

**WERNER URGES COUNTY AGENT FOR BOX BUTTE**

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bushels per acre, \$50,000, permission to ship potatoes and other farm products over the beat dumps, \$50,000; getting labor for the farmer at fair prices, saving \$8,000. The balance is made up of the saving to the farmers by using the right poison for treating their seed, and other items. Another good showing was made in a dairy contest in which 329 cows were entered, giving an average of 22 pounds of butterfat a month. Six months later, by correct feeding as explained by the county agent, the same cows were giving an average of 32 pounds of butterfat per month.

Mr. Werner thinks a county agent, in the potato work alone, would be worth many times more than the cost. He declared the farmers of Box Butte county could sell at least ten carloads of seed in Scotts Bluff county in the next two weeks, if they had them certified, and at a price of \$3.50 per hundredweight. The cost, in taxation, of a county agent would be from 25c to 40c per quarter-section, for the farmers, depending on the amount of taxable city property in the county.

**Opportunity in Certified Seed.**

The dry rot in the Box Butte county potatoes cause most of the damage and is caused by an organism in the soil. Treating the seed will kill the surface disease on the potatoes, but will not kill diseases in the soil. The potatoes grown in western Nebraska will not keep in storage, and most of the eastern buyers don't like to handle them on this account. Mr. Werner stated that he visited a large warehouse in Omaha a few days ago, where they had between sixty and seventy-five cars of spuds in storage from western Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Wyoming potatoes showed the greatest spoilage, and the western Nebraska tubers showed next most, some of them as high as 50 per cent and none of them less than 10 per cent.

Last year the state bureau of markets sent questionnaires to over 600 potato dealers all over the country. A large majority of the 250 replies received stated that their poorest potatoes came from western Nebraska and the best ones from Minnesota. The questionnaires also showed that many of the dealers were not buying western Nebraska potatoes, but there has been some improvement in the grade in the last two or three years. When it comes to Red Triumph seed potatoes, the case is just reversed, Nebraska having the best, and Minnesota the poorest. Last year only one or two carloads of seed were certified in Minnesota. Mr. Werner thinks the potato industry in Box Butte county has a wonderful opportunity in growing certified seed.

Mr. Werner also explained the Nebraska potato improvement association pointing out that it was an entirely different organization than the Nebraska potato growers' association, and that anyone who was interested in the improvement of potatoes could join. He made a few suggestions in regard to their annual potato show to be held in Alliance on the first Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in December, 1922. He said if the people would get behind it, they ought to have the best meeting that has been held. He thought the premium list should not be less than \$500 and \$1,000 would not be too much.

Mr. Werner stated that the potato crop in Box Butte county was worth \$1,279,728, and the value of all other crops together was only \$1,023,450. Box Butte county's potatoes were valued at more than any other county in the state. Scotts Bluff county being second with \$800,000 worth. These values were figured on the November 1. crop estimate on a basis of 90 cents per bushel.

Following Mr. Werner's talk, there was a general discussion by the members of the chamber of commerce and farmers present. Mr. Newman gave a splendid talk, in which he strongly favored the county agent plan. There was a very good attendance, both of business men and farmers.

**Funeral Services for World War Veteran Held Here Sunday**

Funeral services for Eden E. Austin, veteran of the world war, who died in Alliance Saturday morning, were held at 1:30 p. m. Sunday from the Darling mortuary, with Rev. B. J. Minort in charge. The services were under the auspices of Alliance post of the American Legion, and a number of ex-service men, many of them in uniform, were in attendance. After a brief service the body was taken to Greenwood cemetery, where Taps were sounded, a salute given by a firing squad, and other military rules for the burial of the dead were carried out. Thus the country loses a useful citizen and a faithful veteran of the world war. In life he was noted for his love for his family, and in the service was ever anxious to do the bidding of his superiors.

Eden Austin was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Austin of Alliance. He was born at La Monte, Ia., on November 20, 1894. As a young man he met and later married Florence Bartlow of Cherry county, Nebraska, to which union were born three children. He entered the world war as a member of the 355th Infantry, receiving most of his training at Camp Funston, Kas. He entered the service passing a 100 per cent physical examination, and left it broken in health, from which he never fully recovered. Recently an affection of the kidneys developed which led to his death.

In his boyhood days he accepted Christ as Savior and joined the Elmore Baptist church in Cherry county, in which church he and his wife held membership to his death. He leaves besides a wife and three children, father, mother, three sisters and five brothers, all living, one sister and one brother having preceded him to the great beyond.

The standard of money in Germany is the question mark?

**American Legion Notes**

"FACTS—NOT OPINIONS"

Widows, mothers, and orphans of men who died in the service during the world war will receive vocational training if Congress acts favorably on legislation now being pressed by the American Legion.

At present the next kin of a soldier who lost his life receives \$25 a month from the government. Investigation has shown that hundreds have been thrown on their own resources, having no trade, profession, or business experience with which to meet the competition of the business world, and with no aid other than the relatively small compensation payment to keep them going.

A bill sponsored by the Legion providing a training program to cover the situation passed the senate during the last session, but died in the house. Its resurrection and passage will be persistently urged by its supporters in the present congress. In the more than three years, which have elapsed since the signing of the armistice no steps have thus far been taken by the government to lend assistance to the dependents of the war dead in fitting themselves to earn a livelihood, the Legion declares.

It is estimated that there are approximately 15,000 wives and children dependants, many of whom are now in distress.

How much war trophies are actually worth depends on whose neck was risked to get them. John G. James' room in an Omaha, Neb., boarding house was rifled of all his A. E. F. souvenirs from a metal-laden belt captured from a German major, iron crosses picked up from the battle-fields, the gas mask he had used in many battles, Red Cross bags containing shrapnel extracted from his wounds, a silver cigarette case taken from a German prisoner, to his American Legion button. He told the court they were worth \$10,000. But the law only compelled the landlord to pay \$50, because the trophies were in a suitcase at the time they were stolen.

For the next decade ex-soldiers will have a virtual monopoly on all government lands open to homesteaders. Preference rights have been granted them under the Sinnott resolution, passage of which has just been completed by congress at the instigation of the American Legion. The measure assures that before the general public is permitted to apply for public lands thrown open within the next ten years, men with honorable discharges from the military and naval service shall be given a preferred right of entry for a period of ninety days. Indian lands are included within the scope of the resolution.

Indications are that service men will utilize their preference right and swallow up any lands open to entry. The overwhelming demand from returned soldiers for an opportunity to take up homesteads has come hand in hand with a gradual decrease in the available tillable lands. In recent openings the Legion's reports show, the ratio of applicants to the number of farms available has run as high as 40 to 1.

Vigorous objection to the admission into the United States of Gregorie Seminoff, self-styled ataman (head man) of the Russian Cossacks, has been made by the American Legion, appearing before Secretary of Labor Davis. The Legion claims he is an undesirable alien. He has been granted permission to stay in the country six months.

The proper care of disabled and unemployed ex-soldiers should come before the erection of expensive war memorials, according to the American Legion's legislative committee, which has condemned the plan of the George Washington memorial association to gain state support in erecting a victory building in Washington, D. C. President Harding is reported as having endorsed the project and written to governors of states recommending aid.

A drastic change in methods used by the veteran's bureau in dealing with ex-service men will be effected through the adoption of a plan proposed by William Ritchie, Jr., of Omaha, state commander of the American Legion. Mr. Ritchie, with Earl Cline of Nebraska City and Frank B. O'Connell of Lincoln, have just returned from Indianapolis, where a conference of Legion officials was held. Col. Charles Forbes, director of the bureau, was present and promised the Legion commander he would put his plan into operation.

The Ritchie plan provides that the bureau's appeal boards, who handle all cases on which no decision has yet been given, will travel from point to point at frequent intervals and hear appeals from the applicants in person at the various towns where offices of the bureau are maintained. An advocate of the applicant and representative of the government will be allowed to appear before the boards.

Two appeal board members will be bureau representatives from the district headquarters, and the third member will be a local man, who will have power to grant temporary emergency relief to ex-service men in between times of the board's sittings.

Legion leaders say the new system will improve the efficiency of the veterans' bureau, do away with much red tape and furnish immediate relief in cases where it is badly needed.

Earl Cline of Nebraska City, former state commander of the Nebraska American Legion and national executive committee member from this state, has been appointed as a member of the Legion's national legislative committee. Mr. Cline was one of the four candidates for national commander of the American Legion last fall. All efforts of the ex-service men's legislative committee are now being directed to securing early passage of the adjusted compensation, or so-called bonus bill in congress.

A census of all veterans of the world war will be taken by the American Legion in the next few weeks. A personal canvass will be made by Legion members of all ex-service men in an effort to obtain data on the compensation and hospitalization status of the disabled and also to ascertain the form of compensation preferred by the veterans in the so-called "bonus bill" now before congress.

Among the questions to be asked the ex-service men will be:

Were you wounded? What is the nature of your wound? Have you suffered a vocational handicap? Has compensation been granted and satisfactory hospital arrangements made? How about your government insurance? Of the five features in the compensation bill, do you prefer paid-up insurance, farm and home aid, vocational training, land settlement or cash payment? Are you working? Have you a family to support? Do you know of a job open to an ex-service man?

The national commander of the ex-service organization, Hanford MacNider, has proposed that all Legion men who do not need the compensation should pool their money together for a rotating fund to loan to their less fortunate comrades. All of the veterans in the country will be approached on this idea at the time the census is taken.

Four American Legion posts in Boyd county have joined together in a county unit. Several big county reunions will be held during the year. The posts joining were Lynch, Bristow, Spencer and Butte.

Prisoners in the Los Angeles county jail have been borrowing American Legion buttons to obtain sympathy in the courts on the ground of "war record." Investigation has shown that one button and one war record has served for a whole handful of prisoners.

**ELLSWORTH.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kennedy received word Sunday morning of the serious sickness of their daughter, Mrs. G. R. Schafenberg of Casper and left for Casper that morning. S. E. Stewart relieved as agent and T. H. Taylor of Ansley relieved Mr. Stewart on second trip.

Several ranchers from near Spade hauled to this point Sunday evening to fill out a car load which was shipped to Denver under billing Fugate & Birch. Among those who hauled for this trip were Fugate & Birch, Ernest Lamb, William Wintermute, Oliver Hamilton and Robert DeBord.

William DeBord will ship one car of hogs to the Denver market from this point Wednesday.

The Friday night dance at Bingham was well attended, many from Lakeside driving up and a few from here making the trip. Among those from here were Gene Kennedy, Red Fields, Dillon Donohoe, and Hannah and Charles Loudon. An enjoyable evening was reported by all. Music was furnished by Mr. Oscar Shropp and Harvey Whaley of Lakeside, accompanied by two violinists. Bingham has announced another dance for next Saturday night, February 5. The Ellsworth dance will be given February 11.

A. Moore, B. F. Bollinger, H. Lancaster, P. E. Law, Ed Kennedy, and J. L. Young were Lakeside business visitors Saturday evening.

A second hand Buick six recently purchased by P. E. Law was sold to Jack Ballanger of Bingham Saturday morning.

Ed. Kennedy assisted P. E. Law in some repair work on the Burlington water service Sunday morning but they were unable to make the necessary repairs for getting the water pumps into operation and K. J. Stearns, head of the water service department and repairman B. T. Hedges of Alliance were called late Sunday evening coming down on freight train No. 48 and returning Monday morning.

A sixty hour siege of strong winds and blinding snow stopped Sunday evening when the weather cleared up, leaving the mercury with nearly a fifty degree drop in the night however. The coldest point reached here during the night was 20 below. Ranchmen reported having suffered no cattle losses during the storm.

Last Thursday evening while attempting to pick away some frozen dirt near the Ellsworth Supply company furnace, L. E. Dunn slipped in the snow while swinging the pick and struck himself in the ball of the right foot inflicting a severe cut with which he suffered during the night but after a day or so of walking with the aid of a crutch the injured member is now practically healed.

Mrs. J. L. Young returned from Ardmore Monday, where she had spent a few days visiting friends and relatives.

A. Moore and B. F. Bollinger sent a small shipment of furs to St. Louis Sunday.

Word has just been received of the arrival of a baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Schafenberg of Casper.

**Boy Scouts Plan to Construct a Wireless Phone**

The Alliance Boy Scouts are enthusiastically tackling the construction of a wireless telephone, which will be located at the Auto Electric service. B. W. Keach of the Auto Electric is the scoutmaster for Alliance. Several of these wireless telephones are being installed in western Nebraska, orders having been placed by firms in both Scottsbluff and Bridgeport.

When the Scouts have built the wireless phone and installed it, they will be able to receive market and weather reports, news of world events and hear musical concerts sent out by the Westinghouse electrical company's seven stations, scattered over the United States.

**LAKESIDE**

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Morris drove to Alliance Wednesday to have some repair work done on their car.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cook drove to Alliance Wednesday, the latter to have dental work done.

Henry Stoop drove out to the Star ranch Wednesday.

The Standard Potash company loaded two cars of potash here last week to be shipped to eastern markets.

William DeBord from north of Ellsworth was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Poag returned to Gering Thursday, after visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hudson here for a couple of weeks.

Oscar Schrope came down from Hoffland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballard of Bingham came up Friday to visit at the E. F. Osborn home in East Lakeside and returned home Monday.

Dale Pollard went to Halsey Friday for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. L. B. Dillard and family.

A number from here attended the dance at Bingham Friday night.

Jack Ballanger came up from Bingham Friday, and returned home Saturday.

Frank Westover drove in from the ranch Friday afternoon to take his wife and daughter out home for the week-end.

Lee Meeker visited friends and relatives at Bingham Friday evening and Saturday.

Roy Stoop and family were shopping here Saturday evening.

R. C. Brunson and Chris Messler were in town Saturday evening from the Star ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blumer left for Omaha the latter part of the week.

The Messrs Perry Law, J. L. Young, Edward Kennedy and Mr. Lancaster were up from Ellsworth Friday evening.

Alva Ash was in town Saturday.

F. J. Schnorr arrived from Omaha Saturday on a business visit. He has many friends here who were glad to see him once more.

H. Brunson, who has been sick for the past week with the flu, is reported to be better at the present time.

Jack Brown left for Casper, Wyo., Sunday.

Mrs. George Hyland came down from Hoffland Sunday on business.

Frank DeFrance shipped a car load of cattle to eastern markets Saturday evening.

Miss J. L. Roe and children returned Sunday from a week's visit with relatives at Dunning.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent who have been working for the Lakeside Development company here for the past few weeks left for Casper Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Terhune, who for the past few months has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Stoop, here, left Monday for San Diego, Cal.

Mrs. Lucille Baker and children left for their new home in California Monday, where Mr. Baker has a position with an insurance company.

**FOWLING**

Mr. Nelson and Mr. Boyer were Alliance visitors Thursday.

Vernon and Horace Mann are very sick at this writing.

Nels Peterson was a caller at the

Laursen home Friday.

Hamlin Ferguson took a load of hogs to town Thursday. He was accompanied by Tom Butler. They returned the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Elsea were callers at the Brus home the last of the week.

Mrs. Howard Essex was a caller at Alliance Thursday.

Osmore Howe helped Mr. Mann with his work Thursday, as Russell Gray is not able to be out of the house yet.

We understand that we are to have a new mail carrier after the first of July, as someone underbid Mr. Stratton. We are sorry to see Mr. Stratton quit the route.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hurlburt and Mrs. Langford were Alliance callers one day last week.

Mrs. Elsea spent Friday at the Mann home, helping Mrs. Mann care for the sick children. Frank Mann spent the day with Mrs. Eaton.

Mrs. Boyer gave a surprise birthday party on her husband Saturday evening. It was well attended and all report a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. Banks was an Alliance visitor one day last week.

John Vogel was an Alliance visitor Thursday.

Mr. Peterson motored to Alliance one day last week after coal.

The Nelson children are all on the sick list.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the sale at Berea last week, and report that everything sold extra high.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eaton and son motored to Alliance Thursday taking the baby down to see a doctor.

Mr. Shanklin of Alliance motored out to the Mann home Friday evening after his daughter, Miss Hutchinson.

Jake Elsea was a Hemingford caller Wednesday.

The Wilkin's young folks were skating on the Kilpatrick dam one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kilpatrick were Alliance callers the last of the week.

The Brus' went to Hemingford one day last week on business.

James Butler was absent from school Friday on account of sickness.

John Brus was absent from school one day last week.

Herald Want Ads—Results.

**Scottsbluff Thirsty Sadly Stung by Hootch Salesman**

Just how many of the thirsty ones who purchased a gallon or so of swell hootch at \$4 and \$5 per gallon, sight unseen, and have as yet seen nothing of the aforesaid hootch it is rather hard to ascertain, remarks the Scottsbluff Star-Herald. In fact the newspaper reporter has been unable to find a single individual who purchased in advance, but that there were many of them would be indicated from the fact that the individual who made the sales and collected the coin, departed with a roll of bills that it is stated by those who saw it, was large enough to choke a hippopotamus.

As nearly as could be ascertained by street talk, the salesman whispered to a likely customer that he knew of an individual who was in possession of three-quarters of a barrel of real goods, and that the aforesaid owner had cold feet because he was afraid of the cops were he to the fact that he had it, and that he didn't care to get pinched. Neither did he have the conscience to pour this excellent liquor into the sewer, therefore he had decided to hold a January clearance sale and was making the remarkably low price of \$4.00 a gallon (think of it) for this perfectly good "licker." No wonder the thirsty ones bit, when it is said that "first off" hootch, full of fusel oil, wood alcohol and dead flies, costs at least that amount a ping.

Collections and customers were plentiful, and after amassing a big roll the salesman is said to have purchased a fine new "front" (new suit and everything) a suit case, a trunk and a railroad ticket and blown the town. Up to the present there has been no complaints filed in police court or any other court by parties averring that they had been gyped or that anyone had obtained money from them under false pretenses.

Like a guy who got held up in a poker game who said "that it is better sometimes to suffer in silence than to cry aloud our griefs to the world."

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