

Gives all the news of Box Butte County and City of Alliance.

THE ALLIANCE HERALD

Largest circulation of any newspaper in Western Nebraska.

VOLUME XX

ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA: THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1913

NUMBER 7

CONVENTION MEETS

Alliance Firemen, Accompanied by Visitors, Attend Annual Convention at North Platte.

Biggest Ever, Weather Ideal

BY LLOYD C. THOMAS

Every Alliance citizen takes pride in her fire department. The reason for this is that it is their duty and their business to protect the lives and property of our people. The support given to this excellent department by the people of Alliance is largely responsible for the excellent standing of the department in the State Association. This article is written from North Platte at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. We write it fully because we believe that you, the readers of The Herald and the members who had to stay at home, wish to know what your representatives do. I am going back to last Friday night and tell you first of the athletic entertainment, pulled off by the special committee, composed of Pilkington, Hand, Atwell, Large and Reber, and other willing ones who helped to make it a success.

It takes money to go on a trip of this kind, so the boys arranged something that had never been attempted before in Alliance. It was a combination of boxing bouts, wrestling matches and difficult and dangerous athletic stunts.

The house was packed and the entertainment started at 8:30 o'clock. The program ran as follows:

16 man hand stand.
2 man pyramid.
Boxing bout between Hart and Zediker of three rounds.—Welterweights.
Hand springs from stand, Snyder, Fox, Zediker, Hall and Large, who was the stand.
Wrestling match between Hall and Fox.
Chair dive. Very dangerous. By Large, Nation and Snyder.
Boxing bout between Roland and Schafer.—Made a big hit.
High kicking by Nation and Large.
Wrestling match between Monier and Peterson.—Strenuous and made a big hit.
Boxing bout between Large and Pilkington.
Barrel jumping by Nation. This was not finished on account of the fact that he was overworked in the earlier part of program.
Boxing bout between Johnson and Klassin. Comical at times but a contest that caused intense interest. Klassin, with his good reputation and fine work, was cheered time and again. Johnson brought the house to its feet many times by his fast and clever boxing. He has been through many bouts and when a soldier at Fort D. A. Russell at Cheyenne had a big reputation. He made a very clean record as a soldier during his army term, never chewing tobacco, smoking or drinking.

The department cleared a profit of \$73.25 on the evening's entertainment and desires to thank the people of Alliance who so generously and nobly assisted by their presence.

Monday

Monday noon delegates began arriving from Scottsbluff, Mitchell, Chadron, Rushville and Crawford. They were met at the trains by a delegation of Alliance firemen who escorted them to the special car which had been reserved, where they deposited their grips and valises. They were then taken to the department headquarters in the city hall.

The Alliance Fire Department was given an opportunity at noon to show their work by a fire call. A coal and storage shed on the Horace Boque residence property at 905 Cheyenne avenue, in which was stored thirty gallons of gasoline, caught fire from hot ashes. The department was compelled to run for eleven blocks with the heavy hose and ladder trucks. In spite of the fact that there was imminent danger of an explosion from the gasoline, Fire Chief Romig personally stood at the head of his men and directed their work. In a few minutes after the department arrived the fire was extinguished and part of the shed was damaged. Mr. Boque carried insurance amounting to \$85 on the building.

The visiting delegates were entertained at a smoker and banquet Monday evening at headquarters. The members of the department who gave the athletic entertainment were also honored guests. Music was kindly furnished by the Alliance brass band, who have the thanks of the department for their services. At 10 p. m. the banquet was given, after which interesting speeches were made by Guthrie, chairman, Chief Romig, who gave the address of welcome, President Spacht, Messrs. Laine, Hand, Ridgell and Surprise.

Among the visitors who spoke were Mayor Alexander of Scottsbluff, who responded to the address of welcome, Messrs. Baskins and Scofield, Ewing of Mitchell, Mote of Chadron, White of Chadron, and Barnum of Rushville.

A boxing contest by Pilkington and Large, as well as a number of athletic stunts by other members, furnished interesting amusement. The delegates and visiting delegates then went to the private car.

A merrier, happier and better mannered bunch of live fellows was never thrown together than we have here. Every one of them is an A-Number-One fellow, with the best of habits and the manners of a gentleman. Our happy family consists of Pilkington, Spacht, Romig, Keiser, Snyder, Ridgell, Guthrie, Laine, Baskins and your scribe from Alliance. Alexander, Rodgers, Wagner, Bohner, Carlisle, Scofield, Rhodes and Vanderburg from Scottsbluff; Edwards and Ewing from Mitchell; Mote, White, York and Gray from Chadron; Barnum from Rushville; Elliott, Rainey and Bergman from Crawford. Everybody had a good sleep after leaving Alliance at two o'clock last night, until arrival at North Platte at 8:45 this morning.

We were met by the famous North Platte band this morning and were escorted by the North Platte delegation to headquarters, where we registered and received our tickets and badges.

This afternoon we (I mean the 250 delegates who are here) were taken out to the famous home of Buffalo Bill (Colonel Cody) about two miles from town. He calls the ranch, which contains 3,500 acres of irrigated land, "Spartan's Rest Ranch". It is wonderful. We were also shown over the town.

An auto load of "we-uns", consisting of Pilkington, Romig, Spacht and your scribe, was taken by C. F. Temple, who is a leading member of the North Platte department and at whose offices we register, was taken to see the State Experimental farm three miles from town, across the South Platte river. We enjoyed this trip immensely. Alliance and Box Butte county would certainly be benefited if we had a farm of this kind. It contains six sections. We were shown hundreds of head of cattle, dogs and horses, all being fed scientifically and in different ways to determine the value of certain kinds of feed.

The federal building at North Platte, which cost \$100,000, interests us immensely. If North Platte, which firemen's convention call two—is very similar to Alliance, can have a building of this kind, why cannot Alliance have the same?

Alliance has been signally honored by the appointment of Chief Romig to the position of state deputy fire commissioner by Judge Ridgell, who has received the appointment of fire commissioner and who is with us here.

100 more delegates are expected. This will be the biggest convention ever. The weather is ideal. The clean, interesting and varied forms of entertainment furnished by the North Platte department is receiving a great deal of commendation. This evening at 7:30 the convention will be called to order and the first session held.

ALLIANCE WOMAN'S CLUB

Interesting Program Which Was Well Rendered Last Friday

The literary department of the Woman's Club met last Friday afternoon with Mrs. Fred Campbell. Mrs. W. W. Johnson had charge of the program. The topic of the afternoon was "The Passion Play." Many German features were given during the afternoon. Mrs. Johnson sang a solo from the Passion Play text, Miss Beulah Smith gave the instrumental solo "The Last Hope." Mrs. Rowan and Mrs. Johnson sang "Die Lorelei" in German, and Miss Sherderman recited the "Earl Koenig" in the German.

The Dutch lunch was served in the original Dutch style with red table linen and other Dutch characteristics. Dutch maidens in their frocks and aprons served the guests with the dutch lunch "What neder grows old". Miniature windmills and the Dutch tulip were the decorations for the day.

The next meeting of the club will be by the literary department, "Famous Women in History" being the subject, meeting with Mrs. James Hunter, on Box Butte avenue, next Friday afternoon. Mrs. Highland is in charge of the program.

CONWAY-COVALT WEDDING

Leo Conway, living about thirty-five miles southeast of Alliance, and Miss Emma Covalt, who lives in the vicinity of Cleman, were married in this city Saturday evening at 5:30, at the residence of Rev. Woten, who performed the ceremony. Miss Covalt is well known here and all friends are extending congratulations.

LOCAL NEWS



Mrs. L. E. Cox, wife of Blacksmith Cox, expects to be able to leave the hospital the last of the week. She has been in the hospital about ten days.

Miss Mary Regan is able to attend to business as manager at the Stucky store, after an illness of several weeks.

Uncle Thomas Strupper, who is a veteran of the Civil war and resides at the National soldiers' home at Hot Springs, S. D., visited with Alliance friends Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

A. R. Wilson informs The Herald that the suit which has been pending in the supreme court, involving the title to his fine farm west of Alliance, has been decided in his favor, so that he now has not only one of the best farms in the county, but as good a title to it as any man could want.

Chas. W. Lockwood, one of the leading business men of Hemingford, was in Alliance on business a short while Tuesday.

Mrs. A. S. Eneyart and Mrs. Luke Phillips of Hemingford were shopping in Alliance last Friday.

James Whitaker of Canton, and James Lovell, J. B. Scanlon and C. H. Henderson of Curley composed a party of Sioux county homesteaders who made final proof on their claims before the U. S. land office at Alliance on Tuesday.

The Alliance Cleaning Works is standing up for Alliance by securing business from neighboring towns. C. M. Keeley makes a trip each week to Marsland to take orders for and deliver work.

Miss Edna Duncan departed last week for Gypsum, Oklahoma, where she will visit with friends for a few weeks.

C. M. Carey of Lakeside came to Alliance on 43 Friday on business, returning home the next day on 44. He informed The Herald that he recently took the contract to bore ten wells and put up ten windmills for Charley Tuley on the U Cross ranch, forty-five miles northeast of Ellsworth.

T. H. Hillis of Pacific Junction, Iowa, who attended the wedding of his daughter Pearl in Alliance last week, called at The Herald office before leaving for home last Friday and ordered his name placed on the subscription list for the paper the coming year. Miss Elva Hillis remained in Alliance for a visit with friends till this week.

A regular meeting of the P. E. O. met Monday afternoon with Mrs. F. A. Hively. The regular Bayview magazine lesson was taken up, after which a lovely three course luncheon was served. The next meeting of P. E. O. will be on Feb. 3, entertained by Miss Grace Pickell at the home of Mrs. Gene Hall.

Mrs. F. W. Harris served a dainty lunch Wednesday afternoon to a number of friends calling on Mrs. H. G. McVickers and Mrs. E. Sharp of Lincoln, sisters of F. W. Harris.

Mrs. Percy Cogswell, assisted by Miss Julia Frankie, gave a delightful dinner party last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Matilda Frankie. A course dinner was served, with a birthday cake holding the place of honor. A guessing contest was one of the features of the evening. Miss Martha Hawkins was awarded the prize for the best poetry. Those present were Martha Hawkins, Margaret Harris, Mabel and Janet Grassman, Hannah Cotant, Mabel Weidenhamer, Hannah Keane, Helen Rice, Della Holsten, Katie Keiser, Katie Graham, Matilda and Julia Frankie.

Invitations are issued for cards Saturday afternoon at Mrs. N. G. Nelson's home.

The Aid Society of the Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. C. D. Hall. Lunch was served. A missionary program was given for the afternoon's work.

The round table circle of the Christian church will entertain the different aid societies of the Alliance churches next Wednesday in the basement of the Christian church.

The W. C. T. U. is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Geo. Fernald on 6th and Laramie.

Mrs. Ernest Lamb of Edgemont, S. D., was visiting her sister Mrs. A. P. Brown the past week.

Many interested in home talents are patiently looking forward to the play "Dido, the Phoenician Queen,"

which will be given by the Latin Club of the High school, Friday evening, January 31st.

H. S. Morris of Beloit, Wis., who has been visiting his brother, A. S. Morris, has terminated his stay in Alliance and gone to the coast.

Charley Snow was in from the ranch a couple of days this week, on business and visiting with his mother, Mrs. A. D. Snow.

Melvin Hale is expecting his mother, Mrs. Laura B. Hale, of Sioux City, to arrive tomorrow for a visit with him. Mrs. Hale is a prominent W. C. T. U. organizer in the state of Iowa, and will no doubt be a source of inspiration to that society while in this city.

Mrs. F. W. Lester received a telegram this morning from her husband at Seneca asking her to come there and spend three or four days with him. He is buying horses there and expects to remain till he secures a couple of car loads. Mrs. Lester left on 44, accompanied by her grandson Clifford.

Rev. C. H. Burleigh, pastor of the M. E. church at Marsland, formerly editor of the Hemingford Journal, passed through Alliance on 44 today with his wife, who is in very poor health. Three weeks ago last Saturday night Mrs. Burleigh had a partial stroke of paralysis which came near being fatal. She has partly recovered but is still very feeble. Mr. Burleigh was taking her to Lakeside to be with relatives there for a while.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE COMMISSIONER

Retiring Chief Deputy Fire Commissioner of Nebraska Issues Annual Report for 1913

WILL HAVE ABLE SUCCESSOR

One of the last official acts of Hon. C. A. Randall, chief deputy fire commissioner of Nebraska under the Aldrich administration, was to issue the fourth annual report of the office. It contains a large amount of interesting and valuable information, but some of the data is incomplete. In the list of fires, by towns, from Dec. 31, 1911, to Dec. 20, 1912, Alliance is omitted, although we had quite a number of fires during that time. Omaha had the largest number, 557; Lincoln comes second with 124; and South Omaha third with 92.



HON. W. S. RIDGELL, Chief Deputy Fire Commissioner of Nebraska

The total number of fires reported in the state for that time, a little less than a year, is 1,234.

A study of the causes of fires will be about as profitable as any part of the report. Sparks from chimneys comes first in number with 92. Second largest number is attributed to incendiary, 73. Defective flues comes third with 67. Matches and children are credited with the fourth largest number, 60. Gasoline stoves coming fifth crowds close up to matches and children, being credited with 58 fires.

Mr. Randall was an energetic official and did much good work. His successor, Judge W. S. Ridgell of Alliance, is a man well qualified for the work of chief deputy fire commissioner and we expect to see him make a record fully as good as that of his predecessor, and probably more effective in the prevention of fires. The Herald is at his service in helping to give publicity to any matters that he may wish to put before the people of the state.

HERALD TO THE FRONT

Coming Into Its Own After Facing Bitter Opposition and Unjust Discrimination.

This Paper Has Many Friends

The writer is beginning his fifth year as editor of The Alliance Herald. It has been our endeavor to give the people of Alliance and surrounding territory a clean, local newspaper, distinctly progressive in politics, and without sectarian prejudice in matters pertaining to morals. During the past four years the paper has, with one exception, supported the democratic nominees for state, national and congressional offices. On account of The Herald's aggressive progressivism under its present editorship, it soon encountered intense opposition from a combination of standpat republicans and reactionary democrats. Had we been trying to find a town of the same size in Nebraska where a stronger combination of this kind could be formed than in Alliance, we probably could not have found it.

Judging from the experience of men who had encountered the same kind of opposition on a larger scale, men such as W. J. Bryan, Woodrow Wilson, Robert M. La Follette, we knew that we would come out victorious if we could stand the strain till the tide turned. But to stand the strain, that was the rub. The general public honors those who stand unflinchingly for the rights of the common people, but popular response is often slower in coming than the opposition of those who stand for special privileges. The number of those who have fought The Herald under the present man-

agement never was large but their position was such that, with the combination that was formed, their opposition seriously affected the business. In fact, to be frank, they nearly accomplished their purpose of driving the paper out of business or compelling it to change hands.

BUT THE TIDE HAS TURNED

The Herald is not for sale and it is not expected that any change will be made in editor soon. It is planned now for the editor to occupy the position for four years longer at least.

Things are coming our way. Within the last few months the Alliance city council voted to make The Herald an official paper again. As will be seen by the minutes of the county commissioners' proceedings in this issue, this paper again becomes one of the official papers of the county, after being deprived of the privilege for some time. As will be seen by a notice in this issue, this paper will be given a share in the final proof notices which are published in Alliance during the balance of the present register's incumbency. After that—well, we will see about that later. Under the bitter and persistent work of those who were trying to crush The Herald, the subscription list slumped, but it has been coming up nicely for some time. Last month the net increase in the number of subscribers was, we think without counting, about ten per cent.

ELABORATE DINNER AND PARTY

Mrs. F. W. Lester and Mrs. Claude Lester Entertain at Their Home on Toluca Ave.

On Tuesday evening the beautiful Lester home on Toluca avenue was the scene of one of the largest and most elaborate dinner and card parties ever given in Alliance. The invitations read: "Mrs. F. W. Lester and Mrs. C. L. Lester at home, Tuesday, January twenty-first, nineteen hundred and thirteen. Dinner 6:30 o'clock. Cards, 8:30 P. M."

The parlors and tables were decorated with white carnations and ferns. The tables were resplendent with cut glass, china, and embroidered linen. The five course dinner was perfect in every detail and reflected great credit on the Lester ladies, under whose supervision it had been prepared. Misses Minell Highland, Hazel Bennett, Leone Mallery and Della Mallery assisted in serving. All were beautifully gowned in white and added very much to the pleasure of the evening.

Dinner was followed by cards. The game 500 was played and punches were counted. Mrs. Grace Kennedy and Mrs. U. N. Hoskins were high. On second cut Mrs. Kennedy won. Her prize was a handsome dish of Renier ware. The free for all prize was won by Mrs. H. H. Giles. This prize was a bon bon dish of Venetian ware.

The invited guests were Miss Ina Bellwood and Mesdames J. R. Phelan, Jerry Rowan, H. E. Marvin, G. F. Hamilton, W. W. Wood, H. H. Bellwood, Peckenpaugh, F. A. Hively, Chase Feagins, E. C. McCleure, Weldenhamer, M. E. Grebe, C. A. Bennett, Stebbins, Dr. Lee, C. E. Debruler, D. J. Nelson, James Gaddis, R. E. Knight, Fred McDonald.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO HOMESTEADERS

Register of U. S. Land Office Will Send Final Proof Notices to The Herald when Requested

WE WILL MAKE OUT PAPERS

It has been so long since a final proof notice was published in The Herald that it seems like a dream to know that the paper is about to come into its own in this matter, as well as in other things. Judge W. W. Wood, register of the United States land office at Alliance, called at our office yesterday and informed us that he had decided to permit homesteaders to choose the paper in which their final proof notices will be published. In cases where there are two papers published in the town to which their final proof notices go, this will be pleasing news to the friends of The Herald who expect to make final proof.

Request to Herald Readers

We wish to request Herald readers in the south part of Box Butte and Sheridan counties and the north part of McPherson and Garden counties to call the attention of their neighbors to this matter. Persons who desire to make final proof are requested to call at our office to have their papers made out. We will make them out carefully and correctly free of charge. The editor of this paper was at one time a homesteader in western Nebraska and later published a paper in which many final proof notices were published. We shall be pleased to give homesteaders the benefit of our experience in any way possible, and shall consider ourselves well repaid by being permitted to publish their final proof notices.

the state firemen's tournament was taken up. As there is yet no definite information in regard to dates, arrangements could not be completed, but it was the consensus of opinion that the two should be held in conjunction the latter part of June if possible.

Officers were elected as follows: A. D. Rodgers, pres.; W. W. Norton, vice pres.; Geo. W. Duncan, treas.; Bruce Mallery and W. R. Harper, members of the board of directors to act with above named officers.

The secretary will be elected by the board of directors at a meeting which is being held this afternoon.

S. K. Warrick was in Alliance today forenoon on his way home to Scottsbluff from the east. His business interests and many friends occupy his time completely when in this city, but he is never in too much of a hurry for a handshake and cordial greetings.

"Life of Woodrow Wilson" beginning this week on page two.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Meeting of Alliance Commercial Club Held at Burlington Hotel Last Evening

A meeting of the Alliance Commercial Club was held last evening at the Burlington Hotel, including a banquet. Business of importance was transacted.

The matter of providing for the annual stockmen's convention and