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MEXICAN LAD HAS A CHANCE FOR RECOVERY

YOUTH WOUNDED BY HOLDUP SATURDAY NIGHT

Bandit, Angered Because He Had No Money, Fires Bullet at Close Range

Eidel M. Sanchez, eighteen years old, a Mexican employed by the Burlington and living in one of the bunk cars in the local yards, was the victim of a bandit of his own race about 9 o'clock last Saturday evening. He is now in St. Joseph's hospital with a bullet from a .22 calibre revolver lodged somewhere in his back. Dr. Hand located and recovered the bullet Monday morning at the hospital.

According to Sanchez' story, told to City Physician George J. Hand, he had received his pay check that evening and had gone to the bunk car. He had been there but a short time when another Mexican entered and ordered him to throw up his hands. He complied with the request, and the bandit searched his clothes carefully, but found no money. The holdup was peevish over his poor haul, and started saying harsh things, winding up by shooting him. The wound was a bad one, the shot having been fired at close range, and at first it was thought he would not recover. The bullet penetrated his left side, just below the heart.

The Mexican youth was fortunate, it seems, for he has a fine chance for recovery. Earl B. Anderson a few weeks ago died almost immediately from a bullet which struck him on the right side in about the same place.

Sanchez speaks English quite brokenly, and it is difficult to get him to talk of the holdup, or to understand what he says when he does talk. He declares he would be unable to identify the man who shot him, and prefers to give no details of the affair. When first found by the police he would say nothing, but later gave the story to Dr. Hand.

EVELYN PREISS McELHANEY BEGINS THIRTY-YEAR TERM

Evelyn Preiss McElhaney, convicted by a jury in district court a few weeks ago of the murder of Earl B. Anderson, has begun serving the thirty-year sentence given her by Judge Westover last Thursday. She entered the penitentiary Saturday morning.

Sheriff Miller, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Jeffers, escorted Mrs. McElhaney to the penitentiary last Friday evening. The sheriff did not gratify the curiosity of the crowd which had gathered at the station for two nights for a last glimpse of the defendant in the most sensational murder trial in the county. He did not go to the train until it had pulled into the station, and then took a short cut to the coach. Very few people got to see the prisoner, although several hundred had gone there with high hopes.

According to Warden Fenton, Mrs. McElhaney will be given washing and ironing as an occupation during her incarceration. There are now four women in the penitentiary, two white and two colored.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE HOME BUILDERS

The first annual meeting of the Alliance home builders' association was held Monday evening at the office of the secretary, M. S. Hargraves. A majority of the stock was represented, and the following officers and directors were elected:

President, H. A. Copey; vice president, G. L. Griggs; treasurer, F. W. Harris; secretary, M. S. Hargraves; directors, Ben J. Sallows, Glen Miller, W. M. Bevington, J. S. Rhein and A. D. Rodgers. The two retiring directors were J. W. Guthrie and F. A. Bald.

The association built a number of houses in east Alliance during the first year of its existence, most of which have been sold. The home builders now have thirteen vacant lots, and as soon as the money situation gets sufficiently favorable, additional houses will be constructed.

Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Benjamin, assistant to the recruiting officer of the Omaha district, made a weekly inspection visit to the local recruiting station Monday. The recruiting has been especially brisk during the last month, when a new record was established for the district with a total of 500, an increase of 230 over the previous high mark.

WHEN TO STOP ADVERTISING

A certain trade journal once requested a number of its largest advertisers to give their opinions concerning the best time to stop advertising, and the following replies were received:

When population ceases to multiply and the generations that crowd on after you and never heard of you, stop coming on.

When you have convinced everybody whose life will touch yours, that you have as good goods and as low prices as they can get anywhere else.

When you perceive it to be the rule that men who never advertise are outstripping their neighbors in the same line of business.

When men stop making fortunes right in your sight solely through the use of legitimate advertising.

When you can forget the words of the shrewdest and most successful business men concerning the main cause of their prosperity.

When every man has become so thoroughly a creature of habit that he will certainly buy this year where he bought last year.

When younger, fresher houses in your line cease starting up and using newspapers in telling the people how than you can.

When you would rather have your own way and fail than take advice and win.

When nobody else thinks it pays to advertise.

SILVER FOUND IN PAYING AMOUNTS AT BROADWATER

DREAM OF SANDHILL WEALTH MAY COME TRUE

Samples of Ore Taken From Ranch of George Beerline Assay \$28.38 to the Ton

There has been a vindication for those who have believed there is untold mineral wealth hidden away in the sandhills. Several times mineral companies have been formed to prospect in one place and another, but heretofore after spasmodic operations the stockholders have lost interest or been compelled to hold the sack. The latest discovery of silver ore, which assays \$28.38 to the ton, is perhaps the most encouraging indication yet. The Broadwater News tells the story in this manner:

"Many have casually remarked that our mineral 'scare' has been only sob stuff, and many have mentioned that it was merely a scheme by real estate dealers and land owners to boost the price of the land, but the following is mighty interesting and may have a tendency to change some minds:

"George W. Beerline, stockholder in the Union State bank, and one of our prosperous farmers, adjoining close to our city, returned this week from a social as well as a business visit to our metropolis, Omaha, this week. And while there he had some of 'old mother earth' tested, samples taken from his farm, and it tested out \$28.38 worth of silver to the ton. It seems that any mineral which would test out that much to the ton would be a paying proposition, and Mr. Beerline just took samples from the top of the ground, and it would be but natural that there would be a layer deeper which would yield more of the wealth to the ton.

"Mr. Beerline is determined to find out what's imbedded in his farm, therefore he is going to do considerable prospecting at once, and he is going to dig down. This is the time to do it, before next spring and summer, when our thoughts and time are devoted to the raising of beets and the other crops, still we would like to get some of that silver before then. The fellow who stays with a thing is generally the big winner, and we hope Mr. Beerline will be one of the big winners, and of course, if he wins, we as a community, win with him, and we say, hurry!

"Gambling for silver which tests out \$28.38 worth to the ton, would be fine and would undoubtedly be a paying proposition, and we believe if enough energy and capital is brought forth to sink a shaft that it would yield even more than \$28.38 to the ton, if you would strike a vein, and it is feasible and logic to believe that it would be forthcoming."

The following men enlisted at the Alliance recruiting station for army service during the past week: R. H. Carnes, R. Groves and R. Frazier, all of Gordon, Neb.; H. A. Smith, Columbus, S. D., and C. T. Baker, Gering, Nebraska.

ANTIOCH IS SAID TO HAVE FALLEN UPON EVIL DAYS

SORROWFUL PICTURE OF THE CITY OF POTASH

Men Forced to Work Elsewhere While Women and Children Keep the Home Fires Burning

With the closing down of the potash plants, Antioch is said to have fallen upon evil days. The city isn't deserted, particularly, but the men have gone to look for employment while the women and children keep the home fires burning. When the plants shut down, the workmen in one of them were given pay checks for two weeks' work which couldn't be cashed, and the families of these men face the winter with no ready cash, for the most part, and some of them are in debt.

A movement is on foot, it is whispered, to bring suit for the payment of the no fund checks. Another rumor says that some men who have faith in the ultimate payment of these wage checks are cashing them at a good discount, now that the workers need the money badly. The Herald has received letters from some of the potash workers wanting to know who is willing to cash their checks, even at a big sacrifice.

The following picture of conditions in Antioch is given in the State Journal:

Antioch, the fallen city of potash, is almost entirely deserted of men, according to word reaching Paul Doerr, former assistant superintendent of the Lincoln water and light plant and more recently plant superintendent of one of the Antioch industries.

The heads of the 400 or more Antioch families were employed at the six potash plants, five in the little city and one just beyond. When the crash came and the plants closed down, these men were forced to go to Alliance and other nearby towns for employment. As a result, Antioch today is a city of women and children.

The men of the town have gone to work. They have gone to work. The closing of the potash plants came without warning and most cases, the men were not prepared to face winter. Since Antioch has become like a devastated city, there's nothing left for laborers to do. The few stores are said to have tightened on credit rules and it is rumored that the philanthropist need not go beyond Nebraska to find suffering.

Workmen at the several plants had wages coming at the time of the shutdown. An attorney visited Lincoln with his pockets filled with wage claims. It is presumed, however, that these adjustments cannot be made until the financial status of these industries is further cleared.

The men of Antioch could not take their families with them when they sought new fields of labor for the reason that in many instances they had not funds sufficient even to carry themselves by train to some other town. And it is said that a number of them walked from one place to another. As is usually the case in settlements of this sort, some of the families are large. The grown and the growing children cannot find anything at Antioch to do and if they would help their parents, they too must find work elsewhere.

All in all, the plight of Antioch and her citizens is not pictured as pleasing. The general quiet in building and industrial circles is not helping matters.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATE LARGE CLASS

Alliance council, Knight of Columbus, initiated a class of twenty-eight last Sunday. The ceremonies occupied greater part of the day, closing with a banquet at the Palm Room of the Alliance hotel at 7 p. m., followed by a smoker at the K. C. club rooms. The initiates came from several western Nebraska towns, and there were visitors from Scottsbluff, Lincoln, Chadron and other places.

Places were laid for one hundred and forty-four at the Palm Room. J. W. Guthrie acted as toastmaster, and the following program was given:

Address, Rev. P. J. Manning.
Vocal solo, Miss Katherine Kniest.
"Ireland of Today as I Saw It," Rev. T. P. Maloney of Scottsbluff, who has just returned from a three-months' visit in that country.
"Duties of a Knight of Columbus," William Morrow of Scottsbluff.
"America."

Hal Gribble has been ill the last few days with a cold.

C. OF C. WANTS TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE FARMERS

OFFERS TO ASSIST IN WORK OF A FARM BUREAU

Secretary Carey Suggests a Number of Ways in Which the Organization Can be of Use

George M. Carey, new secretary of the Alliance chamber of commerce, has already taken the first steps in his campaign to bring about a closer cooperation between the city's commercial organization and farmers and ranchers in this trade territory. Mr. Carey is mailing out this week several hundred letters to farmers and stockmen, in which he places at their disposal the services of the chamber of commerce and its facilities.

Among the things Mr. Carey suggests is that the chamber of commerce, so far as possible, will assist in the work of a farm bureau. An exchange will be established at the office over the Brennan drug store, and sales of farm produce of all kinds will be handled without charge. A sales pavilion for this city is also suggested as among the possibilities if the farmers show a desire for it. The offices of the club and its rooms are placed at the disposal of farmers as a rest room on their trips to the city, and for holding meetings:

Mr. Carey's letter, in part, says: "Knowing that a community's progress and prosperity is dependent on the prosperity of the surrounding country, the Alliance chamber of commerce is committed to a program of co-operation with the farmers in the county for the year 1921.

"As Box Butte county does not maintain a farm bureau or county agent, the secretary of the chamber of commerce will assist in, as far as possible, the work of the farm bureau. "We offer you the facilities of our office as an exchange, for the purpose of buying and selling your produce and stock.

"Have you any cattle, sheep, hogs, machinery or produce to sell? Do you want to buy any of the above named?"

"Write and tell us what you have or want. Some other man will either want to buy or sell, and we will put you in touch with him without charge.

"Do you believe a sales pavilion located at Alliance would result in better prices for you—some place where you would bring your stock and produce and meet the buyer personally?"

"This organization will this year bend every effort to bring all the forces, both agricultural and commercial, into a closer co-operation. We realize that your problems of existence and prosperity are problems for the town people to assist in solving.

"Good roads are essential and we are opening a campaign to enlist further federal and state aid in our county.

"The Alliance chamber of commerce is a Box Butte county and entire community organization, alive to the needs of our trade territory and bound to see that they are well served.

"We maintain a warm and comfortable office upstairs over Brennan's drug store, where you are invited to come and get acquainted. It is large enough to accommodate seventy-five people. It will be available for any meeting you wish to hold, without charge.

"Write us and send a list of what you have to sell or buy, or, better still, bring it in the next time you come to Alliance.

"Can we, through our organization or the state chamber of commerce, serve you in any way?"

GET READY FOR YOUR INCOME TAX RETURNS

Work has begun on the collection of the income tax for the year 1920. Uncle Sam, through the bureau of internal revenue, is addressing to every person in the United States the question, "What was your net income for 1920?" The answer permits no guesswork. Every single person whose net income for 1920 was \$1,000 or more and every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more is required to file a return under oath with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which he lives on or before March 15, 1921.

The penalty for failure is a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due. For willful refusal to make a return the penalty is a fine of not more than \$10,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both together with the costs of prosecution. A similar penalty is provided

for making a false or fraudulent return, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

The income tax applies to women as well as men. Husband and wife must consider the income of both plus that of minor dependent children, and if the total equals or exceeds \$2,000 a return income in his own right of \$1,000 or more must file a separate return. To be allowed the \$2,000 exemption a married person must be living with husband or wife on the last day of the taxable year, December 31, 1920. Divorcees, persons separated by mutual agreement, widows and widowers, unless they are the sole support of others living in the same household, in which case they are allowed the \$2,000 exemption granted the head of a family, are entitled only to \$1,000 exemption.

The normal tax rate for 1920 is the same as for 1919—4 per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemption and 8 per cent on the remaining net income. This applies to every citizen and resident of the United States. In addition to the normal tax a surtax is imposed upon net income in excess of \$5,000.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to assist taxpayers in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices will be announced by the press or may be ascertained upon inquiry at the offices of collectors. This advisory service is without cost to taxpayers.

A. H. Robbins' Sunday school class had a skating party at Broncho lake last Wednesday evening.

JUDGE WESTOVER COMPLETES 25TH YEAR ON BENCH

RE-ELECTED FOR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE TERM

Has Been Suggested as a Candidate for Associate Justice of State Supreme Court

District Judge W. H. Westover of Rushville, who is in Alliance this week presiding over the sessions of district court, is one of the most widely known jurists of the west. An article in the Omaha World-Herald of Sunday told of his early experiences and reads as follows:

"A western writer has described the west as being 'out where the world is in the making,' and this aptly applies to western Nebraska during the past thirty-five years. It also might be said that it is where they develop men; men big in mind and body, of sturdy character and rugged honesty.

"Among those who have distinguished themselves among their fellows as having achieved success in a professional way none is better known than Judge W. H. Westover of Rushville, Neb. The close of the year 1920 ended a period of twenty-five years of continuous service as district judge for Judge Westover, and at the last election he was re-elected to succeed himself for another four-year term. Seven consecutive times he has been elected to the district bench, the last four without opposition.

"W. H. Westover was born in Delaware county, Ia., March 19, 1859. His parents moved to Lancaster county, Nebraska, in 1869, and settled on a homestead in what is now the suburbs of Lincoln. Lincoln at that time was just a straggling village.

"Young Westover attended the village schools at Lincoln, walking the two miles from his father's home to school, and when in a reminiscent mood the judge can relate many interesting youthful escapades indulged in by himself and his then classmates, Judge E. P. Holmes, Judge Allen W. Field, Judge H. H. Wilson and many others.

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URBAN ZEDIKER ASKS FOR REVIEW OF TRIAL

A dispatch from Lincoln in the Omaha Bee of last Friday gave the news that Urban R. Zediker, convicted of grand larceny in Box Butte county, has filed a petition in error, asking the court to suspend sentence and admit him to bail while his case is being reviewed.

Although he is charged with the larceny of diamond rings worth \$1,325 from A. Isaacson's home in Alliance, on the evening of July 20, the jury found him guilty of larceny of goods worth only \$200. He was sentenced by Judge Westover to one to seven years in the Nebraska penitentiary, and was taken to that institution at Lincoln the last of the week.

'21 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ARRANGED

PROSPECTS EXCELLENT FOR A WINNING TEAM

Boys Return Victorious From Practice Tour—Plan for Balcony in Gym to Seat 700

The 1921 basketball schedule for the boys' and girls' teams of the Alliance high school is now practically complete. Fourteen games have been arranged for the boys and ten for the girls. The coach is now trying to line up two games with Chappell an complete the latter's schedule. The list follows:

Schedule for Boys' Team.

January 14—Alliance at Sidney.
January 15—Alliance at Kimball.
January 18—Mitchell at Alliance.
January 21—Bayard at Alliance.
January 27—Alliance at Scottsbluff.
January 28—Alliance at Gering.
February 4—Kimball at Alliance.
February 10—Alliance at Bayard.
February 11—Alliance at Mitchell.
February 16—Chappell at Alliance.
February 18—Oshkosh at Alliance.
February 23—North Platte at Alliance.

Schedule for Girls' Team.

January 14—Bayard at Alliance.
January 15—Open.
January 18—Open.
January 25—Alliance at Gering.
January 28—Scottsbluff at Alliance.
February 4—Alliance at Sidney.
February 11—Sidney at Alliance.
February 18—Gering at Alliance.
February 25—Alliance at Scottsbluff.
March 4—Alliance at Bayard.

Victorious Practice Tour.

The boys' team put in the two weeks' holiday vacation in a tour of western Nebraska, accompanied by Coach F. C. Prince, who gave up his vacation also for the good of the team. The first weeks' results were not particularly encouraging, but the second week out the boys' began to play like a team, winning three games out of four.

Oshkosh was the first team to go down to defeat on the second half of the tour, the score being 31 to 23. The Alliance boys likewise won from Gothenburg, the final tally being 55 to 22.

North Platte was more fortunate, however, winning from the home lads by a score of 17 to 12. The North Platte team is composed of a bunch of regular football hokies, and they roughed their way to victory. The return game will be played February 23, when the Alliance five expects to take them into camp.

At Chappell, Alliance won, 36 to 20. Chappell had high hopes of winning, basing them on the belief that Alliance would be tired out at the tag end of a two-week trip. This is the first year for Chappell in the league, and they wanted especially to win, but were out of luck.

Prospects for Winning Team

Coach Prince considers prospects exceptionally good for a championship team from Alliance this year. "Alliance can put on just as good an exhibition as any of them," he says. "The boys got a lot of good practice during the vacation, and thereby slipped something over on the other teams in the league. Every game was played to a packed house, and interest in basketball this year seems to be greater than ordinary. After the Alliance game, North Platte was \$350 to the good. Prospects seem to be good to make this a banner year, financially and otherwise.

The girls' team has an especially good chance. Every member of the team was on it last year, and the only game lost the past season was to Scottsbluff. Scottsbluff also has a team composed of old members, and there will be a big battle here January 28.

Chances are very good, Mr. Prince thinks, to build a balcony in the present high school gymnasium which will seat seven hundred spectators. This improvement is greatly needed and it is hoped that it can be made.

The next boys' game is with Sidney January 14, the first of the league games. Alliance has not, for a number of years, beaten Sidney on the latter's floor, but Coach Prince thinks it can be accomplished this year.

Sunday afternoon a Ford coupe driven by A. H. Harper collided with a Buick car on Box Butte avenue. Although both cars were badly damaged, no one was hurt.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Fair tonight and probably Wednesday. Rising temperature Wednesday.