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## "MISSING LINK" OF POTASH HIWAY TO BE SURVEYED

EXPECT ENGINEERS TO COMMENCE WORK JUNE 9.

Alliance Has Busy Calendar Outlined for the Month of June—Road Signs Discussed.

Assurance was received Monday from Engineer A. M. Gaddis, writing from Scottsbluff, that the work of surveying the "missing link" of the Potash highway would be commenced Friday, June 9. This letter was read at the noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce. It is reproduced in full:

"SCOTT'SBLUFF, Neb., June 8.—Lloyd C. Thomas, Secretary, Potash Highway Association, Alliance, Neb.—Dear Sir: I learn today that the engineer which is to survey the Potash highway will be ready to go over the work Friday, June 9. I expect to meet the county commissioners (of Sheridan county) early Friday morning at the Alliance hotel, and start from there. Very truly yours,

"DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, A. M. Gaddis, Div. Engineer.

Vice President John W. Guthrie presided at the meeting in the absence of President True Miller, who was out of the city in attendance at the state convention of Lions clubs at Omaha.

It was reported that the committee in charge of raising funds for the Fourth of July celebration for Alliance had succeeded already in raising \$1,208.50. There are yet a few business men who have not been seen. The appointment of committees was not made Monday, but will be announced later.

Secretary Lloyd C. Thomas made a report on the fine work being done by the publicity committee, of which Earl G. Jones is chairman. Mr. Thomas pointed out numerous clippings in which Alliance has recently attained first page prominence in the state papers, as well as a generous proportion of publicity of lesser importance.

The matter of road signs was taken up to the extent that plans were explained. It is hoped that large road signs, measuring eight by twenty-four feet, together with some of smaller dimensions, can be constructed and placed at various points of advantage to the city of Alliance.

It was proposed that one large sign be placed at Bridgeport, which would tend to direct traffic from the North Platte valley north through this city. The signs not only give distance and direction but include also valuable information concerning the city of Alliance as a commercial and educational center. The sixteen-mile corner north of Alliance on the Chadron road, Kilpatrick's dam and the city park were other places where it was suggested to place signs. No action was taken by the chamber.

Busy Calendar Announced.

Coming events for Alliance were announced as follows:

The booster trip from Alliance to Agate, to include the towns of Hemingford and Harrison, was definitely announced for Sunday, June 11. It was urged that citizens keep the date open for this engagement, as one that was both profitable from the individual as well as the community standpoint.

The booster trip to Hyannis, as further explained in these columns, was mentioned.

The convention of medical men is scheduled for Alliance Monday, June 12.

The bankers will meet in our city on Tuesday, June 20.

Visitors at the luncheon Monday were: J. H. Brubaker of Angora, introduced as a "real road booster" from Morrill county; S. D. A. M. Lamphere of Rapid City; S. D. Associated with the plaster manufacturers of that city, who cordially invited the members of the chamber to spend their vacations in the new state park that has just been built near Rapid City.

Band Concert to Be Held at City Park Wednesday Evening

The Alliance band will give a concert at the city park Wednesday evening, the program being especially well chosen. The band has pleased large crowds before, and a record audience is expected Wednesday. This will be the first of a number of weekly concerts. The Wednesday evening entertainments will start promptly at 7:30. The band is under the direction of J. P. Mann and has been practicing for some time. There are about fifteen pieces in it, and as there are a number of excellent musicians in Alliance this will be a credit as well as a very fine form of entertainment to the town. Following is the program:

"Officer of the Guard," march, Jewell.

"Lackawana," march, Rosenkrans.

"The Bandmen's Delight," overture, Skaggs.

"Tucky Home," arr. Moquin.

"Rosemary," Jewell.

"The Rifle Rangers," march, King.

"Airy Fairy," caprice, Jewell.

"E Pluribus Unum," Jewell.

"Cupid's Charms," serenade, Miller.

"Harmony Heaven," King.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Increasing cloudiness, possibly followed by showers and cooler in west and north portions.

## New Automatic Gate Promises to Relieve Tourist's Troubles

The firm of Hoffland, Connors & Rogers of Antioch has invented and perfected what they call the "Three-A Gate," that is, the Antioch automatic automobile gate. It consists, as shown by two miniature model gates on display at the luncheon of the Alliance chamber of commerce Monday noon, of several vertical posts fastened to a horizontal axle, equipped with a spring chain to restore the posts to their vertical position, which is literally pushed over and down to the ground by the front wheels or bumper of the automobile as it passes over specially prepared runways which force the vehicle to strike the gate in the proper manner.

Messrs. Connors and Rogers were present with the models and very amiably explained the mechanism and answered all questions regarding their invention. The consensus of opinion was that the gate was not only very practical but would be a veritable boon to the tourist, who seriously objects to lowering and fastening gates.

It is planned to market the gates for a very reasonable sum. They will be manufactured in Antioch and are practical not only for counties but for individual use.

F. A. Clark and brother left Saturday on a fishing trip.

## PLAN BOOSTER TRIP JUNE 16 TO HYANNIS

WILL SEND BOY SCOUT BAND TO CONVENTION.

Nebraska Stockgrowers' Convention Have Asked That Alliance's New Band Help Them Celebrate.

Friday, June 16, is the date set for the booster trip to Hyannis to attend the Nebraska Stock Growers' convention. The Alliance chamber of commerce Monday voted to complete arrangements as soon as possible, with a special train and the Boy Scout band to furnish entertainment.

At the Monday noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce the members voted to recommend to the board of directors that arrangements be made to guarantee the funds necessary to send the newly-organized Boy Scout band to furnish entertainment for the closing day of the Nebraska Stock Growers' convention being held in Hyannis.

In introducing the subject, Postmaster Robert Graham pointed out that Hyannis had always been, in years past, Alliance's most enthusiastic booster on several occasions when the stockmen's convention had been held in our city. It was felt by the speaker and the members of the chamber of commerce that no more fitting appreciation of past favors could be shown than by sending the Boy Scout band to Hyannis, as had been requested by A. C. Sibbitt in a letter to Percy Cogswell.

Announcement will be made later with regard to the direct means of raising the necessary funds to send the Boy Scout band, but the amount is small and the committee should have little difficulty in putting over the proposition with a will. Reports from Hyannis indicate that a splendid program of entertainment has been arranged for visitors.

Those desiring to make the trip should get in touch with Lloyd Thomas, secretary of the chamber of commerce. If a sufficient number of people can make the trip, a special train will be chartered and the delegation will go to our sister city in fitting style. In any event delegates are urged to be watchful for a special train, when they arrive at the station, as it will help swell the crowd and render easier the task of raising the necessary quota to justify the special train.

Kiskis Bros. Sell "King's Corner" to John King Saturday

Saturday, June 3, saw the possession of King's Corner, an old landmark in Alliance, return to the King family, when John King, son of William King, and former prominent baseball player of this city, purchased the stock, business and fixtures of Kiskis Brothers.

The former owners have conducted the establishment for a matter of two years, coming from Antioch to Alliance. They expect to move to Scottsbluff where they will engage in business.

Clara Jane Black, three-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Black is ill.

## EAST NEBRASKA TOURISTS WANT BETTER ROADS

E. H. BARBOUR HAS MANY REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.

Western Nebraska is Logical and Most Convenient Means of Reaching the Black Hills Region.

Forcibly voicing the demand for good roads through western Nebraska, as a means of reaching the Black Hills district—"the play grounds of Nebraska"—Professor Erwin H. Barbour, state geologist and director of the Nebraska geological survey, University of Nebraska, in a letter to the Alliance chamber of commerce, inquires regarding the road situation here today.

Mr. Barbour explains not only that many people want to tour through our half of the state, but explains why they prefer to go by way of Alliance. His letter follows:

"LINCOLN, Neb., June 2.—Lloyd C. Thomas, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Alliance, Neb.—Dear Sir: More people than ever are consulting this office respecting the roads to the Black Hills. For several years every one has chosen to go to northwestern Nebraska by way of South Dakota. I have been over the roads four times in going and coming to and from Sioux county. They could not have been worse then. Surely they are better now.

"The traveling public will not and should not have to let down wire gates, but in parts of Sioux county you earn the price of a car letting down and putting up barbed wire gates. Then there were no signs or guide posts, which is distressing to strangers not accustomed to trails. The trail is all right but it is apt to branch and the tourist is left in very uncomfortable doubt. However, you know how this is, and it is unnecessary for me to even mention the matter, and I suspect that roads and sign boards have been attended to since I traveled these roads.

Has Passed Up Sandhills.

"To be frank, I have simply stayed away for several years and yet I wish to make three or four trips a year and wish to send friends to the Black Hills by way of western Nebraska. This region is the playground for the state and when there are good roads there will be heavy travel.

"Several parties are in consultation and I wish them to go by way of Alliance or Scottsbluff as they may prefer, but they have heard so many adverse reports that they hesitate to venture, and yet they particularly wish to go to the Black Hills through your part of the state.

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Trees From Daniel Webster's Homestead for Court House Lawn

Dispatcher H. E. Marvin, who is spending his vacation in New England, his old home, sent Judge Tash a package of seeds taken from an elm tree on the old Daniel Webster homestead at Concord, New Hampshire.

Mr. Marvin sent the seeds with the request that they be planted on the court house lawn. The judge, however, deviated from the instructions to a certain extent and planted the seeds in flower pots, in order that they might get a start before being put out. They were carefully watered with rain water, and the judge has high hopes that the court house lawn may in the future have a landmark that will have a history.

Judge Tash believes that the trees will grow and thrive, and if care on his part has any effect they should do this. The plants will be set out next spring if they sprout and thrive, and they will probably receive more attention than the average tree.

Two Cars Collide Friday Evening at Ninth and Box Butte

True Miller had his Ford sedan damaged Friday evening when driving down town about 7:15. Mr. Miller was coming down Box Butte avenue and as he reached the intersection of Ninth and Box Butte his car was struck by a car belonging to "Red" Morrissey. Mr. Morrissey attempted to turn from Box Butte, west into Ninth and in making too short a turn struck Mr. Miller's car.

Both cars were damaged, the Miller car having the left front fender bent, the rear wheel broken and the steering apparatus somewhat damaged. The other car was also damaged in the steering rods, had the wind-shield broken, and the front fenders bent. Neither of the drivers was injured.

Mr. Morrissey admitted being to blame, and the two drivers agreed as to the terms of settlement.

Louise and Dorothy Fricke left last week for Omaha and Kansas City, where they will spend their summer vacation.

## FARMERS' UNION HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC AT BEREA

SEVERAL HUNDRED FARMERS ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING.

Speeches by J. O. Shroyer of Humbolt, and B. J. Minor—Election of Officers for Coming Year.

Several hundred people attended the all-day picnic and business meeting of the Box Butte County Farmers' union at Berea on Monday. The program included baseball games, speeches and special entertainment features, and a business meeting, participated in by the large number of delegates from the locals over the county.

J. O. Shroyer of Humbolt, Neb., well known organizer and state committeeman for the state organization, was the principal speaker of the day. His speech included an outline of the farmers' union and its problems; its methods of organization; the success in organizing insurance companies, live stock commission companies, and other co-operative organizations of this nature; his work and experience as a member of the state legislative committee; the necessity of legislation and the need of a standing committee, both for county and state, in seeing that the laws enacted are carried out; and that an investigation be made of the expenditure of state and public funds. Mr. Shroyer is an excellent speaker and his talk was much enjoyed.

Rev. B. J. Minor of Alliance followed Mr. Shroyer with a short but direct-to-the-point talk in which he discussed in an interesting way the mutual problems of the farmer and the railroad men, going into the history of the present movement in Box Butte county to some extent, and showing how this movement is steadily growing.

Miss Elsie Harris of Berea gave an interesting reading. After the close of the entertainment program a business session was held, at which the officers of the county organization were elected, as follows: Alex T. Lee, re-elected president; John L. Wiltsey, secretary; and H. C. Hansen, vice-president. The following board of directors was re-elected: Philip Knapp, three year term; Jasper Jaspersen, two year term; Antonio Usthaus, one year term.

The program for the day closed with a ball game. Glen Miller and Lloyd Thomas of the Alliance chamber of commerce were present and during the ball game extended an invitation to everyone to come to Alliance on July Fourth and take part in the big, free celebration on that date. A ball game between two of the teams in the county league is contemplated and the preliminary arrangements are now being made.

F. C. Prince Opens Summer School Monday Morning

Summer school started Monday morning with fourteen students enrolled. The work, which is under the direction of F. C. Prince, principal of the high school, is now well under way. Registrations for the school will be received until this evening. The school will run continuously from now until July 14. Seven courses are offered, three weeks of intensive work allowing one credit point, or the same as is gained in a semester in school. In six weeks two credits can be obtained or the same as is received in one subject during the usual year.

Following are the courses offered and the time the class meets:

French at 7 a. m.

Algebra 9 at 8 a. m.

Latin, 9 at 9 a. m.

Latin 10 at 10 a. m.

Physics at 11 a. m.

History 10 at 1 p. m.

Geometry 10 at 2 p. m.

Miss Jeanette McConnell will open a summer school for all children in the grades, Monday, June 12. This will be at Central school. The registration will be held at 9 o'clock.

Elks to Commemorate Flag Day With Dance and Special Program

Wednesday, June 14, is set for the observance of Flag day by the local lodge, B. P. O. Elks. Appropriate exercises have been arranged by the committee in charge, with Percy Cogswell as chairman, which will start promptly at 8:15 p. m. and last for perhaps an hour. The Boy Scouts will assist in the program, which is given for members of the Elks lodge and their immediate families.

The exercises will be followed by an informal dance which will be free to club members and their families. This dance will close the social season for the Elks lodge and it is hoped by the committee in charge that as large an attendance as possible may be had at the combination event.

Further details of the program will be published in a subsequent issue.

All Elks are especially urged to watch for particulars and plan to help commemorate the occasion.

## Arrest Two Negroes on Burglary Charge Monday Afternoon

Willie Brown and "Man" Johnson, both colored, are lodged in jail, as a result of a burglary charge brought by Henry Jennings, also colored, an employe of the Alliance Steam Laundry, Monday afternoon. Jennings is loser of a jewelry case, containing a diamond ring valued at \$275, a valuable watch chain, and a fountain pen bearing the initials "C. A."

Jennings received a phone call from his wife about 3 p. m. Monday, and at once hurried home near First street and Platte avenue. He learned from Mrs. Jennings that she suspected Johnson and Brown, and with the help of Officers Jeffers and Martin who arrived after, Brown and Johnson were arrested. They were searched but nothing was found.

It was then thought that some of the numerous hoboes, who had been camped along the track near the Jennings' home, and who left for Hemingford on the passing freight train, might have taken the jewelry. The officers made a rapid trip to Hemingford, found two colored hoboes, took them from the freight train, but failed to find any damaging evidence about them. They were not held.

Date for the preliminary hearing has not been set. There is a pending fine of \$50 against Johnson, which was suspended some time ago upon Johnson's word that he would depart to return to our fair city no more. His recent return will cause this fine to be imposed and necessitate his working it out on the roads.

Officers state that little actual evidence can be secured against the other, Brown.

PLACES BLAME ON BOTH STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS

ROAD-BUILDING INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Costs Were Too High—No Records Were Kept—Personal Feuds Hindered Co-operation

Both the state department of public works and officials of various counties are held partly to blame for excessive costs and mistakes of construction in the building of Nebraska's state highways, in the report of Governor McKelvie's special investigating commission, says the Lincoln Star.

The report was compiled by Attorney General Davis and is signed by all the members of the commission, namely: Governor McKelvie, State Auditor Marsh, Attorney General Davis, State Senators B. K. Bushbee and M. F. Richard, and Representatives C. H. Epperson and Fred Hofmeister.

While complimenting the state road administration in general, the commission finds that the cost of engineering has been too high, that a bridge was improperly constructed over the Nemaha river in Richardson county, and that a few minor irregularities were committed by individual employees.

County boards, clerks and highway commissioners are declared to have failed, except in two or three instances, to keep records in the manner provided by law so that road expenditures could be properly checked. No willful maladministration by county officials is charged, however.

Members of the state commission call attention to the personal animosities existing between the head of the state department and officials in some of the counties. Because of these personal differences, it is stated, there has been a lack of co-operation between them, and the roads have suffered.

In order to meet a general complaint from the counties against the use of 75 per cent of automobile license moneys for maintaining state highways, the commission suggests that the law be changed so as to give all this money to the counties to use upon their own roads, and that state highway maintenance be provided for in some other way. No mention is made of a gasoline tax in this connection, but Governor McKelvie is favorable to that idea.

Commission Recommends Changes.

Following are the commission's specific recommendations as to how the state laws and prevalent practices in highway construction should be changed:

"1. The complete segregation of state and federal aid funds from the county roads, both as to construction and maintenance, the complete responsibility for the construction and continued maintenance of state and federal highway system being in the department of public works, and a like responsibility for county roads in the county board. This suggestion will fix the responsibility, eliminate the necessity of co-operation between so many branches of the government and centralize the authority where it may be exercised.

"2. Every county should have a county highway engineer with a longer term than two years of office, probably four years. There should be definite

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## SUNDAY JUNE 11 IS DATE SET FOR TRIP TO AGATE

THREE TOWNS WILL JOIN IN BOOSTER CELEBRATION.

Everybody Invited to Go—Rules Given for Regulation of Traffic—Good Time in Prospect.

After some little indecision regarding the exact date to be determined for the booster trip to the fossil beds at Agate, Neb., for the purpose of establishing a passable road to one of western Nebraska's greatest assets in securing tourist travel, Sunday, June 11 has been set for the excursion. The towns of Hemingford, Harrison and Alliance will co-operate in making this day one to be long remembered. The Alliance chamber of commerce want every citizen to join the picnic and special program has been arranged, including a trip to the famous fossil beds, conducted in person by Harold Cook.

At the request of Harold J. Cook of Agate, discoverer of the famous fossil beds at that point, the booster trip to celebrate the official opening of the Agate highway, extending from Alliance to Agate, via Hemingford, will take place on Sunday, June 11, starting from Alliance.

A general invitation is extended to everyone interested, both from the towns and country, to take part in this trip and to join the procession to Agate, participating in the picnic there and the program. The following rules are promulgated for the benefit of all concerned and it is earnestly requested that all who take part in the trip observe them.

The road committee of the Alliance chamber of commerce will have charge of the procession from Alliance to Hemingford, going via the Hashman road, which is in excellent condition.

The procession will leave from the corner of Third and Box Butte avenue, in front of the chamber of commerce office, at 7:30 a. m. The leader's car will be plainly marked and a reasonable rate of speed is to be observed by all taking part, the maximum speed at any point on the trip to be not over twenty-five miles per hour, going—coming back you can leave at any time desired and drive as desired.

A number of people desire to go who have not cars. These people should notify the office of the secretary of the Alliance chamber of commerce at once—phone 74. Those who will have room in their cars for an extra passenger or more should also notify the office at once, in order that assignments can be made, so as to avoid delay at starting time.

This is not a speed event and cars are requested not to pass around each other on the going trip. A car having trouble is requested to turn out to the side of the road, allowing plenty of clearance, so that the procession will not be halted. A trouble car will follow at the rear and assist in caring for "cripples."

At Hemingford the officials of the Hemingford chamber of commerce will take charge of the procession from that city to Agate, leaving Hemingford at 8:45 o'clock. It is requested that the same rules be followed, and that the Hemingford officials be shown every courtesy and that their requests be complied with in every way. The Hemingford leader's car will be plainly marked.

The program at Agate will be under the direction of Harold Cook, who will make arrangements for the parking of cars and for entertainment features, which will include a visit to the fossil beds. Short speeches will be made and a business meeting probably held. A large delegation is expected from Harrison and probably arrive at Agate at about 11 a. m. Provide your own picnic dinners. Plenty of spaces will be provided at Agate for eating your dinners.

An invitation has been extended to State Engineer George Johnson to be present at Agate at the meeting. This event is expected to be the largest of the kind ever held in western Nebraska and the co-operation of all is asked in making it the first of many delightful "get-together" picnics for the summer. Let's all go!

Clifford Skaggs is Released Sunday Morning on Bail

Clifford Skaggs, Dawes county farmer, who was arrested and brought to Alliance last week to answer a charge against him by a young lady living near Alliance, was released Sunday morning, bond being provided through an arrangement with the Alliance National bank of this city. He returned to his home near Chadron.

Skaggs' trial will come up at the term of court in September. He pleaded guilty to the charge in county court but it is believed that he will fight the case in the district court. The young lady asks \$2,000 to help support her child. She claims that Skaggs is the father of her child. Skaggs is well known in Dawes county, and operates a large farm there.

Ethel Clary, deputy county clerk, is off on a week's vacation.