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BOOSTER TRIP TO BROADWATER

Five Auto Loads of Community Club Members Make a Visit to Neighboring Towns

A good many members of the Alliance Community club were distinctly out of luck last Tuesday, when they failed to show up for the automobile trip to Broadwater and Oshkosh. A party composed of three women and about twenty men made the trip in five automobiles, led by J. S. Rhein's new Franklin, and returned late in the evening filled with the spirit of co-operation and one of the best dinners that was ever served, either in Broadwater or elsewhere.

Cars for the occasion were furnished by J. S. Rhein, W. R. Harper, W. C. Mounts, Calvin D. Walker, and Robert Graham, and carried, in addition to their owners, the following passengers: Miss Sward, Mrs. Calvin D. Walker, Mrs. E. C. Drake, Dr. W. J. Mahaffy, George L. Burr, Dr. Minor Morris, Harold S. Thomas, J. W. Bicknell, Ira E. Tash, J. B. Miller, Rev. J. Orrin Gould, Rev. A. J. Kearns, Glen Miller, Rufus Jones and D. W. Strong, the latter acting as trouble man for the trip.

The start was made at 8:30 a. m. from the Community club corner. The route to Broadwater was over J. W. Bicknell's route through the sandhills, and the first lap of the trip was made in record time. Mr. Bicknell and his workmen have put in several months on the road, and the result of their efforts is apparent. Not only has the route been shortened, but low places have been filled, hills eliminated and Morrill county has reason to be proud of the result. Several in the party who had made the trip previously were loud in their praises of the condition of the road. The drive to Broadwater was made in record time.

At Broadwater the party was joined by the mayor of Oshkosh, who drove down with an automobile load of good roads boosters and piloted the Alliance cars into their city. The road between Broadwater and Oshkosh, while not in as good condition as the first stretch, was a mighty good sandhill road.

Arriving at Oshkosh, the party was served with a warm lunch, after which they were conducted to the city hall, where a considerable number of Oshkosh citizens gathered. After two cordial addresses of welcome, J. S. Rhein was called upon and in a short address outlined the purpose of the trip. He told of driving through Oshkosh recently and upon asking the best route to Alliance, was sent on a route through the sandhills that taxed his patience and vocabulary. He declared that the Broadwater road was by far the better, and suggested that Oshkosh citizens do tourists a favor and send them over a route that would not be such a strain on their vocabulary.

The Oshkosh citizens then sent Mr. Riley to bat. Mr. Riley seems to be the original good roads booster of his county, and he had a fund of information concerning good roads' projects in all directions from his city that was nothing short of marvelous. He explained that the Oshkosh citizens had found it necessary to establish and mark a route that had as its final objective Lakeside, although it had been marked only for a distance of thirty-six miles. This road did not go through Broadwater, and did not go directly to Alliance, but he believed it could be made to serve both Alliance and Oshkosh. He stated, further, that the road between Oshkosh and Broadwater had already been approved for federal and state aid, and that work would be begun as soon as the contract was let. He had talked with the state engineer and the latter had spoken of an Oshkosh-Alliance road, and seemed to think that indications were favorable for state aid for such a road. His idea had been that a more direct route than through Broadwater could be found, and yet have the road near enough to the latter city so that connections could be made.

Dr. Minor Morris gave an enthusiastic address on co-operation in general and the importance of highways in particular, which struck the keynote of the meeting. Among other things, he deplored the establishment of roads on section lines, saying that he could see no reason why heavy loads should be hauled up and down hill when better routes might be available. He said that there was a basis on which the towns of this western country could come together, and that good roads were as essential to one as to another.

The Oshkosh meeting was cut short in order to keep up with the schedule, and the Alliance boosters were unable to accept the invitation from Oshkosh to look over their

Returning to Broadwater, the party found a banquet awaiting them. Take it all in all, the banquet was the real feature of the excursion. Following this, a well attended meeting was held in one of the Broadwater halls, where short talks were made by J. B. Miller, Rev. J. Orrin Gould, President Glen Miller of the Community club and Secretary Rufus Jones. Dr. W. J. Mahaffy was called upon for a vocal solo as the first number on the program and responded gracefully and cheerfully—but not with a solo. The mayor of Broadwater and two or three other citizens contributed short talks, telling of the progress their town had made and expressing a desire to cooperate with Alliance for their mutual benefit.

The growth and prosperous condition of both Broadwater and Alliance was a revelation to those who made the trip. The undoubtedly resulted in a friendly feeling toward each other in both of these cities. The long run will probably result in the improvement of the water route and its more general use. A close cooperation between Alliance, Broadwater and Oshkosh can result in nothing but good for all three.

ALLIANCE HOME BUILDERS ASS'N.

Name of the New Corporation Formed to Build Houses in Alliance

Alliance has plenty of room on surrounding prairies to expand. She has plenty of business pouring in from all directions to call for expansion. The chief difficulty is to find rooms in which to transact such business and homes for the people who desire to become a part of our citizenship.

To meet this need a mass meeting was called at the court house a week ago, and a committee was named to consider this satisfactory yet unsatisfactory situation. As the outgrowth of this meeting a corporation with capital of \$100,000 has been organized bearing the name of the Alliance Home Builders' association, the purpose of which is clearly suggested thereby.

At a meeting of the committee on Friday night, Superintendent G. L. Griggs was made president, M. S. Hargraves, secretary, and J. W. Guthrie, treasurer. Directors and incorporators are G. L. Griggs, H. A. Copsey, M. S. Hargraves, J. W. Guthrie, F. W. Harris, A. D. Rodgers, Glen Miller, F. A. Bald and B. J. Sallows, who serve until January next.

The method of financing has not yet been definitely determined but will be the issuance and sale of stock, or the floating of 6 per cent bonds, or both. They have ample powers and the plan is to buy land and build houses to sell from \$2,000 upward. The need for at least a hundred such houses is felt to be immediate, and it is planned to build modern serviceable buildings that will be a credit to the city.

The par value of stock it is agreed will be ten dollars that all who desire may have a part proportionate with their means and local patriotism in the development of the city. Gangs of men for each kind of building work will be formed to go from one to another, and perform the work in the most efficient and economical manner possible. It is a great conception, is in the hands of capable men, accustomed to dealing with large affairs and the formation of the Alliance Home Builders' association is one of the best things done in this good year, by the people of the most enterprising city of western Nebraska.

At the last regular meeting of the board of directors of the Community club there was discussion of the inequality of taxation. Following this F. A. Bald was selected to investigate and make report on this most important matter.

"Oh Daddy," which made its appearance at the Imperial theater Monday night, made a most favorable impression on the large audience which was there to greet it. It was by all odds the best performance of the kind that has made Alliance this season. With no pretensions as to depth of plot, and its mission solely one of entertainment, "Oh Daddy" proved a pleasing bit of nonsense. Some of the jokes were a trifle older than they should have been, perhaps, and the situations were not the newest in musical comedy circles, but the chorus was young, and not at all hard to look at and danced acceptably, while the costumes were new if not startling. Another feature was the presence of a person or two who possessed pleasing voices.

WOMEN TO VOTE IN SPECIAL ELECTION

Entitled to Cast Ballots for Constitutional Convention Delegates.

According to a recent decision of the Nebraska supreme court, women are entitled to a vote for delegates to the constitutional convention at the special election to be held November 4. To date this question has been the only exciting feature of the election. Seldom has so important a matter achieved so little publicity. Even the candidates themselves have not appeared to take any great interest in the matter.

The supreme court opinion, in brief, holds that the office of delegate to the constitutional convention is not a constitutional office, but one created by the legislature. Under the act of limited suffrage, women are entitled to vote for all state and county officers not specifically named in the constitution. They were not, however, entitled to vote on amendments to the constitution or constitutional questions. It was this latter inhibition which was at the root of the discussion, and the holding of the court effectually disposes of the matter.

Women voters who present themselves at the polls in Box Butte county will find none to oppose them in casting their ballots on this important question. If they do not turn out, it is a question whether much of a vote will be cast. Judging from present indications.

DULL DAYS IN THE CITY POLICE COURT

Whole Week Goes by With Only Two Fines—Bootleggers Seem to Be Out of Business

Police Judge Roberts has been able to take it easy most of the week. In fact, there hasn't been a single offender against the peace and dignity of the state up before him since last Saturday, when he assessed a fine of \$5 and costs, a total of ten simoleons, against Ray Eastburn, who pleaded guilty to a charge of driving an automobile without lights. The day before that Eldon Coker contributed a like amount, pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

The police court has been more or less dull since July 1. National prohibition put the kibosh on the bootlegger, largely by making it more difficult to obtain supplies. There have been quite a few nicked for gambling, and the majority of the gamblers were crapsshooters, although a week or so ago a dozen Mexicans contributed total fines and costs amounting to \$150, being caught in the act of playing the great American game of draw poker.

The month of February of this year was the record-breaker. That month Judge Roberts assessed and collected total fines and costs amounting to the tidy sum of \$1,032. On the tenth day of that month, no less than four bootleggers appeared in police court, and before the month was over, four more had laid their contribution on the altar of justice. One wife beater appeared during February, the last one on the list charged with that offense. Wife beating is not so popular a pastime as it once was.

Two bootleggers were hauled in during March, one in April, and two in the merry month of May. Since that time not a single illegal trafficker in the drink that inebriates has been captured. Every now and then some brother is fined on an intoxication charge, but so far as the cops have been able to discover, the booze was all private stock.

SPECIAL POLICE FOR HALLOWE'EN

City Authorities Will Take Precautions to Guard Against Rowdysm.

At least eight special policemen, with several automobiles at their disposal, will be on guard Halloween night to prevent the gangs that usually walk abroad on that evening from doing too much mischief. An especial watch will be kept on city property, but there are plenty of men available to afford protection to all parts of the city the whole night.

Halloween is usually the scene of a good bit of rough work, and the boys and young men are warned not to let their sense of humor run away with their judgment.

One result of the A. B. Wheeler fire last Saturday was the purchase of additional equipment for the fire department. An order has been placed for four electric lanterns. The fire fighters have been using the old kerosene lanterns, which were always going out when most needed, and which were difficult to light.

PREPARATIONS FOR HOMECOMING DAY

November 11 Will Be Celebrated in Style—Everything Free to Service Men

Every service man or woman who can be present in Alliance on November 11, Armistice day, will find not only the heartiest of welcomes, but a big program arranged with the single idea of helping them enjoy themselves for every minute of the homecoming celebration. Among the many features planned to make the day a big success are a big banquet, free dance, free moving pictures and football game. Every man or woman who served in any branch of the service will be admitted free to everything that is going on. All soldiers and sailors are requested to come in uniform.

The celebration, as originally planned by the Community club, was intended to include the whole county, and announcement has been made to that effect a good many times. Last week, however, it developed, that the Hemingford citizens were planning on a similar celebration for Armistice day, and a committee of club members made a trip last week to talk the matter over with them and see whether the Hemingford men would not be willing to defer their celebration. Their efforts were unsuccessful, however, and the Alliance men will go ahead with the program as outlined previously. There is not the least bit of ill feeling in the world on the part of the Alliance club, and it is altogether likely that there will be room for two big celebrations in the county on the same day.

The committee in charge of the celebration are:

Banquet—Roy Strong and Mrs. W. S. Thompson. This committee has announced that merchants will be solicited for donations, the canvass to be made the first of the week.

Moving pictures—J. W. Guthrie. Dance—A. V. Gavin. Mr. Gavin reports that the Elks club will finance the dance and furnish the music.

Band—Glen Miller. Transportation of service men to football grounds—Judge Ira E. Tash and H. D. Hacker.

L. E. Pilkington is another member of the committee to whom specific duties have not yet been assigned.

THE GOLDEN RULE PLANS TO EXPAND

Purchases Lowry & Henry Garage and Will Remodel It to Suit Their Needs

One of the notable news events of the week, meaning much in the upbuilding and development of Alliance is the conclusion of a real estate deal whereby the Golden Rule store has purchased the building on Box Butte avenue now occupied by the Lowry & Henry garage, which they will rebuild into one of the largest and most complete department stores of this section. They will have a building 50x140 feet, six times their present floor space, and are designing something modern and beautiful besides being practically adapted to the needs of their building.

Mr. W. B. Barnett, the manager, states that when in their new building several new lines will be added, and the business will be carried on in the same manner, goods being sold strictly for cash, and the same careful consideration and courteous treatment will be given customers as in the past.

D. E. Bowden, their architect, gave us some idea of the new building, which will have steel ceiling, new floors, skylights and a double plate glass front with tiled entrance and lobby. There will be a symmetrical arrangement of counters and departments with cashier's desk in a central position and ample provision for dressing and rest rooms for both ladies and gentlemen. When completed it will be a well-arranged, commodious store room practically fire proof and with one of the very best locations in the city. Mr. Barnett is planning for a department store in every particular and the present lines carried by the Golden Rule store will be increased as well as many new departments added.

The trees in the city park are being put in shape to last through the winter. When the spring arrives, City Manager Smith expects to have a well formulated plan for park development, and by this time next year Alliance's city park should be greatly improved. Among recent improvements is a crushed stone walk being built to grade along the south side of the park.

The bureau of war risk insurance wishes to emphasize the importance to service men of one of the provisions of the war risk insurance act upon the fulfillment of which may depend the validity of their claim to compensation under the act. The war risk insurance act provides that "No compensation shall be payable for death or disability which does not occur prior to or within one year after discharge or resignation from the service, except that where, after a medical examination made pursuant to regulations, at the time of discharge or resignation from the service, or within such reasonable time thereafter, not exceeding one year, as may be allowed by regulations, a certificate has been obtained from the director to the effect that the injured person at the time of his discharge or resignation was suffering from injury likely to result in death or disability." Many discharged men are not familiar with or are inclined to disregard this provision of law and are allowing their rights thereunder to lapse. Request for the certificate mentioned above should be made to the chief medical advisor, bureau of war risk insurance, Washington, D. C.

START ORGANIZATION FOR CITY MISSION

Committee Appointed Will Outline Plans for Work of Organization Needed by City of Alliance

At a mass meeting held at the court house Wednesday evening plans were discussed for the future of the city mission work, which is associated with that of the police matron and the charitable work of the city. Much interest was shown. There were present at the meeting Mayor Rodgers and other prominent Alliance people who are interested in the success of the work. Lloyd C. Thomas acted as chairman of the meeting.

After the discussion it was voted to recommend the appointment of a committee who will meet, go over the plans and reports of the mission, and who will recommend a permanent organization. The report of this committee will be received at another mass meeting which will be held at an early date.

The organization committee appointed will consist of the following: Mrs. H. D. Hacker, chairman; J. S. Corp, Mrs. J. W. Reed, Rev. J. Gould, Mrs. A. R. Acheson, Rev. A. J. Kearns, Mrs. J. A. Keegan, Mayor A. D. Rodgers, Ben J. Sallows of the Alliance Times and George L. Burr, Jr., of the Alliance Herald, Rev. S. J. Epler, Rufus Jones of the Community club, Mrs. William Glass, Rev. Mearl C. Smith, Mrs. F. M. Phelps, Rev. J. J. Dixon, Mrs. Bettie Sharp, Mrs. F. E. Landers and Mrs. Moses Wright. An advisory committee will assist this committee and will be composed of C. C. Smith, city manager; F. W. Harris, R. M. Hampton, George Duncan and J. M. Miller.

The work of the city mission is an important one to Alliance. The interest shown by prominent citizens will undoubtedly result in a permanent organization that will carry on the work in a way satisfactory to all.

INSTALL RED LIGHT FOR POLICE SIGNAL

Tell Central to "Red Light the Police" Whenever You Have Need of Their Services.

Hereafter, when you look down Box Butte avenue and see a red glare at the Third street intersection, don't shriek "Fire" and turn in the alarm without investigating. For at that corner, atop the First National Bank building, is a 500-watt red lamp, the largest and brightest in the city, which is to be used as a police signal and will illumine the whole corner.

This is the system: Whenever there is need of the night policeman, simply take down the receiver of the nearest telephone and say to central: "Red light the police." Then central will close a switch, and instantly that red light will begin to shine on Box Butte avenue. At the same time another red light inside the police station will be turned on, and the two of them will continue to burn until the night watch reports.

Alliance doesn't have as large a police force on duty at night as she might use, but the new system will make the one man considerably more efficient. Hereafter, Mr. Taylor can go out anywhere in the city and not need to fret about a hurry call coming in his absence. Once that red light is turned on it is impossible to miss seeing it, and within a short time he can be where he is needed.

It is said that divorcees have doubled in England since the war. Probably the habit of fighting is too strong.

NATION WIDE DRIVE TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS

Burlington Leads to Date in "Safety First" Competition Among the Railroads

Some months ago an Accident Prevention drive of limited scope was conducted by the government, and the results were so satisfactory that the present campaign lasting from midnight October 18 to October 31 has been arranged for all the railroads of the United States.

The competition is very keen, and great interest is being taken by the Burlington as well as other leading lines of the country. Not only each railroad, but each regional director is trying to make a showing and the drive here is in charge of G. L. Griggs, division superintendent, and his able assistant, A. V. Arnold. They have under their direction 581 miles of track, and a large number of employees in various departments whose co-operation they are asking in the effort to make a good showing.

Up to the 28th instant, the result has been most satisfactory, a very large reduction being undoubtedly traceable to the drive. A message received yesterday, signed by E. M. Switzer, says the accidents have been reduced to one killed and seven injured; that several other railroads are crowding for first place but we can still win first place if every employe will use the utmost care. He says the race will be lost or won in the next few days, and urges that not a single careless accident be permitted to happen. This is work in the worthiest of causes, and anything that will lessen such casualties is a credit to railroading and a benefit to mankind. We hope to have for next week a complete record of progress made and to be able to announce that the Burlington as per usual is ahead of all others.

October 28th, W. LaFluer, a trucker at the Alliance freight house, while at the passenger depot to work trains 43 and 44, became confused while watching the former pull in and stepped in front of the latter, getting his left foot so badly crushed that amputation became necessary. He was taken to the Alliance hospital and is in care of the company surgeon. He had been in the service of the Burlington here but twelve days when the accident occurred.

ORDER PLACED FOR NEW FIRE HYDRANTS

Will Be Installed in New Paving District—Inspecting and Repairing Old Plugs

An even dozen of the latest type Ludlow fire hydrants have been ordered by City Manager Smith and will be installed in the downtown business district when the new paving goes in. The chief advantage of the Ludlow is that it is equipped with a second valve, which will permit making repairs on any one hydrant without making it necessary to shut off the water in one of the mains. In the past it has not been an uncommon thing to have the water shut off in a couple of dozen business houses while repairs were being made, and this is one of the things that is unlikely to happen when the new hydrants are installed.

In the meantime, the city water department is making a rigid inspection of every fire hydrant in the city, and a good many of them have been found to be in bad order. A water service man and utility electrician has been added to the city's payroll, and he has been kept on the go ever since he was employed. The majority of the hydrants have been found to be leaky, and several of them do not drain properly. At one place on Plate avenue there has been a small lake on the street due to a defective hydrant. Wherever possible repairs are made, but it has been found necessary to remove some of them. All of them have been oiled and flushed, so that if necessary a connection can be made to them without unnecessary delay.

Another purchase for use in the new paving district is four sanitary drinking fountains of the most modern type. They will have a heavy porcelain base and a heavy silver-brown tulip shaped drinking cup, so manufactured that it will be impossible for anyone to touch the metal and drink at the same time. These will be installed immediately upon their arrival.

Mrs. W. R. Harper entertained Saturday afternoon in honor of the third birthday of her daughter, Betty. The afternoon was spent with games, after which refreshments were served. Miss Betty received many presents. About fifteen children enjoyed the afternoon.