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## POTASH HIGHWAY ANNUAL MEETING

Delegates Present from Practically Every Town Along the Entire Route.

Delegations from as far west as Hot Springs, South Dakota and as far east as Grand Island attended the fourth annual meeting of the Potash highway association of Nebraska, held in Alliance Thursday. Delegates were present from practically every town along the line of the Potash highway, which parallels the Burlington from Grand Island to Alliance and which will be extended this coming summer to Hot Springs. Officers elected for the ensuing year were John M. Turner, Theoford, president; J. G. Bass, Mason, vice-president; Lloyd C. Thomas, Alliance, re-elected secretary and C. C. Campbell, Mullen, re-elected treasurer.

The next meeting of the association will be held early in the year, probably in January. Broken Bow was selected for the next meeting.

Speakers at the business sessions included George F. Wolz of Fremont, president of the State Highway association; retiring President J. C. Moore of Broken Bow; President Glen Miller and Secretary John W. Guthrie of the Alliance chamber of commerce; A. L. Cochran of North Platte, division engineer representing the state highway department; A. L. Bradstreet of Grand Island; F. P. Walker, mayor of Antioch; William Lundy, mayor of Sargent; B. J. Glatty of Hot Springs, South Dakota, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Fall River county; C. C. Campbell of Mullen, treasurer of the association; C. M. Looney and S. W. Thompson of Alliance, well known traveling men, and Lloyd C. Thomas of Alliance, secretary of the association.

Following the afternoon business session a set of moving pictures taken by Dr. G. E. Condra were shown by courtesy of Harry A. Debuque of the Imperial theatre.

Following is a list of the delegates present:

- Wm. Andrews, Antioch.
- Hoover Bruner, Broadwater.
- Geo. L. Burr and Edwin M. Burr, Alliance Herald.
- F. A. Bald, Alliance.
- Wm. Bignell, Alliance.
- J. G. Bass, Mason.
- Lee Basye, Alliance.
- C. F. Bidgood, Omaha—Federal road engineer.
- A. L. Bradstreet, Grand Island.
- H. P. Coursey, Alliance.
- C. C. Campbell, treasurer, Mullen.
- C. E. Clough, Alliance.
- Walter Cannaday, Broadwater.
- David Christen, Anselmo.
- R. L. Cochran, North Platte, division engineer.
- Joseph Duhon, Marsland.
- Geo. W. Duncan, Alliance—County commissioner.
- H. A. Dubuque, Alliance.
- B. J. Glatty, Hot Springs—County Commissioner.
- W. H. Gray, Broadwater.
- J. W. Guthrie, secretary Chamber of Commerce.
- A. D. Hall, Alliance.
- Cal Hashman, Alliance—County Commissioner.
- H. P. Holt, Antioch.
- G. R. Harris, Broadwater.
- F. A. Hively, Alliance.
- Forest Hall, Alliance—Engineer Alliance-Antioch project.
- Mike Hagerty, Broadwater.
- E. D. Henry, Alliance.
- F. W. Irish, Alliance.
- Roy Juckett, Hot Springs.
- Chas. Jeffery, Alliance.
- G. M. Jenkins, Hemingford.
- Rufus Jones, Alliance.
- E. G. Jones, Alliance Times.
- A. J. Kearns, Alliance.
- P. J. Kelly, Broken Bow.
- Wm. Lundy, Sargent.
- C. M. Looney, Alliance.
- J. C. McLain, Scottsbluff—Division engineer.
- True Miller, Alliance.
- J. M. Miller, Alliance.
- Sam O'Brien, Alliance.
- J. J. Molt, Mullen.
- Chas. Morrison, Mullen.
- Perry Malley, Antioch.
- C. B. Merritt, Broadwater.
- Ray Mookers, Broadwater.
- J. C. Moore, retiring president, Broken Bow.
- Tom Maher, Anselmo.
- W. C. Moulton, Anselmo.
- A. M. Miller, Hemingford.
- P. J. Michael, Hemingford.
- Glen Miller, president Chamber of Commerce, Alliance.
- W. C. Mounts, Alliance.
- E. J. O'Neill, Antioch.
- K. L. Pierce, Hemingford.
- W. R. Porter, Broadwater.
- John Pauling, Alliance.
- Clyde Ray, Alliance.
- James Rice, Alliance.

## THE WEATHER.

Alliance, Neb., Oct. 15.—Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Partly fair tonight and Saturday; much change in temperature.

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Arrangements were made to call an early meeting of the directors. An assessment was made on each of the towns interested to defray current expenses. The following are the members of the new association: Joseph Duhon, Marsland; A. M. Miller, K. L. Pierce, G. M. Jenkins, N. L. Brown, P. J. Michael, Hemingford; S. W. Thompson, Glen Miller, Alliance; M. Stransky, Ray Munkres, W. A. Canady, Dr. W. H. Gray, H. Bruner, G. R. Harries, M. H. Hagerty, Lars Waggenby, Wallace Porter, Broadwater; B. J. Glatty, R. W. Southard, R. W. Juckett, Hot Springs, S. D. W. T. Stonecypher, Oelrichs, S. D. The route as outlined includes Siney, Alliance, Hemingford, Chadron, Oelrichs and Hot Springs. There was some question as to whether the route should go by way of Broadwater or Bridgeport. This proposed route will connect the Lincoln highway with the Yellowstone park by a route at least seventy-five miles shorter than the one now used, and will, in addition, permit tourists ready connection with the Sioux trail out of Oelrichs, which leads to Fremont and Omaha and to Rapid City over the Custer Battle Field highway.

Roy C. Hackett and Mrs. Mary Broderick, both of Alliance, were married at 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, 50 1/2 Sweetwater. The bride is the proprietress of the American hotel.

Sailor Hats at cost and less than cost at Highland-Holloway Co.

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## AIRPLANE VIEWS OF NEBRASKA

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## PHONE COMPANY OUT IN THE COLD

City Council Makes No Move to Grant Franchise at Tuesday Evening Session

It may be that the application for increased rates on the part of the Nebraska Telephone company had no effect on the Alliance city council, but at the Tuesday evening session, after the "board" as the mayor affectionately refers to them, had listened to E. K. Haldeman make another of his talks, no one made a motion to get the franchise past first reading, and it is still staying at that particular point. Mr. Haldeman pointed out to the council that the matter of rate-making was beyond its jurisdiction, and that the facts presented to the railway commission showed that the company was not making adequate return on its investment. The proposed increase, he said, amounted to but \$200 a year, only a few cents a month to the Alliance patron. He further declared that this application for an increase was for a period of six months only, and that if at the end of that time prices on supplies and labor had fallen, the temporary rates would not be made permanent.

Perhaps the council would have advanced the franchise to second reading, but the council for the company had forwarded half a dozen more changes that he desired in it. These were characterized by City Attorney Metz as "minor," with one exception, but the council objected to it. "It's impossible to get together," one of them said. "We can't seem to suit them."

Business men are tired of hearing about the telephone franchise, Councilman Fuller said, advising that they get the matter settled at once, one way or the other. Another councilman declared that he had yet to see a voter who was in favor of granting a franchise. But not one made a motion on the subject, which was finally talked out, without any steps having been taken.

## Commission Form

A petition was presented from a number of citizens asking that a special election be called to vote on the question of a commission form of government for Alliance. City Attorney Metz made it plain that the special election must be called within a period of sixty days if the petition contained the names of at least 20 per cent of the city's voters at the last election.

Mayor Rodgers and others present asked some questions concerning the new plan of city government, most of which remained unanswered. Councilman Harris voiced his approval of the commission form, and Councilman Moore was equally opposed to it.

The matter was finally laid on the table until the next meeting, in order, so the council said, that the citizens of Alliance might have that much better chance to become informed on the subject.

The objectors seemed to think that the city commission would be much more expensive than the present system, while the men in favor of it thought it would be more efficient. Mayor Rodgers remarked, among other things, that if all the city's money "were spent for a city manager and the expense of government, there would be none left over for improvements." Councilman Harris declared that no private business was ever run on as crude lines as the average small city.

## Supt. Campbell's Report

Superintendent E. G. Campbell made a written report of the condition of the light, power and water departments of the city which excited a considerable amount of discussion. The chief point in question was that the city is not deriving sufficient revenue from electric stoves used in the city. The rate of but 4 cents, and the stoves, which are used at the time the peak load is on, demand so much voltage that on some lines of the city additional transformers are needed. Transformers are expensive.

No action was taken on the recommendation to increase this rate, it being brought out that less than 10 per cent of the current sold was for running electric stoves. But a number of councilmen who had stoves objected mildly, saying that only experts should attempt to figure out a light rate.

Another feature of the report was the shortage of coal. Mr. Campbell stated that the city had a contract, but that it was not receiving sufficient for the needs of the plant. Recently about one-fourth of the sup-

ply has been secured from the Burlington.

## Carnival Question Up

The usual aftermath of a carnival was experienced in the discussion. Councilman Harris started in by inquiring as to how much money the city had received. City Clerk Kennedy told him that the total was \$150 in payment of the light bill. It was brought out that the streets had to be cleaned after the carnival left and that not a cent of occupation tax had been paid.

Then the storm broke. One after another, the councilmen admitted that they had always been opposed to a carnival. One councilman said that he had investigated the collection of gambling devices which constituted most of the attractions, and that the average man had about a 1 chance in 332 to win a box of candy or an Indian blanket or a piece of cheap china.

A petition was received from a hundred members of the Alliance W. C. T. U. against the conducting of shooting galleries, skating rinks, bowling alleys, etc., on Sunday. This was apparently aimed at the shooting gallery, which has been ordered to confine doing business to week days.

Another letter from the Sethman Generator company of Denver was received, making a price of \$3,500 for rewinding one generator the Sethman way, which is supposed to double the output of juice at no increase of cost. It looked too good to be true, and the council finally tabled the matter. The company offered two or three propositions, but none of them appealed to the city dads, who decided to take no chances.

## ADMITS HE HAD JOKER UP SLEEVE

Man Arrested for Hitting Hemingford Man With Hatchet Tells the Story

A man giving the name of William Mohrmore James was arrested in Julesburg, Colo., Tuesday morning, on a minor charge, and later the police authorities there learned that he was connected with the attack on Harry Horton at Hemingford last Saturday night. Sheriff Miller went down to Julesburg Wednesday and returned with his prisoner Thursday. James was in a very nervous condition when the officer came to bring him back to Alliance. His hands were twitching nervously, his eye was bloodshot and he showed the effect of the strain he had been under for several days. When Sheriff Miller told him: "I want your story," the man asked quickly, "I he dead?"

"I hit him all right," he told the officers, "but it was in self-defense. I had the joker up my sleeve, and I got wise to it and started a little discussion. My pal took up the argument and they talked considerable. Finally I saw his right hand go to his hip pocket, and he said: 'I'll kill you both.' I saw the hatchet lying there and got hold of it. I knew that the first man to strike was the lucky fellow. I hit him on the head with the hatchet. Then we made our getaway, and we didn't lose any time doing it."

James said that he was glad to learn that Horton was not killed. At the time they left him, they were of the impression that he was dead. "I'm glad you caught me," he told the officers. "I knew I'd be caught some time, and I'm glad it's over. All night long I've been seeing that fellow drop. I haven't hardly slept since I thought I killed him. Every time I shut my eyes I'd see him falling."

He insisted that he would not have struck Horton had he not been certain that the latter intended to shoot. He told of going through the supposedly dead man's clothes and taking his revolver. This, he said, he had buried near Belmont. Sheriff Miller accompanied the prisoner to Belmont Thursday afternoon, and the weapon was found exactly where James said he had concealed it, in a hole near the water tank.

Horton has not been located as yet. The game in which he was injured occurred last Saturday night at Hemingford. After Horton had been supposedly killed by the blow with the hatchet, he claims to have heard the other men, who believed him dead, talking over their getaway.

A destroyer is not a destroyer according to a news dispatch, when it strikes a mine.

There are many things one cent can buy. The Rexall Store.

## WOULD ASSIST SMALL COUNTIES

Potash Highway Association Will Ask Legislature for State Aid Emergency Fund.

Delegates to the annual meeting of the Potash highway association, held in Alliance yesterday, unanimously endorsed a resolution urging the establishment by the Nebraska legislature of a state aid emergency fund, to be used to assist the financially weaker counties of the state in building roads to connect with federal and state roads already built. The road funds are distributed according to population, and some of the counties in Western Nebraska, which really need good roads more than the eastern counties, find themselves with very limited funds at their disposal. The resolution suggests a plan for special assistance. It was signed by George F. Wolz, J. G. Bass, P. J. Kelly, A. T. Bradstreet, F. P. Walker and Charles A. Morrison.

Another resolution urged the establishment of community camps in cities and towns along the Potash highway. It was argued that the completion of this highway will cause an increase in travel in this territory of thousands of cars of tourists each season, and not only will the camp sites be taken as an evidence of western hospitality, but the experience of towns which have established such sites is that it pays, and pays well.

A third resolution was directed to county commissioners of counties traversed by the Potash highway. These men are thanked for lending their efforts and support toward the work of securing right-of-way, county funds, and their willingness to cooperate with the association, and are urged to appropriate such funds as is necessary toward the building of a permanent road as approved by the Nebraska state highway commission.

Resolutions were also adopted by the delegates commending the Alliance chamber of commerce, the Alliance city officials and the Box Butte county commissioners for their entertainment. Dr. G. E. Condra, secretary and director of the Nebraska conservation and soil survey, was thanked by resolution for furnishing the good roads films and for the encouragement he has given in the past to the Potash highway. The Nebraska state good roads association, and its president, George F. Wolz of Fremont, came in for praise for their efforts for road building and road betterment in the state.

The following resolution shows the high regard of the Potash highway association for State Engineer Johnson and his department: "WHEREAS, During the past year the state highway department has efficiently and energetically handled the construction of hundreds of miles of state and federal aid roads in Nebraska, and has shown what a compactly organized, well-directed bureau of road construction can accomplish, and

"WHEREAS, This has only been started and should be continued without let-up or hindrance during coming months and years, therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Potash highway association in session assembled, commend the State highway department and its able head, George E. Johnson, and his efficient and able corps of assistants, for their good work and be it

"RESOLVED, That we urge them to continue their efforts to put Nebraska among the leaders in the building of good roads.

## PAVING WORKMAN MAKES A RECORD

A month or so ago, when the paving gang first started at the task of bricklaying, the man who did this work was a regular whiz who had been at the business for years and knew his stuff. He wasn't a bit backward about admitting it, either. Later on in the game, he got proud and haughty, and finally left town. Then the contractors placed a couple of green men at the bricklaying.

Joseph Turk, who blew into this state from Montana a few months ago, had probably never seen a paving brick. But Thursday of this week, he put 34,200 of them in place in ten hours. He covered nine hundred and twenty-five yards with brick, and he wasn't trying for a record, at that. It was just an ordinary day's work with him.

Allen Kitchen, the former whiz, claimed to have laid 38,500 brick in nine and one-half hours. Probably he did it. But Turk can produce half a dozen witnesses for his record, in addition to an engineer's certificate if necessary.