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CLUB BANQUET AND ELECTION

Annual Meeting of Alliance Club Will Be Held Tonight at the Phelan Opera House

FORMER COLORADO GOVERNOR TO BE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Complete Report of Year's Accomplishments Will Be Made by W. D. Fisher

Tonight at the Phelan opera house will be held the second annual banquet and election of directors for the Alliance Commercial Club.

The banquet will be served tonight by the ladies of the Christian church, which fact is sufficient guarantee of the success of that part of the program.

Henry Augustus Buchtel, former governor of the state of Colorado, 1887-1899, and present Chancellor of the University of Denver, will be the principal speaker.

He was widely known as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church before he was called to the Chancellorship of the University of Denver in the fall of 1899.

At the business session tonight, Secretary Fisher will present his annual report for the club year ending March 1, 1916.

FUTURE EVENTS

- March 9, Thursday - Annual Banquet and Election of the Alliance Commercial Club.
March 10, Friday - Operetta, "The Golden Sickle," will be presented at the Phelan by the Central school.
March 18, Saturday - Last day for filing for the Spring Primaries.
March 22, Wednesday - Auction sale of Box Butte farm lands begins.
March 24, Friday - Public land opening in Alliance of government land in the North Platte project.
April 4, Tuesday - City election.
April 18, Tuesday - Annual City election.
April 27 and 28, Thursday and Friday - T. P. A. Annual State Convention.
May 6, Saturday - Fourth number of School of Music entertainment, Totten & Co.
June 5 - Wortham Carnival Company shows in Alliance week of the 5th.

CITY ORDERS SPECIAL CLEAN-UP AT ONCE

Inspection Will Be Made Monday of Public and Private Premises by Officials

Company's coming and special preparations must be made. Do your spring housecleaning at once, that is, next week, and put on your best bib and tucker.

Several thousand visitors will be in Alliance the weeks of March 20 and March 27 for the land drawing and the auction sale, and you know it's custom when visitors are expected to do a little extra cleaning up about the home.

Not that Alliance isn't presentable or hasn't been kept clean for we have the reputation now of being ahead of other cities in our class, but, in following the ordinary pursuits of life, all of us are prone to forget the little things, the unkempt appearance of front yards, the litter in the back yards, the rubbish, ashes and manure piles in the alleys.

The city of Alliance has an ordinance prohibiting such things but the officials have been lenient with Alliance citizens to the extent that something must be done. You should not make it necessary to have your individual attention called to this matter, however, it's up to you.

Every citizen will do his part cheerfully, there will be no trouble, no costs worth mentioning and Alliance will be ready in Sunday attire for her company.

The city scavenger, Sam Shelton & Co., are in the business of keeping Alliance clean. They make a small charge for their assistance but it is only nominal. For fifty cents per month, this firm will send their wagon to your alley door, or to your front door, which ever you please, once every week to carry away any rubbish that may have accumulated.

The city ordinance makes it a misdemeanor to have about your premises anything that might be declared a nuisance, and this includes the little things we have mentioned such as rubbish piles, ash piles and manure piles. The penalty fixed is a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Alliance is putting on the big auction sale in an endeavor to induce a few hundred respectable citizens from all over the United States to come here and be one of us. The first impression is said to be a lasting impression, and Alliance wants to appear at her best.

Fire Department Meeting

The Alliance volunteer fire department held one of the best attended sessions in its history Wednesday evening at the department headquarters in the city hall.

LITTLE ALECK KILL JOY



MAY ORGANIZE TO DEAL WITH THE DELINQUENTS

Many Cases in City Reported as Needing Immediate Attention of the City Officials

So many cases of children improperly cared for and being brought up in improper surroundings have been brought to the attention of the city officials recently that a movement is now on foot for a concerted action of the city and county officials in co-operation with the school authorities to investigate these cases and make proper disposition of them.

Numerous complaints have been made lately of young lads "pulling off stunts" that cannot longer be tolerated under the classification of mischiefness. Boys, most of them belonging to a gang that runs together, have been especially troublesome in the way of annoying old people and little children by throwing stones and clods at them, and of throwing at and breaking windows.

Several cases have been brought to the attention of the police matron lately of children being reared in homes where the mothers are of decidedly disreputable character. The law provides for the disposition of such cases as these and with the feeling that these children are being raised under a handicap that will affect their entire lives and in order to put these children in surroundings that will permit them an equal chance with their playmates as they grow up, officials are going to thoroughly prob all such cases that come to their notice.

The city police department, Police Matron Mrs. Sharp, County Judge Berry and County Attorney Hays will have the co-operation of school officials in this work and undoubtedly much good will be accomplished not only for the city of Alliance but for the future welfare of the children concerned.

BURNS FOR SHERIFF

Another Candidate Now on Ticket for Democratic Nomination for Sheriff of Box Butte

John Burns, old time Box Butte ranchman and farmer, is now a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of sheriff, his papers having been filed this morning.

R. M. Hampton, who met Mr. Burns on his recent southern and western trip, filed the papers for him, "Jack", as he is familiarly known, has a wide acquaintance throughout the county, having been one of the first settlers.

This now makes three candidates for the Democratic nomination: Cal Cox, the present incumbent; A. A. Ralls and Mr. Burns.

NEW ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND REPAIR BUSINESS

H. L. Pugh Resigns Position with Telephone Company to Open Garage and Electric Business

H. L. Pugh, who has been with the local telephone exchange as wire chief for several years, has resigned his position to engage in the garage and electrical business in Alliance.

E. I. Hanna, division plant superintendent, of Omaha; G. W. Rutherford, district plant chief, of Grand Island; and District Plant Chief Ray Hartford, of Deadwood, were in the city the first of the week checking out Mr. Pugh, who will be succeeded as wire chief by Mr. Douglas of Deadwood about the 15th of this month.

Mr. Pugh has rented the building on Box Butte avenue owned by H. J. Ellis and occupied last season by Norton's garage, and the place is now being remodeled and fitted up for him. He expects to be ready for business not later than the 1st of April, and possibly sooner.

YOUNG FOR COUNCILMAN

Well Known Alliance Booster Will Run for Office of Councilman from First Ward

Rev. H. J. Young, pastor of the Christian church, will be a candidate for the office of councilman from the First Ward at the spring election. Mr. Young has been urged for some time by his friends to be a candidate.



REV. H. J. YOUNG

Rev. Young states that if elected to the office of councilman he will be for the strict enforcement of the laws on a progressive basis, with fair treatment to all. His work since coming to Alliance has received much favorable comment on account of his activity in town boosting and commercial club work.

Friends in Alliance have received word of the birth of a daughter a few days ago to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Behner, former residents of Alliance who are now living in Lincoln.

BUILDINGS ON FEDERAL SITE SOLD AT AUCTION

Local Parties Bid on Old Shacks at Low Prices—Will Move to New Locations

New locations will be found for all the buildings on the federal building site, and they will be moved in a few days by the parties who purchased them at the auction sale held Saturday by the Federal Site Association.

A total of \$551.50 was realized by the Association from the auction, and while that amount does not begin to represent the value of the buildings, it will enable the association to about break even on the deal which they undertook several years ago in order that Alliance's new federal building might be located on this spot, the corner of Box Butte and Fourth streets.

At the time the appropriation was made for the Alliance building, only \$15,000 of the amount was allowed for the purchase of a site. A number of locations were offered but none seemed quite so suitable as this one. However, the owners asked \$20,000 and held to their price, and had it not been for a few enterprising business men who made up the difference, the building would probably have been located on a side street.

These men who have property and business interests wanted to see the building on Box Butte avenue, so they formed a local organization, bought the property for \$20,000 and sold the site to the government for \$15,000. In the meantime they have paid the government \$225 per year for the use of the ground on which their buildings were located and collected rentals from the occupants of the buildings, and the rentals, together with the amount realized from the sale Saturday, has been sufficient to permit them to break about even.

February 24 they received an order from the government to have the ground cleared within sixty days. This action has made it necessary for the occupants to find new locations, and since these changes have been made there is not vacant business property in the city of Alliance with the possible exception of one or two which are in such condition that they are not habitable.

The two-story brick building on the corner, occupied by Robert Piester's meat market, was sold to W. M. Wilson for \$210. Fixtures in the building are said to be worth much more than that amount. Mr. Wilson contemplates moving this material to a new location on Box Butte avenue and erecting a building to which he will move his furniture and hardware store. He will probably locate on one of the lots in the first or second block from the depot where old frame shacks now stand.

The next building from the corner, a one-story cement-block structure, occupied by the Alliance Cleaning Works, was sold to F. E. Holsten for \$150. Mr. Holsten contemplates moving this building to a lot owned by him on Third street in the block west of Box Butte avenue, and will remodel it for a business house.

The two-story frame building formerly occupied by Mrs. Fee's confectionery and Ed Jeffers' plumbing shop was purchased by F. J. Betzold, who will move it to his ranch near town. P. H. Dillon, who purchased the other two-story frame, occupied by W. D. Zediker's plumbing shop, expects to move it to a lot in the north part of town.

The sheds and out buildings sold for three and four dollars each, bringing the total receipts from the sale up to \$551.50.

ORGANIZE AUXILIARY

Second Auxiliary in the State of the I. O. O. F. Canton Organized at This Place

The Ladies Militant Auxiliary Association number 2, of Canton Regal number 24, was organized at Alliance Saturday night. This is the second auxiliary of the Canton organized in the state, the first one being at Omaha. Those who were instrumental in its organization deserve credit for their enterprise.

Officers of the auxiliary elected were Mrs. T. G. Waddell, president; Miss Mildred Zurn, vice president; Mrs. F. O. Rowe, secretary; Miss Gladys Jeffers, treasurer.

Henry Towne, of Astoria, Ore., arrived Sunday and expects to make his home in Alliance.

ALLIANCE BOYS AT STATE MEET

High School Basketball Team Competing at Lincoln

THREE DAYS TOURNAMENT INCLUDING 87 SCHOOLS

First Game Was Played Last Night, the Local Boys Meeting the Grand Island Team

Eight of the Alliance high school boys with their coach, Professor Crawford, are in Lincoln this week participating in the state basketball tournament and competing for the Nebraska state championship.

Mr. Crawford, with the team comprised of Lester Harvey, captain; George Fenning, Robert Ralls, Floyd Lotspeich, Ira Wright, Edward O'Keefe, Donald Spencer and Phillip Groves, left Alliance Tuesday noon, and expect to return home Saturday or Sunday.

The tournament began Wednesday afternoon, and there will be continuous playing until the finals are played Saturday night. Alliance's first game was last night with Grand Island.

Over 750 of the champion high school basketball players of Nebraska are reported in Lincoln participating in this, one of the greatest tournaments of the kind ever held in the United States. It is the fifth annual tournament conducted under the auspices of the University of Nebraska, and includes eighty-nine leading teams of the state.

Those schools represented in the tournament have fought their way to the top in their respective districts, and the winners of the three divisions of the tournament can lay undisputed claim to the highest honors in the basketball field.

As there are so many schools in the association it would be impossible to arrange a schedule in which each team would meet every other team in the association, consequently three distinct classes or divisions are made A, B and C, and the same trophies are offered in each division with individual medals to members of the championship team. Alliance plays in class B.

This year the management is making the tournament more interesting to the spectators by numbering each participant. By turning to the program it is easy to identify the stars. The numbers range from 1 to 800.

Blow we give a list of the towns or schools of the state participating in the tournament, classified according to the divisions in which they are playing: Beatrice, Central City, Columbus, Crete, Chadron, Fairmont, Fremont, Friend, Geneva, Gothenburg, Hastings, Hebron, Havelock, Lincoln, Newman, Osceola, Omaha Central, Plattsmouth, School of Agriculture, Seward, Shelton, Omaha South High, University Place, West Point and Wilbur.

Alliance, Arlington, Atkinson, Auburn, Bethany, Broken Bow, Cozad, Creighton, Dewitt, Elmwood, Ewing, Exeter, Fairfield, Falls City, Franklin, Fulerton, Grand Island, Hardy, Harvard, Kimball County High, Kenesaw, Minden, Nebraska City, Nebraska School for Deaf, O. C. Pierce, Randolph, Rising City, Schuyler, Schickley, Sidney and Stanton.

Ainsworth, Alma, Axtell, Arnold, Bancroft, Battle Creek, Cedar Bluffs, Craig, Dunbar, Geneva, Henderson, Humboldt, Indianola, Louisville, Lynch, Murdock, Nebraska Military Academy, Nelson, Omaha High of Commerce, Osmund, Dent, Ravenna, Steele City, Superior, Talmage, Tilden, Wausa, Wahoo, Valparaiso and Teachers College High School.

WEATHER REPORT

By Gov't Observer Hicks

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