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## CITY MANAGER TELLS STORY OF HUNT FOR BOOZE

### CORRECTS WILD STORIES THAT HAVE BEEN AFLOAT.

#### Says Delegates to Firemen's Convention Conducted Themselves to Credit of the City.

City Manager N. A. Kemmish has issued the following statement, correcting certain rumors relative to the search of the baggage of Alliance volunteer firemen, delegates to the state convention at Norfolk, some days ago.

In order to correct some of the wild stories which have been going the rounds regarding the search of the fire boys' baggage for booze we wish to state the following facts connected with it.

Sunday afternoon the city manager gave a talk to the W. C. T. U. in which he stated that it was the duty of every citizen to assist the officers in enforcing the prohibition law by giving them tips of those violating the same and stated if tips were given that they would be followed up promptly. After the meeting he was given several tips by those present. Some of the tippers remarked that they were going to try out the city manager and see if he meant what he said. Among tips given, the one which the tippers insisted was for a ride, was to the effect that a man who was accompanying the fireboys was furnishing two gallons of booze and the fire boys were furnishing one gallon which they were taking with them that evening to the state convention at Norfolk. The officers were called and asked to make a thorough investigation. Charles Jeffers and two special officers went as far as Seneca and unknown to the men their baggage was inspected and the party's baggage which was suspected to contain the two gallons was searched twice thoroughly by the officers having authority to do so and no booze of any nature was found in any of the baggage. After satisfying themselves that the delegation was dry the officers returned to the city. This search is in line with the regular work the officers are doing every day.

Heretofore there may have been some question in the way the delegations to our firemen's conventions conducted themselves. This year, however, without any question of doubt, the men conducted themselves to their credit and to the credit of the city which they represented. We are glad indeed that the search was made and everything found to be right. Now we know there is no doubt. If we had not made this search someone would still contend that they had booze. The convention this year was the most important one held in ten years. The men learned many excellent things in fire fighting methods. This convention was a real benefit to the fire boys and to our city. We are glad to see these conventions turn their energies to something really useful rather than to a hilarious, good time some of them have been in the past.

Our city council gave the fire boys \$200 to pay their expenses to this convention. We sent five delegates and they returned with something over \$50 unspent which they are turning back to the city council. This alone shows that they were careful and did not spend money foolishly.

We told those at the W. C. T. U. meeting that citizens should be on their guard against propaganda sent out by the wet element. Many of our good citizens pass this along in place of coming to us and getting the facts first. They try to make it appear that partiality is being shown by arresting a man who is now in jail and letting an old offender go scot free. We wish to state that this old offender has been out of the city for some time but recently returned and states that he will now walk the straight and narrow. We hope he does.

It makes no difference who the offenders may be, as we have said before, or their standing in the community. The officers have had instructions to show no partiality and let no one escape. If we should tell you the names of some of the people who have under suspicion and are watching it would surprise you, and them also.

## W. R. Harper Will Leave Saturday on Buying Trip

W. R. Harper of the Harper department store will leave Saturday night on a buying trip that will take him to New York, Chicago and possibly other eastern market centers. Mr. Harper's system of buying and selling for cash enables him to take advantage of discounts, and he expects to do a large amount of purchasing at prices that will enable him to have some attractive bargains for customers of the Alliance store. He will be away from the city for about two weeks.

H. E. Marvin, train dispatcher, is laying off this week on account of sickness.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Rising temperature west and central portions. Saturday unsettled; probably snow in west portion.

## Former Alliance Man May Start New Paper in Valley

Scottsbluff Star-Herald: Rumor hath it that there will be a "new Richmond in the field" insofar as the newspaper field is concerned, the new publication to be issued at Bridgeport and to be called the Morrill County Democrat. Ernest Smith, formerly of this city, but more recently of the News-Blade at Bridgeport is the editor and proprietor of the new publication.

## McDonald Sale Is Scheduled for the Last Day in January

Tim McDonald of Berea announces in this issue of The Herald a closing-out sale of his livestock and farm implements at public auction at his farm, two miles west of Berea, on Tuesday, January 31. The selling will start immediately after a free lunch at noon.

The offering includes seven head of horses, twelve head of cattle, five head of hogs, a good lot of farm machinery and miscellaneous items.

## STAR-HERALD AT SCOTTSBLUFF IS ON THE WARPATH

### NEWSPAPER SAYS ALLIANCE SCHOOL MEN ARE ON TRIAL.

#### Says Western Nebraska Waiting to See Exam Thieves Barred From the Basketball Team.

The Scottsbluff Star-Herald, which some months ago was a rather severe critic of Coach F. C. Prince and his gang of football players, is again on the war path. During the 1920-21 season, Bayard, which had high hopes for the championship, had a rather more difficult job in defeating Alliance than the gridiron fans expected, and one result was the charge that the Alliance team was an aggregation of highbinders. The Bayard newspapers insinuated that the Alliance boys played football as though they were engaged in a massacre, instead of following the ladylike procedure of some other western Nebraska teams. The Scottsbluff newspaper took up the Bayard charges and kept them going for a time, even suggesting that Alliance should be barred from the conference.

At the beginning of the last football season, the charges were revived, and the hope was expressed that Alliance players would not play in a manner calculated to make the opposing teams want to slap them on the wrist. In time, however, the antagonism seemed to wear off, and toward the end of the season, there wasn't any crabbing at all.

Now the war is on again. The Scottsbluff newspaper has just heard of the confession of five athletes, four of them members of the basketball team, that they were connected with an attempt to steal examination questions. Whereupon, there is a righteous roar that is intended to cover western Nebraska and stir up animosity against Alliance.

#### All Rules Complied With.

According to a recent statement by Superintendent W. R. Pate, the rules of the athletic association do not cover the offense to which the basketball players pleaded guilty. The rules do provide, however, that the members of teams must be up to snuff in their school work. The Alliance boys passed the required examinations. Their attempted theft didn't benefit them in the slightest. The Alliance school authorities, who are charged with administering punishment and who know all the circumstances, have said that the boys were sufficiently punished. It was expected that there would be some who would object. It was not expected, however, that other towns would endeavor to prescribe the punishment.

The Star-Herald declares that if the boys are allowed to remain on the basketball team, clean athletics in western Nebraska will be handed an awful wallop. This is based on what the Scottsbluff newspaper declares is a very natural conclusion that the team members would not have stolen the questions had they been up to snuff in their studies. The Alliance school authorities are on trial, the newspaper declares.

The Star-Herald says: "Five young men, students of the Alliance high school are 'in Dutch' just now, due to the fact of the attempted swiping of examination questions prior to the day of the test. It is averred that this has been going on (Continued on Page 4)

## TEN BOYS ENTER GUILTY PLEA IN JUVENILE COURT

### ADMIT TAKING Eatables FROM MORGAN GROCERY STOCK

#### Pilferers Are Given Lecture by Judge Tash and Told to Report Moral Progress

Ten small boys, ranging in age from eight to fifteen years, appeared before Judge Tash in juvenile court Tuesday evening, after school, and most of them wore a worried expression, as though expecting an axe to fall any time. Two or three wore the hard-boiled look, but they lost it before the session was over. The boys, in an investigation carried on by County Attorney Basye, had pleaded guilty to entering the store building holding the remainder of the stock of the bankrupt Morgan Grocery company, and taking away quantities of cookies, gum and other things that would appeal to youthful appetites. Although the parents of the boys had been consulted by the county attorney, during his investigation, but one of them appeared in the court room. The mother of one of the smaller culprits was there to lend moral support to the court.

Judge Tash didn't frighten any of the small prisoners by making the court session a formal one. He questioned the boys, and found that the three youngest were but eight years of age. There was one nine-year-old boy, two were ten, two were twelve, one admitted being fourteen, and the oldest boy had attained the age of fifteen.

There were eleven children who confessed to taking part in the various raids upon the Morgan stock, but one of the boys was ill and unable to be present.

All ten of the children declared that they knew the nature of an oath, and that if they didn't tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, something awful would happen to them in this world and probably the next.

#### Looting for a Month

The ten told their stories, and there was no discrepancy. The first raid on the grocery stock took place about a month ago, when three boys were playing in the alley back of the store. They noticed that one of the windows had been broken, and was replaced by a cardboard, with some boards nailed over it. The oldest boy stood watch and two smaller boys pried off the boards and entered the store. When they reappeared, one of the pilferers carried a five-pound sack of salt, and the other a quantity of candy and gum. The loot was distributed among the boys.

A few days later the second entry was made, and more eatables secured, and from then on until the theft was discovered, the boys managed to keep the gang supplied with candy, gum and cookies. There was an epidemic of gum-chewing at Central school, the suspicions of the teachers were aroused, and an investigation was held, at which some of the smaller (Continued on page 5)

## Mayor R. M. Hampton Talks to Members of the Rotary Club

Rotarian R. M. Hampton was the speaker at the Wednesday dinner at the Alliance Rotary club. He took for his subject the present financial conditions, and forecasted a turn for the better before the end of 1922. Mr. Hampton discussed the theory of economic cycles, and showed how a period of expansion had been followed by a period of depression since he came to western Nebraska a good many years ago. In the latter part of the eighties, the speaker said, money was decidedly "easy." There was a scramble among the various banks and loan agencies to get as much money as possible loaned out at interest. This, he believed, was shown by later experiences to have been a mistake, for following this period of undue expansion there was a definite period of financial stringency, which lasted for several years.

Once the period of "hard times" was over, Mr. Hampton said, there was no serious hardship for a good many years, although the crop failures in the nineties had occasioned considerable depression. In 1907 came the next panic, and this, he believed, was averted before it came very serious by the prompt action of the banks, who simply refused to pay out money, but instead used cashier's checks as mediums of exchange. This method of handling the situation soon put an end to the trouble. Had the banks paid out money on demand, Mr. Hampton declared, it might have been one of the most severe financial crises in the history of the country.

Mr. Hampton believes that the present period of readjustment is nearing an end. He does not look for much further reductions in prices, he said. Conditions have improved materially in the last few months, and by the first of 1923, he believes that normalcy will have been attained.

## CATTLE FREIGHT RATES ON "Q" INJURE ALLIANCE

### SHIPPERS SAVE MONEY BY GOING ELSEWHERE

#### Traffic Committee of Alliance Chamber of Commerce Explains the Discrimination

A. T. Lunn, chairman of the traffic committee of the Alliance chamber of commerce, has written Dale P. Stough of Grand Island some information concerning the alleged discrimination against Alliance by cattle shippers, who are shipping from stations on the Union Pacific and Northwestern railroads instead of Alliance. The reason for this lies in the fact that cattle rates on the Burlington are higher than those on the competing railroads, and the shipper finds that it pays him to drive his cattle overland and take advantage of the cheaper rates.

Recently the traffic committee of the chamber of commerce decided to go in with several other cities served by the Burlington in a fight to bring rates on livestock down to the level of the other two roads. At present they are about 20 per cent higher. At the last 20 per cent cut in rates on livestock, the order on the Burlington applied in Nebraska only to towns 500 miles distant from Omaha. There was but one town in the state, Henry, on the Wyoming line, which derived any advantage from the cut.

Mr. Lunn has summarized the situation as follows:

"Dear Sir: With further reference to the matters outlined in the letter written by our secretary, Mrs. Thomas, in her letter of January 19th to you.

"We gather, however, that in any case where there is an approximately equal distance, or even ten or fifteen miles further to drive the cattle, our shippers will go to a shipping point on the Union Pacific in preference to bringing their cattle to Alliance or any nearby shipping point on the Burlington.

#### Shippers Save Money.

"Taking a five-car shipment, this means that they will save from \$85.00 to \$100.00 by driving to Broadwater or nearby shipping point on the Union Pacific in preference to coming to Alliance. At the present market price of cattle the saving is quite an item to any shipper, and the necessity of driving to other points, equidistant or farther away from Alliance, forms a discrimination against them and against the city of Alliance. We understand that the rate from Broadwater to Omaha is 37½ cents per hundredweight against 45 cents from Alliance.

"A further point in this matter is that to reach Kansas City, the Union Pacific must transfer over the Grand Island & St. Joe, whereas the Burlington has direct connection and still the same difference applies. However, approximately 90 per cent of our cattle go to the Omaha market.

"The reduction which was made some time ago has been of no benefit (Continued on Page 4)

## Dr. Minor Morris Talks to Members of the Lions Club

Dr. Minor Morris was the speaker at the Thursday dinner of the Alliance Lions club, taking for his subject the necessity for unity in thought, religion and philosophy as the only sound basis for universal peace. He mentioned some of the things that would lead toward this unity. Among these was the spread of the wireless telephone, of which there are now three hundred thousand in use in the United States today, and within a few years this number will be doubled. He mentioned the fact that the school children in Scottsbluff were to have concerts by wireless in the near future. The wireless telephone, when sufficiently developed, will bring the world in closer relationship, and it is but one of the forces that is at work unifying the world today.

Dr. Morris raised the question as to whether the United States, free from external invasion, is in a secure position. The white race today, the speaker declared, has reached its high water mark, so far as the occupation of territory is concerned. He showed that the white race is being driven from Asia, because they are not able to cope, physically and economically, with the yellow race. If the yellow men are able to worst the whites in this sort of a contest, without the aid of science and invention, what may be expected when they have the help of modern machinery and late knowledge. He told of the establishment of a modern city 150 miles from Shanghai, which is a great manufacturing center.

The labor problem is the greatest that faces the world today, Dr. Morris declared. The only solution, as he saw it, was a unity of knowledge throughout the world.

L. Q. Wilsiek is unable to work this week on account of illness in his family.

## Alliance Team Won From Bayard Tuesday, 32 to 14

The Alliance high school basket ball quintet added another scalp to its belt by defeating Bayard Tuesday, 32 to 14. This leaves Alliance with a no-defeat record in western Nebraska. Cross and Dailey divided honors, each making fourteen points, although four of Cross' were on free throws. Brown also got two baskets. Hartman, Bayard's 200 pound forward, gathered four baskets and two free throws, making ten of his team's fourteen points. The Bayard team is entirely new. Heron, the only veteran, having gone to Michigan to join forces with the former Bayard coach, Spruitt.

This evening the boys play Scottsbluff at Scottsbluff. While no great difficulty is expected in bringing home the bacon the irrigators have a good record and should put up a good battle.

The summary:

Alliance	g	ft	f	p
Cross, f	5	4	2	14
Dailey, f	7	0	2	14
Brown, c	2	0	0	4
Joder, g	0	0	1	0
Fowler, g (c)	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	4	8	32

Bayard	g	ft	f	p
Hartman, f	4	2	1	10
Bottom, f	1	0	1	2
Leach, c	1	0	1	2
Burns, g	0	0	3	0
O'Neil, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	2	6	14

## CHARITY BALL AT THE ARMORY ON FEBRUARY 4

### VOLUNTEER FIREMEN AND T. P. A. SPONSOR EVENT.

#### Funds to Be Devoted to Relief Work in the City by the Central Charity Committee.

The Alliance volunteer fire department and the members of Post M. T. P. A., are sponsoring a Charity ball for the benefit of the central charities committee of Alliance. The dance will take place at the city armory on the evening of Saturday, February 4, and according to the plans of the committee in charge, headed by Roy Strong, it is the intention to make the ball a record breaker in the way of attendance.

Ticket selling committees from both the firemen's and T. P. A. organizations will canvass the city thoroughly. Arrangements have been made to have the hall donated for the purpose, and the music will, to a certain extent, be given for the good of the cause. It is hoped to raise a substantial sum which may be used by the charities committee in caring for the poor of the city.

Although there have been several donations to the charities committee, the workers have been seriously hampered by lack of funds. Every cent realized from the ball will be turned over to the committee, and every cent will go to those who need assistance. There are no salaried workers in the charity organization, and it is expected that the ticket selling committees will meet with very few turndowns on their rounds.

## Cradle Roll Program at Methodist Church on Sunday Morning

The Epworth Leaguers will have entire charge of the evening service Sunday night at the Methodist church. It will begin at 7:00 p. m. and will be about as follows:

Tableaux, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," by a large number of girls.

A stunt entitled, "A Major Operation on Mr. Epworth League." This will be a religious stunt with plenty of fun. It is a hospital scene with surgeons and nurses taking a patient with many ailments, who like the woman in the Bible, has spent all his substance and endured much at the hands of doctors and quacks, and finally consults an expert surgeon. You will enjoy seeing what harmful things this surgeon finds within the body, and removes them, replacing them with something else to build up the run down body and restore it to health.

Following this operation, there will be a number of short addresses by the young people of the league.

## Red Cross Seeks Present Location of Irvin Tharp

The Alliance chapter of the Red Cross has been asked to assist in locating Irvin Tharp, ex-soldier, who following the war was in a hospital at Denver. On his release he went to Ortonville, Minn., and it is thought that he may have returned to Alliance. Any information concerning this man will be appreciated by the local Red Cross officials.

## POOR FARM IS THE SCENE OF A SERIOUS FUED

### TWO ROOMMATES STAGE A SERIES OF QUARRELS.

#### W. A. Dunlap Objects to Older Man Smoking a Pipe, and Wants to Live a Life of Peace.

County Commissioners Cal Hashman and George Carrell were in Alliance Thursday, attending to some business connected with roads. They found waiting for them at the court house an official communication from W. A. Dunlap, an inmate at the county farm. Mr. Dunlap, who is pretty badly crippled up, told his tale of woe in the following letter, which was undecipherable in part, but which read, so near as the commissioners could read it, like this:

"Jan. 20, 1922, Poor Farm—To the Box Butte County Commissioners: I want to call your attention to conditions at the poor farm, since last January, Mr. Peter Haag was compelled to share a room with this old Tom Langford, who, with his filthiness, noise, vice and corruption, caused him to go insane and to be removed, and they compelled me to use this room. The old reprobate has made this room a hell since I have been with him. I wish you would remove me or Tom from this farm, so I can live in peace, and oblige, "W. A. DUNLAP."

Mr. Dunlap adds to the letter the words: "Lament of a county charge."

#### Hashman Tells of Warfare.

Cal Hashman, who has been acquainted with both of the old gentlemen for a number of years, knows the details of the quarrel since its inception. Several times one or the other of the participants has summoned him to tell a tale of a struggle of strong wills.

According to Mr. Hashman, the facts in the case are about as follows. Both Dunlap and Tom Langford are old and crippled. There are plenty of rooms at the poor farm, there being about seven of them and only three inmates, but these two men are both crippled and have been assigned to a room on the ground floor.

Tom Langford is a hale and hearty youngster of eighty-two. Langford roomed with Peter Haag, who was sent to the asylum last January after several months during which he complained that everyone near him was putting electric batteries in his bed, his shoes, his coat and even his smoking tobacco. Then Dunlap was given a room with Langford.

The trouble began right there. Langford, old as he is, still enjoys his pipe. Dunlap is an abstainer from the filthy weed. Not only that, but he dislikes tobacco. This distaste has been more apparent of late months than it was at first.

"Those two old fellows don't have anything to do but get on each other's nerve," Mr. Hashman commented. "They get to scrapping every once in a while, and it's usually over Langford's pipe."

#### Langford Won't Reform.

Mr. Dunlap has tried a number of ways to separate his aged roommate from the old corncob. He has argued about the bad effect on the health, but inasmuch as Langford is older than he is, and stronger, despite his years, this isn't a very telling argument. Dunlap has also tried another style of attack. He told his roommate that "No gentleman will smoke in the same room with another gentleman, if that gentleman doesn't like it." Mr. Langford wasn't a bit affected by this argument. Then Dunlap played another card. He argued the matter scripturally, and told Langford that a man who smoked could never enter the kingdom of heaven. Even the prospect of eternal fire didn't make the octogenarian desert his pipe.

After peaceful suasion failed, Mr. Dunlap resorted to sterner measures. He tried them out one cold day. Langford lit his pipe. Dunlap opened the window. They both got pretty cold, and as fast as one would shut it, the other would throw it open. Finally, this led to direct warfare. Dunlap knocked Langford's pipe from his face, and the aged man retaliated by bringing blood from Dunlap's nose.

This was the last straw. Mr. Dunlap has brought the matter officially to the attention of the county board. He has charged that it was his roommate's vices that drove Peter Haag insane. He has asked the commissioners to remove either one or the other, and let him live his life in peace.

It's a tough question for the commissioners to answer, and they haven't yet arrived at a solution of the problem. Mr. Dunlap is insistent that something be done, and Mr. Langford has intimated that he ought to be allowed to enjoy his pipe in peace. There is but one downstairs room, and the two old fellows don't seem to be able to enjoy it in harmony. What to do? Maybe someone can suggest a solution to this problem, and end a feud that has two-thirds of the inmates at the county farm all stirred up and feeling ugly. It's a task for a diplomat, and both Hashman and George Carrell are reading up on diplomacy.