

The Herald's Industrial Edition.

After weeks of hard labor, which has entailed both patience and energy beyond the conception of the ordinary individual, we present to our readers the long looked for special edition, which we first expected to publish last February. What the fruits of our labors have brought forth we will leave to our readers. If we have aided in the undertaking according to their views, the regret will be felt only on the other hand, if the verdict is in our favor, and the task proven successful, we will be only too glad to admit that we are proud of the undertaking and the results accomplished.

Again we may reiterate, few people have the faintest conception of the work connected with this edition and the financial outlay accompanying the same. The publisher has taken a deep interest in this special edition and will consider it the crowning effort of his connection with the publication of The Alliance Herald. He feels that the production should be of such a high class that in years to come it can be looked back to as a commendable feature in his journalistic career. To this end every effort is bent.

The material used to shape the edition is the best the art afforded. Both illustrations and typographical art of money or pains have been spared, and in this respect we feel that nothing has been slighted. The half-tone illustrations are of the finest, the press work faultless, and the paper upon which the issue of 6,900 copies were printed was the best the market

postmaster from the official records: Total postal receipts for the year 1903\$8,239.50 Money orders issued, 8,110, amounting to65,498.32 Total number of letters and parcels registered.....2,151 Total number of sacks and pouches of mail handled.....9,324 Ten years ago, or in the year 1893, the postal receipts were \$3,077.04, thus it will be seen that the receipts have increased nearly two hundred per cent in a decade.

Ten years ago the newspapers of Alliance only contributed \$24.00 per annum postage on second class matter, while now they contribute that much per quarter, indicating an increase in circulation and news dissemination of over three hundred per cent.

ly established himself in the land agency business. Soon afterward he built the Fletcher block, and the town advanced at a rapid pace. Mr. Fletcher is a Canadian by birth, and was born in Upper Canada, now called Ontario. At the age of 15 he went to western New York, but returned to his native heath after two years' absence and taught school one year. He then came back to the states and located in Wisconsin. In January, 1851, Mr. Fletcher moved to Oshkosh, Wis., then a booming village, and engaged in banking. Under Pierce's administration he was appointed Deputy United States Surveyor, and in 1853-54 made many important surveys in northern Wisconsin. Mr. Fletcher also conducted a foundry and machine shop in Oshkosh for a number of years. In 1878 he removed to Thayer



Bird's-Eye View Alliance—Looking North.

Zadock Goodwin.



Every frontier locality possesses a rare gem in the way of an old-timer, and Box Butte county is not wanting in this respect. The Herald takes special pride in presenting before its readers one of the most noted pioneer cattlemen in the United States. His name is Zadock Goodwin, or as he is more popularly known, "Uncle Zed." Mr. Goodwin has seen 82 birthdays, and if the Lord is as lenient with the old gentleman in the

the City of Cincinnati, O., before the iron horse had yet found its way into that metropolis. Later on the subject of this sketch moved to the wilderness of Indiana, and again experienced the life of a frontiersman. No path of civilization blazed its way and transportation was the same that confronted him during his residence in the Buckeye state, but Uncle Zed is a child of nature and in the bosom of the wilderness he felt at home. Again he took up his march toward the land of the setting sun, crossing the mighty father of waters, and locating in the uncivilized region of Iowa, near the site of Council Bluffs, where, beside the red man and turbulent Missouri he resided for twenty years. Eighteen years ago Uncle Zed set foot on Box Butte soil, and again engaged in the live stock business.

as a man of 50, and to-day weighs 264 pounds. He is a typical westerner in whom we all entertain a spirit of pride.

I. E. Tash.



Among the early settlers of Box Butte county is Alliance's postmaster, I. E. Tash, who took that good old Democratic advice, "Go west, young man, and grow up with the country."

Mr. Tash first saw the light of day in Clark county, Ia., February 13, 1862, and emigrated to this county in 1887, locating at Nonpareil, where he engaged in the real estate and loan business for several years with successful results. In 1889 he was made republican candidate for county clerk, being elected and serving one term.

When the county seat was removed from Nonpareil to Hemingford, Mr. Tash followed suit, and with Smith P. Tuttle, opened a real estate and loan office. At the time the Bank of Hemingford failed, Mr. Tash was appointed receiver, and unraveled the complications of that institution with credit to himself and satisfaction to those interested. The county seat being again relocated, this time from Hemingford to Alliance, our genial postmaster again



In the Business District—Box Butte Avenue, Looking South.



Daily Scene at Burlington Depot.

afforded. In the arranging of the reading matter, special pains were taken, and while we know that some errors have crept in, we confidently believe that they are few and far between.

In dwelling on this subject we wish to make special reference to the assistance accorded the publisher in his arduous undertaking, and we desire to thank one and all for the same. We feel grateful to the business men and ranchmen, who, when they earned of the intention of publishing his special edition, came forward in the most liberal manner to help the work along.

To the Alliance Grip, Crawford Tribune, Photographer Peterson of Leadwood, and General Passenger Agent Francis of the Burlington, we are also indebted for several of the illustrations.

The publisher again wishes to thank the public for the helpful hand extended, realizing full well that without such assistance, this extraordinary undertaking would fall flat. As to the price of the Special Industrial Edition, we hoped to place it at a lower figure than is announced on the first page, but the expense of publication has so far exceeded our expectations, that in order to receive a nominal return for the financial outlay, this amount has been established, and we trust that the same will meet the approval of The Herald's patrons.

In conclusion we wish to have our readers examine this publication critically and express their views as to whether the result has been worth the undertaking.

Alliance Postoffice.

The postoffice is the pulse of a community, and a reliable criterion by which to accurately judge of the volume of business which that community transacts during a twelve month. Below we publish a resume of the amount of business done in the year 1903 by the Alliance postoffice, the figures being furnished by the

Nelson Fletcher.



He was tipped on the future prospects of the site, however, and immediate

There are few, if any, who has done more to develop or build up the town of Alliance than the subject of this sketch. Mr. Fletcher came to Alliance when nothing more than a 12x18 foot depot was to be seen, in the year 1888.

county, Neb., and engaged in farming for nine years, and in 1888 was almost the first to settle in Alliance. From his very youth this gentleman has yielded to a busy and active life. His kindly and genial nature, his willingness to assist every worthy cause, his public spiritedness and pleasant address have gained him a legion of warm friends. January 1, 1855, in Oshkosh, Wis., Mr. Fletcher took unto himself Miss Olive J. Wyman for a life partner, who is still his loving helpmate. The issue of this union were five girls and one son. Next year Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher hope to celebrate their golden wedding, and may God so favor this worthy old couple.

future as he has been in the past. Uncle Zed will reach his 83d milestone in life's journey next September. Born in old Virginia, "where the sweet magnolia blooms," September 27, 1821, this stockman, at an early age, engaged in the raising and handling of live stock. In fact he has been at the business for 65 years, and to listen to his experience during that chain of years, is most interesting. Long before railroads were a medium of transportation in the Middle and Western states, Mr. Goodwin marketed live stock to distant cities that are now webbed with steel rails. While a young man he drove hogs over the mountainous roads for 200 miles to

He now has a comfortable ranch home four miles west of Alliance, and is also the owner of a fine bunch of cattle and horses. It is remarkable to learn that this veteran has handled 500,000 head of stock during his life, and to-day his judgment regarding live stock is considered the best by all stockmen.

Aside from his business experience, Mr. Goodwin is an interesting conversationalist, and his political and general historical reminiscences seem marvelous. Uncle Zed remembers distinctly casting his vote for President Buchanan, and the days of the Mexican and Civil wars are as of recent occurrence to him. Though 82 years old Mr. Goodwin is as alert

packed his grip and followed the procession.

A year ago Mr. Tash was appointed postmaster of Alliance, and his management of Uncle Sam's affairs has given universal satisfaction. Mr. Tash was united in marriage in 1887 to Miss Eva Wilcox, of Thayer, Ia., and to this happy union has been added three children.

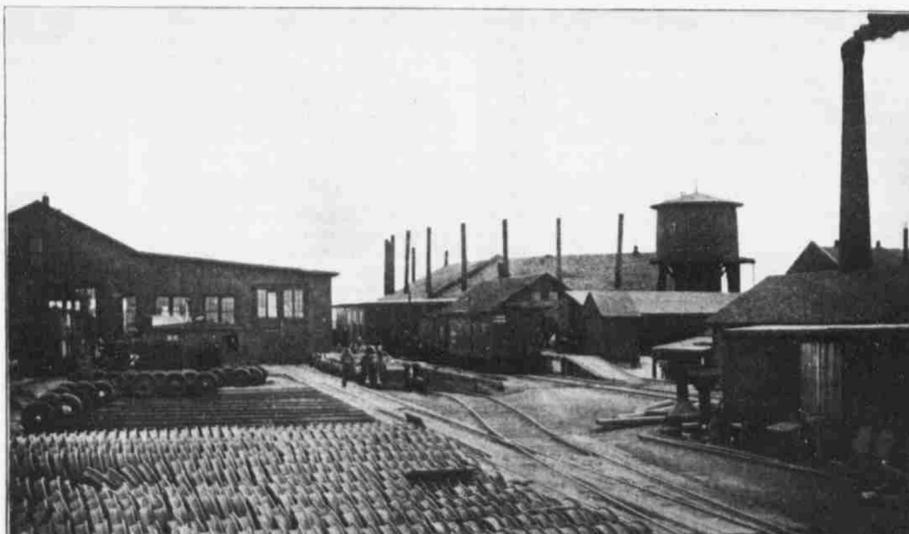
Hon W. R. Akers.



Captain W. R. Akers is a native of Ohio, having been born at New Athens, Harrison county, in 1839. Mr. Akers came to Iowa county, Ia., in 1849, where he resided for many years. After a residence of four years in Colorado and Wyoming he took up his residence in Nebraska, settling on a farm in Scotts Bluff county. He was elected to the state senate in 1894. Later Mr. Akers was appointed secretary of the state board of irrigation. He was made receiver of the United States land office at Alliance and is now serving his second term. Captain Akers has a splendid record and is recognized as one of the leading republicans of the state. He is an old soldier, having served in Company G, 7th Iowa Infantry.

If we look down, then our shoulders stoop. If our thoughts look down, our character bends. It is only when we hold our heads up that our body becomes erect. It is only when our thoughts go up that our life becomes erect.—A. McKenzie.

Short visits make long friends and conversely long visits make the visited friends short.—Duncan M. Smith.



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