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STRUGGLE IS ON FOR A PLACE ON NEW HIGHWAY

BRIDGEPORT CONTENDING WITH BROADWATER.

Apparently a Continuation of the Two-year-old Struggle for Connecting Road With Alliance.

The Gulf-Plains-Canadian highway, which was recently organized resulting in reopening the struggle in Morrill county between Bridgeport and Broadwater both of which have been for two years working on the Morrill county commissioners to approve a state aid road through the county which will connect with a road out from Alliance and will furnish this city an outlet to the Lincoln highway.

When the new north and south highway, which will reach from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada, was first planned a meeting was held at Julesburg, Col., at which officers were elected for the Colorado state organization. The Julesburg meeting favored a route via Oshkosh, Lisco, Broadwater to Alliance.

A week or two ago, a meeting was held at Sedgwick, Col., where a second Colorado state organization was perfected, and the highway, renamed the North Star highway, was slated to go through Chappell, Lodgepole, Sidney, Bridgeport to Alliance.

A meeting was held at Broadwater Thursday evening, at which the intention was to perfect a Nebraska organization. A week ago a preliminary meeting was held at Sidney and today another meeting has been called for the purposes of organization.

Alliance will be represented at both the Broadwater and Sidney meetings.

A delegation of fourteen Box Butte county good roads boosters left Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock on a two day jaunt, during which time they will attend good roads meetings at Broadwater and Sidney. The men met with the Broadwater community club Thursday evening, at which time considerable attention was to be paid to a route through Morrill county which will connect Alliance with the Lincoln highway.

This road has been hanging fire for months, due to the fact that the Morrill county commissioners cannot get together to approve a road. The difficulty is that the east and west portions of the county are pulling for different routes. Eastern Morrill county wants a road to Alliance to go through Broadwater; the other part of the county favors a road through Bridgeport following the railroad track.

One Morrill county commissioner lives in Bridgeport; another resides in Broadwater. The third commissioner is a good friend of each and hasn't broken the deadlock. Both factions have been boosting strong for their route. The west road has been graded and put in shape by voluntary labor donated by farmers and ranchers along the route; but this is equally true of the Broadwater route. For weeks adherents have been getting their road in shape. One day the Broadwater men are in high spirits, due to receiving a promise, and the next the sun goes behind a cloud.

Alliance is Neutral.

Alliance is friendly to both factions. Indeed, this city would like to have a road to connect with both of them. The Box Butte county commissioners have agreed to meet any and all roads that the Morrill commissioners will build to the county line. The expense falls largely on the neighboring county, there being but six miles of road for Box Butte to build.

So far as this city is concerned, there is little choice in the routes. The road up the railroad track is probably the shorter by a few miles, but it will be no better going, the Broadwater men say, than the other route. Besides, as many travelers will be heading east as any other way, and in any event the distance factor is of little consequence. The main thing is to get the road through, so the Alliance boosters believe.

A further factor has entered into the road situation the past few weeks. Scottsbluff, through its chamber of commerce has suggested a road between the two cities, which will offer still, another outlet to the Lincoln highway. While nothing has been done on this, the Alliance men are interested, and as soon as the good roads business becomes more settled, something will undoubtedly be done in that direction. The road between Alliance and Scottsbluff is admitted to be one of the worst in western Nebraska.

The Sidney Meeting.

The Alliance delegation, following the Broadwater meeting, will proceed to Sidney, where this afternoon will be held the organization meeting for Nebraska of the North Star highway, the proposed transcontinental Gulf-Plains-Canadian route. A preliminary meeting was held at Sidney over a week ago, at which many representatives from western Nebraska were present.

The North Star highway, or the Gulf-Plains-Canadian route, bids fair to start another row in Morrill county. First reports said the road would come to Alliance via Julesburg, Osh-

kosh and Lisco. Then Sidney got in the game, as did Sedgwick, Col., and the latter city announces that the route will start from Sedgwick, Col., north to Chappell, west along the Lincoln highway through Lodgepole to Sidney, then north from Sidney to Bridgeport, Alliance and Chadron.

It was the intention at the Broadwater meeting last evening to go ahead and perfect a state organization for the Gulf-Plains-Canadian highway. At Sidney tonight the same thing will be done, unless the newspaper reports are in error. The Broadwater people, following the Julesburg meeting on August 4, have been selling membership cards in the Gulf-Plains-Canadian association and a lot of them have been sold.

Alliance will probably be just as neutral in the Gulf-Plains-Canadian scrap as she is in the Broadwater-Bridgeport struggle to get a road to Alliance. If there are to be two state associations, Alliance business men may join both of them. At any rate, the Alliance delegation will attend both the Broadwater and Sidney meetings.

The delegation consisted of County Commissioners George Duncan and Cal Hashman, and Ed Henry, Calvin D. Walker, R. E. Knight, Glen Miller, D. Foley, J. C. McCorkle, J. S. Rhein, Lee Sturgeon, C. Schafer, J. W. Guthrie, W. R. Harper. H. P. Conroy will attend the Sidney meeting this evening, and it is possible that an additional delegation may be present.

J. W. Wilson of Antioch was in the city Wednesday.

ALLIANCE TAKES A FALL OUT OF VALENTINE NINE

WINS FROM AN ALL-SALARIED TEAM BY 7 TO 5 SCORE.

Two Big Games for Wednesday and Thursday of Next Week, When Sidney Comes a Second Time.

The Alliance baseball team took a fall out of the all-salaried team from Valentine at the fair grounds park Thursday afternoon, winning by a score of 7 to 5. The game was close for the first three innings. Both teams managed to slide a score over the home plate in the first, the second brought neither side a tally, and in the third the Valentine players made three runs to but two for the locals. The game was sewed up for Alliance in the fourth, when three more runs were added to the total, and Valentine put over her last counter. Alliance scored again in the fifth, and the rest of the exhibition was airtight baseball.

Sidney will be here Wednesday and Thursday of next week for a return engagement. The Sidney team played two games here two or three weeks ago, losing one and winning the other. They were pretty proud of their record, and will come next week hoping to cop both of the games. The fans are particularly interested in these games and a heavy attendance is expected.

Thursday's results.

Team	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Alliance	5	1	4	0	0	0
Butler, cf	5	1	4	0	0	0
Griffin, 1b	3	1	5	0	0	0
Fenning, ss	3	1	2	4	1	0
Black, lb	3	1	2	0	0	0
Nation, rf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Davidson, 3b	3	1	0	4	0	0
Edwards, 2b	4	0	0	4	2	1
McNulty, c	4	1	1	5	1	0
McKinney, p	4	1	1	3	1	1
Total	33	7	27	10	3	1

Valentine

Team	ab	r	h	po	a	e
H. Smith, rf	4	0	1	0	0	2
Besswick, 1b-p	4	1	0	3	1	1
Carroll, cf	5	1	1	1	0	0
Denney, p-rf	5	0	0	0	1	1
White, ss	3	1	1	2	1	1
C. Smith, 2b	4	1	0	4	0	0
Provo, lf-p-1b	5	1	3	6	0	0
Porter, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	2
Curtiss, c	3	0	0	8	1	0
Total	37	5	7	24	11	7

Score by innings:

Inning	r	h	e
Valentine	103	100	000-5 7 7
Alliance	102	810	00x-9 8 3

Summary: Three base hits, Carroll, Black, Butler. Home run, Black. Sacrifice hits, White, Fenning, Davidson. Hit by pitched ball, McKinney, 1; Provo, 1. Stolen bases, White, Nation. Base on balls by McKinney 3. Struck out by Besswick 4, Denny 4, Provo 1, McKinney 7. Time of game 2:00. Umpire, Harling. Attendance, 200.

Business isn't so good in county court this month. Not only have there been fewer wedding licenses issued, but the county judge hasn't performed so many of the ceremonies. Twelve licenses were issued in July and Judge Tash performed eleven of the ceremonies. So far this month eight couples have applied for permission to marry, and the Alliance preachers have got all the fees.

Dr. Claude Palmer of Bridgeport has been seriously ill this week. He had been sick for the past two weeks but it was not thought serious until last Wednesday when Dr. Bennett and Weynens of this city were called to see him. The latest reports are that he is slightly improved.

CITY MANAGER TALKS IT OVER WITH FIREMEN

VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT IS IN SYMPATHY WITH PLANS.

Committee of Five Appointed to Work With Kimmish in Reorganizing the Fire Department.

City Manager N. A. Kimmish met with the members of the Alliance volunteer fire department Wednesday evening, and presented his plans for a complete reorganization of the department. It was a case of give and take for a time, some of the members having some things on their chests which they desired to get rid of. After this part of the program was completed, the fireboys and the city manager got together and inside of half an hour harmony prevailed and the spirit of co-operation appeared on the scene.

A committee of five firemen, consisting of President Chester Moore, Secretary Ross Sampson, Treasurer Fred Hayes, P. E. Romig and G. E. Hand, was appointed to work with the city manager in devising ways and means to reorganize the department. The rules probably will be altered in such a way as to provide for purely social members in the department, as distinguished from active members, and to make it a more efficient fire fighting organization.

The firemen will be given club rooms on the first floor of the city hall, their quarters in the upper story having been turned over to the Alliance school board for use as school rooms to relieve the congestion this year. It is probably that the membership of the department will be decreased somewhat, and the new quarters will not only be large enough for the purpose, but will be more convenient than the old. The plan of the city manager for converting the armory into a municipal swimming pool will be held in abeyance for the time being.

City Manager Kimmish discusses the meeting in the following statement, issued this morning:

"Wednesday evening we met with the volunteer firemen. Matters pertaining to the welfare of the department were freely discussed. It resulted in a clearer understanding of the problems before us. It was admitted that in the past some rules had not been lived up to as well as they should have been. It was also admitted that no doubt there were a few men who received benefits and were not strictly entitled to them.

"We should not however hold animosities of the past. We cannot go back and correct these. The men present expressed their willingness to cooperate with us in every way possible to reorganize the department on a sound, business and efficient basis. They appointed a committee of five to work with us on ways and means of bringing this about. Every man will be expected to live up to the rules and regulations of the department or be dropped from the list. This shows a fine spirit of cooperation. What more could we ask them to do?"

"Let us forget the past and put our shoulder to the wheel and help the boys along. No doubt they will make mistakes and do things which will make us angry. They are only human. We have never doubted for one moment but that the good, sound sensible members of this organization will be able to place this department on a higher plane and make it a real useful organization for Alliance and of which we will all be proud."

Alliance May Send Representatives to Tennis Tournament

Tennis enthusiasts in Alliance are expecting to send a delegation of contestants to the western Nebraska tennis tournament which will be held at Kimball, August 29, 30 and 31, and September 1. E. L. Meyer, former state champion, and F. C. Prince are among those who have been urged to represent this city.

The tournament will be quite a pretentious affair. The prize that will be awarded the winner in the single contests is a silver loving cup, to be retained by the winner for one year; to be contested for annually and to remain the permanent property of the one who wins it three times. A silver loving cup will be awarded the runner-up. Two Spalding Gold Medal racquets will be awarded the champions in the double contests.

On August 29, a banquet will be held at Kimball, at which time the election of officers will be held and decision made as to the location of the 1922 tournament. Rooms will be furnished free by the Kimball club. Representatives are expected from Scottsbluff, Gering, Alliance, Bayard, Chadron, Minatare, Mitchell, Ogallala, Sidney, Bushnell, Potter, Lodgepole, Chappell, Julesburg, Cheyenne, McGrew and Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, who have been visiting with their son, Lee Moore, for the past ten days, returned today to their home at Butler, Mo.

POETS WORKING OVERTIME DOWN AT HOT SPRINGS

ALLIANCE'S CAMPFIRE GIRLS TAP THE PIERIAN SPRING.

Verse Writer Protests Against the Wearing of Khaki Trousers by the Maidens.

The Alliance Campfire Girls have got Hot Springs going. The youths of that city are doffing their caps bashfully; the matrons are beaming fondly; father and big brother are running the family auto up the steep incline to the city camping grounds whenever a bunch of those slim girls head in that direction. Worse—and more of it—the Hot Springs poets are beginning to gnaw the ends of their pencils.

Badger Clark, a celebrity of more than local fame, came out one evening during the first week, and spouted poetry for an hour or so, and several of the girls, and a guardian or two, have purchased volumes of his verse and are reading them. This started a poetical orgy. The lads who have gazed upon starry-eyed maidens and felt their hearts rise into their throats can be excused for thinking up sonnets. But the worst is yet to come.

W. A. Richardson, who signs himself as from the Battle Mountain sanitarium, has been working his muse overtime. The last issue of the Hot Springs Times-Herald contains two poems from his pen, and both of them undoubtedly inspired by the Alliance Campfire Girls. One of them is a veritable fairy tale in version concerning some wicked cave man on Battle Mountain who planned to capture the Campfire Girls and their guardians and start a harem, but was chained up before he had an opportunity to carry out his fearsome design. The other poetical effort is a pained protest from a suffering soul who dislikes to see "some fairy sprite trigged out in khaki pants." The poems follow:

The Lotus Land.

When those dashing Campfire maidens
Trekled from sand hills' torrid heat,
To the cooling Black Hills region
Gianting joys of life complete
Where true pleasure safely nestles
Backing at dame Nature's feet,
Scorning trails, well, forgotten,
In the Hot Springs sane retreat;

There was glee on Battle Mountain
When the cave man issued forth
And viewed their charms in toto
With their vast historic worth;
From recess of his cavern
He received a violent hunch
To promulgate Wind Cave wisdom
He must kidnap the whole bunch.
From his Battle Mountain lookout
All their charms he conned to self
As they gathered round the campfire
In fire play of evening's elf;
And he muttered, eyes a gleaming,
Heart stop beating quite so plain
One huge loss to old Nebraska
But it's all to Hot Springs gain.

Chaperones and campfires too,
Have a Battle Mountain harem;
By the time that I get through
I will issue cave men rations
Water free and love for grub;
Then he looked his weapons over,
From them chose his choicest cub.

All his plans were bold and wary,
Most presumptuous, lined with gall;
If successful, poor Nebraska
Beauty, no per cent at all,
Were his schemes by fortune favored;
By the time that he were through
Cupid down in old Nebraska
Wouldn't have so much to do.

But a bird from Battle Mountain
List the bold audacious plan,
And he flew to tell the secret
To the Hot Springs safety clan;
And the cave man, in full fury,
He was chained and chained to stay,
Till those gems of old Nebraska
Stilled their campfires and away.

As Campfire girls homeward trek
Of them were often thinking,
Health to them in luck's escape
In mineral waters drinking,
And many good years spare 'em
Nor fate reveal a chance escape.
From Battle Mountain harem.

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Judge W. H. Westover of Rushville stopped over in Alliance Thursday on his way to Rushville, and having a few hours at his disposal, consented to hear a number of divorce suits. A decree of absolute divorce was granted Elsie Van Graven from Paul P. Van Graven; Marie W. Wingate was given a decree of absolute divorce from Henry W. Wingate, and Mary J. Austin was given a decree of absolute divorce from Henry E. Austin. The decree permits Mrs. Austin to resume her maiden name.

Whether the phonograph is unknown in sunny Mexico, or whether Pedro Arroyo preferred to make the selection may never be known. The Mexican purchased a machine of the Thiele establishment yesterday and within ten minutes the express office employees were looking up the rate. Arroyo is a Burlington employe.

S. O. S.

The Elks committee, which has taken charge of the work of getting the Campfire Girls to their Hot Springs camp and bringing them home again, is sending out an S. O. S. More cars are needed for the return trip. Sixteen cars took the girls to the Springs, and most of them got caught in a rain. This streak of bad luck made some of the car drivers have cold feet. Others who had promised to make the trip are out of the city or find themselves unable to go.

The Hot Springs road is in the best condition it has been for years. This is straight goods, for the writer just got back from a flivvering excursion there. Outside of three or four miles, where the state road gang is grading, there isn't a prettier drive in western Nebraska. You can go up Saturday and return Sunday if the trip seems too strenuous, and will have a good time yourself while helping the girls and the Elks out. Ten gallons of gas will do it. Take some of the family along if you think you'll be lonely.

If you can possibly do so, be a good fellow and arrange your affairs to help bring the girls back. Call S. W. Thompson, A. Gavin or Edwin M. Burr at the Herald office if you can go. At least eight more cars are needed.

POTATO CROP NOT SO GOOD AS LAST YEAR

THE STATE BUREAU ISSUES ITS AUGUST CROP REPORT.

The Corn Prospects are Considerably Above the Average—Winter Wheat is Looking Up.

An average yield of winter wheat, a corn condition 14 points above the ten year average for this date, lowered condition of oats and potatoes, and a barley crop second on the state's record in spite of the supposed disease of that cereal are the facts released in the Aug. 11 report of A. E. Anderson of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates and Leo Stuhr, secretary of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Although corn lost four points during July from drouth in parts of the southwest quarter of the state, the main corn belt shows an improvement, and an increased estimate for the state as a whole. The main corn belt with its good stands, luxurious growth and large drooping ears has seldom, if ever been more promising. Despite the lowered condition and partial failure of some of the corn within the southwestern quarter of the state, the indicated production is 217,934,000 bushels last month and 225,528,000 bushels last year. The par value of 100% condition increases 3.5 bushels during August and if the present condition is maintained, the crop will rank favorably with last year.

The potato crop lost eight points in condition during July. It appears that the high temperatures during the latter part of June are largely responsible for the lowered condition and yields. The condition of 77% compared to 85% a month ago forecasts 7,600,000 bushels as compared to last year's crop of 8,415,000 bushels. The commercial crop is good, although not up to expectations. Part of the Nebraska crop has been selling on the Chicago market at prices ranging from fifty cents to one dollar higher per hundred pounds than the Missouri and Kansas crops. The heavy drop in the production of the total United States potato crop last month from 376,997,000 bushels to the present estimate of 315,797,000 bushels has been reflected by the advancing prices.

Winter Wheat Outlook.

The outcome of winter wheat upon which there has been such varied opinion now approximates the ten year average. The preliminary estimate of yield is 16.3 bushels compared to 17.4 bushels last year and the ten year average of 16.35 bushels. There is an extremely wide range in yields. Kansas wheat seems to be leading in high yields according to many comments from crop correspondents. The preliminary production estimate is 52,731,000 bushels compared to 58,028,000 bushels last year. While the quality of the greater part of the wheat is excellent, some of the later threshed shock wheat was injured by rains and the average quality is 92%.

The condition of spring wheat shows further deterioration due chiefly to drouth in the more important spring wheat countries of western Nebraska. The condition of 78% indicates a production of 3,167,000 bushels as compared to 2,451,000 bushels last year. The total production of all wheat is 55,898,000 bushels as compared to 60,480,000 bushels a year ago.

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The Alliance chapter of De Molay, or rather the baseball team representing it, went down to inglorious defeat Wednesday at Broken Bow, the score being 13 to 7.

CHRIS VALLAS FOUND GUILTY IN COUNTY COURT

FINED ON CHARGE OF RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.

Three Colored Men Held for Federal Court on Charge of Breaking Into Interstate Shipment.

Chris Vallas, proprietor of the Alliance Billiard parlor, was fined \$25 and costs of \$13.50 by Judge Tash in county court Thursday morning on a charge of receiving stolen property to the value of \$17.40. In imposing the fine, Judge Tash admitted that the testimony was not of the highest class, but declared that it was sufficiently conclusive.

The witnesses whose testimony resulted in the conviction were, with the exception of Chief Jeffers, members of a colored gang who were Thursday afternoon bound over for trial in the federal courts on a charge of stealing from freight in interstate shipment, by United States Court Commissioner L. A. Berry.

Ed Linn, colored, testified that he arrived in Alliance ten days ago from Chicago; that he had gone to the Alliance billiard parlor and got acquainted with Vallas, the proprietor. He wanted to purchase some Camel cigarettes, he said. He declared that Vallas told him they were out of stock, but that if he should happen to get hold of some Camels, Vallas would buy them and ask no questions as to where they came from. Linn said that Vallas told him he would take other standard merchandise off his hands.

In company with another colored man, Dewey Brown, Linn said, he had broken into a freight car. A sack of sugar was taken, and Brown used his parlor razor to open another sack, which was emptied on the floor and the sack filled with coffee, rice, tea and other groceries. He had taken the stuff to the pool hall.

Lester Smith, white, employed at the pool hall, testified that Vallas had told him that if the colored man came with some stuff, to give him the key to the back door. Vallas came to the pool hall, Smith said, after Linn had delivered the stuff and told him to get some blankets and cover it. Later the foot was placed in an excavation under the rear part of the building, which was at one time used as a bakery.

Chief Jeffers told of searching the place. The first time nothing was found, but later the chief recalled that the cement floor did not go clear back to the end of the building, and a second visit revealed the fact that there was a trap door in the wooden floor and a basement underneath. The stuff was found concealed under boxes and other rubbish.

It is understood that Vallas will appeal the case, the officers believing that the object of the appeal is to prevent the city council from revoking Vallas' license to run a pool hall. Complaints have been made of the place from time to time and it is known that the council is considering taking up Vallas' permit.

Joe Myers, alias Dewey Bryant, and Ed Linn pleaded guilty Thursday afternoon before United States Court Commissioner L. A. Berry to having broken into a freight car in interstate shipment, and were held for trial in the federal court under bonds of \$1,000, which they were unable to furnish. James Johnson, also colored, whose home was raided by the police and sheriff's force, and a quantity of clothing discovered, pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property and was also bound over. The charge against Aaron Collier, colored, of receiving stolen property was dismissed.

United States Marshal A. W. Wright of Chadron was in the city yesterday, and will take the prisoners with him, it is understood. A warrant for Vallas' arrest on a federal charge was served by Mr. Wright this afternoon.

Campfire Girls Will Break Camp at Springs and Return Sunday

The Alliance Campfire Girls, who have been camping at Hot Springs for two weeks, will break camp Sunday morning of this week and be brought home by a bunch of Alliance residents, who will drive up Saturday for the purpose. The girls have put in two of the most pleasant weeks in the history of the organization, but two weeks is a long time and some of the younger ones will be anxious to make the return trip.

The Elks committee is short half a dozen cars for the return trip, and those who can arrange to drive up Saturday or Sunday and bring some of the girls back with them are asked to call up S. W. Thompson, A. V. Gavin or Ed Burr.

Thiele's has a novel guessing contest on this week. One of their display windows is filled with wheat from the farm of Alex Lee, and the person who makes the best guess as to the number of heads in the shock will be awarded an Anso camera as a prize.