

## SAYS LEMAN IS INNOCENT

Night Clerk at Hotel Claims He Saw Alleged Murderer Here on November 19

That Guy Leman is entirely innocent of the murder of C. D. Campbell, the Lincoln contractor, at Omaha, on the night of November 19, is asserted by A. H. Chapman, night clerk at the hotel where Leman stayed while in Alliance.

Chapman says the man came to the hotel late in the evening and registered, and that he was not drunk at that time. With him was the man named Conway, for whom he registered, and both were assigned to the same room. According to the night clerk, the two men returned about 10 o'clock and remained in their room until late the next morning.

On the evening of the 18th, declares Chapman, Leman again came to the hotel, but was intoxicated. He made an effort to sign his name to the register but his hand was so unsteady that the clerk signed for him. Later, on going to Leman's room to see if he had returned, Chapman found the man sitting on the side of the bed, with a quart bottle of whiskey lying on the floor. An effort was made to remove the whiskey from Leman's reach, but to this he strenuously objected, and it was left with him. It was about 3 o'clock before the light was extinguished.

That was the last the clerk saw of Leman until the afternoon of the 19th, when he found him in a saloon, still drunk. Chapman thinks he left Alliance later the same afternoon on a wheat train, and that Leman's story of his departure is correct.

## THEY'RE FILING NOW

Primary Business is Now Picking Up—and at That, Business Has Only Started

With the coming of the new year, candidates are picking up their ears and taking the necessary steps to get into the race for county offices at the coming primary. There evidently is no dearth of candidates, as matters are now only started.

W. C. Mounts, who formerly held down the office of county clerk, has decided to enter the race in the Republican primaries for that office this year, to succeed M. S. Hargraves, "Bill", as he is better known, knows the county clerk's duties from A to Izzard, and will doubtless make himself felt when the time comes.

For county treasurer there are now two likely candidates on the Republican side—L. E. Tash and Frank W. Irish. Both these gentlemen are too well known to need an introduction. Mr. Tash held office here when Box Butte county was in its infancy, and for a number of years was postmaster. Mr. Irish is also a competent man. He made the race for the same office last year, but was defeated by Edgar Martin.

Sheriff Cox is going to run on the Democratic side for sheriff again, but he's going to have some healthy opposition in the form of W. O. Barnes, republican candidate. Mr. Barnes is former mayor of Alliance, and is well qualified for the office to which he aspires.

County Judge Berry has not yet decided whether or not he will be a candidate for re-nomination. Thus far, no one has filed to oppose him.

Both County Attorney A. B. Eby and County Superintendent Opal Russell will be candidates for re-nomination for their present offices. Thus far there have been no filings against them.

## Firemen's Edition Appreciated

On December 2 The Herald issued an illustrated firemen's edition, there being included in it writings of most of the volunteer departments over the state, and a two-page advertisement for the 1916 convention which is to be held at Crawford in January. That the edition was appreciated is shown by the following writeup regarding it in the papers at Crawford:

The Alliance Herald issue of last week gave a two-page writeup concerning Crawford and vicinity, showing many cuts of the city and Fort Robinson. This edition was 4,000 copies and would reach the home of every volunteer fireman in the state. The Crawford Chamber of Commerce purchased a number of copies which the secretary mailed out to various kindred organizations. This special issue was a credit to the Herald, and the local firemen much appreciate the courtesy in setting out this special number for them.

## ROBB WILL MARRY GIRL

Released from Custody on Promise of Marriage—Was Held for Violating Mann Act

Perry Robb, the young man arrested last week on a charge of violating the Mann white slave act, has agreed to marry Hattie Levere, the woman in the case, and this has resulted in the charge against him being dropped by the federal officers.

Robb admitted having furnished a part of the money used in transporting the woman to Cheyenne and to Sterling, but that when he did so he had fully intended to marry her. His failure to do so, he said, was on account of his lack of funds.

Special Agent Wade A. Wilson came here from Lincoln to investigate the case, and as Robb and the woman both agreed that they wanted to get married at the earliest opportunity, the young man was given his freedom.

## REPORT OF CONVENTION

Convention of Clerks and Commissioners at Columbus Was Well Entertained by the City

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 16.—Alliance was chosen by the state convention of county commissioners and supervisors for the next meeting place.

Alliance received 88 votes, Omaha 16, and Hastings 11.

Forty telegrams from officers and business men of Alliance were received and read by the secretary soliciting the members to vote for Alliance for holding the next annual convention.

By a unanimous vote the present officers were all re-elected: P. J. Kennedy, president, York; L. R. Barlow, vice president, Lodgepole; C. E. Hill, secretary, Hastings, and Mike Cavey, St. Edward.

In the afternoon the subject of county roads was again taken up and discussed by James A. White, Messrs. Pitts of Cass county, Purdy of Madison county and Clarke of Nemaha county. The opinion of the speakers was that the costs of establishing new roads costs about \$20 per mile for grading, and to keep same in good repair would cost \$15 per mile. It was suggested that the county roads should be under supervision of the supervisors as it is now under the commissioner system.

County Attorney City F. Walter of Platte county was called upon for a few remarks and he took for his subject safety, first of records by procuring good vaults, by placing signals on bridges while repairing same, by complying with legislation placing white posts on each side of the culverts on the public highway, thus avoiding expenses and costs to the county.

A resolution extending thanks to Columbus and especially to the Commercial club for hospitality was read and endorsed by a rising vote.

The members attended a banquet at the Orpheus hall given by the Commercial club. The banquet was served by the women of the Methodist Episcopal church. The music on this occasion was rendered by the Columbus new symphony orchestra consisting of eighteen members and under the direction of Prof. E. R. G. Gruber.

Moving pictures were shown at the North opera house last night giving the process of manufacturing iron and steel, after which the visiting guests partook of a Dutch lunch at the Elks hall given by the Commercial club of Columbus.

## POOL HALL ROBBED

Burglars Gained Entrance to Crane Pool Hall Room Thru a Rear Window and Got \$60

Making their entrance thru a rear window, robbers Monday night entered the Crane pool room and took goods and money to the amount of \$60. The principal loss was a pair of billiard balls valued at \$59. In addition they got change amounting to \$1.45 and a number of old coins which would probably bring \$5 on the market. It is thought that some cigars are missing, but not many. Three men have gone to the penitentiary for robbing this place, each being apprehended shortly after the robbery, and present indications are that the robber of Monday night will also be brought to justice.

## GARAGE CHANGES HANDS

Clyde Pigman Buys Buick Garage from W. W. Norton and George Ellis

Last week the deal was made whereby Clyde Pigman became owner of the Buick garage, formerly the Reo garage, on lower Box Butte. Since Mr. Pigman severed his connections as assistant cashier of the First State Bank he has been on the lookout for a favorable business connection, thus his purchase of the garage.

The Buick and Saxon cars will be handled, as before, and it is probable that some new equipment will be added in the near future. George Ellis will remain as machinist.

## BE THANKFUL

Everyone in Alliance Has Plenty of Reason to be Joyous This Christmastide

Another Christmastide is upon us. It doesn't seem that it has been a whole year since last Christmas, because the world moves in a hurry in this day and age.

Alliance and Box Butte county have been more than blessed in the year just coming to a close. There have been bountiful crops of all kinds, and never before in history has there been so much money. This money has been earned by honest toil—the only sure foundation of wealth and happiness anywhere—and the farmers have realized good remuneration for their year's labor.

Why, even the climate has been such that we can be thankful for it also. Sunny California has nothing on western Nebraska when it comes to warm breezes. Of course the cold weather is coming, but with such beautiful weather as has just passed, it cannot last long.

If the agricultural wealth of a country can be accurately judged by the number of automobiles owned by farmers, then Box Butte county is right in the lead, for there are mighty few farmers here that do not possess one of these conveniences. Doesn't that speak well for any country?

Merchants report business conditions for the past year better than ever, even though the Christmas trade waited until the last hour to make their purchases. One merchant remarked to a reporter two months ago that if he had closed his doors at that time and not re-opened until the first of the year, he would have been ahead of last year. And this in the face of the fact that the holidays are this business man's mecca. While this may not have been duplicated by many merchants, at the same time they have all done their share. New institutions have been started, and all these have apparently prospered. New people have moved into the town and county, increasing the population and creating more demand for products of every kind, and this new business naturally comes to the Alliance merchants.

Whether or not history repeats itself is not the matter in question, for 1916 bodes even better for this community than last year. The matter of irrigation is now being considered seriously in this county, and with the advent of that departure will come increased crops, and a proportionate increase in business for everyone.

A town never stands still—it either progresses or it retrogrades. No one will question the statement that Alliance is progressing. This is borne out on every side, and the future is full of great possibilities that have not yet been thought of.

Like every other town in the world Alliance has its knockers, but fortunately they are small potatoes. The boosters are so far in the lead, numerically speaking, that the knockers cannot somehow get a hand-hold.

New institutions are located here because the promoters really have a desire to come. No extraordinary inducements are held out to them. Although in the sand-hills, Alliance is built upon a solid rock, and hard-headed business men come here on that account.

Substantial schools, progressive churches, and well-managed public institutions contribute their share toward these conditions.

Truly, Alliance has much to be thankful for as she prepares to enter the new year.

## CUPID WINS OUT

Now Back on the Job and is Making Good—A Dozen Marriages are Scheduled for Alliance

After several months of inactivity, or watchful waiting, Cupid is again back on the job. It is thru no fault of his that he has not been kept busy during the entire year, but when one meets with decided rebuff after rebuff, as has been his experience, it is not the least surprising that his patience should become worn out.

But the first of this month he tried again, and this time his efforts met with success—one might even say phenomenal success—for so short a time. True, it is surely time something was happening in the hymeneal realm, when one considers that the marriage licenses in the county judge's office have laid on the shelf until they are almost yellow with age. And they were bought only a year ago.

Just an even dozen marriages are scheduled to take place in and around Alliance within the next month. Why in the world all the couples should wait for cold weather to be married is more than the Herald's expert on such matters can tell. "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," wasn't meant for the Alliance young men—nor did the summer help matters any.

The weather in this country for the past year has not been conducive of such thoughts, apparently. Marriages have occurred in a desultory fashion, far beneath the usual average.

The only real cause that can be ascribed to the marriage fever now existing is that the young men have dilly-dallied along during the summer, sitting on the front porch where the idyllic breezes blow, and now that cold weather has started in earnest they have been driven into the house where the old folks can keep watch on them and see whether they "mean business or are only fooling." Under these circumstances the bashful young men have decided to take a long shot and while the time away by proposing marriage. There is not a single instance on record where one of the young men who thus made known his wants has been refused—all that was necessary was for him to say the word.

Now that the spell is broken it is thought more Alliance young men will step in and take a hand. It's just like the case where the hypnotist calls for subjects on the stage—when one takes the lead a dozen more are sure to follow.

## BUY BUILDING LOT

Odd Fellows Building Association of Alliance Purchase Well Located Lot for Building Site

The Odd Fellows Building Association, recently organized and incorporated by members of the Odd Fellows fraternal order, Wednesday morning purchased from F. E. Reddish the corner lot at the northeast corner of Fifth street and Niobrara avenue, one block east of the Drake hotel, to be used as a building site for an Odd Fellows home.

A two-story house is located on the lot. The house will be sold and moved. The association expects to prepare for the starting of a building in the spring. The lot is seventy by one hundred feet in size and will give room for a large building, which will probably be two stories in height.

## ORGANIZE HUMANE SOCIETY

Prominent Business Man Elected President of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Helpless

The Alliance Humane Society was organized Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of interested citizens held at the city mission. R. M. Hampton, well known and prominent business man, was elected president; Rev. J. B. Carns was elected vice president; Mrs. B. M. Sharp, police matron and head of the city mission, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The society will be conducted in accordance with state laws. Its work will be to look after the welfare of women, children and dumb animals. Deputies will be appointed.

Skinner's Macaroni Products made in Nebraska. Ask your grocer.—Adv

## THE TELEPHONE LINE

"Jack" Gleason, Manager of Alliance Telephone Exchange, Tells a Story in Rhyme of Phones

"Jack" Gleason, manager of the Alliance telephone exchange is a thorough believer in the efficiency of the Bell telephone. He doesn't claim to be the author of the following, but has been heard repeating it to several of his friends lately:

Ten little telephones on a farmer's line,  
One's transmitter packed, then there were nine.  
Nine little telephones in the Hands of Fate,  
Came a shot of lightning, then there were eight.  
Eight little telephones put their trust in Heaven,  
One got crossed with the trolley, then there were seven.  
Seven little telephones, sitting straight as sticks,  
Came a green trouble-man then there were six.  
Six little telephones, busy as a bee hive,  
One got an open Ringer, then there were five.  
Five little telephones, transmission was mighty poor,  
One caught cold in his generator, then there were four.  
Four little telephones thought they were free,  
A farmer tried to fix one, then there were three.  
Three little telephones, didn't know what to do,  
One burned his receiver out, then there were two.  
Two little telephones got on a bun,  
One broke his hook switch, then there was one.  
One little telephone, talking all alone  
He was a Bell, and a darn good phone.

## SANTA WAS HERE

Came in from Lincoln Saturday and Was Met by a Large Crowd of Boys and Girls

Old Santa Claus came in according to his announced schedule from Lincoln Saturday on No. 43, and made his way directly to the Harper Department store. His coming had been well heralded, and a large crowd of children was present to meet him and to extend the greetings of the season. Proceeding up Box Butte to his headquarters for the day, Santa was followed by all the children who showed by their actions that the gentleman was not a complete stranger to them.

After they had arrived at the Harper store, each Kiddy was presented with an appropriate gift, and all left the store loud in their praise of Santa and the Harper Department store.

## COUNTY DRYS ORGANIZE

Will Co-operate with State Federation in Next Year's Campaign for State Prohibition

At a meeting held in the assembly room of the court house Saturday afternoon, the organization of the Box Butte County Dry Federation was organized with T. H. Barnes, president, and Archie Gregory, secretary. A committee composed of Rev. J. B. Carns, Rev. H. J. Young and J. W. Thomas was appointed to draft a constitution, and as soon as this is finished the other officers will be elected.

The purpose of this county organization is to co-operate with the state federation in the campaign for statewide prohibition next year. In addition, they will distribute literature in this part of the state. It is probable that the county organization will be able to take a substantial part in the work by the first of the year, as the constitution will have been adopted and the committees and officers assigned to their work by that time.

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## CONTRACT LET SATURDAY

John R. McDonald Gets Contract for Additions and Alterations to the Alliance Hotel

The contract for the erection of a third story to the Alliance hotel, together with the many improvements throughout the building, was let last Saturday to John R. McDonald, of Denver. Building material will be on the ground the latter part of this week, and actual operations will start next Wednesday.

The work will start by making the alterations on the first floor. This consists of adding the large office, with tiled floor, changing the stairway, extending the lobby into the corner now occupied by the saloon. A side entrance is to be cut into the side of the building for the saloon.

From the first floor the work will be continued upward, the next alterations being on the second floor. Each room is to be fitted with hot and cold running water, and several baths and shower baths will be installed. Next in order will be the new third floor, which will be constructed and fitted similar to the second story.

J. M. Miller, proprietor of the hotel, went to Cheyenne last week to be present at the opening of the bids Saturday morning. On Sunday he left for Denver to turn over the bids to Mr. Coors, and at that time the final arrangements were made.

The total cost of the improvements will be \$17,000. From the day the contract was let—last Saturday—the contractor has ninety days in which to complete the work. A few days of grace are added to allow for bad weather. There is little doubt but that the building will be completed by the first of April. The installation of the furniture and fixtures will follow the workmen, so that when they have finished their work, all the rooms will be ready for occupancy.

## T. P. A. PARTY

Studebaker "Six" to Be Given Away at Imperial Tomorrow Night—Admission Free

The annual party of Post M. T. P. A., will be given at the Imperial theatre tomorrow (Friday) night, at which time that fine big Studebaker "Six" automobile will be given away. Those holding tickets on the drawing will be given free admission to the show, and the winner will be announced at the close of the entertainment.

Manager DuBouque has arranged for special pictures on this occasion, and it promises to be an important event, especially as it involves a considerable amount of money, or rather a considerable amount of automobile.

When the plans for the party were first made, it was decided to hold the party in the opera house, giving a dance, but it was found that many of the ticket holders did not care to dance, and the change was made to the Imperial. The automobile has arrived and is on display in the Lowry & Henry garage, where everyone can see it.

## ONE MAIL DELIVERY

Post Office Will Be Open One Hour in Morning and One in Afternoon, Christmas Day

The carriers will make their regular morning delivery on Christmas day, but there will be no delivery in the afternoon. The carrier windows will be open from 4 to 5 during the afternoon. The general delivery window will be open from 10 a. m. to 12 m., and from 4 to 5 p. m.

## Dies from Whooping Cough

Little Elsie Peterson, the 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peterson, died at the Nebraska Rooming House Sunday evening. Everything known to medical science was done for the child. Dr. Amessa, the Denver specialist, was called when the child was brought to Alliance, and for a time it appeared that she would recover, but a backset occurred Saturday and the child was too weak to recover. Funeral services were held from the Christian church Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Fresh Home Made Candies—Special Christmas Mixed, 25 cents a pound. THE SUGAR BOWL