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## STATEMENT BY MAYOR ROMIG ON HEATING PROPOSITION

Mayor Romig Issues Statement to the Voters of Alliance Regarding Steam Heating Proposition

TO THE VOTERS OF ALLIANCE:

The city administration has seen fit to place upon the ballots for your expression as to whether or not the city shall install a municipal heating plant.

In the first place, I might say that there is no question as to a plant of this kind being a paying proposition. This fact has been proven by figures secured by cities that have such plants in operation. There is no question as to the supply of steam, as at the present time we have sufficient exhaust steam going to waste that would more than take care of the consumption for heating under ordinary conditions. During extreme cold weather it would be necessary to use both boilers. This would no doubt mean additional help at our power plant. The question has been asked me as to the cost of the steam in comparison with the ordinary stove or furnace. Practically speaking, there is very little difference. The question of the economical use of this steam is purely a matter of education as to its use. From information that I have secured from other cities, it is shown that the difference the first winter is very little, owing to the fact that the users have not learned to use it properly, after the first year the steam showed a slight reduction in cost over the coal heating process.

I do not believe there is a single member of the council that does not look with favor upon the heating plants and would be more than ready to vote for this proposition if a way was shown whereby it could be installed without additional cost to the tax payers, and also if there were ready finances to handle the proposition.

At the present time our general fund is exhausted. We have at this time in the light and water fund the sum of \$11,693.14. Including the holding by the light department of \$2,950 worth of registered warrants. We will in a few weeks let a contract for the installing of a 500,000-gallon

reservoir, which when completed will cost the city in round figures \$10,000, leaving a balance that would be available for other purposes of \$1,693.14, or about \$8,000, by the middle of October. It is absolutely necessary that a good part of our electric street wiring be replaced this spring, as the loss through defective wiring amounts to about 6,000 K. W. a month. Taking these facts into consideration and setting aside a sum for depreciation there would be available at the completion of the heating plant not more than \$6,000. Then where would the balance necessary to pay for the installation be secured? Before going further I might say that the cost of installing this heating plant, the placing of the mains from the plant to First and Box Butte, hence to the intersection of Sixth street, would be approximately \$22,000. The cost of the tapping of the mains and the laying of the pipes from that main to the business places and also the installing of the heating radiators must be borne by the consumer. I might say that I look with disfavor upon any plan whereby any part of our city property would be mortgaged for this purpose. The city could not grant a franchise without a vote of the people, nor would the people of our city vote in favor of a bond covering this proposition. However, the city could make a five-mill levy each year for this purpose, and this would mean additional taxes. With this plan the plant could not be installed for several years. The only procedure that I can see then would be the issuing of warrants covering the amount of installation. This would be sharp practice but still the only possible way that the matter can be handled.

The proposition is up to the voters. The law makes it mandatory on part of the council to find some way to build this plant should the voters decide that the city shall proceed.

PENROSE E. ROMIG,  
Mayor.

## Proclamation

Realizing the importance of civic co-operation in the endeavor to bring about a more clean and sanitary condition in streets, alleys, and private premises:

Therefore, I, Penrose E. Romig, mayor of the city of Alliance, Nebraska, by virtue of the law vested in me, do hereby set aside the week of April 10th as clean-up and paint-up week.

The great importance attached to a movement of this kind from a sanitary, health, and fire protection standpoint should recall to the minds of our citizens the great conflagrations that have occurred during the past month destroying millions of dollars worth of property and rendering thousands of persons homeless.

I, therefore, urge that all organizations of commercial endeavor, clubs, societies of public welfare, school children, and all persons residing within the city of Alliance, co-operate in making Alliance one of the cleanest and healthiest cities in the state of Nebraska.

Dated this the 24th day of March, 1916.

PENROSE E. ROMIG,  
Mayor.

## BIG ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF BOX BUTTE FARMERS TUESDAY

Large Crowd Attend the Meeting Held Tuesday at the Home of the President, W. L. Griffith

The meeting of the Box Butte Farmers Club held Tuesday at the home of the president, W. L. Griffith, was the largest in attendance of any held for some time. After the usual cafeteria luncheon, F. M. Seidell, county agent, gave quite a talk and demonstration on the treatment of seed oats for smut. He also spoke on the need of the organization of a potato growers' association.

W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club, was present and gave some compliments on the continuance and growth of the organization. He dwelt at some length on the good that could be accomplished by the Farmers' Club and the Commercial Club working together on many improvements for the community. At his suggestion a motion was made that a committee consisting of the president of the Farmers' Club and eleven others, appointed by him, meet with the same number of committee of the Commercial Club at a meeting of the county commissioners to be called for the purpose of deciding whether or not this county will accept the appropriation proffered by the state for the trial of deep well irrigation in western Nebraska. The road dragging question was brought up, and consensus of opinion was that while fifty cents per mile per round trip might be ample compensation for a light dragging, it was not enough for a good job. A heavy drag and four horses moving of considerable center of the road, at seventy-five cents what the we

who would be willing to care for young children left in her charge, the mothers of said children to pay a reasonable sum for her services while taking care of the children.

"As the W. C. T. U. are trying to establish a public rest room but for lack of funds find it impossible to pay rent and furnish the necessary conveniences; therefore we would be grateful if the Alliance Commercial Club, which we understand is composed of the business men of Alliance, would co-operate with the W. C. T. U. and help financially, and establish a public rest room with the necessary conveniences, where we would feel privileged to go and rest while detained in Alliance."

A general discussion of farm life and needs was entered into by almost all present; and a petition to the city council of Alliance, viz:

"Whereas, we the Box Butte Farmers' Club, having learned from our own observations and upon apparently reliable authority that the dumping ground has become a harbor and breeding rats that migrate to country; therefore

"Resolved" instructe to the

## PUT CHILD IN HOME

Parents Remonstrate and Friend Cited for Contempt for Taking Them out of Town

In an effort to frustrate the attempt of the authorities to wrest their child from them, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brumley and baby were taken into the country a few days ago by Ed Miller and as a result the latter is being given a hearing this afternoon in county Judge Berry's court for contempt of court.

A few days ago it was discovered by parties interesting themselves in the condition of children of Alliance that conditions obtaining in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brumley are such that it would be out of the question to allow the babe, only three weeks old, to remain there. In county court Wednesday afternoon, over the protest of the parents, County Judge Berry turned the child over to Miss Stephens, who left today for Lincoln, where she will place it in the State Home for Dependent Children.

## RETURN FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bignell Returned Yesterday After a Pleasant Visit in South and East

Last December, Mrs. Wm. Bignell left Alliance for an extended visit in the east and south. She went first to St. Louis; then to Belleville, Ill., for a visit with relatives; thence to Jeffersonville, Ind., where a sister resides and where she remained for quite a while, during which time she visited New Albany, Ind., and Louisville, Ky., across the Ohio river.

Leaving Indiana, Mrs. Bignell went to Birmingham, Ala., a city that she says is the best place she struck on the trip. In fact she is simply enthusiastic over Birmingham, because it has no saloons, having gone some years before the state bama did, and being the best place

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## APPLICATIONS REJECTED

Alliance Land Office Rejects Applications of People Who Wish to File on Irrigated Lands

Applications for previous filings were made by parties on three of the tracts allotted at the land drawing last Friday by the United States land office. These applications were made by parties who claimed that the lands in question were part of previous homestead units and which were returned to the government when the previous homesteaders were allowed only eighty-acre tracts.

The local land office refused the filings on these tracts and the parties have appealed the matter to Washington. The applications were as follows:

S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 17-22-52. This was tract number 1 at the drawing, and was won by Edley J. Keeley, Kearney, Nebr. Sam J. Tilden is the party who was refused a previous filing.

W $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 23-22-52. This was tract number 2 in the drawing, and was won by Simon J. Bollinger, Lucerne, Colo. Grant L. Stumway is the party who was refused a previous filing.

E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 23-22-52. This was tract number 13, and was won by Horace G. Edwards of Bayard, Wm. C. Atwater is the party who was refused a previous filing.

Tract number 3, the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 2-22-53, won by Mary A. McDermott of Alliance, is another tract on which a previous filing was made and refused.

Charles Walters was one of the parties who filed on tract number 9, comprised of land in 5-21-51 and 32-22-51, won by Wm. F. Peterson of Bayard. Mr. Walters has contested the right of Mr. Peterson to the land on the grounds that he also made filing and in addition made settlement on the land at 9 o'clock Friday morning, March 24. Although not the winner at the drawing, Mr. Walters bases his claim to the land on the fact that he made settlement prior to

the time of the drawing and after the filings had been made. This case will be heard before the local land office on April 24.

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## NEW VICT

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John Wiker of Alliance i manager of a branch of the Music Supply Company, to be in Alliance within a short tim new store will occupy a part space now taken by the Haddor ano House, in the First Nati Bank building.

The new store will be a distrib ing point and sales agency for th Victor line of phonographs and records. Mr. Wiker is now in Omaha selecting the stock for the new store.

W. M. Robinson of Omaha, who owns a fine Box Butte county farm, is interested financially in the new store. Mr. Robinson opened a piano store in Alliance nearly nine years ago and maintained one here continuously ever since. He is farming 150 acres on his farm in the western part of the county and when in Alliance last week expressed himself as being well pleased with business conditions.

