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WINE, WOMAN AND SONG GET SCHOTT IN BAD

WELL-KNOWN ALLIANCE MARRIED MEN FIGURE IN MID-NIGHT PARTY

Defendants Found Guilty by County Judge in Hearing Held Tuesday—Given Six Months

Some one is forever taking the joy out of life—for instance, the party of merry revellers at the Alliance Hotel Annex during the wee sma' hours of Tuesday morning, which was broken up by Night Policeman Taylor upon information furnished by Wade Lane and which resulted in the appearance of several well-known people in county court, Tuesday.

From the testimony offered it appears that the party composed of Messrs Peter F. Schott, C. W. Nation, Oscar O'Bannon, Mrs. Eva Williams, Mrs. Wade Lane and Miss Bonnie Green had gone for an auto ride the evening before and during the evening had enjoyed a campfire cooked lunch at a secluded spot near the city. Completing the lunch the party returned to Alliance and four of the number, Messrs Schott and Nation and Messdames Lane and Williams, went to the Alliance Hotel Annex for the purpose of enjoying a midnight feed and to later disband, but at this point it also appears that Wade Lane had been watching the party and had furnished the night police with the information necessary for official interference. When Mr. Taylor was admitted to the room and had learned the story of those present he decided to call the assistance of Chief of Police Oscar Reed and went to a telephone and summoned Mr. Reed. Upon the arrival of the chief it was decided to allow the members of the party to go to their respective homes upon promise of appearance in police court the next day, and in accordance with such decision all left the hotel with the exception of Mrs. Williams, who it appears in the testimony, prepared for the night and retired.

About an hour later, Mr. Schott, after leaving the police at the Drake Hotel corner beat the back track and returned to the hotel and to the room occupied by Mrs. Williams and it was here that the couple were found for the second time and the occasion of the filing of the more serious charge against Mr. Schott and Mrs. Williams. When arraigned before Judge Tash in answer to the charge of having committed "adultery" both Mr. Schott and Mrs. Williams pleaded "not guilty."

Wade Lane, informant in the case was the first witness called by the state. Mr. Lane told of having watched the party for some minutes and of having called upon Policeman Taylor for official interference. He stated that during a portion of the time he watched the scene the lights in the room had been extinguished. Mr. Taylor's testimony was in substance to having found the four in the hotel room, apparently enjoying themselves, but in no condition which would warrant the accusation of improper relations and to having called Chief Reed to the scene. Mr. Reed told of finding in the room upon his arrival, Mr. Schott and Mrs. Williams and of conversing with Mr. Nation on the outside. It appears that while Mr. Taylor was absent from the room for the purpose of calling Mr. Reed, Mr. Nation and Mrs. Lane left the same via the window route. He also told of instructing those present to go to their respective homes and to appear before the court the following morning. Leaving the hotel Mr. Reed accompanied by Taylor and Schott went to a local cafe and had lunch and the three walked as far as the Drake hotel corner together when they separated.

The first witness for the defense was Mr. Schott, who flatly denied all allegations of improper conduct. He admitted having been a member of the auto party and to having gone to the hotel, where found by the officer. When asked if he had registered for the room he said he had not, but later when the register having signed evidence admitted the same. He also denied having given a fictitious name to Officer Taylor when he claimed to be an oil salesman from Luak, Wyoming. In explaining his return to the room after told to go home by the officers he said that Mrs. Williams, when he left the room was in a very nervous condition and that he returned to soothe her and upon finding her in bed he sat in a chair. During the time between his return to the room and prior to the return of Policeman Taylor he said "the lights of the room, with the exception of the bathroom lights, were out. Mrs. Williams, next called, corroborated the story of Mr. Schott in many phases, but claims that when Mr. Schott returned to the room, after having left with the officers he fell asleep in the chair and if she was soothed it was because of the peacefulness of his slumber. She admitted having disrobed and gone to bed and to going to the door in a disrobed condition upon the return of Policeman Taylor. Though steadfastly denying any improper

PROMINENT MASONS COMING TO ALLIANCE

Will Assist in Organizing of Lodge of Perfection in City Saturday

Several prominent Masons, officers of the Order will be in Alliance this week to organize for Alliance and to govern Nebraska, Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, No. 6, Scottish Rite Masons. Among the number will be Hon. Tinley L. Combs, who will spend three days in the city. The new lodge will have jurisdiction over the entire western half of the state and the meetings will be attended by more than a hundred prominent Masons from over the territory.

The local Shriners will tender a banquet to Hon. Tinley Combs at the Alliance Hotel tomorrow (Friday) evening at six o'clock to attend which all local members are cordially invited.

Attorneys L. A. Berry, H. E. Gantz and Walter Metz attended court at Hyannis this week.

FEDERAL ROAD WORK TO BEGIN IN JULY

State Engineer George Johnson Says Will Start in Near Future on State Highways

State Engineer George E. Johnson is authority for the statement that work on the federal aid roads will likely start during July. At this time there is available of the state and federal aid funds in District M, which is composed of Cherry, Dawes, Sheridan and Sioux counties, the sum of \$543,754.99 and in District L, composed of Boyd, Brown, Holt, Kaya Paha and Rock counties, \$347,194.01. The roads, which are to be built under the supervision of the state engineer and the county commissioners in the counties through which the highways pass, will be made firm and substantial and the work will be started on the highways running east and west. The railroads will be followed in so far as possible and will pass through all the railroad towns.

In this project is included the Chadron to Alliance road the completion of which western Nebraska people have anxiously awaited for several years.

Mrs. J. D. Emerick has been enjoying a visit from her mother Mrs. Chambers of Sidney.

relations she admitted it required several minutes to make the answer to the knock at the door by Mr. Taylor and to later dress and prepare for the entrance of the officer. She said that she had received a divorce from her husband who is now in France and that she did not at this time receive an allowance from the government because of his service.

Policeman Taylor, when asked to the condition in which he found the defendants upon his return said that he found Mrs. Williams disrobed and that when Mr. Schott emerged from the room his shoes were not yet fastened.

Jesse M. Miller of the Alliance Hotel was called to prove the rental of the room for the night, but because of his not having been in the city he was unable to give any facts other than to show by the register that the room was hired to one E. G. Bruce, city. C. W. Nation was called, after the noon recess and testified to having been with the party on the auto trip and to having gone to the room for lunch at the invitation of other members of the crowd. He said that he had just arrived at the place when Mr. Taylor arrived upon his first visit.

County Attorney Bayse in making his plea expressed the belief that the evidence was conclusive that there had been improper relations and that the court could but find the defendants guilty. The opposing counsel, Attorney Eugene Burton, appealed to the sympathy of the court on account of the family of Mr. Schott which is one of the most highly respected in the community. Judge Tash in passing sentence remarked that despite the fact that the disgrace to the family was keenly appreciated by the court that the case had reached the place where there was no choice but to find Mr. Schott guilty and passed a sentence of six months in the county jail. In the case of Mrs. Williams he felt that there was a possibility that a less serious charge could be made and with the consent of the counsel would make the punishment in accordance. This the counsel refused and the same dose as given Mr. Schott was administered. The bonds were fixed at \$500 each and same were secured for Schott, but later the counsel agreed to a lesser charge against Mrs. Williams and she was fined \$25 and costs and given "leave town" order and admonished never to return.

Mr. Schott through his attorney has appealed to the district court. The entire affair is an unfortunate one and but again calls to mind the fact that:

"Fines are bad, Jail is Worse; Stay at Home boys, Safety First."

STORM SEWER BOND ISSUE TO BE SUBMITTED

CITY COUNCIL MUST GET AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE OF \$55,000 BY VOTE

Must Provide Drainage Before Work of Paving Can be Started—Will Include Other Blocks.

At the city council meeting held on Tuesday night City Attorney Walter Metz was instructed to draft an ordinance establishing storm sewer districts composed of the paving district No. 2 and including Box Butte and Laramie avenue to Tenth street. This action was taken when it appeared by estimates and suggestions made by Engineer Grant that the work, unless disposed of at this time would prove more expensive and difficult at a later date. The law in such cases makes it impossible for a city of the size of Alliance to vote more than \$15,000 in any one year for storm sewer or kindred improvements, after the first year in which the amount is limited to \$100,000. Storm sewers will necessarily have to be installed throughout the district included in the new paving district and that it may be possible to make the extension is already being petitioned by the resident property holders in the district affected it will be necessary for the council to include this in the storm sewer district now to be disposed of.

Mr. Grant estimated that the cost of this improvement at this time would be about \$55,000; \$70,000 if Cheyenne street were included north to Tenth. The council also decided to at once take up the city manager plan and several applications, which have been received together with others which will be made. It was the sense of the meeting that the scheme should be given an early trial and that as soon as the right man could be secured it would be put into practice. Several new sidewalks were ordered in and bills and claims considered and allowed. The council again discussed the matter of holding over all bills not presented by the third of the month and those not accompanied by the proper voucher and in the future this will be the practice.

President Sallows of the Community club and John W. Guthrie, vice-president appeared before the council and were granted the concessions for the stockmen's conventions during the three-day celebration as officers of the club, but with the permission goes the understanding that no concessions are to appear on Box Butte avenue.

HARPER WERE HOSTS AT SENIOR BANQUET

Well Known Alliance Business Man and Wife Tendered Excellent Banquet to Pupils and Faculty

The faculty and senior class of the Alliance High School were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harper at an elegant banquet served in the grill room of the Alliance Cafe Tuesday evening. The event will be one long to be remembered by the members of the class, who enjoyed it from beginning to end.

Music was furnished by the Alliance Jazz Orchestra who were joined by the guests in the singing of popular songs during the evening. The room was tastefully decorated in the class colors and with penants. The banquet was served in elegant style in courses by J. M. Miller and his capable assistants.

Following the serving of the banquet a short and interesting program was furnished, including music by the orchestra. Mr. Harper acted as toastmaster a position which he filled in a capable manner. He and Mrs. Harper and the employees of the Harper Department Store, who were present, were the recipients of many compliments during the evening.

The speakers included Principal Prince of the High School, Miss Spacht for the girls, and short speeches by several of the boys. Mrs. H. W. Jones of Kansas City, a guest, gave some intensely interesting readings. The last speaker was Lloyd Thomas whose subject was "Courage" and who briefly sketched the successful rise of the hosts of Alliance circles since they came to the city a few years ago. At the close of his speech a standing toast was given to Mr. and Mrs. Harper for "many happy returns of the evening." Miss Ethel James, of the Harper Store, made a brief and interesting talk which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Rufus Jones of the Community Club is very desirous of securing a good turn out of the business and professional men of the city next Monday morning when the Omaha Trade Excursion will make a short stay in our city. Despite the fact that the train will arrive at an early hour Alliance people should recognize this opportunity to favorably impress the leading business men of the state and should plan to be present.

SCOTISH BARITONE TO SING IN ALLIANCE

Glen Ellison, Famous Soloist, Will Appear in New Edison Tone Test at M. E. Church.

Glen Ellison, the popular Scotch baritone, will be heard in an unique recital at the M. E. Church on the evening of May 29th.

There are few men who have made such a success both in concert and vaudeville as Glen Ellison. In Europe and Australia he is better known as a singer of baritone opera roles. Whatever he sings, is rendered with a wonderful understanding of the requirements of the selection, deep feeling and in a wonderful appealing voice. It is when he sings Scotland that Mr. Ellison rises to artistic heights. He sings them with rare effect. He has sung leading roles in grand opera in England and Australia. His concerts are generally entirely different from the stilted orthodox kind for he generally includes a few rollicking tunes that appeal to everybody.

TRAVELING MEN GET ACTION ON HOTELS

State Authorities Acting on Complaint Made by Local Post Regarding Poor Hotel Conditions

Post M. T. P. A., held a lively and interesting session at the post headquarters in the community club office. The most important subject before the post was the condition of the hotels in certain western Nebraska towns. Complaint was made some time ago, by the chairman of the hotel committee, regarding the condition of the hotels at Bridgeport, Dalton, Whitman, Crawford and Hemingford.

In answer to these complaints, letters had been received from different state officials as follows: "Lincoln, April 21, 1919. We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th relative to hotel conditions at Bridgeport, Dalton, Whitman, Crawford and Hemingford. We wish to thank you for this letter and if more of the T. P. A. posts would make their complaint as you have the conditions might be improved. We assure you that we will give this matter our immediate attention and are taking it up this morning with the inspector on that territory. Most of our inspectors have been somewhat green in this line, as they were all new men when the administration changed. However, they are now getting wise to their line and we hope that they will take hold of the matter and realize that it is necessary to make these dirty hotels clean up. Wm. M. Widener, assistant deputy hotel commissioner."

"Lincoln, April 18, 1919. I am referring your letter to Mr. William Widener, who is secretary of the State Hotel Commission. I am sure he will give this complaint his prompt attention. Samuel R. McKelvie, Governor."

"Lincoln, April 22, 1919. The subject of hotel conditions in the western part of the state has been called to my attention and we are herewith enclosing a copy of a letter which has been sent to our inspector to investigate these conditions at once. We are desirous of co-operating with the boys on the road and would appreciate their help wherever possible. If complaints made to this department are of a specific nature it will simplify the investigation of the individual cases. Leo Stuhr, Deputy Commissioner."

The secretary of the post reported that Post M now has 185 members. The Nebraska Division now has 3,623 members, as compared with 2,163 one year ago. The city of Portland, Oregon, was endorsed for the national convention in 1920.

S. W. Thompson, who is known as one of western Nebraska's most active good roads boosters and who is a member of the post, was present. He has recently been appointed chairman of the good roads committee for the Alliance Community Club and requested the co-operation of all members of the Post. Mr. Thompson appointed on his committee C. M. Looney on his committee roads east; R. C. Strong, for the roads west and north; and he will look after the roads south.

The committee reported that a bridge badly needed at the Dunlap crossing over the Niobrara and over Pepper creek, 26 miles north of Alliance on the Chadron-Hot Springs road. The bridge at this point, which is in Dawes county, went out last June in a freshet and has not been replaced. The boys report that not more than one auto in ten gets over without being pulled out by team and that both Alliance and Chadron suffer from the bad condition of the crossing.

S. W. Thompson and Roy C. Strong, delegates who attended the state convention at York reported an interesting meeting with no serious disagreements during the convention. A flattering demonstration was given the report of the secretary of Post M when it was read to the convention.

Jack Hawes was elected delegate to the national convention at New

MAY ESTIMATE OF WHEAT CROP SHOWS BIG GAIN

CONDITION IMPROVED GREATLY DURING THE MONTH OVER THE ENTIRE STATE

Yield Will Add \$141,000,000 to Wealth of Commonwealth, Figures Agricultural Secretary

According to the crop report issued May 1st, from the office of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture the condition of the winter wheat crop in Box Butte county is 110 per cent; rye the same and hay 112 per cent. The estimated acreage of wheat is 8,284 acres. Sheridan county is accredited with a 100 per cent wheat crop, as are Dawes, Sioux and Cherry counties. Western Nebraska, in this respect, is far ahead of the east end of the state, where in some places it is claimed it will be necessary because of the heavy rains and the beaten down wheat to mow the crop before any material growth can be hoped for. A perusal of the report reveals much valuable information for the farmer of this section of the state and in the same we find that Winter wheat improved during the past month and present chances for a record production are excellent. The condition of 101 per cent compared to 97 per cent last month indicates a production of 70,700,000 bushels, which is more than twice the production last year. At \$2.00 a bushel this will add \$141,400,000 to the wealth of Nebraska farmers. This is the latest estimate of A. E. Anderson of the Bureau of Crop Estimates and E. R. Danielson, Secretary of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture.

The abandonment is practically negligible this year. This is an unusual record in view of the extremely adverse seeding conditions until the second week of last October and can be accounted for by a sufficient moisture supply and a minimum of low temperatures since that time. Some fear has been expressed that the thick rind may induce rust or that it may lodge or dry out. Wheat is a little in advance of the usual which decreases the chance for rust. Plenty of rain for another month will almost settle its moisture requirements as dry weather is preferable for wheat during the three weeks preceding harvest. While some lodging may be expected from the large, rank growth, the present condition is preferable to the small, spindling growth produced by a dry, unfavorable season. Last year the harvests were very light and this should leave an abundant supply of available plant food for the heavy stand of wheat. In view of this, there is little room at present for the pessimists.

The condition of winter wheat for the United States is 102.5 per cent compared to 95.8 per cent a month ago. This produces a production of approximately 990,000,000 bushels compared to 558,449,000 bushels the first estimate last year.

The condition of rye is 102 per cent which indicates a production of 7,127,000 bushels. The condition of rye for the United States is 95.3 per cent.

The preliminary estimate of alfalfa hay is 1,769,000 acres. The increase in acreage is due largely to the ever increasing acreage of alfalfa. This places Nebraska nearly first in the acreage of alfalfa, having probably a slightly lower average than Kansas. The possible harvest of wild hay may be 2,717,000 acres. This may vary considerably according to conditions. The present condition of all hay is excellent. Alfalfa especially is farther advanced than usual for this date. Only 6 per cent of last year's crop of all hay remains on farms compared to 13 per cent a year ago. The condition of pastures is very good.

About 55 per cent of the plowing for spring planting was completed May 1. It was delayed by continued rains. Approximately 40 per cent of the spring planting and sowing was done by May 1. The seeding of oats and spring wheat was delayed by numerous rains.

The mortality of livestock for the past year was about the average, except in the case of swine where it was lower. The past winter was very favorable for livestock. Shortage of feed reduced the vitality of stock in some sections of the state. The general health of all live stock has been good.

Attorney Earl Meyer made a trip to Harrison Monday on legal business.

Orleans in June, with R. C. Strong as alternate.

J. Oren Gould, pastor of the Alliance Baptist church, was appointed as chaplain for the Post. He will preach a sermon soon for the members of Post M, who will attend the services in a body.

It was decided to hold a picnic at the Klipatrick dam lake the second week in June. Fish will be caught, fried and eaten. The committee has charge of arrangements.

JENKINS WINS CAR GIVEN AT ELKS FAIR

Hemingford Real Estate Man Holds Lucky Number in Automobile Drawing Saturday Night

Mr. G. M. Jenkins, member of the firm of Pierce & Jenkins, well known Hemingford real estate dealers held the lucky number in the automobile drawing held as a part of the Elks' Fair program last Saturday night. The car, a fine Studebaker "six", was at once turned over to Mr. Jenkins. The Elks' fair, the annual festival of the local lodge, which closed on Saturday night proved this year to be far more popular and successful than even the most enthusiastic had anticipated. The concessions and arrangements were in charge of Mr. F. H. Bronkhorst and to him is due much credit for the \$3,000 profit realized by the lodge. The attendance throughout the entire week was exceptionally good and the dances were well patronized.

FIRE FIGHTERS HAD BUSINESS MEETING

Department Accepts New Members and Transacts Business Matters Last Night

The Alliance Volunteer Department had its regular business meeting last night and disposed of the routine business and claims against the organization. A goodly number of the members were present and great interest was taken in the welfare of the department. Six new members, among which Rev. Orin Gould of the Baptist church, were admitted which for the present fills the membership allowed. The base ball committee reported considerable progress made in the organization and shaping of a ball team and already it has received two challenges for games. One of these is to be played at Gordon during the stockmen's convention at that place, June 12, 13 and 14th. The other is from Chadron, where they are very anxious to meet the firemen-ball-tossers. The department will as has been the custom for several months past continue to conduct the Saturday night dances at the Armory with the department orchestra furnishing the music. These dances have come to be very popular and the boys feel that to discontinue them would be to deprive the people of the city much real enjoyment.

Because of the excessive cost of construction of the same it has been decided by the committee in charge to abandon the idea of erecting an addition to the Armory at this time at least. All bids tendered the department were opened and rejected.

OIL COMPANY MEN VISITED IN ALLIANCE

President Andrews and Secretary Armour in City Wednesday Between Trains Enroute to Casper

President J. N. Andrews and Secretary James A. Armour of the Griffith Oil Company stopped over in Alliance Wednesday between trains, on their way to Casper after visiting the holdings of the company in Kansas fields. The men are very optimistic over the prospects of the company, both in the Kansas and also in the Wyoming fields.

In addition to their already large holdings of Griffith stock, local parties have purchased, within the past week, over 20,000 shares of stock in this company.

While in Kansas, Mr. Armour closed a contract for the drilling of a well on the 890 acre tract held by the company in Wilson and Montgomery counties. The well will be drilled 200 feet inside of the company's line and is in a very promising location. It will be drilled on a royalty basis. A large production of gas has been brought in not far distant and there is every prospect of this being a good gas field. A well drilled here would be an excellent propitious if gas was found, which is very probable.

Some wells, brought in not far north of the company's holdings are bringing in as much as 100 barrels and both oil and gas are being produced, by drilling a short distance south.

Mr. Armour left Wednesday afternoon for Casper, while Mr. Andrews remained in the city and will be here for a short time. They expect to let a contract for drilling on the Wyoming holdings which are located on the Bolton creek dome, southwest of Casper and adjoining the holdings of the Carter Oil Company.

Three hundred dentists of Nebraska will attend the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Dental Society when it meets in Omaha May 19-22. This will be the fifty-second annual meeting of the organization. The officers of the Society are: President, Dr. G. B. Baird, Fremont; Vice-president, Dr. W. Clyde Davis, Lincoln; Secretary, Dr. H. E. King, Omaha; Treasurer, Dr. E. W. Fellers, Beatrice. Among the prominent out-of-state dentists who will appear on the program are: Dr. Rupert E. Hall of Chicago, Dr. W. D. Vehe of Minneapolis, Dr. A. Sophian of Kansas City, and Dr. Tinker of Minneapolis.