

SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE TELL BOYS GOOD-BYE

SCORES UNABLE TO GAIN ADMSSION TO OPERA HOUSE, GO TO DEPOT TO SEE 'EM OFF

SPEECHES, DANCING, EATING

Speakers From Neighboring Cities Stir Enthusiasm to High Pitch by Some Patriotic Words

Six hundred people packed the Phelan Opera House to overflowing Wednesday night while scores more, unable to squeeze in, were forced to wait until midnight at the depot to join in the grand farewell given to more than a hundred Alliance, Box Butte county and western Nebraska volunteers who left for Fort Logan, Colo., as newly enlisted recruits in different divisions of Uncle Sam's army.

Plans had been made at first to hold the reception in the armory, but early in the afternoon it was seen that the large crowd would not be able to find either standing or sit-room. The Elks kindly donated the use of the opera house for the evening. The athletic program, the speeches, the music and the dancing took place there, while the big feed was served at the fire department club rooms in the city hall.

Lloyd Thomas acted as chairman for the evening. He was ably assisted by members of Post M. T. P. A., members of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, Secretary Fisher of the Community Club, and the ladies of the Red Cross and W. C. T. U.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the athletic part of the program began with most of the recruits seated in the front of the hall. Chief Leonard Pilkington of the fire department referred a three-round boxing bout between Walter Yout and William Leidhoff and another one between Harvey Coursey and Cleo Lawrence. The youngsters went to it fast and furious and brought excitement up to fever heat for the big bout of the evening—the twenty-minute exhibition wrestling match between "Dutch" Maurer and Ray Trabert. The boys made an excellent showing and there was no time wasted by them. They did business from the start to finish. The last feature of the athletic division proved both unexpected and spectacular—a 3-round boxing bout between Pug Schafer, former navy champion, and Bill Fisher, who boxes most of the time unknown to his Alliance friends. Fisher had been taking an extended with Community Club problems. course in boxing lessons under a capable teacher, for he carried away the championship title and had Schafer groggy from the first round. Charley Hill of the Burlington "car fighters" referred this bout.

John W. Guthrie, of Alliance, in an inspiring and well-delivered speech, started the speaking program. Mr. Guthrie brought into use all of his oratorical powers and was roundly applauded time and again. The second speaker was Hon. W. P. Miles, of Sidney, widely known as western Nebraska's foremost orator. Time and again he was interrupted by continued bursts of applause as he touched the hearts of the big audience. Certainly the recruits who heard him will remember for many months the thoughts which he brought out in his inspiring and forceful speech.

The chairman then read the following telegram from K. L. Pierce of Hemingford, who had been invited to attend and he was compelled to go to Lincoln on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Pierce. The telegram read as follows: "Sorry that the presence of my wife in the hospital prevents me from being at Alliance tonight to help show our appreciation to the boys of Hemingford and Alliance and western Nebraska who go to fight our country's battles. I feel they do this for me and others who have not yet enlisted and that the responsibility rests heavily on us who remain at home to see that no enemy lurks with us to nullify their efforts. We should get ready, if need be, to follow their example, whether of draft age or not. I wish them GOD SPEED."

Other speakers who followed and who each and all received the applause of the crowd were Rev. M. C. Smith, of Crawford, Rev. F. E. Black, of Alliance, C. A. Minnick, the Crawford banker, and county judge, I. E. Tash, of Alliance. Mrs. Jerry Rowan made an interesting talk in behalf of the Red Cross and the campaign now going on for members. Mrs. J. W. Reed, president of the Alliance W. C. T. U., presented the comfort kits, amid much cheering

and handclapping, which had been prepared by the W. C. T. U. and the P. E. O. ladies.

The "call to colors" was an inspiring scene and was participated in by A. M. Miller, of Hemingford, Civil War veteran and member of the G. A. R.; Carter Calder, of Alliance, Spanish-American war veteran; and the bugle corps consisting of Schafer, Laing, Luttrell and Baker. E. G. Laing explained the purpose of the call to the audience and gave a late "Walt Mason" hit.

The speaking program closed at 10:30 o'clock and dance music was at once started by the orchestra. The recruits were divided into squads and marched to the supper at the city hall, where the ladies of the Red Cross fed them until some of them would have been overweight if they had been called for physical examination. They then returned to the opera house and enjoyed the visiting and dancing until midnight when they were led by the fire and drum corps and the burglars to the depot. The huge crowd completely filled the depot and there were many tearful farewells as the crowd sang popular songs until the train pulled out for the south at 12:40 o'clock. A complete list of the recruits appears elsewhere in The Herald this week.

HOME GUARDS REGULAR DRILL LAST TUESDAY

Several new faces were seen at the meeting of the Home Guards last Tuesday. However, the turnout for a town the size of Alliance was sad. Lieutenant Hamilton, aided by Lieutenant Pilkington, called commands till he was black in the face. However, the men turning out are getting out of the rookie class; thanks to the able instruction given them.

Lieutenant Smith has been aiding in the instruction of the men, his ideas gained by the training at Fort Snelling, being adopted by the officers in preference to the old army manual that Lieutenant Hamilton used when in the army. This is one especial reason why more men should turn out to the meetings, for in case they are called the Home Guard training will allow them that much more quickly to become efficient soldiers.

A trained soldier's chances in battle are 10 to 1 better than the untrained. We want our citizens at this time of crisis to realize the good that a home guard can do. Let's have a big turnout at the next drill, Friday evening.

Xmas Fund for Alliance Boys

The Christmas fund the Alliance and Box Butte county boys is in charge of J. W. Guthrie at the insurance office of Guthrie & Miller in the First National Bank building. About sixty dollars has already been turned in. It is desired to raise \$250 and all donations should be in Mr. Guthrie's hands not later than next Monday morning.

The 1917 potato crop is estimated to consist of 453,000,000,000 bushels, or half again as much as last year. Reports from the commission on car service indicate that more than 750,000 cars will be needed to handle it.

ALL SCHOOLS MUST DISPLAY THE FLAG

Council of Defense and Other Authorities May Take Some Action Against Offending Districts

Unless several of the school districts of Box Butte county take immediate steps to comply with the state law in regard to placing a United States flag and flag pole on the grounds near the school house, the county council of defense may take action against the members of the offending boards who apparently are showing that their sympathies are with their country.

The county officials have done their duty in advising the school boards of the law. In district seven-nine there are children from two families attending school. The school house was three miles from each house so the district board consented to the removal of the school to the residence of Mrs. Cady Brus—much closer to the homes from which the children attended. She has several children attending school and the change saved them six miles walk every day. Mrs. Brus, according to officials, has refused to allow a flag to be put up at her residence where schools is being held. The school will either be moved or a flag will be erected at the house.

It is also reported that school districts number thirteen, eighty-one, thirty-one and twenty-seven have not yet put up flags in accordance with the law.

False Rumors

There is nothing to the rumors that home-canned vegetables and fruits are to be inspected or confiscated by the government. Reports received by the agricultural extension service of the State University indicate that rumors are being spread abroad in the state by persons misinformed or of pro-German sympathies, that inspectors are going to either take or tax the supply of home products. The government proposes to stop hoarding products in warehouses, but this does not apply to products made for home consumption.

Regarding Veterinary Work

There have been many misunderstandings in various sections of the state regarding the amount of veterinary work that a county agent should be permitted to do. Recently a conference of all interested organizations, including the veterinarians, was held at which the following agreement was signed:

"That the county agricultural agent be allowed to give his services to the farmers and stockmen when called for, so long as he complies with the laws of the state of Nebraska and the regulations of the Live Stock Sanitary Board."

Winter Care of Tires

If an automobile is used occasionally during the winter, it will not be necessary to remove the tires, but they should be partially deflated, according to the department of agricul-

XMAS SPECIALS

Fur Sets and Scarfs

—Any woman would appreciate a set of furs, a muff or a scarf. Our entire line of furs is offered to you at a big saving. Every fur is guaranteed to be just as represented.



Hand Bags and Purses

—We offer the very newest designs in hand bags and purses in genuine leather with beautiful silk linings, incorporating all of the new and charming ideas in purse manufacture.

SILK AND WOOL SWEATERS Caps and Scarfs

—These make very useful and acceptable gifts to the young girl or the young woman. This year we are showing some new and nifty designs in excellent colors and materials.

SILK AND WOOL UNDERWEAR

—Without question we have the biggest line of silk and wool underwear ever shown in Alliance. All the wanted styles in the very best grades of materials.

KIMONAS AND BATH ROBES

—A beautiful line of Japanese crepes, silks and padded silk kimonas in a wonderful variety of designs and colors. Bath robes are especially acceptable presents for any woman.

BEAUTIFUL SILK HOSIERY

—Priced from 59c to \$6.50 and in a beautiful assortment of plain colors and fancy designs and stripes. Each grade is of exceptional value. The largest and most varied line in the city without exception.

REALLY NEW WAISTS AT \$2.50 TO \$15.

—What could be more appreciated than a beautiful new waist selected from a line conceded to be the very best obtainable. Many new designs in the popular colors. A profusion of silk, crepe de chine, crepe meteor and Georgette crepe materials.

Sweeping Reductions in Suits and Coats

Shop Early

The Fashion Shop
THE STYLE CENTER

Selection at its Best

Useful Gifts For The Home

At this time of crisis a gift that will be useful will be more appreciated. These are suggestions for any member of the family, as follows:

Majestic Range

or

Alcazar Duplex Range

Electric Safety Razors

or

Other Razors



Percolators, Kitchenware, Flashlights, Skates, Sleds, Coaster Wagons

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