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## STATE FIREMEN SPEND A DAY WITH ALLIANCE

### MANY DELEGATES ON RETURN TO HOME TOWN

Men From Half a Dozen Towns Joy the Entertainment Provided for Them

The thirty-eighth annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association closed at Scottsbluff Thursday night with a banquet for six hundred, served on the sixth floor of the Lincoln hotel. Immediately following the banquet a special train brought the delegates to Alliance where they were entertained for two hours by the Alliance Volunteer Fire department. Chairman Frank Abegg of the entertainment committee and his energetic corps of assistants had arrangements made for a reception that woke up the town and brought forth many expressions of commendation from the visitors. The fire whistle blew and blew as the train rolled in and red fire illuminated Box Butte avenue.

The visitors were served lunch by J. M. Miller of the Alliance hotel without charge, after which they spent the balance of the two hours at the fire department club rooms and in seeing the city by lamplight. The fire whistle again blew as the special train rolled east with five hundred new boosters for western Nebraska and her live wire cities and citizens. One hundred firemen remained in Alliance over today and are being shown the potato plants at Antioch and visiting with friends here. A matinee is being given for their entertainment this afternoon at the Imperial and a dance will be staged tonight.

The convention of the association opened Tuesday evening with 600 delegates in attendance at Scottsbluff. The evening session included a short business program and varied forms of entertainment. At 6 o'clock a lobster banquet was staged at the Lincoln hotel.

Several changes in the constitution and by-laws of the mutual aid department were suggested by Secretary Miller in his annual report. These changes will reduce the age limit of new members to forty years, and will require delinquents desiring to furnish a physician's certificate of good health. The report of the press committee was given by the chairman, Lloyd Thomas of Alliance, who was re-elected as state publicity chairman for the coming year.

At the afternoon session Second Vice President C. R. Frazier of Gothenburg read a paper on "spontaneous combustion in soft coal piles." Chaplain Walter C. Rudin presided over the memorial service held at 3 o'clock. He gave a stirring address and touched on the absence this year of former State President and Fire Commissioner W. S. Ridgett, who died last fall.

Past President John W. Guthrie of Alliance arrived Wednesday afternoon and shortly after his arrival made a stirring speech, telling the delegates of the activities in this country of the reds, bolsheviks and other trouble makers. At the close of his speech he was roundly cheered and the following resolution was adopted:

"We the members of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association, pledge our unqualified allegiance to the president of the United States of America and the governor of the state of Nebraska in combating the forces of disorder and we proclaim and declare ourselves 100 per cent American and tender to them our loyal, active support and service in the maintaining of law and order in our nation and state." The resolution was adopted by a rising vote and was then forwarded by telegram to the governor at Lincoln by a committee consisting of H. K. Webber of Kearney, Lloyd Thomas and John W. Guthrie of Alliance.

The wrestling match Wednesday evening ended disastrously. The bout was to be a finish match between Steve Cannon of Alliance against Joe Stakes of Scottsbluff. Cannon's left arm was broken after five minutes of wrestling and the match was awarded to him on a foul by the referee. The preliminaries were much entertainment.

Thursday morning was spent by the delegates in visiting the Scottsbluff sugar factory and nearby points in the North Platte valley. At the final business session Thursday afternoon the following officers were elected: Robert Lewis of Humphrey, president; C. R. Frazier of Gothen-

## THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair and colder tonight; cold wave east portion with temperature of zero to ten below Saturday night; colder east and south portion.

burg, first vice president; John Martin of Fremont, second vice president; E. A. Miller of Kearney, secretary; F. B. Tobin of Sidney, treasurer; Rev. Walter C. Rudin of Mitchell, chaplain. The board of control will consist of Jake Goehring, of Seward, Harry Ayres of Mitchell, Burt Galley of Columbus, Charley Hartford of Norfolk, W. H. Tillery of Lexington.

John W. Guthrie of Alliance in a speech at the close of the meeting issued a standing invitation to hold the next convention at Alliance, provided it was not desired by a town in eastern Nebraska. The board of control was given authority to select the next meeting place.

The toastmaster at the banquet was Robert G. Simmons of Scottsbluff. Speakers on the program included John P. McCuen and Mike Saunders of Norfolk; G. L. Shumway, O. N. Finley and Chief Guy Carlson of Scottsbluff; John W. Guthrie and Lloyd Thomas of Alliance; C. R. Frazier of Gothenburg; Joseph Oberfelder of Sidney; Chaplain Walter C. Rudin of Mitchell; and deputy state fire commissioner E. D. Beach of Lincoln. "Doc" Crawford of Scottsbluff led the singing while music was furnished by the Scottsbluff orchestra. Resolutions of thanks were extended to Scottsbluff, Gering, Mitchell, Sidney and Alliance for entertainment provided.

## TOTAL INCREASED BY GUARDIAN STATE

A material increase in the total assets for Alliance banks is shown when the complete figures are submitted. In the tabulation published in the last issue of The Herald, figures were given for but three of the city's banking institutions, that of the Guardian State being omitted. The complete figures are as follows:

Loans and overdrafts...	\$2,216,557.93
Cash on hand and in banks .....	1,063,722.25
U. S. bonds and stamps .....	260,156.82
Federal reserve stock .....	6,000.00
Capital stock .....	185,000.00
Surplus .....	139,000.00
Undivided profits .....	15,337.85
Circulation .....	99,997.50
Deposits .....	3,162,805.14

The items listed figure well past the seven million dollar mark, which is indeed a remarkable showing. There is no question that Alliance has sufficient funds to put across any project in which its citizens are sufficiently interested. There are few cities of the size in Nebraska that can equal the record.

## VAUDEVILLE AT THE IMPERIAL SATURDAY

A special vaudeville program at a special price will be offered by the Imperial to its Saturday patrons. Six acts of Pantages vaudeville are scheduled to appear, together with three photoplay productions.

The vaudeville includes Eddie Bayer, in songs, talk and dancing; Howard & Nichols, novelty hoop rollers and diablo spinners; Roubie Sims in songs, talk and chalk; the Grahams, presenting the livink mannikins; Bob and Gertrude Pettecord in songs and dancing, and Robbins and Fulton in comedy, singing and acrobatic dancing.

Norma Talmage in "By Right of Purchase" heads the photoplay bill, and in addition there will be a Tom Mix film, "The Sheriff's Blunder" and Mutt and Jeff in "His Musical Soup."

On Sunday comes the fourth episode of the mystery serial, "The Invisible Hand," which will make more shivers chase up and down your spinal column; Wallace Reid in "The Valley of the Giants," and a Big-V comedy, "Big Bluffs."

Monday's program features Marguerite Clark in "Girls," and it's a daisy. It's a story of three young and pretty girls who form a League of Man-Haters. Clyde Fitch is the author, and that speaks volumes for the quality of the humor. Marguerite as leading lady speaks still louder or the acting. Some of the situations are good—picture a poor innocent man diving headlong into a parlor and facing three raging urses—in their nighties. You'll enjoy it, and a Smiling Bill Parson's comedy will do still more to make you enjoy yourselves.

## PLANS APPROVED FOR M. E. CHURCH

### A Three-Story Structure Will Be Erected Facing on Box Butte Avenue

J. R. Smith, architect of Lincoln, met with the building committee of the Methodist church last Tuesday and Wednesday and drew up a preliminary plan for a new church building which was accepted by the committee. It is to be a three-story building 74 by 75 feet, colonial design, with the front facing on Box Butte avenue. The Sunday school will be taken care of in three large departmental rooms according to the latest development of Sunday school work. In addition there will be about eight large class rooms for the young people's and adult classes.

The main auditorium will seat 350 people and when gallery and Sunday school room are opened up on special occasions, there will be a total seating capacity of 700. It is to be constructed of dark brick with rough exterior below the water table and lighter brick above. The plans provide for a pipe organ directly behind the pulpit and a choir rostrum to the side.

## DEPARTMENT WILL DRAW ORDINANCE

Mayor Rodgers has requested the state department of health to draw up an ordinance which will provide for the proper control of venereal diseases, and the department has promised to do it. Until it arrives, however, it is probable that nothing more will be done concerning the employment of a public health nurse.

## WHEELER TO MEET CLARENCE EKUND

A wrestling match of more than ordinary interest is scheduled for the Imperial next Friday evening, when A. B. Wheeler, local fireman, will tip the scales at 205 pounds, will go to the mat with Clarence Eklund of Buffalo, Wyo., who weighs exactly thirty pounds less, but who makes up for the deficiency by being extraordinarily quick on his feet and having a scientific knowledge of the game.

Eklund has been in the wrestling game for the past nine years, and is well known throughout the west. He claims the light heavy-weight championship of the county, having never been defeated by anyone his weight and class in the United States or Canada. Among those that he has plinned on the mat are Anton Stecher, Joe's brother, and Warren Miller, both of whom are known to Alliance fans. Several years ago, before the Ravenna whirlwind achieved a rep, Eklund won in two falls from John Pesek.

Wheeler and Eklund are fairly evenly matched. Both of them know the game thoroughly. When these two folks meet on the mat, it ought to be the wrestling event of the season.

## COMMUNITY CLUB DIRECTORS MEET

### Plans Practically Perfected for Racing Meet—Invitation to 1920 T. P. A. Convention

The directors of the Alliance Community club had their first dinner since the holidays last Tuesday evening, and a considerable amount of new business was transacted.

Secretary Rufus Jones reported that prospects were favorable for the establishment of three wholesale houses in the city by the time spring rolls around. He had received word from a wholesale grocery, a fruit and vegetable concern and a poultry and eggs company. The club has been working for some time to make Alliance a wholesale center, and prospects never looked better.

F. H. Bishop and Secretary Jones, appointed a committee to arrange for a racing circuit, reported that tentative plans were complete. The circuit will probably include Gordon, Crawford and Alliance, and the dates set are: Gordon, June 21-26; Crawford, June 28 to July 3, and Alliance, July 5-10.

The directors, through Roy Strong, local secretary of the T. P. A., extended an invitation to the state association to hold their 1920 convention in the city. They made some promises as to entertainment that ought to appeal to the T. P. A. bunch.

Word was finally received from the auto truck reliability contest tour, arranged by an Omaha newspaper, to take place some time during the summer. Secretary Jones had urged the changing of the itinerary to make Alliance one of the stops. Now comes the manager of the tour, who says that the route had already been laid out, and that it would cost considerable to change the route to include Alliance. He said it could be done, however, provided the city or the club donated a thousand dollars to pay the expenses. The communication was laid on the table amid a silence that was prolonged, general and heart-felt. The club will, when it gets its breath, decline with thanks.

Ag communication from the county fair association was reported, which was to the effect that the association directors will be pleased to meet with the Community club directors after the next annual meeting, at which time will be discussed needed improvements at the fair grounds and the best way to pay for them.

Secretary Jones and Messrs. Highland and Rhein were appointed a committee with power to act to arrange a trip to the potato plants for the visiting firemen. It was planned to make the trip by automobile, but the sudden change in weather and the shortage of closed cars caused the abandonment of the idea. The committee instead arranged for a free moving picture performance at the Imperial, where an extra special show was put on in honor of the occasion.

If any Alliance citizen proposes to go to Gering on or about January 28 to 30, the Community club will be pleased to appoint him a delegate

with full powers to the Nebraska state irrigation association, which will meet there at that time.

Plans were made for the next annual meeting of the club, to be held the first Monday evening in March. At that time the board of directors will recommend that the name of the club be changed to the Alliance Chamber of Commerce, and will also advise that steps be taken to procure a home for the club. President Miller appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Guthrie, Half and Rhein to take the matter up with the First State bank, which is contemplating enlarging its building, and see what can be done about adding another story to the building for the use of the club.

Three committees were appointed to make arrangements for the annual meeting. Lloyd Thomas, E. G. Laing and Charles Hill were selected to choose a place for the affair; Earl Mallery, W. R. Harper and A. G. Isaacson were appointed to make arrangements for the banquet, and Secretary Jones, H. P. Coursey, L. Lowry, Frank Abegg, Calvin Walker, C. L. Kerr, Floyd Lucas and H. P. Tooley to provide the crowd. It is probable that attendance will be limited to members. Governor McKelvie has promised to be the principal speaker at the dinner.

## BOYS LEAVE FOR SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

W. R. Pate will leave for Lincoln next Tuesday evening to escort the boys selected to receive the short course instruction to the agricultural school. The list has been changed somewhat Clarence A. Gabagan taking the place of young Bliss, who is under quarantine with the smallpox. George McCool is another who has been added to the list. Mr. Pate will spend some time in Lincoln in going through the public schools there, where he hopes to get in touch with the latest wrinkles in public school construction.

## GRAND OPENING AND FREE TRACTOR SCHOOL

Box Butte county farmers will soon have another opportunity to secure some first hand knowledge concerning the construction, operation and upkeep of the tractor. Melick & Redmon have made arrangements for a number of engineers from the Emerson-Brantingham factories to come to Alliance for these three days, February 24-25-26, at which time they will give a whole lot of practical instruction to every farmer who is interested as this is all they do, put these schools on from year to year.

The course will include not only the E-B tractor, but every piece of farm machinery they sell. The instructors will explain how it is made, why it is made that way and every farmer who attends will be given an opportunity to learn more about the implements that they use practically every day of the year. Special emphasis will be laid upon the E-B tractor and the handling of an internal combustion engine, but you may ask questions about any piece of machinery and rest assured that you will get the correct answer. The three days will be chock full of interest for the man who wants to learn.

Melick & Redmon are looking ahead to the school and are making arrangements for the comfort of their patrons and guests. Hot dinners will be served to all during the three days, and there will be plenty of cigars for those who smoke, and candy and apples enough to keep the kiddies interested. It will be a pleasant and instructive session and you are hereby advised to bear the dates in mind and plan to attend.

## ELKS WILL STAGE A HARD TIMES DANCE

W. R. Harper is making good with a vengeance as chairman of the entertainment committee of the local lodge of Elks. The latest attraction is a hard-times dance announced for Tuesday, January 27, the attendance to which will be limited to members and their ladies only.

Real jazz music by the double-jointed trombone and saxaphone orchestra has been secured, and on that night there will be a choice assortment of old clothes. The committee asks them to wear horrible clothes, and who ever knew a committee to be disappointed. Those whose dance have been promised the time of their lives, and the others are invited to attend a circus. It'll probably be some night.

## SCHOOL BOND PETITIONS ARE READY TO SIGN

### WILL FLOAT BONDS AMOUNTING TO \$200,000

### Plans Include Construction of Two Buildings as Fast as the Need Requires

Petitions have been prepared and are to be found at the Newberry Hardware company, Holsten's drug store, E. G. Laing's and H. F. Thiele's, and the board of education has requested that qualified voters land their assistance by stopping at one of these places and appending their signatures. Fifty-one per cent of the voters of the district must be secured before the board can act.

Anyone who is qualified to vote in a school election may sign the petition, that is, all persons over twenty-one years of age who have property assessed in their names or children of school age.

There are two means by which bonds may be issued for school purposes, calling a special election or the circulating of petitions. The special election is expensive, and it is difficult to get the voters to turnout. The petitions, on the other hand, are prepared and circulated at no expense to the district.

At a meeting of representative citizens held at the Community club rooms Monday evening to determine the sentiment of the public, it was decided to ask for the issuance of \$200,000 in bonds, with which two buildings will be constructed. A senior high school will be erected on the same grounds with the present high school building, and later, when the need becomes urgent, a ward school will be built on lots recent acquired by the board, situated on the east side.

It was believed at first that there was a limit on the amount of bonds that could be voted, and considerable difficulty was anticipated, but the attorney general of Nebraska has rendered an opinion to the effect that the limitation does not apply to cities of this class.

Every Alliance citizen knows the importance of the schools and the imperative need for expansion to enable them to do their important work efficiently. No one doubts the need for additional facilities, if there is to be a bigger Alliance. Every qualified voter should make it a point to look up the nearest petition and put his name on it. "Let's go!"

## ANITA STEWART AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Scandal, mystery and oodles of romance are contained in tonight's bill at the Imperial, when dainty Anita Stewart will appear in a "Midnight Romance." The story is taken from a book by Marion Orth, and the producers say that the mystery is no flimsy flimsam, and are willing to wager that not one man or woman in the audience can guess, even 50 per cent accurately, the identity of Miss Stewart as Marie Alexander. The romance is even more pronounced than the mystery, which ought to make a good play, even if Anita herself weren't sufficient guarantee.

The plot deals with a mysterious beauty from Nowhere and where a midnight bathing suit flirtation led it. It tells of a girl who is a servant by day and a lady at night—that seems to be the mystery, or a part of it, at least—and of an incorrigible bachelor who gets what's coming to him.

## FOOT EXPERT AT THE ALLIANCE SHOE STORE

There will be a special demonstration of the Scholl foot appliances at the Alliance Shoe Store on Monday and Tuesday of next week, and in order to adequately care for those who will take advantage of the occasion, an expert from the factory will be here to assist Mr. Miller and Mr. Fenning during the two days. The local men have had all kinds of experience in fitting these appliances and are prepared to serve their patrons at any time, but the Monday and Tuesday demonstration is a special occasion and a considerably increased patronage is expected at that time.

You will be charmed when you see the smartness of the new millinery we are showing. Highland-Holloway.

## Institute for Religious Workers

All Sunday school and religious workers in the county have been invited to attend the city institute for religious workers, which will be held at the Methodist church in Alliance on January 30 and 31, and February 1. The institute will be conducted by Orlia H. Verner, M. A., Ph. D., director of religious education, Lincoln, Neb., co-operating with the Alliance ministerial association. The program follows:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

3:00 p. m.—"Training in the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith"

7:30 p. m.—"Training of Christian Leadership and the Sunday School as an Avenue for Linking with the Activities of Young People of the Community."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

3:00 p. m.—"Phases of Social Service in the Sunday School."

7:30 p. m.—Lantern lecture—"Christian Art—100 Favorite Pictures for the Christian Home."

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

11 a. m.—"The Christian Home." (Presbyterian church)

7:30-3:00 p. m.—"Round Table." For all workers of the Sunday school and church.

7:30 p. m.—"The Community Program of Religious Education."

Every person interested in the religious education of the community should attend this institute. You will be made welcome.