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HOUSE WORKING ON DRY BILL

Special Committee Appointed by the Senate to Consider Dry Legislation Gets Many Suggestions

TO INTRODUCE THEIR OWN BILL Two Dry Factions Will Endeavor to Get Together Before Bill Is Introduced for Passage

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—The House and Senate of the Nebraska legislature are now getting down to business. Although a lot of attention is being given this week to the visitors from over the state who are attending "Organized Agriculture," which cuts down the amount of business transacted, the chief item of interest is the prohibition legislation.

The special committee appointed by the House to draft the dry bill was the first one to meet. It met Friday evening with the officers of the Nebraska Dry Federation: E. E. Thomas of Omaha, W. T. Thompson and H. F. Carson of Lincoln. The first bill drawn up by the Dry Federation, nicknamed the "bone dry law," which was widely discussed through the newspapers, met with so many objections from over the state and from legislators, that the federation has drawn up a new bill eliminating some of the objectionable features of the first one.

The new bill, as presented to the House committee Friday night, would not permit the sale of whiskey or intoxicating liquor in any form by drug stores; it would permit the importation of liquor into the state by heads of families of not more than the following amounts per month: one quart of whiskey; one case of beer; or one gallon of wine. The "breath smelling" section of the former bill was also eliminated.

The House committee, consisting of Norton, Thomas, Waite, Flansburg and Hostetter, have indicated to interested parties that they will not accept any bill in completed form for them to introduce but that they intend to take the good features of all bills presented to them and consolidate them into a bill which will be introduced by the committee and backed by them for passage. The advisory council of the Speakers' club, headed by A. G. Wolfenbarger, is working on a bill which they will present to the committee, also. This bill will not be completed until the middle of this week. Before the House committee completes its work it intends to have a public hearing, at which all interested parties may be present and present their views. A meeting will also be held with the Senate committee, in order that an understanding may be had between both branches of the legislature.

Governor Keith Neville has written to the secretary of war, at Washington, urging that the Fifth Nebraska regiment of the national guard, now on the border, be sent home. The Fourth Nebraska regiment is being mustered out at Fort Crook this week.

Representative Lissett introduced a resolution in the House last week limiting the number of bills introduced by each member of the House to five. Seeing that this resolution would not pass, Representative Ainsley offered an amendment making ten the limit. After much discussion, with some members asserting that they would stand by their "constitutional rights" and introduce all the bills they wanted to, the resolution was put to sleep.

The appointment of E. O. Mayfield of Omaha, editor of the Sunday World-Herald, to the position of member of the state board of control, by Governor Neville, to succeed Judge Howard Kennedy, occasioned somewhat of a stir in the state senate as well as among the friends of Kennedy. However, Mayfield, who is a Republican, had the endorsement of a majority of the Republican leaders of the state.

Six definite recommendations for legislative action have been made by the Nebraska state association of commercial clubs, and presented in a memorial to both the house of representatives and senate of the legislature.

The first recommendation is for an amendment to the present highway law, making the board of irrigation, highways and drainage the controlling body for highway improvement, with such other legislation as is needed to co-operate with the federal government in constructing national highways.

Second, an appropriation of \$50,000 is asked for to enable the conservation and public welfare commission to carry on its work of research in developing the resources of the state and in disseminating the data and information secured.

Third, sufficient funds are asked for to determine Nebraska's water rights and to protect the irrigated section of the state.

Fourth, the enactment of a state

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ALLIANCE GETS THREE CONVENTIONS

Knights of Columbus, Associated Commercial Clubs, and Nebraska Stockmen Coming

Alliance is getting to be a regular convention city. Within a short period of time the state convention of county commissioners, county supervisors and county clerks; the district convention of the North Platte district of the Odd Fellows and the district convention for the thirty-third district of the Rebekahs has been held here. Now two more state conventions are scheduled for Alliance, besides a big "pow-wow".

The Knights of Columbus of Nebraska will hold their state convention in Alliance Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, according to an announcement made this week by Secretary of the Commercial Club H. M. Bushnell, Jr. This means that there will be representatives from all over Nebraska in attendance, many of them really big men. It will afford Alliance another opportunity to extend the glad hand and "show" the visitors what Box Butte county and western Nebraska is like.

During the same month, May, the state convention of the Associated Commercial Clubs of Nebraska will be held in Alliance. The definite date has not been learned. This convention will bring to Alliance a group of Nebraska's live boosters. Boosting will be in the air and Alliance will be one of the biggest of the biggest. John W. Guthrie of this city is representative for the sixth district on the board of directors of the Associated Commercial Clubs of Nebraska.

Then in June comes the big stockmen's reunion, which takes the place of the usual annual stockmen's convention. The big "pow-wow" will be bigger and better than ever and will afford Alliance another opportunity to do the entertaining stunt in the usual thorough way.

ED. JEFFERS WAS ARRESTED AT BAYARD

Ed Jeffers was arrested Tuesday at Bayard. Sheriff Cal Cox has been on the lookout for him ever since he escaped while supposed to be out looking for a bond. He is charged with wife desertion and was bound over to the district court after a preliminary hearing before the county court.

PAYS FARMERS OVER \$100,000

Total Business Done by Alliance Creamery Past Year Is Increase of Twenty-two Per Cent.

Farmers and dairymen of Box Butte county and this section were paid a total of \$101,881 the past year for cream sold to the Alliance Creamery, according to a statement made by Mr. Spencer, manager of the local creamery, to the board of directors of the company. This is but another evidence that there is money in farming and dairying in Box Butte county. The Alliance Creamery has always paid the very highest market price for cream, and all other stations and creameries have been compelled to meet their price if they would continue in business.

During the year just closed the creamery made a total of 440,247 pounds of butter; 111 car loads of artificial ice, and 15,239 gallons of ice cream. The business for the past year, according to Mr. Spencer, is twenty-two per cent increase over the preceding year's business.

The company made extensive improvements during the past year and are planning other improvements for this year, but in the face of all this the company declared a dividend of five per cent. The Alliance creamery has enjoyed a rapid growth and gives every indication of becoming much larger. The creamery is a great asset to Alliance and is doing much for the dairymen of this section.

CHICKENS ARE GIVEN WARM RECEPTION

The fire department responded to a call about eleven o'clock Sunday night the fire being in some out buildings at the rear of the H. J. Ellis place, 417 Laramie. There were probably a dozen chickens in the coop, which is located next his garage. The cause of the fire is not known. The blaze was extinguished by the small chemical tank carried on the truck the damage being almost nothing.

SON OF MR. AND MRS. H. C. SITZMAN DEAD

Clarence, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Sitzman died at the family home, 219 Toluca, Wednesday afternoon from pneumonia. The boy was one month and ten days old. He is survived by his parents and one brother, Bernard, age three years. The funeral services will be held at the home Saturday afternoon. Mr. Sitzman is an engineer in the employ of the Burlington. The many friends of the family united with the Herald in extending to them their heartfelt sympathy.

Typewriter ribbons of all kinds—The Herald carries the largest stock in Alliance at all times. Phone 340

TO BUILD NEW POTASH PLANT

Corporation With \$100,000 Capital Fully Paid to Build Big Plant at Birdsall

MAY CONSOLIDATE ALL PLANTS

Mammoth Potash Refinery Said to Depend on Whether or Not Consolidation is Successful

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Plant 7 Miles East A new plant is to be erected at Birdsall on the line of the C. B. & Q. railway seven miles east of Alliance in Box Butte county for the purpose of making alkali products or potash, by the same process used by the Potash Products company at Hoffland, the Nebraska potash works and the American potash works at Antioch, and the Hord Alkali products company at Lakeside.

Have Abundant Capital The Herald reporter is not at liberty to give the names of any of the men who will engage in the new proposition, but he is at liberty to state that he has been informed, on what on the face of it seems to be the best of authority, that the new company will start with a capital stock of \$100,000, every cent of stock being fully paid. This indicates that there are men with abundant means at their command back of the proposition. While not a name can be given out at this time it might easily be assumed that certain Alliance men are interested in the new concern.

To Have Larger Output The plant to be built at Birdsall, which is now hardly more than a siding on the Burlington, will—it is stated—be the most modern plant of all and will have a larger output than any now in operation. The construction work is to be rushed and the plant completed as soon as possible, to plant to be in operation by the month of July, 1917.

Local parties interested in the new plant will not permit their names to be used at this time and will not state what lakes are to derive their resources from.

Companies May Consolidate While an announcement at this time may be premature, it is nevertheless understood that there is a movement on foot tending toward a consolidation of all companies engaged in the development of alkali resources in this section. If this consolidation is effected or is under way, then there is reason to believe the rumor that a large alkali products refining plant will be erected in or near Alliance in the very near future.

Talk of Refinery For some time there has been a persistent rumor that a big refinery is to be built, but those who should be in a position to know are either close mouthed regarding the proposition or deny all knowledge of it. However, it is understood that those backing the new company have a refinery in mind, and that they also are considering a consolidation.

Attracting Attention The alkali resources of Nebraska are now attracting great attention all over the country. Articles are appearing in different newspapers and periodicals telling of the wonderful development of this business in the last few years and of the fortunes being made. Sunday the Lincoln State Journal carried a story telling of the development of these resources. The Journal said:

Nebraska has a new industry—one of vital agricultural and commercial importance. This state now leads the world in the production of potash. The development of this natural resource has taken place almost entirely within the last five years. First investigations were made of the alkali lakes near Alliance in 1910, and since that time capital has been poured into the industry. Several plants are in operation and, together with those in construction, over three-quarters of a million dollars has been invested. From one plant alone, shipments of chemicals are made at the rate of two carloads daily, retailing at prices that would have seemed preposterous before the war.

War Causes Development The outbreak of the struggle in Europe has been the chief factor in the development of the alkali industry in Nebraska. With the shutting in this country off of supplies of chemicals from Europe, the industry in this country received a tremendous impetus. The lakes in northwestern Nebraska, formerly considered worthless, are now the center of attention by capitalists and promoters, and as the supply of alkalis and other valuable chemicals has been estimated at over 100,000 tons for asingle lake,

Leading Cash Crop "The potato industry in western Nebraska is today recognized as one of the leading phases of Nebraska's agriculture. The potato is western Nebraska's leading cash crop. At present there is no crop in the state that is receiving so much attention from the Nebraska Agricultural Extension Service and the United States Department of Agriculture as the potato. In fact it was through the Extension Service that the real significance of the industry was recognized and the first assistance given the potato growers. Today the most important potato counties have their County Agent. The industry is so important that many of the leading agricultural journals, dailies, local press, land agents, potato growers and prospective potato growers are constantly calling upon the Extension Service for information regarding the importance and all phases of the Western Nebraska Potato Industry.

Worth More Than Sugar Beets "As a potato producer Nebraska stood 10th, 12th, and 12th, for 1914, 1915 and 1916, among all the states in the Union. A study of a production map shows that Irish potatoes are grown quite extensively in every state. Based upon reports of the Office of Markets and Rural Organization, United States Department of Agriculture, Nebraska stood seventh in 1916 among all in total number of cars of potatoes shipped. Based upon the Bureau of Crop Estimates reports the value of the Nebraska potato crop at \$1.90 a bushel is \$7,500,000 or three times the value of the sugar beet crop of the Platte Valley.

The commercial potato section of Nebraska covers that portion of the state lying west of a north and south line through Broken Bow and South of a east and west line through North Platte. This section lies entirely west of the proverbial twenty four inch rainfall line. The elevation

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PLAN STOCKMEN'S REUNION IN JUNE

Would Combine County Fair and Reunion, Making a Hot Show all the Way Through

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Alliance Commercial Club here Monday evening it was decided to stage a big stockmen's reunion in Alliance this year, probably on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 27, 28 and 29. While the official stockmen's convention will be held at Valentine this year, it has been learned that the stockmen and the commission men are anxious to come to Alliance, knowing full well that no town in this section is better capable of staging a really "big" stunt than Alliance. It is believed that the stockmen's reunion when held here in June will outshine all of the "shiners" that have ever been held.

Make Directors Proposition As yet no definite arrangements have been made and none will be made until after Friday night, January 26, when the annual meeting of the Box Butte County Fair Association is to be held. At this time a proposition will be put up to the newly-elected directors of the fair association to combine the fair and reunion into the reunion, with the holding of a fall festival at about the time the fair would be held.

Means Bigger Show Experience has taught that Alliance cannot stage two really big stunts of this kind in a year. The time chosen for the Stockmen's Reunion will be a time when all farmers and ranchmen can get away, and should avoid a season of rain. If the association will co-operate the Commercial Club, it is stated, will advance a sum of money, probably \$1,000, to be considered as receipts, and after all expenses have been paid the club and the association are to share the profits on a 50-50 basis.

Races, Contests, and All It is planned to make the reunion a hummer. There will be horse races, stock exhibits, bucking horse contests, a big carnival with its mid-way and all that goes with it—in fact, an affair bigger than the county fair, but staged at a time that is more opportune.

If this goes through, then in the fall a Fall Festival will be held, and a big time enjoyed. Exhibits may be brought in and almost the equivalent of a fair had.

COUNTY AGENT WORK TO BE CONTINUED

Commissioners Make \$1,500 Appropriation—Federal and State Government Gives \$1,200

The office of county agent is to be maintained in Box Butte county. This fact became a certainty Monday when the Board of County Commissioners voted a \$1,500 appropriation for that purpose.

The action of the county commissioners meets with the approval of practically all land holders in Box Butte county. Before taking any action of the proposition the board received petitions signed by a large percentage of the land holders of the county and also from the business and professional men of Alliance. All expressed it as their desire to have the work continued.

Box Butte and Sheridan counties are two of nine counties in Nebraska with county agents, operating by grace of a federal statute. Uncle Sam contributes \$600 annually to the salary of the county agent in these nine counties, and the state of Nebraska pays a like sum. The other funds necessary to conduct the work have in the past been raised by popular subscription. However a time came when the federal government would not allow an appropriation unless the counties themselves came forward and recognized the work and provided funds to help carry it along. The action of the board on Monday was all that was needed to secure the federal and state appropriation for this coming year. The board made the appropriation of \$1,500 to be paid "whenever the funds are legally available."

Sheridan county has an appropriation of \$1,200 a year for this work the county board there having made their appropriation before the Box Butte commissioners got busy. County agent F. M. Seidell will remain in charge of the work in this county.

FOOT BALL TEAM GIVEN SWEATERS

The members of the 1916 Alliance High School football team were presented with their sweaters Monday morning. The sweaters contain service stripes on the left arm, one stripe for each year the player has played on the team.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

The report of F. W. Hicks, official weather observer for Alliance, for the week ending Wednesday, January 17, is as follows:

Table with columns: Jan. Max. Min. Snow Wind Day. Values: 11 52 12 NW Pt Cl'dy, 12 20 3 NW Pt Cl'dy, 13 20 -10 NW Pt Cl'dy, 14 20 2 NE Cloudy, 15 15 -2 2 NE Pt Cl'dy, 16 14 14 W Pt Cl'dy, 17 28 -18 W Pt Cl'dy

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PINNED UNDER AUTO--KILLED

Carl Bicknell Died at Home of His Parents Early Sunday Morning—Chest Crushed

ACCIDENT HAPPENED SATURDAY

Funeral Services Held at Home Wednesday Afternoon—House Filled with Friends

Funeral services for Carl Bicknell, who died at 9 o'clock Sunday morning following injury in an automobile accident which happened about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, were held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bicknell, 518 Toluca, yesterday afternoon, January 17, at 2 o'clock. Rev. William Carson Shaw of St. Matthew's Episcopal church preached the funeral sermon. The number who came to attend the funeral services of their friend and to extend their heartfelt sympathy to the parents and relatives in their sorrow completely filled the house. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Had Been Mile East of Town Carl Bicknell was about twenty years old and was a young man who had a host of friends in and about Alliance. He was an industrious young man and held the respect and esteem of all who knew him. The taking away of a young man of his calibre is a distinct loss to any community and is no exception to Alliance. The accident which resulted in his death happened about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon a mile east of this city on the road near the Harris ranch.

Had Been to Ranch William Rice and Carl Bicknell left Alliance the first of last week, going to the former's ranch north of Gordon on the Indian reservation. The return trip to Alliance was being made. The two men ate dinner Saturday noon at Gordon and were bound for Alliance. The car they were riding in was a Chalmers and belonged to Mr. Rice. It took them less than five hours to come from Gordon to the place where the accident happened, about a mile from Alliance. The distance from Gordon to Alliance is seventy miles across country. This makes an average speed for the distance of about fifteen miles an hour, but as they neared the city they became anxious to get home and so were running at a rate of probably thirty-five to forty miles an hour.

Heard Car Coming The exhaust on the car was open according to a statement made by Mrs. R. L. Harris and two children and a hired man, Martin Wilson, all of the Harris ranch. They heard the car coming before it was in sight.

Smashed into Bank South of the Harris ranch the car hit a small culvert and left the road. In the effort to get back to the road the rear wheels skidded against the bank, the wheels having hit an icy stretch in the bottom of the ditch. Two of the wheels were wrecked when the car smashed against the bank, and the car turned turtle. Bicknell was pinned to the ground. His chest was crushed into a space of about three inches. Neither of the men could jump when the accident happened as the side curtains on the car were down and hooked. William Rice in some unaccountable manner escaped with but a few bruises, just another evidence of the freakishness of automobile accidents.

Was Unconscious Within a very few minutes after the accident happened Henry Rust happened along, and he, with the assistance of others who gathered there, lifted the car off the unconscious man. The young man was immediately taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bicknell, 518 Toluca, in this city. A physician was immediately called and every effort made to save the young man's life, but efforts were fruitless. Internal hemorrhages set in and Carl Bicknell passed out of this life, relieved forever from his pain and suffering.

A Pitiful Sight When help arrived on the scene of the accident, they were confronted with a pitiful sight. William Rice was attempting with all his might to lift the automobile from off his companion's chest. There were tears in his eyes and his face showed the greatest suffering and he stood there bending every energy in his effort to get the car off the seemingly lifeless body of his companion. The accident left him stunned in a way. It is an experience that is bound to remain vivid in his memory—the suddenness of it, his inability to do anything to prevent it, and the sight of his friend there under the car, his chest crushed, and life apparently gone out.

Cause Not Known An examination of the car was made Sunday morning by a number of automobile men. The steering rod connecting the two front wheels was found to be loose, but no one

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