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ALLIANCE PACKING CO. SECURES CHARTER

\$1,500,000 STOCK ISSUE AUTHORIZED BY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION

Buildings Costing Three-Quarters of a Million Dollars to Be Erected on a 160-acre Tract Near City—Plans for Great Industry.

From now on, nothing stands in the way of one of the biggest things that has happened for Alliance and the whole northwestern part of Nebraska. The state securities commission, at a meeting Monday, authorized the issuance of a million and a half dollars' worth of stock by the Alliance Packing company, and this means that there will be erected, on a 160-acre tract near this city, a packing plant having a killing capacity of 500 hogs and 100 cattle per day.

Glen Miller, president of the Alliance Community club, the organization whose activities are directly responsible for bringing this big industry to this city, has just returned from Lincoln, where he went to confer with the state securities commission. Mr. Miller explained the details of the project to the commission the latter part of the week, and issuance of the authorization for stock followed on Monday.

Mr. Miller was accompanied to Lincoln by R. E. Plumb, one of the incorporators. In the articles of incorporation Mr. Plumb is named as president of the packing company, and he will act in that capacity until the first regular election of officers.

The new company will be entirely an independent affair, having no connection whatever with the big packing concerns. Actual construction work will be begun in the spring.

This is one of the really tremendous projects put across by the Alliance Community club, which is also hard at work on the \$100,000 organization having as its object the building of new homes here to accommodate the crying need for adequate housing facilities. If The Herald's observation is correct, Alliance's commercial organization is just about the liveliest thing in the state, and is putting Alliance on the map in a manner gratifying to this city and to all of western Nebraska.

W. A. RANDALL SELLS 1,280-ACRE STOCK FARM

W. A. Randall this week sold his ranch, situated some twenty-eight miles northwest of Alliance, to Hutton & Clark, who have resold it to a man from Iowa. Possession is to be given March 1. Mr. Randall has not yet completed his plans for the future, but will take a trip to his old home in Iowa some time in the spring. Later he will return to Box Butte county. He plans to erect a home in either Alliance or Hemingford.

Mr. Randall is an enthusiastic admirer of Box Butte county. He came here in the early days when Alliance was a city of tents, and established the first drug store in the city. Later he sold out and removed from the county, but about fifteen years ago returned and has been here ever since. When he first came to Box Butte county he owned practically nothing but the clothes he wore, and has sold out at a price that means he will have nothing to worry about for the rest of his life, unless he lives a whole lot longer than his best expectations.

For a time he will do nothing but rest and visit, but sooner or later he expects to enter the business of selling land. If anyone has the right kind of knowledge of this western country to make a success of selling land, Mr. Randall is that man.

KINCAID WILL HELP

A letter received by Secretary Rufus Jones of the Community club today carries the welcome news that Congressman Kincaid will prepare and introduce a bill in congress providing for an adequate federal building at Alliance.

BOY'S RIBS CRUSHED BY POTATO WAGON

Harry Neilson, a twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neilson of Berea, suffered three fractured ribs and other injuries when he fell off the seat of a heavily loaded potato wagon last Saturday. One of the front wheels passed over his body. The boy was brought to Alliance on a freight that was passing through the town at that time, and is now in the hospital, where his physician, Dr. Bellwood, said Tuesday afternoon that he was making a nice recovery.

PLAN TO EMPLOY A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The executive committee of the Red Cross and the home service committee met together for the first regularly scheduled meeting of the new year. The matter of employing a public health nurse was discussed at some length, and a committee, consisting of Jack Miller, chairman; Judge I. E. Tash and J. C. Morrow, was appointed to make further investigations and report.

A committee consisting of L. H. Highland, chairman, Mrs. E. H. Boyd and Jack Miller was named to decide what portion of the peace time program of the organization should be taken up, and the committee will decide later just when it will begin to carry out the new program.

One of the features of the peace time program may be put into effect before the rest, the giving of first aid instruction in the public schools.

The two committees decided in the future to meet together save in cases of emergency.

BEN DRAKE RETURNS WITH SHERIFF MILLER

Sheriff Miller returned from Lincoln on No. 43 Monday, bringing with him Ben Drake, who had been arrested at Lincoln the evening previous. The arrest was made on complaint of Fred Hosten, and it charged that Drake had drawn a check for \$6.50 on the First National bank when he had insufficient funds deposited there to pay the same.

According to the officers, Drake declares that when he drew his money from the First National, he told them of the check for \$6.50 then outstanding, and requested them to hold out the amount. Drake, who is a fireman, had his hand hurt a short time ago and, being unable to work, decided to take a trip to Chicago to visit his parents. He declares, the officers say, that the whole matter is a mistake and will be easily cleared up.

SHERCLIFFE KILLED AT LOS ANGELES

Frank Shercliffe, former Omaha crook, believed to be the Frank Norwood, has been murdered at Los Angeles, according to news reports. Two years ago he worked for an Antioch potato plant. Leaving there, he went to Omaha, where he is said to have been warned to leave the city by friends of his who feared Tom Dennison would "get" him. Years ago he tried to implicate Dennison in a Council Bluffs jewel robbery.

THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity: Snow probably tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight; much colder Wednesday; winds west portion.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HOME BUILDERS

The first annual meeting of the Alliance Home Builders' association will be held this evening at the Community club rooms, at which time officers and directors will be elected and plans discussed.

Glen Miller, who returned today from Lincoln, where he had been present at the hearings of the state securities commission while the application of the Alliance Packing company was under discussion, brings back word that there will be no delay in the issuance of a charter for the company.

GOVERNMENT PLANS ELIMINATION OF REDS

Nearly Five Thousand Arrests in Nation-Wide Raid on Communist Organizations

On Friday and Saturday of last week, agents of the department of justice ordered raids in thirty-three cities of the United States, and arrests were made of nearly five thousand radicals. There is sufficient evidence to warrant the deportation of over two thousand of the captives, and the sailing date of the second soviet "ark" has been tentatively set for January 10. It is probable that more than one vessel will be needed to carry away the "reds" secured in the big round-up.

With these raids, officials of the department believe that the backbone of the radical revolutionary movement in America has been broken. Tons of propagandist literature and a large quantity of bombs, rifles, ammunition, pistols, bayonets and knives were secured.

Evidence connecting the self-styled ambassador to the United States from the soviet government, L. C. A. K. Martens, with communist propaganda has been unearthed, and it is said that he is one of those slated for deportation.

KEEP UP YOUR WAR RISK INSURANCE

It is regrettable that so many former service men are not keeping up their government life insurance issued through the bureau of war risk insurance in Washington. The fact seems to be due largely to widespread confusion and lack of information as to the right of former service men to permanent government life insurance, and the process by which this insurance may be retained.

The demobilization of our armed forces was so rapid and was attended by such uncertainty on the part of service men as to future civil occupations and permanent places of abode that it was not surprising that many of the men gave little thought to the matter of insurance. Others doubtless thought the original term (war risk insurance) ceased when they were demobilized and did not know it might be converted into any one of the several forms of permanent government life insurance (converted insurance). Still others, immediately upon their return to civil life, felt financially unable to continue the insurance. They should now take advantage of the liberal provisions for reinstatement. Now that the Sweet bill has been passed this insurance is more desirable than before. Visit the home service bureau of the Red Cross for the latest information.

—W. R. Harper returned the first of the week from his eastern buying trip, which included half a dozen of the big wholesale centers. He has been away for nearly two weeks. He managed, during his absence, to persuade Chris Ehinger to return with him—and the Herald, as well as a lot of Chris' other friends, hopes he will reconsider his decision to leave Alliance.

BASYE TAKES FALL OUT OF ANTLES

Why Convict Criminals If They Are Paroled in Time to Beat the Sheriff Home?

County Attorney Lee Basye has taken a fall out of H. H. Antles, secretary of the department of public welfare. Incidentally, Mr. Basye calls attention to the menace to the public that lies in the easy granting of paroles, reprieves and pardons. Under the present system, when a criminal receives an indeterminate sentence, mighty few of them serve out even the initial period.

It all came about thusly: A few days ago, Mr. Basye received a letter from Mr. Antles, in which the secretary desired recommendations on two or three men who have been sentenced from this county within the past two months. Mr. Antles stated that this information was desired in connection with paroling these men. And, among other things, this is what Mr. Basye told him:

"It is quite an expense and a great deal of work to catch and convict criminals. If they are to be paroled at the state penitentiary, and are allowed to return home before the sheriff can get back on his taking them to Lincoln, it seems to me that it is folly for the officials and the county to go to the expense of convicting these men. Public opinion is very strong against the state board for paroling these criminals. It seems to me that no person should be allowed to make any application for a parole until the minimum period of his sentence has expired."

Mr. Antles was exceedingly prompt to reply. He says that there is no application for parole for the men in question, but that he wants to have the information all catalogued and indexed so that when application is made, there need be no delay. He thinks that it ought to be given while fresh in the mind. Above all, it appears, the interests of criminals must be never lost sight of, and evidently it is the plan of the new department to have recommendations on hand in order that these gentry be not the least discommoded when they grow tired of prison life.

Late reports tell of another reprieve for Cole and Grammer—which makes about the 'steenth time the execution of these men has been postponed. This time it said to be due to the failure of the executioner to arrive, but it is likely that a hearing set for January 5 would have delayed it, anyway.

Mr. Basye has called attention to a matter that is fast arousing public indignation. A number of newspapers over the state have expressed the opinion that the series of reprieves given to Cole and Grammer are only the preliminary to a commutation to life imprisonment, after which it will be comparatively easy to grant paroles. The Beryl Kirk case, too, has been unfavorably commented on, and the success of a certain Lincoln law firm in helping to defeat the ends of justice.

Mr. Antles' reply, in part, follows: LINCOLN, Neb., December 24, 1919.—Hon. Lee Basye, Alliance, Neb.—Dear Sir: I request each man who goes into the penitentiary to give me within sixty days after his entrance his application for parole, if he is subject to parole. I do this, Mr. Basye, for the reason that it gives me ample time to correspond with county attorneys, district judges and sheriffs and all people interested for and against the man so that I may have full data before me when the man comes up for parole.

It is my intention to get all the above information on each and every prisoner coming into the penitentiary and I desire to get this while it is fresh in the minds of the prosecuting attorney and others, and before the matter has grown cold and the county attorney, sheriff, judge and others would have but a hazy recollection of the circumstances.

In all my letters I have requested that they make recommendation on these paroles but I find a great many county attorneys hesitate in saying that in their opinion this man should serve his full sentence, or so many years, etc.

My desire is to get all the information surrounding the commission of the crime, together with the fellow's past, and by taking this together with his record in the penitentiary make up our decision as to

his ability to make a respectable citizen when he leaves the prison. I do not want the county attorneys and district judges to get the idea that the writer does not rely upon their judgment in these cases—it is absolutely necessary for me to have their opinion and recommendation before me that I may know their exact feeling in the matter. If I still hold the present position as secretary of the department of public welfare I will correspond with you again regarding before paroling him. I wish you to rest assured that I want to co-operate with you in these matters but would respectfully request that you not only send me a history of the case but your opinion as to the possibility of the man correcting himself within a certain length of time.

Again thinking you for information regarding these men, I remain, Very respectfully,

H. H. ANTLES,
Secretary Dept. of Public Welfare.

L. A. LACKEY UNDER ARREST

CHARGE OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AGAINST HIM

Complaint Charges That He Administered Strychnine to His Seven-Year-Old Daughter, Pauline

Lawrence A. Lackey was taken into custody Saturday under a warrant issued by county court, and was confined in the county jail, charged with murder in the first degree.

The complaint charges that he administered strychnine to his seven-year-old daughter, Pauline, a few weeks ago, with intent to cause her death.

The date for the preliminary examination has not been set, but it will probably be held the first of next week.

BASKET BALL IS IN FULL SWING

With a game with the Morrill quintet next Saturday night on the latter floor, basket ball practice has started with pep and a good turn out. After a rest of two weeks the practices are more strenuous to prepare the quintet for the heavy schedule of twelve games.

The locals have been defeated at the hands of the strong Crawford high school quintet, but they are determined to return the compliment when the Crawfordites invade Alliance. After the game at Morrill Saturday night the locals will battle the strong quintet from Scottsbluff on the local floor a week from Friday night.

Ray Edwards could not resist the cage game any longer. He has been performing in one of the forward's positions and strengthening the team. The backs should be ready in the near future to meet any team in western Nebraska. They should clean the slate and go to the state tournament again next spring.

In order to have a winning team it must have backing and co-operation. When the season tickets come the beginning of next week be prepared to take some.

The Girls' Team

Thelma Zobel was elected captain. The team is weakened by the loss of their center, Clara Garrett, on account of sickness. In spite of that Mr. Messersmith is working hard to get the team in trim for the two games this week. They play at Scottsbluff Friday night and then journey to Morrill to take them into camp. That will make a double-header at Morrill Saturday night.

The following line-up will make the trip:
Elsie Simpson, L. F.
Genet Lunsford, R. F.
Beatrice Liedloff, C.
Lillie Simpson, S. C.
Frances Schott, L. G.
Thelma Zobel, R. G.
Subs—Irma Ellis, Ethel Trabert, Josephine Wilson.

We are starting to study the "Hand Book for Nebraska Citizens" this year. Everyone is urged to be present and begin with us. Visitors are always welcome. Members bring one with you.

PETITION OUT FOR NEW \$100,000 SCHOOL BUILDING

BOARD OF EDUCATION STARTS BALL ROLLING

Plans to Build Senior High School This Summer on Same Lots as Present Building

The board of education, at a meeting Monday evening, took the initiative in the matter of securing needed additional school facilities, and will present to the voters a proposition to erect a new \$100,000 senior high school building on the same lots with the present high school building.

There are two ways in which permission to erect the building may be secured, by a bond election or by a petition signed by 51 per cent of the qualified voters in the district. The board believed that the latter method was the better, inasmuch as it will save both time and money. Elections are expensive, and volunteer workers will attend to circulating the petitions, which have already been drawn up.

The petitions call for the erection of a \$100,000 building, which is the largest, under the law, that can be constructed under our present property valuation. It is feared that this money will not erect the sort of a building needed, but it will enable the board to get a good start, and when, in April, the new valuations are made, a second proposition can be submitted if it is found necessary. Property values in the district have advanced tremendously during the past year, and there is no question but that the new figures will be large enough to admit of raising the limit.

There is no question that this is the last year that the Alliance schools can do effective work in the present quarters. Conditions are too crowded now for the best kind of work, especially since the holidays, when, as usual, a number of new enrollments have been made. There are usually a number of new pupils at the first of the year, but at some of the schools record enrollments were made.

Anyone who is qualified to vote in the school election may sign the petition for the new building. A qualified elector is a male or female of twenty-one years who has either children of school age or property assessed in his or her name.

This is the proper time to make the move, and in order that there be no delay, The Herald trusts that every qualified voter sign the petition as soon as it is presented to him. The schools are the most important business that Alliance—or any other place—conducts, and no one will deny that the local teaching force has been handicapped during the past few years. This is one improvement that cannot be delayed. Alliance cannot hope to grow unless it has schools as well as additional houses. Let's Go!

—The force in the sheriff's office is planning to fix up a rogue's gallery, and a room has been set apart for that purpose.

COME ACROSS

Two hundred fifty-eight dollars and twelve cents were received in donations for Armenian-Syrian relief, following the showing of the picture, "Auction of Souls." This amount has been forwarded to the state committee at Omaha and credited to Box Butte county's quota.

These people are in the most destitute condition imaginable. Sixty dollars will keep one alive for a year. Alliance ought to care for at least ten more, a total of \$600. Five dollars per month to keep a child from starvation. How many months will you care for one of these little ones?

R. E. Knight is treasurer of the fund for Box Butte county. Hand your gift to any minister or any member of the committee.

A. J. KEARNS,
Sec'y Near East Relief.