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CAR OF DYNAMITE FAILS TO BLOW UP IN TRAIN WRECK

TWELVE FREIGHT CARS LEAVE TRACK NEAR ORELLA

Wrecking Crew Made Quick Work in Clearing Track—Main Line Open Eight Hours After Accident

Burlington west bound through freight number 109 was wrecked at three o'clock Saturday morning at a point one and one-half miles west of Orella, eight loaded and four empty cars leaving the track. A carload of dynamite was among those which left the track but it behaved itself in good shape and never so much as gave out the impression that it wanted to explode, although the wrecking crew gave it due and proper care and consideration in replacing it on the track.

No. 109 had picked up a carload of hogs off the Northwestern at Crawford and was proceeding westward with its load when the front drawbar on the hog car, which was a North-western car, pulled out, dropped to the roadbed and started the trouble. No one was hurt and no hogs were killed, although two cars were badly smashed up.

The wrecker was sent up from Alliance and had the track cleared by 11:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The morning passenger trains were delayed for about five hours.

Wyoming Border is Aroused by a Battle Over Fence Lines

John F. Rowland, former Alliance man who is now located near Glendo, Wyo., a short distance across the Nebraska border line, is in the city on business and reports that Captain Jackson, a son-in-law of Asa Covington, well known in western Nebraska as an old-time stockman and who was a former attendant at the stockman's conventions at Alliance, was killed at about three o'clock Thursday afternoon by a homesteader named Doug Roberts, whose preliminary hearing on the charge of murder in the first degree is to be held today at Wheatland, the county seat of Platte county, in which the shooting occurred.

It is reported that intense feeling has been aroused in that territory by the shooting, due to the alleged attempt of Jackson to prevent the building of a fence by Roberts around his homestead, which is reported to be in the vicinity of the Covington ranch holdings.

Arranging for a Large Tennis Tournament Middle of Next Month

A number of local tennis enthusiasts are arranging to hold a tennis tournament for a period of one week, starting about the middle of July. The tournament will be held for Alliance people only and should receive the support of all tennis players.

Alliance is behind in tennis and the tournament will be a good means of arousing interest. Those who wish to enter the tournament should register at Thiele's drug store at an early date. The prizes awarded will depend to some extent on the enthusiasm shown.

Agate Well is Now Drilling Very Rapidly

Chief of Police Charles Jeffers and M. M. Kelly of Bridgeport made a trip to the Agate oil well on Friday and on their return report that the well is being rapidly drilled downward, despite reports to the contrary circulating around Alliance. Chief Jeffers says that the well is now down about 3,000 feet and that everyone interested there seems much encouraged with the prospects for oil. Gas and oil pockets have been struck and the formations found are favorable. The Associated Oil company, which is doing the drilling, lost several weeks in fishing for tools which were recovered recently. Messrs. Jeffers and Kelly have a block of land very similar in appearance and character to that on which the well is being drilled and they are much interested in the outcome because of the bearing it may have on their holdings.

Miss Kate Fletcher left Monday night for Texas. On her way she will visit at Lincoln and Omaha.

Irma Cooper returned from Denver Sunday where she has spent a few days visiting.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Continued warm.

Executive Committee Non-Partisan League Organized at Alliance

Jesse R. Johnson, state manager of the National Non-Partisan league, came to Alliance on Monday and spoke to a large audience at the Reddish hall. Following his address an executive committee for Box Butte county was organized, with the following officers:

Jasper Jaspersen, chairman.
Mads Sorenson, vice chairman.
Chris Nepper, treasurer.
J. W. Shanks, secretary.
C. A. Liedloff, lecturer.

The above five officers compose the county executive committee. The league has, according to its officers, ninety members in the county, and an active campaign is to be waged for additional members. The state executive committee consists of J. D. Ream, chairman, Broken Bow; D. S. Sheets, Elgin; Alfred Johnson, Holdrege; John O. Schmidt, Wahoo; Andrew Dahlsten, Newman Grove.

Business Men Give Views on Granting of Franchise To Telephone Company

In accordance with its article in the last issue, The Herald has interviewed a number of prominent business men relative to their views on the granting of a franchise by the city of Alliance to the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, owner of the Alliance exchange. The question asked was: "Do you believe a franchise should be granted to the telephone company?" The answers follow:

R. M. Hampton, mayor and president of First National bank: "I believe that a franchise should be granted to the telephone company. I would not attempt to say on what terms at this time because I have not studied the proposition thoroughly enough."

W. R. Harper, merchant: "I favor a working agreement with the company but do not believe that it should be allowed to increase its rates when everything is going down. The business man, stockman and farmer is taking a loss and the telephone company should stand their share."

Dr. H. A. Copey, president First State bank: "A franchise should be granted to the company if an agreement as to its terms can be made on a fair basis to both sides. No other company can come in or would come in and we must have the service."

F. E. Holsten, druggist: "I do not believe the franchise should be granted. The people of Alliance voted on the proposition this spring, and the result of their vote was two to one against the granting of the franchise. This should settle the question."

Percy Cogswell, merchant: "A franchise should be granted to the company. If I were building a house and the city refused me a permit I would certainly discontinue work until the permit was granted. The telephone company is in somewhat the same position."

George Carey, secretary chamber of commerce: "It is the proper thing to do. The company should be given a workable franchise but the city should watch very carefully the provisions of the franchise which they grant."

F. W. Harris, cashier of Alliance National bank: "The company should be given a working agreement. I do believe, however, that inasmuch as the city has the power to grant the right of occupancy it should also have the power to regulate rates. The ordinance granting the franchise should be in such shape that it could be revised if conditions change or if unforeseen conditions arise."

W. D. Rumer, automobile dealer: "The company should be granted a franchise for a period of twenty years, in order to allow them to make the necessary improvements in their exchange and to care for the increase in business which is certain to come."

Chamber of Commerce Benefit Dance at the Roof Garden Tonight

The big benefit dance, given for the purpose of raising funds for the chamber of commerce, is to be given this evening at the Lowry & Henry roof garden. The Business Women's club has charge of the sale of tickets, which are one dollar each, admitting one couple.

Paul Findlay, the business expert, speaks at the Alliance hotel at six o'clock. Don't fail to come out and hear him, for his talk will be worth dollars to every business man.

Candy and lemonade will be sold at the dance tonight by the Business Women's club members.

Mrs. Charles Herring and son, accompanied by the Misses Betty and Anna Herring, were business visitors in Alliance Friday.

Ralph Smith of Rock Falls, Ill., is visiting his son, L. L. Smith. Mr. Smith drove through in a car.

ROTARIANS PLAN IMPROVEMENTS IN NEW STATE PARK

MEMBERS ATTEND PICNIC IN PINE RIDGE SUNDAY

Ball Game Resulted in Score of 10 to 10—New State Park Will Benefit All of Western Nebraska

Twenty Alliance Rotarians, with their families, filled ten autos for the trip to Pine Ridge on Sunday, where they met about twenty-five Chadron members with their families, a giant picnic being held at the location of the new Nebraska State park, eight miles from Chadron.

The program for the day included a big picnic dinner, a ball game in the afternoon between teams picked from Alliance and Chadron delegations, and a thorough inspection of the park. The park comprises a square section of land which is a school section and which has been designated by the legislature to be set aside for a permanent reserve. It is leased at the present time by a ranchman who uses it for grazing purposes and who has still about five years under his lease. However, the Chadron Rotarians plan to purchase the lease at an early date, in order that the necessary improvements may be made without unnecessary delay. The site includes some excellent scenery, heavy woods and running water, making it an ideal park.

The baseball game, which was umpired by Earl Mallory of Alliance, resulted in a draw, the score being 10 to 10. The first picnic was so successful that future events of this kind are being planned.

FORMER COUNTY SHERIFF DIES IN PORTLAND, ORE.

PIONEER BOX BUTTE RESIDENT DIED FROM INJURIES

Auto Accident Resulted Fatally After He Suffered for Two Weeks in Portland Hospital

E. P. Sweeney, pioneer Box Butte county settler, died at Portland, Ore., on Thursday. His death, which occurred in a Portland hospital, was the result of injuries received two weeks ago in an auto accident in that city. J. E. Wilson of Alliance received a message yesterday telling of the death of Mr. Sweeney but received no particulars of the accident.

Mr. Sweeney and his family sold out their property in Alliance about two years ago and removed to Portland in the hope of improving his failing health. He was about 75 years of age and settled in Box Butte county in the year 1902, locating six miles east of Alliance, where he resided for many years. He served as sheriff of this county for four terms, a total of eight years, being followed by Al Wiker.

The deceased is survived by his wife and three children. Morton, a son, has been living with them at Portland. Fred, another son, is located in California. Jessie, the daughter, is located in western Nebraska.

Mr. Sweeney sold his ranch holdings a number of years ago and purchased residence property in Alliance, living here for a number of years before he went to Portland. He was widely known throughout western Nebraska.

The Most Interesting News of the Day

Move to End Irish Difficulties.

London—Premier Lloyd George had received no answer from Eamonn de Valera up to Monday night to his invitation to come to England and discuss with the premier the proposition of a settlement of the Irish problems. It is not believed here that DeValera will be able to refuse the invitation as he has been insisting all along on direct negotiations with Lloyd George and now he has received an invitation signed by the premier.

In the meantime British military preparations continue without interruptions, but it is thought likely that if the meeting takes place and looks hopeful, the date for assembling the southern Irish parliament and the date for imposition of martial law will be postponed.

It has already been announced that unless a settlement had been reached all of Ireland, except the six Ulster counties would go under martial law on July 12.

Rules out Doctors Testimony in Stillman Case.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Referee Daniel J. Gleason announced Monday that the testimony of Dr. Hugh Russell of Buffalo in the Stillman divorce suit, generally regarded as the most damaging yet introduced against Mrs. Stillman, has been completely stricken out.

The announcement was made in a letter from Gleason to John F. Brennan, chief counsel for Mrs. Stillman. In addition, Gleason stated he had ordered stricken out a letter alleged to have been written by Fred Beauvais to Mrs. Stillman, known as exhibit 12, and portions of other letters, inso-

CITY MANAGER'S CORNER

Yesterday we had an accident happen to one of our wells consisting of a gasket blowing out down underneath the working head which would require considerable work to put it back in place again. This leak was down in the well so that the men could not see it. It was discovered that the water supply was getting low along about five o'clock yesterday afternoon and the cause was located but before the cause could be done the large steam pump had drawn all of the water out of the reservoir. When this happened it took some oil that was floating on the water in this reservoir and put it into the mains. As soon as this was discovered this pump was shut down and no more water taken from the reservoir but the other pumps were turned direct into the standpipes thereby eliminating the water coming from the reservoir. It was discovered that there was considerable oil floating on this water which could not be seen in ordinary times because the reservoir is enclosed and the oil remained in the far end where it could not be seen. Our engineer states that about a year ago he discovered oil from one of the pumps leaking back into the well. He fixed it but could not see oil on the reservoir for reasons stated. The reservoir will be out of commission for two or three days until we are able to clean out this oil and a large amount of sand which has accumulated as we did not want to put the reservoir into commission again until it has been thoroughly cleaned. The men are doing as much

far as they related to the legitimacy of Guy Stillman.

Oregon Bank Robber is Slain.

Albany, Ore.—One man was killed and two others are in jail today as the result of an alleged attempt to break into the Halsey State bank at Halsey, Ore., near here, early Monday.

Several men were reported attempting to break into the bank shortly after midnight. A posse of town and bank officers approached and the men fled. The officers pursued, keeping up a running fire.

Later an automobile reported to have been used by the fugitives was found stalled near Vorvallis, Ore. Officers arrested William Schultz and William Wright. Afterward they reported the discovery of the body of Henry Schultz, a brother of William, hidden under the porch of Wright's home.

Urges Repeal of Dry Law.

Atlantic City, N. J.—The doctors of the country were called upon today to unite in an effort to repeal the Volstead act by Dr. W. Wallace Fritz of Philadelphia, president of the Allied Medical Association of America, in an address at the annual convention of the organization. He declared the prohibition law was a curse and made more drunkards than did the old laws. "The precedent established by the Volstead act," he said, "restricts medical practice, and if the profession values its therapeutic liberty, it must meet it with a protest that will command attention. The medical profession should not permit itself to be placed in a position before the whole world as liquor salesmen and drug stores as saloons."

as they can, but we lack storage facilities over tonight by not having the reservoir in commission so that we can pump into it during the night hours to be used during the day time. We have arranged with the Burlington to furnish us with what water they can spare and which no doubt will improve the condition until the worst is over. Our men worked faithfully all night last night but the apparatus we had available, while it was supposed to be in good condition, did not prove adequate to do the work so that this entailed a lot of work and delay.

We are endeavoring to give you all the water needed but our supply may probably be short for a day or two. We have been negotiating with the people who put down the new well for some time and they have promised to send us a pump so that we could pump the sand out and get it into working condition. It is necessary to pump it in order to get the sand out but we have concluded to wait no longer and a few days ago we started to put down the pump equipment that we have on hand. We discovered when we began to assemble the pump that there were a number of parts which were missing. It has been disassembled for some time and the parts laying about the premises. No one seemed to know where these parts are so that this cannot be contemplated. However, the men were working on it and will put this well in commission as soon as possible. It may be necessary for us to conserve for the next few days on the water. Do so, should the pressure be very low.

Scottsbluff Travelers Initiate Class of Nine In Alliance Saturday

The contingent of Scottsbluff traveling men who arrived in Alliance Saturday morning for the purpose of waging a campaign for members for Scottsbluff Council No. 620, had a successful day and initiated nine new members from this city. Four candidates were out of the city and unable to be present. They will be initiated at a later date.

The program, which was participated in by a number of Alliance traveling men who were already members of the council, included initiation at 3:30 p. m., and a banquet at the Alliance hotel Fern Room at 6:30, where speechmaking was indulged in, and a dance later in the evening at the armory.

There are now about forty members of the Scottsbluff council in Alliance. The officials who were here included Grand Senior Councillor Frank Johns, Grand Page R. C. Scott; Senior Councillor Mann; Secretary Runyon and Messrs. Schultz and Courtwright of Scottsbluff. Rev. Stephen Epler of Alliance extended a rousing address of welcome to the visitors following the banquet at the Alliance Cafe.

Reformatory Goes to Lincoln on the Site of Old Military Academy

The state board of control after a month's consideration of the applications of nineteen Nebraska towns for the site of the new \$300,000 reformatory, has decided on the old Hayward military academy, two miles west of Lincoln on the A street road.

The principal inducement for this selection was the offer of owners of the academy building to sell it with ten acres of ground for \$37,500.

The board found that to duplicate the present building—fireproof of brick and reinforced concrete, with 101 rooms well ventilated and lighted—would cost \$205,000.

Additional land can be bought for not to exceed \$300 an acre, at a figure fixed by appraisers appointed by the board itself, says the board's official statement made public today.

By having a building needing only slight remodeling to make it usable, the board says it can save a year and a half in time in relieving the burden of the penitentiary, which is now overcrowded.

Inmates From Omaha and Lincoln.

Close to the state capital for administration purposes, the site was determined with a further view to the fact that 40 per cent of prisoners will come from Omaha and Lincoln. The board points to the cost to the state of sending the board of pardons, with a necessary personnel of seven, monthly to such towns as Ogallala or Broken Bow.

The board meets the objection of those who foresaw a possible union of management with the penitentiary with the announcement that the management of the two institutions would be entirely separate, with no connection between the two, having separate officers, superintendents and personnel.

Ogallala and Broken Bow were the strongest contenders for the site. Alliance took no part in the contest.

Baseball League for Sunday School Pupils From Four Churches

The organization of an Alliance Sunday School baseball league is being completed, pupils from the Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches being eligible. Each player must be a regular Sunday School member and cannot change from one team to another during the season.

Two games will be played each week—on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at five o'clock, probably at the fair grounds, although a location nearer in will be taken if one can be found. The league will play for eight weeks, a total of sixteen games, each team playing each other team twice.

The team having the highest percentage at the end of the season will be awarded a banner by the Chamber of Commerce. A record is to be kept of the batting averages and other details. A nominal entrance fee of ten cents is to be charged for each member for the incidental expenses.

Billy Wood, the veteran baseball player and umpire, will be coach and umpire of the league games. The season schedule will be published in Friday's Herald and first practice will start at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon on the grounds north of the High School.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Eaton, five miles north of the Kilpatrick dam, a baby boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Adams, a boy.

Al. Hart and Miss Leona Darveau, and mother and sister, motored to Pine Ridge Sunday.

Otto Smith, county commissioner, was in town Friday afternoon.

C., B. & Q. ADDS FORCE OF MEN TO ITS LOCAL SHOPS

BUSINESS ON ALLIANCE DIVISION STARTS UPWARD

Twenty-five Men to be Added to Forces in Alliance Shops July 5—More Train Crews Working

According to Master Mechanic J. B. Irwin at Alliance, the Alliance division of the Burlington on July 5 will add twenty-five more men to its forces in the local shops. The new force includes fifteen car repairers, five helpers, two apprentices and three laborers. A total of seven hundred and fifty men are to be added to the road's forces on that date over the entire system.

According to the local officials, business on the Alliance division is picking up, both in the passenger and freight branches. They are hopeful that this is the beginning of an era of better business during the coming months. It has been found necessary to add more train crews and with the harvesting of crops soon to begin it is believed that there will be more work here than for several months past.

With the railroad adding more men to its local payroll, another shortage of houses in the city may be expected. A year ago the house shortage in Alliance was a serious problem and good houses for rent are not to be found easily at this time.

Indian Chief Will Give Lecture in Alliance at Union Services

Red Fox, an Indian chief, is to lecture at the union services in Alliance on Sunday evening, July 31st, on "The American Indian." Red Fox is an ordained minister and a lecturer of note.

Beginning with Sunday, July 3, the Christian, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches will hold union services, lasting through July and August. The meetings will be held at the different churches, with the schedule as follows:

July 3—The Rev. A. J. Keans, Presbyterian pastor, at the Methodist church.

July 10—No evening service on account of chautauqua.

July 17—The Rev. J. M. Wingate, pastor of the Methodist church at Gordon, will exchange pulpits for the evening with the Rev. Mearl C. Smith.

July 24—The Rev. B. J. Minort, Baptist pastor, at the Christian church.

July 31—Lecture by Indian Chief Red Fox, subject: "The American Indian."

August 7—The Rev. S. J. Epler, Christian pastor, at the Presbyterian church.

August 14—Rev. Mearl C. Smith, Methodist pastor, at the Baptist church.

August 21—The Rev. B. J. Minort, at the Methodist church.

August 28—The Rev. A. J. Keans at the Christian church.

Music will be furnished for each meeting by the choir of the church in which the meeting is held.

Lineup All Ready for Baseball Game Friday

The Lions club members have completed their lineup for the big baseball game Friday afternoon when they face the T. P. A. nine. The Lions lineup is as follows:

Guthrie, catcher.
Hamilton, first base.
Schafer, second base.
Lilieras, short stop.
Carey, third base.
Brittan and Brennan, fielders.
Abegg, pitcher.

City Manager Kemmish will umpire the game. The stores will close promptly at 4:30 o'clock and a big attendance is expected.

Dr. Joseph Jeffrey Released From Jail

A dispatch from Casper, Wyo., under date of June 24, says that Dr. Joseph Jeffrey, president of the Wyoming Chiropractors' association, who practiced in Alliance for several years before going to Casper, was released on Thursday from the county jail at Casper, after serving a ninety-day jail sentence for "practicing medicine without a license." Dr. Jeffrey, who visited Alliance this winter, has many friends here who have sympathized with him in the campaign which has been waged against him at Casper, where he had built up a large and profitable practice.

Miss Della Nelson, an operator at the Alliance phone exchange, is taking her vacation and has gone to Chicago with her father, A. E. Nelson, for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bledsoe returned this morning from Pine Grove, Colorado, where they have been for the past two weeks.