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ROMIG ELECTED AS THE MAYOR

Welch, Davidson, Rowan, Davis, Snyder, Was, Kibble and Fleming
Compose Next Council

SURPRISES SPRUNG BY VOTERS

Penrose E. Romig, councilman from the second ward, vice president and former chief of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, was elected mayor for the coming two-year term at the municipal election held Tuesday of this week. The election of Mr. Romig was a great surprise to many who were not aware of his popularity with the people of Alliance. He carried every ward in the city, his total majority being eighty-three votes.

In the First ward, E. T. Kibble was elected over Ben J. Sallows for councilman for two years by a majority of fifteen. In the Second ward F. J. Was won over Harvey Hacker, his nearest opponent, by a majority of only five votes. This ward cast



Mayor-elect Romig

the heaviest vote out of the four and several votes were challenged during the day. In the Third ward George E. Davis won over Robert Driscoll by twenty-six, and Jerry Rowan won over A. T. Lunn by twenty-one. In the Fourth ward William Davidson won over W. B. Young by twenty-five.

The colored vote this year was small, compared with some elections in previous years.

Archie Gregory was re-elected city treasurer by a majority of forty-two votes. Carter Calder was elected city clerk by a majority of ninety votes over his two competitors. Edgar M. Martin, county treasurer, and Mrs. I. E. Tash were elected members of the school board.

The old council will conclude the business of the year at the regular meeting to be held next Tuesday evening at the city hall. Following this meeting the new mayor and council will take their places and be installed. Councilman-elect A. J. Welch of the Fourth ward will be unable to be present, having been compelled to take a trip east with his wife for medical treatment.

WIFE LEAVES SUDDENLY

Mason City Man Here Conducting a Search Without Success—Woman Insane at Times

Has anyone in Alliance seen Mrs. M. Schmidt? When last seen she was wearing a gray coat and a black hat trimmed with red roses. She is 49 years old, weighs 140 pounds, and is 5 feet 4 inches in height.

She left her home at Mason City, Nebraska, April 1, and has not been heard of since, leaving her husband and six children. Mr. Schmidt was in Alliance Monday and Tuesday of this week endeavoring to find a trace of her, and with quivering voice and with tears ready to drop from his eyes he told a Herald reporter his story.

They have been married for about twenty years, and have always enjoyed conjugal bliss. Several years ago Mrs. Schmidt suffered a severe spell of sickness, and since that time she has had intermittent spells of insanity, during which times she is obsessed with the idea that someone is trying to kill her. Mr. Schmidt has a kindly face, and stated that he had always treated her the best he knew how. At the time of her hasty departure the first of this month, he was working away from the house, and did not know of her disappearance until he returned home. An immediate search was instituted, and the only information that could be obtained was from her sister, who lives in Mason City, and who stated that Mrs. Schmidt had been seen leaving for the west. Mr. Schmidt said that his wife had a peculiar way of shaking her head when walking, which was caused from nervousness.

It was a pitiful sight to see the lonely and heartbroken man eagerly peering into the incoming trains for a glimpse of the familiar face, and the sorrowful look on his countenance

after all the passengers had got off, and then with lagging feet he would return to the waiting room of the depot, either staying there or walking over town in the drizzling rain with the hope of finding her.

Mr. Schmidt is well advanced in years. He speaks with a heavy German accent, and is reticent in asking anyone for information because of his inability to talk English fluently. Tuesday noon he returned to Mason City, as he has no trace of his wife's whereabouts further than Alliance, and for the present said he would have to give up the search. Should anyone know any information that would lead to Mrs. Schmidt's discovery, it would be an act of kindness to an almost demented husband and father to notify him, even if it were necessary to go to considerable trouble to do so.

CLUB WORK PROGRESSING

Assistant Organizer Here First of This Week—Much Interest Being Manifested

L. F. Skinner, assistant in boys' and girls' work, and agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was here Monday and Tuesday of this week getting the organization started. Miss Opal Russell, county superintendent, selected the sewing, cooking, potato and pig clubs for Box Butte county, and these branches will be the ones specialized upon, although anyone who wishes to do so can join the corn club.

On Monday Mr. Skinner spoke to the high school students at 9 a. m.; at 10 a. m. to the pupils of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades at the Central school; at 10:45 to the high school agricultural class, and at 11:30 to the 6th, 7th and 8th grades in the Emerson school, speaking to a total of 380 students during the morning. In the afternoon Miss Russell accompanied him to Hemingford where they presented the work of the boys' and girls' clubs, and much interest was displayed. They returned to Alliance Monday evening, and on Tuesday spoke to the Berea school, where the interest was also intense. It was at that place that one little girl found she was not old enough to join the club, and her disappointment was so great that she broke down and cried.

With the amount of interest shown by all those eligible to membership, the success of the clubs is assured in this section, and indications are that this county will possess one of the strongest organizations in the state. The champion in each class will represent the Box Butte County Club in the state contest. Prof. Skinner went from here to Garden county on his organization tour.

PICKED THE WINNER

Herald's Sporting Editor Shows His Usual Ability in Forecasting Results

When it comes to giving the right "dope" on coming sporting events, Bates Copeland, the Herald's sport reporter, always dishes out the right stuff, as was again demonstrated by the result of the Willard-Johnson prize fight Monday when he told his friends a week beforehand that Willard would win the belt. Mr. Copeland's contention was that Johnson has lost some of his old time "pep", and also that Willard was more than a match for him even though he had been in his usual condition.

Mr. Copeland gave out no information through the sporting column, as he did not want to receive the ridicule of a credulous public, not that this would change his decision in the least, but because of the fact that the majority seemed to think Johnson was the best man, and he did not want to change their decision, but let them fool themselves.

Johnson had only about one-third as much training for this fight as did Willard, as the present champion went through a course of training at El Paso, and then again at Havana just before the fight.

There has never been an instance when the sporting editor did not make the correct predictions, and it is probable that hereafter the public will listen to him and "profit" thereby, as did a few this time.

CZARNOSKY WILL LEAVE

President of Post M. T. P. A., Promoted to Position as Manager of Branch House at Ft. Collins

Harry Czarnosky, popular Alliance traveling man, president of Post M. T. P. A., Protective Association, has been promoted to the management of a branch house for his firm, the Donaldson Fruit Company, at Fort Collins, Colorado.

Mr. Czarnosky has made Alliance his headquarters for a long time. A farewell party is to be given for him by the traveling men and their families and friends Friday evening. He expects to leave on April 18, on his return from the state T. P. A. convention at Hastings.

R. M. Baker, who is well known in the Alliance territory, will succeed Mr. Czarnosky on this territory. Mr. Baker has made good and his friends predict a success for him in his new position.

Ambition is all right if a man has energy enough to back it up.

RETURNS OF THE CITY ELECTION

	1st Ward	2nd Ward	3rd Ward	4th Ward	Total	Majority
For Mayor:						
F. M. Broome	22	138	100	30	290	
Penrose E. Romig	42	185	111	35	373	83
For Clerk:						
Carter Calder	31	146	79	23	279	90
Jerry Madden	23	69	70	27	189	
J. S. Stark	10	94	62	18	184	
For Treasurer:						
Archie Gregory	38	163	104	42	347	47
Emery Cornu	26	144	104	26	300	
For Councilmen						
First Ward:						
E. T. Kibble					39	15
B. J. Sallows					24	
Second Ward:						
F. J. Was					132	5
Harvey Hacker					127	
Ed F. Shields					57	
Third Ward:						
George E. Davis					116	26
Robert Driscoll					90	
Jerry Rowan					109	21
A. T. Lunn					88	
Fourth Ward:						
A. J. Welch					62	25
Wm. Davidson					46	
W. B. Young					21	

COMMERCIAL CLUB SMOKER MONDAY

Alliance Fire Department to be Guest of Club—Edgar Howard of Columbus Will Speak

The last Commercial Club smoker until after the membership campaign will be held at the opera house next Monday evening, April 12. The Alliance Volunteer Fire Department will be the guests of the club, and a special program has been arranged. Edgar Howard, the well known Columbus newspaper man, will speak.

Among the other items on the program and in addition to the refreshments are a shaving contest between "Doc" Copeland and Frank Spon. The winner gets a brand new safety razor outfit. A boxing contest between Ray Stansberry and I. E. Tash comes next, the winner to be presented with a box of Jack Johnson (Havana) cigars. Cy Laing will life a weight (wait) of 13131313 pounds. For doing this he will be given a square meal. The fifth act will be a kangaroo-elephant boxing contest, the second and last of the series, the kangaroo (W. D. Fisher) vs. the elephant (Charlie Jeffers). The winner will be entered for the world's championship. An editorial writing contest will be held between Ben Sallows and Lloyd Thomas, the one writing the most words and saying the least to be given a good dose of red ink.

With a program like the above, the largest attendance at any of the club smokers is expected. In with the fun will be a lot of good, straight business talk, of value to every member of the club.

MEMBERS PLAYED HOOKEY

Nine Members of Nebraska Legislature Are Rounded up at Ball Game

The State Journal of Tuesday gives an account of the rounding up on Monday of nine members of the house of representatives of the Nebraska legislature, whose unnecessary absence brought business to a standstill. Following is an extract from the Journal's account:

Bill after bill has gone to smash on third reading because a small but determined opposition was able to hold the majority below the fifty-one mark required to pass a bill on third reading. Finally Representative Hoffmeister of Imperial, who has vain hopes that the house will adjourn by Friday night, moved that the sergeant at arms and enough assistants be sent to the ball game to get the absentees. The motion carried without a dissenting vote.

James Boyd, sergeant at arms, with a deputy, forthwith issued from the portals of the state house, armed with badges of office and plenty of authority. The assistant betook himself to the Lindell hotel and Mr. Boyd hastened to the ball park.

At the park he first stopped Representative Bates of Cheyenne, who reluctantly descended from a seat in the grand stand. Hynek was nabbed next, whereupon the two helped find



IRA E. TASH
Retiring Postmaster

the others. Anderson of Boyd insisted that if Cronin had not shown himself so boldly they would have escaped. Two members in the bleachers were next discovered and nine in all they were respectfully requested to go to the state house. The two in the bleachers promised to proceed forthwith, three of the others took a "jitney", and four others walked while Mr. Boyd took a car alone. They arrived at the state house, however. The assistant discovered two at the Lindell and marched them to the state house. The list of those playing hookey in this fashion follows:

Those at the ball game: Broome of Box Butte, Lanigan of Greeley, Bates of Cheyenne, Cronin of Holt, Chambers of Douglas, Anderson of Boyd, Hynek of Saline, Stearns of Scotts Bluff, and Labounty of Frontier.

Those at the hotel: Greenwalt of Custer and Snyder of Adams.

Death of Woodward

James Woodward, brother-in-law of Mrs. George Hills of Alliance, died Sunday at Rochester, Minn., following an operation there only a short time before. The funeral will be held at his home at Casper, Wyoming, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Hill is at Casper. Mr. Woodward was cook at the Drake hotel for a number of years, leaving Alliance about three years ago.

EASTER AT M. E. CHURCH

The Day Appropriately Observed. Morning, Afternoon and Evening

Easter was appropriately observed at the First M. E. church in the services of morning, afternoon and night. In the Sunday school both "graded" and "uniform" lessons are used. The uniform lesson was an Easter subject. A special missionary offering was taken for missions, amounting to several times the sum of the usual collection.

The Knights Templar of Alliance in uniform attended the morning preaching service in a body. Following an appropriate sermon, Rev. O. S. Baker, pastor, "opened the doors of the church" and received eight adults into membership.

A children's service was held in the afternoon at which eight babes and twenty older children were baptized. Thirty-six children, who wished to unite with the church with the consent of their parents, were received into membership.

A beautiful Easter concert was rendered in the evening, under direction of A. J. Welch. There was a large attendance, and all present enjoyed the fine program, which had been well prepared and was splendidly rendered.

Will Give Away Ton of Coal

A lump of coal was received by J. H. Vaughn & Son Tuesday that is a monster, and is the largest ever seen by most local people. It is almost square, measuring about five feet long and four feet in thickness, and the weight—well, that's what no one knows.

The lump is "Harris" coal, from Rout county, Colo., reputed to be the best, excepting none, and the purpose of Vaughn & Son in getting it here is not only to advertise the particular brand of coal, but also to start a guessing contest. The large piece of coal will sit in front of their office, and every person is entitled to a guess at its weight. It is not necessary to purchase coal from this firm in order to make an estimate, as the contest is open to everyone. Some time next month the lump will be weighed, and the person who has made the nearest correct guess will receive a ton of coal free. The contest opened Tuesday noon, and everyone is asked to call and have his estimate registered.

In Honor of Mayor-elect

After the complete election returns were in Tuesday night, a number of the friends and supporters of Penrose E. Romig, Alliance's next mayor, gathered at the Alliance Cafe

where a fine banquet was spread in his honor.

The toastmaster, after making a few appropriate remarks and congratulating Mr. Romig on his election, called on the mayor-elect for a speech. Mr. Romig responded in a manner that pleased everyone, stating that he intends to do his duty by the people who have elected him, and promising to do all in his power to make his a businesslike, economical administration.

NEW POSTMASTER

Received Appointment Monday and Entered upon Active Duties Wednesday Morning

Robert Graham is now postmaster of Alliance, having received his commission signed by President Wilson Monday morning. He was busy Tuesday invoicing and checking up the office, and on Wednesday morning took complete charge.

The new incumbent is one of the old-timers in this part of the state, having homesteaded near Alliance



ROBERT GRAHAM

when he moved here. During the past few years he has been associated with E. A. Hall in the cattle business on their large ranch, and has laid up a goodly amount of this world's goods, but he is as active as ever in business circles and will be for many years to come. He is a man with a clean record in all his business dealings; is courteous and obliging, and will no doubt make Alliance a model postmaster. Mr. Graham received notice of his appointment about thirty days ago. In sending his bond, a slight mistake was made which caused the papers to be returned for correction, causing a delay in the arrival of his commission.

Mr. Tash has been postmaster for the past twelve years, receiving his first commission on February 23, 1903. At that time this office was in the third class, and on July 1, 1904, it was advanced to second class. R. W. Montgomery was Mr. Tash's predecessor. The office was moved into its present quarters July 1, 1906, at which time the office and fixtures were leased by the government from the Alliance National Bank. Frank McFarland was assistant postmaster from July 1, 1904, until January 16, 1914, when he was taken suddenly ill and died. Since that time the office of assistant has been ably filled by Fred H. Carlson, who will continue in this capacity, as his position is now under civil service.

Mr. Tash has filled the office to the entire satisfaction of all, and the best wishes of every citizen go with him for the future.

DEATH OF MRS. SLOAN

Mother of Alliance Man, George A. Hills, Died at Minatare Sunday March Thirty-first

Mrs. J. C. Sloan, mother of George A. Hills of Alliance, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Abbie Clough, at Minatare, on Sunday, March 31. She was buried the following Tuesday, the funeral being held at the residence of her daughter, and the services conducted by Elder G. A. Kinkle, who was assisted by Rev. W. D. Reaugh.

Mrs. Sloan was born April 19, 1848 near Chatan, Canada, and moved with her parents to Omaha in 1864. She was married to Ralph D. Hills in 1865 and moved to Decatur, Nebraska, in 1867. To this union there were born four daughters and one son, two of the daughters and the son now living. Mr. Hills died July 7, 1892.

In 1894 Mrs. Hills was married to Rev. J. C. Sloan and moved to Alliance. Rev. Sloan died in 1903. For the past eight years Mrs. Sloan has made her home at Minatare and Alliance. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and had many friends here.

The deceased leaves to mourn her departure, five daughters: Mrs. Stella Holloway, Salt Lake, Utah; Mrs. Lucille Daily, of Sterling, Colo.; Miss Mabel Sloan, of Louisiana; Mrs. Ella Young of Alliance, and Mrs. Abby Clough of Minatare; and four sons: George Hills of Alliance; W. E. Sloan of Wheatland, Wyo.; John Sloan of Corvallis, Ore., and George Sloan of Miter, Utah.

APRIL TERM OF DISTRICT COURT

Docket Very Heavy for This Term—Many Important Cases to Be Tried

COURT WILL LAST SOME TIME

The April term of district court opened Monday, and is now in full blast. There are seventy-three cases on the docket for this term, and among them are some that are very important. Several divorce cases have already been decided by Judge Westover, and the remainder will be settled this week. Only one naturalization case was disposed of—Alexis Eduard Gerhardt—whose case was decided favorably.

The first jury trial was that of Clarence O. Rosenberger vs. Prude Broyles, which resulted in a verdict for the defendant. It seems that Broyles gave Rosenberger a note for \$400 for an automobile, which he afterward claimed was not worth the money, and the charge was made that it had been sold under misrepresentation, Rosenberger bringing suit for the amount of the note. J. L. Westover was counsel for the defense, and Boyd & Metz were employed by the plaintiff.

Other cases which were decided by Judge Westover are:

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Geo. E. Curtis was dismissed upon payment of all costs by the defendant, the charge being larceny.

The case of the McCord-Brady Company vs. Frank O'Connor et al was dismissed, as was the case of Ernest C. Bush vs. Joseph H. Vaughn et al, the plaintiff paying all costs in the latter.

In the foreclosure case of E. B. Hurst vs. Roscoe P. Hurst et al, the decision was in favor of the plaintiff, costs to be paid by him.

The foreclosure case of Charles E. Wiltsey vs. Sigval Nordvick et al resulted in a decree in favor of Wiltsey in the amount of \$2,388.41 on each cause of action.

J. D. Emerick was appointed receiver in the case of Alonzo Hague vs. George G. Gadsby et al, at a bond of \$2,000, the action being foreclosure.

Sarah J. Smith was given a decree of absolute divorce from Paul J. Smith, with alimony in the sum of \$1,000, costs paid by plaintiff.

The plaintiff was awarded a \$1,788.15 judgment in the case of William Davidson vs. Joseph H. Wehr et al.

Onar J. Scribner was granted a divorce from Etta L. Scribner, plaintiff paying costs.

Roy E. Lester was granted a divorce from Emma E. Lester.

The second jury case was that of the Katz-Craig Construction Co. vs. the Village of Hemingford, which was disposed of yesterday by the defendant confessing judgment, and was settled without trial.

The case of Alois Simek vs. The Royal Highlanders, an action on a life insurance policy, was practically out of court, as the time for appeal had elapsed.

The case of William Iodence vs. Box Butte county was decided in favor of the county. The plaintiff asked for the return of taxes paid.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

Annual Play of Senior Class, Alliance High School, to be Given Earlier Than Heretofore

The Senior play, "Engaged by Wednesday", will be given at the opera house, Friday, April 9. This is earlier than has been the custom in the past but it has been found quite tiring to the Seniors to give the class play, class exercises, and hold the commencement exercises during the closing week, so the play will be given this week.

The play is an interesting one in which two young people, destined by their relatives to be married, decide individually that such shall not be the case and in attempting to escape from each other meet under assumed names; and that which their relatives wished to bring about and which each had decided individually should not happen, does happen.

The cast is as follows:
Martin Henry, the laziest man in the county Ralph Johnson
Arthur Watson Elting Bennett
Jack, friend of Arthur
Bernard Holsten
Ted, ditto Charles Hannan
Dick, ditto Orville Davenport
Miss Abigail Persons, a woman of ideas Nell Tash
Mrs. Watson, a gentle person
Glenn Mounts
Lucille Persons Lura Hawkins
Marie, friend of Lucille
Birdene Woods
Jane, ditto Dorothy Smith
Mable, ditto Alta Phillips
Mary, Martin Henry's aunt, cook at the Persons
Lottie Owen
Second Girl Adah Hill
First Gypsy Alforetta Lamson
Second Gypsy Viola Kleinke
Girls: Mae Brandt, Nell Keeler, Irma Lotspeich, Mary Patterson, Beulah Reeves, Izetta Renawold, Hazel Shelton, Nellie Wright.

Men: Roy Armstrong, Donald Graham, Harvey Worley, James Graham.