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HYANNIS CELEBRATES HOME DAY IN USUAL HOSPITABLE STYLE

Great Crowd Visits Enterprising Town to See the Western Feature
Events Put on in Realistic Style—Alliance Man
Wins Bucking-Horse Contest

"Home Day" was celebrated in Hyannis Friday with all the genuine environments of a real wild west entertainment. The slogan of the hospitable Hyannis people was "Make Yourself at Home" and the visitors suited their actions to the words. "Home Day" has been observed in Hyannis a number of times and each celebration adds to the renown of the little city for entertaining its visitors royally and for the excellence of the program rendered.

A special train was run from Alliance to Hyannis, leaving here at 8 o'clock. Secretary H. M. Bushnell, Jr., of the Alliance Commercial Club, was active in getting up the excursion and was on the ground early to see there was no delay in the program. Seventy passengers started on the train from Alliance and large crowds were taken on at the stations enroute.

On reaching the destination the special was greeted by members of the reception committee, reinforced by the Broken Bow band. One hundred cowgirls and cowboys, all resplendent in their regalia, lined up in honor of the visitors. Picture shows may try to portray the real cowgirls and cowboys, but no film could give the setting that was observed at Hyannis as the crowd passed through the long line of mounted cowgirls and cowboys. The location of the town among the hills of northwestern Nebraska, in the midst of a cattle raising country, with all the traditions of the past and the prosperity of the present, made the scene one that will ever remain in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to witness the display.

The visitors soon made themselves at home for it was "Home day" and there was no disposition on the part of hosts or guests to stand on ceremonies. The streets were crowded with the merry throng. Refreshment stands did a thriving business, a party of colored singers from Omaha sang for the edification of the throng, cowpunchers were in evidence on every hand and automobiles honked and chugged in the effort to get along the streets of the town which are as sandy as the noted Death Valley of southern California.

The forenoon program was carried out before the arrival of the special train from Alliance. Noon came and there was a scramble for dinner at the hotels, restaurants and improvised eating houses.

After dinner the great crowd began to wend its way to the magnificent amphitheatre east of Hyannis, where the wild-west stunts were to be pulled off. It was a sight to see automobiles, cow ponies, single buggies, wagons and pedestrians making their way along the hot sands to the goal where the strenuous performances were to be exemplified.

The grand-stand was a big bleacher on which the sun poured its hot rays as only the sun of a western Nebraska sky is able to do. The crowd was large and their good nature was remarkable. The Broken Bow band was located in a stand in the center of the grand stand and played good music throughout the afternoon. The marshals and announcers joshed the crowd and the crowd bantered the officials. No one got angry, for it was "Home Day", when joy is unconfined. To the south along the edge of the natural arena, one hundred and fifty automobiles were lined up, paying a noisy tribute with their horns to the gaiety of the occasion. The presence of the automobile demonstrated the advance in transportation which has been made since the days of the old cow outfits when motor-driven vehicles were unknown. It also gave the thoughtful person an idea of the prosperity of the western country and the ability of the people to enjoy at least a part of the pleasures of life.

The bucking-horse riding was good. Fierce outlaw horses made frantic efforts to unseat their riders and failed in almost every case. "Wildcat", "Death Valley Jim", "High Tower" and other noted pitching horses were there, but they made no greater progress in unhorsing their riders than some of the local native horses of less celebrity. All of the riders did well and it was a difficult task for the judges to decide the contest. In fact they were unable to do so after the first finals and additional tests had to be carried out in order to ascertain who were entitled to the prizes.

The steer roping contest was rather tame as cattle are valuable and the committee could not get any rancher to consent to letting his cattle be roped in the old-fashioned way, as there always is danger of injury to the stock and the humane society is rather particular about the matter. However a number of steers were assessed but the greater portion of the herd made for the hills, glad of an opportunity to get away from their pursuers.

The relay race was well received. One of the leading riders failed to get his horse at the chance and thus lost a position that seemed at first to

be a winner. The wild horse race was a medley, none of the spectators knowing who were winners and who were losers. The announcers sometimes told the grand stand devotees who the winners were and sometimes they forgot all about it, in their enthusiasm.

The bulldogging of the wild Texas steers was well worth watching. The steers were too fast for the cow ponies and many of them escaped. A wire fence looks to these steers like a cobweb and they went just about where they pleased and so far as known they may still be grazing on the hills southeast of Hyannis.

The steer riding was the funniest part of the program and won great applause from the grand stand and from the automobile row. The steers were the aforementioned Texans and the way they cavorted across that open space with a cowboy on their backs was something inspiring. But the boys hung to their positions with tenacity and most of the steers were headed off and captured before they ran into the open country.

After the program at the grounds the crowd returned to the town for supper and entertainment. The streets of the place were so crowded that it was almost impossible for the visitors to make their way from one part of the place to another. The hotel was jammed full of the hungry westerners, the restaurants were blocked with people and the "hot dog" concerns were unable to adequately supply the demands of the famishing populace.

The Broken Bow band was located in the balcony at the hotel and played fine music every time. At the picture show breathing room was at a premium. After the movie the dancers took possession of the floor and tripped the light fantastic all the night long. When the sun arose over the eastern hills on Saturday all Hyannis was ready to quit and take a rest but there were no regrets and all united in declaring the celebration a rousing success from every standpoint.

The automobile parade—Mr. McVey first \$10; Mrs. Budd Moran second \$5.

Cowboy and cowgirl parade—C. C. Fawcett first a ten-dollar hat; Mrs. C. C. Fawcett second \$5. The outfit used by Mrs. Fawcett is valued at \$350 the horse being worth \$150 and the saddle, bridle, bit and martingale which were trimmed with silver at \$200.

The ring spearing contest was won by Bill Bailey who was presented with a fine bridle bit.

Pony race—Sid Manning first \$10; Bert Darden second \$5.

Bucking horse riding—Ed Herring of Alliance first \$125; Ed Bowman second \$50 and Pearl Hudson third \$25.

Steer roping—Harry McCawley first \$25; Bill Bailey second \$15; Seth Brant and Bert Beem tied for third \$5.

Relay race—Floyd Young first \$25 Bert Darden second \$15; Ralph Brennan third \$5.

Wild horse race—Lew Cogger first \$50; Ed Herring second \$30; Pearl Hudson third \$20.

Seer Bulldogging—First prize was split between Joe Herring of Alliance and Dutch Seidell of Arizona.

Steer riding—Arch Manson first \$50; Ed Barman second \$30; Pearl Hudson third \$20.

Herring Brothers of Alliance got the prize for having the best bucking horse. The prize was \$10.

The judges were Messrs Bert Hayward, Seth Brant and Knight Lowe.

SMALL FIRE LOSS

The semi-annual report of the fire chief for the past six months will be presented to the city council at its next meeting. This report will show only twenty calls for the six months. Nine of these calls were for fires which caused more or less damage, while eleven of the calls were of no importance.

The Alliance fire department is well organized and doing excellent work with the big fire hose and chemical auto truck, which has been the means of saving much loss and damage on account of the ability to get to fires quickly.

DAILY POTATO BULLETIN

Buying prices at shipping point, Hemingford, Neb., Wednesday, Sep. 27, cold, growing colder; moderate loading; Market steady; demand good; fair quality and condition, some undersized bulk Ohio 70 to 72c bu.; generally good quality and condition, 75c per bu.

Nebraska destinations (carlot shipments Wednesday):

Des Moines, 1; Aurora, Neb., 2; Wakonda, S. D., 1; Castalia, Ia., 1; Boone, Ia., 1; Vermillion, S. D., 1; Aledo, Ill., 1; Lincoln, Neb., 3; Clarion, Iowa, 2; Crofton, Neb., 1; Laurel, Neb., 1; Long Pine, Neb., for diversion, 1; Hastings, Neb., 1; Lacon, Ia., 1; Sioux City, 3; Kansas City, Mo., 1; Atkinson, Neb., 1; Villisca, Ia., 1; Albia, Ia., 1; Omaha, 2; Vail, Ia., 1; Breslau, Neb., 1; total, 30.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY FAIR RUNNING IN FULL BLAST

Many Fast Goers on Race List—Exhibit of Agricultural Products
and Live Stock Show What Can Be Done in
Northwestern Nebraska

Regardless of the chilly weather and a high wind the Box Butte county fair opened on time with a fine line of exhibits in place, a big string of horses entered for the races and many amusement features all ready for the festivities.

The extremely disagreeable weather of Wednesday kept hundreds from visiting the grounds. But those who did so found that ample provisions had been made for a high-class exposition and fair.

More than twenty concessions had been granted to different amusement features and refreshment concerns, and the Midway presented a gay appearance. The exhibits of agricultural products is fine and the educational showing could not be excelled at any fair.

The aviator, W. E. Bowersox, was unable to make a flight yesterday because of the high wind which made such a venture absolutely impossible. If the conditions are favorable this afternoon he will make the flight according to agreement, and tomorrow, also.

F. M. Seidell, county agricultural agent, is the general manager of the exhibits with the following superintendents of the various departments:

Horses—J. H. Vaughn and L. F. Smith; Cattle—William Davison and E. I. Gregg; Poultry—Fred Mollring; Grain, Seed, Vegetables and Fruits—L. J. Schill, J. A. Keegan and E. T. Kibble; Machinery, Automobiles, etc.—Lincoln Lowry; Woman's Department—Mrs. Jerry Rowan; Pantry Stores—Mrs. W. D. Rumer; Fine Arts—Mrs. W. E. Cotant; Ornamental Needlework—Mrs. C. C. Smith; Miscellaneous Needlework—Mrs. J. A. Keegan; Flowers—Mrs. L. H. Highland; School Exhibit—Miss Opal Russell; Boys' and Girls' Club

Work—F. M. Seidell.

The races for Wednesday afternoon were pulled off according to program. There was a larger crowd in the grandstand than might be expected under the adverse weather conditions and the races were followed with a great deal of interest by the people present.

W. O. Barnes is the superintendent of the speed ring. J. H. Vaughn was the starter and kept the races going in good style. The judges' stand was a cold place Wednesday but the men stood the ordeal well wrapped in great coats.

Thursday morning opened cold and fair with promise of better weather for the day. The sunshine aroused the hopes of the people that the last two days of the fair would be more favorable in the way of weather conditions.

Because of the uncomfortable conditions the program arranged for the entertainment of the people at the fair grounds in the evening was declared off for Wednesday night but the conditions being right the programs for the other nights will be carried out as announced.

Wednesday's Races

First event, 2:35 trot or pace—Whitefoot first, Star second and Major third.

Half-mile dash—Scissors Grinder first, High Pockets second, and First Chance third.

Quarter-mile saddle horse race—Bullock's horse first, "Musty's" horse second, and Harrison's third.

Five-eighths mile dash—Innovation first, Nadine H second, and Meeteese Pearl third.

The judges were: Roy Beckwith, Dave Lee and L. F. Smith. Starter, J. H. Vaughn.

NELL THOMPSON PLACE RAIDED BY THE POLICE

Man Says He Was Short-Changed by the Madam in a West Side Resort

Catherine Reeves, of Denver; Bobbie Brennan and Nell Thompson of Alliance were arrested at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening when the property in the west part of town belonging to Nell Thompson and occupied by her as a rooming house was raided by Marshal Wheeler and two deputies. A case and a half of beer, a bottle of whiskey and two bottles of wine were found in the ice box and brought to the station as evidence.

The raid was made on the complaint of P. C. Weinel, a railroad fireman, who claimed that he had given a \$20 bill to one of the inmates of the house, who resembled "Bobbie", that Nell Thompson gave him back \$17 in change, but that on leaving the house he found the \$15 missing. He, in company with George Hatcher, who had stayed with the same woman a short time before Weinel, were both locked up over night as witnesses.

Catherine Reeves stated that she was formerly an inmate of the house of which Nell Thompson was mistress on February 20, 1916, when the place was ordered closed and that she had then gone to her home in Denver, returning to Alliance on Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock for a "visit" with Nell, considering the purchase of the furniture and fixtures of the house.

Weinel stated that he could identify the \$20 bill if he saw it, as it was on a Waco, Texas, national bank. Attorney H. E. Gantz was called to represent the defendants, and County Attorney Lee Basye made out the complaints which were signed by Marshal Wheeler. The complaints charge Nell Thompson with the use and occupancy of a house of ill fame and charge Bobbie Brennan and Catherine Reeves with occupying a house of ill fame for the purposes of prostitution.

The police stated that at least twenty men came to the door of the house during the few minutes in which it was raided. Reeves and Brennan were released under bonds of \$50 each and Thompson was held under \$1000 bond. Reeves will be used as a witness by the state at the next term of court, at which time Nell Thompson is charged with maintaining a house of prostitution on February 20, 1916. Reeves stated to the prosecuting attorney, marshal and reporters Wednesday night that she was an inmate of the house on February 20, at which time Nell Thompson was mistress of the house.

When the cases were called in Justice Roberts' court at 10 o'clock this morning, Mitchell & Gantz, attorneys for the defendants, asked that a preliminary trial be put off for a few days, as the defense was not ready for trial. The court set Monday at 10 o'clock as the time for the hearing. The defendants were held on the original bonds for their appearance Monday, and the bonds for

the witnesses were placed at \$100 each. County Attorney Basye appeared for the state.

**POCKETBOOK IS GONE
TWO ARE ARRESTED**

A woman, who says her name is Mrs. May Stone, of Sheridan, Wyo., is wanted by the Alliance police department for taking a purse from a traveling companion. The conductor of train No. 41 was notified by telegraph to have the woman placed under arrest as a warrant was out for her detention.

All the trouble occurred on No. 31, the Casper passenger. Mrs. Stone and a man by the name of De Conly occupied the adjoining seats in the car. When they arrived here the man discovered that his pocketbook containing over \$40 was missing. The police were notified and Marshal Wheeler this morning found where the woman had stayed at a rooming house, and a new companion, George Covey, was arrested but the woman had gone west on No. 41.

Covey is said to be a brakeman on the train on which the couple traveled and it is alleged he put up with the woman at the rooming house. When the place was searched the pocketbook was found hidden in a cubbyhole but the contents were gone. Covey was arrested and told Marshal Wheeler that the woman had given him \$21 and kept the rest for herself. The woman, it is said, claims she found the purse on the car seat when they were leaving the train. Whether she found it or took it from the pocket of her traveling companion makes no difference in the eyes of the law.

Covey makes no denial of the essential facts in connection with the case and is held at the police station pending the arrival of Mrs. Stone.

MAY INSTALL INCINERATOR

City Council Considering Installation of Municipal Plant to Care for Refuse

The mayor and city council are considering the installation of a municipal incinerator to care for the garbage which is at present hauled to the city dump, including rubbish, kitchen slops, melon rinds, spoiled vegetation and dead animals. There is at present much objection to the city dumping ground and steps must be taken soon to eliminate the trouble which this causes.

At Beatrice, Nebr., there has been installed a ten-ton Sparks Unit-Type garbage incinerator which reduces to perfect ashes, without any odor whatever, all classes of garbage and waste.

The expense of the operation of this incinerator in nine cents per capita yearly, which includes all cost, viz: installing, equipping, operating and maintaining.

Sam Sheldon, who was appointed to make an inspection of incinerator plants at St. Louis and other cities, recently returned from a trip which he made for that purpose.

ENTHUSIASTIC DEMOCRATS LISTEN TO KEITH NEVILLE

Fine Audience at Phelan Opera House to Hear the Democratic Candidate for Governor Discuss Issues of the Nation and State

The Democrats of Alliance and Box Butte county held an enthusiastic meeting at the Phelan opera house Tuesday night.

Before the crowd gathered in the hall music was furnished on the street by the Alliance band. A large concourse gathered about the entrance of the building to enjoy the music. After the musical program the people gathered in the hall to hear the party's candidate for governor discuss the issues of the day.

H. E. Gantz presided and gave a short talk lauding the good qualities of the man who was to address the audience, closing by presenting the speaker of the evening, Keith Neville of North Platte.

Mr. Neville was given hearty applause and at once entered into a discussion of the political questions now before the people of the nation and the country. He called the attention of his hearers to the achievements of the Democratic party and declared the Wilson administration to be the greatest constructive regime in the history of the country. He explained the practical working of the Federal Reserve act and stated that under the provisions of this bill the country was safe from financial panics. The Republicans criticize the measure but it is noticeable that the most of them were glad to record their votes in behalf of the measure. The Rural Credits bill was endorsed as a measure that will eventually work great benefits to the farmers of the country and by no doing be of value to the country at large. The Underwood bill, Mr. Neville affirmed, was as good a revenue measure as the country could demand and was a vast improvement over the Payne-Aldrich bill which was framed in behalf of the interests.

In spite of war conditions the provisions of the bill are working to the advantage of the business interests of the country, the imports being less and the exports vastly greater than at any other time in the history of the country. Most of the imports were raw materials which were being manufactured into articles which were exported to a great extent, thus adding to the wealth of the country and the development of the industries of the nation along permanent lines.

Other enactments of the Democratic congress backed by a Democratic president were mentioned by the speaker as substantiating his contention that the administration of President Wilson is far ahead of anything that the Republican critics ever dreamed of in the way of practical achievement for the benefit of the people. Mr. Neville said the Republicans claimed to have a monopoly on all the statesmen of the country and on all the political virtues extant, but it was his opinion that the only thing they had a real corner on was in the line of critics of which the party appeared to be plentifully supplied.

Leaving the field of national politics the speaker discussed state issues. He denounced the state Republican platform for endorsement of the centralization of power to regulate common carriers in the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington and advocated the strengthening of the state railroad commission in every way. The Republicans, true to the teaching of Hamilton, were strong for centralization while the Democratic party were in favor of the doctrine as promulgated by Jefferson which declared in favor of the democratic form of administration of laws as opposed to federalism.

Mr. Neville put in a good word for the Democratic candidates on the ticket and called the attention of his hearers to the fact that in the history of the state the election of the candidate for governor meant the election of the entire state ticket and the defeat of the candidate for governor meant the defeat of his colleagues on the ticket. He lauded the record of all the elective state officers and pointed to the saving that they had made in the administration of the state offices.

Mr. Neville is ardently in favor of greater publicity of the many resources of the state and declared other states had benefited by publicity while Nebraska vastly superior in many ways had been kept in the background. He told about the boasts of Kansas and the prevailing opinion in the country that it was a premier state when in fact Kansas was far down in the list when official comparisons were made. There is plenty of room in Nebraska for settlers and a concerted move should be made to get them to come here instead of passing to states where there were far less attractive opportunities.

Mr. Neville said he regarded the prohibition question strictly non-partisan and that the state had the initiative and referendum under which the matter could be decided without recourse to an election in which partisan issues were involved. However, he stated that he would observe the requirements of the official oath if he were elected governor, and

enforce all laws to the best of his ability regardless of the fear or favor of any one. He stated he had taken the nomination without any promises other than those imposed by the people at large.

Great applause followed the close of the address. The chairman announced that Mr. Neville would be pleased to meet the citizens of Alliance and an impromptu reception was held in the lobby of the theatre, many men regardless of party affiliations shaking hands with the speaker.

**BOY CONFESSES THEFT
OF SACK OF WHEAT**

Johnny Bloom Does Not Deny He Took Grain from Burlington Route Car

Johnny Bloom, a youth about sixteen years of age, was arrested Monday on charges made against him by the C. B. & Q. railroad company alleging he was guilty of taking wheat from cars of the company.

The young man, when brought into county court, did not deny the charge, entering a plea of guilty. He was fined \$10 and costs by the judge. He paid the bill and was discharged.

The amount of wheat taken in this instance is said to be one sack full but it is alleged by officers that a good deal more has been taken probably by a gang of young fellows. Johnny Bloom got caught and the others are likely to share the same fate if they do not quit their stealing.

SOUTH DAKOTA MAN TEMPORARILY INSANE

Taken from Train at Alliance and Held at County Jail for Relatives from His Home

Leo Fix of Parkston, South Dakota, is held at the county jail awaiting the arrival of his son, Francis Fix, of the same town.

Fix is in a bad fix mentally, though physicians say he likely will come out of the trouble in course of time. He was taken from an east-bound passenger train here on instructions sent to Special Agent Burke of the Burlington. Fix boarded the train at Sheridan and it was soon apparent to passengers and trainmen that he was "off his base." It was feared that he would jump off the train and kill himself. A search of his clothing disclosed \$66 in cash and a draft for \$400. When placed in the cooler here, he proceeded to tear up the bed clothes and the clothing which he wore.

Fix has a ticket from Sheridan to Sioux City. He expected, it is presumed, to change cars at Sioux City and go on to his home at Parkston.

SHERIFF COX RETURNS WITH HIS PRISONER

William Robey Charged with Cattle Rustling Is Brought Back to Box Butte County

Sheriff Cox arrived in Alliance Sunday night from Utah where he got William Robey, one of the trio charged with rustling cattle from the McLean ranch.

It was reported that Robey was in Idaho and probably he had been there, but he was located in Summit county, Utah. The town where he was held was Coalville, in Summit county. The sheriff lives in another town in the same county and some delay was had in getting the necessary papers.

William and Robert Robey are in jail, but Morton Sweeney is out on bond. A preliminary trial was set for Monday afternoon, but owing to the absence of the county attorney who had to attend court in Rushville, the preliminary was postponed until Saturday afternoon.

The Robeys maintain a discreet silence regarding their case, probably on the advice of counsel.

POPULAR CONCERTS

The first of a series of popular concerts, given by the faculty of the Alliance School of Music, will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Christian church. These concerts will occur on the first Sunday of each month. The program for this Sunday will be sacred. Those following will take up the music of different countries with short talks on nationalism in music.

The faculty will spare no trouble to make these programs interesting and entertaining as well as instructive and they will be demonstrated with the piano, voice and violin. The price of admission has been fixed within the reach of all, the nominal sum of ten cents to be charged.