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POTASH PLANTS TO RESUME WORK \$10,000 DAMAGES

STANDARD PLANT AT LAKESIDE WILL PROBABLY BE FIRST TO AGAIN TAKE UP REDUCTION OF VALUABLE PRODUCT AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS' STANDSTILL

Economy Test to Be Conducted for Period of Sixty or Ninety Days te Determine Whether or Not Nebraska Producers Can Successfully Compete With German Production Costs-Industry May Then Be Stabilized.

Prospects are very bright today for an early resumption of potash reduction by several of the large plants in the Nebraska potash fields east of Alliance. The Lakeside plants will probably be the first to plants will probably be the first to the large plants w start. Reports of the different plants, as given to The Alliance Herald this morning, are as follows:

Standard Potash Company, Lake-side—This is a new plant of 100-ton daily capacity which was completed last fall and had barely begun production before the shutdown of the plants. It is controlled chiefly by Omaha and Council Bluffs capital. The plant is ready to start and will probably do so early in the week. Lack of laborers is the only difficulty and sufficient help to operate the coming week. Brine is secured from lakes on the Lunsford ranch.

Hord Alkali Products Company, Lakeside—This is one of the pioneer plants and has a daily capacity of over 100 tons. It is controlled by Central City capital and operated in at one time or another. 1917 and 1918, producing a large amount of potash. The plant is ready to go and will start as soon as about September 1st. Brine is secured from lakes north and south on

Alliance Potash Company, Antioch -This plant has a capacity of 100 otns per day and was financed by Alliance capital. It manufactured a large amount of potash during the year 1918. The brine for this plant is secured chiefly from lakes on the Krause and Sturgeon ranches. Repair work has been going on in the plant for some time. In case a decision is made to start work the plant will start operations about Sep-tember 15th. C. A. Newberry of Al-liance was recently made general manager of the plant at a meeting of the directors of the company.

American Potash plant, Antiochexclusively on the potash lakes on the Krause ranch. The plant is now grinding and shipping stored potash, produced last year. Nothing definite has been decided as to operations, according to reports, although the

Nebraska Potash plant, Antioch-This plant started operations early in 1918 and produced a large amount of potash during the year. According to reports there has been no action taken towards a resumption of activities at the plant. It has a daily capacity of about 100 The plant secured its brine CONSTRUCTION OF STORM SEWtons. from lakes a short distance east of Antioch. One unit of the plant was operated on Jesse lake during 1918 en an operating agreement.

National and United States Plant -Antioch. This is the plant which burned in the fall of 1918 and which was afterwards rebuilt. It has a capacity of about 100 tons daily and ecured its brine from the Willis Avery ranches. The National company is now in bankruptcy and there is no present prospect of a resumption of activity at the plant, although there is a rumor that the Liberty Potash Company contemplates taking charge of and operating the

Western Potash Plant, Antioch-This plant was the largest constructed at Antioch and the most expen-(Continued on Page 8, Section 1.)

NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY WILL NOT BE ORGANIZED

In response to an inquiry made by the adjutant general of the Nebraska National Guard the secretary of the Community Club this week, after an exhaustive investigation of the matter, notified the officials at Lincoln that the interest in such an oganization for this place was probably insufficient to warrant an attempt being made at such. The state organization will be continued

The Alliance Community Club donated \$100 toward the expense of exhibiting the agricultural products at the state fair next week.

according to the advices received by

the club.

PACKING COMPANY OPENED OFFICE IN CITY

Messrs. R. E. Plumbe and D. F. Sweet, who are directing the organization of the Alliance Packing Comnany have opened offices in the Mallery block, where they will transact their business at this point. After a very careful canvass of the territory to be served these men feel very optimistic in the prospect of an early consumation of the organisation and believe Alliance is assured an enterprice which will prove a great boon to the city and to the vast territory tributary.

Railroad Organizations Perfect Arrangements for Splendid Athletic Meet to be Held at Alliance Fair Grounds.

The railroad brotherhoods represented among the employees of the Burlington lines in Alliance and the Alliance Community Club have perfected all arrangements for the biggest and best Labor Day program ever staged in the city, to be rendered next Monday, September 1st, when the workingmen of every clime have a day they call their own.

It is estimated from a canvass of the membership rolls of the various orders that at least one thousand men will participate in the festivities

The first number of the program will be the parade through the city fire hose and a good supply of water to the fair grounds, starting from and the other implements necessary sufficient labor is secured, probably the point of assemblage on Railroad to reduce the high spots and to fill street ,at 1:00 o'clock. This will be the holes which for weeks have causfollowed by a short address by Capt. ed the traveling public no little an-J. B. Miller, after which will come noyance. While the populace still the athletic meet. Numerous prizes slumbered the workers were giving offered by the business men of Alli- the street a thorough soaking, which ance will be presented to the winners of the contests. The base ball dragging well done. game at 3:00 o'clock will be played by the Alliance City team and the is but the first of what is to be renine from Angora. To the winner of this game goes a purse of \$100. Both teams have enviable records and the match should be a good one, and closes the afternoon's program, city. The work will be extended to At 7:30 the Alliance band will play a concert at the corner of Third has been completed every crossing in street and Box Butte avenue and a town will be made possable. 8:00 Hon. William F. Hines of Denver, counsel to the Brotherhood of SMALL BLAZE IN HILL'S This is one of the first plants erected | Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen for the Rocky Mountain district, will in the potash fields. It has a capactity of 100 tons per day and operated day. Others who will speak to the day. Others who will speak to the

plant could start on rather short paving CONTRACT AWARDED BEATRICE

ER TO BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

Transportation of Materials Will be Problem According to Contractor —Lead Services Must be Installed.

of the storm sewer system and the er the cost of raising the pavement Beck, Everett Eldred and Charley laying of the pavement was let last to permit the work. On Box Butte evening by the mayor and city coun- avenue the plumbers are already at cil at a meeting adjourned from the work making the change for some of 19th of this month to the firm of the property owners. Sprague & Nisely of Beatrice Ne-

> At the former meeting, at which time the bids received from the advertised call were opened it developed that but one bid was offered and it was the offer finally accepted. The contract calls for the payment of 4.48 for the pavement, which is to be of brick with concrete base and with a coating and filler of asphalt.

> Under the contract entered into by the city and the contractors the work is to be completed by December 31st, 1919, provided weather conditions and transportation facilities permit. The start, which will be made within the next ten days by Mr. A. C. Smith of Scottsbluff and his crew of construction men upon the storm sewer system, is somewhat later than was anticipated and this because of time allowances made necessary by law before the actual work could be begun. Mr. Smith, in an interview with The Herald man, stated that he was fully equipped and ready to begin operations just as soon as he could get his equipment moved to this place. He will do the excavation work without the use of one of the large power machine trenchers and anticipates no delay

in the completion of the job. Mr. Sprague, member of the firm to which the contract was let, was present and expressed his only probable handicap as being the inability of getting the materials as they were needed. The sewer pipe must come from either Kansas City or St. Louis, Missouri and in a haul of such distance some delay will likely be inevitable. It was advisable, he said. filled in sewer ditches to be soildly normal consumption. packed before the pavement was put down that low places and dangerous conditions might be avoided. The

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CITY COUNCIL IS URGED TO INSTALL FOUNTAINS

Mr. Rufus Jones, secretary of the Community Club, in a communica-tion received by the city council at ks adjourned teeting held last evening, ho sted that the coun-

THE LABOR DAY PROGRAM of order, that at some not far distant time the city should and must provide proper drinking facilities for the many visitors. The condition at this time is very unsatisfactory, if not serious and should be remedied at the earliest possible moment. Prior to the putting down of the brick pavement the fountains as suggested-one at each of the four principal intersections on Box Butte avenue-should by all means be in-

"UNPAVED BOX BUTTE" IS NOW IN BETTER SHAPE

"Unpaved" Box Butte avenue is much more passable since Monday morning when City Manager Cassius C. Smith and his force of street workers busied themselves with the was followed by a grading and

This, according to Manager Smith. peated attempts at keeping the main thoroughfare of Alliance in such shape that it will be a credit, rather than the disgrace it has been, to the the side streets and before the job

ADDITION THIS MORNING

members of the labor organizations the R. C. McClure home in Hill's ad- for this he blames Mr. Ball and asks are-Judge Ira E. Tash, represent- dition this morning to extinguish a the court to award him damages ing the Community Club and Master small blaze. The fire was started in commensurate. Mechanic (r. E. Johnson of Alliance. the upper part of the house by small use nothing more than the small Mr. Hansen. chemicals and the damage done is very light.

> LEAD SERVICES MUST BE INSTALLED BEFORE PAVING

time the cost to the property owner, per service, is but \$40, but if necessary after the pavement has gone down it will greatly exceed this The contract for the construction amount and will be sufficient to cov-

CLAIMS FORMER SWEETHEART ENTICED BETTER HALF TO FORSAKE HIM.

Alleges Defendant Instigator of Divorce Proceedings Brought in Douglas County Court.

Alfred Hansen, of near Hemingford, through his atorney, Lee Bayse of Alliance, this week filed in the district court of Box Butte county suit for \$10,000 damages against Robert A. Ball, well-known farmer and rancher of that community, claimed because of an alleged alienation, by Mr. Ball, of the affections of Mr. Hansen's wife.

In the petition filed Mr. Hansen stated Mrs. Esther H. King was employed during the summer on the Ball ranch, which is operated by Mr. Hansen, as housekeeper and that during such employment she became engaged to Mr. Ball. Later it developed, according to the staetment, that Mrs. King believed Ball untrue to her and that she decided to leave his employ. Mr. Hansen who had also been, it appears paying attention to the housekeeper, accompanied her to Alliance and they were married by Judge Tash in this city on July 2d. A short honeymoon trip was taken to Lusk, Wyoming, after which the couple returned to their home near Hemingford. Immediately upon their return it became apparent to Mr. Hansey that Mr. Ball was regularly visiting his newly-made wife and when he inquired he was told it was because of some unfinished business. Shortly later, Mr. Hansen accompanied his wife to Girard from which place it seems she was to go to Omaha for a visit. It is alleged that she stopped off at Grand Island and that at the time she was at this place Ball was also there with a shipment of horses. A few days later she proceeded to Omaha, where on the 14th of the month she instigated proceedings for has since however, refused to live as The fire department was called to man and wife with her husband and

The trial will likely he held at the boys playing with matches. The fall term of the District court. Counfire-fighters found it necessary to ty Attorney Lee Bayse will represent

HERMAN KRAUSE APPOINTED AS SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

County Judge Ira E. Tash yesterday appointed Mr. Herman Krause At the meeting of the city council special administrator of the estate last evening it was decided to en- of the late John Krause. The relaforce the installation of lead service tives of the deceased believe that in the section to be paved and al- Mr. Krause left a will but up to this ready the preliminary steps are time the document, if such there is being taken. By having the lead can not be located. The bond give pipes replace the iron ones at this by Herman Krause was for \$50,000 and the estate is the largest ever probated in Box Butte county, estimated to be as large as a half million dollars.

> Monday morning. Many of the members of the teaching staffs are already here.

REVIEW OF DOMESTIC POTASH PRODUCTION

By W. B. HICKS

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in potash production, so that at the nage. The value of the output in close of 1915, four companies were 1916 was estimated at \$4,242,730.

W. B. Hicks, representing the reporting production, one from kelp, United States Geological Survey, one from aluminate, one from the visited Alliance, Antioch, Lakeside Nebraska lakes and one from Cwand other points in the western Ne- ens Lake. California. The 433:25braska potash territory last summer. ka lakes reade the best showing but making investigations. The results the total product on during the year of his investigations are published amounted to only 1,000 short tons an article which appeared in the of K. O. valued at \$342,00.

The activity begun in 1915, continued throughout 1916, 1917 and Review of Domestic Potash Pro- 1918. At the case of 1916, potash duction. | was being produced from eight dif-Development.. of Domestic Pot- ferent classes of raw mateirals beash Production.—The production of sides a number of minor sources. sides a number of minor sources. potash in the United States is a new Sox companies were producing potindustry developed under abnormal ash from brines, two from the Neconditions to meet an urgent de- braska lakes, two from Great Salt mand. Consequently, the industry Lake, one from Searles lakes, Calicould be readily expanded to pro-duce an adequate supply, provided bittern. At least five companies sufficiently economical procession of reported production from molasses extraction were developed. It has as distillery waste and Steffens waste a matter of fact, grown steadily waters, nine from kelp, one from alsince its inception in 1914, when unite, one from greensand (gla-American Potash, Inc., of Long conite), two from cement kilns, one Beach, California, made a small from blast furnace, and about 45 240 cans corned beef, No. 1 production from kelp, amounting to from wood ashes. The total proonly a few tons. It is being devel- duction for the year was 9,720 tons oped along various lines, and is of K2O, representing varying grades 6,000 cans green peas, No. 2 utilizing no less than ten classes of of material. Of this amount naturaw materials. In 1918, the do- ral brines contributed 41 per cent; mestic production amounted to more alumnite, silicate rock, cement, etc., regardless of this phase to allow the than twenty-two per cent of our 19 per cent; distillery waste 19 per filled in sewer ditches to be soildly normal consumption. The German embargo on potash es, 4 per cent; and miscellaneous early in 1915 and the consequent organic sources 1 per cent. The Ne-high prices stimulated much activity braska lakes yielded the largest ton-in potash production, so that at the nage. The value of the output in

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE ON LABOR DAY

The business houses of Alliance will be closed at noon on next Monday, Labor Day, and will remain closed the remainder of the day if the efforts of the Community Club are successful—and they will be. Patrons should remember this and make their purchases early that there may be no confusion;

TWO MILLION DOLLAR **GROCERY CONCERN MAY** LOCATE IN ALLIANCE

Rufus Jones, Secretary of Alliance Community Club, Has Attention of Company's Representation Turned Toward This City and Territoy.

A \$2,000,000 corporation, now doing an extensive wholesale grocery business in another state may soon establish a branch in Alliance, according to the belief of Mr. Rufus Jones, secretary of The Alliance Community Club.

For many months past Mr. Jones has been busy exploiting the virtues of Alliance as a wholesale distributing point; he has been successful in the efforts to this end to the extent that within the next few days a re-presentative of one of the largest wholesale grocery concerns in the country will come to Alliance to look over the field and to confer with Mr. Jones relative to the extent of the territory which might be supplied. The corporation is absolutely reliable and the visit here will be made with an honest intent of doing business. It has long been conceded that Alliance is the logical point for such a business and it now seems that the prospects for such an enterprise are very good indeed.

MEXICAN HORSE THIEF CAUGHT IN ALLIANCE

Richard Neri, Mexically this the gun as it protruded the wall of guishes in the city bastile this the gun as it protruded the wall of the building through a knot hole. Richard Neri, Mexican, a divorce from Mr. Hansen, who immediately upon receipt of the notice evening awaiting trial upon a charge also went to that city and in the of having stolen a horse and \$60 proper court entered a flat denial to of Mr. A. J. Dillon, living about twenty-five miles northwest of Alliwhich caused the plaintiff in the case to withdraw her charges. She play of Mr. Dillon for a couple of weeks and attempted the getaway was at the home of a neighbor. Marshal Nova Taylor made the arrest upon information furnished by Mr.

FOOD SUPPLIES TO

SHIPMENT ARMY CANNED GOODS SECURED FOR PEOPLE OF CITY AND COUNTY

Community Club Responsible for Distribution of Government Supplies in Alliance.

An idea which had its inception

The public schools of the county at a special meeting of the board will open for the fall term on next of directors of the Alliance Community Club several weeks ago, is about to bear fruit, according to the information received from the government Surplus Supply Bureau at Omaha this week, which gave notice of the shipment to Alliance of a carload of canned goods for distribution among the people of this city and community.

At the meeting above mentioned it was decided to take steps to bring to our citizens the benefits of the lower priced food stuffs made possible by the placing on the markets the government the surplus by stocks then on hand and in conjunction with Mayor A. D. Rodgers, the president of the club proceeded with that end in view and they have succeeded. The shipment was made last Saturday and while at this time the hour of arrival of the goods cannot be determined it is hoped that the distribution may be had on

Saturday of this week. To the end that all may have an equal chance at these goods and that the idea of the government may be exemplified a limit will be placed on the amounts of the kinds of goods that each may purchase and the same will be distributed from the armory. The following price list represents the cost of the goods, less the cost of transportation and dray age expense: 60 cans bacon, 12 lb. cans ...

480 cans baked beans, 3. Ib cans .04 240 cans baked beans, No. 3 cans

cans 6,000 cans corn, No. 2 cans ...

4.800 cans Tomatoes, No. 21/2 cans 1,200 cans Tomatoes, No. 3

cans

120 cans syrup, No. 10 cans40 Complete particulars will be an-nounced before the time of distribu-(Continued on Page 4, Section 1)

JOHN PEPPLE, HAY HAND, SHOT THROUGH HAND AS HE READ.

Explosion of Kerosene Lamp First Given as Cause of Injury by Fellow Workers.

John Pepple, aged eighteen years, is in St. Joseph's hospital in this city suffering a badly mutilated hand, as the result of a shooting which oc-curred at the Allen-McFall ranch about 9:30 Monday evening. Young Pepple had been employed

at the ranch for a period of about thirty days as a hay hand. Because of his age the other and older employees took great pleasure in playing various jokes upon the lad and at times they were more or less severe in their play. Upon one or two occasions members of the force, while the boy was asleep, tied with a string of rawhide the lad's toes to the bedsted and then set fire to pieces of paper placed between the toes. After suffering repeated such annoyances the lad forsook the regular "bunk-house" and with a fellow worker sought rest upon a bed provided in an unused barn on the place. On Monday evening "Jack" as he is familiarly known, together with Clarence Jones, who had also been employed on the ranch, retired to their bunk and engaged themselves at reading. About 9:30 while Pepple was interesting himself in the contents of a book some person, or persons, shot out the light which he was reading and by same dastardly act also crippled the young man for the remainder of his life, According to the statement made by Jones, who was when the shot was fired, lying beside Pepple on the bed, he noticed two men. whom he claims were Lee McFall, owner of the place and Joe Walker. a ranch hand, approach the barn. Shortly later he claims the shot was This was followed by the emptying of two large buckets of water upon the two as they lay on the bed. Investigation disclosed the fact that the boy had been seriously wounded and he was immediately brought to Alliance, accompanied by McFall and Jones, and placed in the hospital under the case of Dr. C. E. Slagle, who found it necessary to, the following morning, remove the little finger of the injured hand, the right, and to do other surgical work in

dressing the member. The explanation of the accident upon the night of its occurrence was that the kerosene lamp used in the room had exploded, but when questioned Tuesday morning Jones told of his knowledge of the incident. He also stated that he possessed additional information which would be forthcoming at the proper time.

Mr. C. D. Pepple, father of the injured lad and formerly employed in (Continued on Page 4, Section 1)

IMPERIAL THEATRE IS PACKED TO CAPACITY

Minstrel Show Greeted by Throng on Opening Night of Alliance's Fine New Playhouse.

The new Imperial was packed to capacity last evening when the first performance since the remodeling of the house Under the new arrangements a

full thousand people may be accommodated, but even this unusual capacity failed to meet the demand.

Reese Brother's Minstrel show the opening bill proved a very popular one. With genuine Dixieland songs and dances the colored folks entertained the audience for almost two hours and upon numerous accasions they were enchored. The cast is composed of some clever stage performers and is ranked as one of the best of its kind on the road.

Mr. H. A. DuBuque, the proprietor is endeavoring to arrange for regular vaudeville acts of a standard that will meet the approval of those who appreciate the better class of entertainment. He anticipates being able to get he products of one of the large circuits within the next few days. During the season he has already booked some of the best road shows for his house here and Alliance theatregoers are assured a season filled with good numbers.

GLEN MILLER ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Glen Miller, prominent furni-utre dealer, was at the regular meet-ing of the Alliance Community Club held on Monday evening elected to the board of directos of that body.

The election of Mr. Miller was for the unexpired term of Mr. B. J. Sallows who recently tendered his resignation as president of the club and a member of the executive staff. At the next regular meeting a suc to Mr. Sallows, as president, will t selected from the members of th board of directors.