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## REDDISH FAVORS STEAM HEATING

### Alliance Business Man Returned Tuesday from an Extended Western Trip

F. E. Reddish, Alliance capitalist and business man, returned Tuesday from an extended northwestern trip, taking a month of time. He spent quite a large portion of this time on his fruit ranch near Eugene, Oregon. He was well pleased with conditions so far as the crops are concerned, but says that financial conditions are dull, business in most lines being slow.

Mr. Reddish also spent some time at Newport, Oregon, a widely known Pacific coast summer resort. He brought home with him a half pint of peppermint which was distilled by a man who has nine acres of this crop on a farm adjoining. The peppermint crop is good but the price is lower this year than formerly, on account of the fact that the Germans have always been great consumers and that avenue of consumption is now cut off. Many of the growers are holding their supply for delivery after the war. The profits on peppermint range from \$50 to \$200 per acre. Judging from the extremely strong taste of the supply which he brought home, the article as it is retained must be adulterated to a considerable extent.

Mr. Reddish has considerable fruit on his farm and brought back with him two fine peach trees, as well as some English walnuts. The English walnuts are being raised to a considerable extent. As it takes eight years for the walnut trees to mature and bear, peach trees are usually planted between the rows and make a paying crop while waiting for the more valuable crop of nuts. A college professor living nearby has a very fine peach orchard and the yield is excellent, it being necessary to prop many of the trees to keep them from breaking with the yield. The plum trees are over-loaded and the prune industry is quite a factor. Much of the fruit raised is shipped through the growers' associations to New York and Chicago markets.

Other coast points were visited in the northwest. He did not visit the fair at San Francisco as he was there in the winter, shortly after it opened.

### Investigated Heating Systems

While on the trip Mr. Reddish took particular pains to investigate the proposition of city heating with waste steam from electric light plants. This proposition is being seriously considered for Alliance and after much investigation he is strongly in favor of it.

He stopped off at Cheyenne, where most of the business portion of the town and considerable of the residence portion is heated by steam from a privately owned electric lighting and power plant. The plant there is owned by the Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Company, of which C. A. Semrad is manager.

Mr. Semrad very courteously gave Mr. Reddish much information regarding the plant and took him on a tour of the system. Among other things ascertained by investigation, Mr. Reddish found that the barbers use the steam for heating the water used in the barber shops by means of steam coils. The owner of a three-chair barber shop stated that his cost for this purpose was only \$2.50 per month and that he wouldn't handle the dirt and ashes of the coal heating proposition for that amount, to say nothing of the cost of the coal. The Cheyenne company makes good money at the low rates charged, as the most of the expense was the initial cost of laying the steam mains and installing the equipment (radiators, etc.) in the buildings served.

The manager of the Plains hotel, the largest in Wyoming, was an enthusiastic booster for the proposition. He furnishes hot water to every room and for all hotel purposes, at a cost of only \$5 per month. The cost of heat in the winter of course is higher than this, but is much more reasonable than it would be with a furnace or steam heating plant for the building.

Lincoln has many buildings which are heated with steam furnished by the street car company. Sidney has heat for its downtown buildings, furnished by a private company which has the electric lighting system. Crawford has a private system. All of these systems have been stated to be good, paying propositions to both the owners and the users.

Mr. Reddish has lived in Box Butte county for more than a quarter of a century and has seen both good and bad years for crops, but after an auto ride Tuesday evening out through the country surrounding Alliance, he stated to friends that he was amazed at the wonderful crops raised here this season. He is more than ever pleased with Box Butte county and believes that it cannot be beaten.

## HAD SOME TRIP

### Alliance Business Man Made Auto Trip with Family Through East and South

W. C. ("Bill") Mounts, Alliance business man, returned with his family last Thursday evening from a trip which took six weeks, going by auto

to points in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. "Bill" is not much of a conversationalist, but he has broken loose several times since his return and told his friends of just a portion of the trials and tribulations of an auto trip through the effete and flooded east.

Not more than three days of sunshine were experienced on the entire trip. Rain was the rule and he nearly contracted a severe case of "webfeet" from constant wading in the water.

"Bill" has a good car and is a good driver and mechanic, but he was stumped a number of times by the difficulty of making his Royal serve as a motor boat instead of an auto. At one time he had to pay \$25 for three teams to pull him six miles across a flooded river bottom.

At another time he was compelled to ferry across a river. The ferry was small and did not much more than hold the auto. It was propelled by a small motor boat in which the ferry owner rode. The wind was high and the waves seemed higher. When about half-way across the ferryman lost his propeller and for six hours they drifted about until rescued. A river steamer didn't know their helplessness and came near running them down.

At another place they came to a sea of mud and had to pay toll to the tune of about five bucks to a man who "happened" to be handy with a good strong team. Stopping at a farm house shortly afterwards Bill inquired of the farmer who the handy man was with the team. "Oh," replied the farmer, "he is our road overseer and makes fifty or sixty dollars a day hauling strangers through that mud hole."

Bill is back at the old stand again looking about the same as usual. His call of "next" sounds just as grouchy as ever but his hand is just as steady except when some cuss mentions the pleasures of an auto trip in the flooded east.

## PROPERTY SELLS AT BIG AUCTION

### Largest Auction Sale of Property Ever Held in Alliance Came Off at Court House Wednesday

The largest auction sale of property ever held in the city was consummated Wednesday afternoon at the Box Butte county court house when Col. H. P. Coursey sold fourteen residences, two business blocks and a vacant lot to several buyers. The property had been thoroughly advertised by Attorney Eugene Burton, referee, and was sold to close out the Wilson Estate.

Lots 13 and 14, in block 15, original town of Alliance, being the business block occupied by The Famous clothing store, were purchased by R. M. Hampton for other parties. This block brought \$10,900. The terms of sale were one-third cash, the balance to be secured by a mortgage to run not more than three years, at 7 per cent. Lots 12 and 14, in block 16, original town, being the business block occupied in part by the Alliance Auto Supply Company, and the building adjoining on the alley, on Third street, were purchased by Wm. King for \$5,100. Terms same as the above.

The fourteen cottages were first bid on in a block, a bid of \$3,500 being made. The buildings were then bid on separately, going for \$305 above that figure. Of J. block 16, a lot and cottage, sold to J. D. Emerick for \$350. Terms on all cottages were cash.

Lot 2, block 16, a lot and cottage, sold to Daniel Dunn for \$350. Lot 3, block 16, a lot and cottage, sold to J. D. Emerick for \$290. Lot 4, block 16, a lot and cottage, sold to J. D. Emerick for \$275. Lot 7, block 16, a lot and cottage, sold to J. D. Emerick for \$285. Lot 8, block 16, a lot and cottage, sold to J. D. Emerick for \$300. Lot 9, block 16, a lot and cottage, sold to George Bingart for \$300. Lot 10, block 20, a vacant corner lot, sold to Robert Campbell for \$80. Lot 11, block 20, a lot and cottage, sold to Oscar Brannan for \$300. Lot 12, block 20, a lot and cottage, sold to Oscar Brannan for \$325. Lot 7, block 25, a lot and cottage, sold to Robert Campbell for \$200. The west 23-1-3 feet of lot 9, block 26, with cottage, sold to Wm. Schlupp for \$200. Lot 10, block 26, with two cottages, sold to Wm. Schlupp for \$350.

Ten per cent of the purchase price of the property was paid in cash to the referee at the time of sale, the balance to be paid when the sales are confirmed by the district court, probably the last of this month. The property brought a total of \$19,805.

### Married at Hemmingford

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wiltsey, at Hemmingford, Monday evening at 8 o'clock, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth, to Mr. Charles Moser. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom were present at the ceremony. The house was very prettily decorated with sweet peas, and the bride's bouquet was of white sweet peas. The ring ceremony was read, after which those present were served with delicious refreshments. Many useful and beautiful presents were received.

## VALUABLE RESIDENCE LOTS ARE NOW TO BE MARKETED

### BOX BUTTE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION WILL SELL 42 DESIRABLE LOTS, 50 BY 140 FEET, TO HIGHEST BIDDER, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

## WILL BE THROWN OPENLY ON THE MARKET TO ALL

The Box Butte County Fair Association, which for many years has been laboring under heavy debt and which has been loyally backed by scores of enterprising citizens of Alliance, has concluded to now put upon the market its "Fairview" Addition, which consists of two full blocks of twelve lots each and three half blocks of six lots each; being blocks numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Block number 6 has been set aside for the school board who propose purchasing this block and to erect thereon the next Alliance school building.

In all Alliance, there is not a more desirable or desirable location than these lots which have been held off the market for so many years by the Fair Association inasmuch as their affairs, up until now, would not permit them to dispose of this property. Now, however, final arrangements have been made and Arab L. Hungerford, of Crawford, has been chosen by the Fair Association to exclusively handle the sale of this property, the Fair Association being desirous of getting an absolutely disinterested party to handle the property for them that it may be handled absolutely impartially and with justice to all. It has been rumored in the past that the Fair Association was going to dispose of this property at private sale to some very favored few that they might reap the profits which are sure to follow the purchase and, inasmuch as this accusation has been made, the Association chose to place the property in charge of an entirely outside man with the instruction that it be placed upon the market and to go to the highest bidder. This certainly knocks the props out from under any story that may have heretofore been afloat.

The date for the sale of these lots has been set and will occur on Wednesday, October 20, 1915. The sale will begin promptly at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day and will continue until all lots are sold. Only one lot at a time will be offered—this for the purpose of protecting those who are only able to buy one lot. The terms for payment will be so arranged that the smallest salaried laborer in the city of Alliance has just as good a chance at this valuable property as has our largest capitalist. The lots will be sold to the highest bidder on terms of \$10.00 down on each lot purchased and the balance to be paid \$5.00 per month with only 7 per cent interest. Three percent discount will be allowed on any part of the deferred payment that is paid in addition to the first \$10.00. The plans will be arranged so that the purchasers of lots may pay at any time of the month that suits their

convenience best and the papers will be left in one of the banks of the city where the purchasers will call monthly and make his or her \$5.00 payment.

Alliance, as a whole, takes off its hat to the Box Butte County Fair Association. This association has done a great deal for Alliance in securing for it an excellent association property; a property second to none in western Nebraska and, it is now up to the people of Alliance to step forward and boost in every way they can to help the Fair Association to get a good fair price for their lots—these lots are going absolutely to the highest bidder, but it is hoped that the people will respond cordially and be as fair in their bidding as has the Fair Association dealt with the people of Alliance during the past several years. The Association is made up of our representative business men, and a score or more of citizens, outside of the Association, have stepped forward nobly during financial stress in the past and put up their money in small and large amounts that the city of Alliance might succeed in its efforts toward having a Fair Ground. The Association is still in debt several thousand, and the moneys derived from the sale of these lots will go absolutely towards the payment of the Association indebtedness.

These lots are only four blocks from our beautiful new court house building; four blocks from our city hall building; five blocks from the Drake Hotel; five blocks from the bank corner; and only seven blocks from our Burlington passenger depot and general offices. Were you looking the city over for a more desirable location, you could not find it from a standpoint of distance and, from a standpoint of well located and well lying lots. Any one that knows the plat of ground knows full well that they are in a beautiful, high and dry location, on a gradual north slope overlooking the city. The city water mains are now within one block of this tract, and will be extended as soon as there is a demand as will also the sewer system and the lighting system.

Those people especially who are today paying rent most certainly see the advisability of securing a lot in this addition so clearly adjacent to all the business blocks of the city and the railroad and, when they have their lot paid for, they can go into the Building and Loan Association, build for themselves a home and instead of paying rent, can pay out with this Association on a basis of from \$15 to \$20 per month and in a short time be owners of a home of their own.

## ALLIANCE WELCOMES CRAWFORD BOOSTERS

### Fifteen Cars Filled with Boosters for Tri-State Fair Visit Alliance With Brass Band

Sixty-five business men from our bustling neighboring city of Crawford visited Alliance Monday afternoon and evening, making the trip in fifteen autos, for the purpose of advertising the Tri-State Fair and Race Meet, to be held at Crawford September 9, 10 and 11.

The Alliance Commercial Club acted as a reception committee for the visitors. That they were well treated is shown by an extract from a letter received from Walter C. Rindin, secretary of the Crawford Chamber of Commerce, this morning, in which he said: "We got home safe and sound after a good night ride and must say that the Alliance hospitality cannot be surpassed."

Twenty Alliance autos journeyed seven miles north to Yale, where they met the Crawfordites and escorted them to the city. At the city limits they were met by the big auto fire truck, which led the procession. The parade came down main street, three cars abreast, led by the Crawford brass band and the fire truck.

From the minute they arrived in town until they left at midnight, the boosters were kept busy. First came a swim in the big fire department plunge, in which all joined and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Then came supper, followed by a street concert by the Crawford band.

Next came the big smoker at the city hall. President Guthrie of the Commercial Club presided in his usual capable manner, to the delight of all present. The fire department male chorus started the program with some impromptu songs.

Mayor Romig of Alliance was the first speaker and welcomed the visitors. Secretary Rindin of Crawford responded. President Guthrie then presented, in lieu of the keys to the

city, a three hundred candle power diamond ring, to Mr. Heywood, who was so astounded with the magnificent gift that he was unable to speak for a few minutes, but silently watch the gem sparkle and glitter in the brilliant light, while the crowd made the echoes ring with applause. Representative F. M. Broome was the next speaker, followed by Mr. Shumway of Crawford. Former mayor Mealy of Crawford spoke, followed by former mayor Rodgers of Alliance. Lloyd Thomas was called on to speak regarding the coming firemen's convention at Crawford next January. Ira E. Tash spoke regarding the efficiency of the boosters and their result-getting organization. Secretary Fisher of Alliance spoke, showing how a town can make good by utilizing opportunities. County Attorney Lee A. Bsey approved of the cooperative idea and the good feeling between the towns.

The Crawford boosters lost no time in thoroughly advertising the coming fair and race meet. The program for the three days is one of the best ever presented in the state at an affair of this kind. Hundreds of Alliance and Box Butte county people are planning to attend. There will undoubtedly be a big crowd there from this section of northwestern Nebraska.

## TO CHILDREN'S HOME

### Fifteen-Year-Old Emma Morava Is Taken to Omaha by Order of the County Court

The custody of Emma Morava, a fifteen-year-old girl, was turned over to the Nebraska Child Saving Society Wednesday afternoon by Judge Berry. The matter was conducted quietly, and the girl accompanied Miss Forester, a representative of the society, willingly.

For some time past Police Matron Betty Sharp has kept a watchful eye on the girl, and had seen that she was falling into evil associations. Little could be done for her on this

account, as she did not wish to realize the path on which she was starting. A short time ago it was found that the girl was in need of medical attention, and it was then that Mrs. Sharp took the matter up with the Child Saving Society, the county commissioners and the county judge.

Miss Muriel Forester came to Alliance at once, and shortly after arriving had a heart-to-heart talk with Miss Morava. Miss Forester found at once that the girl was not really bad at heart. She had made the struggle to keep from temptation, but her efforts were unsuccessful and she fell. Since then she had been steadily going from bad to worse until the matter was taken up by Mrs. Sharp. It will be remembered that Miss Moravek's sister, Anna Blume, committed suicide here about two months ago by taking carbolic acid.

The unfortunate girl will be well cared for by the Child Saving Society, and will be given every possible attention that will prove beneficial to her morally and physically. This society is affiliated with the national organization, and has cared for more than 1,300 children during its existence thus far, and 95 per cent of this number have made good, being entered in well-to-do and respected families over the state. Miss Forester informed a Herald reporter that the society figures there are one-tenth of the homes in the state that are childless, and that a proper home can be secured for every unfortunate boy and girl who is placed with the society.

Mrs. Sharp traveled about 100 miles by automobile, and nearly as far by rail in securing the relinquishments of the relatives of the girl, so that she could be placed where she would be given individual attention, and it is surely a creditable bit of work on the part of the police matron, who has accomplished so much good during her brief term in office and who has engaged plans for her future work. City and county officials are co-operating with her in her efforts, and it is concerted action that accomplishes the most good.

Had Miss Morava been sent to the reformatory, the stigma would have been one that never wears off, and little good would be accomplished.

### New Barber Shop

J. J. Reinkober yesterday opened for business his new barber shop in the Herald building. The opening of the shop has been delayed some time on account of some of the fixtures failing to arrive, but now that they have been set up and placed, the new shop has a very inviting appearance and will probably receive its share of the business. All the material is just out of the factory, and Mr. Reinkober says it will be his aim to keep the furnishings looking just as nice all the time as they do now, and that he will always keep the place clean and sanitary. He has had a number of years' experience in the barber business, and upon selling out at Sioux City, Ia., decided Alliance was about the best location in this state.

The fire department was called out this afternoon at 3 o'clock by a small fire in a pile of ties in the rear of the section house, in west Alliance. Several of the boys were in the swimming pool when the alarm sounded and were compelled to ride the auto truck in their bathing suits, under the rubber coats and boots. The damage was slight.

## ARRESTED GAMBLERS

Two Negroes and Three White Men Interrupted in Very Absorbing Game Tuesday Evening

George Curtis and Solley Woods, colored, and Charles West, Harry Gardner and P. B. Davis, white men, were arrested Tuesday night at the home of Woods for gambling. Curtis was fined \$50; Woods, \$75, and the three others got off for \$10 and costs. The two negroes are languishing in the county jail, and the white men are assisting the city with their street work. Curtis and Woods were tried in the justice court, and Gardner, West and Davis in the city court.

Chief Jeffers noticed the five men going toward the Woods house, and his suspicions were aroused. Securing Acting Night Marshal Jack Burns they went to the house, and, lo and behold, when they peeped through a window, the gamblers were in plain view and had the cards and stakes on the table. For about fifteen minutes the officers viewed the scene. Finally, becoming tired of "watchful waiting," Jeffers directed Burns to go around to the front door and rap. The chief stood at the window in the meantime, and when Burns gave the rap there was a concerted movement on the part of the gamblers to destroy all traces of the night's work.

Gathering up the cards and the stakes (which, by the way, did not exceed the speed limit) all but Woods made a rush for the side door, Woods going to the door to answer the knock. But alas for the lawbreakers, when they started out the side door they were met by Chief Jeffers, who politely but firmly informed them that they were under arrest. Woods received the same treatment when he opened the front door. It was a crestfallen bunch that marched to the police station, for had they not planned their escape in case anyone called unexpectedly? And then to think that their plans had gone awry and that they were in the clutches of the law. Why, that was enough to give anyone a crestfallen look, wasn't it.

### Rev. Lang Will Remain Here

Upon the urgent and unanimous request of the congregation, Rev. T. Lang, pastor of Immanuel's Lutheran church, has returned the call rendered him by Trinity Lutheran congregation, of Cheyenne, Wyo., and will remain in Alliance. This is the second call Rev. Lang has received and returned during the time of his pastorate in Alliance, which now covers four and one-half years.

### FOR RENT—Brick building, down town location. Suitable for garage or blacksmith shop. See, phone or write B. G. Anderson, Alliance. Phone 6 or 355. 39-14-5016

## ALL READY FOR LABOR DAY

### Plans Nearly All Completed for the Big Free Labor Day Celebration Next Monday

Come on in—the water's fine. Or it will be next Monday, when Alliance will be the host of all the "countryside"—for that's when the great big, free Labor Day celebration is going to be pulled off. Just before going to press we learn that the detail work has about all been finished, and that there will be several events not mentioned on the big bills.

One of these will be a baby contest, in which about \$10 in prizes will be distributed to fond parents. This contest not only includes single babies, but twins as well, and if such a thing should happen that triplets should be exhibited, a very suitable prize will be added. Further than that, Secretary Fisher has not said.

Then there will be two good ball games, and possibly more. One of them will be between the Alliance Christians and the Hemmingford Methodists. The other will be between the farmers and the business men. Ray Butler, the phenomenal boy pitcher of Alliance, will play with the Christians. This is the young man who has won 13 out of 15 games. If Hemmingford wins Monday's game, they will be tied with the Christians; if the Christians win it will be their deciding game, so it promises to be a hard-fought game until the very last inning. The farmers' lineup is not available, but the city team will be picked from the following list: Guy Lockwood, W. J. Hamilton, Cy Laing, W. O. Barnes, Lee Moore, W. R. Harper, F. J. Brennan, Earl Mallory, L. H. Highland, George Duncan and E. Esay. Billie King will be water boy. The farmers have suggested that both sides wear distinctive uniforms, and this plan may be carried out. The matter must soon be settled so that a suitable uniform may be ordered from the factory for Cy Laing. We would suggest that the farmers wear overalls and the city men full dress suits, as this will surely lend the desired distinction and enable the spectators to pick the members of the opposing teams easily.

Tomorrow (Friday) evening a meeting of all the committees will be held at the city hall. As this is the last meeting, everything will be definitely decided and a complete list of the events and prizes will be made. From all the surrounding towns comes the news that they will all be represented. It is seldom that any town offers such a varied list of attractions or such a large amount of prize money without charging an admission, but Alliance business men decided they would prove to the farmers that they don't want to make money out of every celebration that is held here.

Chairman Highland of the entertainment committee announces that there will be a check stand on Labor Day at the grand stand for the convenience of those who attend. Everything can be checked, from babies and carriages to pocketbooks. The stand will be located at the first room north of the grand stand entrance.

### Special Hyannis Train

Guy Lockwood, chairman of the Hyannis "Home Day" committee here, says that the arrangements have nearly all been made for the transporting of Alliancetes to Hyannis on September 26. A special train will be run from here, and will probably leave Alliance about 9 o'clock in the morning, returning at 10 o'clock in the evening, although this schedule has not yet been definitely decided upon. There is no doubt but that many Alliance people will go to Hyannis on that day, and arrangements are being made to handle a large crowd. The committee is composed of Percy Cogswell, Roy Strong, Robert Campbell, Jack Riordan and Loid C. Thomas.

### Indians Predict Bad Weather

Old-time Indians in Oklahoma say every sign indicates the approach of a long, cold winter. They say squirrels have already begun storing up nuts, the bark on the trees is thicker than ordinarily, the summer has been abnormally cool and wet, the migration of birds has already started, and that a dozen other signs, which, according to the aborigines, never fail, and all go to forecast a severe winter. The full-blood Cherokee in the Spavinaw country are making unusual preparations for winter. For the first time in years they have stored up a surplus of fuel and food, and they are advising their white brothers to do likewise.

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