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## BOX BUTTE HOGS TOP DENVER MARKET

Joe Bills Raises and Fattens 300 Pound Fat Hogs on Box Butte Corn. Sell for \$7.60 Cwt.

### Interesting Reminiscences



A Few of the Fat Porkers

On Friday, January 3rd, Joseph Bills, who has a large ranch and farm about five miles south and east of Alliance, shipped to Denver a carload of 70 fine fat hogs. These hogs weighed an average of 300 pounds each. They were far superior to the alfalfa fattened hogs of Colorado, and sold in fifteen minutes after being on the market, for \$7.60 per cwt., topping the market.

All of these hogs were raised and fattened on Mr. Bills' farm. It took about three months to fatten them. The pictures shown herewith show the hogs feeding and five wagon loads on Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, coming into town to load the car. Mr. Bills is standing on the front wagon in the photo.

In a interview Mr. Bills gave the Herald reporter his views of farming, stock raising, and the chances for making a good living and saving in Box Butte county. His reminiscences are very interesting and tell of early days in Box Butte county.

Mr. Bills said, "Hog raising in northwestern Nebraska is far superior to that of the eastern and southern states for several reasons. There is no hog cholera or other disease here. It does not require any more land than elsewhere where land costs from \$150 to \$200 per acre, while good land can be purchased here for \$25 per acre. Hogs can be raised in this region with less expense, less work and less capital than in the neighboring and eastern states. There too much of the hard earned profits are squandered for something that will realize nothing in return. Of course our land here is not so valuable when it comes to selling it, but we raise just as much good corn here as was raised in eastern and southern Nebraska. Our staple crops here are corn, wheat, speltz, oats, barley and potatoes.

"Potatoes are the principal crop in this county. The farmers raise all the way from 50 to 200 bushels per acre, depending upon the work they do and their ability to farm

properly. They can be marketed at a price ranging from 50 cents to \$1 per bushel. Two or three crops of potatoes will enable a man to pay for a fine little home here, while the farmer in eastern and southern states would be working from three to five times as long—perhaps longer.

"I shipped four carloads of choice cattle to the Allen Dudley Commission Company of South Omaha recently. They netted me a good price. We can raise just as good grass fed cattle here as can be raised anywhere else. The grass in this section of the west is very nutritious and fattening.

"America is very different from the old country. I was apprenticed when a boy for four years to learn the carpenter trade over there. My father had to pay \$40 to get me started and he also had to furnish my bed. My mother had to do my washing every six weeks and I had to walk twenty-six miles through the snow to get the washing home.

"When I got to be 18 years of age Prince Henry wanted me for a recruit for his army. I decided to fool him. I went to Branchovan and gave a man ten dollars to take me out five miles on the water to a sailing vessel which was going to America. My fare cost me \$22 and board on the ship. We had some very hard storms. We landed in Baltimore, Maryland. I worked there awhile and in Ohio, from where I went to southwestern Kansas. I went west as far as Larnett, which was the terminus at that time of the old Santa Fe railroad. I walked 26 miles west from Larnett and struck a buffalo hunting outfit going west. I got a job night herding with them at \$25 per month. Saw nothing but hot winds and swarms of grasshoppers that darkened the sun. When the wind didn't blow they would drop to the ground and pile up knee deep on a horse.

"All I had to do at night was to watch the mules to keep the Indi-

ans from stealing them. I was armed with a couple of six shooters so that when the Indians came I had to fire twice as a signal. The buffaloes came to water in the afternoon about three o'clock. The hunters would shoot them for their hides and a little of the meat, which was sun-dried and sent to Kansas City. I saw all kinds of wild game. We took our seven wagons full of buffalo hides and dried meat and started for Kansas City. When we got there they sold the meat for eight cents per pound and the hides for from four to five dollars each. These hides would be worth a great deal of money now.

"I left them and wandered about through Tennessee, back up to Iowa, and finally wound up at Pawnee, Nebraska, where I heard of Wymore, which was the new division point on the Burlington. I built the first house in Wymore in a corn field. It was for Sam Wymore, who has been dead many years. I stayed there for six years and after wandering around through Wyoming for some time struck Douglas just as it was starting. I had to pay eight dollars a day for poor board and slept with rattlesnakes for bedmates. The town of Douglas was built in ten days. I then went to Fort Robinson and helped build the officers' quarters.

"From Fort Robinson I went to Alliance, which was to be the new division point. I went to Grand Lake. There was nothing there but tents. I bought fifty dollars' worth of ship lap, tar paper and a cook stove from Otto Kettleson and hauled it to the place where Alliance now stands. I then built the first house in Alliance. I stayed here and worked at the carpenter trade while the town was building. Helped build the high school house; Fletcher building, Norton building, Opera House and a lot of buildings that were burned up at the time of the two big fires here. However, some of my work is still standing. I made store fronts for Newberry, Norton and Fletcher. I also made furniture from rough woods, one interesting piece being the Alliance National Bank counter, which was made from rough Missouri walnut which cost \$100 per thousand feet. The freight made it cost \$20 per running foot."

Mr. Bills has accumulated a good sized chunk of Box Butte county land since settling here and is making a success of farming and ranching. His success with hogs shows what can easily be done by proper methods.

### Peddlers Have Enjoyable Time

Western Nebraska Traveling Men Enjoy Themselves at Regular Monthly Meeting

The Peddlers, the new traveling men's organization with headquarters at Alliance, met at the I. O. O. F. hall on Saturday evening and spent an evening of pure, unadulterated fun and enjoyment after the business had been transacted.

A number of new candidates were initiated into the order and speeches made by several of the members. Before the refreshments were served a boxing contest was furnished by two of the leading fire department boxers, who acquitted themselves nobly in a five round bout.

The organization, which was badly needed in this section, is rapidly growing and will be a power in its field.

### R. R. Dept. Interested

Railroad Department of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations take interest

#### OFFICIALS TO COME TO ALLIANCE

Dr. Alice M. Day Young has been in correspondence with a number of parties outside of Alliance who should be interested in the new Y. M. C. A. building for this city. Following is a letter received today in reply to a letter addressed to the New York headquarters of the Young Men's Christian Association: St. Louis, January 15, 1913.

Mrs. E. E. Young, Alliance, Nebr. My dear Mrs. Young: Your letter of recent date addressed to Mr. Lucien C. Warner, New York City, has been referred to me as traveling railroad secretary with a relation to some of the roads in the west.

We are very much interested in the organization of a Railroad Young Men's Christian Association for your community and I hope that your expectations and desires may be realized. I have an engagement next week with State Secretary Bailey of Nebraska who has had this matter upon his heart for some time. We shall talk it over and probably at an early date either Mr. Bailey or myself will plan to visit Alliance and I want to assure you that in this connection we shall certainly get in touch with you.

You will be interested to know that quite a number of the various Railroad Young Men's Christian Associations scattered throughout the country are in existence today because some good woman appreciated the importance of making some provision for the railroad employees who were spending much of their time in saloons, pool halls, etc.

Under separate cover we are sending you some pamphlets relating to the work of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Associations which may be of special interest to you. I wish you would examine with care if you have time the little pamphlet which describes the Association at Helper, Utah.

With appreciation of your kind letter and assuring you of our interest in the matter that is upon your heart, I beg to remain, Yours very truly,

A. G. KNEBEL, Railroad Secy.

HILLIS-TOOHEY

The marriage of Miss Pearl Hillis to Mr. Henry Patrick Toohey was solemnized by Rev. Fr. Donnelly at Holy Rosary church Wednesday morning. The bride was beautifully attired in a white messaline bridal gown, with bridal veil, carrying white roses. The groom was dressed in conventional black. The impressive Catholic wedding service, during which the beautiful ring ceremony was observed, made an impression on the many friends who filled the large church, that will be remembered for many years. Mr. John Burke acted as best man and Miss Elva Hillis, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid. She was attired in a blue messaline gown.

A five course wedding breakfast was served to the bride and groom and sixteen guests, who were present by invitation, at the Triplett home, after the ceremony. The happy couple were escorted to the noon train by a large crowd. They departed for Denver, where they visited until this evening with relatives of Mr. Toohey. From Denver they go to Kansas City and eastern points. On their honeymoon trip they will visit with relatives of the bride at Pacific Junction, Iowa. Mr. T. H. Hillis, father of the bride, came to Alliance from Pacific Junction for the ceremony. The announcements state that the couple will be at home in Alliance after February 15th.

Miss Hillis has lived in Alliance for some time and is well known and popular in society here as at Burlington headquarters, where she has capably filled a responsible position. Mr. Toohey has a host of friends in the city. He holds the important position of manager of the Western Telegraph Union at Alliance.

D. L. Wells will lecture at the Crystal Saturday, on "Convict Life in Ohio Penitentiary." Has only pictures ever taken in a penitentiary.

Mrs. Carrie Lore goes to Denver tonight for a week's visit with friends.

### The Biggest Ever

Odd Fellows with Families and Friends Meet in Grand Entertainment and Installation

#### OVER TWO HUNDRED PRESENT

The installation of the new officers of the I. O. O. F. No. 168, located at Alliance, was made by Omar C. Strong, of Hemingford, District Deputy Grand Master, at the ball Tuesday evening. The elective officers who were installed are: Charles Jeffers, N. G., Lincoln Lowry, P. G., H. H. Brandt, V. G., A. J. Macy, Secretary, and J. B. Denton, Treasurer.

Over two hundred people were present in the hall, which was filled to overflowing. After the installation ceremonies, which were very impressive and in which Grand Master Strong was assisted by a number of the Brothers from Hemingford, a program, consisting of speeches, dialogues and music, was enjoyed.

After the program the hall was filled with tables and the banquet began. The orchestra played a number of choice selections of music. When the tables had been cleared speeches were made by a number of the lodge members of Alliance and by a number who were visiting. A flash light picture was taken by Mr. Grebe and all went to their homes, feeling that this was the best entertainment ever given of its character.

### State Apportionment of School Funds

December Apportionment of Funds for Schools of the State Amounted to \$328,104.48

#### BOX BUTTE'S SHARE \$1744.90

County Superintendent Della M. Reed has divided the December state apportionment of school funds for Box Butte county among the districts entitled to receive the same and sent out notices to school directors last week. Nebraska has a fine school fund to be divided twice each year among the schools of the state, amounting to nearly two-thirds of a million dollars per annum. The amount apportioned to Box Butte county is \$1,744.90. To this is added the sum of \$745.00 from other sources, making the total amount to be apportioned by the county superintendent \$2,489.90.

Below is a list of the districts of Box Butte county entitled to a share in the December apportionment with the amount each will receive.

Dist. No.	Amt.	Dist. No.	Amt.
1	\$ 31.42	35	10.62
2	36.95	36	18.45
3	36.95	36	27.70
4	25.86	41	28.63
5	25.86	42	22.15
6	1,973.91	45	24.00
9	43.45	46	21.32
10	34.20	47	34.29
11	20.31	48	12.47
12	29.52	49	20.30
13	26.83	50	13.82
14	25.86	51	28.61
15	23.09	52	18.45
16	21.23	54	26.79
17	28.79	56	36.94
18	135.91	57	14.74
20	16.90	58	25.85
21	26.79	60	21.22
22	24.94	72	17.69
23	16.60	76	26.78
25	25.86	78	24.93
27	16.60	79	19.37
28	29.56	80	13.82
29	25.86	81	25.85
30	25.86	92	14.31
31	33.26	124	19.86
32	20.31	125	19.37
34	24.94		

#### NEW DEPUTY SHERIFF

J. B. Lucas has resigned as deputy sheriff to accept the position of manager of the Burlington stock yards at Alliance. His resignation as deputy sheriff took effect yesterday and he will begin acting as stock yards manager Saturday. D. R. Davies who has been manager of the stock yards will go to Jonesborough, Illinois, and engage in farming. Sheriff Cox has appointed Jas. Miller deputy to fill the position made vacant by Lucas' resignation.

Don't fail to see Clifton Mallory in "David Garrick" on January 29th, with a company of nine people. Elk Course.

### Athletic Entertainment

Fire Boys' Big Athletic Entertainment at Opera House, Friday, January 17th

#### BY ONE OF THE BOYS

Everybody come and bring your families. It will be for ladies as well as gentlemen. There will be quite a number of boxing and wrestling matches, and as the ladies and children don't have the opportunity of seeing an exhibition of this sort very often, let them come and enjoy a nice evening's entertainment. There will be any amount of athletic feats, such as chair and barrel jumping, hand springs from different positions and mat work of all kinds. Among the most important features will be Frank Carter and Jack Klausin, two aspiring heavyweights, in a five round contest. Len Pilkington and H. P. Large will go four rounds. These two men have given several exhibitions in Alliance, and their services are in demand quite frequently. Then, there will be a three round go by D. F. Zediker and Frank Hart, two good boxers who can give a good account of themselves. Wm. Monier and Gus Peterson will give a wrestling exhibition. They, too, have appeared before the public several times, and are good ones. Ward Hall and Clarence Schaefer will also do the wrestling stunt. They are a pair of small boys, but exceptionally strong, and will interest you. Between all of these contests there will be athletic feats of all kinds. George Nation will appear in some high kicking and will also do a very high barrel jump that is out of the ordinary. H. P. Large will do a perilous leap, head foremost over a row of chairs, lighting on his head. This is a feat that would make Mat Gay sit up and take notice. P. H. Noh will give an exhibition on the parallel bars. Quite a number of the fire boys not mentioned above will take part in minor events too numerous to mention. We have Nicholas Schiffo, a chested more ways than a farmer can whip a mule. The proceeds will go toward sending a delegation to North Platte January 21st to attend the Firemen's State Convention. Everybody welcome, and don't forget to bring the family. Admission, main floor 50 cents, balcony 25 cents.

#### JAMES FRANCIS O'DONNELL

James Francis O'Donnell, monologue actor with a record of fifteen years on the American platform, will appear at the Phelan Opera House on Thursday, January 23rd for the benefit of Holy Rosary church. Mr. O'Donnell is without a peer in his profession and he will be heard by a large crowd. See the announcement elsewhere in this issue.

#### LINCOLN MAN CONDUCTS SALE

C. H. Ferris, proprietor of the Oriental store, Lincoln, who is a brother of Mrs. E. Simmons, arrived in Alliance yesterday, bringing a large assortment of Oriental and fancy goods which are being placed on sale at the Simmons store, as will be seen by the advertisement in this issue of The Herald. Mr. Ferris has been in Alliance before and has many friends here.

#### LOOKS LIKE APPOINTMENT

Judge W. S. Ritzell, who has been a candidate for appointment as chief deputy fire commissioner of Nebraska, received a wire yesterday from Governor Morehead asking him to come to Lincoln. This looks very much like an appointment.

#### STOPPED DANGEROUS FIRE

The fire department was called out at 1:30 this afternoon to a fire at the rear of 522 Box Butte Ave. Hot ashes had been thrown near a frame shed, which was burning fiercely when discovered, fanned by the very heavy wind which had been blowing.

The department arrived in time to prevent a serious blaze, on which water was being thrown by people who were living nearby.

#### IMPORTANT

Owing to delayed train service the story of the life of Woodrow Wilson will not begin in the Herald until next week. Watch for it.

Important special sales advertised in this issue.



Joe Bills and Five Loads of the Hogs.—Photo by Grebe.