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HEAVY DEATH TOLL TAKEN BY **PUEBLO FLOOD**

ESTIMATES PLACE LOSS OF LIFE AT FIVE HUNDRED

Property Damage Will Run Into the Millions - Government Is Asked to Send Aid

Announcement was made by Burlington officials in Alliance Mon-day that the Burlington and Coloday that the Burlington and Colorado & Southern railroads are prepared to transport free of charge any supplies or materials donated for the sufferers in the flood-stricken district in Colorado. Where necessary, all emergency foodstuffs will be taken in baggage cars attached to passenger trains.

No call has reached Red Cross

officials in Alliance for aid. The Red Cross has a relief fund, which is intended to be devoted to relieve disasters in this district. The Col-orado Red Cross, under ordinary conditions, will take care of that state, and if the situation is beyond their control, central division head-quarters at Chicago and the state headquarters at Omaha may order further assistance from Nebraska.

As yet, no effort has been made in Alliance to organize relief of any kind for the Colorado sufferers, but it is expected this will be done if the call comes. Some cities and towns in the state have volunteered assistance, and the railroads are co-operating with those who wish to make contributions of food or clothing.

Pueblo, the second largest city in Colorado, with a population of over following the greatest catastrophe ever recorded in the annals of the Rocky Mountain region. Unprecedented floods that swept over the city between 6 o'clock and midnight Friday

between 6 o'clock and midnight Friday took a toll of life that is estimated to be nearly five hundred. The estimates of the number of dead have been considerably at variance, but the loss of life is known to be very great.

A second cloudburst came upon the stricken city at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, following the breaking of the Skagway reservoir. Water rose five feet within an hour. A third cloudburst came at 9 o'clock in the evening. Burst came at 9 o'clock in the evening. The station is reported to have of Chicago, manager of the central owner and driver.

Western Nebraska

Lewis.

2:15 Trot.

Allwin Patch, b. g.; owner, L. O. Johnston, North Platte; driver, J. P. Larimore.

Idolf Mix, g. g.; Clyde D. Larimore, North Platte, owner and driver.

Bonnie Tolus, b. s.; Clay Haley, Temas, Col., owner and driver.

Belle Donna, s. m.; Jack Lewis, owner and driver.

Belle Donna, s. m.; Jack Lewis, owner and driver. been surrounded by nineteen feet of

Two-thirds of the city was inundated by the first floods, and the entire business section destroyed by fire. Martial law was proclaimed almost immediately, and the military, in charge of the situation, ordered to shoot looters on sight. A food administrator has been named and all food distribution has been placed under his control. Thousands are still marooned on high points about the city. The Red Cross is in charge of relief operations, and trains bearing supplies are beinb rushed from Denver and Colorado Springs. The city is lightless, heatless and without drinking water, and pestilence is threatening.

Streets Filled With Wreckage.

The National guardsmen and the ing. put forth heroic efforts to remove the may take the evening trains for their hundreds of other bodies that were homes swirling on the flotsam and jetsam The following are among the county tossed about by the swift currents that chapters which have been asked to ran through the downtown business

been lost.

The greatest loss of life occurred in that section of the city inhabited mostly by foreigners.

Despite warnings sounded late Frithe most seriously affected section, which lies in a hollow and was swept away by the rushing waters of the Arkansas and Fountain rivers.

The city was isolated from Friday

midnight until shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when a telegraph company succeeded in getting into communication with an operator located at Mineral, a suburb of Pueblo. The first message from the stricken

city was: "We need food, water and tents,

quick. \$10,000,000 Property Loss

000,000, dozens of large business es-tablishments and public buildings be-

streets during the day unable to help themselves or others, so complete was J. Epler had charge of several interthemselves or others, so compared to the devastation wrought by the floods esting conferences and was ready to help wherever he could. and flames.

The streets were covered with water to a depth of from four to eighteen cation of Service," was much enjoyed feet; hundreds of houses floated by all. through the main streets, in many cases with whole families clinging to for the ensuing year: Niel Anderson, talk; Mrs. Cross' Campfire girls staged

drowned senseless b

Fueblo's besee try for assistance was prompt sporded to by cities all over Colo ado, but succordid not reach the overwhelmed steel center for many hours. Bridges connecting the city with several railroads have been swept away and railroad tracks are inundated for miles in every direction. It was late Sunday beery direction. It was late Sunday be-fore the relief trains could make their way into the city.

Food by Airplane

In the meantime airplanes with food and other necessities left Celorado Springs and Denver. Mayor Bailey of Denver received word late Saturday afternoon from J. G. Lovern, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Pueblo, that the conditions there were indescribable.

60,000, is a scene of utter desolation, day evening and when the flood inof citizens separated from their homes by several feet of water.

division, American Red Cross and Miss Minnie Ahrens, director of nursing service, will be present.

The importance of social work in rural communities will be one of the phases of Red Cross work presented by delegates. Other discussions in which they will participate are: Public health nursing, post war activities and Junior Red Cross work. The need for organizing volunteer service in chapters so that the work of garment production for European relief may begin at once will be outlined.

Following the opening session which commences at 10 a. m., in the ballroom of the Alliance hotel a luncheon will be served at noon. Mr. Davidson will present the peace time program of the Red Cross at this noontime gather-The conference will close with citizens who escaped with their lives the afternoon session so that delegates

send delegates to the conference: Cherry, Sheridan, Dawes, Sloux, Cus-First estimates after communication ter, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, was established over a wobbly tele- McPherson, Lincoln, Arthur, Morrill, graph wire were that the dead would Banner, Kimball, Cheyenne, Deuel and number over 2,000, but later reports Keith. Among the city chapters repreduced this total and it is now said resented will be: Stapleton, Lewellen, that probably less than 500 lives have Oshkosh, Bayard, Scottsbluff, Gering and Alliance.

Miss Edna Rincker, superintendent of schools in Dawes county has been invited to speak on Junior Red Cross work and Mrs. C. H. England of Cusday afternoon thousands of persons ter county chapter at Broken Bow will failed to heed them and remained in present post war activities and com-

Twelfth District of **Christian Endeavor** Meets in Alliance Elks Benefit Dance

One of the most successful Christian endeavor conventions ever held in District 12 closed Sunday evening. Delegates were here from the Christian and Presbyterian churches of Scottsbluff, the Christian church of Gering The property loss will exceed \$10,- and the Congregational church of Antioch.

tablishments and public buildings being razed by fires that started from bolts of lightning. Thousands of persons in the city eryone. He conducted some very inscurried about the water-soaked teresting conferences as well as giveryone. He conducted some very in- the ticket sellers to be heard from. ing some splendid addresses. Rev. S.

Rev. A. J. Kearns' address on "Dedi-

iron girders from that the ten torn asunder EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR THE RACE MEET

Music by Chadron Boy Scout Band-Special Exhibtions of Fireworks Each Evening

The next big event in western Nebraska will be the Alliance race meet, which is scheduled for June 15, 16 and 17. During the past two or three weeks, the race horses have been ar-

Ruby H., b. m.; William Aldrich, Sheridan, Wyo. Bonnie Tolus, b. s.; Clay Haley, Hempas, Col., owner and driver. Colonel Chittenden, s. g.; Jack

2:17 Trot.

Arinado, br. g.; Jack Lewis, owner Idolf Mix, g, g.; Clyde Larimore. Empire Bond, Roney Campbell, Ger-

Tolus Boy, b. s.; Clay Haley. Allwin Patch, b. g.; J. P. Larimore,

driver. H., b. m.; William Aldrich Athol Direct, br. g.; Jack Lewis, wner and driver,

Free-for-all-Trot or Pace.

Peter Native, s. g.; Jack Lewis, ownr and driver. Whitefoot, b. g.; Frank Shreve of Alliance, owner and driver, Harry R., s. g.; J. P. Larimore of

North Platte, owner and driver.
Columbia Fire, b. g.; J. P. Larimore.
Idolf Mix, g. g.; Clyde D. Larimore. 2:25 Pace.

Blue Jay, g. g.; Clay Haley, owner Litton, Jr., s. g.; Frank Shreve, wher and driver. Lucille Foster, s. m.; J. P. Larimore

owner and driver. See Emley, g. m.; J. L. Cordwell of Padroni, Col., owner and driver, 2:22 Pace.

Blue Jay, g. g.; Clay Haley, Litton, Jr., s. g.; Frank Shreve. Sam Jay, br. h.; Roney Campbell. See Emley, g. m.; J. L. Cordwell. 2:17 Pace.

Peter Native, s. g.; Jack Lewis, Litton, Jr., s. g.; Frank Shreve. Hazel Hamilton, b. m.; J. P. Lari-

2:13 Pace. Whitefoot, b. g.; Frank Shreve. Harry R., s. g.; J. P. Larimore,

For Campfire Girls Adds \$450 to Funds

music for the occasion, and there was dancing in both the ball room and the gymnasium. The Campfire girls had a candy booth. The crowd rather fan-cied the dance as entertainment, and the program was cut somewhat short.

DISTRICT COURT

Four Booze Cases on Criminal Docket Will Be Heard Today and Wednesday

Monday, the first day of the June term of district court, witnessed an unusually brisk session. Judge W. H. Westover, presiding, granted six divorces, tried several cases upon which jury trial had been waived, and decided

"There is no way of estimating how many are dead, but we are in a honeless state, the message read. "Send all help possible in the way of foodstuffs and shelter."

The city is without gas, electricity and drinking water. Practically all of the food supplies have been destroyed.

A special train bearing American

The state vs. Kermit Wolfe, expected to be one of the most interesting cases of the seasion, was set for trial Wednesday, after Judge Westover had overruled a motion for a continuance, on the ground that two

Westover and organic according from witnesses were absent.

The State of Nebraska vs. Dell Davis, another booze case, appeal from district court, was dismissed by Judge Westover, who sustained a motion to quash the charges. Davis' attorneys, Burton & Reddish, argued that the complaint as made out did not set forth a crime. It charged illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, but did not set forth the place where the crime was charged.

Six Divorces Granted.

The court disposed of a number of lighted to know the correct answer, is wife. His little six-year-old girl would also be glad to know the present whereabouts of her father.

Questioned by The Free Press Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Curry said she had heard no word of her husband since the moment he disappeared without a word of explanation.

were given absolute divorces from the same number of defendants.

Nina G. Schreiber was given a decree of absolute divorce from George restored.

Dorothy Wine was given a decree of absolute divorce from George J. Wine. Jennie M. Niquist was given an ab-solute divorce from Gust Niquist, with rustody of the minor children.

tody of minor children. Harrison Parker. Court finds for laintiff. Decree of absolute divorce.

Paul P. VanGraven ys. Elsie Van Graven. Decree. Don Brenaman vs. Bess Brenaman. barber shop there Mr. Snyder never Court finds for plaintiff. Decree of ab-

disposition was made of other divorce Charlotte L. Huntley vs. Albert H.

Huntley. Passed. Gertrude M. Fogland vs. Myron W. Fogland. Trial. Ethel D. McLennan vs. Claude Mc-

Lenan. Settled.
Lelia E. Cornforth vs. Abraham L. Cornforth. Passed. Elizabeth Kittlemann vs. Oswald Sunday School Pupils Kittlemann. Motion.

Jennie J. Rawlins vs. James C. Raw-

lins. Passed. Wins Suits Against County.

The T. G. Northwall Co. vs. Frederick W. Melick. Default allowed.

Jury waived. Court finds for relative. the refuse in the hope that they would be rescued.

Cattle, sheep and hogs were tossed about in the currents and those not in the currents are considered in the currents and those not in the currents are considered in the currents and those not in the currents are considered in the currents and those not in the currents are considered in the currents and those not in the currents are considered in the currents are considered in the currents and those not in the currents are considered in the current Melick. Court finds for plaintiff heart trouble.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.

amount due \$55,119.45, interest at 8

First State Bank of Hemingford vs. W. M. Dickson. Default allowed. Court MANY GOOD HORSES ENTERED SIX DIVORCES ARE GRANTED finds for plaintiff in the amount of S1,920.50, with interest at 10 per cent. AT \$15,805,154

Order for sale of attached property.

Alvin M. Miller vs. I. W. Caldwell et al. Court finds for plaintiff. Decree of strict foreclosure, as prayed.

Charles Brittan vs. Frank H. Palmer et al. Court finds for plaintiff in the amount of \$2,654.24, with interest at 10 per cent. 10 per cent.

James Irven vs. Emil G. Herman. Motion for same judgment as in jus-tice court sustained. The National Rubber Supply Co. vs. Frank W. Miller. Judgment for plain-

Mrs. F. E. Reddish has been ill for

The city is without gas, electricity and drinking water. Practically all of the food aupplies have been destroyed. A special train bearing Americal Egion volunteers, including fifty will be a been destroyed. A special train bearing American Egion volunteers, including fifty will be a big drawing care forces, was made up at the union depot at Denver at 5 o'clock Saturday, ready to depart for the Jewastated area.

The remains a committee in charge of the race comes on appeal from don't be entertainment of the city's visitors, during the three days. Music will be found the three days. Music will be found the three days. Music will be found the three days for the colorado National guard stores, It went as far as colorado Springs where an effort was made to get the necessities into the stricken city by auto trucks.

The American Red Cross also sent food, nurses and doctors.

At Colorado Springs a huge mass meeting was held late Saturday afternoon and a committee appointed to arrange for rescue work in the nearby city. Airplanes are being sent over the forty-five miles stretch to-Puebla and every effort made to carry in provisions.

The menace of the rising waters.

The menace of the rising waters are large doubt a factor of his arrest was rooming at the etime of his arrest was rooming at the Rodgers rooming house, and a booze party apparently took place there. When the Rodgers rooming house, and a booze party apparently took place there. When the Rodgers rooming house, and a booze party apparently took place there will be no carnivals or amuse, the country.

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Alliance—Then Drops Off Face of the Earth R. R. county tax.

nation as to why he was leaving or

where he was going. Mrs. Curry was very much distress-ed at the moment she talked to The A. Schreiber, and her maiden name Free Press. She was in tears. She voluntarily expressed the opinion that domestic infelicities may have led something to do with Mr. Curry's decision, although, if such were the case, she said, the fault certainly was not

Custody of the minor children.

Hattie A. Queale, vs. Homer F.
Queale. Decree granted.

Reinhold Kittlemann vs. Anna M.
Kittlemann. Court finds for plaintiff.
Decree of absolute divorce, with cusentirely hers.
Mr. Curry left Minatare with N. O. make a payment on a truck which he Esther Isabell Parker vs. Benjamin had purchased from Mr. Snyder and on which only \$100 had been paid. Mr. Snyder was with Mr. Curry for some time in Alliance, but after Mr. Curry entered the front door of a

olute divorce as prayed.

In addition to these, the following truck and it is now in his garage. tare, Mr. Snyder took charge of the Mr. Snyder has not the slightest dea as to what became of Mr. Curry cases on the docket.

Emma Virginia Phillips vs. Luke after his disappeared through the Phillips. Set for trial.

The front door of the barber shop in Alliance, nor, so far as The Free Press s able to ascertain, has anybody elses

saw him again. Returning to Mina-

The Robert Curry referred to should not be confused in identity with Rob-Minnie Rosetta vs. Harry Rosetta. ert H. Curry, a printer formerly in the employ of The Free Press, and who left a short time ago to accept a position in Golden, Colo.

Will Have Children's Day Parade June 12

The Alliance bands of Campfire girls are assure of their camping trip to Hot Springs. The benefit dance given by the Elks lodge realized a net prospective and supposed by the Elks lodge realized a net prospective customer, and stopped at the filling station. While he was unscrewing the cap to the gas-by the Elks lodge realized a net prospective customer, and stopped at the filling station. While he was unscrewing the cap to the gas-below to grant extradition papers, and the of the day. The schools are to assemble to grant extradition papers, and the county refused to pay the money adof from \$450 to \$500. Complete figures are not at hand, as there are a few of the ticket sellers to be heard from.

The Elks home was crowded with the guests. Mrs. Wiker furnished the music for the court. The following action has been taken the postoffice corner to Laramie and in the various cases:

Granville M. Burns vs. Eliza J. thence to the depot and proceed up
Box Butte to the end of the paving.
Then to the court house lawn where for \$755.70. Interest at 10 per cent. Judge Tash will address them. After

tered the St. Joseph hospital last Monday on account of a severe case of

ON ASSESSMEN

Personal Property Amount to About One-third of the Total Given

County Assessor John Pilkington, in order that Box Butte county citizens may know something of the amount of taxable property in the county, has furnished a tabulation of the totals for both personal property and real estate assessments to date. The grand total reaches over the \$15,000,000 mark.

In both of the tables, the Second ward figure sincludes the railroad city tax, corporations, telephone and insurance companies, etc. The Third ward figures include lumber yards and everything west of Laramie givenue in

everything west of Laramic svenue in Third ward.

In the real estate figures, the total for Berea is incomplete, and the rail-read county tax is estimated from the figures for 1920. Following are the figures:

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First ward	, Alliance	-\$ 67,608
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Fourth wa	ard	70.150
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Box Butte.		312,790
Lawn		220,834
Liberty _		103,380
Snake Cre	eek	104,681
Wright		236,699
Nonpareil		228,735
Boyd		179 948
Running V	Vater	172,845
Spacials to	data	83,706

Total personal to date_\$4,391,539

Second ward____ Third ward____

Advance Man for the Alliance Chautaugua Meets the Guarantors

E. K. Potter, advance man for the Standard chautauqua system, which is to pull off a chautauqua in Alliance in July of this year, met with the guar-antors at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday. It was decided to apply the city manager idea, and Edwin M. Burr was selected as general chairman, and empowered to appoint his assistants. These have not been announced as yet. The chautauqua system leaves to the local backers such matters as advertising, selection of grounds, etc. A vice president, secre-tary-treasurer and other appointments will be made.

Mr. Potter paid Alliance a high compliment in the short address he made to the business men. "This is the first to the business men. "This is the first place I have struck in three months," he said, "where they realize the war is over. Just from window displays, I can see that prices have come down in Alliance. It's one of the most encouraging things I've come across in weeks." Mr. Potter explained the ideals of the chautauqua, and gave his opinion of the sort of a local organization that is needed to put it over.

Tom Gee Receives Injury When Caught Between Two Autos

Tom Gee, salesman for the Lowry Henry garage, is using crutches due to being caught between two cars yester-day morning. He had a new Dodge The A. H. Jones company was given judgment for \$278.69, money advanced to pay the expense of sending Sheriff in the Children's day parade to be held limited to Portland, Ore., to bring with June 12, viz: the Methodist, Baptist, Miller to Portland, Ore., to bring with Episcopal, Presbyterian and Christian. Episcopal, Presbyterian and Christian.

Relatives of Mrs. Paul Bock of this city, who has been visiting at Pueblo, Colo., were much relieved this morning to hear of her safety through a letter from her sister, Mrs. M. Keenan of Denver, who states that Mrs. Bock escaped harm from the recent catastrophe.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hall have moved into their home on Cheyenne avenue.