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A VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE.

The victory of the North Star highway association, in the decision of the Morrill county commissioners to approve the Sidney-Bridgeport-Alliance route as the first to receive state and federal aid, is a victory for common sense. It will be received in Alliance with a sense of relief that is practically unanimous, for with the lineup of the commissioners of the neighboring county as it seemed to be a week or so ago, there seemed little possibility that a road would be secured that would be available for use as a part of a great north and south transcontinental highway.

With the agreement of the Alliance road boosters to maintain strict neutrality as regarded the Morrill county deadlock, the past month has been one of the hardest in history for men who had honest convictions, who wanted to express them and yet bowed to the will of the majority, which said that Alliance should not butt in, and should leave the Morrill commissioners to find their own salvation after their own fashion and according to their own desires.

The solution that has been arrived at will bring relief to a number of partisans of the Bridgeport road, some of whom were like to bust with the strain of maintaining silence and neutrality, especially after an enthusiastic booster or two for the Broadwater route had kicked over the traces.

The action of the Morrill commissioners was the one that common sense would dictate. Mr. Garvey of Broadwater and Mr. Osborn of Bayard, both of whom wanted the road to pass through their towns before any other roads were built, deserve a tremendous amount of credit for giving way to the Bridgeport man. They will have a hard time, we fear, to explain their commendable stand to their constituents, and yet there is no question that the action taken was the proper course to pursue.

For the road through Morrill county is a part of a transcontinental route. Common sense will dictate that such a route should be built the shortest and most direct way, and the way that it will serve the most people of the county which it traverses. In this case, the Broadwater route was the shortest and most direct, but it would have served a comparatively small number of Morrill county residents and would have been expensive to construct. The Bridgeport road will serve a much greater number of people, and will have the added advantage of connecting up county seats. The Bayard route, favored by the third commissioner, would have served as many people, perhaps more, but it is too far to the west to be on the logical route for the transcontinental highway.

Under the terms of the resolution adopted, the Broadwater road will be the next to be built. Those Broadwater road boosters are consistent advocates of good roads and consistent boosters for their town and county. They deserve a road, and the compromise adopted indicates that they will have it. Considering the shortage of funds, their commissioner deserves congratulation for his willingness to forego a road for his district in order to serve the people of his county and the counties on either side, who wanted a thoroughfare through Morrill.

Altogether, it's the happiest solution of the road squabble that could have been arrived at. Alliance will be tremendously pleased that the Broadwater road will be built sometime soon, and that the Bridgeport road is to go through at once. It means a whole lot to this city. From a selfish point of view, the Bridgeport road will undoubtedly bring more business to this city than any of the others, but Alliance men who remember the good fight that Broadwater has put up for good roads for the past few years will be glad that there is a reward in sight for their efforts.

Some of these days there will be sufficient funds available to build all the good roads that are needed. Now, when funds are scarce and roads are slow in coming, all honor to the town that can step aside and forgo its own ambitions for the greater public good.

THE DOUBLE-CROSS.

From now on, until the North Star road from Bridgeport to Alliance is actually built, it will behoove the good roads boosters of this city, and all others who have the welfare of the

community at heart, to keep an eye on Hemingford, and especially the activities of County Commissioner George Carrell of that city, if reports that have come from Bridgeport are to be relied upon.

About the time of the big road meeting at Alliance, the Hemingford Ledger published an article that was four or five columns in length, in which it presumed to speak for the city of Hemingford, and for delegations of road boosters from that city which had attended several meetings. Among other things, it declared that Hemingford didn't want a place on the North Star highway, but simply wanted it to come through Box Butte county. Hemingford was satisfied, the newspaper said, to be within eight miles of a transcontinental highway. The boosters of that city wanted only Alliance's support, in a year or two, for a continuation of the Yellowstone highway through Hemingford and Marsland to Crawford.

This was all good talk, and Alliance was reassured, although there has been a feeling that the Hemingford commissioner was none too friendly toward Alliance and that if possible, he would divert the North Star road from Alliance to his home city.

The word comes from Bridgeport that at the meeting of the commissioners at which the decision was made to recommend the Bridgeport-Alliance road for state and federal aid, Mr. Carrell was among those present. Information comes that the big Hemingford commissioner was doing his level best to reach an understanding with Bridgeport men and the neighboring commissioners to run the route through Hemingford, and leave Alliance in the cold.

If this report should prove to be correct, and Mr. Carrell is really doing his best to double-cross Alliance, it doesn't complicate the situation so very much. The state engineer is to decide on the route to be followed from Angola to this city. The other two Box Butte county commissioners have signed an agreement to meet the Bridgeport road at Letan, and bring it to Alliance. Even if Mr. Carrell were so disposed, it isn't likely that he could succeed in depriving Alliance of the road, and road boosters of this city should not get needlessly alarmed.

It is a draw poker axiom that a game is never out until it is played out, and in our pleasure over the approval of a route that will connect this city with the Lincoln highway, Alliance should not overlook Mr. Carrell and the plans he is reported to be working on. It pays always to keep a weather eye open. Mr. Carrell does not consider that he has been fairly treated by Alliance, and has a number of times expressed his opinion of his detractors in this city. It is to be presumed, on general principles, that he will at least not go out of his way to do this city a favor. And while we are presuming, it may be guessed that he would not be averse to doing something that will not exactly please us.

It may be, of course, that Mr. Carrell has been grossly misjudged, and that he has no intention of furthering Hemingford's interests at the expense of Alliance. But the reports from

Bridgeport, which are well authenticated, say otherwise. It is to be hoped that the other Hemingford men will disavow his efforts in their behalf. In any event, it will be well to keep an eye on the situation until a road from Angola to the Box Butte county line is approved which shall not be so far west of this city that it is not, rightly speaking, an Alliance road at all. There lies the danger, and Alliance's road boosters will do well not to feel too confident until it is finally settled. The game isn't yet played out, and there may be some valuable cards left in the deck which have been overlooked.

From an ethical point of view, it was perhaps Mr. Carrell's privilege to work for Hemingford's interests, had not that city made its position clear. In the face of the announced attitude of his home city, there can be but one interpretation of this reported effort at Bridgeport this week, and that is that they are actuated by a desire to get even. If Alliance will watch her step, the plan, if there is one, will die a-borning.

A COUNTRY EDITORS CREED

(South Dakota Rural Press)
 I believe in my job.
 I believe that running a good country newspaper which serves and represents its community is a bigger job than running the biggest metropolitan daily. Because of my belief—
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 I shall not discriminate against the person who does not advertise in my paper or who does not buy printing of me.
 I shall not be afraid to champion the poor man's cause for fear of the wrath of the rich man.
 Nor shall I be afraid to stand by the rich man when he is right for fear of being charged with having sold out to him.
 I shall temper justice with mercy. My columns shall not shout aloud to my community the shame of an individual or of a family when that shouting can render my community no good.
 On the other hand, I shall not condone evil doing in high places lest in publishing the evil deed to my community my pocketbook shall suffer.
 I shall scan what goes into my advertising columns as closely as that which goes into my news columns realizing that every column of my paper speaks of me.
 I shall always remember that politics is not a game but a responsibility, and when I write I shall make sure what motive is behind the utterances.
 I shall not hate my competitor, but remember he is human and likely to err the same as I.
 I shall belong to, pay my dues to and attend regularly my local, state and national editorial associations.
 I shall charge what my work is worth, realizing that by so doing I can serve my community best.
 I shall respect and honor my profession, believing that it is a high calling.
 In brief, I shall conduct my newspaper like a gentleman and a Christian, realizing that no ministry is more sacred than that to which I have been called.

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BLACKROOT

Last Monday morning Mrs. Henderson of Curly, Neb., was taken quite ill. Dr. McEuen of Hemingford was called and pronounced the case appendicitis and said the appendix had ruptured. They took her to Alliance Tuesday where she will be operated on Saturday. Mr. Henderson and Dale accompanied her to Alliance and returned home Sunday. Everyone is hoping she will recover soon.

Mary Roland of Curly was taken to the hospital at Scottsbluff Sunday. She was taken suddenly ill Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Farrel and to Scottsbluff Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Farrel and daughter and Mrs. Paul Powell were visitors at Marshall Sheldons Sunday. L. E. Hood and Jay Hall shipped cattle Saturday. Jay Hall accompanied them to Omaha.

Agnes Kennedy and Mrs. Grosse helped Mrs. Mitchell cook for threshers Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Poes was on the sick list Monday.

Mrs. Jay Hall spent Sunday at the Ivor Meeker home.

G. E. Dyer and Vilma were Hemingford visitors with Hookham's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Romer and Mr. and Mrs. George Flaherty attended the ball game at Marsland Sunday.

Edmund Flaherty left Monday for the eastern part of the state where he will attend school this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Romer took their daughter, Mable, to Alliance Monday. She will attend St. Agnes Academy this winter.

School started in this district last Monday with Miss Fairy Murry as

teacher. All wish her a very successful year.

Read Harold Bell Wright's latest book, "Helen of the Old

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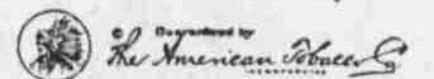
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