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John Stetter was a Crawford visitor Tuesday. A thing of merit is a joy forever.—"Golden Gate." Mrs. W. A. Manchester returned Tuesday from a few days' visit at Lincoln. Mrs. Zollinger's condition is very critical and there is little hope for her recovery. W. W. Norton was attending to business interests at Mitchell the first of the week. The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Foot next Wednesday afternoon. Selected of the finest from the markets of the world—"Golden Gate"—Alliance Grocery Co. The Highlander ball last night was largely attended and a most enjoyable time was had. H. A. Mark went down to Mitchell Wednesday to visit his brother and attend to business matters. The Misses Blanche and Alameda Foster, of Hemingford, attended "Queen Esther" last Friday evening. The family of Sheriff Reed, County Treasurer Muirhead and Miss Georgia Miller spent Thanksgiving at Hemingford. The Ladies' Union will meet Wednesday, December 3, with Mrs. Wm. Mitchell. Ladies are requested to bring their own work. F. T. Harvey left last Friday for Fullerton to spend a few days visiting his mother. His bowling alley is in charge of Mr. Thomas during his absence. The Sheridan Post says: "Lee Perry was thrown through a cab window at Rancheater by an emergency stop the other day. He received a bad cut on the chin." Passenger train No. 43 was several hours late Wednesday on account of a wreck near Anselmo. A light engine ran into the rear of a freight. No one seriously injured. The Sunday services of the First Presbyterian church are held in Bell's hall. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. John Moravek and son-in-law, Louis Baria, substantial stockmen of Liberty precinct, were in the metropolis Monday. Both of them extended their subscriptions to the official paper. J. V. Armstrong and Mrs. C. Phillips, father and aunt of H. C. Armstrong, arrived from Bertrand Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving and several days thereafter with Mr. Armstrong and family. Mrs. Everett Eldred, who had been taking medical treatment here the past two months, returned home Wednesday to Orlando. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Newberry while here. Sunday at 11 a. m. at the M. E. church the pastor will speak of "The More Excellent Way." At 7:30 in the evening, "The Four Horses. All regular services during the day. Public invited. M. L. SANDERS, Pastor. Jeff Bellwood departed Sunday morning for his home in Abingdon, Illinois, after a visit with his son, Dr. W. S. Bellwood. He was called here about two weeks ago when his son's illness was considered dangerous. The doctor is now out of danger and getting along nicely. S. C. Reck went to Hyannis Monday to begin work on the brick school house for which he has the contract. The structure will cost \$5,000. Mr. Reck last week completed a brick house for Mr. Treukle northeast of Alliance and he informs us that others in that neighborhood contemplate building soon. A meeting was held by the directors of the Business Men's club last Friday evening. The club reported favorably on the following applications for membership: F. M. Raymond, M. B. Quivey, B. S. Marvin, E. C. Koons, I. O. Cooper, R. G. Holden, J. F. Griest, A. A. Martinez, Percy Cogswell, E. A. Hall, W. S. Ridgell, Ed Mollring and G. W. Brown. Sunday at the Baptist church. G. C. Jeffers pastor: The morning service will be a memorial in memory of the late Eunice Weitz; evening discourse, "The Blood of Sprinkling." Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Juniors meet at 3. C. E. meeting at 6:45. Mrs. McFarland leader. Midweek prayer service Thursday evening. A welcome to all services. A very pretty wedding took place at Aurora Thanksgiving day, at high noon, when Charles T. Hamilton and Miss Jennie Crosby were joined in holy wedlock by Rev. Ernst of the Lutheran Evangelical church. The wedding was largely attended. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Miss Bertha Hamilton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hamilton of this city and a successful young railroad man. His bride was a popular young lady of Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton arrived in the city this morning and will commence housekeeping in their own home in the north part of the city.

The Future of Alliance. The future of Alliance is just what the citizens of Alliance elect to make it. Men are the arbiters of their own destiny, and what is true of men is equally true of cities. Alliance is fortunately situated in that it is the largest city in a radius of several hundred miles and possessor of railroad facilities that offer splendid advantages. The natural resources of this section of country are not such as lend encouragement to manufacturing industries, although there are a number of small manufactures that could profitably be carried on here. But it is as a distributing point that Alliance occupies a favorable field. Alliance should be the central distributing point for all the vast amount of goods used in the country north, south and west of here on the lines of the Burlington road and the Elkhorn road that crosses the Burlington line. Groceries, boots and shoes, harness, hardware, glass, hats and caps, clothing, drug sundries, confectionery and the hundred and one articles of wholesale commerce should be jobbed by Alliance firms. This is not a dream, fellow-citizens. Other towns with far inferior facilities and location have built themselves up into strong municipalities by seizing upon every advantage offered, no matter how small it might seem. The first thing to do is to convince men of capital that Alliance affords these opportunities. There are many ways of accomplishing this, but the best and quickest way is to organize a live board of trade and secure the services of a secretary who knows his business, and knowing it has the industry to work at it. Alliance has enough retail establishments to take care of all the trade that exists now or may exist for several years to come, but there is plenty of room for several wholesale establishments. A city may be talked up, or it may be talked down. It is civic pride and loyalty that made Chicago and Kansas City. A Chicago man never misses an opportunity to boast of his city's wonderful progress, and a Kansas City man talks about the village at the mouth of the Kaw as long as he can find listeners, and even then he talks to himself. Brethren and friends, let us begin talking for and about Alliance. Let us offer proof of our own confidence in the future of Alliance. Let us work for the future of the city and surrounding country. And let us begin without further loss of time.

THE ORATORIO, "QUEEN ESTHER." CHADRON vs. ALLIANCE.

Is Played to Good Houses With Great Credit to the Players. Alliance has many people of undeniable ability in the line of public entertainment, as has been shown from time to time in the plays and other entertainments given by them; but their master effort was put forth in the rendition of "Esther, the Beautiful Queen" at the opera house last Friday and Saturday evenings, and the result was the best with one possible exception, ever given by home talent. All the leading parts were sung by those having exceptionally good voices. Mr. Bixler as the King of Persia, B. V. Reeves as Haman, Judge Spacht as Mordecai, and S. M. Smyser as high priest not only sang the parts to perfection but looked them and acted them, too. The same also can be said of Miss Frew as Esther, Miss Duncan as Zereb, Haman's wife, Miss McCorkle as Mordecai's sister, and Mrs. Fleming as the prophetess. Little Julia Frankle as Ida, Haman's child, has doubtless received more compliments than any other player in the oratorio. She took her part so artlessly and played it so naturally, besides which, work well done in that line by a child excites more admiration than work equally well done by grown-up folk. The choruses of Jews, Persians and children showed careful training and selection and the costuming was elegant. Most of the costumes were made here, only the royal robes and garments of that sort being furnished by Mr. Bixler. The opera house was well filled both nights. About \$185 was cleared and the high school is therefore assured of being the possessor of a piano in the near future. The undertaking was Mr. A. G. Bixler's and that gentleman shows great ability in selecting, arranging and training those required for the cantata, more than sixty being required for it. He was most ably assisted in this by Superintendent Bartz, to whose work in training and arrangement and as stage manager much of the smoothness in the presentation was due. We have been unable to get the names of the children who assisted, but among those taking part were Messrs. Perry, Ufford, Muirhead, Morris, Duncan, Smyser, sr., Smyser, jr., Englehorn, Hays, McAllister, Conscable, Fritts, Cantwell, Madsen, Reeves, Spacht and Bixler; Mesdames Stoner, Johnson, Quivey, Morris, Hamilton, Fleming and Graham, and the Misses Darling, Hicks, Smith, Buechsenstein, Duncan, Frew, Frankie, Hamilton, Swan, Fritts, Bellwood, Willas, Miller, Contraman, Young, Reck, McCorkle, Lotzspeich, Snyder, Beck and Wehn, and Miss Bernice Kridelbaugh, pianist. Bixby and Maupin. The Crete News says: "An effort is being made to get Bixby and Maupin for an evening in Crete. If this is successful every one will want to hear them and the opera house will be too small to hold the audience. They are the only pair in Nebraska. They are equal to a full house any time." Yes, Bro. Bowlby, they make a strong team and the Herald extends them an invitation to visit Alliance. We believe they will not be disappointed with their reception here.

"Golden Gate" at Alliance-Grocery Co. today and tomorrow. C. A. Newberry was in Hyannis on business the first of the week. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brinkman last Friday night. Mrs. J. G. Beck and daughter Inez spent a few days in Omaha this week. S. L. Racey has become the owner of the Craft property in the north part of the city. The Misses Marguerite Elmore and Bessie Stewart returned from Sheridan yesterday. Your attention is directed to the ad of B. F. Lockwood which appears in this issue. Page 4. Mike Elmore came in from the east yesterday to eat turkey with his family. He will leave again tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilcox visited in Denver this week, that city having been the former home of Mrs. Wilcox. Miss Pearl Bartz returned Monday from a month's stay in Lincoln. She visited Miss Crabtree and other friends. FOR RENT—Four furnished rooms, together or separate. W. E. GILLET. Mrs. U. N. Hoakins, the affable lady who has charge of the depot lunch room, went to Omaha Wednesday to eat Thanksgiving turkey with her parents. C. R. Fuller, successor to H. A. Mark, brought in a large ad yesterday which will have to go over till next week for lack of space. It is sure to interest you. Watch for it. Miss Maud Fritts who had been here for some time with her brother, Ed Fritts, an employe at the B. & M. depot, returned to her home at Sterling, Colorado, Tuesday.

Mesdames Sherwood, Johnson and Rustin came down from Hemingford Saturday evening to attend the oratorio, "Queen Esther." During their visit in the city they were the guests of Mesdames B. F. Gilman and W. C. Mounts. J. T. McGrew of Nonpareil precinct left Sunday morning for Denver to spend the winter with a brother. Mr. McGrew desires to keep posted on the doings in this county and accordingly subscribed for the official paper before his departure. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shipley came in from the ranch Wednesday night and today Mrs. Shipley went to Northport to spend a couple of weeks with her parents. Mr. Shipley called to extend his subscription. Mrs. Thomas Regan and daughter Miss Alicia went to Deadwood Monday to be present at the wedding of D. C. Regan to Miss Blackstone, which event took place Wednesday. C. C. Barker and Miss Edith Phelan went up Tuesday to also attend the wedding. Last week we were inclined to think that a "hoodoo" had visited the HERALD because there were just thirteen new subscriptions during the week. But now we are satisfied that there was nothing in the "unlucky number thirteen" as eighteen new names were enrolled this week. Mrs. W. B. Shull and A. H. Robbins entertained at dinner Wednesday in honor of Mr. Robbins' birthday. It was a complete surprise to Messrs. Robbins and Shull. A bounteous repast was served and the guests before leaving voted Mesdames Robbins and Shull royal entertainers. L. J. Schill, a prominent stockman living in the range country northeast of here, was in the city last Saturday. He called at the HERALD office and moved his subscription up a notch. He reports everything to be prospering with the Schill Bros., they having concluded the cattle dipping for their herds and made some recent shipments. H. R. Green and Keith L. Pierce came up from Omaha yesterday to eat Thanksgiving turkey at home and attend the annual meeting of the First State Bank. They have been serving on the grand jury for the last two weeks and will return to Omaha Monday. I. E. Tash, who is a petit juror, went over to his parental home near Afton, Iowa, to spend Thanksgiving. Geo. W. Waisner, a pioneer settler in this county, who is now a prosperous stockmaster near Sheridan, Wyo., was in the city Monday en route home from Custer county, where he had taken several hundred head of sheep to feed. While on the way down the sheep were unloaded at Seneca to feed and during the night they were stampeded, and when finally rounded up there was about a hundred short. Many of them were killed by coyotes. It was an expensive experience for Mr. Waisner, but he says that that is a part of the sheep business. His sons, W. E. and J. A., are engaged in the business with him and Chester is attending school in Lincoln. Mr. Waisner's friends in this county are pleased to know that he is prospering.

STRIFE OVER POSTOFFICE. I. E. Tash Aspires to Succeed R. W. Montgomery as Postmaster. For some time past rumors have been afloat that there would be a change of postmasters in this city, and developments this week have corroborated such rumors. A petition has been circulated among the business men of the city by Mr. Tuttle, partner of Mr. Tash, asking for the latter's appointment. The Herald does not know what charges have been preferred against Mr. Montgomery. Certain it is that his fealty to the republican party cannot be questioned, as cannot that of Mr. Tash. There are some republicans who would be pleased to see Mr. Montgomery removed because they say that the influence of Supt. Phelan was used in securing his appointment. While an Alliance citizen stated publicly last night that he had received word from Omaha that Tash was sure to be appointed, yet The Herald believes there is still time for a big scrap. Mr. Tash has good support and is probably holding "three aces," but Mr. Montgomery may yet flash up a "full house" and retain his hold on the "jack pot." It matters very little to The Herald who is postmaster, so long as the official is capable, and we are not worrying over the outcome. However, if our republican brethren will pardon a suggestion, we will say that in case neither Mr. Montgomery or Mr. Tash are acceptable, what's the matter with looking around for some other good man. There's Captain Sweeney, Judge Wilcox, Al Wiker, Editor Ellis, Smith P. Tuttle and a score of other republicans who might be persuaded to sacrifice their personal business for the public good. The Herald has only one regret, viz: that it cannot create enough offices for all the faithful republicans. We are pained to see so much fighting for political pawns. New Division Created. The Wyoming division of the U. S. & M. will be divided December 1. Newcastle will be the dividing point and the line west from there will be known as the Sheridan division, with E. Gillette as superintendent. A little blaze occurred at the Alliance steam laundry early last Saturday morning, the cause being the explosion of a gasoline stove. Not much damage was done and the fire was put out without the aid of the fire department, the laundry people succeeding in extinguishing it before the arrival of the hose company. One of the employes got some severe burns on his hands and arms. The HERALD ventures the assertion that no county seat weekly in the state can show a larger or better line of advertising than the HERALD and most of this advertising came without solicitation. And that's the way we like it. Of course we appreciate your patronage but if you don't believe it to be a paying investment to purchase space in this paper don't do so simply to please the publisher. Attorney Simonson returned from Omaha this morning. He attended federal court there for several days. Others summoned there were Register Dorrington, Receiver Akers, J. R. Phelan, Bill Williams, Jess Cobbs, Joe Tierney, R. C. Noleman. Miss Maggie Barry, has an ad. in this issue. Miss Barry opened up the house to the public several days ago and the place has a good patronage as heretofore. Captain Akers came in from Denver this morning, having spent Thanksgiving there with his children. Rev. Father Galvin went to Omaha Monday morning. Clothing at cost, at the Fair Store. Those neckties are dandies, at Norton's.

BOGUE'S Just... Received 200 Outing Flannel Night Gowns for Men, Ladies and Children. 65c to \$3.00. At BOGUE'S