

# Alvo News

Byron Golding, of Plattsmouth, was a visitor in Alvo for a few hours last Wednesday.

Earl Hermance and family have moved to the country, where Earl will work for Art Skinner on the farm.

Coatman and Salauer were at University Place last Tuesday, where they were unloading a car of coal for the Nebraska Children's home, which is located there.

John Banning was a visitor in Nebraska City last Sunday, being accompanied by Mrs. Banning, where they were guests of relatives and friends for the afternoon.

The family of Carl Foreman was released from the quarantine which had held it confined for so long a time and they are all glad to be out again after the long siege with scarlet fever.

Coatman and Skinner were in Omaha last Thursday with truck and returning brought a load of farming machinery for the Alvo Hardware and Implement company, which is finding business brisk in that line as the time rapidly draws near for the beginning of work on the farms.

Mrs. Emma Jordan entertained the Missionary society of the Methodist church at her home last week with a goodly attendance of the members present to look after the business claiming their attention. Following the business session came a social hour that was concluded with the serving of a delicious luncheon.

Uncle Joseph M. Armstrong was feeling quite poorly for a short time last week, caused from over-exertion in the work which he has been doing. Mr. Armstrong has always been a worker and at no time afraid to do his full share of what there was to do. However, it seems that in this case he was over zealous to work. He was feeling somewhat better the latter part of the week.

### Entertained Ladies Aid

Mrs. H. M. Wyatt entertained the ladies of the Aid Society of the Methodist church on last Tuesday, when a goodly number of the members were present to do their part in the work of the church. There is at this time much interest displayed in the church work, as a campaign is being conducted over the state for the purpose of creating more interest among the membership of the church so that the influence of the church may be broadened to reach out and contact non-members and those who treat their membership rather lightly bringing them into the services regularly. The promulgation of this program is considered the big task ahead for church workers this year and the discussion of proper methods occupies some attention at every meeting of the different organizations of the church.

### Mayor Feeling Better

Arthur Dinges, mayor of Alvo, who suffered so severe an injury when a car slipped off the jack and fell on him while he was working under it, is now feeling considerably improved and is able to have his injured arm out of the sling. He is so he can do light work, but still feels the effects of his injury.

### Building Stage at School

John Coleman and Ray Clarke are at this time building a stage in the auditorium of the Alvo consolidated school building, which will provide better accommodations when exercises, plays and lectures are to be held.

### Underwent Operation

Miss Francis Anna Edwards, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Edwards, who has been troubled with appendicitis occasionally for some time past, following a severe attack was taken to the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln, where she underwent an operation for relief. It is reported she is making fair progress towards recovery. Her many friends are hoping that she may soon be restored to her former good health.

### John C. Ober Passes

John C. Ober, the father of Mrs. John B. Skinner, who with the wife have been making their home on a farm a short distance from Fullerton, passed away last week after a short illness and the funeral was held from the Methodist church of Fullerton early last week. John C. Ober was born July 11, 1869, and would have been seventy-five years of age this summer. He was born at Newberg, Pa., and came west when a young man. He was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Johnson, of Silver Creek, Neb., January 31, 1894. The family have made their home in the vicinity of Silver Creek and Fullerton ever since. Mr. Ober united with the Presbyterian church in his youth. During his early manhood for three successive years he drove a large herd of sheep from Oregon to Chicago, making a few miles per day, and on arrival in Chicago marketed them.

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Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ober, they being Mrs. John B. Skinner and Miss Lucia Obers. Both were school teachers. Miss Lucia still being engaged in that avocation and teaching at Seward. The widow will remain on the farm for the present. Mrs. John B. Skinner is with her for a short time.

### Candidates are Nominated

At the village caucus held last Monday evening, candidates were nominated for members of the village board of trustees to the number of double those to be elected at the annual spring election April 3d. The names of those selected to appear on the ballot are Arthur Dinges, S. C. Boyles, L. D. Muller, Sherman Wolfe, Joseph Parsell and Simon Rehmeier. Three are to be elected.

This was one of the largest town caucuses held here in recent years, with an attendance of around fifty, whereas it is seldom that more than a corporal's guard can be mustered to attend a meeting of this nature.

The nominees for a place on the school board include S. R. Jordan, Daniel Rueter, O. P. Cook and Ted McCartney, with two to be elected. All of the various nominees are capable men and the voters will have no difficulty in selecting the officers of the town and school district when they go to the polls two weeks hence.

### To the Church at Alvo.

This Loyalty Crusade among the churches of the state causes ones mind to hark back to the crusaders of the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries. They attempted a bloody task that made little difference so far as the real church was concerned, but these modern crusades are to engage in the peaceful task that means the revival of the church. Instead of taking the empty tomb of our Saviour from the Mohammedan their task is to awaken lethargic church members to come and fill their empty pews and renew their church vows.

Let every well-wisher of Alvo and community lead their influence in promoting greater loyalty to church interests. A boy was asked what his father was, replied "He is a Methodist but he does not work at it very much." We wonder if this man does not have a counterpart or two in Alvo and community? If so the crusaders are urging him (and her) to renew acquaintances at this church during the coming weeks.

Let us adopt Wesley's old motto as ours: "All at it and always at it, and with it we will conquer.—R. J. McKenzie, Pastor.

### BAND OVERLOOKED \$157,000

Mason City, Ia.—While search for the bandits who robbed the First National bank of \$52,000 here Tuesday spread to Minnesota, a check of the bank's vaults revealed the bandits left \$157,000 in currency behind when a teargas bomb, exploded by a guard, blinded and strangled them.

The bandits who terrorized more than fifty persons with machine guns, wounded two and escaped with hostages clinging to their automobile were sought by authorities here who said they were convinced that they were either members of the Dillinger gang or a St. Paul gang allegedly operating in this district. Sheriff Robertson asked twin city police to locate Frank Carpenter who is said to resemble John Dillinger, the Indiana desperado. Several persons who witnessed the holdup have identified Dillinger's photograph, and declare they believe he led the bandit mob.

# Land Commissioner Arraigned Perjury Charge

Harry P. Conklin Charged With Making False Statements as to the Amounts Paid Employees.

Lincoln, March 14.—Harry P. Conklin, state commissioner of public lands and buildings, Wednesday night was at liberty under \$10,000 bond pending a hearing on 11 counts of a perjury charge while Attorney General Paul F. Good announced the investigation into Conklin's administration would be continued.

Conklin, who pleaded not guilty Wednesday morning to the charges, was kept in technical custody until mid afternoon when bail bond was furnished. Then he returned to his home where he declined to make any statement.

"You'll have to talk to my attorney," he said. "I expect he'll have something to say at the proper time."

Lee Bays, attorney for Conklin, said he doubted if "there is anything serious in connection with the charge," that he thought Conklin would be cleared of any blame, and that Conklin would not resign as state land commissioner.

The charges filed Wednesday were based on vouchers signed by Conklin for salaries of two University of Nebraska students employed at night as janitors of the capitol, for which Conklin is official custodian. The state alleged Conklin swore to amounts on the vouchers greater than actually paid the employes, in sums ranging from \$10 to \$15 on each of the monthly claims.

### Bryan Asks Probe.

The charges resulted from an investigation by Attorney General Paul Good at the request of Governor Charles W. Bryan. Good said Wednesday afternoon he would continue to question every janitor and determine all criminal and civil liability. Action will be commenced, Good said, as soon as the study is complete to recover damages in a civil case from Conklin, or on his \$50,000 official bond for any sums Conklin improperly received from the state.

### Quizzed on Rent.

Beside the investigation of the janitor payments, Good said the investigation would include a study of rent on a restaurant in the state-house. State Accountant Louis A. Rund Wednesday questioned Conklin about the rent and said the commissioner had not received \$589.50 due from the restaurant rent collections.

Conklin was elected in 1932. Previously he had been a drug salesman at Scottsbluff. He took office early in January, 1933, and the charges made against him covered vouchers drawn as early as for March, 1933.

The perjury charges are based on a state constitutional provision requiring state officers to swear to pay roll matters. Conviction would vacate the office and permit the governor to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. The penalty for perjury is a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000 or imprisonment of from one to 14 years.

# Press Investigation of Conklin's Office

Complete Audit of Land Commissioner's Books is Underway at State Capitol.

A complete audit of State Land Commissioner Conklin's books was begun Thursday as Attorney General Good pressed a three fold investigation into the affairs of the officer accused of misconduct in administration of his office.

State Accountant Rudd said he expected to complete the audit Friday afternoon. Meanwhile Governor Bryan awaited an answer from Conklin on a demand made Thursday by the governor and the attorney general for the commissioner's resignation.

The attorney general's activity increased Thursday, rather than diminishing after the filing of eleven perjury counts against Conklin Wednesday for alleged swearing to payroll vouchers of capitol janitors for more than he was actually paying them.

Good requested the audit and Rudd immediately went into action. Assistant Attorney General Wright spent almost the entire day interviewing more janitors as he and Good looked toward the filing of further charges as the next action. The third line of action saw Good and Wright gathering data upon which to raise a civil damage suit to recover sums they will charge Conklin received

which should have gone to the state. A representative of the bonding company which furnished Conklin's official \$500,000 bond was here conferring with Good and Wright himself looking into the results of their investigation. Good said he was glad to have the company acquainted with the results of the state's inquiry but still was unable to make any estimate as to how much money the state may seek to recover.

Conklin did not return to the capitol Thursday afternoon, leaving the building soon after Bryan and Good gave him an opportunity to resign and then presented a formal demand for his resignation. He told them he would consult his attorney, Lee Bays, representing Conklin, was out of the city Thursday.

# Plan to Develop Missouri Basin Expected Soon

Ten Projects for PWA Likely. Report Due in Ten Days—Norris Has a Bill.

Washington, March 15.—Within 10 days President Roosevelt's cabinet committee on watersheds will have before it reports of six special boards likely to be of great significance to future water and public works developments of the whole country, it was learned here today.

Out of the reports of these special boards, including one which is conducting a specialized survey of the western Mississippi or Missouri watershed, will come what the president expects to be a permanent chart for the future development of the United States.

Charles W. Elliot, 54, secretary of the national planning board, verified earlier information to the effect that the country had been divided into six areas for the purposes of an intensive survey, and said that the studies of all of the boards should be concluded within 10 days.

Each board consists of two representatives of the interior department, two of the agriculture department and two from the corps of army engineers. Each man was picked for his familiarity with the area to be surveyed by his board.

Ten projects will be selected by each of these boards for submission to the national planning board and the president's cabinet committee. From these 60 projects, in turn, these latter bodies will pick 10 which are expected to be taken up for early initiation.

It is expected the 10 favored projects will be started with public works money provided from the new two billion dollar appropriation to be asked of congress at this session, although definite information on this score is lacking.

The studies are of special significance in view of Senator Norris' pending bill for establishment within the bureau of reclamation of a Missouri valley authority which would correspond to the Tennessee valley authority, for a far-reaching plan of hydro-electric, irrigation, soil erosion and related development.

Speedy Survey. It is understood Senator Norris has not pushed his bill pending submission of these reports, which are expected to furnish detailed support for the senator's plan.

The president a month ago announced appointment of a cabinet committee to make such a survey. He had in mind at the time development of a national plan which would take account of all resources, indicate areas which should be developed and those abandoned, steps to be taken for conservation, and so on.

It was assumed at the time this was to be a long range study, and until today no word of further activity had leaked out. Even most PWA officials have not had access to the plans of the board. It now develops that a most intensive and speedy survey of the entire country has been in progress.

### TARIFF PROPOSAL ADVANCED

Washington.—The administration's reciprocal tariff proposal was approved by the ways and means committee and plans were made to bring it up for house consideration Wednesday. Revised to include several important amendments, the measure was endorsed on a strict party vote of 15 democrats against 10 republicans and reintroduced by Chairman Doughton, democrat, North Carolina. It authorizes the president to negotiate reciprocal trade treaties with foreign countries without ratification of the acts by the senate. The chief executive is empowered to raise or lower existing tariff rates 50 percent.

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# Close Call for Administration on Veteran Pay

Escapes Defeat in House of Congress by the Narrow Margin of One Vote After Guellying Day.

Washington.—The scant margin of one vote saved administration forces from defeat in the house on veterans' payments in the dispute provoking independent offices supply bill. The measure was sent to conference for adjustment of differences between the senate and house on restoration of federal pay and veterans' legislation by a count of 190 to 189 as the climax of a guellying day.

It was only thru a recapitulation of the balloting, upon the order of Speaker Rainey, that defeat was changed to victory. In the interim Representative Kennedy of New York changed his vote.

In a dramatic scene that held the usually noisy membership silent, Kennedy arose shortly before the speaker prepared to announce the vote, and settled the issue. "Mr. Speaker, I desire to change my vote from 'aye' to 'no,'" he said.

Cheers went up among the badly scared administration members. Cheers and boos were shouted at the smiling New Yorker by the opponents. The vote was on a motion by Representative Connery (d., Mass.) to have the house reverse its stand taken Wednesday on the 90 million dollar Taber compromise on veterans' benefits and adopt the senate amendments calling for a 118 million dollar restoration in benefits.

Earlier, the house had voted down, 225 to 161, a motion by Connery to recede from the Vinson amendment restoring 10 percent of the 15 percent federal pay cut. By his move Connery unsuccessfully sought to have the house reverse itself and adopt the senate amendment to restore the full 15 percent.

Members literally held their breath as the rollcall proceeded and when Speaker Rainey was handed the first vote he saw the administration had been defeated by 190 to 189. But he withheld the vote and ordered the recapitulation, the first in many years. Representative O'Connor, at the conclusion of the recapitulation, asked the speaker if anyone could change his vote before the result was announced and received an affirmative answer.

The chamber was silent for a second and the speaker raised his gavel preparatory to announcing the vote, when Kennedy dramatically arose and changed his vote.

# New German Demand for a Regular Army

Another Note Sent to France in Slightly More Moderate Language.

Paris.—Chancellor Hitler reiterated his views on armaments in his latest note to France, it was learned authoritatively, and made a new demand for a regular German army. Slightly more moderate language was used than in previous communications, but at the same time the master of the reich flatly denied the French charge that nazi storm troops are actually soldiers. The government began an immediate study of the note. So serious is the situation that Louis Barthou, foreign minister, changed a message on arms which he expects to send to England, making some alterations described as "minor."

In well informed quarters it was said that the French regarded the Hitler note as a new German maneuver to isolate France by uniting Italian, British and German arms views. It was understood that the communication carried an objection to the French desire to keep the colonial army outside of the limits of the total force permitted France. Reports said the note had five chief points:

1. The countries signing the arms agreement would not increase material or the number of men under arms above the present figures.
  2. Germany would transform its present defense army into an army of 300,000 men with a reduced term of service.
  3. The length of service to the members of the new army would be from eighteen months to two years.
  4. Germany would have the right to acquire the necessary defensive armaments for such an army.
  5. The agreement would last six years.
- The French press referred to the demand for an army of 300,000 men and this point was believed to be the matter being studied by government leaders.

# Manley News Items

Herbert Schliefert was looking after some business matters in Ashland early last week.

August Krecklow was in Omaha on Tuesday of last week with a load of stock for a number of farmers residing near Manley.

Mrs. Mathilde Lauritzen, of Weeping Water was visiting in Manley early last week and was calling on her two sons, Fred and Grover Lauritzen, of Manley.

Miss Dorothy Riester is reported as doing very well at the hospital following the operation which she underwent for appendicitis. She is expected to be able to return home in a short time.

August Pautsch, of Louisville, was a visitor in Manley, calling on his friend, William J. Rau, as well as looking after some business at the Manley State Bank, of which he is a heavy stockholder.

Mr. and Mrs. William Casey, who have resided a short distance in the country, moved to town the fore part of last week and are occupying the Mrs. David Brann building which was formerly used as a hotel.

A. H. Ward, of the Deep Rock Oil company with his bulk station at Murdock, was a business caller in Manley on last Thursday, bringing with him a load of gasoline for the Bergmann service station.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schwind and son, Richard, and Miss Lucille Adams and Mr. Gradoville Baldwin of Omaha were Sunday guests at the home of Arnold Schliefert and family. A very pleasant visit was enjoyed by all.

Messrs and Mesdames Arnold Schliefert and Oris Schliefert were in Plattsmouth and Omaha Monday where they were looking after business in both places, also visiting at Plattsmouth with friends for some time.

Harry Schafer, of Weeping Water, who underwent an operation at the Lutheran hospital in Omaha for appendicitis is getting along nicely and is hoping in a short time to be able to return to his home completely restored in health.

A. Steinkamp, who has been ill for so long is now showing good improvement and was able to go to Weeping Water last Monday, being driven over in the car by Herbert Schliefert. He enjoyed meeting many of his friends while there.

### Seed Oats for Sale

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### Having Home Redecorated

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rauth are having their farm home redecorated on the interior and painted on the outside, the work being done by the Messrs. Heneger and Bobbitt, who are sure artists in their line.

### Enjoyed Social Afternoon

Mrs. Frank J. Bergman entertained a number of her lady friends at her country home last Tuesday afternoon when they played rummey and enjoyed a social time. Refreshments were served at the close of the very pleasant afternoon. Among those who were present were Mrs. John C. Rauth and Mesdames Oscar Dowler and Rudolph Bergman.

### Met with Accident

While Harold Krecklow was engaged in some wood turning work on the lathe, a piece broke throwing the chisel he was holding in such manner as to inflict a very painful wound in his hand.

### Furniture Repaired.

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### SUFFERS THROAT INFECTION

Mrs. J. E. Lanester has been confined to her home the last few days as the result of a severe throat infection that has made it impossible for her to carry on her usual activities. The many friends will be pleased to learn that she is showing some improvement today and it is hoped she may soon be able to be up and around as usual.



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