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TAKE STEPS TO CARRY OUT THE ROAD PROGRAM

COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATE HEMINGFORD ROAD

Write Morrill Commissioners and the State Officials Protesting Bridgeport Road

Now that a peace treaty has been signed between the Alliance road boosters and the Box Butte county commissioners, and a comprehensive road program mapped out, things are stirring in road circles. The commissioners have already adopted a resolution designating for state and federal aid up the railway track to Hemingford and then north to the county line. The resolution, which was adopted Monday, prescribed the following route for the road:

Going out of Alliance on the Tenth street road west to the turn on the present so-called Hashman road, then north to the Happy Hollow road, then following the track to Hemingford, through Berea. Leaving Hemingford, the road goes twelve miles due west to the Lawn church, and then eight miles due north to the county line, near Marsland. It is understood that the Crawford commissioners and road enthusiasts are only too anxious for this connection and will do their best to see that it is designated and approved for state and federal aid.

The commissioners have also written letters to State Engineer Johnson and the Morrill county commissioners in regard to the proposed location of the North Star highway in Morrill county. An effort will be made to arrange a meeting with the state engineer, in the event the two sets of commissioners cannot arrive at an agreement. The board, through its chairman, speaks plainly and says openly that it prefers a Broadwater connection to the proposed road north from Bonner.

Chance for Settlement

Division Engineer Gaddis, who met with the commissioners today, is of the opinion that the matter can be settled without calling in his chief. He declares that the sole difficulty is one of expense for Morrill county, and there is no way Box Butte can share the burden.

Mr. Gaddis is not so certain whether the state department will look with favor on the proposed track road to Hemingford and Marsland. This was a part of the state department's program four years ago, but it is not now among plans for the immediate future. Alliance road boosters are of the opinion, however, that the department will not stand in the way if it is shown that the whole county is in accord on this road, although it's hard to say what action the state bureau will take in the matter.

The following letters, explaining the attitude of the county commissioners, were mailed the latter part of the week, following a meeting with an Alliance delegation:

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 17.—Board of County Commissioners, Bridgeport, Neb.—Gentlemen: We are in receipt of a letter from the department of public works with copy of resolution and map, showing the proposed Bridgeport state highway from Alliance. At a meeting with our citizens on December 15 for the purpose of going over this matter, we decided that your proposed route leaves the railroad track at Bonner and comes straight north to the county line.

There has been much bickering about this road and we felt, when your committee of interested citizens had gone to the trouble of securing damage waivers for right-of-way up the track, and had asked a written agreement from us to join you at the intersection of the county line with the railroad, that the matter was practically settled and was satisfactory to all concerned.

The sentiment at this meeting was against any further detour west of the track road, in order to get this connection. This sentiment was based on the extra mileage caused for continuous travel and if there was no chance for reconsideration of this matter by your board, it would be preferred to take the shorter route by Broadwater.

It has been stated that our county has stood willing to meet your county at any point. But the later developments, with the written agreement from us to meet on the county line at the intersection of the railroad, naturally takes precedence over any other previous discussion, being in the nature of a decided point. We are not unmindful that this route may cause your county a little more mileage, nor is this our main reason for protesting the present designated route. But, because of the years of service and the continued extra mileage for the connection, which we feel sure in the end will more than justify the added construction expense. We feel that a joint meeting of your board and ours with Mr. Johnson of the state department, if possible, might bring about an agreement to settle definitely this much-needed road and we hope such a meeting can be arranged in the near future unless, perchance, you are willing to reconsider, and in that event will be glad

WEATHER

Forecast Nebraska: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder east and central portions; cold wave extreme southeast portion, with the temperature ranging from zero to five below; continued cold Wednesday.

to have a meeting with you. We are sure that the importance of this road is well known to the state department as well as all others desiring this north and south connection and the shorter and more direct it can be made, the better all interests will be served for the years to come.

Please let us hear from you as promptly as possible and oblige, yours truly,
GEO. W. DUNCAN,
Chairman.

ALLIANCE, Dec. 17.—Department of Public Works, Lincoln.—Dear Sirs: We acknowledge yours of the 13th by Mr. Morey, enclosing blueprint showing the designated roads in Box Butte and Morrill counties for a south connection, which do not meet.

At a meeting with our citizens on December 15, with all facts considered, the sentiment expressed was that to meet this connection is entirely too much of a detour and too much mileage for a south road. We feel this road should come right up the track from Angora to the county line in Morrill county and thence up the track in Box Butte county to our south road and then into Alliance for connection with both the Potash highway and the Chadron highway.

We have done much bickering with Morrill county over this road. They have gone to the trouble to secure relinquishment of claims for right-of-way up the track and even asked and received signatures from our board to join this road at the intersection of the county line and the railroad track. (Continued on Page 4.)

ARREST BOYS CHARGED WITH STORE ROBBERY

BRIDGEPORT OFFICERS NAB THREE SUSPECTS

Practically All Stuff Stolen From Wilson Store Sunday Night Is Recovered by Officers.

Joe Dolan, nineteen, and Jack Dolan, eighteen, brothers, were arrested at Bridgeport Monday afternoon by Sheriff Ray Newman of Morrill county, at the request of Sheriff Miller of Box Butte county, following the robbery of the Wilson furniture store in this city Sunday night. The youths were brought to Alliance this noon and are now lodged in the county jail.

Sometime Sunday night a window was broken in the rear of the Wilson store and merchandise taken valued at \$150.00. The missing articles included two suitcases, knives, cutlery and electrical appliances, practically all of which was found in the possession of the young men when arrested in Bridgeport. They had sold a portion of the stolen goods for \$5.50 at that place before being apprehended.

The boys claim to have been living at Casper, on the "Sandbar", for the past five years. They say that they worked for the O. L. Walker Lumber company there for two months and for the Midwest Oil refinery for three months, although they cannot give details. They claim that they were broke in Alliance and that they "found" the two suitcases filled with stolen goods at the Burlington depot Sunday night, shortly before the train left for Bridgeport, to which place they had purchased tickets.

They claim that their father's name was Jim Dolan and they lived at 222 North 18th street, Denver, for several years, their mother dying there in 1912. They say that their father took them to Cody, Wyoming, where he died in 1916. Their schooling, according to their story, was received at the Jefferson school in Denver.

Both of the youths were dressed in new blue serge suits, soft white rollers, and new shoes. Joe is 5 feet 4 inches in height and Jack is 5 feet 5 inches. They claim to have had no trouble of this kind before and although they appear older than their state, are not worried by their capture.

The postoffice announces that on Sunday and Monday, December 25 and 26, the carriers will make one complete trip each day. Money order, registry and general delivery windows will be open from 9 a. m. until 12 noon each day.

J. W. Guthrie has received a letter from Henry C. Keach, formerly organizer at the Imperial theater, which brings the news that Mr. Keach, who is now at Greenville, Tex., is again able to walk.

Charles Benjamin is suffering from a dislocated hip and shoulder, received when he stepped in a hole at the edge of the sidewalk.

The Married People's Dancing club held one of the best meetings in the history of the organization last Saturday at the armory, when one hundred dancers were present.



THE ALLIANCE HERALD publishers, just entering upon their third year in Alliance, extend sincere good wishes to the friends everywhere who have, by their splendid support, helped to make the years of our sojourn both pleasant and profitable. Not to acknowledge our gratitude would leave a big debt unpaid.

The big family of Herald subscribers—fully two thousand of them—our advertisers and other patrons—all have been of the utmost assistance to us in building up The Herald. We pledge our utmost efforts to make this newspaper better in every possible way, and to strive to merit your continued confidence and good will. We prize no other gift so highly.

Like the treasure ship of olden times, full-fraught with precious things, so may Christmas and the New Year come to you laden with all that will make for your Happiness and Contentment.

HIGH OFFICIALS OF BURLINGTON HERE SATURDAY

DISCUSS BUSINESS CONDITIONS ON LINES WEST

No Definite Decision in Regard to Improvements at Alliance or Elsewhere

Alliance was visited, Friday and Saturday of last week, by most of the high officials of the Burlington railroad. Among those who attended a conference here were President Hale Holden, vice president; C. S. Burnham, operating vice president; U. P. Bracken, T. Roope of Lincoln, superintendent of motive power; W. F. Thieltorf of Omaha; E. Comb, superintendent of the Sheridan division; C. C. Holtorf, superintendent of the Sterling division; General Superintendent F. G. Smart and Superintendent E. A. Gurley of the Alliance division. Mr. Holden and Mr. Bracken, accompanied by Mr. Smart, left Friday evening, on an inspection trip over the lines west, and the other men remained here for a conference.

There was a report that Alliance has been slated for about a hundred thousand dollars worth of improvements, but at the railroad offices it was said that no definite action had been taken. Condition of wages, rates and business is now so uncertain, it was pointed out, that it was thought best to delay decision until times become more nearly normal.

Mrs. Oscar Maret of Thermopylae, Wyo., formerly Miss Alice Carlson, is visiting in Alliance at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Carlson. Mrs. I. W. Wright, another daughter, is expected to arrive from Lander with her two children within the next few days.

The meeting of the Rotary club for Wednesday evening has been postponed, due to the holiday season. A special program had been arranged, but this will probably be given the meeting following Christmas.

C. H. Speer of the National store in this city has handed in his resignation and expects to be relieved within a short time.

It is pretty hard to tell sometimes whether some of the highly paid men strike because they want more money or because they just want a little time in which to spend what they already have.

ADOLPH BROST ENDS HIS LIFE WITH SHOTGUN

FARMER NEAR ALLIANCE A SUICIDE FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Believed to Have Been Despondent Over Financial Affairs—Funeral Held Monday

Adolph Brost, sixty, pioneer Box Butte county farmer, committed suicide at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon at his home, thirteen miles northeast of Alliance, by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun.

Brost, a widower, and a fourteen-year-old son were preparing supper. He sent the boy into the kitchen to look after the meal and then placed the muzzle of the gun to his left jaw and using a cleaning rod to push the trigger shot away the entire left side of his face and head.

Brost is reported to have been despondent over financial matters and is said to have told a neighbor a few days ago that he would kill himself. He is survived by seven children, five sons and three daughters.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church in Alliance at two o'clock Monday afternoon, with Rev. M. C. Smith in charge. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

The suicide was an uncle of the Alliance man of the same name who died in Alliance at the hospital a few weeks ago while being operated on for tonsillitis. This is thought to have weighed on his mind and perhaps to have been partly the cause of his act.

The choir of the First Presbyterian church presented a sacred Christmas concert at the evening service at the church Sunday. The following program was presented:

Anthem, "The Shepherds of Bethlehem," Lorenz; Mrs. J. S. Rhein, Mr. Vance taking solo parts. Duet, "There Was Joy in Heaven," Smart; Mrs. Rhein, Avis Joder. Anthem, "Through the Silent Starry Night," Wilson; solo, Mr. Shellenberger. Violin solo, "To Spring," Craig; Mr. Bass. Anthem, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Nelson; solo, Mr. Bald; duet, Mrs. Nelson, Avis Joder. Anthem, "The Heavenly Sign," Lorenz; recitative, Mrs. Rhein. Quartet, "Hallowed Night," Messrs. Hewett, Shellenberger, Vance, Bald. Anthem, "What Mean Those Holy Voices," Adams; trio, Mrs. Rhein, Avis Joder, Lulu Surgeon; Mrs. B. Potash, accompanist.

Charity Committee Gives Account of Recent Activities

At a special meeting of the charity board committee of the Alliance chamber of commerce, held at the chamber rooms Monday evening, there were present Mrs. S. W. Thompson, chairman; Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary; H. D. Hacker, Rev. B. J. Minor; Mrs. W. E. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tillett, Mrs. W. W. Johnson, N. A. Kennish, W. R. Pate. The board completed arrangements for Christmas dinners for about fifteen families who are receiving help. The Elks, Woman's club and other organizations are taking an active part and each is caring for a certain number.

The fathers in three different families in the city are due for some drastic action unless they mend their ways. The committee, after some quiet but thorough investigation, has decided that these men will be referred to the proper authorities unless they make some attempt to care for and assist their dependent and needy families. Two of the families are reported to have been selling groceries and clothing which has been given them, and the father of the third family, although earning money, is reported to be neglecting his family.

The present usually severe cold weather is causing some suffering among poorly supplied families which are being looked after, and those who desire to make donations of food or clothing are requested to phone the secretary, Mrs. Thomas, at phone 74, in order that their donations may be put to proper use. Duplication of effort will be avoided if those who wish to help will advise the head of the committee: Mrs. S. W. Thompson, phone 447-W, or Mrs. Lloyd Thomas.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM WINNING

OPENS SEASON BY TWICE DEFEATING CHADRON

Takes Measure of Normal Five by Score of 17 to 15—Wins From High School, 27 to 20

Alliance high school opened the basketball season by handing the Chadron schools two defeats. The first game was with the Normal Friday night. It was a close battle from start to finish. On the tip-off Alliance got the ball and Becknell missed an easy shot. There was no scoring from the field during the first six minutes of play. Yates of Chadron broke into the scoring column by tossing a couple of baskets from the field, followed by Cross for one goal. First half ended with score of 8 to 4 in the Normal's favor.

The Normalites started the scoring in the second half in whirlwind fashion, scoring six points in so many minutes. The high school began to hit their stride, outfighting the Normal, and with five minutes left to play, scored six field goals. Cross, four; Becknell and Joder each one apiece. The Normal tried desperately to tie the score by taking long shots, with no avail, final whistle score 17 to 15, in favor of Alliance.

Saturday the Alliance warriors tangled with Superintendent Crawford's proteges. There was a better display of basketball in this game, on both sides. It was closely contested. Alliance took the lead early in the first half and held it throughout the game. The final score was 27 to 20, while at the end of the first half it was 12 to 9 in Alliance's favor. Superintendent Crawford, former principal of Alliance high school, had hopes of crowning the quintet from Alliance, and threw a scare into the locals the first part of the second half.

See Some Hope For Revival At Potash Plants

That the potash industry in Nebraska may get on its feet again is forecasted in a decree filed in federal court Saturday morning by Referee Daniel H. McClenahan, in which he ordered Samuel C. Waugh, trustee in bankruptcy of the American Potash company of Delaware, bankrupt, to pay to the American Potash company of Nebraska the sum of approximately \$99,000, the remainder of the proceeds of \$106,000 fire insurance policies, collected by Mr. Waugh as the result of the fire at the Antioch potash plant in 1920. At least the Lincoln Star sees a possible revival of the industry, although it is suggested that even \$99,000 won't keep the potash plant going forever.

Referee McClenahan further rules that this order shall not affect any subsisting restraining order now in force as against the American Potash company of Nebraska and its officers and agents, in the suit in equity of George Harris against William E. Sharp and others, now pending in the court.

FREMONT MAN DISCUSSES THE DAIRY PLAN

CONDITIONS IN WESTERN NEBRASKA EXCELLENT

Advises Farmers Not to Go Into the Game as a Sideline, But as an Occupation

Over thirty farmers and their families were guests of the Alliance chamber of commerce at a special luncheon tendered them Saturday noon, at which E. M. Little of Fremont was the speaker. Mr. Little, who described himself as a farmer but who is also an expert on dairy cattle and who has been instrumental in bringing hundreds of them into Nebraska, spoke for an hour to those present. He has visited Sidney, Scottsbluff and Alliance, in the western end of the state, at the request of the Omaha chamber of commerce, which has inaugurated a campaign to promote the dairy industry in the state.

Mr. Little was introduced by J. S. Rhein, vice president of the Alliance chamber of commerce, who presided. The speaker said that he was raised in the dairy business and that he had "milked" his way through the state university. He declared that the fact that there is a large, modern creamery at Alliance adds 3 cents to the price of butterfat to the producers out here.

The three essentials of the cow business, according to Mr. Little, are, first, the cow; second, the food supply, and third, the market. "Western Nebraska," said he, "has a wonderful supply of feed—alfalfa and corn."

With reference to the use of silage, Mr. Little said that last year he fed 100 yearling steers on silage and hay and that in ninety days they gained 216 pounds. During the next ninety days he added to the above feed a supplement of three pounds of oil meal and the gain during that period was only 211 pounds. "I would not farm without a silo," he said.

Experience Is Valuable.

"Only men with previous experience should go into the dairy business on a large scale," said Mr. Little. "The average dairy cow for each 100 pounds of milk produced eats 32 pounds of corn, valued at 30 cents per bushel; 64 pounds of alfalfa, valued at \$8 per ton; and 120 pounds of silage, valued at \$4 per ton, producing 100 pounds of milk at a cost of 60 cents for feed, on the year round basis, with 10,000 pounds of milk per year."

"The dairy cow is a complex piece of machinery and requires study all the time," said Mr. Little. "You will never find two cows alike. I would not recommend that dairy cows be put in unless you have a field ahead of you. The dairy cow brings in an income the year round and you should make a business of it. Don't try to make it a sideline. It is much easier than the farming of grain crops for a living."

"The dairy cow is the most efficient of all farm animals. The cow is six times as efficient as is the steer in the utilization of hay and grain." Mr. Little then mentioned Kate Gerben, the famous University of Nebraska cow, and stated that she had produced 18,000 pounds of milk and 723 pounds of butter in one year. She produced, from the same food, 2,200 pounds of edible foodstuffs to 450 pounds from a steer.

"I have bought and sold dairy cows for twelve years," said the speaker, "and I believe that they will be 25 per cent higher in a year than they are at this time. The production of foodstuffs from the dairy cow, in proportion to other animals, is as follows:

- Dairy cow, 100 pounds of feed to 18 pounds.
- Hog, 100 pounds of feed to 15 pounds.
- Calf, 100 pounds of food to 7 1-2 pounds.
- Hen, 100 pounds of food to 5 pounds.
- Sheep, 100 pounds of food to 3 pounds.
- Steer, 100 pounds of food to 2 1-2 pounds.

"The dairy cow takes practically no plant food from the farm," said Mr. Little. "One hundred pounds of butter takes less than 4 cents worth of fertilizer permanently from the soil, while 80 bushels of oats takes away fertility valued at \$14.50, based on the comparative value of fertilizer."

"In Denmark they make money in dairying on land valued at \$500 to \$1,500 per acre; in Holland much of the land used for dairy purposes is valued at \$1,000 per acre. Conditions here in western Nebraska are excellent for dairying."

"The type or breed desired for dairying depends upon the individual." In closing his talk Mr. Little stated that good dairy cows can be laid down in western Nebraska, Alliance for instance, at \$110 per head, for three, four or five-year-olds. First calves can be purchased for \$15 less. It is quite probable that his visit to this part of the state will result in the bringing in of a good number of additional dairy herds.