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CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD ITS FINAL MEETING TONIGHT

LAST REGULAR SESSION BEFORE LEAVING OFFICE

Disposition to Leave Most Problems Up to City Manager and the New Council

The present city council will hold its last regular meeting at the city hall this evening. It may be found necessary to hold a special meeting or two, but this is not thought likely, unless some emergency should arise. The primary election to select candidates for the new council comes on March 15, the regular city election on April 5, and the new council will hold its first official session on April 11. Some time between April 5 and April 11 the old council will probably meet to canvass the vote and issue certificates of election.

There are a number of measures hanging fire, chief among which may be listed the welfare ordinance. This ordinance was submitted some months ago, following a series of meetings held under the direction of the Rev. Theodore Hansen of Omaha who urged all sorts of civic welfare measures and presented a model ordinance. The council has thought that in many ways the proposed measure was too drastic, but has hesitated to lay it on the table, and yet has not felt like passing it unamended. The welfare committee, representing those who favor the ordinance, and a committee from the council consisting of City Attorney Metz and Councilman Johnson have had in charge the remodeling of the measure, but all that has been done is to report progress.

History to Repeat Itself.

Last month the city attorney was absent from the city at the time the council met, and although a number of supporters of the welfare program were present, they were pacified by the mayor and the matter again went over. It is altogether probable that history will repeat itself again tonight. The council, judging from its performance the past two or three months, is exhibiting a disposition to pass no ordinance unless the emergency is pressing. The general thought seems to be that the new council and the city manager will have it all to do over again if they shouldn't approve. So far as the welfare ordinance is concerned, the idea seems to be that the city has struggled along for years without a welfare superintendent, and that if necessary, the matter can go over till the new council takes office. Some of the provisions in the proposed ordinance, even after it has been cut and pruned and revamped, are such as to arouse some little adverse comment, and the present council is apparently not unwilling to pass the bill.

Of course, the probabilities are that there will be a delegation or two present at tonight's session, and they may make such a strong showing that the council will accede to their demands. However, with half a dozen other ordinances hanging fire, it isn't likely that the council can be moved to action unless the members really desire to do it. Another ordinance that is before the council is one setting the license fee for billiard halls; a third names the occupation tax for motion picture theatres, and still another has to do with the license fee for electricians. There is also to be presented an ordinance setting a fee for house movers. If the council takes a legislating streak, they can settle a lot of questions tonight.

The Primary Election.

It had been the intention of Mayor Rodgers to present to the council the question of whether men who had paid their filing fee as candidates for councilmen, but who had neglected to file a formal written acceptance, should be permitted to have their names placed on the ballot for the primary election. The city attorney has ruled against it, and Mayor Rodgers last Friday announced that Mr. Metz' opinion would be accepted. There is but one of the candidates who would have liked to make the race out of the three who failed to complete their filing.

Art Welch, whose admiring friends forced him into the race for city council, has been busy explaining the past two or three weeks just why it was that he never completed the requirements to enable his name to go upon the primary ballot at the election March 15. Mr. Welch has never been a seeker after civic political honors—at least not this year—and the reproaches of the men who feel that he deserted them have been grating rather harshly on his ears.

The fact is that at the eleventh hour, some of his friends notified him that they had passed around a petition bearing his name, and these men wanted to know whether he would make the race. He demurred—and they filed it for him, someone paying the \$10 filing fee.

Mr. Welch's working hours are from 4 p. m. to 12 midnight, and this means that with good luck and a substitute available, he could attend about one council meeting during the year. Naturally, as any man under the circumstances would do, he appreciated

DANGER OF KEEPING QUIET

Some men in business are too quiet—they are too dignified and modest for their own good.

The story is told of a young boy who was warned by his parents to keep quiet when company was around. He obeyed so well that finally people thought he was an idiot.

The business man who keeps forever in the background is liable to be looked upon with suspicion. Don't forget this. If you have a genuine service, people like to know about it. It never does any harm to blow your horn if you have something to blow about, says Business Chat.

Your message, if properly delivered to the reader, through the advertising columns of a legitimate paper, lets the reader know you are not afraid to come out in the open and declare yourself. It also lets the reader know that you are not afraid of your competition. It also lets the reader know that you want to develop a trade that will keep your stock fresh and up-to-date, rather than have it lying in the shelves until it is stale.

Don't be too quiet. Make a noise that will attract the attention of the buyer and develop your trade to where it ought to be.

the honor of having friends sufficiently interested in his candidacy to file his name and pay the fee, but even this compliment wouldn't make it any easier for him to take care of the duties if he should be elected. He discovered that if he neglected to file an acceptance, that put an end to the difficulty, and he followed that course. For a time it appeared as though his name would go on the ballot anyway, but the city officials have finally decided that he may be permitted to use the one avenue of escape open.

Progress Reported on Legislative Program Of American Legion

The boxing bill, the Japanese land act and the Norval language law, all of which have had the backing of the Nebraska American Legion, have been passed by one house of the legislature. Legionnaires are now concentrating their efforts on securing similar action from the other legislative branch, and on pushing their own bill for a two million dollar appropriation to buy Liberty bonds, the interest of which will be used for the disabled, sick and needy service men and their families.

The bill to legalize boxing and wrestling in Nebraska struck some rough sledding in the House, and was amended at the last minute before passage so as to limit admission fees to bouts to one dollar. The legion legislative committee is fighting this amendment in the senate, where they hope to get it through in its original form. The Japanese land act, as passed by the house, is in line with the American legion stand at the Cleveland convention, and prevents orientals who cannot become citizens from owning land in the state.

The Norval law, as finally approved by the senate, strengthens the existing Siman law in providing for the use of the American language. Senator Norval, the introducer of the measure, favored the modification of this statute, but the bill was so amended that the original purpose was reversed. Considerable publicity was given the bill as a result of the fight the legion had started to rid the state of the unlawful use of German and other foreign languages.

Sidney Takes Game And Alliance Boys Drop to Third Place

By losing last Friday evening's basketball game to Sidney, the Alliance high school basketball team was automatically shoved into third place in the western Nebraska high school league. Sidney and the home team were tied for second place and the visitors were the winners in one of the tightest games of the season. The score was 31 to 35.

The game was hard-fought from start to finish. The Alliance boys had every reason to believe that they would romp in easy victors, but the visitors upset the dope sheets. Coach Prince is of the opinion that his charges lost because of the great American failing, overconfidence.

Hamilton Weadon, a retired farmer who has lived in Alliance for some years past, died suddenly Saturday night at the home of his son-in-law, W. J. Van Velzen, 704 Sweetwater avenue. The cause of death was heart failure. The remains were taken to Lowell, Mich., for interment.

Mrs. W. E. Rousey of Hill City, S. D., visited her father, John McDonald and old friends in Alliance last week.

ALLIANCE CAGE MEN GO TO LINCOLN FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

ELEVEN BASKETBALL PLAYERS TO REPRESENT THIS CITY

Funds to Pay Team's Expenses Are Being Raised by Subscriptions By Alliance Merchants

Eleven boys from the Alliance high school will go to Lincoln this week for the state basketball tournament. The fortunate ones are Frank Dailey, Robert Bicknell, Raymond Brown, Royal Irwin, Seth Joder, Ivan Wong, Joseph Fowler, Leonard Pate, Lester Gross, Fred Purdy Lee Strong.

The boys will leave the middle of the week for the state high school basketball tournament at Lincoln. Monday a subscription paper was passed around among the business men to raise sufficient funds to pay their expenses, and mighty few people refused to contribute to it. Heretofore the expense of the trip has been borne by the chamber of commerce and the athletic fund of the high school but this year the chamber of commerce doesn't feel financially up to snuff, and the other method was pursued.

The Alliance team has been placed in class B, in which the schedule for the opening games follows:

North Platte against Fremont. Clay Center against Seward. Sidney against Nebraska City. Alliance against Stanton. Geneva Indians against State Farm. Plattsmouth against Gothenburg. Benson against Columbus. Central City against Wahoo.

Nebraska's eleventh annual high school basketball tournament will be staged in Lincoln Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Two hundred and one teams and more than 2,000 high school athletes are entered in the basketball classic.

Classification of teams and drawings for play in the tournament are announced through the press. Six playing floors will be used for the first round. Play will start on four floors at 8 a. m. Thursday. The Lincoln high school floors will be used in the afternoon only.

The Coliseum and Armory floors will be used as much as possible during the tournament. The first round of play in classes A to E inclusive will be held on these floors.

The university "N" club and the university Y. M. C. A. are assisting the athletic department of the state university in staging the tournament and caring for the players. Members of the Nebraska varsity team will be used as referees in the games in a great part.

\$175 Damage Results From Early Morning Blaze on Box Butte

A fire discovered about 3 o'clock this morning at the rooms occupied by D. S. Davis and family, 209 1/2 Box Butte avenue, resulted in damage estimated at \$175. The chief loss was in clothing and groceries burned. The blaze was discovered by a young man rooming there, in a corner of the kitchen, some distance away from the stove. There was no fire in the stove at the time and the cause of the blaze is unknown. The family think it due to spontaneous combustion or the mouse and match combination.

Mrs. Davis was quite enthusiastic in her praise of the work of the fire department. They arrived within four minutes after the alarm was turned on, extinguished the blaze quickly and didn't even break a dish, she said. The firemen entered the building through a window, access to which was gained by the roof of the adjoining building. The fire did not spread beyond the kitchen.

Annual Meeting of Chamber of Commerce At Armory Tonight

The annual meeting and banquet of the Alliance chamber of commerce will be held at the armory at 6:30 a'clock tonight. A committee of six members has been selling tickets for the event, and a large attendance is promised. On this occasion a special effort has been made to get the wives of the members to attend.

The chief business of the meeting will be the election of a new board of directors, the terms of all but three of the present board of nine having expired. O. S. Spillman of Pierce, Neb., will make the address of the evening. Following is the program:

Invocation, Rev. A. J. Kearns. Community singing, led by J. P. Mann.

Presidents address, Glen Miller. Secretary's report, Geo. M. Carey. Address, O. S. Spillman of Pierce. Election of Directors.

The Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Anna J. Davis, of Alliance, will visit the Aurora chapter on Tuesday, March 8th, at which time a special meeting will be held in her honor.

KERMIT WOLF FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING THE PROHIBITION LAW

GIVEN SIXTY DAYS IN JAIL BY JUDGE TASH

Charged With Giving Away Booze and With Illegal Possession—Will Appeal

Kermit Wolf, better known as "Pete" Wolf, was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail by Judge Tash in county court Monday morning, following a hearing on a complaint charging him, first with giving away intoxicating liquor to another person, and second, to having intoxicating liquor in his possession in a place other than his dwelling. Had Judge Tash seen fit to impose a fine, it would have been \$100 on each of the counts. Wolf, who was represented by Attorney E. H. Boyd, immediately took steps to appeal, and the amount of the bond was set at \$300. Wolf remained in the county jail until 6 p. m., at which time a bondsman was secured for him and he was given his liberty. The case will come up for trial at the June 7 term of district court.

County Attorney Basye for the state called as witnesses Margaret Barry and Marie McCurdy, both of whom told similar stories of the events of the afternoon of February 16. The latter said that the two girls had gone to the rooms of Charles Nation on West Third street, above the cream station, about 4 p. m. They met Wolf at the First National bank corner and he had invited them to come up and warm themselves, and had told them there was a piano there they might play.

On arriving at the rooms, they found another man there. They declared they did not know him, but the second man was later identified as "Slim" Harrington of Antioch. They sat around and talked a while, and then the witnesses labeled "Wine of Pepsin," containing a colorless liquid, and this was passed around, all of them taking a drink. Both the witnesses were emphatic in saying that the defendant did not produce the intoxicating liquor, and that he did not hand it to them.

The Barry girl drank some of the liquid, and within a short time got sick. They put her to bed, applied cold cloths to her forehead. She stayed in bed some ten minutes, then got up, fell to the floor, and was put to bed again. The party stayed at the rooms until 7:30, when they took the sick girl out and walked her around. They stopped at Harvey's cafe, ordered her a cup of coffee, and after taking one sip of it she fell to the floor. They again took her for a walk, this time to the depot.

Attorney Boyd for the defense here moved that the testimony be stricken from the record, as it had not been shown that the defendant had given the girl any liquor. Judge Tash overruled the motion, and the McCurdy girl continued with her testimony. At the station, she said, they met one of two people, and finally one young man, who took the girl home and had his mother care take of her until she had recovered.

The Barry girl corroborated the testimony of her companion in practically every respect. Both of the witnesses were positive in their statements that the defendant had not given them any of the liquor, and were equally positive that the other man was the guilty party. Miss Barry stated that she did not see who produced the liquor—that her back was turned at the time. Later, in response to one of Attorney Basye's questions, she said: "He (Harrington) gave it to Pete and Pete handed it to—oh, I had my back turned." She said at the time the drink was produced she was looking over the Denver Post for styles. She did not remember whether she had become intoxicated, or what happened after 5 o'clock.

Charles Nation testified that he had come to his rooms in the afternoon twice, that he had been offered a drink but refused and that the second time he came, about 7:30, he found the four of them had left.

George W. Powell testified that he had seen the two girls and a man in the Burlington depot between 8 and 8:30. He stated positively that the one girl was intoxicated, and qualified as an expert witness by saying that he knew the symptoms of intoxication quite well, and that not alone the stagger, but the smell on the breath furnished evidence sufficient to convince him.

County Attorney Basye later recalled Miss McCurdy to the stand, and she changed her testimony in one respect. She said that Harrington had produced the liquor, passed it to Wolf and Wolf had placed it on the table in reach of the Barry girl.

Attorney Boyd again renewed his motion that the case be dismissed, first because the state had failed to show that Wolf had given away intoxicating liquor, and second because there was some doubt as to whether the liquor at the party was intoxicating. He declared the Barry girl was subject to sudden spells of sickness, and argued that it had not been shown that sickness or intoxication was responsible for her action.

Judge Tash overruled the motion, summed up the evidence and pronounced sentence upon Wolf. The judge

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said he was convinced that it was a case of intoxication—a plain jag—and while the evidence was not the best in the world, he was satisfied that Wolf was guilty on both counts. Following the hearing, County Attorney Basye filed a complaint charging Margaret Barry with intoxication. Sheriff Miller immediately served the warrant, and the girl was released on her own recognizance until a date for the hearing was set.

Both of the girls were called into County Attorney Basye's office following the party at the rooms, and both of them gave testimony under oath. Their testimony at Monday's hearing was in some important respects at variance from that given earlier.

Preliminary Contest Held at High School on Monday Evening

The preliminary declamatory contest was held at the high school auditorium at 7 o'clock last evening. The following was the program:

Dramatic. "Littlest Rebel," Evangeline Acheson. "The Swan Song," Mary Becker. "A Few Bars in the Key of G," Lois Boyer. "Joan De Costa," Elsie Harris. "The Colors," Edna Hyles. "The Greatest Gift," Mildred Pate. "Madame X," Ruth Stanton. "Mistress Penelope," Violet Walker. "Snakes, the Soldier," Helen Young. Vocal duet—Elsie Simpson, Violet Walker.

Humorous. "Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," Eula Barranger. "The Mustard Plaster," Eva Beal. "Hunting an Apartment," Lorea Edson. "Coming Out of Miss Cummings," Frances Fletcher. "Naughty Zell," Miriam Harris. "Who's Afraid?" Margaret Schill. "In a Street Car," Vera Scott. Music. Decision of Judges.

Three contestants were selected from each of the above classes. These six in addition to two in the oratorical class will appear in the final contest at the Imperial theatre, Thursday evening, March 10th.

In the dramatic class, those selected were the Misses Lois Boyer, Violet Walker and Mildred Pate. In the humorous, the Misses Frances Fletcher, Eula Barranger and Margaret Schill were chosen. The two to appear in the oratorical class are Robert Lawrence and Sterling Harris.

American Legion Refutes Charge Soldiers to Blame For Wave of Crime

Ex-service men are not responsible for the crime wave which has swept over the various large cities in recent months, according to Col. Edward Munson of Washington, D. C., who has just finished an investigation of alleged crime among veterans.

While former service men and women comprise one twentieth of the entire population of the country, records of police and criminal court dockets show that they have caused only one-fortieth of the troubles that have been aired during the last six months.

HOMESTEADER MEETS INSTANT DEATH WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

BODY FOUND SEVERAL HOURS AFTER ACCIDENT

C. J. Allen of Near Douglas, Wyo., Killed in Accident Near Hickory Postoffice

C. J. Allen, twenty-five years of age, is believed to have been instantly killed about 7 o'clock last evening on the Broadwater road, when his automobile turned turtle, pinning him underneath. The body was found this morning near the farm of O. H. Moon, about two miles west of the Hickory postoffice, or in the neighborhood of twenty-eight miles southeast of Alliance. The young man had been dead for hours at the time the body was discovered.

Mr. Allen was a homesteader, and had a farm forty miles north of Douglas, Wyo. His mother lives near Broadwater, and the young man was driving through from Douglas to visit with her. He passed through Alliance some time yesterday. The last time he was seen alive was when he stopped at the W. H. Archer ranch about dark last evening, when he stopped and procured some oil.

The car was removed from the body and the county coroner of Morrill county notified of the accident. The remains were then taken to Broadwater, to await instructions from relatives.

Allied Troops Due to March Into Germany Some Time Today

An Associated Press dispatch from London, dated Monday, stated that allied troops were due to march into Germany today in accordance with the decision of the allies to inflict on Germany the penalties provided for because of the non-fulfillment of her reparations obligations. Various rumors have been current during the past eight hours, some of which are to the effect that Germany is prepared to resist the invasion. No definite news has been received to this effect, however.

After the Germans left the conference late yesterday afternoon the British, French and Belgian premiers telegraphed orders for the immediate occupation by the allied troops of Ruhrort, Duisburg and Duesseldorf.

Application of the penalties upon Germany for non-fulfillment of her reparations requirements was decided upon by the allies at London yesterday afternoon. The penalties in question were announced to the Germans last Thursday by Mr. Lloyd-George, the British minister. They are:

Occupation of the cities of Duisburg, Duesseldorf and Ruhrort in the German industrial area beyond the Rhine, by troops of the allies. Imposition by each allied country of such a tax upon German imports as it may deem fitting.

No Salary Reduction For Teachers in The Alliance City Schools

The board of education, at its meeting last night, decided that for the coming year, at least, no reduction would be made in the salaries of teachers in the city schools. By a unanimous vote they decided to retain the present schedule of wages, and this means that beginning next year, some of the old teachers will receive advances.

The schedule of wages for school teachers in Alliance was quite low last year, as compared with other cities of the same size in the state, and a new schedule was adopted for this year. The new schedule was based on wages paid in some twenty-odd cities and towns in the state, such as Hastings, McCook, North Platte and Scottsbluff, and was considered as fairly adequate.

The decision of the board to retain the present salary schedule will be well received in Alliance, especially by those who know something of the struggle of teachers over the country for adequate compensation. In a few places in the country, an attempt has been made to lower salaries, but the local board evidently believes that it is more important to secure competent instructors than it is to save a few dollars each year.

BIRTHS
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sanks, of Belmont, Addition, a baby girl, on March 4th.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Prall, March 8th, a boy.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jacobs, March 8th, a girl, Barbara Anne Jacobs.

THE WEATHER
Forecast for Nebraska: Fair tonight and probably Wednesday; colder east and south portion tonight rising temperature Wednesday afternoon in west portion.