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**AN OPPORTUNITY**

Opportunity is knocking at the door of Mayor Rodgers. It's the best chance to make a hit with the people who elected him to office—or at least a majority of them—than will be found in another fifty years.

The people of Alliance want the city manager plan to go into effect. They do not want it two years from now, but as soon as they can get it. The recent special election brought out a very fair proportion of the voters, and they spoke their mind unmistakably. They want a change—not that they are dissatisfied with Mayor Rodgers' administration—but they believe that better results can be secured through a new system.

Through a technicality, it is possible that the will of the majority may have been thwarted. Opinions differ as to the legality of the city manager election. There are good grounds for believing that the courts will hold the notice was sufficient. Obviously, the matter should be settled at once, and not be permitted to go by default or drag along until friends of the plan

are forced to put up the money to make a fight.

Mayor Rodgers has a remedy in his own hands. He can request the city attorney to take the matter into district court and get an immediate decision. This course is also open to the advocates of the plan, but in view of the fact that the voters have registered their preference, this would seem to be up to the city administration, of which Mayor Rodgers is the head.

The mayor has intimated that he will do nothing. He is reported to have said that the men who signed the petition may now prove it legal. But this is the wrong attitude. Not only the men who signed the petition, but a majority of the voters of Alliance want the new system. They will resent being deprived of it by a mere technicality. They will not look kindly upon the man who stands in their way. Frankly, it would seem to be up to Mayor Rodgers to take the initiative. He is the logical person to do it, not alone because he is the servant of the people who elected him, but because it is the right thing to do—the fair course to take, as well as the most politic move. The Herald does not believe that the mayor will be satisfied with a victory gained in this way. The Herald believes that he wants the will of the majority to govern. And the Herald is of the opinion that the mayor will take the initiative—and do it without delay.

**THE SEPTIC TANK**

A number of people in Alliance are undoubtedly interested in the proposal to amend the septic tank that the air in the eastern half of the city can be used without calling upon gas masks. There are plenty of arguments why something should be done, and there is general rejoicing that the

council has taken the initial steps toward finding a remedy for the city's chief nuisance.

Unfortunately, in years past the septic tank has been rebuilt and revamped, with unsatisfactory results. This leads some estimable citizens to conclude that because there have been two failures, the septic tank idea is worthless. The fact is, however, that larger cities than Alliance are using septic tanks with perfect satisfaction, and there is no question that it is the only solution of the problem, provided the equipment is adequate.

It is to be hoped that the city council will not proceed to jump at the thought that all our troubles will be over by the construction of a pipe line. The proper procedure, before bonds are voted or any steps are taken, is to have a survey made by a competent sanitary engineer, and follow his recommendations. Dr. Minor Morris has pointed out that the state board of health probably will not be only willing, but anxious, to give every assistance to the city in solving the problem.

After two or three bad mistakes, it would be most unwise to jump at the first remedy that offers. This is a time to go slowly. The septic tank has afflicted the city for several years, and it is better to stand it a few months longer rather than to make another mistake. The citizens are probably in the mood to vote any sort of a bond issue desired. It remains only, then, to get the best advice available—competent advice—and then act upon it.

**LOOT OF FREIGHT THIEVES FOUND NEAR RUSSELL FARM**

From now on, there'll be more speed in the sheriff's office. If one may judge from appearances, Sheriff Miller is outfitting himself and deputies with roller skates. There's a case of them reposing in his private office near the trunk with two padlocks, popularly supposed to contain hooch taken in raids or donated out of pure admiration.

Sunday evening, Sheriff Miller got a telephone call from Frank Russell, who informed him that his small son, while hunting rabbits, had come upon a cache of some kind in a culvert near that place. Russell brought it to Alliance yesterday morning, and the loot was found to consist of a box of roller skates and a fifty-pound bundle of sole leather. The skates were addressed to McCormick Bros., at Tacoma, Wash., and the leather was on its way to the Indian Day school at Box Elder, Mont. Those poor Indians will have to make their old moccasins do for a while longer.

The stuff had evidently been stolen from an interstate shipment of goods, and the proper authorities will be notified. The box of roller skates had been broken into, but the thieves were apparently disappointed, for the contents seemed intact. They were all kid sizes, anyway. The leather was apparently being saved to make a set of harness, and while the Indians may have to wait for a time, they'll eventually come out all right.

If you have been waiting for beauty work, make an appointment soon. The parlor opens Thursday of this week. 15

**ALLIANCE TEAMS MAKE A KILLING**

**Three Basketball Victories Won By the Boys' and Girls' Team Last Friday**

The outcome of the second round of the games ties Alliance and Scottsbluff, both boys and girls, for championship honors. Both Alliance teams are winners after playing nine games on foreign floors. The high school quintet hit a fast stride, defeating Sidney at Sidney 60-32. The following day they went down to defeat before the Kimball five 61-20.

**Sidney Game.**

The first half was an exhibition of a fast basketball game. The lead swaying back and forth four times during the half. Clark of Sidney started the scoring, Cross of Alliance followed suit and tied the score. The score at the end of the first half was 25-24, for Alliance. During the second half the "fast clip" of the Alliance basket shooters began to tell on the heavy Sidney aggregation, at times they were unable to keep track of the ball. As a result Alliance piled a score of 35 to their 7, making the total 60-32.

**Summary.**

Alliance—Cross (C) F., Dailey F., Pate C., Joder G., Fowler G., Brown G., Purdy Sub., Irwin Sub.  
 —Sidney—Clark L., Perry, Chambers, Iverson, Philson, Clark, Zimmer, Campbell  
 Baskets: Cross, 17; Dailey, 10; Joder, 1; Fowler, 1; Clark, 5; Perry, 4; Chamber, 1; Philson, 4.  
 Free throws: Cross, 2; Philson, 2.  
 Referee: Bussey, Chappell.

**Kimball Game.**

Kimball county high school has veterans playing the cage game. This is their fourth year together. They are playing Class A ball. The local five could not find themselves the first 10 minutes and Kimball rolled up a score of 22 points the latter part of the first half, it was more even, Alliance 7, Kimball 10. The Alliance forwards, Dailey and Cross could not locate the hoop. The last half was a fast game. Final score: 61-20.

**Kimball Game.**

Alliance—Cross (C) F., Dailey F., Pate C., Joder G., Fowler G., Brown G., Purdy Sub., Irwin Sub.  
 Kimball—Eichenberger, Paulson, Tebrinke, Lim, Lockwood, Hagg, Brown  
 Baskets: Cross 4, Dailey 2, Fowler 3, Eichenberger 13, Paulson 6, Tebrinke 9, Lim 1.  
 Free Throws: Cross 3, Eichenberger 2.

The locals are determined to return the compliment when Kimball plays on the local floor. That will be a real game, repetition of a year ago.

**Girls—Bayard Game.**

The local girls played very creditably for their first game of the year, trouncing Bayard 38-10. With a little more work they should cop the coveted Championship pennant. Their teamwork and basket tossing was superior to that of Bayard. Bayard never threatened to take the lead from the locals during the game. The local girls are working hard to clear the slate this year. Saturday they play the Crawford cage team. Last year Crawford split with the locals. This year Alliance will take both.

**Bayard Game.**

Alliance Girls—Elsie Simpson F., Ethel Trabert F., Cyara Garrett C., Lillie Simpson C., Thelma Zobel G., Frances Schott G., Blanche Peterson Sub.  
 Bayard Girls—Katherine Gross F., Helen Wallison F., Kath. Franklin C., Marie Franklin S., Thelma McKelvey G., Jessie Lyons G., Freda Peters Sub.  
 Baskets: Trabert 2, Simpson 13, Wallison 3.  
 Free Throws: Trabert 7, Simpson 2, Wallison 4.  
 Referee: Messrsmith.

Alliance Second Team vs. Antioch. The curtain raiser before the girls Bayard game proved very exciting as expected. The locals trounced Mr. Messrsmith's basket shooters 28-13. The Antioch boys played very creditably for their first year of basketball. They are determined to give the second team a trouncing when they play the potash town.

**Big Game Tonight.**

Alliance vs. Mitchell, in third league game for the locals, is to be played tonight. This is the first performance of the locals on the home floor after playing ten games on foreign floors. Preliminary, Central School vs. Emerson school. Leonard Pate as center is showing unusual ability in tipping off the ball from his opponent. Lester Cross, captain and forward has an eagle eye for the basket and also strong on floor work. Frank Dailey, the captain's running mate handles the ball. James Fowler, the diminutive guard, keeps all of his forwards guessing. Seth Joder the other guard in advancing the ball out of hostile territory. This quintet will play the Mitchell quintet tonight. Come out and boost for a winning team. Friday the big game. Bayard is going to invade Alliance again. Remember the football game, revenge will be sweet. Saturday the local girls will clash with the team from Crawford. Last year Crawford succeeded in breaking even with Alliance. This year watch Alliance cop both games.

**NO "BOSS" TO BE APPOINTED FOR MRS. HIGGINS**

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liance, where she has room, board and care at a cost of \$30 a month.

The examination of Mrs. Higgins was most interesting. Attorney Mitchell asked questions concerning her place of birth, and she gave the county and parish in Ireland. She came through several memory tests with flying colors, her natural Irish wit coming to her rescue on the few occasions when her memory failed her. One man's name she "disremembered," she said, but declared that she had always "called him Henry the Eighth, and didn't like him—he was worse than Satan." She said her Red Oak son-in-law was a "toe doctor." She gave minute details concerning several of her business transactions, and when Judge Tash asked her some questions pertaining to her business affairs, showed that she knew exactly where she stood financially, and that she was well acquainted with ordinary business practices.

In dismissing the petition, Judge Tash remarked that if he were satisfied there were any need for a guardian he would have no hesitancy in appointing one, but that such action was not warranted at this time. He complimented the defendant on her extraordinary shrewdness and ability, as shown by the way in which she had protected her own interests in dividing up the property, and the way in which she rented the land. He told her that he money was her own, to do with as she pleased. It was plain that Mrs. Wilson had been the favorite daughter, the defendant explaining that another daughter had charged her \$5 a week for board during a visit. Mrs. Wilson had refused money.

Mrs. Higgins was emphatic in declaring that she did not want a "boss" and declared she could handle her own affairs. "Sometimes I get folks to figure for me, or write letters, but I know who to get," she said. The court said that not a single valid reason existed for the appointment of a guardian. It was possible that a few dollars might be saved, but the saving would be more than offset by sparing the aged defendant the humiliation. The case was dismissed and the costs taxed to the petitioners.

**THE PATH OF HAIR TONIC LEADS BUT TO THE JAIL**

Who'd have thunk it—back in the dead, glad days of long ago—that some day strong men would pay more money for hair tonic, than good whisky then brought over the bar? Back in those days, when lemon extract was used only for culinary purposes, and any man who essayed to make home brew couldn't have hired a friend to sample his product, only a doggedon dude would use hair tonic. Now they are drinking it, and the wallop is according to the alcoholic content, which is, by law stamped on every bottle. There's no need for the thirsty to buy the wrong brand.

This week's victim of a hair tonic jag is one Joseph Mahoney, of Holland. Mr. Mahoney has been employed there for many moons, but last Saturday he found the blue slip in his envelope. There was also a pay check there. Other boon companions were also laid off, and they came to Alliance, lured by tales of bootleggers, to

shoot their wad in one last jag. Maybe all these tales of bootleggers are exaggerated—maybe the illicit dealers hooch wanted too much money—be that as it may, Joseph and his companions invested heavily in hair tonic.

History does not say what became of the companions, but Night Watch Stilwell found Joseph in the passenger station, loaded to the guards. In his possession were four bottles of hair tonic. One of these had been drained almost to the dregs. The others had the seals intact. It was a beautiful reddish color, this liquid, and had a nice smell. It also had a real kick, for Mr. Mahoney was laid out cold. The prisoner had one damaged eye and a peeled nose, and a beautiful skate on.

All day Sunday Joseph languished in the city bastille, with nothing to help him sober up, and early Monday morning he was taken before Police Judge Roberts, who gave him another wallop in the shape of a fine of \$25 and costs, a total of thirty smacks. He was unable to pay, and will remain in the employ of the city for fifteen days and work out his fine. The police chief wouldn't even allow him to turn in the three full bottles of tonic, marked at \$2.25 each, for credit.

According to the label on the bottle, the tonic contained 68 per cent alcohol. Chief Jeffers may be induced to give out the name of the brand to the thirsty.

Mrs. Helen Beckwith entertained in honor of her mother's birthday Friday afternoon. Those present were: Mrs. Stephen Epler, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Tipple, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. A. J. Cole, and Mrs. LaMon. A two-course luncheon was served and every one reports a very pleasant afternoon.

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