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ANSWERS THE WAILS FROM

JOHN PILKINGTON SAYS EDITOR the kind ever done.

IS UNINFORMED. The Hemingford newspaper refers

Assessor by the Hemingford Ledger.

Ledger there appeared a long attack made out on the one-fifth basis. on County Assessor John Pilkington, these. In this case, the actual value-the wholese team show the city half in Alliance team show is charged by the editor of that who is charged by the editor of that tion was placed over the one-fifth fig-newspaper with a long list of faults ures, and in the Running Water book and the turning in of a muddled list of books to County Treasurer Irish as a two valuations had been placed there,

The charges, which include about everything that an assessor might do that he shouldn't, include the statement that Mr. Pilkington during the early fall months made the rounds of the farms making real estate assessments, despite the fact that it "has ments, despite the not been decided who shall be empowment from them and returns them to ered to make the assessments next me. If there are any errors, they arise spring when the time comes." The in the clerk's office. The treasurer has assessor has also made a number of no authority to tell me to change my enemies by his methods of listing property, and several instances are given where Mr. Pilkington is supposed to have listed property at higher posed to have listed property at higher own valuations on the book are wro g own valuations on the book are wro g own valuations on the book are wro g of the proposed to have listed property at higher own valuations on the book are wro g of the proposed building program if it could be avoided in any way. Every such speaker made it plain that he wouldn't stand in the way for a mining to avoid paying taxes.

It is charged that a piece of land sessor, and in each case where he re-eleven miles out of Alliance, without (Continued on Page 8.) improvements pays \$50 taxes, and another piece, well improved and cultivated, gets off for \$50. There is a charge that Mr. Pilkington has arbitrarily raised personal taxes, and the last complaint in the indictment is that one book of personal taxes was so muddled and mixed up that the county treasurer sent it back for correction and refused to collect taxes on it.

Says Editor All Mixed Up.

the attack shows up as nothing, but misstatement and a lack of knowledge of the facts, isn't particularly worried about it. However, he thinks the tax- Free Performance Each Afternoon of payers of the county should know the true situation and not get all heated up over a false alarm. He submits the wing as a true statement of the thing but make taxes over the county As in the case of the Harvest Festival,

last assessed in 1919 for the year 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923. The last legislature provided that real estate shall be assessed every two years instead of four, and this assessment will hold for 1920 and 1921. "I have not changed a single real estate assessment," Mr. Pilkington said. "In fact, I have no authority to do so, under the law. If there are any real estate properties that are under-valued or over-valued. that are under-valued or over-valued, potatoes will be able to find special at cannot be attributed to me. There bargains. Alliance merchants have isn't a dollar difference in the real estate assessment for Hemingford for draw the trade in this territory, but 1920 and 1921. The difference in the on this occasion there will be some

stand certain notations in the assess-ment books. Mr. Pilkington has en-Alliance should be especially crowded tered into an agreement with the coun- on the three big days. ty commissioners by which he will take care of the real estate assessment for the entire county next year, and he has gone over some parts of the county and has made note of reductions and increases, due to his desire to equalize taxes. Mr. Pilkington found a number of farms that had been improved since the 1919 assesswill cost less than \$600 the coming

"I can't understand where the Hemingford editor gets the idea that I were getting everything in readiness. went to Hemingford to make a real estate assessment," Mr. Pilkington said, "or where he gets the notion that several people asked me to make reductions. In my visit to Hemingford I talked taxes with but one per-son, a woman at the Rohrbaugh home. I took the figures in the book—the law required it

Some of the inequalities complained of in Hemingford will be adjusted of in Hemingford will be adjusted when the next real estate assessment is made. Mr. Pilkington has already noted a reduction in the Rohrbaugh property of \$200 and the Jenkins property is slated for a raise of \$400.

There were some changes in the per-

sessors had agreed on a certain assessment schedule, Mr. Pilkington said. In Dorsey precinct the assessor valued title at \$20 when the assessors had that the rate should be \$25 to a raised them to the proper in such cases," Mr. Pilkington said. As to the charge that Mr. Pilkington had raised a group of person. sonal taxes. The fourteen precinct askington had raised a group of person-al taxes \$2,000, there was nothing of

to an assessment book being returned No Foundation for Attack on County for correction. At the time the tax roll was being compiled, after the work had been started, the law was changed providing for taxation on ac-tual value instead of one-fifth valua-In the last issue of the Hemingford tion. Some books had already been

accept the figures of the precinct as-

Mr. Pilkington, despite the fact that MARK NOVEMBER 21, 22 AND 23 ON YOUR CALENDAR

> "Hitchy Koo" at the Imperial Theatre.

state of affairs in regard to the work | So successful was the recent Harvest quarter ends. of assessment, and invites investiga- Festival in Alliance that the mertion. However, once the situation is understood, there will be no questions asked, he thinks. Taxes are high, but there has been no attempt to do any- be staged on November 21, 22 and 23. equal. The fellows who are raising the merchants will furnish free enterthe big howl are, for the most part, tainment for the city's guests on those the big howl are, for the most part, tainment for the city's guests on those those who have in past years got by three days, and a performance of with paying less than their share, the assessor says.

To begin with, the Hemingford mewspaper is all wrong in regard to its many figures on real estate assessments. Mr. Pilkington made none of these assessments. Real estate was last assessed in 1919 for the year 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923. The last legisla-

amount of taxes is due to the levy, and I had nothing to do with that."

Why Vance Was Mised.

The difference in the off this occasion there will be some bargains that are expected to draw people here for every one of the three days.

The committee in charge is now

The Hemingford editor may have working on a special program and fu-been misled because he didn't under-

Jeffers Takes Part in Raid on Still in Morrill County

Chief of Police C. W. Jeffers, as-sisted Sheriff Ray Newman of Morrill ment and the improvements have never found their way on the tax rolls. In a number of cases, the figures have been tentatively reduced. In the past this work has been done by fourteen different men, at a cost of \$2,000. It will cost less than \$600 the coming lens capacity and was hid in an old lons capacity and was hid in an old barn. They had not begun operations when the officers found them, but tier.

First Real Snow of the Season

The first real snow of the season s falling in Alliance today, the precipitation beginning late Monday evening and continuing without a break all day. The weather is warm, and the snow has been melting rapidly, but the fall is great enough so that it is gradually piling up. Reports from railroad men say the snow is general over western Nebraska, but it has not been sufficient as yet to cause any material delay in train service.

VICTORY FRIDAY

DEFEAT ON GRIDIRON.

Win the State Championship in Hard-Fought Battle.

Alliance defeated Scottsbluff Inst

who returns 15. Roland makes 4 through line. Wyatt and Love fail to gain, Pickett makes one through line, Chrisman makes 8 from punt formation. Love makes 10 through line. Roland makes 3 through line. Pickett to Love incomplete. Alliance penalized 5 yards for offside. Another 5 yard penalty for same reason. Harrison makes ten on a criss cross. Wyatt makes 10 through line. Pickett adds one through line. Alliance penalized 5 yards offside. Chrisman fails to gain. Wyatt makes 1 off tackle. Love makes five around end. Roland fails to gain. Roland makes 2 through fails to gain. Roland makes 2 through line. Ball on Alliance 8 yard line as

Second Quarter

Love goes 8 yards through left tackle for touchdown. Chrisman kicks goal. Score: Alliance 6, Scottsbluff 7. Chrisman kicks off 45 yards to Joder who returns 25. Garvin makes around end. Dailey makes 6 off tackle. Garvin adds 1 through line. Garvin makes 2. Dailey makes 6 off tackle. Fowler makes four and Purdy makes 4 on tackle around. Dailey makes 1. Garvin fumbles and Dorman recovers for Scottsbluff. Wyatt runs 15 around right end. Love fails to gain. Harrison makes 2 on tackle around. Pickett makes 5 around end. Roland fails to gain. Chrisman kicks 40 yards to Dailey who returns 5. On the next play, Dailey runs 80 yards from punt formation to a touchdown. Garvin kicks goal. Score: Alliance 13, Scottsbluff 7. Cross kicks 50 yards to Love who is downed in his tracks. Roland fails to gain. Cox makes 2.
Roland goes 15 through line. Pickett
fails to gain around end. Pass Pickett
to Chrisman incomplete. Chrisman
kicks 35 yards to Joder who returns 20. Garvin makes 20 on a split buck. Dailey makes 10 through line. Garvin makes 3. Cross makes 1. Dailey (Continued on Page 4)

Alliance Citizens May Have Opportunity to See General Foch

O'Neill citizens may have an oppor-tunity to see Field Marshall I'cch, commander-in-chief of the allied armies during the world war. A visit to the Indians on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge agencies is one of the planned features of the visit of Marshal roch to this country. This week he is attending the national gathering of the American Legion at Kansas City. If time permits of the visit to the Indian agencies the distinguished visitor will agencies the distinguished visitor will by losing valuable papers, as well as be brought up the Northwestern in a special train, to Valentine, from which interests. be brought up the Northwestern in a special train, to Valentine, from which place the party will go into the Indian country by automobile.—O'Neill Fron-

At the Monday luncheon of the Al-liance chamber of commerce, at was arranged to extend an invitation to General Foch, and a committee of Dr. Minor Morris as commander of the Legion, together with John Guthrie, to Legion, and John Guthrie was pp-pointed to use their influence to get the general to accept.

The Salvation Army drive staged last Saturday by the members of Ecnailla campfire, Mrs. T. W. Cross; guardian, was successful, although the quota of \$400 was not quite realized. Complete returns from the canvass are not at hand, but estimates are that some \$300 was collected.

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REV. A. D. DODGE, Dean.

AGAIN DISCUSS SCHOOL BOARD'S **BUILDING PLANS**

SCOTTSBLUFF GOES DOWN TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEM-BERS TACKLE OLD SUBJECT.

Traditional Enemy Loses Chance to Another No Decision Argument, But Several Speakers Talk For and Against New Building.

Chrisman kicked oif twice out of In fact it was broken quiet often, and bounds and Alliance took the ball on by the time Chairman J. S. Rhein their own 40 yard line. Garvin made called "time" and put an end to the argument, it was going pretty fast and in several places at once. Of course,

such speaker made it plain that he wouldn't stand in the way for a minute if it were the judgment of the school authorities that the building program couldn't be postponed without gain. Chrisman kicks 45 yards to Joder. Garvin makes 10, Dailey makes 8, and Garvin makes 10 all around end. Joder and Dailey fail to gain and Dailey kicks 45 over goal line for a touchback. Scottsbluff takes the ball on the 20 yard line Roland fails to result from a delay at least another result from a delay at least another result from a delay at least another

J. S. Rhein presided in place of President Glen Miller, who was handicapped by a cold, and started the ball rolling by calling upon a number of bond salesmen who were in the city yesterday to attend the meeting of the school board in the evening at which bids for the bonds were scheduled to be opened and the issue awarded. Messrs, Cliffe of Omaha, Newton of Denver, James of Denver, Bryan of Lincoln and Nelson of Chicago, repre-senting investment firms in the various vere called upon. The first one told a humorous story and said that conditions in the bond market were

Harris Favored Building.

Fred W. Harris of the school board was called to the floor, and for the better part of the next half hour, with a few interruptions, answered ques-tions. Mr. Harris is in favor of proceeding with the building program without further delay. In reply to a question as to whether the schools could get along without additional facilities, he said that they could do so, provided the city was willing that its school system retrogress. The present buildings are now being used to capacity, and a further delay in the building program, he believed, would put the program, he believed, would put the city's educational system back on a par with conditions of twenty years ago. Not only are additional buildings needed, but the present, in Mr. Harris' opinion, is an opportune time to build. W. R. Harper gave his own senti-ment and that of the Lions club, of which he is president, as favoring new buildings if the schools cannot get along without them, but if con-struction can be delayed until times ecome more nearly normal, the mem-(Continued on Page 8.)

O'Brien-Palmer Suits Heard in

The first case was tried to a jury, which awarded O'Brien \$100 on his claim for \$200. Judge Tash followed the precedent by allowing O'Brien \$75 on the second suit. This was the secyears. Six judors were selected, True Miller, Bill Bicknell, Simon Spry, A. J. Lesage, Ed Henry and W. H. Harper. Harper was later excused because, as a volunteer fireman he is exempt from jury duty, and the case was tried to the remaining five.

Both of the principals to the suit The Salvation Army drive staged acted as attorney, plaintiff or defendant Saturday by the members of dant and witness. Friends of the judge Ecnailla campfire, Mrs. T. W. Cross; dropping into the court room thought

THE WEATHER

For Nebraska: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday with snow southeast por-tion tonight. Colder south and east portion. Rising temperature west portion Wednesday.

Memorial Service For the Legion Armistice Day

Special memorial services will be held at St. Matthews' Episcopal church at 10 a. m. Friday, November 11, by Rev. Andrew Dodge, in honor of The action of the Alliance school The Alliance post of the American Friday 23 to 14 on the Scottsbluff field. board, which recently advertised for Legion will attend in a body, and have the whistle. The Alliance team show- issue, voted a year and a half ago, was at the city hall in Alliance. Soldiers 000 bonds voted in May, 1920, to the C. ed better team work than Scottsbluff once more the subject of discussion at All ex-soldiers, whether members of are urged to come in their uniforms. W. McNear company of Chicago, the although the score was due largely to the chamber of commerce luncheon the Legion or not, are asked to ac-

District Veterinary Inspector to Have Office in Postoffice

Postmaster Robert Graham received a letter this morning from Edward Cifford, assistant secretary of the treasury, authorizing him to assign room No. 239 on the second floor of the federal building to the use of the bureau of animal husbandry, depart-ment of agriculture. J. M. Simpson, U.S. V. D., who is the district in-spector, will have his headquarters there, and be in charge of the department in this city.

THREE COUNTS IN INDICTMENT

Alliance Man Arrested on Charge

miles southwest of Alliance, and held per cent interest instead of 6 per cent for trial in district court by Judge Tash under bond of \$20,000 was taken to Rushville Monday at his own request and entered a plea of guilty before District Judge Harry Stauffer of the Omaha district, who had exchanged benches with Judge W. H. Westover. Gray was arraigned on but one of four counts, the other three being withdrawn, and was given a fine of \$1,000 and one month in the county

thing over a year in jail.

Gray was taken to Rushville by Sheriff Miller, who also took James Glandon, youth who was held for district court on a charge of stealing a Ford automobile the property of L. S. Wright of near Hemingford, two or three weeks ago. Glandon pleaded guilty and was sentenced to from one

The ruit of Sam O'Brien, Antioch ville, making the trip in two hours and opposition in Alliance to the sale of attorney, against Frank Palmer, fifty minutes one way and two hours the bonds or proceeding with a build-rancher, were heard in county court and fifty-five minutes for the return ing program at this time, but the trip. Gray has had very little to say since his arrest. Following the imposing of the sentence, he told Sheriff

could have received would have been a fine of \$20,000 and four years in jail. It is understood the district judge from Omaha recommended that but one count of the complaint be pressed. Gray testified in court that pressed. Gray testified in court that pressed in first offense; that he had that the board gets full value for every dellar expended. never been in trouble with the police before; that he found the still in the prairie and had made less than a gal-lon at the time he was arrested. He denied that he had ever sold liquor. Gray has no court record, and the sentence is regarded as a fairly severe one for a first offense.

ARMISTICE DAY EXERCISES.

SCHOOL BONDS ARE SOLD AT

BRING \$6,070 ABOVE PAR AT AUCTION MONDAY NIGHT.

Increase in Demand for Tax Free Securities Makes Alliance District Bonds Bring High Price.

The Alliance school board, at its meeting at the high school Monday there were a dozen places where the books to County Treasurer Irish as a basis for collecting taxes this year. The Hemingford man has succeeded only in showing that he is singularly uninformed in regard to the facts, Mr. Pilkington says.

The charges, which include about The charges and the turning in of a muddled list of there were a dozen places where the although the score was due largely to the atellar work of Dailey who twice and the one-fifth valuation had not been erased. This was the reason the book was returned, and Mr. Pilkington of commendation for his generalship and explained their plans, and not a single one of those present lifted his voice in opposition to the proposed building program. At yesterday's season, however, the silence was broken.

The play by quarters is:

T in the state in months, the school boards of Hastings and Grand Island, a short time ago, disposing of issues at par.

rans happy result was due to a de-cision of the board Monday to auction off the issue, using as the opening bid the highest mail bid received. Some fitteen or twenty-bond salesmen were in the city for the awarding of the bond Issue, and it was apparent that a high price could be secured. The meeting at the high school was attended not only by the bidders, but by a number of representative citizens. Eighty-one bids in all were offered be-

fore the bonds sold. A telegram had been received during the day Monday from the Coffman ing the day Monday from the Coffman-Smith-Emerson company of St. Louis, which filed the only mail bid accom-panied by certified check, raising their bid from \$3,315 over par to \$5,115. This was taken as the first bid in the auction which followed. The bidding was participated in by representatives of nine investment companies, coming from all over the west.

A MONTH IN JAL

of nine investment companies, coming from all over the west.

The C. W. McNear representative raised this bid to \$5,125, and the fun started. The Lincoln Trust company, the U. S. Trust company were the only ones who remained in the game. Each bid in turn until the price reached \$5,405 above par, when the U. S. Trust company dropped out. Then the McNear and Lincoln Trust company fought it out to a finish. By bids of five and tan dollars, and occasionally \$75 and \$100 on the part of the McNear company, the amount got to \$6,000 above. told a humorous story and said that conditions in the bond market were city and county police officers in the improving, and the others followed his act of distilling moonshine in a duglead.

Tom Gray, captured last week by pany, the amount got to \$6,000 above par. Then the McNear company brought on a parley by suggesting out on the old Clough ranch, thirteen that the bonds be changed to bear 5%. and on that basis offered to take the \$200,000 at a discount of \$550. The Lincoln company refused to bid on this basis, and the board decided to stick to the 6 per cent feature. The bidding was resumed, and when the McNear representative bid \$6,070, the Lincoln company dropped out,

Bids On the Money.

withdrawn, and was given a line of \$1,000 and one month in the county jail. He entered immediately upon the service of the jail sentence.

To date no friends of Grays have appeared to pay the fine, although it is expected that they will rally around with the cash sometime before the thirty-day jail sentence expires. If not, the fine and costs of about \$100 will be served out in the county jail at the rate of \$3 per day. If the fine is not forthcoming, Gray will serve something over a year in jail.

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The board then asked for bids on the use of the money as it was paid in until such time as it was needed for building. The United States Trust company, McNear and the Bankers' Trust company entered into this competition, and the McNear company bid the highest, 5.55 per cent. According to the highest, 5.50 per cent. According The board then asked for bids on the

\$75,000 of the issue.
One of the bond salesmen told a Herald reporter that the sale of the Ad on Page 8.)

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Heard in

County Court

William Maunier drove Sheriff Miller and his two prisoners to Rush
Council Address the similar maturity and rate, and sold for 98, under par. The Alliance bonds brought more than the Fremont issue, sold last week.

There has been some unorganized opposition in Alliance to the sale of

high price received is thought to have won over most of the men who were opposed. It is thought that with this Miller: "Well, I'll be your guest for a much of an advantage, the buildings long, long time." He expects friends can be erected at a reasonable price. to come to his assistance, however. No material will be purchased until The maximum penalty that Gray summer, when freight rates are excould have received would have been pected to be lower and prices generally a fine of \$20,000 and four years in reduced. The public is interested in

Unable to Find Man Who Passed Worthless Checks

George Powell, who went to Grand Island several days ago in an effort to locate Jack Taylor who passed several worthless checks here a week ago last Monday, returned last night without finding the man.

J. A. Hunter left Sunday for Omaha where he was summon on the federal grand jury.