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FIRST PROGRAM OF CHAUTAUQUA ON WEDNESDAY

RONDOILIERS A MUSICAL BILL IN AFTERNOON

Six-Day Standard Circuit Will Be Presented in Alliance—Good Advance Sale of Tickets

The 1921 Alliance chautauqua will open Wednesday afternoon with a musical concert by the Rondoliers, a saxophone quintet. The performances during the six days will be staged in a tent at the southeast corner of the Central school block, the same grounds used last year. Indications are that this year's chautauqua will be a success, not alone because of the high quality of the program which the Standard system has assigned this city, but because of the activity of the local committees, which have taken a considerable interest in reviving the chautauqua movement for Alliance and have been working hard for the past weeks in preparation for the event.

The advance sale of tickets, while not overwhelming, has been comfortably large. There are a number of business houses which have the tickets on sale: W. E. Cutts at the Fairmont creamery, Lee Moore's Grocery, the Alliance National, the First National and the First State banks, the National variety store, Keep-U-Neat, the Times and The Herald offices, as well as Tom Gee at Lowry & Henry's garage, and A. V. Gavin at the Burlington station. In addition, Miss Lilla Graham, Stephen Epler and Bruce Epler, who are paid a commission on their sales, are rounding up prospective purchasers.

The 1921 programs runs pretty strongly to musical attractions, but there is a great variety in the offerings. The Rondoliers, who open the Chautauqua Wednesday afternoon, is a saxophone quintet, playing everything from the latest popular numbers to the extreme highbrow stuff. There is a brass ensemble, singing quartet and mixed quartet, instrumental and vocal solos and duets, and their readings, stunts and novelties combined with their musical features, provide an exceptionally interesting program.

Wednesday evening the Rondoliers will give a second performance followed by C. L. Burgderfer, impersonator, one of the headliners on the chautauqua platform. Mr. Burgderfer is heralded as a master story teller and character delineator, and the newspapers in the cities where he has appeared have spoken most favorably of his performances.

The Thursday programs include, in both afternoon and evening, a joint recital by Alice Phillips, dramatic soprano, and William Phillips, baritone, two of Chicago's leading artists. In the evening, an additional attraction will be Dr. F. E. Gordon in a philosophical, humorous lecture, "Shooting the Goal." Dr. Gordon is described as the Abraham Lincoln of the chautauqua, both in stature, intellect and oratory.

The program for the six days follows:

First Day.

Afternoon—Introduction of superintendant by local people. Full program by Rondoliers.

Evening—Concert by Rondoliers. Impersonator, C. L. Burgderfer.

Second Day.

Afternoon—Joint recital by Alice Phillips, dramatic soprano and William Phillips, baritone. Special engagement of Chicago artists.

Evening—Joint recital by Alice Phillips, dramatic soprano and William Phillips, baritone. Lecture by Dr. Frank Elwood Gordon.

Third Day.

Afternoon—Full program by Metropolitan Trio, playing organ chimes.

Evening—Concert by Metropolitan Trio. Lecture by Judge Fred G. Bale.

Fourth Day.

Afternoon—Full program by United Symphony Orchestra.

Evening—Full program by United Symphony Orchestra.

Fifth Day.

Afternoon—Full program by New England Male Quartette, real singing quartette.

Evening—Concert by New England Male Quartette. Lecture by Ex-Governor Edward W. Hoch.

Sixth Day.

Afternoon—Lecture, "Chords and Discords," by Dr. Henry B. Burns.

Evening—Play, "Too Much Business," by Wales Chautauqua Players.

Ranch Hand Suffers Broken Collarbones When Horse Stumbles

Pete Thomas, ranch hand, had both collarbones broken Friday afternoon, when the horse he was riding stepped in a gopher hole. His injuries were attended to by Dr. Minor Morris.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday except probably showers in the east portion.

Presbyterians Take the First Game in the City Sunday School League

The Presbyterian Sunday School team won the first game of the schedule of the Sunday School baseball league by a one-sided score of 23-4 against the Christians.

Rex Thompson made a hit every time up to bat. Robert Laing made a home run. B. Epler pitched very good ball but poorly supported. The Christians errors made the score so one-sided. Epler struck out 3, walked 5. Eberly fanned 4, walked 1.

The summary:

Christians	ab	po	r	h
Hacker, 1b	5	2	0	3
G. Williams, 2b	5	2	0	2
D. Yount, 3b	4	0	1	2
F. Williams, ss	4	2	0	2
C. Lackey, cf	4	2	0	0
R. Lackey, cf	4	2	0	2
S. Epler, c	5	2	1	2
B. Epler, p	5	3	0	1
Carey, 1b	5	0	2	1

Presbyterians

ab	po	r	h	
R. Laing, 1b	5	1	4	1
G. Baker, 2b	4	3	1	1
E. Ewing, 3b	4	3	2	1
R. Thompson, ss-p	5	1	4	5
C. Shreve, rf	5	3	2	1
A. Miller, lf	5	2	1	3
P. Thompson, c	5	1	4	3
W. Eberly, p-ss	5	0	5	3

The score by innings:

Christians	0	0	3	1	0	4	1	9
Presbyterians	4	2	5	12	x	23	5	4

The next game will be played Thursday afternoon at 5 p. m. at the Fair Grounds between the Baptist and Methodist teams.

Practice will be held Wednesday at 4:30 at the high school grounds.

Attention Called to New Provisions in the Law Affecting County Taxes

In a recent circular to the county clerks of Nebraska, State Tax Commissioner W. H. Osborne directs their attention to the new laws limiting county tax rates as follows:

"I am enclosing herewith, a copy of House Roll No. 127 and 130 respectively and your attention is directed to the provisions of these bills with reference to the prescribed limitations therein.

"You will note that House Roll No. 127 provides that the rate of tax for county purposes shall not exceed 35c per \$100, actual valuation except for the payment of indebtedness existing at the time of adoption of the present constitution, for which purpose not more than one mill shall be levied in any one year unless authorized by a vote of the people, and for ordinary county revenue, the county boards will be permitted to direct a levy not exceeding the following based upon the actual valuation:

- 3 mills for general fund.
- 1 7-10 of a mill for road fund.
- 1 6-10 of a mill for bridge fund.
- 1 mill for county sinking fund.
- 1 10 of a mill for mothers' pension fund.
- 1 10 of a mill for soldier's relief fund.

"In addition to the above, your attention is directed to House Roll 130, which makes provision for the county board to make a levy upon the property within the county for the aid of agricultural societies, of one quarter of a mill, all of which must not exceed the provision of Senate File 65, article XII, Section 1, on page 722 of the printed bill heretofore sent to you which limits the powers of the county board to levy upon the actual value of the tangible property in excess of 20 per cent of the maximum rate of levy authorized by statutes in force on the date this act becomes effective. Inasmuch as the act will be in force and effect ninety days after its approval, the ninety days will have expired prior to the time the boards make their levy in August, and as a consequence thereof, the computations will be made upon the actual value in lieu of one-fifth value heretofore taken."

Express Company Given Orders to Reduce Rate on Ice Cream to Hills

The interstate commerce commission has issued an order, effective June 27, to the American Railway Express company ordering it to reduce its rate on ice cream from Alliance to Hot Springs from \$2.15 to \$1.04, and the new rates are now in effect. Under the old schedule, it was impossible for the Alliance ice cream manufacturers to compete with those in South Dakota as with the big difference in shipping costs, competition was out of the question. It required a formal order by the interstate commission to turn the trick. The matter was supposed to have been settled two weeks ago, but there was nothing doing until the order arrived.

POTASH WORKS DAMAGED BY A FIRE AT ANTIOCH

WAREHOUSE AT THE NEBRASKA PLANT DESTROYED

Saturday Afternoon Blaze Also Burns Catholic Church and Two Empty Dwellings

Just before the soaking rain Saturday afternoon, the Nebraska Potash plant of Antioch, Neb., caught fire and burned the drier room of the main building, and half of their four hundred-foot warehouse, which stands to the south. Simultaneously the Catholic church and two small dwelling houses, both empty, burned to the ground.

The fire was discovered at 12:15 p. m., about a half hour after Burlington passenger No. 44 had passed through. The fire lasted about one hour and a half and was extinguished by the co-operation of the fire fighting equipment of the potash plant and the city department.

The most expensive part of the machinery was not injured due to its location in the steel and concrete portion of the building. Only the drier room on the west end, a frame stucco structure, was consumed. To the south of it a four hundred-foot warehouse was burned to the ground. This building contained the principal part of the potash in storage, which was left exposed to the heavy rain in the late afternoon, which will undoubtedly ruin their entire supply.

The Nebraska Potash plant of Antioch was built in 1916 by L. F. Hulien with Denver capital at a cost of five hundred thousand dollars. The company carried one hundred twenty-three thousand dollars insurance on the plant.

The cause of the fire is not definitely established, but the general idea is that sparks from the trains which pass within one hundred feet of the main plant readily caught fire to the dried grass which grows around the buildings, and the strong southeast wind of Saturday carried the blaze to the buildings.

While the firemen were battling with the flames at the potash plant it was discovered that the Catholic church and two small empty dwelling houses were on fire. These three buildings were total losses. The general belief is that the latter fires were caused by sparks from the potash plant.

Insurance Agent J. W. Guthrie after inspecting the ruins said insurance loss would not exceed \$50,000. This was the second big fire at Antioch in three months, the American Potash company's half million dollar plant having been burned in a fire of similar origin with a loss of over three hundred thousand dollars.

Mexican Robber and Slugged in Railroad Yards Friday Evening

An unidentified Mexican met Chief Jeffers on the street about 9 o'clock Friday evening with a tale of robbery and exhibited a badly smashed head, the result, he claimed, of injuries inflicted by a compatriot in the Burlington yards earlier in the evening. According to his story, he had been walking through the yards and was held up by two Mexicans, one of whom disappeared with the booty while the other mauled him with a revolver. The victim's losses amounted to \$40 in cash, and his suitcase and baggage.

The police immediately searched the railroad yards, but were unable to locate any Mexicans who could not give a strict account of themselves. The victim is reported to have later discovered that his assailant made his getaway on a passing freight, but the victim himself has not since appeared at the police station. He admitted to Chief Jeffers that among the things stolen from him was a revolver. The chief asked him if he didn't know this was against the law. The Mexican said he knew it was, but it was such a good gun that he hated to give it up.

Dancing Instructor Formerly in Alliance In Bad at Chadron

According to the Chadron Chronicle, B. G. Evans, dancing instructor, is a resident of the county jail in that city, due to failing to get away with some diamonds that he wanted. The details are meager, but such as they are, they are appended:

"B. G. Evans, who came here a few weeks ago as a dancing instructor, got in bad by trying to get away with a Chadron lady's diamonds. Judge Westover pronounced an indeterminate sentence of one to seven years when he was brought before him Tuesday. Owing to the fact that the state penitentiary is crowded he will reside at the county jail for awhile."

Charles Brittan and Attorneys Reddish and Gantz went to Bridgeport this noon on legal business.

HAIL DAMAGED GROWING CROPS LAST SATURDAY

SIXTEEN SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY COVERED

Wheat and Oats Hardest Hit in the Section of County Affected—Spuds and Corn Not Hurt

Hail accompanying a rainstorm at about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon did considerable damage to wheat and oats in a strip of land a little over a mile in width just north of Alliance. While in several instances the damage was heavy to individuals, they have what small comfort there is in knowing that the rain, which was general over the county, will benefit growing crops to an extent much greater than their loss will aggregate.

The hailstorm was confined to this narrow strip of country, the total area damaged being about sixteen square miles, which compared with the 1,080 sections in the county, does not show up so very large. Some of the individual losses, however, were heavy.

A. L. Davis reports the total loss of twenty acres of oats and twenty-five acres of wheat. At the Davis place, there seemed to be considerable wind accompanying the rain, and some damage resulted from this feature of the storm. Every window in the north side of the house was shattered, a windmill went the way of the wicked and a large barn door, blown away during the big breeze, was carried far enough so that Mr. Davis has been unable to locate it, although he has searched for over a mile in every direction.

Seventy-five chickens were lost at the Guy Rust place, as well as considerable amount of small grain.

County Attorney Lee Basye was a heavy loser. At his ranch, four and a half miles straight north from Alliance, on the Chadron road, one hundred acres of fall Kanred wheat was ruined. This was only half insured.

E. W. Purinton, C. L. Powell and the Judevine farm also suffered losses of small grain. The hail did little damage or no damage to potatoes and corn, these crops having not yet attained sufficient growth to be cut by the falling ice.

The greatest damage was done to the strip of land a mile wide, straight north of Alliance, and in the half-mile on either side of the main storm area the damage was only partial.

In Alliance, the wind did some damage to trees in the northern part of the city. At the Judge Tash residence, a fine elm tree lost about ten feet of its top, and at other places damage to trees was reported.

The rain was general over the county, and extended to the north and northwest for over a hundred miles. To the south, there was no precipitation, the Platte valley being missed.

Governor McKelvie to Attend Conference in Alliance on Saturday

Word has been received by Secretary Carey of the chamber of commerce that Governor S. R. McKelvie will be in Alliance Saturday, in attendance at the meeting of State Sheriff Gus Hyers and the peace officers of several western Nebraska counties, who have been called to meet here to attend a fingerprint conference.

The state sheriff's office has, during the past several weeks, staged a series of the past conferences in various parts of the state. The intention is to familiarize peace officers with the fingerprint system and enable them to be of assistance in rounding up criminals that are wanted, as well as to add to their store of information on subjects that are of interest to them. Sheriff Miller will be in charge of rounding up the various police officers for the conference, which will be held at 1 p. m., probably at the court house.

Governor McKelvie will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mallory during his stay in the city.

Alliance People Spend Fourth at Hemingford, Fairview and Angora

Hemingford entertained a big crowd of visitors on the Fourth, a number of Alliance people going to that city to spend the holiday. The threatening weather caused several changes in the plans that had been made, a number of the athletic contests had to be called off and the fireworks exhibition was postponed, but there was a fine program of speeches in the morning and plenty of entertainment for the visitors.

A number of people attended the celebration at the Fairview church, where there was a full program and basket dinner as entertainment for the guests.

Angora also entertained a number of Fourth of July visitors from Alliance, and made their stay very interesting.

City Manager's Corner (By N. A. KEMMISH)

Last week was a very strenuous week for all of us. We certainly appreciate the way our men worked day and night on the reservoir and well. They worked during the storm Friday night and got the well working about midnight. As we stated last week we had a motor and centrifugal pump outfit of our own but it failed to work and we had to borrow equipment to do the work with. We appreciate the hearty co-operation and wish to thank Mr. Bevington of the Forest Lumber company who so kindly let us use their 10 h.-p. motor while his men were help up in their work. We also want to thank Mr. Newberry and his men who helped us night and day in every way they could and especially for letting us use the new centrifugal pump outfit of stock.

We have been trying for some time to get a line on this new Kelly well. Everyone we have asked about it shook their heads and said "It is no good." We can't afford to throw such an investment away and notwithstanding these adverse comments regarding the well we have been working on it endeavoring to make it a real well. When the pump started on Friday night it would have done your hearts good to see the water pour into the reservoir. We filled it full in less than eighteen hours pumping. At this rate this well will furnish more water than all the other wells combined and will more than supply the needs of our entire city for water. There is no question in our minds about there being plenty of water in the well. We pumped considerable sand out but that was what we wanted to do and we will replace it with coarse sand and gravel which in time ought to keep out the fine sand.

Last week we also had a break down with the grader with which the men were working on the streets and we were unable to do anything more with the grading but it has been repaired in the meantime and the men are starting again today on grading the streets in the southwest part of town in order to get rid of the water there.

Hobo Gets Sympathy From Passersby With Wails About Hunger

A member of the genus hobo, registered later at the police station as plain John Doe, strolled out of the Narrow Gauge restaurant shortly after 9 o'clock last Friday evening. He was filled with food and he smiled pleasantly. A rancher approached. The hobo put on a long face and began a panhandling whine. "Ain't had nothin' to eat for three days, mister," he pleaded. The rancher replied by offering him a job.

"How much you pay?" asked the hobo.

"Thirty-five a month and board," he was told.

"I wouldn't work on no farm, mister, for less than \$65 and board," remarked the hobo, with righteous indignation. He proceeded to strike other ranchers for money to buy a meal. He was having pretty good luck, but he ran into Chief Jeffers, who took him to the police station. Although it had only been twenty minutes since he had dined, the hobo told the chief he was starving. The chief fed him. Saturday morning the hobo was given a light breakfast, and at noon a dinner. About three o'clock he began crabbng.

"I'll sue the city," he promised. "You ain't got no right to coop me up in jail without feeding me. I'm darned near starved, I am."

Then Chief Jeffers told him the city's invariable rule, when they found a man who wouldn't work for less than \$65 a month, was to keep him in jail a week without feeding him at all. Ten minutes later the prisoner got compassion by the pangs of hunger, fed the hobo again. Later the two officers compared notes, and decided that Mr. Hobo would wait until regular hours for his next meal.

Saturday night the hobo began to yell loudly. "I'm being starved," he wailed out loudly. Passersby stopped at the jail windows and began to talk in low tones of the cruelty of the police. "I want the whole world to know that I'm being starved," continued the chorus. The cops stood it for ten minutes and then held a conversation with the prisoner in which the fire hose was mentioned. The pangs of hunger suddenly disappeared. Sunday morning the jail doors were opened and the hobo left. He says so himself.

Police Seeking Man From Missouri Wanted by His Sick Mother

The police department yesterday received a telegram from the mother of Bert Chapman of Anderson, Mo., who is seriously ill and wants her son with her. Chapman is supposed to be employed in or near Alliance—at least this is the last address his letters came from. Friend of Mr. Chapman are asked to forward news of his present location.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin went to Denver Friday to visit.

OPENING OF THE COUNTRY CLUB ON THE FOURTH

COOL WEATHER PUTS CRIMP IN SPORTS PROGRAM

Golf Links Crowded During the Day—Dance and Fireworks Features of Evening Program

The clubhouse at the Alliance Country club was formally opened to the members on the Fourth of July with a program of sports and entertainment that was scheduled to cover the entire day and evening. The cool weather and threatening rain put something of a crimp in the program, however, and a number of the events were postponed until a later date.

A series of athletic events had been arranged, including foot races for the boys and girls and their parents, and a big card of water sports, such as swimming contests, tub races, barrel races, diving contests, under-water swimming and the like. The bathing beach has been one of the most popular features of the club for the past two or three weeks, but the weather was chilly enough on the Fourth to discourage even the hardened swimmers. According to present plans, these various contests will be held next Sunday.

The club house, which is practically complete, was filled during the afternoon. It has been screened in and provided with rustic furniture for the large veranda and the big ball room, which was used as a dining hall on the opening day. One feature of the furnishings is a fairly complete equipment of children's furniture.

The golf links were the chief attraction during a large part of the day. The golfers arrived shortly after the time the sun was due to show up, and they crowded the links the entire day. The women golfers were specially in evidence.

In the evening, dinner was served in the ball room, which was cleared for a dance at 9 o'clock. Later in the evening a fireworks exhibition, in charge of J. W. Guthrie and W. B. Barnett, was given from a float in the lake.

The golf tournament, which was in progress Sunday and Monday, simmered down to Frank Abegg and Dr. H. A. Copey, who played as partners throughout the tournament and will contest in the singles next Sunday for championship honors. The two men have a score of 47. The ladies' driving and putting contest was also postponed until Sunday, as was the men's driving contest.

Friday evening of this week a dinner dance for members and their families will be held.

Police Will Stage a Drive to Rid City of Some Undesirables

The city police are on the war path. The miniature crime wave, which broke out a few days ago after several weeks of peace and quiet, has stimulated the cops' ambition, and they are announcing freely that from now on, questionable characters, both men and women, will do well to seek another location. The going is comparatively good just now, the police say, and those who are living without visible means of support will do well to look up outgoing trains.

Sunday evening, a tire was stolen from a car owned by Charles Benjamin. The automobile was in Mr. Benjamin's garage, and the door had been locked. There is no clue to the theft.

Alliance Ball Team Will Play the Sidney Aggregation Sunday

The Alliance baseball team will meet the fast Sidney aggregation at the fair grounds Sunday, and one of the fastest games of the season is expected to develop. Sidney has one of the best teams in its history, the pill wallopers from that city having recently trimmed the Scottsbluff team of the Midwest league by a comfortable margin. The game is called at 3 p. m.

Country Club House Damaged When Struck by Lightning Friday

The club house at the Alliance country club was struck by lightning during the storm Friday evening. The flash struck the chimney to the huge fireplace, tearing some of the brick down and ripping a hole in the roof. The loss was covered by insurance, it is reported. Repairs have been completed.

The Misses Margaret and Helen Salisbury of Holdrege, Neb., arrived Saturday noon for a visit with their brother, H. B. Salisbury and family on East Sixth street.