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CLUB SMOKER GREAT SUCCESS

Commercial Club Entertained in Honor of Firemen at Last Meeting of Season

ATTENDED BY A LARGE NUMBER

After a brief prelude of music on the street by the Alliance Band, the members of the Commercial Club, the band and other citizens adjourned to the Phelan opera house Monday evening in accordance with the notice given by Secretary Fisher that the last meeting of the club would be held on that night.

Nearly all the members of the club were present, and the membership of the fire department arrived in a body shortly after the band and club had retired to the opera house. A fine program had been arranged, which was carried out in fine shape, everyone present enjoying the occasion.

The band rendered a few choice selections, followed by the Alliance Male Quartette, both musical organizations being well received and rendering excellent music.

President Guthrie then made a few remarks concerning the purpose of the meeting and briefly outlining its purpose, and he was succeeded by Secretary Fisher, who made a report of his trip a short time ago to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Sterling, Colorado. During his trip Mr. Fisher picked up a great many good pointers regarding paving and other matters, and imparted them to the club. During the course of his remarks he exhibited three different models of trash containers, the same as are used in Sterling, and which have proven very effective in cutting down fire risks. They are constructed of concrete and brick; are 4x4 feet, and will hold a wagon load of trash. After it has been filled the contents can be burned and the remains removed with a shovel and hauled away. Mr. Fisher has already talked with several of the business men regarding this improvement, and the majority are in favor of their installation. Briefly outlined, the following is the result of Secretary Fisher's observations while on his trip:

The sun club at Sidney will pull for Alliance for the 1916 shoot. Sidney has two light plants, one private and the other municipal, the city installing them because they thought the rate too high. The private owned plant had direct current, and the municipal plant alternating current, thus those who make a change will have to change their equipment, and it is thought the result will be that neither one will more than make expenses. Cheyenne county's commercial club is dead, and as a result they have lost out on several good propositions. The club is now reorganizing, with the budget system, the same as Alliance.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, has three parks—one with 22 acres, another with 8 acres, and the other with 740 acres. The first two parks were donated to the city by the Union Pacific railroad, and the total value of the three parks is \$140,000. The city spends \$15,000 each year for their maintenance and care, and the services of a caretaker cost for the past year \$1,985.83. The commercial club at Cheyenne own their building which is valued at \$20,000.

On account of the paving agitation in Alliance at the present time, Mr. Fisher secured some interesting data on this matter at Cheyenne. The streets are paved with Sherman gravel, secured from Sherman, Wyoming. They have eleven blocks of this material the last nine of which were put down about six months ago, and they were installed only after the first two blocks had been given a two years' tryout. The nine blocks cost the property owners \$7,584.67, and the ten intersections cost the city \$7,201. This includes the resetting of the curb, new gutters, etc., and the gravel is four inches thick. Their streets are narrower than those in Alliance, theirs being 45 feet, and Alliance's 72, but this paving would cost Alliance people \$75 a lot, against \$200 for asphalt.

At Sterling, Colorado, they have 400 concrete and brick trash and ash vaults, as they have an ordinance which compels their installation. They have a \$100,000 industrial high school, in which is given a six-weeks short course for farmers, the course including both agriculture and blacksmithing. The business men of that town bought \$4,000 worth of seed for the farmers last year on account of the poor crops. Logan county has had a farm demonstrator for the past three years, and the people there would not be without one now. Secretary Fisher observed that there were 15 silos in that county, while Box Butte has 26. They have no active commercial club at present.

Following Secretary Fisher, R. M. Hampton made a few remarks in regard to the proposed gas plant, stating that it would cost about \$35,600, and that the rate would be \$1.75 at the start, but that this would be materially reduced after the first year's operation. Mr. Hampton expressed himself as being unfavorable to letting a franchise to some outside company, and thought it would be advisable for the city to install it, as they were now in position to do so without the issuance of bonds.

Mayor-elect Romig was called upon to express himself on the gas plant question, and he stated that he was opposed to putting a \$35,000 debt upon the city at this time, and thought it would be best to let the matter rest until next year.

Short talks were made by Councilmen-elect Frank J. Was and E. T. Kibble, and by Jhon Synder, councilman.

An address was to have been made by Edgar Howard, of Columbus, who was here visiting, but he was called away at the eleventh hour and his place was ably filled by W. J. Connell, Omaha attorney, who was here defending the city in a damage suit. Mr. Connell paid many compliments to Alliance during his talk. Among other things he said, "I am not only surprised, but delighted, with Alliance. You surely have the lead over all the other towns in western Nebraska, and you certainly are entitled to occupy the place you do. I have been along Broadway, in New York, several times, but I must admit that their Great White Way has nothing on Alliance's."

H. E. Vasey, potato expert, who is conducting a series of potato meetings in this county this week, made a short talk, congratulating Alliance on her splendid Commercial Club, fire department and band, and adding that it was natural that this should be the leading city of this part of the state, with such strong organizations behind it, pushing all the time.

Talks were made by President Lloyd Thomas, Chief Charles Hill, Secretary P. Rolfsen, E. G. Laing, Dr. Geo. J. Hand and other members of the fire department. Those present then were served to a delicious lunch.

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Elected Chairman of Board

SUPERINTENDENT W. M. WEIDENHAMER OF ALLIANCE DIVISION, C. B. & Q., CHAIRMAN OF OPERATING BOARD FOR THE COMING YEAR



At the annual meeting of the board of operating and mechanical officers of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, held in Chicago April 5, 6 and 7, Superintendent W. M. Weidenhamer, of the Alliance division, was elected as chairman of the board for the coming year.

The election of Mr. Weidenhamer is a tribute to his sterling qualities as a railroad man and shows the high standing with which he is regarded by his fellow officials on the Burlington. Mr. Weidenhamer has been superintendent of the Alliance division for several years, and no one among the railroad men has more friends than he, both among the employees of the railroad and the business and professional men with whom he associates. He is a firm booster for Alliance and western Nebraska, and is a member of the Alliance Commercial Club.

NEW ADDITION TO ALLIANCE

Fairview Platted into Lots First of This Week—Sale Will Start at Once

The first of this week a party composed of Mayor Rodgers, W. W. Norton, E. T. Kibble, Fred Mollring, Surveyor Reuben Knight, Lloyd C. Thomas and H. E. Rhodes went out to the fair grounds where they surveyed and platted into lots what will be known as Fairview addition.

This land is the property of the fair association, but as it is not necessary to use it in the grounds, it was decided some time ago to make an addition of it, and in this manner make up the deficit in the funds of the fair association and enable them to pay off their indebtedness from the sale of the lots.

There are 48 lots, most of which are in a fine position, overlooking the town and high and dry. The school district has already signified its intention of purchasing a block in the new addition for future school purposes, and this gives it a fine start. Definite plans for the sale of the lots have not been made yet, but action will be taken on the matter soon.

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Clean Up and Paint Up in Alliance

The week beginning April 26 and ending May 1 has been named "Clean up and paint up week" in our city. A week's schedule with specific things to be done on each day has been arranged. The days will be known as follows: Monday, April 26—"Front Yard Day"—Rake lawns, plant flowers, clean walks and gutters, swat the fly and erect a concrete or brick ash vault. Tuesday, April 27—"Fire Prevention Day"—Clean basements, attics, remove rubbish, greasy rags, waste paper, remove all rubbish from back of stores and remove all fire hazards. Install a concrete refuse box to burn the papers in. Swat the fly under the rubbish. This is also "Tin Can Day". Wednesday, April 28—"Paint up Day"—Paint up inside and out, porches, fences, chairs, woodwork, out buildings, etc. Paint the store fronts on Box Butte avenue, remove old awnings, clean the windows, and take down the bill boards on our main street. Repaper the office or room at home, screen the windows and doors and swat the fly. Thursday, April 29—"Repair Day"—Remove dilapidated buildings and wooden sidewalks, repair the fences, fix the lattice work and haul away the trash. Friday, April 30—"Back Yard Day"—Clean the alleys, remove the rubbish and garbage, haul away the refuse and remove the tin cans. RESOLVE on this day that hereafter every day in the year will be clean up day at your place. Saturday, May 1—"Vacant Lot Day"—Clean the lots adjoining homes.

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NEW OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE

Mayor and Members of City Council Installed in Offices at Meeting Held Tuesday Evening

RETIRING OFFICIALS PRAISED

Alliance's new mayor, Penrose E. Romig, and the new board of councilmen were duly installed Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the council. The old board met first and held the regular routine of business. Reports of the different officers and departments were received and approved. A letter of thanks from the library board for the donation of water and lights was read. The bonds of the incoming officers were approved. Retiring Mayor A. D. Rodgers made an interesting talk, showing the work accomplished during his term as mayor of the city for the past two years. The financial condition of the city is a matter of much satisfaction and the incoming administration takes charge of the city with its affairs in good shape.

At 8:45 o'clock the new mayor and council were sworn by Judge Roberts. All councilmen were present excepting A. J. Welch, who was absent in the east on account of the sickness of his wife. Those seated around the large table in the council chamber were Mayor Penrose E. Romig and Councilmen Davis, Davidson, Rowan, Fleming, Snyder, Was and Kibble.

Mayor Romig made a stirring speech to the large crowd which filled the council chamber. He congratulated the retiring administration on their good work and stated that the new administration stands for honesty, economy and efficiency.

The first business before the new council was the election of president of the board. Councilman Was nominated Jerry Rowan, Councilman Rowan nominated E. T. Kibble, and Councilman Fleming nominated John Snyder. Councilman Snyder was elected, he receiving three votes, Rowan two, and Kibble two.

Mayor Romig then announced his appointments. The entire council voted to confirm the appointment of James E. Hughes as superintendent of the electric light department. All voted in favor of the appointment of John Carlson as street commissioner. All voted in favor of the appointment of Charles E. Jeffers as chief of police. On the appointment of Robert O. Reddish for city attorney, Davis voted yes, Davidson voted no, and afterwards changed his vote to yes, Rowan voted yes, Fleming voted no, Snyder passed, Was passed, and Kibble voted yes, confirming the appointment.

The appointment of Dr. George J. Hand no, being confirmed by the council for the office of city physician, the matter was deferred. Grace H. Kennedy was appointed cashier of the water and light department. The selection of a night marshal was left to the chief of police, who appointed L. L. Kish, formerly a special agent for the Burlington railroad. Chief Jeffers made the stipulation that the man accepting the position as night marshal must observe three rules—that he must be courteous, must not indulge in intoxicating liquors while on duty, and must not accept "tips".

Mayor Romig appointed the following committees: Streets and Alleys—Kibble, Snyder, Davis and Davidson; Finance, Purchasing and Insurance—Was, Rowan, Fleming, Davidson; Health and Sewer—Davidson, Rowan, Was, Fleming; Ordinances—Rowan, Was, Davidson, Fleming; Fire, Water and Light—Snyder, Kibble, Welch, Rowan; Licenses—Welch, Fleming, Was, Davis; Printing—Davis, Kibble, Snyder, Welch; Claims—Kibble, Snyder, Davis, Davidson.

Applications for the position of street sprinkler were referred to the street and alley committee. Two applications were received for city scavenger, Mack Linear and Sheldon Darnell were the bidders, the contract being awarded to Sheldon Darnell for one dollar per day.

Steve Jackson, the colored dog catcher, was appointed official dog catcher for the coming year. Steve made a speech that brought down the house. He had the badge of office in his pocket, and when he received the appointment promptly donned it.

The request of the Commercial Club for the use of the city streets during the coming stockmen's convention was granted. A letter from the Commercial Club regarding "clean-up and paint-up week" was read.

Attorney E. H. Boyd of the park board, spoke of the need of a water main being extended to the city park, so that water may be had for the trees now being set out. The Herald and Times were appointed official newspapers for the coming year, on motion of Councilman Was.

Following the closing of the session of the council, the members of the board were the guests of Mayor Romig at the Silver Grill. An adjourned meeting of the board is to be held April 30.

Count von Bernstorff "believes" Berlin will pay for sinking the William P. Frye. The count might even have made it stronger.