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ALLIANCE GETS THE TOURNAMENT

N. S. V. F. A. Honors Alliance and Western Nebraska by High Offices and Tournament. Ridgell Elected President.

NEXT CONVENTION AT COLUMBUS

By Lloyd C. Thomas

North Platte will be remembered in the hearts of the members of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association for a long time to come. The program of entertainment, from start to finish, was a grand success. Every delegate and member of the association seemed to enjoy himself and if he didn't get something good out of the interesting meetings or of the entertainments it was his own fault.

It would take more space than we

men representing all classes of life pursuits—there were present lawyers, editors, physicians, merchants, mechanics, clerks and laborers; stalwart young men, middle-aged men, and men whose gray hair and infirm step betokened years of service in the work of fighting the fire fiend. Taken as a whole they formed a

Their Causes and Prevention." He showed how that the safety of many millions of dollars' worth of property rests upon the volunteer firemen of the state.

Mr. Howe, of Fremont, made an address which was very interesting and which made a deep impression on the delegates.

musical comedy which had a cast of over fifty. After the performance those who danced went to the Lloyd opera house and tripped the fantastic toe until the wee small hours.

One of the most stirring scenes of the convention was the election of Fred Alexander, of Scottsbluff, to the office of treasurer. Mr. Alexander was nominated by W. S. Ridgell, who told of Alexander's excellent work in reorganizing the Scottsbluff fire department, and of the fact that he is a member of the American Bankers' Association. Immediately after the nomination two excellent rag time singers, who had been concealed behind the wings of the stage, stepped to the front and sang, in company with the audience, "Alexander's Ragtime Band." They were enthusiastically applauded and encored. Cards had been printed and distributed among the delegates with the words of the song so that all could sing. Alexander was elected by a vote of about four to one.

Alliance was honored by the election of John W. Guthrie to the office of member of the board of



GEO. HOWE

one delegate from every town and is a recognized fact that publicity is needed and in order to secure it

A CALL TO ALLIANCE CITIZENS

Commercial Club Will Meet at Court House Monday Evening, February 10th

PLAN ON BEING THERE

The leading citizens of Alliance have decided that Alliance shall have a banquet on Friday evening, February 28th, under the auspices of the Alliance Commercial Club. The Herald has for some time been in communication with leading Nebraska men relative to coming here on that date and meeting with the Alliance citizens and visitors from other points in western Nebraska. The town of Alliance will then celebrate her 25th birthday and it is up to her citizens to make that banquet an affair to be long remembered. The officials of the Commercial Club have called a meeting to arrange for this banquet. The meeting is to be held in the court house Monday evening, February 10th. Every citizen should be there. Other important questions will be considered and acted upon.

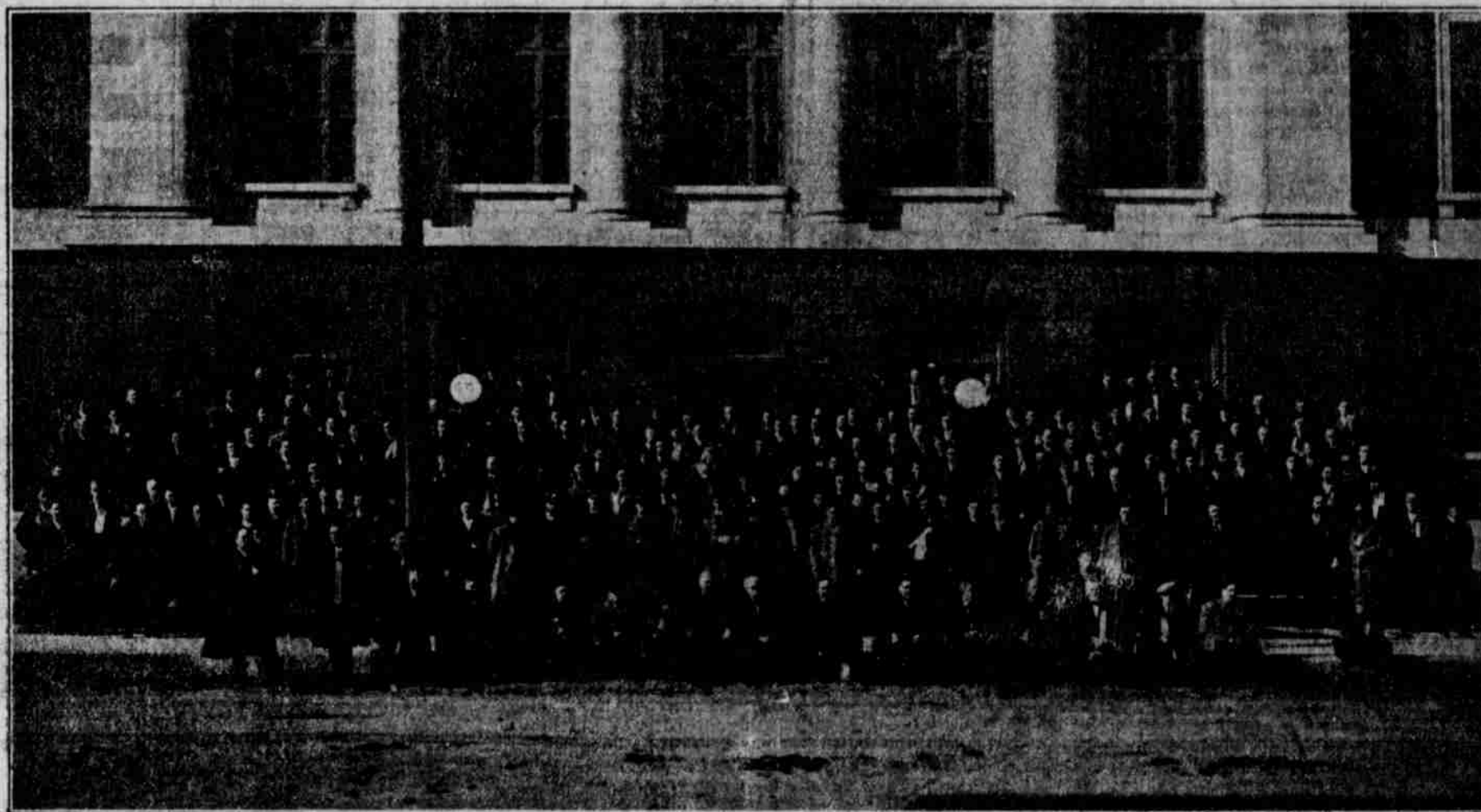
next Monday evening at the club rooms in the city hall. Interesting speeches will be made by several of the members of the department and refreshments will be served. Every member should be there. An interesting souvenir will be given to all who come. Eight o'clock next Monday evening.

Report of Fire Chief for Year 1912

The report of Fire Chief Romig of Alliance will be of interest to Herald readers. It is as follows:

Active members	75
Number of men uniformed	none
Hook and ladder truck	1
Hose carts	3
Feet of hose owned by city	2,100
Kind of hose used, C R L. Number of threads to the inch on hose coupling, 6 1/2.	
Number of chemical engines	none
Actual value of property belonging to the department	\$850
Actual value of property used for fighting fires, belonging to the city	4,500
Fire alarm—Bell, electric whistle and telephone. Cost of system, \$410. Approximate annual cost to keep in repair, \$65.	
Water works—Steam. Direct pressure for fires, 90 pounds. Plant owned by city.	
Stand pipe—110 feet high, 12 feet in diameter. Holds 93,063 gallons of water. Stand pipe pressure, 50 pounds.	
Mains and hydrants—Miles of main, 11 1/2. Size of mains, 4, 6 and 8 inches. Number of hydrants, 164.	
Fires and losses—Number of fires during past year, 26. Value of buildings owned before the fire, \$47,000. Amount of damage to buildings by reason of fire, \$27,761. Amount of insurance carried on buildings, \$28,000. Amount of insurance received, \$17,652.00. Amount of damage to personal property, \$6,700. Amount of insurance carried on personal property, \$20,000. Amount of insurance received, \$5,000.	
Amount of insurance tax collected during past year, \$640. Cost of maintaining fire department for year ending December 31, 1912, \$800.	

Respectfully submitted, P. E. ROMIG, Chief Alliance Fire Dept.



Delegates to 31st Annual Convention N. S. V. F. A. at North Platte, in Front of Federal Building. Photo by Brooks



W. S. RIDGELL

have at this time to give a full and complete write-up of the convention. I am going to tell of a few of the most important, though.

The officers elected at the convention were: W. S. Ridgell, Alliance, president; George Howe, Fremont, first vice president; H. A. Graff, Seward, second vice president; E. A. Miller, Kearney, secretary; F. Alexander, Scottsbluff, Treasurer. Members of the board of control elected were: Ray Frost, Stanton, chairman; Jake Gering, Seward; John Guthrie, Alliance; F. B. Tobin, Sidney; and E. W. Parkhurst, Lexington.

Columbus was chosen as the location of the next convention, in 1914, and Alliance was the lucky city to get the tournament this summer. As will be seen the west end of the state was highly honored at this convention.

The North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune voiced the feelings of the people of North Platte when it said as follows in its issue of January 24th: "These 340 delegates came from nearly one hundred towns of the state, and were a fine body of

representative gathering of the sturdy citizenship of Nebraska; the class of men who have assisted in making Nebraska a great state dotted thickly with progressive cities and towns. Not only were they sturdy men, but they were of a generous, jovial disposition; they were men who see the sunny side of life, who enjoy themselves as good citizens should. To their credit let it be said that there was not one instance wherein they did not confine their actions within the limits of law-abiding citizens."

Among the speeches which received much attention was one by Harry J. Hauser, chief of the Fremont fire department and one of the most popular members of the association. His subject was, "Chemical Engines and Their Advantages." He emphasized the important part that a chemical engine occupies in an up-to-date and complete fire fighting equipment, showing the advantage which an engine of this nature has when it is necessary to do quick work and to go beyond the city mains.

The first evening (Tuesday) was spent in listening to an address of welcome by City Attorney Halligan of North Platte and a response by J. C. Cleland, of Fremont. An interesting program, under the direction of Temporary Chairman Attorney Keefe was much enjoyed. W. S. Ridgell, state fire commissioner, made an interesting speech. An interesting talk was made by Chief Randall of North Platte. After the program an adjournment was taken until the next morning and all went to the Lloyd opera house where refreshments were served.

C. A. Randall, of Lincoln, ex-state fire commissioner, made a very interesting speech during one of the sessions. His topic was, "Fires—



FRED ALEXANDER

W. S. Ridgell, of Alliance, state fire commissioner, made several interesting speeches and took an active part in the work of the convention. He is engaged in organizing the Nebraska Fire Prevention Society for the school children of the state, and is circulating membership cards.

Wednesday evening a large number of the delegates attended the performance of "Louisiana Lou" at the Keith theatre. The house was packed to the limit and a performance, seldom seen outside of the largest cities, was enjoyed. Thirteen stirring musical numbers and two scenes furnished the basis of a

control. Mr. Guthrie made a number of important talks during the convention and took an active part in the proceedings.

A banquet was served Thursday evening at the Masonic hall. Plates had been laid for 350. District Judge Grimes acted as toastmaster, several toasts being proposed and responded to. Colonel Wm. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill" was the principal speaker and kept the audience laughing for many minutes. Retiring President H. L. Boyes was presented with a gold headed cane, the gift of the members of the association.

A committee was appointed by the President for the purpose of securing publicity for the convention in every newspaper in the state. It

resented was made a member of the committee and instructed to secure a write-up in his home paper. The need of an official paper for the association is recognized by all.

The sparring exhibition Thursday evening attracted a big crowd at the Lloyd Opera House, over 800 being present. Arthur Hargis of Lexington and Tom McCarty of Ravenna were the principals. There were two of the preliminaries, the first of which was a six round bout between Kid Lange of Denver, and Tommy Smith of South Omaha. In the third round Smith had Lange pretty well done up but he "came back" and in the last three rounds got his share of the honors. The second preliminary was a three-round bout between a couple of North Platte boys, Brown and Westburg, in which the best of the honors went to Brown. The main event between McCarty and Hargis was swift and exciting from start to finish but Hargis was clearly outclassed and was knocked into streamland in the fifth round. The first round of this contest showed McCarty's superiority in science as well as in force behind his blows. He sent Hargis to the floor in the second, third and fourth as well as the final round. In the fifth and last round Hargis was unable to protect himself and a strong upcurrent to the jaw put him out for good.

A sample copy of this issue of the Herald, together with a picture of the delegates printed on finely colored paper for framing, is sent to every delegate who was present at the convention. Several hundred extra copies have been printed and will be mailed to any address for five cents each.

NOTICE TO ALLIANCE FIREMEN

A smoker will be given to the members of the fire department on



H. L. BOYES



E. A. MILLER



JOHN W. GUTHRIE



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