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GOVT. DAM NEAR CRAWFORD BREAKS

Business Section Damaged When Flood Rushes Through—No Loss of Life.

With a great roar that could be heard two miles distant, the pent up waters of the government dam southwest of Crawford on the Fort Robinson reservation, swollen tremendously by the continued rains the past weeks, burst their bounds Tuesday evening at 10:30 o'clock and dashed madly down the ravine, part of them finding their way to White river, the remainder sweeping through the two main streets of Crawford. The flood waters were fully two and one-half feet deep at any place, and carried debris of all description through the business section, filling basements, wrecking outbuildings from their foundations, and washing away any number of beautiful lawns from the residence properties in its path. Fortunately no lives were lost and no one was injured.

The entire population of Crawford had been fearing just such a calamity since May 11, when every available inhabitant worked for days on the dam to keep it from giving way. It had been raining in the evening and the business section contained very few people, which no doubt accounts in part for the fact that there was no loss of life and only minor injuries.

The waters, after passing through the business part of Crawford, which is situated in the hollow of the valley, went out of the city by the Burlington viaduct, coming within two and one-half feet of the girders. Toward midnight the flood began to recede, and by early morning the pathway was practically dry except for scattered pools of water, and the river almost down to normal. The subway under the viaduct was piled two feet high with debris, which the railroad section crew immediately set about clearing. There was no further damage to railroad property, either the Burlington or the Northwestern.

It is impossible at this time to make a comprehensive estimate of the total amount of the damage done by the flood, as all the basements along the main streets were flooded, and considerable property torn up by the rushing waters.

The heaviest loser was H. Broadhurst, of the Broadhurst Furniture company who just three weeks before completed moving to his new location on main street. He had \$10,000 worth of furniture stored in his basement, which will be a total loss. Beautiful suites had the finish ruined and the joints soaked loose, and hundreds of dollars worth of expensive mattresses were soaked with dirty, muddy water.

The Broadhurst family are old settlers in Crawford and no doubt have many friends in Alliance who will remember them. The proprietor of the store himself was seriously ill in bed with pneumonia at the time, and had not been informed of his loss Thursday evening. It was a peculiar stroke of fate that Mr. Broadhurst had hastened to move into his new place of business and had been there but three weeks when the flood struck him. Had he but been delayed he would have escaped his loss, inasmuch as his former location was out of the path of the waters.

The single residence that was removed from its foundation was a one-story structure, which was started on its journey toward the void, but was held by two great trees.

One curious result of the flood was the great quantity of fish that were dumped out of their home behind the dam, and later left stranded on the reservation and other places along the route. The next morning people were out harvesting the crop in much the same fashion as the inhabitants of the territory contiguous to the Platte river secure quantities of fish when the river, becoming dry, leaves fish stranded on the sands. Many fish were found, so our informant declares, weighing seven or eight pounds. One man declared he got one which tipped the scales at fully sixteen pounds.

The town of Crawford is situated on two sides of a valley, with the residence sections on the high ground. This fact saved hundreds of homes from loss by water, although the inhabitants, hearing the great roar fully twenty minutes before the water arrived, began feverishly tearing up rugs and moving furniture into the second stories of their dwellings.

By far the greater part of the damage was done by the water that swept through the city of Crawford, although a narrow escape was recorded by one family, which was endang-

ered by the excess water that flowed into White river from the dam. Mr. Stroude, caretaker of the city park, was forced to carry his children, and his wife, water waist high, to the top of the dam before he was satisfied to get them in safety. The city of Crawford, it is said, has been fully aware that the dam was in a greatly weakened condition, likely to give way at any time, and yet nothing had been done since May 11 to relieve the tremendous pressure of the waters that were backed up higher than ever before in its history. It seems strange, a resident of Crawford declared Thursday, that such a menace was allowed to exist when plenty of time was had to allow the water to escape slowly and thus remove the constant menace. The water from the dam has been put to no use, we are told by a Crawford citizen, and there was no reason why it should have been left there, in the face of the weakened condition of the twenty-year-old structure of the dam, and the increased pressure.

STEADY PROGRESS ON CITY'S PAVING

Summary of Work Done Shows It Is Forging Steadily On—Alleys Nearly Done

Seriously handicapped by the recent heavy rains, lack of some material, and changing personnel, the paving is nevertheless making considerable headway. Engineer White reports that the base is completed on the block on Laramie, between Third and Fourth streets; on Third street between Cheyenne and Box Butte avenues, and in the alleys except half a block between Third and Fourth.

During the following week, they expect with good luck to be able to finish the remainder of Laramie, that is, from Third street to the railroad company's property line, and First street from Laramie to Box Butte avenue. This means that the gang is laying base at the rate of a block a day, which speed they have maintained so far.

Many residents are asking when the laying of brick will commence. Those in charge say that brick-laying is being held up on account of the non-arrival of the special grade of sand that is used to form a cushion between the base and the brick. This sand has been shipped, however, and should be here before so very long. There is a lack of brick for parts of certain paving districts, also, but this also has been shipped.

The block of paving on Laramie between Third and Fourth streets, in front of Newberry's tin shop, has been opened to traffic for a couple of days.

Engineer White believes the base on Third street, between Cheyenne and Laramie avenue, on which are situated the Ford and Buick garages, George Breckner and Mellick and Stephenson's feed yard, all of which are wholly or partially closed up, will be opened to traffic the first of next week.

BOGUE'S STORE STAGES DOUBLE BARGAIN EVENT

With the opening of their newly-finished bargain basement and the inauguration of their annual July celebration sale, Saturday, July 10, the Horace Bogue Store, Inc., offers a double-sized bargain event to buyers of this trade territory. Read their announcement on the two inside pages of this issue for a detailed account of their attractive reductions.

The bargain basement of this store to be opened Saturday will be welcomed by housekeepers, because it presents an opportunity for them to buy high-grade merchandise regularly at lower prices. The basement has been remodeled so that it is light and airy, finished in attractive oak fixtures, and stocked with piece goods, notions, hosiery, toilet articles, etc.

This sale offers 25 per cent discount on everything sold on the first floor, ladies' ready-to-wear at cost and less than cost, and millinery with values from \$5 to \$25 in two big lots selling at \$3.50 and \$5.50.

Read the advertisement and profit by the savings offered.

The board of equalization, composed of County Commissioners Hashman, Duncan and Uhrig, County Assessor Keegan and County Clerk Mounts, met in official session Tuesday morning and convened Wednesday afternoon to meet again in August. No official actions were taken.

STORM SMASHED CURTIS BIPLANE

R. A. Copey's Machine Badly Damaged By Strong Wind Tuesday Evening

While R. A. Copey was absent in Lincoln, Neb., visiting his mother, a severe wind storm played havoc with his Curtis Biplane which he had parked just outside the city of Alliance, preparatory to making a circuit of towns on the Northwestern where he had planned to carry passengers at various celebrations.

The machine, which was the same that carried many passengers during the recent race meet, had been tied and staked to the ground but the lashing was too meagre to withstand the force of Tuesday night's blow. Clarence Shafer, who had been left to see that the plane was kept covered, happened to be on the ground with Frank Munroe and Henry Helfrich, the two men employed in the Schafer Auto Supply. These men were busy making the lashings more secure on both the Slinger and Copey machines.

They had finished with the former's craft, but found themselves with insufficient material to hold the other. The wind had rapidly increased in force and changing to the proper quarter to strike the machine head on, lifted it bodily into the air in spite of the efforts of the men, and stood the giant bird erect upon its tail, with one wing hooked upon the cross-piece of a telephone pole. The men hastened to send after larger ropes and stakes in order to keep it from falling to the earth and crushing the wings, but the wind again changed its line of attack and before lashings could be obtained, sent it crashing to the ground.

The fall crushed three of the four wings, part of the fuselage, and the tail. Only the motor, running gear and principal part of the fuselage remained.

Robert Copey was wired immediately and he arrived Wednesday afternoon. The machine has been dismantled and will be shipped to Lincoln to the rebuilding factory where it will be repaired.

The original cost of this type of Curtis biplane is \$4,800, and the damage done in Tuesday night's storm is estimated at \$1,000.

TELEPHONE COMPANY ADDS COPPER CIRCUIT

The Nebraska Telephone company have recently added a copper telephone circuit to their lines between Alliance and Ardmore, S. D., in order to take care of the large increase in long distance calls from that territory. Manager Clay Harry explains that the booming oil business is largely responsible for the extra numbers of calls to and from the north.

In addition to this, one more iron circuit has been installed which connects Alliance with Hemingford. This was done adequately to handle the increasing business between these two towns. With the addition of this iron circuit to the one already in use, Manager Harry announces it will enable them to have not two conversations going on simultaneously but three. This is effected by an ingenious system of grounding the wires, universally employed in the telephone business.

VALETA HACKER WINS MORGAN GROCERY PRIZE

Outdistancing her nearest competitor by 135 season tickets sold for the Standard Chautauqua, Miss Valeta Hacker won in a walkaway the first prize in the ticket-selling contest staged by the Morgan Grocery company during the recent drive to put over the chautauqua program in Alliance.

Second prize was awarded to Frank Mounts for selling thirty-seven tickets; and third to Stephen Epler, Jr., for selling thirty tickets. First prize was \$5 in cash; second, \$3, and third, \$2.

A total of \$683.60 was netted through the contest, and all the contestants are to be congratulated for their fine work.

The entire number of season tickets sold including those outside of the contest, amounted to 348, or \$1010.80. The contest was the major portion of this sum.

Mrs. E. Green and daughter, Doris, of Ranger, Texas, stopped over in Alliance Wednesday on their way to Green's ranch about forty miles from here.

GOOD PROGRAMS PLEASE AUDIENCES

Continued Choice Numbers Cause Favorable Comment From Everyone There

Continuing to maintain the reputation established in the first numbers of their program, and even surpassing their good record in several instances, the Standard Chautauqua system during the past week has been entertaining the citizens of Alliance and territory with an exceptionally well-rendered, well-selected and well-received program.

Tonight, Friday, perhaps the most renowned personage of the entire program, Hon. John Temple Graves, speaker of reputation and international importance, will deliver his lecture, "Armageddon." Mr. Graves is one of the most popular platform speakers of today. He has had an extended public career, being the confidant of senators and ambassadors, called in to conference over the world war problems. His lecture is a message of inspiration.

John Temple Graves will be the guest of the Rotary club at a banquet in the new Alliance hotel palm room this (Friday) evening. About fifty will be present. Special music the Lyric Male Quartet, will give a few numbers.

The Junior chautauqua under the supervision of Miss Bertha Melick, has made itself most popular among the young folks of the city. Miss Melick has apparently an unlimited number of interesting activities in which to interest her guests. Most popular of these have been the baby shows held Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Little Miss Gwendolyn Louis Dow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dow, won first prize in the Tuesday show, and was introduced to the audience in the evening as the prize-winner.

The Thursday baby show was better attended, due to favorable weather. About thirty babies were contestants for the honors. Little Miss Margaret Ann Connors succeeded in securing popular favor in the show the second day.

The Junior chautauqua character parade was marched up and down Box Butte avenue Thursday evening, commencing at 7:15 o'clock from the big tent at the Central school building. About 200 kiddies of varying ages participated with evident enjoyment. Much originality was displayed in the costumes worn. Outstanding characters represented were the statue of liberty, by Miss Fuller; two Mother Goose girls, Margaret Thiele and Mildred Rominger; an angel, Edna Tracey; Hawaiian dancer, Vivian Corbett; nurses, by the Campfire girls; George and Martha Washington, Adolph Young and Irene Newberry; an old woman, Dorothy Davis; and two clowns, J. O. Gould, Jr., and Elbert Howe; and the fat boy James McKune.

Miss Melick entertained the Junior chautauqua Friday morning with a picnic and field meet. The kiddies enjoyed a ride around the town on the north road and came back for the picnic and meet on the school lawn.

Every number that has been presented during the week met such universal favor that it is impossible to give a detailed account of each separate program. The Cheney Concert company and Jaroslav Cimerka and his Czecho-Slovak band deserve special mention.

The reading, "Aunt Jane Wiggins at Ladies' Aid," violin solo, "The Mocking Bird, with Variations"; and the famous White House organ chimes of the Cheney Concert company captivated the nine hundred people assembled Wednesday evening.

Jaroslav Cimerka, for several years assistant director of Sousa's band, with the Czecho-Slovak band, constituted a musical treat for the citizens of Alliance. They gave to a responsive audience that completely filled the tent, the "Anvil Chorus" with an electrical display, a long selection from Carmen, and the descriptive piece, "Custer's Last Battle."

The woman lecturer, billed for Tuesday evening, was staken sick in the town of the circuit scheduled one day earlier than Alliance, and was unable to appear on the platform. A substitute had been provided, but the heavy rain that came about 7 p. m. prevented the crowd from coming and no entertainment was given.

Tomorrow, Saturday, the Wales chautauqua players appear both afternoon and evening. Dr. Paul W. Ivey will speak on community problems. He has made a wide and comprehensive study of difficulties common to small municipalities and is sure to give much light, that will

point the way to greater local prosperity and happiness. In the evening the bill will be completed by the play, "Rejuvenation."

CRIMINAL SUIT FAILS FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE

Nick Marinos, who Saturday filed suit in criminal court against Mrs. M. E. Williams, who he claimed obtained the sum of \$1,500 from him under false pretenses, failed to produce sufficient evidence at the trial in county court Wednesday afternoon, and the defendant was discharged.

The testimony given by Marinos conflicted in some instances with the ideas embodied in his complaint. The evidence presented by the state showed that the plaintiff and the defendant were in a partnership in the Rodgers rooming house, that the latter obtained \$1,500 but not by fraudulent means.

LATER HAIL STORM DOES MORE HARM

Tuesday Night's Loss Nearly As Great As That of Sunday—Mostly Small Grain

Right on the heels of the bad hail storm Sunday evening, that commenced about fifteen miles west of Hemingford and took a southwesterly course for thirty-five miles, including Alliance and vicinity, another severe hail storm Tuesday evening cut a wide swath a few miles to the south of its predecessor's path, and caused many farmers in this territory to lose their entire small grain crop.

The heaviest loser, according to reports, was M. F. Liggett, who lives about six miles southwest of the city. Mr. Liggett had 1,000 acres of winter wheat that would have been ready to cut in a few days, and 200 acres of corn. He suffered a total loss.

M. D. Healy, living one mile east of Alliance, reports a total loss of his 200 acres of wheat, 20 acres of oats and his garden. He says the storm extended three miles east and five miles north of his place.

Other losers report smaller acreages ruined. J. E. Fitzgerald, six miles south of the city, suffered the total loss of thirty-five acres of corn, millet and potatoes. William Sherlock lost forty or fifty acres of small grain and corn.

Farmers west of town who were in the hail belt to quite an extent included: Charles Reeves, 100 acres of wheat; Chris Nepper, Emery Harmer, Jerry Wells, Wayne Wilson and G. E. Harmer. Mr. Reeves is the only one to have insurance on his crop, as far as we can learn.

COX AND ROOSEVELT TO LEAD DEMOCRATS

Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, assistant secretary of the navy, was nominated for vice president Tuesday, July 6 at San Francisco, by the democratic national convention and became the running mate of Gov. James M. Cox of Ohio, democracy's choice for the presidential nomination.

The first cries of "Cox and Roosevelt" rang through the convention hall and were mixed with the shouts of the vote of acclamation by which he was nominated without a ballot. Despite the disinclination of the Tammany organization to accept him Roosevelt's name went over with a band wagon movement, during which all other candidates were withdrawn.

RUNAWAY YOUTHS HAVE ALL RETURNED

The runaway youths for the most part have been restored to their families. Charles McClure and Howard Rust returned home after their joy ride Wednesday morning, without the necessity of police aid. Charles Churchhill was located in Scottsbluff Wednesday and his parents, Mrs. Ethel Churchill went to bring him home. He succeeded in breaking away again and when last seen was in the neighborhood of Elmore's dam. Efforts are being made to locate him.

ROTARY CLUB DINNER AT 6 P. M. TONIGHT

The complimentary banquet in honor of Hon. John Temple Graves, given by the Rotary club to their invited guests this evening at the Alliance hotel palm room, will begin promptly at 6 o'clock.

There seems to have been some question regarding the exact hour and the committee requests that it be announced for 6 p. m.

HAS LAST CENSUS RATED US FAIRLY

Preliminary Count Gives Alliance But 4,591 Inhabitants—Will Take New Count

At first greatly surprised and believing there must be some error, the business section of Alliance early Thursday morning received telegraphic information to the effect that the preliminary count of the census of this city for 1920, totaled but 4,591. Later other wires were received confirming beyond question that the first telegram was correct.

Business men on all sides from the first were unsatisfied with the return, convinced that there must be some mistake in the count that would accord 4,400 odd to towns near Alliance that a conservative estimate would place at from one thousand to fifteen hundred less than our city.

The officers of the Chamber of Commerce, acting in conjunction with the members of the Rotary club will tonight take active measures to make a recount, accurately taken and carefully certified, that will be sent to Washington in an effort to rectify the error they feel must have been committed somewhere.

The plan proposed as the most feasible is to secure volunteers from the public in general, who will undertake to get the correct census of one block in the city. Enough enumerators will be enlisted to make the work a burden on no one, and in this way it will be taken in a comparatively few hours.

It was suggested by J. J. Tooley of Broken Bow, district census enumerator, who has charge of this territory, that a list could be made of additions to the population since the census was completed, but this was deemed not feasible inasmuch as the task of making comparison and listing new inhabitants would be far greater than the plan suggested and less accurate.

Study of a few comparative figures may give some basis for the objection raised by citizens of Alliance. The recent school census shows 1,322 children of school age residing in the city, those coming under the compulsory school law, 1,081; and those actually enrolled were 1,157. Computing on the usual basis of between four and five inhabitants for every school child it would give Alliance a population of 5,500 at least.

An appeal is hereby made to those who can possibly spare the time to volunteer in the taking of this new census. The city needs your aid. Call the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce or Robert Graham, and lend your assistance.

IMPERIAL PROGRAM FULL OF FEATURES

The program for the next few days at the Imperial theater contains several special photo-plays. Tonight, Friday, William Fox presents Peggy Hyland in a detective satire, "The Web of Chance." The management feels free to recommend this film to its patrons as one of special attractiveness. It is something different. You are sure to like it.

Saturday, July 10, Viola Dana in "The Willow Tree," the Cohan and Harris stage success by J. H. Benning and Harrison Rhoades, brings to Alliance a wealth of oriental picturesqueness that will please completely the general audience. Her wealth of beautiful kimonos will be a revelation to the women folks, and Miss Dana's presentation of the quaint Japanese character makes her a favorite with all who witness the film play.

Sunday, July 11, the favorite, Bryant Washburn appears in "The Six Best Cellars." The name alone is proof that you will like it. It's a story about prohibition, of course. See how he gets himself out of a ticklish situation by his ever-ready ingenuity. It is a big entertainer, as are all of Washburn's productions.

Monday, July 12, a Paramount-Inch production, in which Enid Bennett, the resourceful stenographer, saves her brother's honor. See her in "The Virtuous Thief."

Tuesday, July 13, the Imperial has booked the stupendous William Fox spectacle, Theda Bara in "Cleopatra." Read elsewhere in this issue more of the particulars of this film success.

THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity: Partly cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.