child stealing.

S. F. 82—Amending age to 16 years in law relating to child abandonment.

S. F. 84—Prohibits advertising in any manner, of cure for private, or venereal diseases.

S. F. 87—Minimum penalty for incest 20 years. Adultery penalty increased from 5 to 15 years imprisonment.

S. F. 88—Increases penalties for enticing any female to enter house of prostitution or assign to prostitution. Penalty 3 to 10 years.

S. F. 89—Felony to entice female to life of prostitution.

S. F. 94—Providing compulsory institutional care for woman about to become a mother. Milford Woman's Home designated.

S. F. 95—Makes 21 years the age of majority for females unless married between the ages of 18 and 21.

S. F. 97—Amends law relating to guardian and ward. Parents entitled to custody, services and earnings of minors.

S. F. 99—Provides right of appeal from judgment order on attachment or execution.

S. F. 100—Grants right of eminent domain to 2 or more persons organizing corporation for the promotion of any of the fine arts. Emergency.

S. F. 102—Fixes salaries of deputy sheriffs in Douglas county at \$2,500, \$2,000 and \$1,750.

S. F. 106—Provides assistant public defender in Omaha and appointment of same by the public defender. Emergency.

S. F. 108—Authorizing the practice of Christian Science healing so long as they do not prescribe drugs nor medicines nor perform surgical operations nor claim to be physicians or surgeons, and submit to the quarantine laws of the state.

S. F. 113—County may on petition hold election on question of dispensing with office of county assessor. County clerk to act as county assessor. In case office is abolished.

S. F. 114—The warehouse-on-the-farm law. Providing inspection and negotiable certificate.

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## ALL SET FOR CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

### TWO TEAMS SELECTED FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### Friendly Rivalry in Increasing Membership Roll of Alliance's Commercial Organization

Wednesday morning, bright and early, two teams of six men each, under the leadership of Captains Floyd Lucas and D. C. Bradbury, will start out to secure new members for the Alliance chamber of commerce. Heretofore the effort has been largely to secure as members men engaged in business, but this time the bars have been let down and any man who has the interests of the community at heart will be urged to ally himself with the city's commercial organization. A special membership fee of \$10 per year has been set for men who are not actively engaged in business.

A card index of prospects has been prepared, and the two teams will be given an equal start and an equal number of prospects. The campaign will extend over Wednesday and Thursday, and when the results are tabulated, some sort of a jubilee will be prepared to make the winning team realize that they have accomplished something. The captains of the two teams selected their own assistants for the campaign.

Secretary George M. Carey has prepared the following statement explaining the need for the membership drive, and what the chamber of commerce hopes to accomplish with a stronger membership and consequent larger financial support. The Scottsbluff chamber of commerce a few weeks ago staged a similar membership drive, under the management of a professional organizer, with the result that more than half a thousand members were added within a comparatively short space of time. The Alliance organization plans to spend no money for expert organizers, believing that the same effort expended by home people will have as good results.

Secretary Carey's statement follows:  
"The Alliance chamber of commerce needs more members.  
"To continue the work we have started along lines of development for our city, we must have more members and a larger financial income.  
"The activities of this organization are such that they include all the people in our city, in the results and benefits obtained. This is not an organization working along one particular line of development, but is rather doing things that must be of interest to all citizens.

"First, our freight rates which have been so discriminatory against us, as to discourage industrial development are under process of revision, which will allow manufacturers and jobbers to come into Alliance with their factories and warehouses and will help reduce the cost of all merchandise that is sold here. This doesn't benefit one class of people only but is of value and service to all.  
"Second, the service rendered to one farming community in having freight rates on hay reduced, and we are now preparing our case on potato rates, to present to the interstate commission May 10th in Denver.

"Third, the service we render in securing work for the worker and sending him to a position, is rendered free by this organization.  
"Fourth, our activities with the garden clubs, Sunday school baseball, semi-professional baseball, band concerts, teachers' conventions and other items too numerous to mention.  
"These activities stimulate and promote a civic pride in our city. The very name of Alliance suggests cooperation from all citizens, to make this town a good place to live in.

"The benefits rendered to the community from this organization cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents by each subscriber, rather in the sense of satisfaction you will feel in knowing that your personal interest, and your money is going into the common fund of work and co-operation that is helping to make our city the best in western Nebraska. We are ideally located to become a great distributing center and we can become such, but to achieve greatness everyone must realize that his or her contribution to our chamber of commerce both in personal work and money is absolutely essential to progress.

"We should have, and need three hundred new members at \$10.00, \$25.00 every three months. This sum is small, but with an increased membership and income we can increase our activities in every way and bring about a better understanding between all citizens.  
"Frequent public gatherings such as our community party will be held, but as these things cost money we cannot spend money without receiving money.  
"Band concerts will be held.  
"Other conventions similar to the teachers' convention will be gone after.  
"Securing better marketing conditions for produce.  
"Continuing our campaign for industrial and jobbing development.

"Keeping in mind at all times that the Alliance chamber of commerce is organized for the service to all the community all of the time.  
"Is your neighbor a member of the chamber of commerce?  
"Every man who lives, does business, or earns his living in Alliance should be a member of the Alliance chamber of commerce. Do you know of a man who should be a member, but isn't? If you induce him to become a member you are building up a better organization which means a better city.  
"The fact one chooses a certain city to live in implies that he owes a debt to that city.  
"Increased business, increased industry, and increased municipal advantages will result every year from the Alliance chamber of commerce.  
"More and more the chamber of commerce is becoming the community center of Alliance. Practically every meeting of interest to the city and its welfare is held at the chamber.  
"Become a member, ask your neighbor to become a member and help Alliance gain the standing it is entitled to in the state."

Roy Colson drew a fine of \$10 and costs in police court last Friday, the charge being intoxication. The arrest was made late Thursday evening by Officer Stilwell.

Mrs. George J. Hand who recently underwent an operation at the St. Joseph, is recovering nicely and will probably be removed to her home the last of the week.

## Dr. J. R. Gettys Speaks at Monday Luncheon of Chamber of Commerce

Dr. J. R. Gettys of Lincoln, noted author, lecturer and speaker, gave a brief address on "Community Building" at the Monday luncheon of the Alliance chamber of commerce. The luncheon was held at the Fern Garden of the Alliance hotel, and was attended by seventy-five men and women.

Dr. Gettys was introduced by President Glen Miller, and for half an hour he held the attention of the audience. He developed the theme of world interdependence, showing that in order for those present to enjoy a luncheon, it was necessary for some five million people to work and some fifty millions of capital to be invested. People and communities are no longer independent, he said, just as nations have ceased to be independent.

In order for any community to succeed, Mr. Gettys said, there are several essential qualities that its citizens must possess. First among these he placed faith in the city, in its enterprises and in its people. Co-operation was given as the next essential, and the speaker pointed out that the citizens must either pull together or pull apart. A third essential was loyalty. He objected to teaching children that the town in which they lived was the best town in the best county in the best state in the best nation in the world. He argued that if this were not true, the child would soon learn the truth. He thought it better to teach children to be interested in making their town the best.

In every city, Mr. Gettys said, there are four departments, each of which is necessary to the life of the three others—the commercial, the educational, the health and religious. He urged a united support of all departments in order to encourage the right kind of community growth.

Army Veterans Will Have Charge of the Memorial Day Services

Veterans of three wars in Alliance will have charge of the observance of Memorial day this year. In the past, the Spanish-American war veterans have taken this matter in hand and have kept alive the interest in this day, in the face of big odds. The American Legion, since the European war, has come to the assistance of the men who fought in Spain. This year a joint committee of the two organizations will have the matter in charge. A meeting has been called for the chamber of commerce rooms at 2:30 p. m. next Sunday, at which time formal arrangements will be made.

Among the innovations suggested for Memorial day this year is the planting of a dozen trees at the cemetery. City Manager Kennish has given the necessary permission, and it has been suggested that pine trees will be the ones best suited to this climate. The Legion is interested in getting in touch with someone who will be willing to donate the trees for the Memorial day services, and it is requested that any who are willing to assist should get in touch with Adjutant D. C. Bradbury.

The Knights of Columbus will put on their fourth degree in Alliance Memorial day, and the committee plans to invite some one of the notables who will be present for that occasion to make the address.

Arthur Green, aviator of Omaha, was in town a few days last week on business. While here he visited Roy McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ryan. He left Tuesday night for Texas.

## WROBLUWSKE WINS A FALL FROM SAUER

### ALLIANCE WRESTLER INJURED, BUT GAME TO FINISH.

#### Sauer Wrestles Fifteen Minutes While Groggy—Return Match to Be Staged.

Pete Sauer, Alliance's star wrestler, lost one fall to Anton Wrobluvske of Casper, Wyo., at the roof garden Monday evening, when he was groggy from injuries received from a fall off the platform. Nearly a thousand fans assembled to witness the match, which had been arranged as a benefit for the Alliance baseball association, and the interest was intense, judging from the reports of the money that had been put up on the outcome. The baseball association will receive \$149.60 as its share of the proceeds.

The two men were apparently well matched. They went at it from the start at a fast and furious gait, and the first five minutes of the bout was one of the finest bits of wrestling that Alliance fans have been privileged to see. Enthusiasm was running high among the crowd. Then in the course of wrestling the two men got clear off the mat and the platform. It is believed that Sauer's head struck on one of the supports to the platform, for when he got back on the mat he was plainly in a dazed condition. However, he continued wrestling for nearly fifteen minutes longer, and finally, when completely exhausted, rolled over on his back. Following the fall, he was unconscious for several hours. It was 1 a. m. before Sauer regained his senses. This morning he was reported to be in good condition, and anxious to meet Wrobluvske again. A match has been arranged, the day being tentatively set for Friday, May 13. There will be the same side bet, the winner take all. Wrobluvske's ankle is not in the best of shape, and a later date may be decided upon.

It was apparent that Sauer did not know what he was doing during the last ten or fifteen minutes of wrestling. When he regained consciousness, the first thing he asked was whether his opponent had won.

Following the fall, Wrobluvske made a short talk to the crowd, in which he explained that he had no intention of using any rough stuff. Dr. G. J. Hand, referee, disputed this assertion. A majority of the crowd did not seem to agree with the referee, however, and for a time it looked as though a riot on a small scale might result. Fred Mortensen, the promoter, jumped to the platform, and said the few words required to save the situation.

## Davis Fined \$100 on a Charge of Illegal Possession of Booze

D. S. Davis, 209 1/2 Box Butte avenue, was fined \$100 and costs in police court Monday morning, on a charge of having intoxicating liquor in his possession in a place other than his residence. Davis, in company with Seldon W. Ives, was arrested by Officer Eugene Stilwell between 8 and 9 p. m. at the entrance to the alley to the rear of the second hand store on East Second street. Officer Stilwell testified that he saw the men along a high board fence there and that he came over to investigate. He saw Davis reach down and put his hand through an opening in the fence. In Davis' hand, he said, there was a bottle.

The two men were taken to the police station and spent the time until Monday morning in jail. They were represented by Attorney Eugene Burton, who, following the introduction of testimony, moved that the charge against Ives be dismissed on the ground that the evidence did not show that he had at any time had the bottle in his possession. City Attorney Metz, prosecuting the case, argued that there was such a thing as joint possession, but Judge Roberts sustained the motion.

The bottle in question was labeled "Wine of Pepsin" and contained a light brown cloudy alcoholic liquid. A sample was sent to the state chemist for analysis, and the report stated that it had an alcoholic content of 29.40 per cent by volume, and that the taste "resembled newly distilled whisky." It is the theory of the officers that some home brew had been mixed with the patent medicine.

An appeal from the fine of \$100 and costs was taken, and the appeal bond set at \$210.

J. B. Miller is spending two or three days of this week in Alliance, and has been having a most pleasant time visiting with his numerous friends. The first of the year Mr. Miller accepted a position as traveling salesman with Peregrin & Moore and has been making his headquarters at Des Moines. He will return to his territory some time this week, driving overland.

Mrs. Ella Doyle Kitchen has accepted a position in Judge Berry's office.