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CITY MANAGER PLANS CHANGES IN FIRE DEPT.

WORKING-OUT WAYS TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE EXPENSE

Number of Paid Members to be Decreased—Kemmish Gives Statistics for 18 Months

City Manager N. A. Kemmish has turned his attention to the Alliance volunteer fire department. He has under consideration some plans for reorganizing the work of the department, among which is included the discharge of some of the paid firemen, the transfer of others to part-time work, the removal of the fire truck to the Lowry & Henry garage and the development of a system whereby the volunteer firemen will for the great part do the fire fighting.

Mr. Kemmish has gathered some statistics from the records of the fire department showing the number of men who have registered their names as attending fires, and the cost of maintaining the fire department in this city, as compared with other cities of the same size in Nebraska. He also takes up the matter of insurance rates and explains some of the changes he expects to put into effect.

The city manager has issued the following statement:

No doubt everyone will be interested in knowing something regarding the workings of the Alliance fire department. We are all interested in seeing Alliance have a good efficient and economical fire department. We have therefore gone over the records in this department for the past eighteen and one-half months to ascertain those who have registered as reported for duty at fires and what it has cost the city to maintain this department.

During the period from January 1, 1920 to July 16, 1921, inclusive, these records show that the fire department was called out forty-nine times. A part of these calls were false alarms but should be considered as fire calls. The following are the names of men appearing on the official register who have been on the paid department at various times during this past eighteen and one-half months and shows the number of fires attended by each man:

Carl Anderson, 27; Carl Rockey, 25; E. D. Fivecote, 15; Henry Sitzman, 10; S. Longtin, 10; V. E. Byrne, 9; Addison Bishop, 7.

Carl Anderson and V. E. Byrne are the only two remaining on this paid department at this time.

The following are the names of members on the volunteer department whose names appear on the official fire record and shows the number of fires each man attended during the past eighteen and one-half months:

Ward Hagg, ex-chief, 24; Ed. Brennan, 13; Charles Schaefer, present chief, 13; R. J. Trabert, 13; Claude Hazelton, 12; Denny Ryan, 12; W. H. Blume, 10; W. E. Edwards, assistant chief, 8; Charles E. Safford, 8; Lloyd Thomas, 7; Roy B. Burns, 7; O. C. Moore, 5; A. Wickerman, 5; George Ellis, 5; Guy Smith, 4; Charles Hill, 4; A. Haskins, 4; W. A. Blue, 3; W. R. Harper, 3; Joe Farrell, 3; Dr. Hand, 3; J. J. Glarem, 3; Olaf Kuhn, 3; Ross Sampson, 3; L. L. Williams, 3; A. Brost, 3; Charles Wycoff, 3; M. E. Reardon, 3; P. Kuhn, 2; T. O. Rome, 2; Ray D. Butler, 2; L. E. Burrows, 2.

There are thirty-four men who attended one fire during this eighteen months' period whose names appear on the register.

Our state statute provides that all members of a volunteer fire department in good standing in this state and all persons who have been members in good standing for five consecutive years in this state shall be exempt from serving on grand and petty juries of the justice of the peace courts of the state and from militia duty in time of peace and from the assessment of any poll tax. It also provides that no fire company shall have on the rolls at any one time more than seventy-five persons and no hook and ladder shall have more than fifty members. The statute provides that a member to be in good standing is hereby defined: to be those who keep their dues promptly paid up and are present and render active service when called out for the legitimate purpose of the organization. The by-laws of our Alliance fire department require that all members absenting themselves for three months from fires, meetings, drills or parades without a reasonable excuse shall forfeit their membership in the department but may be re-instated upon meeting with certain requirements. The by-laws also require that it shall be the duty of each fireman to register personally upon a register especially provided for this purpose at the engine house. This register must be made within twenty-four hours of the fire. This is the register from which these names were compiled. From the rules therefore a member to remain in good standing must attend at least one fire each three months which is equivalent to four fires per year or six fires during the eighteen months' period. It will be seen from the above statement that about eleven men during the past eighteen months are eligible to be exempt from poll tax. Each member

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THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Unconscious Nine Days After Serious Accident

Orville Huckle, sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Huckle, living near Hemingford, was seriously injured several days ago, while raking alfalfa was still unconscious Saturday, although nine days have elapsed since his accident.

He had driven too close to the fence, and one wheel of the rake caught on a fence post. His brothers, who were with him in the field, heard him call to the horses to stop, and looked up in time to see the horses break loose from the rake and the young man dragged from the seat. In some way he became entangled in the lines, and was dragged for thirty rods. The horses were running at a high rate of speed, and the youth was unconscious when he was picked up after the lines broke and released him. He sustained a broken nose, broken collar bone, a skull fracture above the right eye, and a cut on the right jaw that required four stitches to close.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS TRIP TO SPRINGS BEGINS JULY 31

ALLIANCE MEN WILL TAKE THEM IN AUTOS

South Dakota City Planning to Entertain Girls—Will Camp in City Park

Alliance Campfire Girls, to the number of sixty or more, are busy making plans for the annual outing, which is scheduled for the first part of August. Under present plans, the girls and their guardians will leave by automobile for Hot Springs, S. D., on July 31. The trip will be made in automobiles, and business men will be asked to contribute cars for the drive. A sufficient number of them have agreed to furnish a car so that the transportation problem is regarded as settled. The girls will stay either one or two weeks, probably until August 14.

Complete plans have not been made, but it has been settled that the girls will camp at the city camping grounds in Hot Springs. There is available at these grounds water, benches for tables and an ideal camping site, a few blocks away from the big Hot Springs plunge. The management of the plunge has agreed to give the girls the advantage of his lowest rates, who will be able to take regular morning swims.

E. W. Martin, president of the Hot Springs Commercial club, has written the Elks committee, which raised funds to send the girls on the trip this year, that Hot Springs is prepared to do everything possible to make the stay of their guests a pleasant one. The camp park, he writes, is a good one, is situated beneath a grove of pine trees, commands a beautiful view of the city and is both healthy and attractive. Hot Springs will not be able to supply the necessary tents, but will take care of the water supply and will furnish wood for the girls.

The Hot Springs Commercial club will arrange to give an auto excursion for the Campfire Girls during their stay, which will probably take them out to wind cave, the show spot of that part of the country. The city has a strong woman's organization under the name of the Civic club, and also a local unit of Campfire Girls, both of whom have promised full co-operation.

A meeting of the guardians will be held Thursday evening of this week, at which final arrangements will be made. There are some ninety Campfire Girls in the city, but a number of these will be unable to go on the trip.

St. Joseph's Hospital Finishes Installation of X-Ray Equipment

St. Joseph hospital of this city has completed the installation of its recently purchased X-ray equipment, and has placed Sister M. Consolata, R. N., trained X-ray technician graduate of St. Elizabeth's hospital of Chicago in charge of the department.

The machine at the hospital is the largest and latest Kelly-Koet model made, with a twelve-inch spark gap, and equipped with a safety device which assures absolute safety during its operation.

W. J. McNamara, expert X-ray mechanic of Omaha, who installed the machine, congratulated the hospital staff on its selection of equipment, and stated that the local hospital is now equipped with a better X-ray department than most of the greater hospitals in larger cities. The machine is the same model as that used in the Mayo Brothers clinic at Rochester, Minn., but is larger.

BUILDING OF THE MUNICIPAL PIER BEGUN MONDAY

WILL BE ERECTED NEAR THE BOY SCOUT CAMP

Public-Spirited Citizens Subscribe \$450 to Furnish Free Bathing Facilities to the County

Alliance is to have a municipal pier, and unless all indications fail, it will be completed within the next ten days. Saturday two or three Alliance men, Chief Jeffers, Sheriff J. W. Miller and Penrose Romig, started a subscription paper about, and in the space of a few hours had sixty or seventy-five signatures, the amount pledged being \$450. Since \$500 was all that was required to construct a pier and a bath house, the orders were given and Monday morning, bright and early, material was being hauled to the grounds. Chief C. W. Jeffers and Sheriff Miller are getting additional subscriptions today.

The new municipal pier will be constructed about three hundred yards south of the present Boy Scout camp, on the east side of Broncho lake. The pier will be built on piling, and will extend eighty-five feet out into the water, and five feet wide. There will be a good spring diving board. The bath-house will be sixteen by fifty feet, half to be used by men and half by women. It will have a cement floor. The women's side will have individual rooms, about fifteen of them, but the men will not be allowed to retire to an anteroom to don their swimming trunks or flourish their towels.

The location selected is on land owned by the county, and permission has already been given to erect the bath-house and build the pier. The beach here is said to be as good as any place on the lake. The slope is fairly even, but it will be dredged and leveled for a space of two or three hundred feet, so that it will be ideal for smaller children, who will be able to swim near the water's edge without occasioning heart failure in their parents. At this part of the lake there are no deep holes, and swimming will be comparatively safe.

The contributions, with the exception of that of Jim Hunter, who headed the list with \$50, and that of the Lions club, which will donate \$100 to the enterprise, are mostly in small amounts, ranging from 50 cents to ten dollars. In this case, those who carried the paper about did not make any particular attempt to call on the business men, realizing that they have been hit pretty heavily for donations of one sort and another the past few months. The subscribers were largely those who will use the new swimming beach. A number of railroaders placed their names down.

As planned by the promoters, the facilities at the municipal pier will be free of charge to all who come. This was one of the conditions laid down by the first man to contribute, and everyone following agreed with him. The bath-house will be open to all who desire to use it. The Boy Scouts, who run the neighboring camp and swimming hole, have agreed to keep an eye on the bath house and will keep it cleaned up. It may be that they will decide later to rent towels and bathing suits if the prospects seem good.

Plans for this year are quite modest. Only the pier and bath house will be built. Next year, if conditions warrant, an additional sum will be asked for, with which to provide shower baths and other improvements. Trees will also be set out, it is hoped.

Broncho lake has never been more popular for swimming purposes than this year. The Country club beach has been used largely and often, and the Boy Scouts are making good use of their facilities. The general public has flocked to the lake in larger numbers than ever before. Saturday evening seventy-two cars were counted on the east side of the lake, and there were 205 people in swimming last Wednesday evening. The lake is getting to be a popular place for picnic parties. A number of the automobiles carry canvas covers so the car can be converted into a dressing room.

The movement for a public pier at Broncho lake was started by the Alliance Lions club a couple of weeks ago, but the same idea has been in the minds of other citizens. The club appointed a committee to formulate plans for getting funds, but the other fellows beat them to it a trifle by getting out a subscription paper. The Lions club promptly subscribed a substantial sum. The idea was popular, as nearly every man approached put his name down for some amount. The building of the public bath house and the pier will be a welcome source of entertainment during the hot weather, and the men who were responsible for bringing the idea to public attention, as well as those who carried it out so promptly, are deserving of especial credit.

Ralph Borgelt has received a seven-volume set of the Free mason's Cyclopaedia, which deals with all phases of Masonry. This has been placed in the library at the Masonic Temple and will be placed at the disposal of all Masons. The books were a gift from his mother at the time he received his third degree.

CROSS-COUNTRY HIGHWAY TO PASS THRU ALLIANCE

THIS CITY ON THE GOLF-PLAINS-CANADA ROUTE

Chamber of Commerce Will Send a Delegate to Wray, Colo., for Meeting August 4

Fortune is again smiling in the direction of Alliance. According to a dispatch in Sunday's Rocky Mountain News, this city is slated for a place on the new Gulf-Plains-Canadian highway, a great trans-country road extending from the Mexican border to Canada. Plans have already been perfected for marking the highway in Colorado and Nebraska, and by August 1 there is expected to be nearly three hundred miles of the highway marked. The members of the chamber of commerce discussed the new highway at the noon luncheon Monday, and it was decided to send a delegate to Wray, Colo., for the next meeting of the association on August 4.

The news gives the following information concerning the route of the highway and plans for the future: "Eastern Colorado citizens who are back of the Gulf-Plains-Canadian highway have already started to 'put it over' and at a meeting held in Wray Friday night plans were perfected for marking the highway in Colorado and over into Nebraska. The highway is proposed as the great trans-country road extending from the Mexican border into Canada.

"Before August 1 there will be 283 miles of the highway marked," said R. J. Welton, who attended the Wray meeting. "This will be from Bristol through Burlington, Wray, Holyoke and Julesburg in Colorado to Oshkosh and Lisco, Neb. Plans are already underway for extending the highway on through Alliance, Neb., into Montana and on into Canada and from Bristol through Limon, Cheyenne Wells and Lamar across Colorado.

"The Wray meeting was attended by representative citizens along the proposed highway, county commissioners, ranchers and others and hundreds have joined the organization, which has been incorporated in Colorado, and have paid their first year's dues. The plan is to organize each community along the route and then seek help of county commissioners, states and the federal government.

"Marking has already been commenced and the insignia 'G. P. C.' has been copyrighted. This insignia is being put on signs ten inches wide and thirty inches high in six-inch letters in black on a white background. There will be two posts at each turn and one marking pole every mile on a straight road.

"It was explained at the Wray meeting that many of the roads are already made, but they will have to be connected up, and all graded and surfaced to make it the ideal highway that is proposed. The highway will be the only cross-country highway in the west."

"The next meeting of the organization is set for August 4 in Wray."

Box Butte County Sunday Schools to Meet at Hemingford

The Box Butte county Sunday school convention will be held at Hemingford on July 26. A splendid program has been arranged for the instruction and entertainment of the delegates. The program follows:

9:30 a. m.—Devotional, Prof. R. L. Embree.
10 a. m.—Address of welcome, Alex. Muirhead.
Response, Rev. S. J. Epler.
Reports, appointment of committees, etc.

10:45 a. m.—"Getting Behind the Superintendent," Arthur Gregory.

11:15 a. m.—"Suggestive Program for Sunday School," Miss Margaret E. Brown.

12:00 p. m.—Basket dinner at church.

1:15 p. m.—Devotional, George E. Schneider.

1:30 p. m.—"Problems of the Rural School," Mrs. B. V. Blanchard McNeely.

2:00 p. m.—"The Sunday School and Its Mission," Rev. C. R. Mattison.

2:20 p. m.—"The Church and Week-day Religious Education," Rev. A. J. Kearns.

2:40 p. m.—"Making the Sunday School a Living Thing," Mrs. Jennie Reed.

3:00 p. m.—"The Undeveloped Resources," Rev. M. C. Smith.

3:30 p. m.—"Worship in the Sunday School," W. H. Kimberley.

4:00 p. m.—"Training for Devotional Life," Mrs. Margaret E. Brown.

5:00 p. m.—Business session.

8:00 p. m.—Address, W. H. Kimberley.

8:30 p. m.—"The Outlook in the Orient," Miss Margaret E. Brown.

Mrs. C. L. Finch returned yesterday from a ten days' visit with her parents at Julesburg, Colo.

Mrs. A. E. Kitchen has returned from Colorado Springs, where she has been spending her vacation.

Express Company Will Be Ordered to Change the Rates on Ice Cream

The chamber of commerce received a telegram Monday morning from the interstate commerce commission, which will, it is hoped, mark the end of the argument over express rates which has been hanging on for the past few months. Some time ago the Alliance Creamery company enlisted the aid of the chamber of commerce in an effort to equalize rates on ice cream from Alliance to Hot Springs and intermediate points, as compared with the rates from cities in the North Platte valley to the same points. The rate was then over \$2 per hundred pounds and the rate to Hot Springs was ordered reduced to \$1.04 by the interstate commerce commission. The express company, however, refused to change rates to intermediate points, and for several weeks the creamery has been paying \$1.04 per hundred to Hot Springs, and \$2.10 to Edgemont, several miles nearer. The chamber of commerce took the matter up with the commission and the telegram yesterday advised that a formal order, covering rates to the intermediate towns, will be forthcoming immediately, its effective date to be announced within the week.

ALLIANCE CUBS GO TO BAYARD THIS EVENING

TWENTY MEN TO MAKE TRIP BY AUTOMOBILE

Lions From This City Will Be Present When Bayard Club Receives Its Charter

Twenty members of the Alliance Lions club are leaving this afternoon in automobiles for Bayard, and this evening they will encourage and support their Bayard brethren through the trying ordeal of receiving a charter. There will be a district governor general and other speech-making dignitaries, but in addition to being an occasion for solemn thought, there will be some merry-making. The Bayard club has promised an entertaining evening, and if there is any danger that they may fail to deliver the goods, the Alliance Lions have prepared a few stunts that will make the festivities more festive. It is going to be one large evening if both of the clubs get to going in proper form.

Last Thursday the Bayard Lions came over to Alliance for a friendly call, and walloped their hosts to the fearful tune of 26 to 1. The return visit of the Lions is made too late for baseball, because the Alliance cubs feared defeat and the Bayard cubs feared bloodshed if the two teams ever again get together on the diamond. If the Alliance men get even, it will be a victory of brains over brawn, or something like that, and they hope to get even. A charter presentation ought to be the chance of a lifetime.

The following Alliance Lions plan to make the trip: W. L. O'Keefe, Frank Abegg, Frank Brennan, C. E. Adams, J. S. Rhein, Clay Harry, True Miller, John Henneberry, Jack Kane, Ed. M. Burr, Charles Brittan, J. W. Guthrie, Dick O'Bannon, Bud Schafer, Cal Walker, Lee Basye, M. D. Nolan, Lou Reynolds.

Police Round Up Three Taxi Drivers Without Licenses

Art Garrett, H. G. Dentler and Ed. Bishop have been notified to appear in police court at 2 p. m. Wednesday, to explain why they are operating automobiles for hire without first procuring from the city clerk a license. The ordinances provide a license fee of \$10 per year, and already seven taxi owners have paid the fee. Complaint against the three men were made by other drivers who had paid the license money.

Dr. Einar V. Blak was arrested Friday evening by Officer Stilwell, and charged with violating traffic rules by turning his car in the middle of the street. Hearing was set for 4 p. m. Monday, but Police Judge L. A. Berry allowed postponement until today at the same hour.

State Officers Have Nice Words to Say of Reception in Alliance

City Manager N. A. Kemmish has received the following letter, dated Monday, from State Sheriff Gus A. Hyers:

"Please extend to your chamber of commerce and the good citizens of Alliance our appreciation for the fine entertainment and courtesies extended our delegation while in convention in your city. It will be long remembered as one of the successful meetings of the state."

RECOMMENDS A CUT IN FREIGHT RATES ON STOCK

MAY ELIMINATE THE 35 PER CENT RATE INCREASE

An Examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission Holding a Hearing in Washington

Reduction of present live stock rates throughout the western territory where meat-producing animals are raised has been recommended to the interstate commerce commission by one of its examiners, and a hearing thereon is now in progress at Washington, according to a telegram received Friday by the Nebraska railway commission.

The proposed reduction would eliminate the 35 per cent increase allowed to the railroads by the interstate commission in its order of a year ago.

In his report to the federal commission, Examiner Disque said that "the rates on certain commodities are stifling industry and should be reduced to meet economic requirements." His opinion was further expressed that this reduction in the case of live stock should be approximately equal to the advance allowed in 1920.

As to traffic in general, the examiner stated his belief that it would be "unwarranted at this time and no adequate compensating benefit would be thus achieved."

His report urged the railroads themselves to eliminate high rates on live stock, especially for the longer hauls. The industry would be materially helped thereby, the report declared.

Hearing on Grain Rates August 15.

As a result of complaints filed at Washington by state commissions of Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota, the interstate commerce commission will conduct a hearing there on August 15 relative to a reduction on freight charges on grain, grain products and hay. If live stock rates are reduced, in the meantime, it will be interpreted as forecasting similar action on these other commodities, since the same conditions affect all of them.

A conference of state commissions interested in presenting facts and arguments in support of reduced rates will be held at Chicago, on July 29, in the offices of the Illinois commission there. The Nebraska commission will be represented at this meeting by one of its members and probably also by Special Counsel LaMaster.

Present Rates Defended.

Present freight rates have no relation to the condition of the live stock industry in the west, Kenneth F. Burgess, representing the railroads, declared Friday before the Interstate Commerce committee in oral argument on the shippers' plea for relief in the states where utilities commissions have intervened.

Previously representatives of the live stock interests had declared that the rates were destroying the west and would result in the railroads being among the worst sufferers in the end. "The railroads should not be allowed to sacrifice the future of the west on the altar of present revenues," S. H. Cowan of the American Live Stock association said.

Rate reductions asked by the shippers amount to \$34,000,000 a year, which would be but 1.2 per cent of the total value of the market of the live stock shipped on western roads. Mr. Burgess declared. While the value of the live stock on the farm in 1920, he added, had suffered a deflation of \$819,000,000, the freight rate increased in that year on the western roads was only \$7,488,000.

Discussing the Friday report of Examiner Disque, which held that the rates on live stock were low from a transportation standpoint, but because of conditions prevailing in the industry they are high from an economic standpoint, Mr. Burgess said:

"The economic standpoint represents a new test of reasonableness unknown to the law, without giving any measure to tell what would be reasonable and if you find that these rates are reasonable from a transportation standpoint I challenge your jurisdiction to reduce them."

Under the law, he said, rates on one class of traffic could not be decreased so as to throw a burden on other classes.

Seven-Year-Old Son of Former Alliance Woman Is Drowned at Billings

Word has reached The Herald that Billie Parker, the seven-year-old son of Mrs. Nellie J. Parker, met death by drowning in the Yellowstone river near Billings, Mont., last Tuesday. Funeral services were held at Billings on July 14.

The child's mother was a former resident of Alliance, her maiden name being Nellie Baker. She was the daughter of Rev. O. S. Baker, at one time pastor of the Methodist church of this city. Mrs. Parker now is a resident of Billings.

Dick Strong returned Sunday from his homestead in Wyoming.