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REJECT CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES

City Council Does Not Believe That Claims for Damages Amounting to \$5,000 Should Be Allowed

ALLIANCE ACCEPTS CEMETERY

The city council, at the regular monthly meeting held Tuesday evening, rejected the claims of owners of property on Box Butte avenue for damages by reason of grading, excavating and lowering streets, lowering sidewalks, damages to sidewalks, damages to trees, raising buildings, retaining walls, etc. This means that suits will undoubtedly be filed very shortly by Attorney Wm. Mitchell, who has been retained by the property owners, but the mayor and council do not believe that a court will award damages for the work done on Box Butte avenue in bringing the street to grade.

The owners of property and the amount of their claims are as follows:

Anne Worley \$1,200
Hert Wiker 1,500
Enoch Boyer 1,300
Wm. Bignell, Alice B. Bignell, 1,300
Martha Miller 1,200

Those present at the council meeting were Councilmen Snyder, Rowan, Davidson, Welch, Davis, Kibble, and Fleming, and Mayor Romig. Councilman Was is east on his vacation.

After considerable discussion, the council, by a vote of six to one, voted to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the water fund and \$3,000 from the light fund to the general fund in order to pay outstanding warrants which are drawing seven per cent interest.

A resolution was passed asking the county clerk to place on the tax list as a special assessment sewer fund assessments which are delinquent.

Mayor Romig appointed E. G. Laing as a member of the public library board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. W. Wood. The term expires June 1, 1915. The council confirmed the appointment.

Alliance will present a greatly improved appearance at the end of the present municipal year. Few citizens realize the extensive improvements that are being made. Sixteen street crossings and twelve alley crossings have been installed and \$3,000 worth of cement gutting has been done.

Licenses to do electric wiring were granted to Charles Schafer and C. A. Dow. Bonds were furnished in accordance with the city ordinances. All jobs of electric wiring are inspected by the light department before "juice" is turned on.

Rev. H. J. Young, business manager of the city band, spoke for the organization, stating that they were well organized and desired to continue their practice throughout the year, asking that the council appropriate the sum of \$25 per month for the purpose of paying their leader. The council voted to grant the request.

Former Mayor A. D. Rodgers spoke regarding the transfer of the cemetery to the city and asked Attorney W. R. Metz to explain the matter to the council. Mr. Metz stated that the county records and the records of S. A. Miller, secretary of the cemetery association, had been thoroughly searched and a card record made giving the present status of each cemetery lot. That an abstract had been prepared with a deed conveying the property to the city. On motion, the council voted to accept the deed and take over the property.

Charles Hill, chief of the volunteer fire department, spoke of the need of additional furniture in the room occupied by the driver of the fire truck and other firemen at the city hall. The council voted to make an appropriation of twenty dollars for this purpose.

Lloyd Thomas, president of the fire department, spoke regarding the plume and in behalf of the department thanked the city council for the work done by them and the assistance given. As a token of the appreciation by the fire department of favors shown, each city official was presented with a pass to the plume and invited to make frequent use of the same.

Ordinance number 213, printed in this edition of The Herald, was passed. A special meeting of the council will be held Tuesday evening of next week to take up important matters.

HOBOS ARE HELD

Men Charged with Murderous Assault on Dan Wilson Given Preliminary—Injured Man Worse

A plea of "not guilty" was entered by the four men who were held in connection with the assault on Dan Wilson at their preliminary hearing which was held before County Judge Berry Tuesday afternoon. As Wilson's condition is no better, and as the evidence was sufficient to warrant it, the quartet were remanded to the county jail until there is a decided change, either for the better or for the worse, in the injured man's condition. The men gave their

names as John Howard, Frank Small, Joe Miller and Elmer Stevens. Judge Bullock acted as attorney for Miller and Stevens.

Night Marshal Kish was the first witness called by the state. His account of the affair was the same in substance as that which appeared in last week's Herald. He identified the state's exhibits A and B as the hat and shoes which Howard wore on the night of the crime. The hat was of black felt, and the brim contained a knife slash. The shoes still bore blood stains, the supposition being that Howard stamped Wilson's head with the heel.

Dr. Hershman, city physician, was called next, and described the injured man's bruises and cuts. When asked by Judge Berry if Wilson was out of danger, he replied that he was not, and that on account of the depth of the wounds there was serious danger of complications.

Carl Sward, the young boy who, with his grandfather, witnessed the fight from a distance, was next on the stand, and told that after Wilson had been disposed of, several men came out of the old house nearby at frequent intervals and walked over to look at him. When asked if he could identify any of the defendants as participants in the fight he said they all looked similar to those who had been seen where the fight occurred.

Although not present when the arrests were made, Chief of Police Jeffers testified that he, together with Sheriff Cox, had had several conversations with the defendants. He said that they had admitted that some argument and trouble occurred during the afternoon of the fight, but did not say how it started or between whom it occurred.

Howard and Small sat on one side of the room, and Miller and Stevens sat near their lawyer, and frequent significant glances passed between the four. While it is known that all know about the affair, suspicion has fastened itself on Howard and Small. The four are about as hard a looking bunch as one could find, and one remarked after the trial that if he was going to meet them in a lonely place at night he would want to be armed with a gun in each hand and a knife in his teeth.

Owing to the uncertainty of Wilson's recovery, Judge Berry announced after the testimony had been introduced that the men would be held without bail. Reports from the hospital last evening stated that the injured man was slightly worse.

MADE OBSERVATION TOUR

Junior Agricultural Observation Tour Was Held Monday—Boys Are Very Enthusiastic

The Junior Observation Tour of Box Butte county was held Monday, the trip being made on schedule. The purpose of the trip was to foster the get-together movement in agricultural work on the part of the boys, and to give them instruction on some of the phases of agricultural work in the county. Twelve boys made the trip, starting at 1:30 and the interest they showed was very evident.

The only requirement of the trip was that each boy should make a written report of his observations. These reports are now in, and will be judged Saturday afternoon at the office of County Agent Seidell. There are two divisions in the judging—the boys living in districts Nos. 6 and 18 will represent the town schools and the boys living in all the other districts will represent the country schools. Two of these boys will represent Box Butte county at the Nebraska State Fair Boys' School Encampment which will be held September 4 to 10. One boy will go from the country and one from town, and the boys will be named Saturday afternoon. It is a satisfaction to know that these young men are taking an interest in the work, as they are the agricultural men of the future, and with such an early start they will be capable men in that line.

Remodeling Building

This week the Simonson building on Box Butte avenue is undergoing some remodeling, which includes the installation of a new front and increasing the width of the building about four feet which will join it to the pool hall building on the south side. The work is well under way, the material is on the ground, and the work will probably be completed next week. This building is occupied by E. T. Kibble's real estate office and the Narrow Gauge barber shop. The increase in the width of the building will be used by the barber shop, and will give them considerably more room. The change, though, will be beneficial to both occupants, as it will give them a brick and plate glass front instead of the small windows now in the building. The old front was moved back two feet to remain while the remodeling is in progress.

Attended Mother's Funeral

Rev. O. S. Baker, pastor of the Methodist church, received word Sunday of the death of his mother, Mrs. B. J. Garrett, at Fort Collins, Colorado. He left Monday noon for Fort Collins. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. Baker and wife recently spent five weeks at the home of his mother, during her serious illness. Rev. Baker is expected to return to Alliance today.

MARKING THE ROADS

Secretary Fisher Went to Sidney to Finish This Work from Sidney to Hot Springs

Secretary Fisher went to Sidney Wednesday, and will start from that town to Hot Springs to finish marking the connecting road. This is the road that diverges from the Lincoln Highway at Sidney, goes through the Black Hills loop, and rejoins the Lincoln road. The telephone poles along the route are marked with red and white, which distinguishes this road from any other in this part of the state.

The road men along the route have been giving it careful attention, and it is now in good shape. Its benefits to Alliance can hardly be estimated now, but it is well known that it will bring much additional tourist business. While this new business will be confined mostly to the hotels and restaurants it will nevertheless bring something to all other lines of business. The garages, hardware stores and grocery stores will all be benefited to some extent. Just the other day Secretary Fisher received several letters from people who are touring this part of the continent, asking the route through this part of the country. These people of course knew of the Lincoln Highway, but wanted to know of a route whereby they could get through here and return to the highway later on. Two automobiles loaded with tourists passed through here last Sunday over the route, and said they were well pleased with the way they had found the roads as far as Alliance.

Signboards are being erected that will show the distance from one town to another, no matter how small the town may be, and the distance to Alliance will be given from all the towns along the line.

In about two more months all the roads in this section will be properly marked. Already the work on the Bridgeport, Oshkosh and Broadwater road is well under way, under the supervision of Robert Graham, and this road will not be encumbered with gates. This fact will meet with the hearty approval of all motorists, as there is nothing quite so irritating as to be compelled to open a gate about every half-mile. The Bridgeport road is one that has needed attention for some time.

The marking of the Scottsbluff road has been delayed on account of the county commissioners having taken no action. However, it is thought probable that they will soon get the matter settled and that the route will be marked in another month.

Of late Mr. Fisher has been giving most of his attention to the road proposition, and his efforts are meeting with the approval of everyone. The co-operation of the county officials in the neighboring counties has been secured, which means that they will do all in their power to carry out his plans. Besides every official in this part of the state realizes the necessity of a through road that can be traveled with safety and with pleasure, not only to tourists, but to the business men in all the towns who are making cross-country trips all the time.

Another factor that enters, and which is the most important to Alliance, is the sure increase in business from the country people, and the great extension of her trade territory, which can only be made possible through the better roads medium. While a farmer may have a closer market, if the roads to another town are in better shape and the market is as good or better, it stands to reason that he will take his goods to that market, and for this reason Alliance is going to benefit greatly from the improvements that are being made.

It Rains Everywhere

Some people in Alliance think this part of the country has been drenched more than most others during the past month, but Horace Bogue, who is now in the east on a buying expedition, thinks the entire United States has received a share. On his way to New York he stopped off at several cities, and at each one he was greeted with wet weather. He felt sure that it could not continue and that an ideal place as New York. But when he arrived at the first city he found the same conditions, viz., it was raining there. In a recent letter to Alliance, Mr. Bogue wrote, "And I didn't think I would need an umbrella." However, he added that he had since purchased a "shade" and didn't care any more how much it rained.

Not So Terribly Hot

Other states have been complaining during the past month of the oppressively hot weather. Reports from most all of them adjoining Nebraska state that the thermometer has been standing over the hundred mark. A Herald reporter glanced at our Forest Lumber company thermometer Monday afternoon, which, by the way, was about as warm as we have experienced, and the mercury was only at 93, and this was in the sun, too. Just another instance of how this part of the state is favored. The sun gets a little warm during the middle of the afternoon, but it is not felt when one is under a light shade.

Where Do the Smiles Come From?

Those spontaneous, contagious smiles you see are not mere signs of mirth, they are signs of satisfaction, and the one who wears the smile is carrying a bundle and both came from Mollring's Reduction Sale.

CAPITAL CITY NEWS

Saving in 1915 of State Taxes More Than \$400,000—Levy Is 13 Per Cent Lower Than 1914

Lincoln, Nebr., August 11—John W. McKissick, of Beatrice, has been appointed inspector of weights and measures and has entered upon his duties. "Mac" was a member of the house in 1913 and was one of the daddies of House Roll 345, over which arose the University removal problem which was solved by the voters last fall.

The twelve trust companies reporting to Auditor Wm. H. Smith for the year ended June 30, 1915, show a prosperous condition of their affairs. They combined, have capital and surplus as follows:

Capital \$1,650,412.50
Surplus 231,838.40
Total \$1,882,250.90

Collectively these twelve companies hold various trusts in the sum of \$2,210,386.63, and owe \$249,046.52 on bills payable. On the other hand these companies have resources, the principal items of which are as follows:

Bonds \$ 97,494.00
Mortgages 1,730,418.64
Stocks 341,819.20
Collateral Loans 107,070.44
Real Estate 77,930.08
Warrants 88,159.19
Cash in banks 217,595.23

A \$400,000 Saving
Except for adjustment of the levies against Douglas, Lancaster and Burt counties, the state board of equalization and assessment has completed its work of making the 1915 levy. The grand assessment roll for this year shows a two per cent increase in assessed valuation, but the levy is nearly thirteen per cent lower than in 1914 with the net result that the state taxes for 1915 will be more than four hundred thousand dollars smaller than last year.

Primarily the people of Nebraska are interested in having an efficient government—an administration by men who do things, and do them well; but in addition to this, they prefer to have no more money spent in state business than is necessary to keep the service at its best.

Accordingly, Governor Morehead, Auditor Smith and Secretary of State Pool, after carefully estimating the needs of the state in supplying funds to cover the 1915 appropriations to be used this year, and acting as a quorum of the board of equalization and assessment, found it possible to cut down the total state levy one mill as compared with 1914. And they cut it down to 6.8 mills, in the face of considerable opposition. The tables following show in graphic form the main facts regarding the two levies:

1915 grand assessment roll \$481,376,092
1914 grand assessment roll 471,933,972

Increase over last year \$9,442,120
A two per cent increase.
1914 total state taxes levied \$3,681,085.03
1915 total state taxes levied 3,270,621.12

Decrease below last year \$410,463.91
A 12.8 per cent decrease.

There are inherent methods of showing a saving in running the state government, but all will concede that every dollar cut off a tax levy is a dollar surely saved. It cannot be spent if it is not taken out of the people's pockets. And this one act of the board shows better than many speeches where they stand on the questions of efficiency and economy. The levy will raise every dollar really necessary—and no more. That is surely enough!

CHARLES Q. DEFURANCE,
HUGH L. COOPER,
State House, Lincoln.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

City and Country People Will All Be Here to Help with the Festivities—Everything Free

DIRECTION COMMERCIAL CLUB

Under the auspices of the Commercial Club, with Secretary Fisher as manager, publicity agent, official starter, in charge of arrangements and a few other officers, Alliance is going to pull off a Labor Day celebration that will eclipse anything ever before held here on that particular day.

There will be sports of all kinds, and the one great feature of the entire affair is that you don't need to bring your pocketbook—everything's free as the air you breathe, and this is an innovation that has never before prevailed here. Most of the events will take place at the fair grounds, and there will be no gatekeepers there to separate you from your money.

During the evening on the streets the firemen will entertain the crowd for some time with water fights, water throwing, an exhibition run, and some other interesting stunts. Another feature will be a base ball game

between the business men and the farmers. The farmers are confident that they can show the city men a thing or two, and the business men are equally as confident that they can whitewash the farmer boys. It is possible that a game may be arranged between the Alliance "regulars" and some neighboring team.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Club Tuesday noon, sufficient money was appropriated to make the day one that will be remembered a long time. People have about arrived at the conclusion that they can get nothing nowadays without paying a stiff price for it, but the Commercial Club decided to give them a pleasant surprise. And you'll get the same kind of a show that would cost you 50 cents at any other place and at any other time.

AUGUST CROP REPORT

Estimates of United States Department of Agriculture for Crops, Compared with 1914

Nebraska

Corn—	
Aug. 1 forecast—bus.	171,000,000
Final, 1914	173,950,000
Winter Wheat—	
Preliminary estimate	69,500,000
Final, 1914	64,172,000
Spring Wheat—	
Aug. 1 forecast	5,560,000
Final, 1914	3,944,000
Oats—	
Aug. 1 forecast	67,800,000
Final, 1914	69,600,000
Barley—	
Aug. 1 forecast	2,980,000
Final, 1914	2,656,000
Rye—	
Preliminary estimate	2,110,000
Final, 1914	1,952,000
Potatoes—	
Aug. 1 forecast	11,700,000
Final, 1914	9,440,000
Hay (all tame)—	
Aug. 1 forecast—tons	2,750,000
Final, 1914	2,535,000
Apples—	
Aug. 1 forecast—bus.	3,490,000
Final, 1914	1,200,000
Alfalfa—	
Condition August 1, 1915	99
Cond. Aug. 1, 9-yr. average	83
Pasture—	
Condition August 1, 1915	104
Cond. Aug. 1, 10-yr. average	77

New Dentist Here

W. J. Mahaffy arrived in Alliance last week, and is now comfortably located in a suite of rooms over the Alliance National Bank. Mr. Mahaffy comes to Alliance from Chicago, but has been visiting in Lincoln and Omaha for the past month. His family accompanied him. He was graduated from the Western University at Chicago in 1905, and had been in continuous practice in that city until coming here. A short visit to Alliance some time ago convinced Mr. Mahaffy that it was the liveliest town in the state. He is now a full-fledged Alliance citizen and business man, and invites those who are suffering with tooth trouble to call at any time. All his work is guaranteed.

Return from Trip

Councilman George E. Davis and wife returned Tuesday morning from their extended western trip. They left Alliance on July 9 and went first to Spokane, where they visited Sam Davis, a brother of Mr. Davis. Seattle was visited next, where they attended the imperial session of the Shriner. Portland was visited and five days were spent at the fair at San Francisco. At Fresno, California, they visited with former Alliance people, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Carter and family. Some time was spent visiting other points, including Los Angeles, Long Beach, the Catalina Islands, San Diego, Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Denver and back to Alliance.

The children, who have been visiting at Lincoln with their grandmother, are expected home today.

Change in New Theatre Ownership

The deal was made Monday morning whereby E. V. Cramer became sole owner of the New theatre, buying J. R. Willis' interest in the enterprise. Mr. Willis had been connected with the theatre about three months, but his love of art was so strong that he decided to go where he would have more opportunity in that line. He has not yet fully decided on his new location, but says it will be either New York or Los Angeles. Mr. Willis is an artist of very rare ability and will be missed by Alliance people. He does not expect to leave for a couple of weeks. Mr. Cramer intends to keep the show up to the same high standard on which it has been run, and will make necessary improvements from time to time as they are needed.

Will Attend Synod

Rev. Titus expects to leave on the 16th for Deshler, Nebr., to attend the convention of the District Synod which will be held there from the 18th to the 24th. The district is comprised of Nebraska and Wyoming, and there will be about 400 delegates. Rev. H. C. Becker, of Seward, is president of the organization.

Insurance Man Here

C. H. Thomas, of Scottsbluff, district manager of the Midwest Life Insurance Company, is in the city for a short time. Mr. Thomas makes many farm loans for his company in western Nebraska and is in close touch with land values. He is enthusiastic over the crop outlook for this end of the state.

DEATH OF J. A. MALLERY

Died from Heart Failure While He and Son Bruce Were Enroute to Exposition in Auto

FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY

It was indeed a shock to Alliance people when a telegram was received from Bruce Mallery Monday evening by his brother, Earl Mallery, stating that their father had died from heart failure while on the road to the exposition at San Francisco.

The death occurred while they were between Pocatello and Burley, Idaho, the nearest point being Burley, 40 miles away. The full details of the sad event are not yet obtainable. The two sons got into communication over long distance telephone Tuesday morning and it was learned that the father had not been feeling well for two days prior to his death, but on Monday he said he felt greatly improved. Bruce was driving at medium speed when he suddenly felt his father's head lying on his shoulder. He quickly stopped to inquire if Mr. Mallery was sick when he discovered that death had stepped in.

It seems that some people passed them soon afterward, and by them Bruce sent a telegram to be delivered at Burley for transmission to Alliance. Later he drove into Burley and a night letter was received from him Tuesday evening. The message stated that he would start on the return trip with the remains Wednesday evening, and would arrive in Alliance on No. 304 today.

The event is made even sadder because of the wife, son and two daughters here being compelled to be content with such meager details as could be transmitted over the wires. But it is known that the remains are in charge of loving hands and that all the details will be obtainable today.

Mr. Mallery and Bruce left Alliance on the 3d of this month on their trip. From here they went to Denver and from Denver to Salt Lake City. A card received Monday morning from Salt Lake stated that they were making good progress on their journey, and that they were both enjoying the best of health. This was the last news from them until the message announcing the father's death arrived Tuesday evening.

Burley is a small town in Cassia county, Idaho, which county is in the southern tier and is bordered on the south by Nevada and Utah. They were headed northwest, as near as can be ascertained, when the fatality occurred, and were to meet a near relative in a small Montana town Wednesday.

Mr. Mallery was born in Canada, and was 65 years old on May 26 of this year. He was the youngest of a large family of children, the death of all the others preceding his. He was an Alliance pioneer, coming here with the Burlington railroad in 1888. He worked as a passenger conductor until 1898, when he resigned and went into the grocery business here. He conducted this business until a short time ago when he retired and turned it over to his two sons, Earl and Bruce. He had been a railroad man for twenty-five years, formerly working in Canada, and later running out of Lincoln as a passenger conductor for years.

Announcement has been made that the funeral services will be conducted from the home tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery immediately afterward. The blow is surely a sad one to the community, and hundreds of friends join in extending sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

Mrs. Mallery was at a meeting of the school board when the news was announced. She immediately collapsed, and her condition has been critical since then. The son Earl went to Sidney this morning to meet Bruce with the remains.

GROCERY BARGAINS

Closing Out Sale of Watson & Watson Continues as Announced, Started August 5th

The closing out sale of groceries of Watson & Watson, grocers, began August 5, and will continue as announced until the stock is closed out. The ad in this issue of The Herald shows a few of the bargains in groceries which are offered at this sale. The large bills which were distributed contained lists of other bargains which are going fast. An extra discount of two per cent is offered on orders amounting to fifty dollars or more.

Practical Suggestion

Don't you know it would be of great interest to the stock men of this community to know that they had some stock in their herds that would win money at a good fair, thereby advertising their herds in a practical way by placing the stock on exhibition. Think this over and bring your stock to the Second Annual Tri-State Fair and Race Meet at Crawford, Nebr., September 9, 10 and 11.