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## NEXT BIG TASK GETTING SQUARE WITH THE WORLD

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSY WITH SALVATION PLANS

Statement of Debts and Deficits Shows Community Organization's Case is Not Desperate.

The board of directors of the Alliance chamber of commerce has been busy, since the financial fiasco of the recent race meet, figuring out ways and means of salvation. The community organization's finances are in a fairly bad way, but the case is by no means hopeless. The directors have hopes that every member of the organization will decide to stick with them in their plan to pay off all outstanding indebtedness, including the race meet deficit, and say that if this is done, the organization can be on a firm business basis within the next two or three months.

The race meet was the last straw. In the past, this has paid the organization fairly well. Last year's meet came a cropper, because all the profits had to be devoted to paying for improvements at the fair grounds. Even after the profit were turned into the improvement fund, there was a \$10,000 deficit. This year the rains descended and the floods came. The board of directors, aided by a large number of members of the organization, circulated among the business men a paper pledging the signers to come across with \$25, provided one hundred men did the same thing. The \$2,500 would have squared the race meet bills.

The plan has changed. One hundred signatures to the paper seem to be impossible to secure, although the half-way mark was passed two weeks ago. Present plans are to combine the debts of the race meet and the chamber of commerce, get subscriptions from every merchant possible, cut off every possible item of expense and lay low until the next quarter's dues come in. If every member of the organization will stick, the city's commercial organization should be out of the woods within the next two months, after which plans for a complete reorganization of the club's activities will be taken up.

### Secretary Carey to Leave

The resignation of Secretary Geo. M. Carey has already been accepted, and Mr. Carey and his family will leave the city this evening. Mrs. Carey and the children will stop over with her parents at Homer, Neb., for a few weeks. Mr. Carey has several openings under consideration. He will go first to Parsons, Kas., where he will interview the directors of a chamber of commerce who have asked him to report. One or two other locations are open to him. The directors of the Alliance organization wish it understood that they do not, in any sense, hold Mr. Carey responsible for the state of affairs in the Alliance organization. The decision to do without a secretary temporarily was due to the fact that the directors believe that the first big task facing the organization is to pay off outstanding debts and to cut expenditures to the minimum.

It is not the intention, however, to cease all activities of the organization. The intention is to employ some woman of mature years and experience, who will be able to devote a few hours a day to the work of the organization. She will not, however, be expected, as is the case with the secretary, to do the work herself. Instead, she will be at liberty to call upon the various committees of the organization, who will be at her service for any matters requiring any extra amount of attention. The chamber of commerce has several live committees who which will be available for service. The directors have not as yet announced any appointment, although they have a woman under consideration whom they believe is admirably fitted for the place.

### Indebtedness Is Heavy

The present indebtedness of the chamber of commerce, according to a statement by the board of directors, including the following items:

Expenses.	
Salaries	\$1,826.00
Traveling expenses	207.49
Advertising and printing	134.50
Office expense	145.58
Entertainment	492.27
Rent, heat, light	289.28
Fair grounds	121.00
Total expenses since Jan. 1	\$3,216.92
Collections since Jan 1	2,007.00
Deficit	\$1,009.92

### Outstanding Bills.

Race Meet	\$2,220.32
Rent and lunches	125.00
Printing and advertising	304.90
J. W. Guthrie, salary due	541.30
Total deficit	\$3,191.52

There is now in the treasury nearly \$400. Dues past due and collectable amount to \$315. August 1 the dues for the last quarter will be due, amounting to \$1,200. The merchants of the city have subscribed between \$1,200 and \$1,500 toward paying the race meet deficit. It is thought im-

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Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Fair tonight and probably Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

possible to meet the entire deficit by popular subscription, but if those who have put their names down will stick, and the members of the organization will pay in their next quarter's dues, the problems of the chamber of commerce are at an end. All bills will be paid in full and the work can be conducted with a limited expenditure during the three months of the last quarter. The first of the year will find the organization ready to go with all its former vigor, and with the money to finance it.

A committee of business men are out interviewing the signers of the deficit subscription this afternoon, and an effort will be made to persuade all of them to stick by the organization and see it through.

## Members of Five Big Railway Unions Are to Vote on New Wage Scale

The general chairman of the five leading railroad employees' associations Tuesday declined to shoulder the responsibility for accepting the wage reductions which went into effect July 1, upon order of the United States railroad labor board. They voted that the entire matter should be "referred to the membership through the various general committees, not later than September 1, according to the Associated Press.

The organizations represented were the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, brotherhood of locomotive firemen and engineers, order of railway conductors, brotherhood of railroad trainmen and the switchman's union of North America.

The general chairman also authorized their chief executives to make arrangements, if possible, to meet a committee of railway executives to be selected to meet a subcommittee of the five organizations "to consider and, if possible, adjust all matters in controversy."

The chief executives and committees that are handling these matters for the five organizations were directed in the resolution "to place the representatives of the railway corporations clearly on record as to whether or not they will request further decreases in rates or compensation, the abolition of schedule rules or regulations, or the elimination of time and one-half time."

Announcement was made that the resolution will be immediately considered by the other recognized railroad labor organizations.

The resolution, in extension of the chairman's positions, stated that it was not only a wage matter they were called upon to decide. It was declared that in many instances railroad officers have served notice of their intention to abolish time and one-half for overtime in road, freight and yard service and, in addition thereto, abolish many present rules and conditions.

"Much uneasiness and unrest," the resolution continues, "add to the seriousness of the situation and establish a condition of affairs which makes it practically impossible for the general chairmen to take the responsibility of deciding these important questions, for the reason that we hold that no reduction in wage of the various classes is justifiable."

The resolutions directed the executive officers to call to the attention of those in authority, "the fact that certain carriers, namely, the Missouri and North Arkansas railway and the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad, have disregarded the decisions and flouted the authority of the United States railroad labor board."

The general chairman said the resolutions were adopted "despite all these provocative circumstances, coupled with a common desire to refrain from taking any action that might precipitate a deplorable situation."

## Temporary Pastor for St. Matthew's Church Arrives in Alliance

Rev. H. F. Johnson of Denver, who will temporarily occupy the pulpit of St. Matthew's Episcopal church in Alliance, arrived in the city Wednesday and will occupy the pulpit for next Sunday's services. The church has been without a pastor since the first of the month, due to the resignation of Dean J. J. Dixon, who accepted the deanship of the Big Horn Basin mission district in Wyoming.

Rev. Mr. Johnson is not unknown in Nebraska Episcopal circles, having for several years filled a pastorate at McCook. Recently he has been engaged in mission work in the west. He will have charge of the work in this parish until a successor to Dean Dixon is selected.

Mrs. Florence Atz, of Edgemont, S. D., spent Sunday in Alliance and then went on to Ft. Collins, Colo., by auto for a camping trip with relatives. Mrs. Atz was formerly of Alliance but moved to Edgemont about a month ago to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Lape.

Mrs. William Butler of Hemingford was a business visitor in Alliance yesterday.

## WALL CAVES IN BUT A. S. MOTE ESCAPES DEATH

### WAS COMPLETELY COVERED BY EARTH, BUT UNINJURED.

No One Saw Accident, But Fellow Workmen Noticed His Absence and Dig Him Out.

A. S. Mote, contractor, had a narrow escape from death early Wednesday morning, and he was saved from being buried alive only because a fellow workman noticed his absence, and sought the reason for it. Mr. Mote was assisting in the work of excavation at the basement for the new Methodist church at Seventh and Box Butte. About nine o'clock, one of the walls caved in completely covering his work.

No one saw the accident, and it was not until several minutes later that his absence was noted and the cave-in discovered. Within a few seconds after the discovery, every man and every shovel on the job were at work, and within a comparatively short time after he was submerged, Mr. Mote was uncovered.

About the only injuries the victim could discover was a sprained thumb. He was able to rise without assistance and was soon walking around as though nothing had happened, although he very feelingly thanked the man who first noticed his absence, as well as those who wielded the shovels in the effort to extricate him from his perilous position before he smothered. He was able to breathe, although with some difficulty, as the weight of earth upon him was such that he was unable to regain his feet.

## W. R. Harper Made a New Sort of a Record On Auto Trip to Denver

W. R. Harper returned Wednesday from an automobile trip to Denver, which occupied several days. Mrs. Harper and Betty, who accompanied him, remained over to spend a few days with Denver friends.

According to rumors that preceded his return, Mr. Harper was twice, during his short stay in the Colorado city, given an opportunity to tell it to the police judge. In fact, he was two times placed under arrest and established a name for himself as a more or less hardened offender. Both arrests were made by motorcycle cops in the city park, and both of them were for violation of the automobile laws, which may be somewhat different in Colorado than in Nebraska, although Mr. Harper made no plea for clemency on that score.

It seems that some miscreant, either with a sense of humor or hard pressed by necessity, stole his automobile license. The motorcycle cops are a hard lot, and they refused to accept any explanation for the absence of the tin plate with the numbers. Harper does not say whether the police judge took his word for it, or whether he had to kick in with money to buy a Colorado license before he was given the freedom of the boulevards.

## Kenneth R. Hamilton is Transferred to New Position in Kansas City

Kenneth R. Hamilton, who for the past two or three years has been manager of the National chain store in Alliance, has received a promotion, and will leave Sunday evening of this week for Kansas City, Mo., where he will take another position with the company. He will stop off en route at Wahoo, Neb., for a visit with relatives. His successor, Mr. Star of York, and his wife, are already in the city.

During his residence in Alliance, Mr. Hamilton has been prominently identified with the Boy Scout work, holding the position of assistant scoutmaster under Scoutmaster J. B. Miller, and upon the removal of Mr. Miller from the city, succeeding him. Mr. Hamilton has made a remarkable record in Alliance Boy Scout work, and every member of the various troops looks upon his removal from the city in the light of a bereavement. His successor has not yet been selected.

## Rotary Club Entertains Chautauqua Talent at a Dinner Wednesday Eve

At the Wednesday evening dinner of the Alliance Rotary club, there were present as guests of the organization Clarence L. Burgdorfer, character impersonator, who later appeared on the program for the chautauqua. One or two others connected with the chautauqua were also present. Mr. Burgdorfer favored the Rotarians with a brief talk.

E. L. Meyer and M. S. Hargraves, new members, were introduced in the usual Rotary manner, and both came through the ordeal unscathed.

## AFTERMATH OF POTASH WORKS FIRE AT ANTIOCH

### SUIT TO RECOVER \$700,000 TAKES INTERESTING TURN.

Plaintiff Seeks to Enjoin Defendants from Handling the Insurance Money.

An echo of the recent destructive potash plant fire in Sheridan county was heard in federal court at Lincoln when G. H. Harris, plaintiff in a suit against the American Potash company of Nebraska, to recover \$700,000, was permitted by Judge J. W. Woodruff to file a supplemental bill of complaint in which an injunction is sought to prevent the stockholders of the company from handling the insurance money due the company as a result of the blaze. Harris also seeks the appointment of a receiver for the American Potash company of Nebraska, to collect the assets of the company for that purpose to prosecute claims against the officers. The application for the temporary injunction has been set for hearing at Omaha on Monday, July 11, according to the Lincoln Star.

The plaintiff names the following as defendants in his supplemental bill of complaint: William E. Sharp, Frank Sharp, Charles Stuart, William H. Ferguson, Arthur T. Raymond, S. A. Foster, A. R. Talbot, Herbert E. Sidles, Thomas H. McWilliams, the American Potash company of Delaware, bankrupt, Sam C. Waugh, trustee in bankruptcy of the bankrupt estate of the American Potash company of Delaware, and the First Trust company of Lincoln.

In his supplementary bill of complaint Harris alleges that at the time of the filing of the original complaint of the American Potash company of Nebraska was owner of certain real property in Sheridan county, consisting of a plant for the evaporation of potash from saline waters. That the same was insured in the name of the American Potash company of Nebraska against loss and damage by fire. The plaintiff charges that at the time of the bankruptcy of the American Potash company of Delaware, the defendants, delivered the fire insurance policies to Referee Waugh and that some of these expired while in his possession and were renewed in his name.

### Insured for \$160,000.

The plaintiff further charges that the building was damaged by fire and that the insurance on the building which will be paid amounts to \$160,000 and that the company has asked the court for an order to have the funds released of all claims and turned over to the American Potash company.

Mr. Harris contends that the money should be treated as assets of the company and held for disposition. He charges that the defendants intend to divert this money from the company and use the amount in payment of pending claims against the American Potash company of Nebraska. He further charges that all items are really indebtedness incurred and contracted by the American Potash company of Delaware and that the Nebraska company has no liabilities.

The bill of complaint further charges that there is a claim by William E. Sharp, officer of the American Potash company of Nebraska, who contracted with the American Potash company of Delaware for compensation of his services and waived all claims for services as officer of the American Potash company of Nebraska. The plaintiff further charges that Sharp is liable with other defendants for huge sums of money and that all money paid to him would be lost.

Therefore the plaintiff asks for a temporary injunction forbidding the defendants from applying any money received from insurance companies to the payment of debts and from transferring it to the American Potash company of Nebraska. He further asks that by the appointment of a receiver for the Nebraska company, the court take possession of the funds and hold them subject to further orders.

In granting the leave to the plaintiff to file a supplemental bill, Judge Woodruff said:

"It appearing that a great and irreparable injury may be done the American Potash company of Nebraska during the pendency of the hearing, it is ordered that until said hearing, defendants William T. Raymond, S. A. Foster, A. R. Talbot, Herbert E. Sidles and Thomas L. McWilliams, as officers and directors and all persons acting by, under or through them, and all agents and employees of the American Potash company of Nebraska and any person in whose hands said funds may come, are temporarily restrained from transferring or diverting from the treasury of the American Potash company of Nebraska, any part of the funds paid by any insurance company for fire losses on the property in Sheridan county."

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dyer are here visiting their son, G. E. Dyer and family. Mr. Dyer is a retired farmer and is taking things easy by traveling this summer. He will spend a few weeks here with his son.

## HARD TIMES

Across the editorial desk from some unremembered source came a little bit of French allegory.

A portrait-painter sat in his favorite cafe sipping his wine. His first small bottle finished he was about to order more when his eye fell on a headline in the Figaro. "Hard Times are Coming," so instead of ordering his usual second bottle he called for his check.

"Is there anything wrong with the wine?" asked the landlord.

"The wine is good but I did not order a second bottle because hard times are coming and we must economize!" explained the artist.

"Hard Times," said the landlord. "Then my wife must not order the silk dress we planned but must take one of cotton."

"Hard Times" repeated the dressmaker when the order was cancelled. "This is no time to expand. I must not make the improvements I had planned in the place."

"Hard Times, eh?" said the builder when the dressmaker cancelled the building plans. "Then I cannot have my wife's portrait painted."

So he wrote to the artist and cancelled his order.

After receiving the latter the artist went again to his favorite cafe and ordered a small bottle of wine to soothe him. On a nearby chair was the paper in which he had read of hard times two days before. He picked it up to read more closely and found it was two years old.

## A Thousand People Celebrate the Fourth at Fairview Church

Over a thousand people enjoyed the Fourth of July celebration given at the Fairview church, northeast of Alliance. A complete program, including a ball game in which the Red Sox defeated Fairview 31 to 9, a number of athletic events and a bowery dance in the evening, was given.

Following are the winners in the various events:

Horse race, free-for-all, seven entries—Clyde Curry, first; Art Zoble, second.

Foot race, three entries—Underwood, first; Warren Aspden, second.

Relay race, three entries and three changes—Dewey Aspden, first; Chris Brost, second.

Shetland pony race, two entries—Freeman Garrett, first; Warren Aspden, second.

Egg race, seven entries—Esther Nason, first; Vera Nason, second.

Men's race, 200-yards, eight entries—Walter Becker, first; Herman Brost, second.

Bundle race, six entries—Clyde Curry, first; Chris Brost, second.

Foot race, girls, from eight to twelve, ten entries—Ethel Lawrence, first.

Girls' foot race, up to eight years old, fifteen entries—Ruth Matz, second.

Boys' race, from eight to 12 years, ten entries—Chester Jay, first; Holcomb, second.

Boys' race up to eight, fifteen entries—Hubert Zochel, second.

Ball game—Marple vs. Ash Grove. Score 16 to 4, favor of Marple.

Automobile race, two entries, Dodge cars—Joe Freeman, first; Harris, second.

Barrel race, four entries—William Case, first; Ralph Nason, second.

Wrestling match—Loren Ricketts vs. Adolph Brost; won by Ricketts.

Boxing match—Charles Roselle vs. Art Dillon—three rounds. Won by Roselle.

Broncho busting, seven entries—Dewey Aspden, first; John Willis, Hay Springs, second.

Girls' horse race, two entries—Mable Aspden, first; Gladys Frenkle, second.

## Son Corrects Reports Concerning Manner in Which His Father Died

Morton Sweeney of Portland, Ore., is in the city, attending to business matters connected with the estate left by his father, Edwin P. Sweeney, whose accidental death was recently announced by Alliance newspapers.

The published reports are in error in regard to the manner in which Mr. Sweeney met his death, due to the fact that the telegram which brought the news said that fatal injuries had been received in a "car" accident. The word "car," in the smaller cities is universally accepted as meaning automobile, but in this case it was a street car. Mr. Sweeney had gone down town, according to his son, to attend a meeting of directors of a Wyoming oil company in which he was interested. Returning, he took a street car. A rose festival was in progress in the city, and the car was so crowded that Mr. Sweeney was forced to stand on the step. When the conductor came for the fare, he held on with his hand while holding out the money, and his grasp slipping, was thrown to the pavement. He received a broken hip, but due to his advanced age, complications set in which caused his death.

## CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAMS ARE DRAWING CROWDS

### 1921 PROGRAM SAID TO BE ONE OF THE BEST

Prospects Are That Guarantors Will Have to Make Good a Slight Deficit in Receipts

The 1921 chautauqua is successful in every way save the financial standpoint. The local committee has had a most strenuous job getting arrangements made for the opening programs, the worst grief being the failure of the big tent to arrive until a few hours before the first performance was scheduled to begin. The Pueblo flood disaster a few weeks ago demolished a tent for the Standard system, and made another one inaccessible, and it required some hard work and pretty close connections to get one to Alliance in time to use. The local committee was running around in circles for a time, but eventually everything came out all right, although a big crowd of volunteer workers were forced to pound tent stakes at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, and the decorations were slightly shy for the first entertainment or so.

To date, every program that has been given has been a marked success, and the holders of season tickets feel well repaid for their investment. Ticket sales were not so large as the local committee had hoped, although a sufficient number were sold which comes within a few hundred dollars of making the amount guaranteed the company. The fifty-odd guarantors will probably have to come across with some money after the final accounts are tallied up, although until the figures are all in it will be impossible to arrive at an accurate estimate.

The history of the chautauqua in Alliance has been one of continued deficits, with the exception of last year, when there was a small balance to the good. This money will be used in paying this year's debts. All over the state the chautauquas have been running in hard luck this year, so the result has been anticipated from the start.

### Rondoliers Pleased Audience.

The opening program was given by the Rondoliers, a quintet of musicians and entertainers, who started off with a burst of enthusiasm that continued with them during their two performances. Wednesday afternoon they gave a mixed program of musical selections, songs and readings, that pleased every one of the audience. They gave a short program at the beginning of the evening performance, and were followed by Clarence L. Burgdorfer.

Mr. Burgdorfer proved to be a whole show in himself. His stunt is primarily that of a character impersonator. Within a few minutes after he opened fire he had everyone of the audience holding their sides, and for nearly an hour and a half he kept them this way.

### Concert by Chicago Artists.

The afternoon program Thursday consisted in a recital by Alice Phillips, dramatic soprano, and William Phillips, baritone. They gave their second recital preceding the evening lecture by Dr. Frank Elwood Gordon.

Dr. Gordon took for his subject, "Shooting the Goal." In appearance he is as lean and lanky as Abraham Lincoln, and his talk ran along the lines characteristic of Lincoln.

The attraction scheduled for this afternoon is the Metropolitan Trio, a group of three young men who play music and are said to eschew the horseplay entirely. One of the chief features of their entertainment is a sent of organ chimes. They will give a short program this evening, following which Judge Frederick G. Bale of the Columbus juvenile court will give an address on "The Fourth Line of Defense." His talk will deal with the citizenship of tomorrow. He isn't a preacher, but his stories, taken from real life, of the kids who come before him is said to be full of food for thought.

The United Symphony orchestra one of the big headlines on the bill, is scheduled to fill the afternoon and evening performances Saturday. The Sunday afternoon program will be given by the New England male quartet, and in the evening an additional attraction will be ex-Governor Edward W. Hoch, Kansas' great statesman. On the closing day, Henry W. Burns will lecture on "Chords and Discords" in the afternoon, and the Wales Chautauqua Players will conclude the 1921 bill with a playlet, "Too Much Business."

### GOV. S. R. M'KELVIE DUE TO ARRIVE HERE SAT. NOON

A wire received by Secretary G. M. Carey of the chamber of commerce, sent by Gus Myers, state sheriff, states that Governor McKelvie and party will arrive in the city at 1 o'clock Saturday by train for the fingerprint conference for law enforcement officers of this district of western Nebraska. Sheriff Myers will arrive earlier in the morning by the automobile route.