

MAY STAGE BIG POTATO SHOW

Idea Advanced of Holding Potato Show in Alliance at Time Potato Growers Convene Here

RACE MEET - FALL FESTIVAL

No Fair in Box Butte County This Fall but Plans Are Maturing for Holding Big Event

It is stated on good authority that no county fair will be held in Box Butte county this fall, but it is expected that an effort will be made to supply the main features of the annual fall celebration in a slightly different form.

Several propositions have been presented that are receiving the serious consideration of the fair board and the Alliance Commercial Club, it is said. One of these propositions is to hold a fall race meet in connection with a fall festival, at which practically all the events generally expected at a county fair will be found.

The proposition of holding a big potato show seems to be meeting with instant approval in many quarters. In view of the fact that the state convention of the Nebraska Potato Growers' Association is to be held in Alliance this fall, the plan of holding the potato show seems particularly commendable.

As yet the dates for the state convention of potato growers which is to be held here this fall have not been announced. The general plan for the potato show has not, as yet, been worked out, but there seems to be a disposition to make it a big event, holding much the same relation to the annual convention of the potato growers' association as the annual stockmen's celebration holds to the annual meeting of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association.

The opinion seems to prevail that when the convention of the potato growers is held here it will be necessary to entertain the many visitors from the potato growing regions of Nebraska who will be in attendance, and that this entertainment could well be coupled up with the potato show idea, making Alliance the central point of interest for the potato growers.

While it is yet too early for any definite plan to have been perfected as to the form the fall celebration will take, the fact that Alliance will stage a big show this fall seems most certain.

FAMOUS WILL HAVE THE DRAFT NUMBERS

Alliance Store Has Posted in Windows Complete Box Butte List with Serial Numbers

The Famous Clothing store is displaying in its show windows some interesting lists of names and numbers—a complete list of those who registered in Box Butte county on June 5, with the serial numbers before each name. It is by these serial numbers that the selection of men who are drafted will be taken.

Marcus Frank, proprietor of the store, has made arrangements to display in the same windows the numbers which are drawn at Washington as soon as they are available. Interested parties can then ascertain here whether or not they are among those drawn for service in the United States army under the conscription act.

"I sure enjoy reading the Herald every week," writes Frank Strickland from Mulberry, Kans. "It brings back memories of bygone days spent in Alliance. Give my regards to all the boys." Mr. Strickland was formerly bookkeeper for the Forest Lumber Company branch in Alliance and a prominent member of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department. Frank is now manager of the Mulberry yard and doing well.

GOLDEN RULE JULY CLEARANCE SALE

Big Alliance Store Announces Money Saving July Clearance Sale Continuing Until July 21

Herald readers will find an advertisement of much interest to them in the center of this section this week. It is the announcement of a stupendous clearance sale, put on by the Golden Rule store of Alliance and lasting until July 21, Saturday evening.

The bargains listed in this advertisement are well worth considering. Look over the list, then attend the sale and take advantage of the money-saving prices. Go as early in the morning as possible in order to enable the store to give you better attention.

FLAG DEDICATED TO BOYS OF CO. G

Municipal Flag Dedicated in City Hall Park Saturday Noon Before Enthusiastic Audience

That Alliance citizens are patriotic has been evidenced time and again by their actions during these trying times. Alliance subscribed well towards the Liberty Loan; contributions to the National Red Cross War fund exceeded the quota asked for; response to the call to the colors met with almost instant enlistments in Company G; while the regular army has been meeting with great success at the Alliance recruiting station.

The Burlington railroad employees provided the beautiful flag which each day floats proudly above the heads of a patriotic populace at the foot of a founpated Box Butte avenue in front of the Burlington depot and offices.

Saturday noon the Stars and Stripes were again formally unfurled to the breeze, this time from the top of a new flag staff erected in city hall park by the members of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department. The city officials provided the handsome flag while a local lumber firm graciously donated the cement for the base of the flag staff.

The formal dedication of the flag to those stalwart sons of Alliance, Box Butte county and western Nebraska, who so willingly gave up civil life to answer the call to the colors by joining Company G, 4th Regiment Infantry, Nebraska National Guard, took place Saturday noon before an enthusiastic crowd of spectators. Representative Lloyd C. Thomas was master of ceremonies and, in his usually bright and pleasing manner, introduced the several speakers.

Mayor W. E. Rousey, speaking for the city, dedicated the flag to "our boys", the members of Company G. John W. Guthrie, representing the fire boys, expressed the hope that this flag would ever be unfurled to the breeze over a country peopled by citizens who enjoyed the liberties of a free government.

The music for the occasion was supplied by members of the Alliance band. While the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the audience stood with uncovered heads, Smith P. Tuttle, a veteran of the Civil War, slowly raised the flag to the top of the pole.

BELIEVE WATER PROBLEM SOLVED

New Pump Received Sunday by Express from Rochester, N. Y., to Be Working Last of Week

Superintendent J. E. Hughes of the municipal light and water department, states that when the new pump is in operation the last of this week or the first of the coming week, he expects to get away from the shortage-of-water trouble.

The new pump was received by express Sunday from Rochester, N. Y. The pump weighed 7,000 pounds, the express charges being some \$500. The pump is being assembled now at the local plant.

There were some who, when the water supply became low, were of the opinion that the present wells were inadequate to meet the demands upon them and that one or more new wells would have to be drilled before the water supply would be ample to take care of the needs of the city. Superintendent Hughes states that the trouble was not with the wells, but with the pump. The old pump, which is now being replaced by the new one received by express Sunday, was too large and too heavy for the wooden rods, causing the rods to be continually breaking. The latest difficulty was caused from the working barrel coming unscrewed from the drop casing.

COUNCIL MAKES CITY TAX LEVY

Estimate That It Will Require Sum of \$55,050 for Operating Expenses the Coming Year

PLACE LEVY AT 36 1/2 MILLS

Total Levy for City, County and State Was 104 Mills Last Year - City 2 1/2 Mills Higher

Tuesday night of this week the Alliance city council, sitting in regular monthly session, reached the conclusion that the city would require the sum of \$55,050 for operating expenses for the coming year. This sum will be raised by a tax levy of 36 1/2 mills, or 2 1/2 mills more than the city levy for last year.

Alliance property owners last year paid a total tax to city, county and state amounting to 104 mills on the assessed valuation of their property, the assessed valuation being about one-fifth of the real or actual valuation. Last year's tax for the state was 6.1 mills; for the county, 18.9 mills; for the city of Alliance, 34 mills; and for the city schools, 45 mills; making a total of 104 mills. The new county levy will not be made until probably the last of August or the first of September, it is said.

The estimate of city expenses together with the various levies is embodied in ordinance No. 233 which was passed at the Tuesday evening session of the council. Ordinance No. 233 is published complete elsewhere in this issue of The Herald.

SWALLOWS POISON IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Discouraged over Failure of Second Matrimonial Venture, Clerk's Wife Takes Poison

Discouraged and despondent because of her second matrimonial venture, which went on the rocks last Thursday, when, according to her story, her husband, William J. Prittle, who is a mail clerk running from Denver to Alliance, left her, Mrs. Prittle, 22, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by swallowing poison. She took the drug while seated in a taxicab. The chauffeur summoned the police who took her to headquarters, where, after emetics had been administered, she was placed in the matron's ward for shelter.

Mrs. Prittle is a daughter of A. A. Geisler, an east Denver druggist. She and her mother have been prominent in club and social circles and are widely known.

Five years ago she was secretly married to William Kelly, member of a prominent Denver family. The marriage was frowned upon by her parents, and after a brief time an annulment was procured. Kelly subsequently died. Later she married William J. Prittle, a railway mail clerk.

Prittle is a number of years her senior and it is said the difference in ages caused discord, which culminated in his removing his effects from their home to a downtown hotel.

After recovering from the effects of the poison, Mrs. Prittle declared that it is "foolish to take poison over any man" and intimated that she would institute action for separate maintenance and demand the return of an automobile which her husband gave her as a present and took with him, she says, when he left her. Mr. Prittle is more or less well known in Alliance, having a mail run on the Burlington from Denver to this city.

FREMONT TAKES CONVENTION

Nebraska Volunteer Firemen will learn with pleasure that the city of Fremont has decided to become the host to the 1918 annual state convention. The following telegram was received by The Herald this afternoon at 4 o'clock just as the last fares were going to press: "Fremont will take 1918 convention." The telegram was signed by Harry Hauser. The matter of a location for the convention to be held in the middle of January, 1918, has been up in the air since York decided they could not entertain. This settles it.

Johnny Williams of Alliance, well-known volunteer fireman and Burlington employee, has joined Company G and will leave Saturday night with Harley Miller of Marsland, son of True Miller, for Fort Crook, to "join the boys." Johnny is a general favorite and it is needless to say that he will live up the ranks of Company G.

One of the other wells or using parts for repairs on another like pump owned by the city.

The new pump cost \$2,465 f. o. b. Rochester. The original cost together with the express charges of \$50 make the pump cost \$2,565 delivered in Alliance. After the new pump was ordered it was learned that it could be secured much earlier than was at first expected and in view of the water shortage was ordered shipped by express, thus assuring its quick arrival.

DAVISON THANKS FOR RED CROSS

National Chairman Red Cross War Council Sends Letter of Thanks for Excellent Donations

HIGHLAND A GOOD CHAIRMAN

Well-known Alliance Business Man Makes Excellent Showing as Chairman Alliance Chapter

H. P. Davison, national chairman of the Red Cross War Council, appointed by President Wilson, has written the following letter to L. H. Highland, chairman of the Alliance chapter, regarding the excellent work done in the campaign for funds June 18 to 25:



L. H. HIGHLAND Mr. Highland is a prominent Alliance business man, chairman of the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross.

"Dear Mr. Highland: At the close of the wonderfully successful campaign for the Red Cross War fund I intended, in behalf of the War Council, to send you and your associates, a telegram of thanks and congratulation for your splendidly effective work. On reflection, however, I decided in view of the nation-wide extent of our organization that it would be more economical, and equally satisfactory to write to you instead of telegraphing.

We of the War Council are deeply grateful to you, to your colleagues, to the devoted men and women of local Red Cross Chapters and auxiliaries, and to every element and individual in your community who aided by service and contribution.

There is no method by which we can reach the legion of individuals, organizations, churches, newspapers, societies, banks, companies and firms whose united effort has provided this great fund for humanity, and if through your press and by other means you can make public expression of our gratitude we shall deeply appreciate the courtesy. Their joint accomplishment has stirred the pride of every American.

I wish to add my personal thanks to you, and through you, to all who contributed to the splendid result.

Very sincerely yours, (Signed) H. P. DAVISON, Chairman Red Cross War Council.

In a interview with Mr. Highland this morning he stated that his latest advice on the total amount raised in the United States for the Red Cross War fund was approximately \$114,000,000, or \$14,000,000 more than was asked for. The Alliance district was asked for \$7,600, and raised over \$8,000.

Meetings of the local chapter are held every two weeks on Monday evenings at the local permanent headquarters, in the east room on the first floor of the Masonic temple. Those whose pledges became due can pay them there or at the First State Bank.

The ladies are now working on the making of convalescent supplies for hospitals. The making of surgical bandages by the women has been discouraged by the national officers on account of the fact that experience has shown that bandages can be purchased cheaper from the big supply houses than they can be made, even though the work is donated. Blankets, sheets, pillow cases and other hospital supplies are needed.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR CRAWFORD DOINGS

Alliance Traveling Men Are Arranging for a Big Crowd at Annual U. C. T. and T. P. A. Picnic

The traveling men of Alliance, with their families and friends, will go to Crawford for their annual picnic and celebration Saturday July 28 in a special train which will leave at 6:30 o'clock in the morning. The expense for the round trip will be only \$2.32 for railroad fare, and a large crowd is expected to join the boys in their annual celebration.

VISITED AGATE FOSSIL QUARRIES

One of Most Interesting Spots in the West is the Famous Agate Springs Ranch in Sioux County

We had often heard of Captain Cook's Ranch at Agate, Nebr. We had been urged to visit it by friends who had been there, but we had never had the opportunity of doing so until Sunday, July 8th. At 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning two auto loads of Alliance people, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. George Darling, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hicks, Anson Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, "hit the trail" for the fossil beds.

At Marsland we picked up, as a guide and instructor for the rest of the trip, a young man who has made a special study of the fossil beds and who knows practically every foot of ground in Dawes, Sioux and northern Box Butte counties—Dayton Sullenberger. We found him to be an excellent entertainer and without him, the trip would have been made with much less benefit and pleasure.

From Marsland the road winds along the Niobrara river westward for about 31 miles before reaching the two buttes in which the beds are now being explored are located. The scenery along the road is beautiful. Fine, large, modern ranch homes, beautiful hay valleys, irrigation ditches filled with clear, flowing water, large herds of sleek, fat, contented cattle, and back in the distance the hills and buttes which line the edges of the valley.

From the valley bottom the "fossil buttes" stand out plain and distinct about two miles away. The cuts made in their sides shown out plainly as huge scars. The scientists at work in the quarries at that distance look like pygmies.

We arrived at the beds at 10 o'clock and spent nearly two hours entranced by the things which we saw and by the interesting descriptions of Harold Cook, Dayton Sullenberger and the scientists who are there for the museums and universities. Lying in the open, as they had been dug from the soft rock, were bones of monstrous size and odd shapes; a queer and interesting collection. The work of digging out the prehistoric bones is slow and tedious but very interesting. Just as fast as a bone is uncovered it is covered with rice paper and shellac or varnish in order to keep away the air, which causes the bone to disintegrate very rapidly.

From the beds we journeyed four miles farther to the ranch, whose large grove of trees could be plainly seen up the valley. After a luncheon under the trees and an hour of rest, the party spent a couple of hours viewing the wonderful collection of Indian relics and fossils. These are explained in this article in the statement by Mr. Sullenberger. At three o'clock we started on the return trip, left Mr. Sullenberger at Marsland, and arrived in Alliance at nine o'clock, having driven 145 miles. We would suggest that others who may be interested in these wonderful fossil beds make the trip to the ranch. We assure them that they will receive hospitable treatment by Captain James H. Cook and his son, Harold and that they will not regret the time spent in this way.

At our request Mr. Sullenberger has written for Herald readers a short description of the fossil deposits and of the collection of relics at the ranch.

(By Dayton Sullenberger) One of the greatest points of interest in the world today is the Agate Springs ranch owned by Captain James Cook. Not only is this the most beautiful spot in the west, and one of the large cattle ranches in this section, but it also is the Mecca for the scientific researchers of Vertebrate Paleontology. The Agate Spring fossil quarries are world-known, among the scientists, but are very little known among the people at large. The history of these quarries is one of long duration.

With apologies to Harold Cook we quote from his notes in the Nebraska Geological Survey Vol. 7, Part 11, the following:

The Tertiary Deposits of Nebraska have long been of especial interest to Vertebrate Paleontologists because of the variety an exceptional preservation of the fossils, and the diversity of formation in this region. Although the region has been explored and studied many wide gaps exist in our knowledge of the geologic record, with corresponding gaps in the evolutionary series of its prehistoric animal life. These gaps are being rapidly filled, year by year, through the discovery of new formations and new faunas, as well as by the addition of data through the careful collection of specimens in known formations. In western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming during the past ten years some especially important discoveries have been made, which have gone far toward completing our knowledge of the geologic record.

Parties from various institutions have collected in these localities for several years, and all have had excellent success. The most notable collections were made by the University of Nebraska under Dr. E. H. Barbour in 1891 and ensuing years. The Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh under the late Prof. J. E.

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CLUB MUST PAY FULL LIGHT BILL

Council Refuses to Allow Rebate to Commercial Club for Light Supplied Carnival Company

BUSY SESSION TUESDAY NIGHT

Park Cars in Middle of Street—Fumigation by City Physician—Occupancy Insurance

The city council, in regular session Tuesday night, voted down the request of the Alliance Commercial Club for a rebate on the light bill for light supplied to the club for the Wortham Brothers Carnival Company which showed here on unpaved Box Butte avenue the last week in June. The city light department had agreed with the Commercial Club to furnish lights to the club for use of the carnival company for \$165. It seems that the Commercial Club in turn contracted with the carnival company to supply the light for \$125. The Commercial Club desired a reduction of \$50 in the bill, making the bill \$115. It is stated that the former administration under Ex-mayor Romig last year made a similar contract with the Commercial club and allowed them a rebate of \$50.

The proposition brought out considerable discussion. The fact was brought out that the city was required to pay \$72 for extra police during carnival week, while at the same time the city did not receive one cent in revenue, either from the carnival or concessions, other than the amount of the light bill. Superintendent J. E. Hughes states that he is confident the carnival outfit got more than value received as to the amount of electric energy used during the week.

City Physician to Fumigate

Following a discussion the council voted to have the city physician do all fumigating in Alliance in the future, the city physician to be allowed the sum of \$2.50 for each house fumigated. The mayor announced that he had made arrangements with a local drug firm to secure the formaldehyde at wholesale cost. Heretofore the fumigation has been done by various parties and bills rendered covering the cost of the work of fumigating and material totaling from \$4.50 to \$7. The city can now buy formaldehyde at from \$2 to \$3 per gallon. The mayor asked Dr. George J. Hand, who was present at the meeting, to state his opinion on the fumigating proposition.

Dr. Hand urged that the city physician be given the sole authority to fumigate, stating that it would then be done right and always in a uniform manner. He also brought out the point that some doctors let patients out earlier than others and that if the city physician was empowered to do the fumigating he could, if he was of the opinion that the case was not ready to be released, refuse to fumigate until he was satisfied the case was ready to be released. The mayor stated that more or less complaint had been made because of the fact that the methods of fumigating had not been uniform in the past and in some instances have not fulfilled the requirements of the state board of health along this line.

To Build New Crossings

That there is a need for certain new crossings in the city was the apparently unanimous opinion of the members of the council. The committee on streets and alleys (composed of Johnson, chairman, Snyder, Davis and Davidson) was given until the next meeting of the council to investigate the situation and determine, as near as possible, where crossings are most needed.

Council Buys Insurance

At the request of Mayor Rousey, John W. Guthrie appeared before the council and explained what is known as "Use and Occupancy Insurance." Use and Occupancy insurance is a type of insurance written for protection against fire, storm, etc., but varies from the regular fire and tornado insurance, in that it insures against loss from inability to use and occupy a given building or plant. Mr. Guthrie explained that while a fire might break out in the city plant and do very little, if any, actual damage, from which recovery could be made under a fire insurance policy, yet the plant could easily be put out of commission for several months if water were thrown on the dynamo. Use and occupancy insurance would insure the city against this loss, paying to the city the actual revenue lost during the time the plant was closed down. It is estimated that the revenue from the city plant is about \$50 per day, on an average. The cost of the insurance is about \$7.50 per thousand per year for protection against inability to use the plant by reason of fire, lightning, tornado, wind or hail storm. The council authorized the writing of a policy of this nature for \$18,000, it being the idea that the most spent was about the best investment that could be made for the plant. The

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