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BABIES FEATURE FIRST DAY OF THE PURE FOOD SHOW

FORTY-EIGHT IN COMPETITION THE FIRST AFTERNOON

BIG CROWDS IN ATTENDANCE

Show Opens on Schedule Time, Due to Heroic Efforts of Those Interested—Today the Last Chance to Attend.

Due to the efforts of the efficient general chairman, Mrs. Elmer McManis, and the co-operation of businessmen and carpenters, who started in after the dance Wednesday evening and worked through the night and Thursday morning, the first pure food show to be held in Alliance opened at the roof garden on schedule time at 2:30 p. m. Thursday. Some of the booths were not finished by that time, but the show was ready to begin.

The real feature of the first day's events was the baby show, in charge of Mrs. A. J. Cole, which will be held both Thursday and Friday afternoons. Babies from four months to one year in age were eligible to enter in this class, and forty-eight were entered in the competition. Other booths drew considerable attention but the forty-eight babies on display were the star attraction.

Mothers began bringing their babies early in the afternoon, and by the time the judging was begun, the street was lined with baby carriages. Mothers who will enter their babies in today's class were all out, watching other babies; interested aunts and grandmothers made mental notes and audible comparisons, and those without babies stood by and properly envied. It was noticed by a mere male that some of the best looking babies cried most, although there were only a few of them who were not moved to tears at some time during the proceedings.

The judges selected were Miss Genevieve Sheridan, head nurse at St. Joseph's hospital; Miss Chapman, nurse, and A. A. Giacomini, district manager of Morris & Company. The forty-eight babies were sorted over, weighed and compared by the judges, who selected four as worthy of the first prize. The honor of first prize was then decided by lot. Their numbers were placed in a hat, and a little six-year old drew out the winner, which was Betty Baskin, nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Baskin.

The other three in the prize winning class were, Elizabeth Anne Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Walker; Jean and June Young, twins; and Doris Fanning.

About 8:30 last evening, a short but exceedingly pleasing program was given, consisting of a cakewalk given by Misses Dixie McManis and Katharine Harris in costume, the latter dressed as a bride and the former as a groom, and vocal duet by Mrs. C. E. Hershman and Mrs. J. F. Rhein, with Mrs. La Mon at the piano. Several other numbers have been arranged for this evening, including a ladies' quartette and fancy dancing. Messrs. Jack Spillman and J. C. Seaton donated music during the evening, which was greatly appreciated.

When the votes were counted last evening in the popular girl contest, which ends tonight, the following results were found: Ruth Hawes, 3,255; Mabel Young, 776; Irene Rice 685; Violet Walker 600; Edith Jacks 250; Alta Young 280; Janet Grassman 255; Maude Spacht 250; Hazel Katen 160; Josephine Ganson 127; Winnie Barry 90; Bessie Harsh 50; Wanda Adams 20.

The following business firms have booths: Palace Grocery Co., Palace Meat Market, Rhein Hardware, Duncan's Grocery, Geo. D. Darling, H. Hirst, National Biscuit Co., Morgan's Grocery, Newberry's Hardware, Thiele's Drug Store, A. D. Rodgers, Tom Stalos, Lee Moore, Alliance Drug Co., and the Sugar Bowl.

T. S. FIELDING SELLS BUSINESS TO HIS SON

T. S. Fielding, whose tailor sign has been one of the landmarks of the Alliance business district for years, has sold out his interests to his son, Norris S. Fielding, and will retire from active work. Failing health is the reason assigned for his retirement. The new owner will take full charge Monday, December 5.

James Carmody has returned to Alliance, from Rob, Wyo., where he has been looking after his homestead.

THE WEATHER
Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Lightly fair tonight and Saturday; colder tonight.

COLORED MAN PASSES A FORGED CHECK WEDNESDAY

The city and county police are on the lookout for one Dallas Higin, colored, who Wednesday afternoon passed a forged check at the Joe Smith pool hall. The check was signed with the name of George Winston and was in the amount of \$25. Joe Smith was suspicious of the transaction, and insisted upon having the check endorsed before he would cash it. Higin left the place but returned some time later with the countersignature of Jimmy Shores which later proved to be another forgery. Higin has had a job at the round house, but quit work three days ago. He had not been located Friday morning.

ALLIANCE ELKS WILL HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Members of Alliance lodge No. 961, B. P. O. Elks, their wives and friends, will meet at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Elks home for their annual memorial service. Hon. Matt Gering of Plattsmouth, a speaker of statewide prominence, has been secured for the occasion, and will deliver an address.

ANOTHER CHAPTER TO HOVORKA GATE STORY

Another exceedingly interesting chapter was added to the continued story concerning gates on the ranch of Albert Hovorka, who lives some thirty-five miles northwest of Alliance, when the husky rancher had a run-in with Sheriff Jim Miller. The sheriff made it pretty plain to Mr. Hovorka that gates were made to be opened, when occasion requires.

August 10, Frank Matousek, a neighbor of Hovorka's, appeared in county court and swore out a warrant against him, making the charge that Hovorka had threatened him, and all because he had used the latter's gate. Later a hearing or two was held, at the last one of which Hovorka was put under bond of \$300 to preserve the peace.

Sheriff Miller was out in that part of the county Wednesday to serve some papers. He opened the gate on the Hovorka ranch, and Hovorka and his hired man tore after him, behaving in a most belligerent manner. They didn't know that it was the sheriff.

"What in the sacred blinking blazes do you mean?" demanded the sheriff of Hovorka. And then he proceeded to set the burly Bohemian right about gates in general. Among other things he informed that aggressive gentleman that if he were looking for trouble, he had come to the right place. The sheriff patiently explained to him that he had no right to stop everybody from using his gate, and advised him to make an immediate change of tactics.

SCHOOL MEN'S CLUB MEETS IN ALLIANCE SATURDAY

The Western Nebraska School Men's club, comprising teachers and superintendents in the western part of the state, will hold its second annual session at the Alliance high school building tomorrow. Superintendent W. R. Pate of this city is president of the organization, and Dean W. P. Stockdale of the Chadron state normal is vice president.

The organization was formed a year ago, the first meeting being held at Scottsbluff. Thirty or forty school administrators are expected to be present for Saturday's session, and an interesting program has been prepared.

In the replevin suit of S. F. Grant vs. A. T. Haynes of Hemingford, scheduled for a hearing in county court yesterday, the parties made a settlement out of court. Haynes had purchased a Reo truck of Grant, the latter taking a mortgage on the car, which was past due. Charges against the machine amounted to \$360.60 and Haynes had some counter claims. Grant threw off the interest on the money due, Haynes forgot his counter claims, and the two parties to the suit divided the costs of \$9.30.

Conductor C. E. Bennett, from Hot Springs, now has a run out of Alliance. His family are still at Hot Springs.

J. A. Wolverton, formerly of Alliance, now of Crawford, is here visiting friends.

PHONE RATES ARE GIVEN A SLIGHT HIKE

RAILWAY COMMISSION GRANTS 10 PER CENT INCREASE.

New Rates Went Into Effect Tuesday—Increase Temporary and May Cease July 1, 1921

Petition of the Nebraska Telephone company for an increase of 10 per cent in exchange rates was granted effective December 1, by a ruling of the State Railway commission at Lincoln Tuesday.

This increase is temporary and will terminate July 1, unless some other conflicting action is taken by the commission in the meantime.

It is to be listed on all bills rendered as a separate item, to be known as a surcharge.

The increase was granted because of increases in wages, taxes and cost of material, since the finances of the telephone company were last considered by the commission, according to Commissioner Thorne Brown.

"Assuming that business for December would be the same for the rest of the month," said Mr. Brown, "investigation into the business for 1920 discloses the company will fall \$400,000 short of earnings of dividends on fixed rates.

"During August, September and October, the company earned practically nothing, about \$6,000.

"Previous to this, there were dividends only in January and February. "The increase in wages granted operators alone for the year totaled \$96,000. Plant workers were also granted increases.

"This temporary allowance is made to cover the deep cost of operation. "There has been no real reduction in wages or material, although we believe this is coming."

Records show that the increase of all revenues of the company between 1916 and 1920 was 31 per cent.

The increase in expense for this same period was 52 per cent. Exchange rates went up a total of 23 per cent since before the war, and toll rates increased 22 per cent, due to the increased traffic during the emergency. The average increase during the war was 21 per cent.

The railway commission is composed of Thorne A. Brown, Thomas Hall and H. G. Taylor.

The Alliance city council, which has been holding up the Nebraska Telephone company's franchise for nearly two years, due to a sore spot from the last increase in rates, at the time the increase was first asked for, talked of sending a delegation to the hearing to combat the increase, but later thought better of it. When the original franchise was granted the phone company, some years ago, it contained a rate clause. Later the rate-making power was taken away from the council and placed in the hands of the railway commission. The company asked for a rate increase, and got it, despite the provision in the franchise and despite the protests of the council.

When the franchise expired, a couple of years ago, a new one was asked. Delay followed delay. A year ago, the council suggested a number of changes in the franchise proposed by the company, among them being the rate clause, to be effective in the event the legislature ever took the rate making power from the railway commission. Finally, however, this was given up, and after a series of compromise meetings, a franchise was drawn which was fairly satisfactory to the council and the company.

Then, when the franchise was ready for second reading, came the news that the company had applied for a temporary increase in rates. The council immediately placed the franchise on the table, and at the next meeting, voted to submit it to a referendum of the city. The voters will express their sentiments on this franchise at the same time they vote on the city manager form of government.

The council also took another shot at the company, in passing an occupation tax of \$600 a year. It is expected that this will meet with strong opposition from the company, although no word has yet come from the officials concerning the council's action.

Miss May Graham of Washington, D. C., is visiting here with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Graham, and her brother and sister, James and Ethel Graham. Miss Graham has been in Washington the past three years, being one of the first to respond when the call went out from the war department for stenographers. She will be here about a month.

SCOTTSBLUFF WON'T KNOW TILL JANUARY

CONSENT OF CERTAIN STOCKHOLDERS REQUIRED.

But Valley City Fairly Certain That It Will Secure Alliance Packing Company.

The Scottsbluff newspapers and chamber of commerce are still preserving their air of mystery in discussing their chances to secure a certain million-dollar packing plant, which the state newspapers and Alliance people in general recognize as the Alliance Packing company. In fact, it is admitted by one official of the company that he has been flirting with Scottsbluff, and the hopes of the people in the valley town have been running high.

Someone has apparently spoken harshly to the Scottsbluff newspapers, for since letting the cat out of the bag, they have maintained a strict silence in regard to Scottsbluff's packing house hopes. The Daily News, however, which is a bit of an outlaw, in its Wednesday issue published an article reporting progress, although it studiously avoided mentioning any names.

According to The News, no definite decision can be hoped for until January, when the annual meeting of stockholders of this mysterious company will take place. The removal to Scottsbluff requires the consent of "certain stockholders," it points out, and it is hinted that premature newspaper announcements "in the east" have somewhat delayed matters. The News says:

"Although progress is being made on the efforts to secure a packing plant for Scottsbluff, and all signs are reported very favorable for success, by Secretary Stark of the chamber of commerce, it will probably be early January before definite announcement of the success or failure of the project can be made.

"Promoters of the enterprise declare that premature newspaper announcement in the east of some of the details of the plan has caused some embarrassment in their work. The project requires the consent of certain stockholders to the location in Scottsbluff, and this will not be obtained, in all probability, until the annual meeting of the interested men.

"The corporation, if established on the scale that is being contemplated, will be a million-dollar concern. Of this amount of capital stock, more than three-fifths has already been subscribed. The sale of the balance of the stock is assured in the Chicago market, it is understood, if a certain manager of large experience and a record of brilliant success, is secured. That manager is said to be very favorably inclined toward taking over the plant, and will come to Scottsbluff to head the organization, if the rest of the scheme succeeds."

PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN BY CLASS OF EXPRESSION

The following program will be presented by the high school class of expression under the direction of Mrs. Inice McCorkle Dunning at the Imperial theater, immediately following the first picture show Monday evening, December 6, 1920.

Musical reading and fan drill, Marie Howe and class.

Sketch, "Little Grandmas of Grandma Land" Louise Cogswell, Nell Gavin, Ada Turner, Josephine Acheson, Alice Prettyman, Dorothy Stanton, Ruth Wilson, Helen Hively with Milder Gregory accompanist.

Fairy dance, "Humoresque," Phylena Finch and Willetta Cox.

Reading, "Ole Mistus," John Moore; Grace Shean.

Character sketch, "Aunt Sarah on Bicycles," Pauline Phelps and Lois Boyer.

One act comedy, "Meow!"; Jessica Reeves, a novelist, Ruth Stanton; Daisy Balrynysie, a butterfly, Helen Young; Nora, a maid, Miriam Harris.

Monologue, "Bear Story" (That little Alex ist made up his own-self), James Whitcomb Riley; Frances Fletcher.

Musical reading and dance, "Jolly Ghost"; Josephine Acheson and ghost.

Last Tuesday morning, E. I. Gregg, of the Alliance Cream station, had both hands badly burned. He had washed his hands in gasoline to remove some paint from them and this was ignited as he was attempting to light a gasoline stove. The injuries are quite serious and he will probably be unable to work for a month.

LET'S STICK TO THE FACTS

The esteemed Times, in a frenzied effort to defend its pet city manager plan, delivers itself of the following, which, being an appeal to "stick to the facts," is singularly remiss in that essential particular:

"To be exact and to keep within the limit of facts the city manager plan was launched in this city just 18 months before the Rotary club was thought of. It is just two years ago this month that the men of Alliance started to secure the needed legislation at Lincoln, but the necessary bill was delayed until the time allowance was too short to submit the question to the voters and it had to be passed for two years. The new law was written especially for the city of Alliance making it possible for the smaller places to adopt a modern and efficient form of government."

Let's get the real facts, before we do any great amount of standing on them. Granting, for the sake of argument, that all this stuff is true, how comes it that chapter No. 208, Laws of Nebraska, which makes provision for the city manager plan, was adopted at the 1917 session of the legislature, and was approved April 12, 1917? Is it possible, in addition to getting the city commission and city manager ideas confused, that the Times is in error about the new law "being especially written for Alliance," or was it passed "especially for Alliance" nearly two years before Alliance found it out?

We ask to know.

METHODIST HOSPITAL FOR WESTERN NEBRASKA

The proposed establishment of a Methodist hospital in this part of the state has given rise to a great deal of speculation as to its location. The matter came to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce some time ago, and from the information gathered it would appear that a policy of establishing hospitals and assisting in the building of churches where needed is a part of the program embraced by the Centenary board of the Methodist church. If it should become apparent that Alliance and its surrounding territory favored the erection of one of these hospitals in the city, the centenary board of the Methodist church would look with favor on the proposition. Their policy is to furnish the sum of \$100,000, the city to furnish \$50,000 and the site. Scottsbluff is now endeavoring to secure a hospital, with good prospects for success.

This matter has not been taken up as yet by the local board of the Methodist church for the reason that they are anxious to push to completion, as early as possible next spring, the erection of their new church. This of itself is an undertaking which they feel is very favorably looked upon by the people of the community and is generally meeting with their support, and it would appear that it would not be good policy to undertake any other project until the new church is completed.

Alliance has been fortunate for a number of years in having one of the best hospitals in the state located here, but should it later develop that further accommodations in this line are needed, the people of this city and community, we are sure, will gladly rally to the support of such a building as is proposed by the Methodist board.

CHURCHES TO HOLD UNION RED CROSS SERVICES

Four Alliance churches, the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and Episcopalian, decided Thursday evening on short notice to hold a union Red Cross service at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday evening, at which time Rev. A. J. Kearns will deliver a Red Cross lecture and over a hundred colored slides will be shown. These slides show in detail the work of the Red Cross, and are an especially interesting collection.

The lecture was planned for the Red Cross membership campaign, which closed November 25, but their arrival was delayed. However, they comprise a most interesting series of views and give a fine insight into the work of the "greatest mother in the world." There are some especially interesting views on the war work, as well as some showing other lines of activity.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Green and daughter, Helen, of Marsland are visiting in Alliance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Drake.

EXCITEMENT APLENTY AT BRIDGEPORT

OFFICERS ARE STILL UNCOVERING ALLEGED CRIME

MANY SENSATIONAL ARRESTS

Federal Prosecution of Bootleggers Arrested by State Agents—County Attorney Will Make a Cleanup

A number of men have been arrested by state agents in the vicinity of Bridgeport and Broadwater, and prosecuted by the county attorney before the county judge, the details of which have been given in former issues of this paper. The accused parties pleaded guilty before the county court and paid their fines which were assessed under the state law. While the judge made their fines pretty stiff, yet they were promptly paid in most instances and it is said that some of the self-confessed bootleggers boasted afterward that they had made money by the transaction and could well afford to pay their fine and yet have a nice profit left, says the Bridgeport News-Blade.

It seems now that that is not all there is to it by a long way. The government of the United States seems to be going over the ground a second time in these cases, and is arresting the men who pleaded guilty in the state court, with a purpose of taking them before a federal tribunal for trial and punishment. The cases in the federal court will be much more serious than the ones in the county courts, for the reason that the federal law imposes a severer penalty and the court is generally inclined to hand out rigorous sentences.

The penalties in federal court where there are a number of counts against an accused person run up into the thousands of dollars in fines and carry long jail sentences with them. The court could, were it so inclined, simply "break" a man of average means who had violated the governmental law, and could imprison him for a long term.

The latest development in this regard came on Thanksgiving day when Deputy United States Marshal Wright of Chadron arrested Philip McArdle of Bridgeport and Philip Lionstein of Broadwater, who were among the ones who were fined by Judge Steuteville some time ago for making, having in possession and selling intoxicating liquors.

Honstein availed himself of the opportunity to give a bond, which was fixed at \$1,000 by the commissioner, and was released. McArdle was unable to furnish the bond required and was taken to Sidney where the deputy purposed to place him in jail. It is said the officer also held warrant for other offenders, but had not yet located them, so other arrests are likely to follow. The county attorney says that he intends to "shake society to its foundations" in the clean-up of crime, if necessary, in which he will have the hearty support of every decent citizen of Bridgeport.

MARRIAGE LICENSES IN 1920 REACH HIGH MARK

The high cost of living hasn't resulted in any appreciable setback for Cupid, judging from the records of marriage licenses in the office of County Judge Tash. During the eleven months of 1920, more licenses were issued than during any previous year. Not even 1917 and 1918, the two war years, when a number of marriages took place before the soldiers went away, had a record that equals 1920.

The judge issued 151 marriage licenses in 1917; 138 in 1918; 182 in 1919, and in the eleven months of 1920 he has issued 188. The remaining month ought to bring the total up to the 200 mark with good luck. December is normally a good month for weddings.

Judge Tash figures that he has wedded, during his term of office, 656 couples, and this means that he has made 1,312 people happy, temporarily, at least.

Raymond Snyder, son of John Snyder, had his hand severely cut this morning while playing on the school grounds. Dr. Kaskin dressed the wound, it being necessary to take several stitches.

Mrs. Roy Peterson of Marsland was in Alliance on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Mearl C. Smith is visiting at the home of her parents in Rushville.