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## BIG CELEBRATION ON LABOR DAY

Three Thousand People Witness Athletic Program at the Fair Grounds

Labor day was observed in Alliance in due form Monday by a general suspension of business, a parade and an afternoon sport program at the fair grounds. The arrangements for the celebration were made by a committee from the various railroad unions. The day's program began with a parade at 1 o'clock. The meat cutters' union furnished the only float in the procession, but the barbers, railway clerks, I. B. B. D. F. & H., boilermakers and helpers, machinists and helpers and others were out in full force.

Three thousand people packed the grand stands at the Box Butte county fair grounds Monday afternoon for the Labor day program, which proved to be the best ever given at a similar celebration in Alliance. The Alliance band led the parade, which was participated in by the labor unions and merchants of the city.

The program started at 2 o'clock with an address by the Hon. G. C. Porter of Morrill, prominent western Nebraska politician, who was attentively listened to by the immense crowd for over half an hour. Mr. Porter talked in an interesting way on the current events of the day, chiefly from the standpoint of the worker, laboring man and the farmer.

The contestants in the Shetland pony race did not break the record for the track but they showed a lot of speed. The winners were as follows: First, Ed Barton, pair of boys' shoes, given by Golden Rule; second, Ray Stewart, \$2.00 in cash by M. Nolan & Co.; third, Chester Fenner, grasshopper coaster, by Geo. D. Darling.

On account of a shortage of nursing bottles the second event on the athletic program, a nursing bottle contest for men only, was changed to a special foot race—a 50-yard dash for ball players only. The winners were: First, V. C. Lewellen, \$5.00 savings account by First State Bank; second, Dewey Klempke, box silk Sox by Roy Beckwith; third, E. H. Shellenberg, box cigars, by Glen Miller.

The fat men's race, for men over 200 pounds, was one of the most noisy events of the afternoon and provoked a lot of excitement. The participants were each examined physically for weak hearts before being allowed to enter and were vigorously fanned by excited boys for half an hour following the race. The winner of first prize, Dr. E. C. Lewellen, who weighed in at 325 pounds won the race, as one small boy expressed it, "by a stummick." The winners were: First, Dr. E. C. Lewellen, \$5.00 savings account by First National bank; second, A. J. Bolecki, \$5.00 in trade by Everett Cook; third, Lloyd Thomas, \$2.00 in trade by Ted's Tailor shop; fourth, Tom Gray, one year's subscription to the Alliance Herald.

The race for lean men over six feet tall brought out a large number of entries. The winners were: First, E. R. Gossey, \$5.00 savings account by Guardian Trust company; second, J. W. Alspaugh, \$5.00 in merchandise by Palace Meat Market; third, Carl Hopkins, \$2.95 in trade by Keep-U-Neat; fourth, A. Vickery, one year's subscription to the Alliance Times.

The ladies' ball-throwing contest showed that Alliance and Box Butte county could well support a ladies' baseball team, judging by the ability displayed. "True that two or three of the throws 'went wild' but then any ball team makes errors. The winners were: First, Helen Rehder, pair of fine shoes by Harper Department store; second, Gertrude Hawley, silk waist by Bogue store; third, Mrs. John Wickman, silk hose by Highland-Holloway.

The men's ball-throwing contest, participated in by ball players only, established a new world's record for ball-throwing, the winner of first prize, V. C. Lewellen, throwing the sphere a distance of 608 feet, 9 3/4 inches. The winners were: First, V. C. Lewellen, \$6.00 by The Famous; second, Ed McNulty, 606 feet and 7 inches, sack flour by Mallory Grocery company; third, Tony Black, 603 feet, Monitair coffee by Alliance Grocery company.

Twenty-three girls were entered in the foot race for girls under twelve years of age. The winners were: First, Irene Epler, pair silk hose by Highland-Holloway company; second, Jeannette Heneberry, Eversharp pencil by H. F. Thiele; third, Mable Barton, box of candy

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## A NEW THEDA BARA AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

After starring in over two hundred miles of vampish film, Theda Bara has taken the role of a sweet little Irish love story, "Kathleen Mavourneen," which is showing at the Imperial tonight. It is a real Irish picture, with a wealth of detail and atmosphere, and is thoroughly enjoyable from the beauty of the opening scenes down to the big surprise at the close. Among the more colorful of the many interesting episodes are the Donnybrook fair, the wedding of Kathleen and the squire, the ball, the attempt on Kathleen's life and her rescue by Terence, the trial scene, the near-execution and the happy termination.

Tom Moore, in "The Great Accident," is scheduled for Wednesday. The underlying idea in the story is this: Tom Moore, a reckless, irresponsible ne'er-do-well, is nominated for mayor as a practical joke on his father. The sudden opportunity thrust upon the young profligate acts like a bucket of ice water soured in his face. He braces up, squares his jaw and proceeds to win the support of his townspeople in a highly original manner. There is a beautiful girl, a political buzzard, a rousing town hall meeting, and an inspiring climax.

Thursday comes "Thou Art the Man," with Robert Warwick. The story deals with illicit diamond traffic in South Africa. The hero a soldier of fortune is in love with a girl whose brother is engaged to the crooked business. The latter uses his sister's sweetheart, unbeknown to him, as a means of getting his loot to his agent. When the hero is apprehended by the law, the stolen diamonds are found upon him, and he serves a jail sentence rather than betray the girl. But everything turns out happily eventually.

## J. M. WEAVER WILL SPEAK IN ALLIANCE

A. J. Weaver, president of the Nebraska constitutional convention, which met at Lincoln last winter and framed a number of proposed amendments to the state's fundamental law, has been secured for an address in Alliance. Mr. Weaver is perhaps the best qualified man in the state to discuss the work of the convention and tell of the effect of the amendments. There has been a big demand all over the state for speaking dates, and Alliance is fortunate in being able to secure him.

Mr. Weaver will speak at the district court room, on Monday evening, September 13, at 8 p. m. The meeting will be open to the public. The special election called to vote on these amendments will be held September 21.

Sylvanus Avery, a well-known retired cattleman, died yesterday morning at his home thirty-three miles southeast of Alliance. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, September 8, at the St. Matthews Episcopal church. The deceased was eighty-three years old and leaves a son, Charles Avery, and two daughters, Mrs. Belle Brennan and Mrs. Everett Eldred, living near Orlando.

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Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the late residence, with Rev. S. J. Epler in charge. The deceased was survived by his wife, two sons, Charles and Elmer, and three daughters, Miss Edna Bullock, Mrs. Ben Pickett, and Mrs. Nels Peterson.

## RECLAIMING LAND IN HOLT COUNTY

The reclamation of thousands of acres of fertile wet valleys in southern and central Holt county by tillage, instead of open ditching, will begin this fall and winter and when completed it is estimated that more than 100,000 acres will be available for corn and small grain that now are used as hay flats and meadows. Says the State Journal. At present in wet years much of the hay cannot be cut. The project is not a promotion one, but by the land owners themselves, and when completed will add sufficient corn and grain lands to the already large acreages in these products to make the county a leading producer of corn, wheat and rye, as it now is in hay, alfalfa, livestock and dairy products. The first big tiling project to be undertaken is that of A. W. Morrell, prominent ranchman, on his ranch two miles east of Atkinson. Contracts already have been awarded and \$5,000 of tiling ordered for the work.

Much of the land to be reclaimed lies in the famous flowing wild district of the southern half of the county and the deep soil of decayed vegetation is rich enough to burn when dried and pressed. The meadows along the west line of the county from Stuart south also are included in the area proposed to be drained. Considerable of the land has been ditched from time to time, but open ditch drainage has proven far from satisfactory, because of the caving and eventual filling of the ditches. The tiling overcomes these difficulties and enables every foot of the land to be farmed.

Lee Strong and Sterling Harris were chosen by Miss Opal Russell, county superintendent, as the two fortunate ones to attend the state fair from Box Butte county. The boys' expenses are paid by the state. They will live at the boys' schooling camp, which is conducted on Boy Scout principles, attending classes in the morning and taking in the state show in the afternoon. The boys left Sunday afternoon.

## FINDS EVIDENCE OF ILLICIT STILL

John Weaver Discovers Quart Jug of Homemade Hooch Under Snake Creek Bridge

John Weaver, press-feeder and printers' devil in The Herald office and a freshman in the Alliance high school, discovered evidences of an illicit still beneath a bridge over Snake Creek, three miles south of Alliance, last Sunday morning. John was on a hunting excursion, accompanied by his dog. Some time ago, John had discovered an automobile tire under the very bridge, and more out of curiosity than anything else, he decided to have another look at it.

Beneath the bridge there was a stone jug, a gasoline stove and other paraphernalia. There was no coil, but the stove was in a comparative state of newness and in good working order. There was a supply of gasoline in the can, and seemingly it was ready for use. The jug was standing near the stove, and without giving the matter much thought, John raised his rifle and sent a bullet through it. Then the secret was out. A stream of liquor poured out on the ground.

The dog thereupon became interested. He approached the jug, sniffed at it and fell to lapping up the liquor. John says that the animal gave every evidence of liking the stuff. And if any further evidence is needed as to the contents of the jug, the erratic behavior of the dog on the way home should be sufficient. If ever there was a drunken dog, this one was. He cavorted gaily about the road, barked in the wrong key, and otherwise made a fool of himself. He was absolutely useless as a hunting companion. The day following he slept late and showed a tendency to walk slowly and to put his paws on top of his head. He haunted the refrigerator and tried to make friends with the iceman.

## EMPLOYEE WAS TOO FREE WITH CIGARS

Gene Dorman was arrested by Night Watch Trabert at the William Kiskis establishment Sunday evening, on complaint of the proprietor, who told the police that he had discovered some cigars in the pocket of the employee. He has since been held in the city bastille, but no charge has been filed against him. Dorman is an ex-soldier, having served in France with the Rainbow division. Since his discharge last spring, he has been working in various parts of the country, coming to Alliance last July. Since coming to this city he has been employed by King's Corner.

## ALLIANCE BRIEFS

William Fisk, Sam Smith and Chase LaDowe paid fines of \$10 and costs each in police court this morning, pleading guilty to a crap-shooting charge. The men were arrested at the Sprague road camp Saturday night by Chief of Police Reed, and gave bond for their appearance Tuesday. Otis Jones, who put up a \$15 cash bond, failed to show up, and it is said that he has left town. R. O. Harris, who was also arrested, had no money to put up a cash bond, but Burlington Special Agent Tom Smith, who knew him, vouched for his appearance. Harris also left town and the special officer is holding the sack for the amount of the cash bond.

Many changes have come about since the day of the old-fashioned dandelion that peacefully went to seed and never associated with home-made drinks.

Nelson B. Urdike of the Omaha Bee, Joseph Polcar of the Omaha News, Henry Doorly of the World-Herald, Walter W. Head of the Omaha National Bank and Paul F. Skinner of the Skinner Packing company are the gentlemen who will start the airplanes from Omaha between the hours of eight and nine on the morning of September 16th in their race to Crawford. They will then send a message to the Fair Association at Crawford giving the hour and the minute of the starting of each plane. The allowance will be given on the finish as compared with the time of starting. Each machine must land at Grand Island, take on supplies, and get their clearance card from the mayor of Grand Island. From Grand Island on, there is no scheduled stop. The planes are supposed to commence to arrive in Crawford in the middle of the afternoon. Come and join us in see-

## COLORED MEN STAGE A BATTLE

Clyde Dillard Receives Four Bullet Wounds in a Gun Fray Early Saturday Evening

Clyde Dillard, colored, is now in St. Joseph's hospital with four bullet wounds; Joe Findley, likewise colored, is in the county jail; and a third negro, an innocent bystander, is suffering from a bullet wound in his left leg as a result of a battle which took place in front of the Pate Maneval restaurant on Box Butte avenue between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday evening. Findley surrendered to the police shortly after the shooting.

## TO GET KITTLEMAN CHILDREN TODAY

Deputy Sheriff Thomas L. Miskimmen will leave this afternoon for the Kittleman ranch to bring to Alliance the six Kittleman children, who are to be sent to the state detention home. In a hearing in juvenile court, held before Judge Tash some weeks ago, the court decided that the children were dependent and neglected.

Some trouble is anticipated in getting hold of the children, but the deputy sheriff is prepared to bring them back. Mrs. Oswald Kittleman, the mother of four of them, is seriously opposed to parting with them, and may decide to fight the court ruling by other than legal means.

## BAYARD WINNER IN A CLOSE BALL GAME

Bayard won from the Alliance Q team at the fair grounds Labor day by a score of 9 to 8. The game, which lasted until 6 o'clock and required ten innings to decide the winning team, proved a surprise to the Alliance fans. After the disastrous game of Sunday, in which Alliance was vanquished to the tune of 8 to 1 by the Bayard professionals, many of the Alliance fans had expected to see Bayard wipe the earth with us and most of the early bets were placed on a two-to-one basis in favor of Bayard on the start. However, before the end of the game the odds changed about and at the end of the fifth inning Alliance was the favorite.

The game was by all odds the most exciting and interesting played in Alliance for a number of years and practically all of the large crowd of fans stayed until the finish. A high fly to left field, in the first half of the ninth, proved the undoing of the Alliance team, for Butler and Nation, who both claimed the ball and who went after it, came together with such force that they were both knocked out and the ball rolled away uncaught and forgotten for a short time, while Randall of Bayard made three bases and brought in the winning score. The game was stopped a short time while doctors were called and revived the Alliance players.

The history of the game was as follows: Bayard 1 0 1 1 3 2 0 0 0 1—9 Alliance 2 2 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0—8 Batteries: Bayard—Munger, p.; Randall, c. In the sixth inning Munger was taken out and Blair finished the game.

Alliance—Peck, p.; Young, c. Peck was taken out in the sixth and Fenning finished.

In the last half of the first inning Black and Stein of Alliance both lugged two-baggers, scoring players each time. In the last half of the second, Peck for Alliance, sent the ball to left field and brought in two men. In the third Maxwell of Bayard landed a three-bagger and scored a player. In the fourth Young of Alliance connected for a two-base hit and in the fifth Fenning brought in two men with a high one to center.

V. Byrne, popularly known as "Muggins," umpired until the middle of the sixth, when he "resigned" and the game was finished by Harling, who delighted the crowd with his energetic umpiring.

The best play of the game was made by Second-Baseman Chase Griffin, who leaped into the air and brought down a swift one, putting Bayard to th ebad. The game was won by Randall of Bayard with a three-bagger, scoring number nine for the neighbors.

## BIRTHS

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. McAllister of Alliance, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Renneau of this city, on Tuesday, August 31, 1920, a daughter.—Crawford Tribune.

A son was born Saturday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. O'Keefe of this city. The parents have not yet named the youngest member of the family.

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The trouble began, according to stories told the police, in the Sam Shelton restaurant, where Findley and a fourth man, named Hall, were in conversation. The conversation is said to have been connected with Findley's wife. Dillard butted in and the argument waxed so strong that the man in charge of the restaurant ordered them out of the place. The party adjourned to the pile of bricks in front of the Maneval cafe, and soon reached a pitch where Findley drew a revolver and fired four shots at Dillard. One of these struck a bystander, who withdrew to the office of Dr. Hershman, where his wounds were dressed. The man is not known, and colored men say that he arrived in Alliance the same day he was injured.

Following the shooting, Findley ran home, but later returned to the Shelton restaurant, where he was advised to surrender himself to the police. This he decided to do. He went over to the city hall, and awaited the arrival of Chief Reed, who was in the railroad yards at the time of the scrap.

A number of conflicting stories have been told concerning the cause for the shooting match, but the police say that it is one of those domestic triangles, or possibly a series of domestic triangles. It was plain to bystanders that Findley did not particularly desire trouble, but that Dillard followed him out on the street and persisted in arguing with him. Findley has lived in Alliance for the past five or six years, and bears a fine record. He is employed as a coach cleaner by the Burlington and in all his residence in Alliance has never been mixed up with the police or the courts, according to Chief Reed.

Findley declares that he did not shoot to kill, and points to the fact that all four wounds were in the legs of his victim. He was afraid of striking bystanders, he said. Bullets were lodged in both the right and left leg and hip of Dillard.

County Attorney Lee Baye, who is also in the hospital, following an operation for the removal of his tonsils, signed a complaint and information Tuesday morning charging Findley with assault to inflict great bodily injury. County Judge Tash has set the hearing for September 22, and has placed the amount of the appearance bond at \$1,000.

## BOYS INDULGE IN A BIT OF DEVILRY

Four boys, ranging in age from eight to eleven years, indulged in an orgy of vandalism last Thursday afternoon, when they entered a tent erected by a bunch of landseekers near the fair grounds and proceeded to eat supplies, destroy property and do other damage.

The tent was owned by Ed Lehnkuhl of Wahoo, who, in company with seven or eight other men came to Alliance last Thursday. They erected their tent and then left with real estate men to look over farms. When they returned, they found practically all of their stock of jellies and jams had been eaten; a .16 gauge shotgun had been seriously damaged, the contents of the tent had been thrown about and the cots on which they expected to sleep had been defiled. In short, it looked as though the German army had made a raid.

Women living in nearby houses had seen the boys, and when the matter was reported to Chief of Police Reed, it took very little time to find the culprits. Their fathers paid for the damages, and, it is to be hoped, thoroughly dusted their little trousers for them.

The world will be glad to learn that Adam did not wear whiskers when he took the famous bite, thus proving that beardless youth fell an easy prey to woman's wiles.