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ELLSWORTH IS CENTER OF NEW POTASH STRIKE

SEVERAL COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS FINDS DEPOSITS IN LAKES

THREE PLANTS PROPOSED

Materials Have Been Ordered by The Great Western Potash Company for a Small Plant on the Weir Ranch.

The town of Ellsworth, located on the southern point of the Spade ranch, the largest ranch property in Nebraska, is becoming the center of the latest potash excitement. Several testing crews have been working for several weeks on lakes near Ellsworth and are reported to have found excellent deposits of potash.

The Great Western Potash company is reported to have made the most progress. After some thorough testing, this company is reported to have ordered the machinery and material for a small plant to be erected at once on the Johnny Weir ranch, five miles northeast of Ellsworth and construction is to be started as soon as the equipment is on the ground. This company proposes to put its plants on the lake shores, hauling the fuel and potash to and from the railroad by means of auto trucks.

The Western Potash company of Antioch, is reported to have found some excellent potash deposits in lakes included in the aggregation known as the "Hatch" bunch of lakes. These include lakes north and west of Ellsworth. It is understood that a big plant is contemplated for these lakes, to be situated at Ellsworth.

The Spade ranch, owned by Richards & Comstock, is under option for potash rights to Lloyd Thomas, of Alliance, and associates, who will spend the next few weeks thoroughly testing out the 4,000 acres of lakes located on the ranch, most of which have shown good indications of potash. Should the tests prove out satisfactory a large plant will be erected at Ellsworth to work these lakes.

Other private parties who have lakes in the vicinity of Ellsworth are testing them out with the view of erecting plants thereon. Most of the testing done in this vicinity has shown a comparatively low solid content in the lakes but a high potash content in the salts, making the salts, when reduced, more valuable than the lower grades found in the Antioch district.

With three or more potash plants in sight, Ellsworth is expected to follow the lead of some of her western neighbors in experiencing a rapid expansion in the next few months.

ALLIANCE WILL HAVE A BAND THIS SUMMER

The fire department boys have organized a band, which will be made up of fifteen pieces. All are good musicians and promise to furnish the Alliance people with fine music this summer on the hot nights. M. H. Whaley, an old experienced man, has been selected as director of the organization. The band has progressed to the point where the uniforms have been purchased. Roy Burns, of the Keep-U-Neat, has contracted to furnish the boys with classy uniforms.

Joe Bills, well known farmer, living southeast of Alliance, proved himself a patriot of the right kind on Wednesday, when he came into town to transact some business. Mr. Bills is of German descent and has lived in the United States for many years—so long that he realizes that there is no liberty but the kind for which we are fighting. Joe went up to see Chairman Graham, of the Third liberty loan campaign committee on Wednesday regarding a subscription to the bonds. He said he wanted to do his share and asked what that would be. Chairman Graham figured up Joe's net worth and said, "Well, Joe, it will amount to about \$1,800." "Well," said Joe, "get busy and fill out the check." He gladly signed his name.

NOTICE

The regular eighth grade pupils' examination will be given May 9 and 10 at the court house at Alliance and the high school at Hemingford. MISS OPAL RUSSEL, County Superintendent

"MICK" MAHONEY NOW IN FRANCE

Alliance Volunteer Fireman Is "Some where in France" Shooting Rockets at Hun Aeroplanes

Darrell F. Mahoney, of Alliance, a member of the Alliance volunteer fire department, known to his friends here as "Mick," is now in France, a private in the Fourth anti-air craft battery A. E. F., via New York City. Mick writes a very interesting letter to The Herald, which will be read by all his friends here with interest. And his real, genuine friends here who appreciate the sacrifice he is making, will write him a letter at once without delay and will write him regularly, for he asks for letters from the home folks.

The letter reads as follows: "France, March 28, 1918. Dear brothers: Well, I am over here. Thought maybe you would like to hear from one of those Alliance bums. Am in the anti-air craft. We will be right behind the trenches and that will be close enough for me. We are to keep the enemy planes from taking photographs and bombarding our positions. It is a real interesting branch of the service and we get good eats. That is the main thing in a soldier's life—the eats.

"Say, Lloyd, tell some of my old-time friends to write to me. A letter is just like a visit and you can imagine how a visit would seem to a fellow over here. How is the fire department and all of the fellows?"

"Well, when we landed we had a speedy ride in box cars across France and it was so damn cold we cussed old Willie, the Kaiser whizzer face, for all he is worth. Then we were in one of the oldest cities in France for about three weeks. Then we got another of those box car joy rides. We are in a good fort now but it is not near as good as that post out on the west coast.

"I had a siege of the mumps, and with two of my pals, was in a ward all by ourselves. Elsie Janis, the American actress, was out to sing at the Y. M. C. A. One of the officers brought her and her mother down to see us. She is the first and only woman that I have met that could talk good, plain American talk, and, say, man, her voice sure did sound good to me. A fellow misses lots and lots of things over here, but believe me, he sees things that he never saw before.

"Was in Paris one day, but they hit it too fast a tick for thirty dollars a month. Say, Charlie Chaplin has nothing on an American soldier when he is trying to talk French. If I want two eggs I crow twice and grunt once. Then I get 'ham and.' Say, I'd give many francs to sit down to a real lunch counter and have some one start saying: 'Roast beef and gravy, roast pork and apple sauce, etc., etc., etc.'

"We are to have a field meet here tomorrow but I can't go now. I am pretty weak from the damn mumps. I suppose you expect me to tell you something about the war. All I know is that there is lots of fighting and that is about all I can say, as they are very strict about news getting into the enemy's hands. You should hear some of the arguments this bunch puts up among themselves. Part of them are talking religion, and say, they would drive anybody but an American soldier nuts. There are about six of them sitting two feet from me learning French. It sounds Chinks to me and there is a bunch up in the Y boxing, so if this letter is all fixed up don't blame me too much.

"You can tell all the fellows that if Uncle Sam takes them he sure will make men of them. I weighed about 156 stripped when I signed up in Alliance not quite a year ago and now I weigh 180. Not so bad, is it? I am about two inches taller.

"Be sure and tell some of my old pals to write to me and give my regards to Alliance and community. Tell all of the fellows up at the fire hall to remember me by writing a letter once in a while. Tell 'old man' Beckwith to have a suit of civilian 'step abouts' ready for me when I land. Tell 'em all that I am fat and TO BE SURE AND WRITE.

"From one of Uncle Sam's slum hounds—Mick. Private DARRELL F. MAHONEY, "Fourth Anti-Air Craft Battery, "A. E. F., via New York City." Censored by D. E. Ward.

Monday a meeting of the Odd Fellows will be held at Antioch. The meeting will start there at 3 o'clock central time. This will make it necessary for the Alliance delegation to leave here at 1 o'clock Monday.

Sheriff Bruce passed thru here Thursday with eight more gamblers that he had picked up at Antioch.

NO POOL PLAYED UNTIL FIVE O'CLOCK

City Council, at Special Meeting Monday Evening, Granted Licenses to All Establishments

Under the order made by the city council in granting pool hall licenses Monday evening, at special council meeting, all pool halls must remain closed, as far as the tables are concerned, until five o'clock each afternoon. They may then start business at 5 o'clock and remain open until midnight. The pool halls are now obeying this requirement. Those which have cigar stands and soft drinks branches may run these at all hours.

The regulation made by the council is to be in effect from May 1 to November 1, the halls to be guided after November 1 by whatever regulations are established by the council of defense or other war boards.

Licenses were granted to plumbers, electricians and the picture show.

Alliance's new neighbor—Antioch, has been receiving some very favorable publicity through the national press the last few days, being the proud owner of the title of the second highest town in the United States in the oversubscribing for third liberty bonds. A Colorado town has oversubscribed its quota of bonds eight times. Antioch comes second, with an oversubscription of seven times.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS NEED MORE NURSES

With More of Our Boys Being Wounded Each Day, the Red Cross Sends Out Call for More Nurses

"Every Red Cross nurse saves 500 soldiers!"

That is why the Red Cross is making such strenuous efforts to enroll 5,000 more graduate nurses by June 1. For the entire year of 1918 25,000 nurses must be enrolled to assure our expanding army and navy of adequate care.

As the nurses come forward to answer their country's call, other young women who are educated and desirable must enter nurses' schools to keep the ranks filled and provide service for the people at home. Courses may be taken at a number of places throughout the country, and every Red Cross chapter can give information to young women who wish to study.

Making surgical dressings and hospital garments are important, but if there are no nurses to apply them to our wounded soldiers, they would be useless. Consequently, graduate nurses who have been holding back will see the imperative need of enlisting at once. The Red Cross considers it one of the foremost tasks assigned to it by our government to stimulate enlistments among nurses.

With American boys being wounded in large numbers in the great battle in France every American nurse's heart will beat with patriotic fervor, and June 1 undoubtedly will see 5,000 more enrolled under the Red Cross banner.

OIL DRILLING TO START AT ANGORA

Reported That Jacob Ranch Near Angora Has Been Leased for Oil Purposes and Well to Start

Last summer The Herald printed an exclusive report of the finding of oil indications on the Jacobs ranch near Angora, found while drilling for drinking water. Since that time investigation has been going on quietly for oil indications.

It is reported in Angora that the Jacobs ranch, containing 2100 acres, has been leased to experienced oil men who will soon start drilling there for oil.

The Wyoming oil fields have been working nearer the Nebraska line very rapidly in the last few months, with the result that excitement in this section is beginning to grow. It is reported that a number of wells will be drilled near Alliance, starting this summer.

Rev. J. W. Morris, of the M. E. church, will speak at Berea, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY RED CROSS DAY FOR ALLIANCE

Tag Day Will Mean That Every One Will Have an Opportunity to Help the Alliance Red Cross

Saturday, May 4, will be Red Cross day for the Alliance chapter. It will be officially known as "Tag day" and everyone will have the opportunity of donating something or of taking a membership if they are not already members.

The city has been divided into five divisions for canvassing for goods for the auction sale, which will take place at the bank corners—Third and Box Butte avenue.

The Red Cross parade will start at 12:30 o'clock from the Burlington depot. All Red Cross ladies have been requested to meet at the depot at 12:30 sharp in uniform to ride in the parade. There will be plenty of autos on hand to carry those who take part. Mrs. W. D. Rumer is in charge of the parade committee.

The members of Post M. T. P. A., will have charge of the dance to be given Saturday evening, the proceeds of which will go to the benefit of the Red Cross.

The Funston military band will furnish music throughout the day and the entire program will be one of patriotism and liberality—helping the Red Cross. The band concert program will be announced later.

CO-OPERATIVE ASS'N STARTS IN BUSINESS

W. E. Cutts Will Be Manager of Business, Which Started on West Third Street Wednesday, May 1

The Farmers' Union Co-operative association began business in Alliance on Wednesday, May 1, with a capital stock of \$25,000 and with W. E. Cutts as manager. The association takes over the lines handled by Mr. Cutts in the past at 118 Third street, with the exception of the cream agency.

The officers of the association are: D. E. Purington, president; Chris Nepper, vice president; E. C. Englehorn, secretary; A. E. Hann, treasurer; P. J. Knapp, J. T. Nabb and H. Nason, directors.

A QUIET WEDDING AT HIGHLAND HOME

Miss Blanche Morris and Joseph Bignell Married at Three o'clock Wednesday Afternoon

A quiet home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Highland at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when their niece, Miss Blanche Morris, was united in marriage to Joseph Bignell, by Rev. F. E. Black, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Alliance. The bride was dressed in a handsome blue and taupe wedding gown.

At 6:30 o'clock a delicious course dinner was served, places being laid for the following: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bignell, Mr. and Mrs. William Bignell, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Black, Mr. and Mrs. William Niemann, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith, Mrs. L. Z. Hallway, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Highland, Misses Ethel James and Jeffie Everett.

The bride is a charming young woman who was raised in Harris, Missouri, a graduate of the Harris high school. Last August she came to Alliance and worked for her uncle, Mr. Highland, in the Alliance grocery, until her marriage.

The groom is a well and favorably known western Nebraska young man, the son of William Bignell. He was born and raised in Alliance, attending the Alliance schools. He is a progressive young ranchman and the young couple will make their home on the Bignell ranch, sixteen miles southeast of Alliance.

The Herald joins in extending congratulations.

"Sarvice, sir," and with a smile and not a drop of soup slipped down the back of your neck. Reason: E. L. Johnson, proprietor of the Silver Grill cafe, surprised the girls in the dining room last week and added a substantial raise to their checks.

DRAFTED BOYS ARE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

The Thirty-five Men Who Left for Fort Logan Last Night Were Given a Rousing Send-off.

Nineteen men from Broken Bow, five from points in between and three from other points, arrived in Alliance Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. From the time they got in to the city until they left last night for Fort Logan they were shown what Alliance citizens thought of them and their duty. Members Metz and Gavin, of the Elks club, took them in charge and made them see that they were appreciated, even after leaving home.

In the afternoon the boys were shown around Alliance, then set up to a bounteous dinner at the Alliance hotel. After supper the Elks' club rooms were thrown open to them, all the privileges of the club being extended. Under the guidance of W. R. Metz, and another treat from the Elks, they were taken to the theater. Before leaving they again went over to the club rooms where the privileges of the buffet was extended, each man getting the particular lunch that he liked best.

To say that the boys appreciated their reception here is putting it mild. Such expressions as "this is sure a real town," "Guess everybody is for us," "We can work all the harder knowing that everybody is with us," were heard. Before entraining the entire company gave three rousing cheers for Alliance.

Box Butte county boys leaving for Fort Logan Wednesday were: Alliance, Benjamin F. Vanderlas, Martin L. Fitzgerald, Olaf D. Kuhn and William H. Butler. From Hemingford, Clay R. Melick and Joe B. Fronnapple. Roy Haugh will join the boys from Pontiac, Michigan.

STATE DEPARTMENT LENDS ASSISTANCE

Nebraska Conservation and Soil Survey Makes Tests of Lakes With Co-operation of Operators

Dr. Ge. E. Condra, director of the Nebraska conservation and soil survey, the state department charged with the duty of making surveys of the state soils and other work for the spread of information regarding Nebraska's resources, is extending the work of the survey to cover the testing of lakes in the potash district, with the co-operation of the owners and operators. The department sends competent persons to direct the careful testing of the lakes, supervising the sinking of wells and the taking of samples in cases where the lessor and the lessee furnish persons to sink the wells and also furnish transportation, board and lodging for the state man. All the results of such surveys and investigations are given jointly to the lessor and lessee and made available for the use of the state department.

No one is better posted and informed on the Nebraska potash situation than Dr. Condra and his department. Their efforts towards the advancement of the industry have been responsible, to a large extent, for the constant additional development of undeveloped lakes. Interested parties can avail themselves of the state's assistance by complying with the conditions stated herein.

ELKS TO ENTERTAIN SATURDAY NIGHT

Big Dance to Be Held at the Club Ball Rooms With Entire Proceeds to Go to the Red Cross

The Elks will open up their ball room Saturday night to the public, the occasion being a benefit dance to increase the Red Cross fund. The dance floor at the club rooms can not be excelled in this part of the country, besides being roomy and well ventilated. These accommodations along with the excellent orchestra that will be furnished, offers an attraction that those who love to dance cannot well afford to pass up.

The total amount of moisture precipitation in Alliance during the month of April was 2.92 inches. Report of F. W. Hicks.

HUNS DEFEATED BY AMERICANS ON FRONT LINE

THREE BATTALIONS INFANTRY HURLED AGAINST THE AMERICANS DRIVEN BACK

BOHEMIANS JOIN ITALIANS

Bohemian Troops Join the Italians Pitted Against the Austrian Armies, and Are Delaying the Big Offensive.

Heavy German attack launched against the Americans in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux, was defeated with heavy losses for the Germans. The German preliminary bombardment lasted two hours and then the infantry attacked in masses, only to be driven back, leaving large numbers of dead on the ground in front of the American trenches.

The Americans were supported on the north and south by the French, but the heavy bombardment was directed against the former. After a bombardment of two hours the infantry attacked with three battalions. The Americans captured five prisoners. This was the first occasion in which the Americans were engaged in the big battle which has been raging since March 21. The American losses were severe.

BOHEMIANS JOIN ITALIANS

London, May 2.—Newspaper correspondents at Italian headquarters report that Bohemian troops are joining the Italian troops against Austria and that the first detachments are already on the Italian line wearing Italian uniforms.

The action of the Bohemians in joining the Italians would give one reason for the delay in the rumored great offensive, announced long ago, of the Austrians against the Italians.

ONE MILLION SOON IN FRANCE

Washington, May 2.—All records for the transportation of troops to the battle fronts have been broken in the last three months and with the additional tonnage soon to be placed at disposal of the United States, chiefly by the British government, it is believed that there will be one million American soldiers on French soil by July 1. It is believed that the provost marshal will issue a call by the last of this week for 400,000 new draft recruits to fill the training camps being emptied by the leaving of troops for France.

SIXTY-SEVEN LIVES LOST IN SHIPWRECK

New York City, May 2.—The City of Athens, a Savannah passenger liner bound south from New York, was rammed in a fog off the Atlantic coast at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning by a French war cruiser, resulting in the loss of sixty-seven lives. Sixty-eight persons were saved. The liner sank in seven minutes. Survivors were picked up by the French cruiser and brought into port.

The Seventh and Eighth grades at the Central school were the first to complete their woolen blanket for the soldiers. The blanket is knitted, patch blanket, different colors being blended in. Both boys and girls assisted in getting the blanket together. Miss Sheridan, who has charge of these two classes, states that the intention is to present the blanket to the Camp Funston boys Saturday.

The members of the city council and the mayor have been watching with interest the work being done on the streets the last few days, since the return of "dry" weather, by the tractors, which have been hauling the graders and drags. The different dealers have been demonstrating the different selling points of their brands of tractors, as the council favors the purchase of a tractor for this purpose. Councilman Ed Henry is the "general manager" for the work done by the tractors, which are "general-ed" by Street Commissioner Jim Burns.

F. W. Hicks, local secretary for the United States civil service board, has been authorized to administer oaths to witnesses in any matter pending before the civil service commission, including oaths to applicants for examinations and positions in the various branches of the service.

George Mollring has been out of the city this week on business.