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PETITION COUNCIL ON SUNDAY SHOWS

Committee of Thirty-five, Representing Churches and Societies, Present It

COMMITTEE TO ACT

When the council was called to order by Mayor Barnes Tuesday night at the city hall there were present a committee of thirty-five representing the churches and societies opposing the opening of picture shows and other amusements on Sunday. All of the councilmen were present. Messrs. Calder and Dubuque were there to represent their side of the question.

A. T. Lunn acted as spokesman for the committee bearing the petition asking that an ordinance be passed prohibiting Sunday opening. He stated in part that they were there representing several churches and young people's associations and presented the petition which read as follows:

operating the picture shows. In answer to this Mr. Boyd referred to a similar case in Omaha. The case of Wirth v. Calhoun, et al. in Northwestern Reporter, vol. 89. The following is an extract from the decision of the Nebraska Supreme Court. "A contract whereby a party is required to furnish one performance, consisting of music, dancing, and feats of contortion, each day in the week, including Sunday, is not invalid as in contravention of section 241 of the Criminal Code, such performances not falling within the prohibition of said section."

In the determination of the question thus raised it is not necessary to enter upon a discussion of the relative merits of the various systems of religion, nor of the advantages resulting to the individual or to society from the observance of one day of the week in a particular manner, because, under our form of government, all so-called Sunday laws, whatever the motives that inspire them, are purely municipal or police regulations. The authority to enact such laws comes from no system of religion, but from the fundamental law of the land. In the exercise of that authority the legislature enacted section 241 of the Criminal Code, invoked by the defendant, which so far as material at present, is as follows: "If any person of the age of fourteen years or upward shall be found on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, sporting, rioting, quarreling, hunting, fishing, or shooting, he or she shall be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty dollars."

And if any person of the age of fourteen years or upwards shall be found on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, at common labor (work of necessity and charity only excepted) he or she shall be fined. * * * If the contract provides for a violation of this section, it is because the performances provided for by the contract fall within the meaning of "common labor" or "sporting." We are confident that in "common language" the term "common labor" is never understood to include such performances. We believe the term "sporting" as used in the statute, applies exclusively to diversions of the field and outdoor sports. * * *

Mr. Boyd stated to the council that in his opinion there is no state law of general application to this particular case, and that figuratively speaking they were starting out with "a clean slate." The proposition is up to the council to determine whether or not the law is wanted by the people or not, that they were elected to represent the people and should determine their wishes.

Mayor Barnes then asked Mr. Boyd if whether or not the fact that a license had been issued to the show did not form a contract which the city must keep. Mr. Boyd stated that this was a question which must be determined and that the fact should be determined as to whether or not there was an understanding with the proprietors of the show that they would be allowed to open on Sunday, at the time the license was issued to them.

On petition the city clerk read a portion of the names signed on the petition asking that the show be left open. The first name read was the same as that of Councilman Stearns, excepting that the spelling of the first name was different. Inasmuch as Councilman Stearns was much opposed to allowing the theaters to continue open on Sundays, this caused a great deal of merriment until it was explained that the gentleman who signed was a traveling man and not the councilman.

The names on the petition favoring Sunday closing had been typewritten and the sheets pasted together, forming a long roll. After reading a number of names from each petition in order that the councilmen might know who had signed the petitions, Mayor Barnes appointed Councilmen Stearns and Snyder as a committee to confer with both sides to the question and with the city attorney and to report to the council when ready.

Rev. Godfrey, Rev. Brown and others then talked on the question and discussed the same fully. Messrs. Dubuque and Calder both gave their side of the question. Rev. Brown stated that the posters shown in front of picture shows are at times harmful in their nature. Mr. Dubuque stated that their reason for keeping the picture show open was because the public demanded it. Rev. Baker also gave a short speech.

Arrangements were then made for the committee to meet with representatives from both sides some evening this week in order that a report could be made to the council at a special meeting to be called. The committee then left and other matters were taken up by the council.

LOCAL GLEANINGS

Rev. Ware made a trip to Bridgeport on Sunday. . . .

C. D. Rider spent Thanksgiving in Denver, returning Monday morning.

Dr. Boland, of Hemingford, was in Alliance Monday. . . .

Supt. G. L. Griggs spent Thanksgiving with Alliance friends.

Harold Snyder returned Tuesday noon from a week's visit with Jack Carey and family in Sheridan.

A. V. Officer, manager of the Scottsbluff Sugar Company, came to Alliance Friday on business.

The Misses Lunetta and Margaret Zehring spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Will Otto of Lakeside.

G. H. Woods and O. C. Moore went to Ellsworth last Friday to paint the new church at that place.

The P. E. O. met Monday afternoon at a Kensington party with Mrs. Tully. . . .

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church met yesterday afternoon at the rectory with Mrs. Ware.

Miss Angela Ware returned Monday from Mullen, where she spent Thanksgiving. . . .

Mrs. Nicholson, of Hot Springs, was an Alliance visitor last Saturday with her friends Mrs. V. J. Ford and Mrs. J. Atz. . . .

The Misses Barbara and Delia King and Miss Mary Barry spent Thanksgiving at Lakeside, remaining until Sunday. . . .

Joe Reardon, a former Alliance boy but now living in Omaha, came in Saturday for a few days' visit with friends and relatives. . . .

Judge L. A. Berry's office in the Norton block is undergoing some needed repairs this week, much to the satisfaction of the general public. . . .

Dick Waters, formerly local manager of the Dierks Lumber Company, has been in the city for a few days visiting with friends. From here Dick will go to Kansas City, where they will make their home. . . .

A. P. Curtis, the passenger director at the Burlington depot, took a ten day layoff last week and is on a visit east with relatives. His place has been taken during his absence by Spencer Wilson. . . .

Dr. L. W. Curtis returned last Friday from the Cleman neighborhood in Morrill county where he had been spending a couple of weeks doing horse dentistry and surgery. He went to Hemingford Tuesday to do some veterinary work. . . .

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Breuklander returned to Alliance last Saturday, after an absence of about a year, and have taken up their residence in this city again. Mr. Breuklander re-enters the service of the Burlington railroad. . . .

W. H. Miller, traveling salesman for H. J. Heinz, who has been making his home in Alliance, will be transferred to other territory, and will reside either in Denver or Omaha. Mrs. Miller and daughter Jaunita bid adieu to Alliance friends Tuesday and left for Denver. . . .

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hubbard of Ellsworth are the happy parents of a baby boy born in Alliance, Friday, November 29th. Mother and child are doing nicely. Mr. Hubbard came up from Ellsworth on 42 Monday to see the young son and his mother, remaining in the city a few days. . . .

Mrs. W. W. Wood came over from Alliance last week to spend a few days visiting her Rushville friends, who are always pleased to see her. Saturday A. M. Modisett took her down to the Modisett ranch in his automobile and she had a very pleasant time and enjoyed the trip immensely. — Rushville Standard, Nov. 29. . . .

W. S. Hardison of Strasburger was transacting business in Alliance last Saturday. Before coming to Nebraska he was engaged in real estate business in Chicago and now while holding down a claim in Sheridan county he devotes some time to the selling of land. We are pleased to add Mr. Hardison's name to The Herald's list of Strasburger subscribers. . . .

Some changes are made again this week in the advertisement of Miss Mary Rean, trustee of the Stuckey stock. Many ladies of Alliance and vicinity have availed themselves of the opportunity of securing rare bargains at this sale, and still there are plenty of goods to accommodate a good many more if they call at the store in the Phelan Opera House block soon. . . .

City Will Establish Public Skating Pond

City Dads Will Give Children Skating Pond for Free Use During Winter.

D. W. HUGHES FATHER OF IDEA

D. W. Hughes, secretary of the Alliance city school board, appeared before the city council last evening at their meeting and in a well delivered talk suggested that the city utilize the ground purchased in the northeast part of town for a skating rink during the winter months.

Mr. Hughes stated that at an expense of probably not over ten dollars a substantial dam could be built to impound the water which could be brought through fire hose from the nearest fire hydrant. That the skating pond could be made thirty feet wide and a block long.

The question of erecting a building at small expense for shelter was taken up. This will probably be done as soon as the pond is ready. The council quickly approved of the proposition and ordered the street commissioner to go ahead and construct the dam and to place a couple of large electric lights over the pond.

Councilman Snyder offered to furnish the stove for the shelter room and Councilman Vaughan offered to furnish the coal. It will not be long, if the weather is cold enough, before the city children will be enjoying themselves to their heart's content.

PEDDLERS WILL ORGANIZE

The spirit of fraternity and comradeship which resulted from the association occasioned by the Thanksgiving ball given by the Alliance traveling men will undoubtedly result in a permanent organization, to be composed of western Nebraska traveling men.

A number of the leading traveling men have called a meeting of all who are interested. This meeting will be held at the Burlington Hotel next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Every traveling man in the city is invited to be present at that time to assist in effecting a permanent organization.

The benefit to be derived from an organization of this kind will be of great value. Nothing is of more help to traveling men than an organization of this kind, to deal with their problems and to make their life, which is a hard one, to say the least, easier. An association of this kind, with headquarters here, would tend to bring out the spirit of fraternalism so much desired.

NEW DISPLAY TYPE

In order to help in getting out job work and advertisements The Herald received this week a large shipment of new display type. This covers a variety of different styles and sizes and adds greatly to The Herald's already large equipment.

ENCAMPMENT SETS DATE OF MEETINGS

At a special meeting of the new I. O. O. F. Encampment No. 81, recently organized, the date of the regular meetings was set for the first and third Friday nights of each month at the I. O. O. F. hall.

GARRET SELLS DRAY BUSINESS

L. S. Dye and Ed. Owens have purchased the dray business of John Garrett and it will be operated under the name of Dye and Owens in the future. Mr. Dye has been in the dray business here for a number of years. The new firm starts out with a large patronage.

MARRIED AT NEWCASTLE

George McCoy and Sarah Thompson were married at Newcastle Wednesday morning of last week. The groom is a son of Ed. McCoy, of Alliance. Both are prosperous western Nebraska ranchers.

W. H. McCoy, a brother of the groom, accompanied him to Newcastle and officiated as best man at the ceremony, which was performed by Fr. D. Nicholai. A wedding breakfast was served by Mrs. N. Kusiek, a sister of the groom living at Newcastle. The father of the bride is a wealthy ranchman living on Beaver Creek, near Newcastle. The couple made a short honeymoon trip to the Black Hills, returning to Alliance Tuesday. They will make their home on the groom's ranch near Alliance.

PURCHASES FINE EQUIPMENT

T. S. Fielding adds Hat Cleaning, Reblocking and Trimming Outfit

T. S. Fielding returned Sunday from a trip to Chicago, where he purchased an entire new hat cleaning, reblocking and trimming outfit, which will be used in the business of "The Wardrobe", conducted by him in Alliance. Mr. Fielding has been in business in Alliance for a great many years and has a good patronage.

Heretofore it has been necessary to send hats to the large cities to be cleaned, blocked and trimmed but the addition of this machinery and outfit will make this unnecessary. It is expected that he will secure a great deal of business from outside points as well as Alliance.

WILL GIVE BAZAAR

The ladies of Alliance are arranging for a big bazaar to be given for the benefit of St. Joseph's Hospital, on March 24th, 25th and 26th. It will be given at the Phelan opera house.

Elaborate preparations are already being arranged and this will be one of the big events of the year. As plans develop further particulars will be given in The Herald.

GREAT INTEREST IN PARCELS POST

Information About New Law which Becomes Effective Jan. 1

LOWER EXPRESS RATES

Within less than a month from this date the long looked for and much talked of parcels post will be in operation in the United States. The new law becomes effective January 1, 1913. Retail merchants generally have been opposed to the parcels post, fearing that it would increase the business of mail order houses to the detriment of local merchants. Whether this will be the case remains to be seen. We have had instances in recent history of some things being feared by certain classes of business and laboring men, but which turned out to be no detriment to them. For many years the banks of this country fought the establishment of the postal savings bank system, but within less than a year after it had been established the bankers assembled in convention declared that the government banks had not injured their business and gave them their hearty endorsement.

In the opinion of The Herald, it will depend upon the retail merchants themselves whether the parcels post injures their business or not. We are aware that when a newspaper says anything about advertising some people suspect it of having a selfish interest; but what we say here on this subject we wish to say without the bias of selfish interest. Frankly we believe that the parcels post makes INTELLIGENT ADVERTISING a greater necessity with successful retail merchants than ever before. The large mail order department stores, as well as some other large business ventures of this country, are hit upon shrewdly by advertising. The outlay for advertising of some of these establishments runs into the thousands and hundreds of thousands of dollars per annum. They do not neglect the advertising end of their business until a convenient season when nothing else demands their attention, but they have advertising experts employed—men who devote their whole time and attention to a study of advertising and putting into execution the ideas that observation and experience have proven to be successful business getters.

The home merchant who is up to date in methods of conducting his business can serve the people who are within reach of his store to better advantage than the establishment five hundred or a thousand miles distant. It is up to him to let the people know this fact in an intelligent and convincing manner. And he can't do this by neglecting his advertising until the local newspaper is ready to go to press and then saying, "O, well, I haven't any advertising prepared, let it go till next week."

In some respects the parcels post should prove a benefit to the local merchant. Some times it is necessary to send a rush order to the wholesale house to accommodate a customer who recognizes the fact that the business man who is in touch with the wholesaler and who has the benefit of wholesale prices can handle the deal better than a person who is not in business. Express charges have been so high as to leave little or no profit in this class of business. Now, however, the express companies are revising their schedules to meet the parcels post rates commencing January 1st.

Through the courtesy of Postmaster Tash we are able to give Herald readers information from the post office department. It will be observed that instead of one rate applying to all distances, as at present on merchandise and as will continue to be the case on letters and printed matter, rates will be graduated according to distance. We call attention, also, that the parcels post takes the place of the present fourth-class matter, otherwise known as merchandise, on which the rate for any distance is sixteen cents per pound, but on which the maximum parcels post rate (that is, for over 1,800 miles) will be twelve cents per pound. It will be noticed, too, that the maximum weight of a parcel for mailing will be eleven pounds, instead of four pounds, as at present. Following is an extract from the department circular furnished The Herald by Mr. Tash:

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The parcels post law which becomes effective January 1, 1913, provides: "That hereafter fourth-class mail matter shall embrace all other matter, including farm and factory products, not now embraced by law in either the first, second or third class, not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, nor greater in size than seventy-two inches in length and girth combined, nor in form of any likely to injure the person or postal equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery."

For the purpose of carrying this law into effect the United States is divided into zones with different rates of postage applicable to each, as follows:

Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Local rate	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	.10	.11	.12	.13	.14	.15
Zone rate, 50 miles	.05	.08	.11	.14	.17	.20	.23	.25	.29	.32	.35
2nd zone, 50-150 mi.	.06	.10	.14	.18	.22	.26	.30	.34	.38	.42	.46
3rd zone, 150-300 mi.	.07	.12	.17	.22	.27	.32	.37	.42	.47	.52	.57
4th zone, 300-600 mi.	.08	.14	.20	.26	.32	.38	.44	.50	.56	.62	.68
5th zone, 600-1000 mi.	.09	.16	.23	.30	.37	.44	.51	.58	.65	.72	.79
6th zone, 1000-1400 mi.	.10	.19	.28	.37	.46	.55	.64	.73	.82	.91	1.00
7th zone, 1400-1800 mi.	.11	.21	.31	.41	.51	.61	.71	.81	.91	1.01	1.11
8th zone, all over 1800	.12	.24	.36	.48	.60	.72	.84	.96	1.08	1.20	1.32

WILL TRAVEL OUT OF ALLIANCE

Well Known North Platte Valley Traveling Man Here

Martin Bristol, who has been in the hardware business in the North Platte valley for years and who has held prominent political positions there, has accepted a traveling position with the Newberry Hardware Company and will travel out of Alliance. Mr. Bristol arrived in Alliance Tuesday noon. Mrs. Bristol will be here within a few days.

COUNTY OFFICERS TO LINCOLN

The county commissioners and the county clerk will go to Lincoln the 8th instant to attend the convention to be held there of the State Association of County Commissioners, Supervisors and Clerks.

This convention is held once each year and is of great benefit to the county officials of the different counties throughout the state. Methods of handling business are discussed, lectures are given, etc.

WILL GIVE BAZAAR

W. E. Spencery, manager of the Alliance Creamery and Produce Company, went to Omaha on a business trip Tuesday.

Read The Herald's big premium offer on page 2.