

HEAVY RAIN ON TUESDAY EVENING

Residence of F. M. Broome Struck by Lightning. Damage Slight

OVER AN INCH OF RAIN

Over an inch of rain fell in Alliance between half past six and half past seven o'clock Tuesday evening. Accompanying the rain, which at times fell in torrents, was a great amount of thunder and lightning.

Shortly after the storm started a bolt of lightning struck the two story and a half residence of F. M. Broome at seventh street and Laramie avenue, doing some damage but injuring no one. Mr. and Mrs. Broome, Miss Broome and Dr. Hirschman were in the parlor on the first floor at the time the bolt struck. At first they thought that the barn, which stands about sixty feet from the house, had been struck, until the sulphur fumes began to penetrate the rooms. The bolt had apparently struck the gable on the west, dividing and running down the roof along the metal parts. At each point where the current left the roof and entered the house, the wood is plainly burned. A number of shingles and in one place a heavier board were knocked from the roof, the rain coming through. After leaving the roof the different parts of the bolt seem to have entered nearly every room upstairs, leaving holes in the plastering where it entered and knocking the plaster loose in some places. The escape from injury of everyone and the fact that no fire was started from the bolt, seems miraculous.

The Herald phoned over a large portion of Box Butte county yesterday in order to ascertain the extent of the rain. M. A. Brown, living thirty miles north, reported a good shower but probably not as heavy as at Alliance. Perry Malley, seventeen miles west, reports a heavy rain, probably as heavy as at Alliance. Hemingford reports a good rain. J. A. Keegan, who has the government gauge on his farm four miles east, reported only seven-tenths of an inch of rain.

The rainfall for July was heavier than usual, for this section, the government gauge showing a total rainfall for the month, of 5.65 inches.

MORRILL COUNTY INSTITUTE

The Morrill county teachers' institute for this year will be held at Bridgeport next week, August 11 to 16. The institute will be conducted by the county superintendent, Miss Cora A. Thompson, with Supt. W. R. Pate of Alliance and Miss Julia Bednar of South Omaha as instructors.

I. O. O. F. GRAND LODGE MEETING

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. will be held in Alliance August 19th. Delegates will be here from practically every lodge in western Nebraska. A session of the lodge will be held in the afternoon, followed by initiation ceremony.

LET THE CONTRACT FOR COURT HOUSE

R. A. Matthews of Grand Junction, Colorado, Successful Bidder for Construction of New Building

COST WILL BE \$59,045 PLANS CHANGED

The court room in the court house was filled with bidders and others interested when the bids for the construction of the new court house were opened Saturday at noon. R. A. Matthews, of Grand Junction, Colorado, was the successful bidder. His bid, which was the lowest, was \$64,095, on the specifications of the architects, Rose & Peterson, of Kansas City. On account of the fact that only \$65,000 was appropriated and that it will be necessary to pay the architects' fees, plumbing and heating, and other incidental out of this amount, the specifications were slightly changed, such as omitting the revolving doors, mail chutes and some of the fancy work on the roof, together with the dome, cutting the entire cost down to \$59,045.

Temporary contracts were signed by the county and Mr. Matthews Saturday evening. County Attorney Burton has gone to Lincoln to complete the sale of the bonds to the state. Final contracts will be drawn up as soon as the county treasurer receives the cash from the sale of the bonds.

The payments to the contractor will be made as fast as construction progresses, being as follows: First payment, \$2000, when foundation and walls are to grade.

Second payment, \$7000, when first floor slab is in place.

Third payment, \$6000, when second floor slab is in place.

Fourth payment, \$5000, when third floor slab is in place.

Fifth payment, \$5000, when attic slab is in place and court room same height.

Sixth payment, \$5,000, when roof slab is on.

Seventh payment, \$5000, when composition roof is on and sheet metal and parapet complete.

Eighth payment \$5000 when grounds

Wolverton Makes Statement

Frank Wolverton Takes Straightforward Way of Clearing up Matters Talked about

Frank Wolverton, who was slugged on the night of July 14, 1913, at the entrance to an alley on Sixth street, between Cheyenne and Laramie avenues, gives herewith a statement which he asks published, in order to clear up the suspicion that the slugging was done by an Alliance man. A great deal of talking has been done regarding this matter and many statements made which were mere rumors.

Statement

Alliance, Nebr., Aug. 5, 1913.

TO THE PUBLIC:

I desire to state that the relations between Mr. George A. Witte and myself have always been most friendly and congenial. And that no trouble has ever existed between us, and that it is my belief that Mr. Witte has been cleared of all suspicion in regard to my being slugged on July 14, 1913, near his residence. FRANK W. WOLVERTON.

DIVING HORSE FOR COUNTY FAIR

One of the attractions secured for the county fair will be the famous diving horse, owned by C. L. Johnson, of Ardmore, S. D. This horse climbs an incline thirty feet in height and then jumps into a tank of water on the ground.

Dr. Claude Lester, veterinarian, made a flying trip to Hemingford yesterday on business.

AUTO PARTY TO CHADRON

Ward Hall was the host at an auto party on Sunday. The guests were Nellie Keeler, Arlene Morrison, Migration Hall, Earnest Hock, "Toots" Morrison, driver Ward Hall. They composed a very jolly party, going first to Chadron then back via Hay Springs, taking in an interesting ball game there. On the way over they caught up with an unfortunate Alliance autoist and helped him into Chadron.

SPECIAL TEACHER'S EXAMINATION

There will be a special Teacher's Examination in county subjects only at the court house August 15th and 16th.

DELLA REED, County Superintendent.

DEATH OF AGATHA GREGG NEWLAND

Former Alliance Girl Dies at Home in Greenville, Tenn.

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD HERE

Mrs. Dr. L. W. Newland, daughter of E. I. Gregg, of Alliance, died at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at her home in Greenville, Tenn. Agatha Gregg was a popular Alliance young lady when she was married to Dr. L. W. Newland, on September 23, 1912, less than a year ago.

E. I. Gregg, her father, received a telegram Saturday afternoon that Mrs. Newland was very ill and would probably be operated on Sunday. Her brother, Roy Gregg, and sister-in-law, Mrs. E. M. Gregg, took the train Saturday night, arriving at Greenville before her death. The telegram received yesterday afternoon stated that they were starting home and would wire later when they would arrive with the body. The funeral will be held at Alliance.

ANOTHER ATTRACTION FOR THE EMPRESS

Harry Dubuque wired Tuesday for an attraction that will add much to the attractiveness of the Empress picture house. He ordered a \$1500 electric Wurlitzer orchestral and electric piano. This instrument, which will be the only one of its kind in this section of the state, is purchased from Orkin Brothers and will take the place of an entire orchestra. It will be a novelty that will draw bigger crowds, if possible to set them into the Empress.

NEXT TERM OF COURT NOV. 3RD

The date for the next term of district court has been set for November 3rd.

Romig Returns

P. E. Romig, city councilman and chief of the fire department, returned the first of the week from his three weeks' trip with his family throughout the east. On the trip they visited Chicago, Niagara Falls, Allentown, Pa., New York City, West Point, N. Y., Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Omaha, and West Point, Nebraska, where his relatives reside. Mr. J. H. Romig, his father, is visiting him at this time.

FAREWELL SERMON

Rev. James B. Brown, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, having accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Gordon, Nebr., as previously mentioned in The Herald, will preach his final sermon as pastor of the Alliance church next Sunday evening. As a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the pastors and members of the other churches, services for Sunday evening at the Baptist, Methodist, United Presbyterian and Christian churches are withdrawn and the congregations of those churches are invited by their pastors to attend services at the First Presbyterian church at that time.

John R. Lawrence has the contract for cutting and bunching the hay on the Nels Worley ranch southwest of Alliance, and John Broils is doing the stacking.

Prof. Meyer left Sunday for his home at Peru. He will attend the tennis tournament at Lincoln.

Mrs. Harry Gantz is entertaining sixteen of her friends at a Kensington party this afternoon.

Thirty cars of sheep, consisting of 6,000 head, were fed in the local yards today. They belonged to Ray Brothers, of Montana, and were being shipped to South Omaha and Chicago.

A trainload of twenty-four cars of beef cattle arrived in the local yards at two o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. W. D. Zediker gave a party Wednesday evening to her harmony music class. Miss Burnett rendered a vocal solo.

John Wiker and W. M. Robinson, of Orkin Brothers, made an auto trip to Scottsbluff on Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Toohy returned home Monday from Pacific Junction, Iowa, Monday. She had been visiting her father and sister.

Tom Poole, of Marsland, was in the city the first of the week.

Supt. Weidenhamer and family are expected home Friday from their fishing and camping trip in the Black Hills.

Mrs. Sterns and daughter arrived today from Scottsbluff, their former home.

Herman Lund came up today to begin work on the new Klenop-Hubel garage.

WILL DISCONTINUE ALL OLD PHONES

Nebraska Telephone Company Finds Metallic Service Much Ahead of Old Style

COMMISSION GIVES AUTHORITY

The Nebraska Telephone Company, owners of the Alliance exchange, installed an entire new system on March 1st of this year. At that time the rates were advanced fifty cents per month on account of the betterment in service, permission for this being granted by the State Railway Commission, which has authority to state what the rates shall be.

About seventy-five users of the old phones did not sign contracts for the new metallic circuit, preferring to use the old grounded system, at less cost. Because of the fact that the metallic circuit service is so much better than the old service, and because of the fact that the grounded lines have an unfair advantage over the new lines, at less cost per month, the State Railway Commission has given the company authority to cancel all grounded line rates, beginning September 1st. Most of the subscribers who have been using the grounded lines are signing up contracts for the metallic circuit.

Following is the letter sent to the grounded line subscribers by the company:

Alliance, Nebr., July 31, 1913.

Dear Sir: Permission having been granted the Nebraska Telephone Company by the Nebraska State Railway Commission to cancel all grounded line rates at Alliance, we wish to notify you that effective September 1st, 1913, our grounded line service will be discontinued. The rates for metallic service will be:

Individual Line Business \$2.50 per month.

Two party Line Business \$2 per month.

Individual Line Residence, \$1.50 per month.

Two party Line Residence, \$1.25 per month.

We trust you will continue to use our service at the new rate and in the near future we shall have our representative call on you in reference to signing a new contract.

Yours very truly,
NEBRASKA TELEPHONE CO.
By T. H. Beeson.

Alliance now has telephone service second to none in the state. Anyone who wants to see an up-to-date exchange, operated in a business-like manner, should make the Alliance exchange a visit.

WILL MOVE TO LINCOLN

W. D. Harrington who has tried farming successfully in Box Butte county this summer has decided to return to his trade as a machinist. He sold his crop on the Kibbie place, fifteen miles northeast of Alliance, to Carl Bruckner. He and his wife will spend about a month with his mother on her claim in the Moffitt neighborhood in Morrill county, after which they will take up their residence in Lincoln where he will work as a machinist. The Herald will continue to keep them posted on the news of this part of the state and joins their friends in Box Butte county in wishing them prosperity in their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington and his mother left Alliance yesterday, going out to Moffitt with the mail carrier.

SPORTING AFFAIRS

Edited by "DOC" COPELAND

Stearns Closes Deal

F. E. Stearns has closed a deal for the purchase of the dry goods department of the big Norton store, and, as will be noted by the advertisement on page eight of this paper, starts a cash sale of summer goods at prices that will sell them quickly. Mr. Stearns is a thorough business man and understands the business from A to Z. It will pay Herald readers to watch his ads for bargains.

TO PUMP WATER

R. P. Larson Will Put Two Wells with Centrifugal Pumps for Irrigating on His Place Nine Miles West of Alliance

When convinced that a proposed enterprise is practicable and that it will benefit Alliance and northwest Nebraska, The Herald boosts for it with all its might, whether anybody else does at the time or not. During the past few years this paper has taken the lead in championing a number of things that have already proven a success or that are acknowledged to be practicable. We are convinced that pump irrigation will within a few years be one of the best things for the table land of western Nebraska that has ever happened, and we are simply delighted to inform our readers that it will without doubt be tried in Box Butte county next summer.

R. P. Larson of Bertrand, Nebr., who owns a section of land nine miles west of Alliance, was here Tuesday of this week and contracted with J. C. McCorkle for the plowing and seeding of 250 acres of ground this fall. He went with Mr. McCorkle out to his place and selected locations for two wells which he will put down with a centrifugal pump at each. Mr. Larson is a man of means who has made a success of farming and business. He has seen the pumping irrigation proposition tried out in Phelps county,

Nebraska, and has not the slightest doubt of making a success of it here. He intends to move from Bertrand to Alliance before next spring and make his home in this city, while his son will live on the farm.

Mr. Larson's enterprise no doubt will mean much for this country, probably more than any one now comprehends. When it has been demonstrated by a practical man that pump irrigation can be made a success and a paying proposition, others will try it and such plants will be installed rapidly and in large numbers. Alliance, surrounded by irrigated farms, the leading city of a great cattle country and with splendid railroad and shipping facilities, will push rapidly forward to the position of fourth city of the state, "The Grand Island of northwest Nebraska."

This is no pipe dream. Keep your eye on Alliance. When that time comes it may not be possible to apportion credit just where deserved, but such men as Mr. Larson, J. C. McCorkle and others that might be mentioned will not be soon forgotten for the part they take in boosting for this country at a time when it means much for the country's development.

A WEEK OF FUN AT THE CARNIVAL

Capital City Amusement Company Furnishing Week of Entertainment

PRESENT HIGH CLASS SHOWS

The Capital City Amusement Company arrived Sunday night with their flotilla of amusement palaces. Monday morning they began to unload and soon had the business section of Alliance looking as though an army had occupied it. Old and young are busily enjoying themselves afternoon and evening at the many different entertainments offered by this company, which is far better than any entertainment of its kind offered here before.

DEATH OF J. B. GRAY

Prominent Alliance Citizen Died Tuesday from Attack of Cholera Morbus

BURIED AT CARROLL, IOWA

J. B. Gray died at St. Josephs Hospital at twenty minutes after two o'clock Tuesday afternoon from an attack of cholera morbus which affected his heart.

James B. Gray was born in June, 1860 at Galena, Ill. He first came to Alliance fourteen years ago. Mr. Gray's father died when he was a child. His mother afterward married P. M. Guthrie. Their son, John W. Guthrie, and Mr. Gray have been associated in the insurance business in Alliance for over six years.

Mr. Gray made his home at Carroll, Iowa, for many years. He was express agent there, deputy county treasurer under his stepfather. He afterwards entered the employ of the Pullman company, traveling from Chicago to Portland. He was afterwards a traveling salesman for the Groneweg-Schoentgen Company of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Paxton-Gallagher Company, of Omaha, Donald-Porter Company of Grand Island. He was one of the most popular salesmen for the latter firm, and made a fine record. About six years ago he and Mr. Guthrie, his brother, established the insurance business which they have been conducting under the name of Gray & Guthrie. This business has grown to large proportions.

Mr. Gray was married twenty-five years ago and has a son now living at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

James B. Gray was noted for his sterling quality and honesty. He was a faithful Catholic and always abided by the laws of the church. He died with the last rites of extreme unction, administered by Father Maloney, who attended him. His death was surrounded by intimate friends. Solemn requiem masses were offered by Father Maloney at nine o'clock Wednesday morning at Holy Rosary church, assisted by a choir of the Sisters, who sang the Gregorian chant. The church was filled and the body remained there until time to take it to the train Wednesday noon, when it was escorted by a delegation of the Knights of Columbus, of which Mr. Gray was an honored member.

The body was taken to Carroll, Iowa, accompanied by Mr. Guthrie. The funeral will be held Friday from St. Josephs church at Carroll. The remains will be buried by those of his mother, who died about a year and a half ago.

The Ferris wheel, merry-go-round and other kindred amusements furnish a great deal of amusement.

Mr. White said after the big rain Tuesday evening, "We never fall to bring a good, soaking rain, no matter where we go."

H. C. Smith, the brick and stone contractor, went to Marsland on 43 yesterday to put in porch piers for the Marsland hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Harris, living two miles west of Berea, are the parents of a baby girl, born Monday, August 4th.

Rev. Titus Lang leaves today for Crawford and vicinity, to be gone till next Tuesday or Wednesday. He will make the trip by driving.

Mr. and Mrs. Aloise Cernak of Hemingford drove down to Alliance today to see the carnival. They favored The Herald with a pleasant call.

Carl and Winnie Spacht left this morning for a two weeks' trip to Ellings and the west coast. At Ellings they will meet Mrs. Spacht and Grace. They then go on to Portland, San Francisco and Oakland.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE