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DRY LAW WILL HAVE APPROVAL

Some "Wets" Claim is too Drastic but Drys Claim that a Limit Must be Placed on Imports

PLENTY OF VOTES TO PASS BILL

Few Slight Amendments May be Made in Committee but General Provisions will Remain

Lincoln, Feb. 7.—The "dry bill," introduced in the House of Representatives the night of January 31st—the last bill to be introduced for the session, number 793, is meeting with general approval. It was the result of several days and nights of hard work on the part of the special sub-committee—Senators Beal, Sandall and Chappell and Representatives Norton, Thomas and Flansburg. The committee worked all night long the night before the bill was introduced, in order to get it in proper shape. A night session was held Wednesday night in order to get this bill and others in under the time limit, this being the twentieth day of the session, the last allowed for the introduction of bills.

As representatives Noarton and Thomas walked down the aisle of the house, carrying the bulky document, the House rose to its feet and cheered following with singing "How Dry I Am" and other "patriotic" songs. The bill, after second reading, was referred back to the special prohibition committee who will allow hearings on the same. A few amendments will probably be made, but they will be of minor importance.

Important features of the bill are: Only one kind of liquor can be ordered in a period of thirty days, and by only one member of a family. No person can order more than one quart of whiskey, twenty-four pints of beer, or two quarts of wine within any thirty-day period.

Possession of a government liquor license is prima facie evidence of violation of the law. The attorney general of the state may file ouster proceeding against any local official who is recreant in enforcing the liquor laws.

Counties, cities and towns are to be held responsible for damages arising out of violations of the law. Power to enforce the law is placed directly in the hands of the governor, without the assistance of a special prohibition commissioner.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE STOCK JUMPS TO ALMOST PAR

Woman suffrage stock leaped to almost par yesterday when Norton's limited woman suffrage bill passed the Nebraska house of representatives three to one.

"JINKS" ON STANDARD DELIVERY AUTO TRUCK

A train of accidents followed the Standard Mercantile Company's delivery truck Saturday afternoon. In coming down Laramie avenue one of the front wheels came off, the car being thrown on its side.

THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

The meteorological record or report of F. W. Hicks, Alliance official observer for the weather bureau, United States department of agriculture, for the week ending Wednesday, February 7, is as follows:

Feb. Max. Min. Max. Wind Day 1 8 -22 -15 N Pt Clldy 2 22 -23 26 SW Pt Clldy 3 46 18 35 W Clear 4 38 -02 15 NW Clear 5 48 4 40 W Clear 6 42 26 34 NW Clear 7 48 18 38 W Clear

*Set Maximum—means reading of maximum thermometer immediately after setting.

BOYS GET FREE TRIP TO ALLIANCE

Members of Potato Club to Attend Potato Congress Here—Make Remarkable Showing

Eleven of the members of the Box Butte County Boy's Potato Club have finished their project for 1916 and have received from the state agricultural college and the public schools a "certificate of achievement" which is accepted in all accredited high schools as other accredited schools as equivalent to completing the agricultural course given in the rural schools.

These eleven members have gained much in the knowledge of growing potatoes, and while doing it earned money for themselves. These boys and others are planning on continuing the work this coming year.

The work was conducted locally under the supervision of the county agent, the Box Butte Farmers Association, the county superintendent of schools, and written lessons and report cards were furnished by the Extension Service of the college of agriculture. No member had less than an eight of an acre planted to potatoes, the highest acreage cared for by one member being 3.4 acres.

100.7 Bu. To Acre The total acreage grown by the 11 members was 14.39 acres or an average of 1.3 acres per member. The certified yield of the best one-eighth acre plots ranged from 57.7 bushels per acre to 189.2 per acre, averaging 115.4 bushels per acre. The total yields of the eleven members was 1450.2 bushels or an average of 100.7 bushels per acre.

In figuring the cost of production the arbitrary price of 50 cents per bushel for seed was allowed, the actual cost of chemicals for treating, 10 cents per hour for the labor of the club member, 15 cents per hour for the labor of others, and 8 cents per hour for horse labor. The total cost of producing the eleven club members' potatoes was \$155.45. The owner of the land was given one-fourth of the crop for rent. The club members' share of 1087.9 bushels cost \$155.45 or 14.2 cents per bushel.

Are Rewarded All of the potato club members will receive a free trip to the Boys Potato Congress to be held in this city this spring. The Burlington railroad has presented each member with a copy of Grubb's "Potato Book," and the Box Butte Farmers Association has presented each member with an official membership button. Several of the boys won prizes at the county fair on their potatoes. The winner of the first and second awards, in the county, will receive medals—the first being given a gold medal and the second a silver medal.

At \$1.25 per bushel, the value of the members' potatoes was \$1,359.87 or \$123.62 per member. The owner of the land received rent that made 125 per cent on the investment.

Boys of Box Butte county who are not already members of the 1917 Boys' Potato Club and who desire to get into the game, make some money for themselves and learn much concerning the growing of potatoes, may secure cards from the various teachers of the county or from the county agent, who is located at Alliance. It is expected that the 1917 club will see many more boys make the start and be in at the finish.

BILL FAVORED BY COMPANIES IS KILLED

Insurance agents and representatives of the many insurance companies are very much in evidence at Lincoln this week especially at the capitol building. The anti-discrimination insurance bill favored by the companies is the cause of the influx of insurance men. The bill was killed yesterday afternoon by the insurance committee, the vote being eight to one against the bill. John W. Guthrie, Alliance insurance man, stopped off in Lincoln on his return from Omaha where he had been attending a meeting of the agents of the Equitable Life Insurance Company.

QUITS THE NEWS—AFTER STATE JOB

C. M. Downs who owned an interest in the Alliance News has sold his interest in that paper to K. M. Hendee, his former partner. Mr. Hendee came here several months ago from Lincoln to conduct the paper. Mr. Downs has gone to Lincoln and this week has been endeavoring to get an appointment as deputy pure food commissioner. Mr. Downs' family lives in Lincoln.

JUDGE WESTOVER UNTIES SEVERAL NUPTIAL KNOTS

Judge Westover adjourned the special session of the district court, which he convened here on Tuesday, this morning. A number of equity cases and some probate matters received attention. Three divorces were granted. Mary Rust was given an absolute divorce from Walter I. Rust; Mable G. Newcomb was divorced from Claude W. Newcomb; Ann P. Kaiser was granted an absolute divorce from Henry Kaiser, and given her maiden name.

This morning at a meeting of the bench and bar resolutions of condolence were passed to be presented to William Mitchell and the members of the family because of the death of his father, Dr. George W. Mitchell.

WINNER IN BOX BUTTE POTATO CLUB

Kenneth Gilmore Awarded First in County, and Fourth in State—Other Awards

Kenneth Gilmore, living near Alliance, won first place in the list of winners in the Box Butte Potato Club this year. While winning first honors in the county he won fourth in the entire state. There were several handicappers this past year to the boy growers. Most of them had never grown anything like this before and it was all new to them, and this coupled with the fact that this section had but some fourteen inches of rainfall last year, all worked to a disadvantage. However, the disadvantages were overcome and Box Butte county stands to the front.

The awards in the potato club, together with the yield per acre, the cost of production per bushel and the score is given herewith:

Table with 4 columns: Club Winners, Yield per acre, Production per bu., Score in exhibits. Lists 11 winners including Kenneth Gilmore, Clara Sisley, Herbert Purinton, etc.

State Contest

In the state contest James Chaull of Chadron, Dawes county, won first place producing 264 bushels of potatoes at a cost of 10.5 per bushel. A boy in Kimball county ranks second, producing 246 bushels at a cost of 29 cents per bushel. Sheridan and Washington county tied for third, each had producing 220 bushels at a cost of 65 cents a bushel. Box Butte county and Kenneth Gilmore took fourth.

A. A. A. DEFEATED BY SCORE OF 36 TO 42

Alliance Boys Say Sidney Basketball Team upholds Reputation as Roughest Team in West

In a game marked throughout by rough playing, the Sidney Athletic Club defeated the four A's from Alliance, at Sidney, Wednesday night in basketball.

Gleason of Alliance started scoring with a long basket from the center of the floor. Sidney at once tied the score and the referee looked the other way while a prize fight was in progress. Alliance easily had the Sidney bunch outclassed in the first half, tying the score just as the whistle blew.

When the teams came on the floor the second half the crowd of Sidney supporters were so disgusted at the openness of Swanson's underhand playing that even his home town refused to allow him to return to the game.

Alliance again led in scoring and piled up a lead of six points. At this juncture Sidney sent in a new team, fresh and full of "pep", and the tables were turned. Owing to recent injuries neither Darnell, center, nor Black, forward, were able to make the trip to Sidney.

Sidney is coming to Alliance the 22nd. This will be fast and full of life and if the town will boost for the game the Alliance boys will defeat them with ease.

Following is the lineup of last night's game:

Lineup table with columns for A. A. A. and SIDNEY players and their positions.

Goals—Alliance: Gleason, 6; Perkins, 1; Johnson, 3; Coryell, 1. Sidney: Daniels, 6; Davis, 5; Johnston, 1; Parks, 3; Bliss, 3. Fouls: Gleason, 2. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

AVERAGE FARMER EARNS \$1,189

Results of Farm Management Demonstration to be Discussed Saturday Afternoon

A meeting will be held in the assembly room at the court house Saturday afternoon of this week, Feb. 10, at 2 o'clock. All who entered into the farm management demonstrations covering the 1915 crop year and all who co-operated during 1916, together with all who are interested in this work are urged to be in attendance. County Agent F. M. Seidell will discuss the results of the demonstration work.

Interesting Figures

This demonstration shows that the average Box Butte county farmer received for his labor \$1,189 after allowing interest at the rate of five per cent on an average farm or capital investment of \$17,193, and after paying all farm expenses including family labor, and receiving from the farm a home in which to live and with one-third to one-half of the table expenses of the family furnished by the farm. The reason why fifteen best paying farms gave the operator \$2,536 for his labor and why the poorest paying fifteen farms paid the operators \$144 for their labor will be pointed out and thoroughly discussed at the meeting to be held here Saturday.

The Basis of Work

These demonstrations provide the basis for the county agent work. The demonstration is based upon the actual farm business of the county. The "Relation of Capital to Farming in Box Butte County" as shown by the farm management demonstrations for the 1914 and 1915 crop seasons will be thoroughly explained.

Following the discussion relative to farm management there will be a short discussion pertaining to the Federal Farm Loan Act, and this will be explained for those who wish to take advantage of the act and for those who have not understood the principals of the act. County Agent Seidell states that all who are expecting to avail themselves of the privileges of the act should make application to the secretary-treasurer of the Alliance National Farm Loan Association. Fred Molling is the secretary-treasurer of the Alliance Association. The Omaha Federal Land Bank is expected to open its doors for business next Monday, February 12th.

THIRTY DAYS FOR INDECENT EXPOSURE

Robert Smith, a gentleman of color and a cook by trade, was arrested Tuesday on a complaint filed, being charged with indecent exposure of his person. This being the second offense of this kind that he has been hauled up for, Police Magistrate Roberts gave him thirty days in which to work for the city for his board, and lodging at Hotel La City Jail. Smith has been working on the streets since Tuesday, helping the street department dig trenches to let the water run off.

FORMER ALLIANCE DENTIST NOW CANADIAN CAPTAIN

J. M. Kennedy of this city has received a letter from his brother, Amos Kennedy, stating that the brother, who is serving with a Canadian regiment at the front, has been made a captain. Captain Kennedy is a former dentist of this city, having left here about two years ago at the outbreak of the European war. He went to Canada and enlisted in the army there.

OFFICER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY

County Judge Ira E. Tash Tuesday morning issued a warrant for Officer J. C. Henley of the Alliance police force. The warrant charges the officer with assault and battery. The hearing will be held Monday. The warrant was issued on information sworn to by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Emde.

Mr. and Mrs. Emde, who live in the same block with the Henleys, state that they had some clothing hanging on a line to dry and that Mr. Henley, wanting to use the line, came and threw the clothing, which was dry and clean, onto the ground. It is stated that Mrs. Emde then consulted her husband, who is employed on construction work at the new federal building site as a brick layer, and that the husband went to the scene to investigate the matter. It is alleged that when Emde appeared on the scene that Henley shoved him against the wall, struck him in the face and choked him.

As near as can be learned there has been trouble between the parties before. It seems that the officer, at the request of neighbors, had visited the Emde home in his official capacity some time before to protect against the whipping of a child.

Do you want to get into business for yourself or change your present vocation? The classified columns of this week's Herald present you with an opportunity. There is a chance offered to buy a half interest in a paying dry line. Are you interested?

DIRECTORS FAVOR APPROVAL OF BILL

Commercial Club Board Passes Resolutions which are Forwarded to State Law Makers

Two propositions were taken up at the meeting of the board of directors of the Alliance Commercial Club, held Monday, one being the boys' banquet to be held this month and the other relative to the bill before the Nebraska legislature calling upon the state to meet the provisions of the federal road bill.

Boys' Banquet on 22nd

The tentative date for the boys' banquet as set is for Washington's birthday, Thursday, February 22. A committee consisting of George Hellman, chairman; Harry Gantz, Jack Gleason, E. G. Laing and W. R. Harper was appointed to arrange for the banquet. As yet no speaker has been secured for the occasion, but Secretary Bushnell of the club states that efforts are being made to secure a "big" man for the occasion, a man who is known for his work with boys. The club hopes to hold the affair in the opera house, but whether or not it is staged there is said to hinge on whether or not the hall can be secured free of charge or for the payment of the actual expenses.

The directors passed a resolution favoring the bill now before the legislature calling for the state to meet the provisions of the federal road bill. Copies of the resolution have been sent to Representative Thomas and Senator Adams at Lincoln and also to Governor Neville.

Tells of Bill

Secretary Bushnell states that there has been a little opposition to the bill as introduced but states that he believes this is caused from either a misunderstanding of the bill or from a lack of knowledge. "The bill," states Mr. Bushnell, "is a bill which will permit Nebraska to secure federal aid for road building to the extent of probably \$1,500,000 within the next five years. The state is required to appropriate an amount equal to that apportioned by the federal government for Nebraska."

"The money to be secured by appropriation from the federal and state governments will be used, if secured," says Mr. Bushnell, "for the building and maintaining of permanent highways. There seems to be an impression among some that the big counties will build paved roads and all counties will have to help pay for it. This is a mistake. The money will be equally divided among all the counties of the state in proportion to the size and population of the respective counties. The bill provides for a maintenance feature and for competent engineers to conduct the work. The bill has been recommended favorably by State Engineer Johnson, by the State Association of Commercial Clubs, by every highway club in the state and by numerous farmers' organizations."

Proposed Plan "It is hardly intended that the money be used to build paved roads," continued Mr. Bushnell, "but rather as I understand it to build permanent dirt roads or composition roads. Alliance and Box Butte county would get its share, because it is contemplated, it is said, to build a network of roads connecting every county seat in the state, the big towns, and as many small ones as possible. Other roads would be built from town to town where there is a need."

The resolution passed by the directors of the Alliance Commercial Club and forwarded to Representative Thomas, Senator Adams and Governor Neville is as follows:

The Resolution Whereas, the Nebraska legislature has before it for consideration a bill or bills calling upon the state to meet the provisions of the government federal road bill;

Whereas, the Alliance Commercial Club, representing the sentiment of this community and being cognizant of the dire need for scientific and comprehensive road development in the state of Nebraska and especially in this district where we are acquainted with circumstances;

Whereas, we realize that the state of Nebraska will assume a backward position among her sister states in the important matter of good roads unless she devise some manner and means of obtaining them;

Whereas, we believe that the government bill together with the necessary support from the state, which includes the creation of a highway commission or a body with those powers, the levying of a special tax for roads and other important considerations, is the most efficient and feasible manner of obtaining these needed improvements; therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Alliance Commercial Club, that we favor and do hereby call upon all representatives and senators of our Nebraska legislature to act favorably upon these bills or suggestions and do urge them to support the proposals advanced by the State Association of Commercial Clubs in the good roads matter.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our representative, senator, and the governor, and by them presented to the parties who must pass upon the legislation.

ALLIANCE COMMERCIAL CLUB Earl D. Mallory, President. H. M. Bushnell, Jr., Secretary.

COLLECT PAST DUE PLEDGES

Farmers' Association Leaves Accounts with Banks of County for Collection

BIG MEETING FEBRUARY 24

Association to Be Re-organized—To Be Called "Box Butte County Farm Bureau"

During the past two years, and until the board of county commissioners of Box Butte county voted an appropriation of \$1,500 per year to aid the work, the Box Butte County Farm Management Association raised money by subscription to carry on the county agent work in this county. The federal government and the state of Nebraska provided funds but other funds were required to be raised in order to secure this aid. A considerable sum, about \$500, of the money pledged by residents of Box Butte county, yet remains unpaid. The money is needed right now the worst way to cover expenses and bills still unpaid.

About \$600 Uncollected

The association board has been considering the matter of how to collect this money for some time, and at their recent meeting decided that some definite plan must be followed. Statements have been sent out from time to time, and while many have responded, enough have as yet failed to respond to make a total of about \$600 still outstanding. The board decided that they would place all unpaid pledges in the hands of the various banks of the county for collection.

Urge All to Attend The meeting of the association will be held at the Box Butte county court house Saturday afternoon, February 24. Every member of the association is expected to attend this meeting. More than that, every member of the association is urged to attend, for this will be one of the most important meetings of the year.

To Re-Organize

It is proposed to re-organize the association and it is desired that the largest attendance possible be present to take part in the discussion of the proper manner of procedure for carrying out the various projects and measures to be taken up. Committees will be appointed at this meeting to look after the welfare work of the association and the agricultural development work in the county.

Name to Be Changed

Plans for the work during the coming year call for a re-organization of the association, a re-organization being necessary now that the county has made an appropriation to aid in the work. It is proposed to change the name of the association from the "Box Butte County Farm Management Association" to the "Box Butte County Farm Bureau." There will be a small membership fee charged. Before, pledges were secured, but since the county appropriated \$1,500 to aid in the work it will be necessary to charge but a small fee to members to cover expenses that may not rightfully be paid from the appropriated funds, such expenses covering the co-operative sales bulletin to be issued by the county agent.

Will Issue Bulletin

This bulletin will print free of charge to members, lists of stock, grains and other articles for sale or desired to be purchased. These bulletins will be mailed to all members who can then get in touch with those offering or wanting that desired by the member.

Sixteen Projects

The association will undertake three major projects and thirteen minor projects during the coming year. The work was outlined by County Agent Seidell and submitted to the board, who gave their unanimous approval. Following is the schedule of work as outlined for the year 1917:

- Major Projects 1. Farm Management. 2. Boys' and Girls' Club Work. 3. Potato Improvement Work: (a) Potato Improvement. (b) Potato Disease Control. (c) Potato Marketing.

- Minor Projects 1. Home Demonstration Work. 2. Oat Smut Control. 3. Wheat Smut Control. 4. Animal Disease Control. 5. Crop Records. 6. Crop Tests. 7. Farmers' Exchange. 8. Farmers' Institutes. 9. Agricultural Tours. 10. Community Organization and Development. 11. Pure Bred Live Stock Promotion. 12. Control of Animal and Insect Pests. 13. Rural Engineering and Sanitation.

THEY SAID: "GOOD MORNING, JUDGE"

Will Jones was arrested for being drunk. Police Magistrate Roberts fined him \$5 and costs. This was Jones' third visit to Judge Roberts. Dan Murphy was fined \$1 and costs for a like offense, as was P. J. Johnson.