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PLANS FOR NEW FEDERAL BLDG.

Treasury Department, Supervising Architect's Office, Calls for Bids on Building

NOTICE INDICATES THAT WORK WILL SOON BEGIN

Site Cleared Several Weeks Ago and Building Can Be Finished Before Winter if Rushed

In this issue of The Herald will be found a notice from the treasury department, supervising architect's office, of the United States government, asking for bids for the Alliance federal building.

The notice for bids requires that the seals depositions for the construction of the building, the cost of which is estimated at \$80,000, exclusive of the site, be in before 3 p. m., June 23.

Postmaster Graham, who is custodian of the site, had not received the drawings and specifications of the building, but is expecting them at any time.

GREGORY AT LINCOLN

Secretary of Box Butte County Dry Federation Attends Meeting of the Prohibition Forces

Archie Gregory, secretary of the Box Butte County Dry Federation, returned Saturday noon from Lincoln, where he attended a meeting of prohibition workers from all over the state.

PROMISES FINE CONCERT

Be Sure to be at City Park Sunday Afternoon and Enjoy Concert Given by Alliance Band

Members of the Alliance band will give their first Sunday afternoon concert at the city park beginning next Sunday, May 28, and will continue giving concerts every Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m.

RAILROAD NOTES

Engineer White has returned to work. The helpers at Edgemont, Ardmore and Marsland were laid off Monday on account of a slowing up in the amount of work.

The Fashion Shop of Alliance wants your patronage and offers you money-saving bargains, described in the ad in this section of The Herald this week.

THE MASONIC RECEPTION

Grand Master and Were Guests of Reception From

Grand Master and Chaplain of Whiting and Grand Chaplain of the Masonic Lodge, the guests at a public reception tendered them at the opera house Friday evening, on the occasion of an official visit to the Alliance lodge.

A program was rendered in a very pleasing manner by local talent. Miss Marian Mote gave an interesting reading; Mrs. A. F. Bundy entertained with a vocal solo; Mrs. Edith Swan Zediker rendered a piano solo; Mrs. E. G. Laing gave an interesting reading. Music was rendered by a seven-piece orchestra, under the direction of Paul Thomas.

CROOKS HURRY WEST

Box Butte County Young Man Proves Himself Too Wise to Be Taken In on a "Con" Game

"Doc" White, an "English Jew," and Fred Harris, an American, both of many aliases and members of the slick fingered fraternity, hearing that Alliance was a good, live town (and they were right about that part of it), arrived on a Wednesday morning train and shortly afterwards proceeded with their pre-arranged program.

As the men afterward confessed, before they took the train for the far west, they met one sucker with three dollars, another with four dollars and finally one, who proved to be too wise for them, with seven dollars. This was rather discouraging for they had planned on getting away with a good sized roll, having heard perhaps of the time that "the Dutchman" lost his roll of \$210 in the much famed and widely known Atlas rooming house.

The young man with the seven dollar roll was from the country, living in the western part of Box Butte county, but he had traveled some and had worked for Alliance business institutions, and had become some wise to the ways of the world.

When Harris, who was the "come-on" man, got acquainted with the Box Butte Wise Boy, he asked to be shown around the town. While being shown around he confided to the W. B. that he knew a game which would make them both money—that of matching dollars and always turning up heads. The W. B. from Box Butte was rather suspicious but he pretended to fall in with Harris.

Shortly afterwards, lo and behold! who did they meet but White, dressed as an English sport and—with money to blow. White of course at this time was a total stranger (?) to Harris but in the way of "men of the wurrld" they readily became acquainted and after a little urging White said he would be glad to match dollars with Harris and the W. B. from Box Butte. And so the dollar matching began.

And the trick worked as Harris had told the W. B. that it would work—he, the W. B. won two dollars from the Englishman. But here the W. B. remembered that he had an important engagement and begged leave to slip away—much to the disappointment of the twain. The W. B. hunted up the police and told the story—the police hunted up the pair and landed Harris in the dragnet. White was wise and started on the trail of an attorney.

The Herald reporter, in his usual nightly wanderings, happened into the police station and (at his request this time) was locked up with Harris on the charge of being a gambler—meaning, we suppose, that the newspaper game is a gamble.

Harris, who had been rather down-hearted, perked up a little on finding himself with a companion in misery, and the two told their stories to each other. If space would permit, the stories told would make interesting reading. It will suffice to say that your reporter told of a life which made him blush and which certainly excited the admiration of Harris. The conversation, among other things, included thusly: Harris, "Know Tom Dennison down in Omaha? He's some crook, ain't he?" Reporter, "He sure is, but he's all right, he got me out of trouble down there several times." And so on, ad libitum, ad infinitum.

In the meantime White had again changed attire and came to the police station with an attorney, who succeeded in getting a hearing for the boys, who were fined and released, on their promise to "kiss Alliance farewell forever and ever." The attorney offered to lend the reporter the money he received for his fee to pay the reporter's fine, but the judge was kind and released the "rep" with an admonition to go and sin no more.

And so, dear reader, you must content yourself with knowing that White and Harris have gone west, leaving the city Alliance a portion of their earnings (?) garnered elsewhere, and that their opinion of this being a live town has changed since the W. B. from Box Butte gave away their little game to the police. If you wish to know more, "ask William Wheeler," as the girl in the vaudeville sketch remarked at the Imperial the other evening.

Don't miss reading the ad of The Fashion Shop with special announcements in this issue of The Herald.

CITY OPENS A DEEP NEW WELL

Four Municipal Wells Now Pumping 300,000 Gallons of Water Daily for City Consumption

COUNCIL MAKES CHANGE IN THE MILK ORDINANCE

Bids Will Be Asked for New Monster Power Pump for Use at Power House with Reservoir

If anyone in the city of Alliance (omitting from consideration of course newspapermen) earns his salary it is the mayor and each member of the city council. With five meetings this month already, and more to come, the council and mayor are attending to business pretty steadily.

At the special meeting held Wednesday evening at the city hall council chamber there were present the mayor, clerk and Councilmen Davidson, Welch, Davis, Moore, Was, Helbringer and Kibbler.

Grading was ordered done on East Seventh street, so that sidewalks in that vicinity could be laid. Bids will be advertised for. A new street drag, to cost not over \$50, will be purchased for Street Commissioner John Carlson. The city farm has been leased to Fred Helling for \$100, he agreeing to care for the surplus water from the septic tank. Seven acres more will be sowed to alfalfa by the city, giving a total of twenty-five acres of alfalfa on the farm.

The council will sit as a board of equalization at the next regular meeting, June 13. A meeting of the city tax commission, in conjunction with the council, will be held Friday evening at the city hall.

The mayor stated that investigation has shown that the surveying done at the cemetery in previous years was incorrect and that if the proper lines were drawn a number of graves would have to be moved. It is doubtful if any changes will be made, other than to have future lots sold to conform with the proper surveys.

City Light Plant Superintendent Hughes was instructed to advertise for bids for a high duty pressure pump, to be used in connection with the new reservoir, now being constructed. The pump will probably cost between \$4,000 and \$6,000. The standpipe, which was built many years ago, is getting to be rather an unsafe proposition and will have to be torn down probably at an early date. The new reservoir, with a capacity of 500,000 gallons, will make the standpipe unnecessary.

Mr. Hughes reported that city well number four was opened and put in to use at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The city is now pumping about 300,000 gallons of water daily for consumption.

The mayor announced that three new members will be appointed on the library board to fill expiring terms, and a new park board will be appointed at the next regular meeting.

After much discussion, it was decided to revise the milk ordinance as published in The Herald this week, eliminating paragraph twenty-two, otherwise the ordinance remains the same and will be placed on the city records as published, with the exception of this one paragraph.

K. G. BANQUET SUNDAY

Visitors Expected from Chadron, Crawford, Sidney and Sterling—Initiation of Candidates.

Sunday, May 28th, will be a day of interest to members of the Knights of Columbus in western and north-eastern Colorado. In addition to lodge work, the exemplification of degrees, etc., a banquet is to be given at the Phelan Opera House in Alliance that evening.

All members of the lodge, both local and visiting, will meet at Holy Rosary Catholic church at ten o'clock Sunday morning in the basement of the church. Mass will be held at eleven o'clock to accommodate visitors from Chadron, Crawford, Sidney and Sterling.

Initiation of members will take place at 1:30 o'clock. The first degree will be exemplified by a team from the Sterling council. The second degree by Chadron council and the Third degree by District Deputy Doran and the North Platte council.

The banquet will be held at the opera house Sunday evening, following the degree work. Among those who will respond to toasts will be Rev. Fr. T. J. Byrne of Scottsbluff, Rev. Chas. Kayser of Hemingford, Hon. Geo. F. Corcoran of York; L. C. Giacomin, Grand Knight of the Sterling council, District Deputy Doran of North Platte, Past District Deputy W. P. Rooney of Chadron, and Past Grand Knight J. W. Tyrann of Alliance.

There will be musical numbers by Kiss Kate Kniest of Alliance and the LeBlanc Brothers of Scottsbluff. The banquet will be served by J. M. Miller of the Alliance Cafe. Music will be rendered by an orchestra during the banquet.

Wisner Visits Alliance Tuesday H. J. Wisner, editor of the Scottsbluff Star-Herald, visited Alliance Tuesday on business, returning home Wednesday afternoon. Harry is a frequent visitor in Alliance and is always welcomed here.

BIG CELEBRATION ON JULY FOURTH

Alliance Commercial Club Will Provide a Rousing Big Time for Visitors on Holiday

FIRST CELEBRATION ON THIS DATE IN YEARS

Celebration to Take Place of Usual Celebration Held at Stockmen's Convention

Instead of a celebration during the Stockmen's Convention, to be held June 20 and 21, Alliance will celebrate on July 4th this year with the entertainment usually spread over three days consolidated into one day.

In deference to the wishes of the stockmen the usual varied forms of entertainment provided during the convention will be omitted this year and, outside of the program at the opera house the evening of June 20, there will be no celebration. In its place will be the entertainment on July 4th.

The Commercial Club is planning on a big day on the 4th, and there will be something doing every minute of the day. The complete program will be announced later.

Dr. Mahaffy and Dr. Kennedy, two Alliance dentists, returned Friday morning of last week from attendance at the state dental convention, held at Lincoln. The men report an interesting meeting.

ANNUAL COUNTY PROGRAM

Eighth Grade Commencement Program Held at Opera House This Afternoon

The annual county and city eighth grade commencement program will be held at the Phelan opera house this afternoon, as follows:

- Chorus "Woodland Echoes" Invocation Rev. Layton Soprano "Voices of the Woods" Ruth Hawes, Alice Campbell, Ase-nath Schill, Margaret McGuire, Vera Dunn, Jessie Burns, Veima Martin, Katharine Baker. Address William Ritchie Violin Solo "Bohemian Girl" George Vandervoort Presentation of Diplomas. Chorus "Daffodils" Rev. McIntyre Benediction Rev. McIntyre

Unequaled bargains on Mollring's Dollar Days—Saturday and Monday. The ad on the last page of this paper gives full particulars.

Gleason Spoke at High School P. D. Gleason, manager of the Alliance exchange of the Nebraska Telephone Company, spoke Tuesday afternoon to the students of the Alliance high school on the subject of "The Telephone." Mr. Gleason, who is exceedingly well posted on this subject, told of the development of the telephone in the last fifteen years, the policy of the telephone company in Nebraska, the extent of the telephone systems in the United States and the materials used and their amounts, of the question of government ownership and other phases of the telephone business. His talk was greatly enjoyed by the high school students.

Special bargains are offered at The Fashion Shop for Saturday. Read the ad in this paper.

Resolutions of Condolence Alliance, Nebr., May 18, 1916. WHEREAS the Great Ruler of the universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from our midst by death our esteemed brother, B. F. Gilman, be it therefore

RESOLVED that we, the members of Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 156, of Alliance, Nebr., do extend to his sorrowing widow and family our sincere sympathy in their hour of grief; and be it

RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, spread upon the minutes of the lodge, and published. LLOYD C. THOMAS, H. J. REZNER, SMITH P. TUTTLE, Committee.

COMING TO ALLIANCE

Nebraska Association of Commercial Clubs Will Meet in Alliance for Next Convention

As The Herald goes to press this afternoon the following telegram was received from J. W. Guthrie, secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club: "Alliance wins over Hastings and Omaha in contest for 1917 convention of Nebraska commercial clubs." This means that Alliance has been recognized for one of the most important conventions of the state, in competition with both Omaha and Hastings. The telegram was sent from Omaha, where the present annual convention is being held. Mr. Guthrie went to Omaha Tuesday to attend the meeting, and although it was known that Alliance wanted the convention there was nothing certain about getting it.

Save money by buying at The Fashion Shop. Read the special bargains offered in the ad in this paper.

LOOKING FOR AUTO THIEF

Earl M. Montague, Who Skipped County Leaving \$400 Cash Bond, Believed Headed This Way

A telegram received by the local officers Tuesday of this week requested them to be on the lookout for Earl M. Montague, who was in Denver under an alias, and is believed to be the party who left Denver at 9 o'clock Monday morning with a Ford roadster belonging to the Goodyear Rubber Tire Company.

The Ford roadster is a 1916 model, black body and wood color wheels, with license number 8792, with the Goodyear name painted on both sides. Inasmuch as Montague skipped town a month ago, leaving the county his \$400 cash bond, it is hardly thought that he will visit this city.

LYONS BOUND OVER

Defense Offers no Evidence at Preliminary Hearing and Is Bound over Under \$500 Bonds

The preliminary hearing of Danny Lyons, who is charged by William King with assault to do great bodily injury and with carrying concealed weapons, was held in county court Tuesday morning, Judge L. A. Berry presiding. County Attorney Lee Basye prosecuted the case, and Attorney E. H. Boyd represented the defendant. No evidence was offered by the defense, and Lyons was bound over to the district court under \$500 bonds.

William King was the first witness for the prosecution. He testified that he had known Lyons since he came to the county; that while walking north on the west side of Box Butte avenue on his way to the picture show on the evening of May 17, with his brother Martin, Ed Reardon and Frank Wilson, he was accosted by Lyons, who cursed him and who, when King asked him what the matter was, drew a gun and threatened to kill him. He testified that Lyons called him unprintable names and that he in return called Lyons "a dirty little crumb, a little louse" and told him that he was afraid to shoot.

King, on the stand, testified that he had nothing to do with stopping the boxing contest which Lyons had been promoting, and that he had given Lyons no provocation. He stated that the incident happened between 8:40 and 9 o'clock in the evening, and that people were passing during the altercation, which lasted about ten minutes; that during the altercation each stepped towards the other and that he would have whipped Lyons for cursing him had he not been afraid that Lyons was armed, after he saw Lyons pull the gun from his left hip pocket and point it towards him.

Other witnesses called by the prosecution were Frank Wilson and Ed Reardon, both of whom testified substantially the same as King. All were cross-examined by Attorney Boyd.

No evidence was offered by the defense at the hearing. Lyons was bound over to the district court under bonds of \$500.

ON DECORATION DAY

Fitting Ceremonies Will Be Held on Tuesday Afternoon at Greenwood Cemetery

As announced in The Herald last week Decoration Day will be observed in Alliance Tuesday afternoon, May 30, the ceremonies being held at Greenwood cemetery, weather permitting. If the weather is bad the program will be held at the Imperial theatre.

The program will be held under the auspices of the Civil War and the Spanish-American veterans. Cars will carry those out to the cemetery who wish to go. The program is as follows:

- America—Alliance band. Invocation—Rev. H. J. Young. Song—Glee club. Song—Glee club. Scripture reading—Rev. Wm. Carson Shaw. Address—United Spanish War Veterans—Col. Jack B. Miller. Music—Alliance band. Address—Grand Army of the Republic—Rev. J. B. Carna. Song—Glee club. Address—"Women's Relief Corps"—Mrs. A. A. Layton. Music—Alliance band. Closing prayer—Rev. A. A. Layton. Decoration of graves—Boy Scouts. Benediction—Rev. McIntyre. Firing squad—U. S. W. V. Taps.

A three dollar carpet sweeper for one dollar. On Saturday and Monday at Mollring store. Read the ad in this paper.

Sets Clock up One Hour Kansas City, Mo., May 22—The clocks of Kansas City will be set forward an hour to conform to the "day-light saving plan," from the first Sunday in June to the first Sunday in October, if an ordinance that was passed in the lower house of the city council tonight is favorably acted upon by the upper house. Friends of the measure say its passage there is assured.

Mollring's Dollar Days, Saturday and Monday, special dollar bargains. Read the ad in this paper.

SCHOOLS CLOSING WITH EXERCISES

Opera House Was Crowded to Overflowing Sunday Evening to Hear Dean Shaw's Baccalaureate

ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET AT ALLIANCE HOTEL TONIGHT

Graduating Exercises Will Be Held at Opera House Friday Evening with Address by Crone

The weather for commencement week of the Alliance high school seems to have been "made to order" for the seniors and everyone interested in the events of the week. As the days pass rapidly we think we spy a tear in the eyes of those who are leaving the happy school days behind them, to enter the broader field of endeavor. However, the pleasures of the week have been many and enjoyable to those participating.

On last Thursday, May 18, the Seniors enjoyed their annual class day in the open, taking a trip by automobiles to Dunlap bridge. The members being accompanied by their class sponsor, Miss Canfield. The day was filled with much amusement, and the "cats" were no unpopular feature of the hours, the return to Alliance being made by moonlight.

On Sunday evening, the baccalaureate service was held in the Phelan opera house, and the program contained many fine musical numbers. Dean William Carson Shaw delivered a sermon in itself a tribute to the happy school days of youth, and with kind words of encouragement to the graduates. The hall was crowded to its fullest seating capacity.

Monday of this week was Demonstration Day at the high school, and Senior Recognition Day was observed Tuesday, this latter event being first staged by the class of this year. The Seniors wore their caps and gowns all through the day's program, and the exercises at the morning chapel were fitting to the occasion.

Last evening the annual class day program was carried out at the high school building and admitted only those who had invitations. The class of '16 presented the school with a fine Victrola at this time, and the class prophesy, poem and history were among the pleasing features of the evening.

The annual alumni banquet will be held at the Alliance hotel this evening, and the Seniors will be honor guests. A number of toasts will be given, music being furnished by Paul and Carl Thomas and Miss Hattie Renwold. The toastmaster for the occasion is Attorney Lee Basye.

Friday evening the graduating exercises will be held at the Phelan opera house, and anyone can secure tickets for this occasion without charge at Holsten's. A musical program has been arranged for, and is sure to delight the audience. The principal address will be given by President R. B. Crone of Hastings college.

A more complete write-up of the class members will be given in our issue of next week.

PLAYGROUND TO OPEN

Supplies for Summer Season at the City Park Playground

Beginning June 1, the city park playground will open under the direction of the park supervisor, Prof. Crawford. There has been a large amount of playground apparatus obtained and in addition to this, interesting games will be taught the children at various times to provide for their amusement. The mothers are urged to allow the children to wear their oldest clothes.

The schedule of hours for playground supervision are as follows: morning, 8:30 to 11:30; afternoon, 2 to 5; evening, 7 to 8:30. This schedule applies on all days except Sundays and on Saturday afternoon and evenings. Alliance should be proud of the promoters of this recreation ground, where every child will be given due attention and amused during the play hours. There is no reason why the children of our community should not be healthier being given such a fine advantage.

T. P. A.'s Give Wedding Presents The members of Post M. T. P. A. of Alliance have presented Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson with a set of knives and forks, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Connor with a handsome picture. Both of these young men are members of the post and well liked.

COMING EVENTS A Calendar of Interest to Herald Readers

- May 30.—Decoration Day program at Greenwood Cemetery. June 5 to 10.—Wortham Shows and Carnival at Alliance. June 20 and 21.—Annual Stockmen's Convention. July 4.—Celebration of national holiday at Alliance. September 27, 28 and 29.—Box Butte County Fair at Alliance.