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WOULD REPAIR OLD CAPITOL

Chairman of Finance Committee of Opinion that $50,000 Would Put Capitol in Shape

SENATE STANDS BY HOWARD

Senator Adams' Building and Loan Association Bill Passes Senate—Will Make Them Careful

Lincoln, Feb. 28—Chairman Reischick of the House finance committee, popularly known as "Economy Reischick", does not favor the erection of a new capitol building for Nebraska at this time but would rather see an appropriation of $50,000 for the purpose of repairing the old east wing of the present state house. House Roll 1, introduced by Richmond of Omaha, would raise the money for a new building by yearly levies.

Most of the Omaha delegation are backing a new capitol at Lincoln, and there is considerable sentiment among the members in favor of it. If the Richmond bill succeeds in getting thru, it will be because the expense is to be distributed thru a series of yearly levies that will make it easy to raise the $3,000,000 desired. The difficulty of guessing which will happen, a new building or a repaired one, lies in the fact that sentiment is not crystalized in either house on the proposition, and some powerful arguments for a new building may sway the sentiment that way.

Aside from the natural disinclination of members to order so large an expenditure as a new capitol will require, there stands the fact that it would cost about a million more right now than in ordinary times. This is used as an argument to postpone the building by some of the members and meet the present exigency by a lot of repairs. The floor on the south side of representative hall takes a big slant that gives a person a tipped-over sensation when he walks along there, and this is sufficient hint that something must be done.

The question of whether to build an ornate capitol costing a million or so in which only the governor and the supreme court and law library shall be housed and supply the other officers with room in a big million-dollar ten or fourteen-story business building in an outside block nearby is not much debated. The general feeling is that before anything is done a commission should take a lot of time getting architects to submit designs and ideas, and for this reason the repair scheme is likely to go thru this legislature. Some contend that any money spent on repairs is just that much wasted.

Although the House has been working thirty-nine days, and eight weeks of the session are passed, only four bills have reached the governor for signature.

Some of the more experienced members of the house are beginning to get a little worried about the fate of some of their measures. The committee have been doing faithful work, but with nearly 800 bills to pass upon, this is a gigantic task. The last two house of the afternoon and some evenings are put in by most of the committees. The general file, however, is already choked, and bills that are reported out a week or two hence will have a dubious future. At least two weeks' work is already listed for the house on its calendar, and in that time a hundred or more other bills will be coming out. In the meantime bills that have passed the senate will be clamoring for committee consideration, and this will take time. The same condition exists in the senate, as each body is devoting its attention to getting its own bills out and passed first. The fact that half of the bills will be killed in one house or the other and only about one in six of the total will get thru the mill makes the appointment of a sifting committee a necessity in the near future, in the house at least, where the bills number twice those of the senate.

A. T. Lunn of Alliance was a welcome visitor at the capitol building Friday. He was in Lincoln for the hearing on freight rates. During his spare time he paid Fire Commissioner Ridgell a visit and also visited the House while in session. Jack Mann of Bridgeport was another visitor from the western end of the state, being in Lincoln over Sunday.

Senate File 112 by Adams of Dawes has passed the Senate. This bill, according to Senator Adams, will make building and loan associations more careful in the future in making promises or contracts which they afterwards repudiate. He says it will give patrons the right to sue in the county in which they live or in which the cause of action arose. At the present time the patron must go to Lincoln or Omaha or some other city where the company has its headquarters, in order to get justice.

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RECEIVES TWO OFFERS TO PLAY BALL

John King Expects to Remain in Alliance and Open up Big Billiard Parlor, New Place

John King has received a contract from the Denver team of the Western League, offering him a job with the team for this season. The terms are for six months, at $250 a month. If he could be released from the Denver club he has an offer from the Oakland, Calif., club of the Pacific coast league.

However, Mr. King expects to stay in Alliance. He is considering building on the site of his present billiard parlor and opening up a first-class, fourteen-table billiard parlor. While he is not certain yet just what he will do, if he decides to build, the work will start early this spring and will be rushed to completion.

Mr. King is a classy twirler and if he remains in Alliance will play with the Alliance nine.

Jack Pendleton will also play with Alliance this year. In 1913 he played a part of the season with the South Bend, Ind., team of the Central League and in 1914 played with the Omaha club of the Western League.

BEATRICE WINS BASKETBALL GAME FROM A. A. A. A.

At the high school gymnasium last night the Beatrice Business College basketball team won from the four As of Alliance by a score of 35 to 10. The game in the first half was all in favor of the Beatrice boys, Alliance making only one point. In the second half, however, the local team held their opponents to nearly an even score. It is stated that the Beatrice boys are clean and fast, and are all stars.

PIONEER MOTHER CALLED BEYOND

Funeral of Mrs. Eliza Hicks, Who Died Monday Night, to Be Held at Baptist Church Friday

Mrs. Eliza J. Hicks, one of the pioneers of this section of Nebraska, died at her home in this city, 407 Laramie avenue, Monday night following an extended illness from pneumonia. She was about 74 years of age. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday, March 2, at 1 o'clock, at the Baptist church, and burial will be made in the family lot in the cemetery here.

Eliza J. Hicks was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1833, and came to America with her parents at the age of 11, locating at Quebec, Canada. A few years later she moved to the state of New York, returning somewhat later to Ontario, Canada, where she was united in marriage to Norman H. Hicks.

Mrs. Hicks was the mother of eight children, three boys and five girls, all born in Canada and all living with the exception of one daughter. The children are: Mrs. W. J. Marsh of Yorbalinda, Calif.; Allen Hicks of Thermopolis, Wyo.; George Hicks of Ravenna, Nebr.; Mrs. W. J. Snyder of Rickmond, Ill.; Mrs. Lulu Bayless of Kansas City, Mo.; and Mrs. Edith L. Turcott and John R. Hicks of Alliance.

Deceased came to Nebraska thirty-six years ago from Canada, locating in Harlan county at Holdrege near Sweetwater. Her people, the Elliotts, came from New York state a few years before, and she followed, coming from her home in Canada. She was actively associated with the early history of Nebraska, her home always being the center of the community activities, the church and Sunday school meeting being held at her home. About twenty years ago she came to Box Butte county and has made this her home ever since. While she owned the residence property in Alliance and reserved a portion of the home for her own use, much of her time during the past ten years was spent on the ranch eighteen miles southeast of Alliance, which was operated by her son and daughter, Mrs. Turcott and John Hicks.

All the children will be here for the funeral Friday with the exception of Mrs. Snyder. Mrs. Hicks is also survived by one brother, Allen Elliott, who is postmaster at Regan, Nebr. Mrs. Hicks retained her faculties almost to the last, and was very much interested in all the live questions of the day.

THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

The metrological 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 28, is as follows:

Feb	Max	Min	Snow	Wind	Day
22	60	26		N	Clear
23	41	11		NW	Clear
24	55	17		W	Clear
25	59	37		W	Clear
26	53	10		W	Clear
27	41	11		W	Clear
28	32	15	5	NW	Pt Cl'dy

REORGANIZED ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Box Butte Farmers' Association Held Saturday at Box Butte Court House

NOW CALLED FARM BUREAU

Meeting Called by Commercial Club Secretary Results in Sub-committee of Farm Bureau

At a meeting of the Box Butte Farmers' Association held at the court house Saturday it was voted to change the name of the organization from the Box Butte Farmers' Association to the Box Butte Farm Bureau. Membership in the Bureau is limited to bona fide farmers of Box Butte county, who sign the constitution and by-laws of the Bureau. The same constitution and by-laws will be followed with the exception that the word "Bureau" will be substituted for the word "Association." In addition to this change the membership fee of $5 is eliminated entirely.

Meets Requirements

The Box Butte County Farm Bureau as organized out of the old Farmers' Association at the meeting held Saturday will fulfill all the requirements for continuing the county agent work as provided in House Roll 550 introduced into the state legislature by Representatives Dalby of Page county and Thomas of Box Butte and Sheridan counties. This bill provides that in counties where a farm bureau is organized which has a membership of twenty-five per cent of the farmers of the county or a total of 250 farmers, the board of commissioners or supervisors of the county shall make an appropriation for the local support of the county agent work. This was partly provided for in sections 70, 71, 72 of the 1913 revised statutes of Nebraska, but this did not make it compulsory with the board. As the law was it was possible for a county board, if they wanted to hold out, to do away entirely with the county agent work by refusing to make an appropriation in compliance with the requirements made by the federal and state laws as to the giving of state aid.

Besides taking up the work of reorganizing at the meeting Saturday, the regular monthly business was taken up and attended to.

Farmers at Dinner

Several farmers met with the secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club yesterday noon at the Alliance hotel at the dinner house. A dinner was served the farmers, who were in attendance at the invitation of the Commercial Club. The meeting was called to discuss some matters along publicity lines that would work to the best interests of Box Butte county. Methods of advertising that would eventually work a hardship on the county and be a roarback in fact were condemned.

Seidell at Meeting

There was a general discussion at which the various farmers present gave their opinions. County Agent F. M. Seidell was in attendance. After discussing the proposition thoroughly it was decided that no new organization was needed, but that more meetings might be held in the future, meeting as a sub-committee of the Box Butte County Farm Bureau, the reorganization of the Farmers' Association.

The special object of the meeting was to devise legitimate, upright and honest means of advertising this county with the idea of bringing farmers here who will build permanent homes and become substantial citizens of the community. The whole subject might be summed up in the expression, "Good Development with No Reaction."

KAISER PLOTS WAR ON U. S.

Would Unite Mexico and Japan against This Country—Plans Made to Split Nation

PRESIDENT WILSON HAS PAPERS

Coast Port War Plots by Germans Discovered—Wireless Station Operating Is Found

A German plot to unite Japan and Mexico in war on the United States is said by the Associated Press to be proved by papers in the hands of President Wilson. It is stated the kaiser has promised Texas, Arizona and New Mexico to General Carranza and that the provisional president has been told to ask the mikado of Japan to betray his allies and join with Germany and Mexico. It is stated that the plan is to split the nation by invasion. The situation as foreseen by naval and military experts point to a complete submarine blockade of the eastern coast, a blockade of the western coast by the Japanese fleet, permitting transports to land millions of Japanese soldiers on Mexican soil and transport them over the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad to the United States border. German plans conceive of them fighting their way against Uncle Sam's 185,000 men, up through the Mississippi valley and cutting the nation in two. Submarine bases in Magdalena bay and Mexican gulf, already mentioned in diplomatic negotiations, would cut off the Panama canal. The American fleet, compelled to guard both coasts, would have its strength split in two.

The authorities learned yesterday that a powerful wireless station, the operators of which transmitted messages in the slow, methodical manner typical of the German naval radio service, has been in service at a point several miles south of Turtle bay, Lower California.

A copy of Zimmerman's instructions to Von Eckhardy, sent through Von Bernstorff, is in possession of the United States government. This document dated at Berlin January 19, 1917, has been in the hands of this government since President Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. Of itself, if there was no other, it is considered a sufficient answer to the German chancellor's plaint that the United States "brusquely" broke off relations without giving "authentic" reasons for its actions.

SAYS SUITS ARE POPULAR THIS YEAR

For the benefit of the ladies of Alliance I wish to state that suits will be exceedingly popular this spring and this information is backed by all of the leading style designators of the east and the leading market senters of the country. I make this statement because one merchant has said that suits will not be correct for spring wear, but it is very evident that the remark was occasioned by his shortage of these garments rather than by fashion's dictate. Suits will be more popular tnan ever regardless of this misleading information.—A. G. ISAACSON, THE FASHION SHOP.

STOLE FROM ROOM MATE—BOUND OVER

William White after a hearing before Police Judge Roberts was bound over to the district court. He is charged with stealing a watch, chain and money, totaling $73, from Louis Ambrose at the Western hotel during Tuesday night. The two men were occupying the same room.

Investment in Box Butte County Doubly Inviting

Farm Management in Box Butte Co.

Article No. 2

(By F. M. Seidell, County Agent)

Every line of business realizes that it is dependent upon capital, as well as labor. There are many who while they fully appreciate the value of labor to farming as a business, have not appreciated the relation of capital to the same busines.

One has but to make an inventory of the average farm of the corn belt and he will find in many cases that it is more than the capital stock of the bank of the community.

It is true that where farmers are not provided with working capital in sufficient amounts and at satisfactory rates that the industry suffers and as a result all lines of business are effected. Farm management records show that farmers on all regions operated on limited capital fail to make the best returns.

At the present land values and at the prices of food products commonly marketed from the farms, farm management surveys conducted—in eastern and western Nebraska—show that the average farmer in Box Butte county makes as much for a labor income as the eastern Nebraska farmer and does it in 25 percent less capital. In time the price of land will increase in this county so that this advantage will not exist. Until that time investment in land in this county is doubly inviting.

The following table showing the relation of capital perfarm to labor income, based on the 1914-1915 crop years and taken from 110 Box Butte county farme records, will prove most interesting to those interested in farm management work.

Capital Invested	No. of Farms	Average Capital	Labor Income
$2,000 to $12,000	30	$ 8,071	$455
$12,001 to $20,000	35	$ 16,004	$604
$20,001 to $30,000	28	$ 24,098	761
$30,001 to $——	17	$ 42,024	944

FOUR IMPLICATED IN ROBBERY OF INDIAN

Accused Men Out on Bonds—Hearing to Be Held Friday Morning before Judge Tash

W. H. Voit, Ed Brennan, Clarence Morgan and Ed Dillon are under arrest charged with being mixed up in a peculiar affair that happened Monday night. They are out on $1,000 bonds. Their hearing was to have been held this morning before Judge Tash in county court, but a postponement was secured until Friday morning.

Ignacio Ribberro, a Banner county Indian of reputed wealth, claims to have been robbed of $100 Monday night, while his companion, Isher by name, was robbed of $30. It is claimed that the men came to Alliance with considerable money. In the afternoon they drank some. Ribberro alleges that when the saloons closed they went into a pool hall and that when they started out the back door some one proceeded to beat up the Indian while another robbed him. Isher made himself scarce immediately. He went down the street to the bowling alley and ente ed. While he was standing there Voit, so it is claimed, and his gang entered and proceeded to give Isher a beating. Isher beat it up the srteet when the door, which had been locked, was finally opened. Ribberro identified Voit as the man who hit him.

ISAACSON CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN

A. G. Isaacson, owner of The Fashion Shop, has announced his candidacy for the position of councilman from the Third ward and asks that the voters of that ward consider his name when they vote at the coming city election.

"Abe," as his many friends call him, is a man well qualified to handle the duties of a councilman and since his residence in the city has always taken a great interest in municipal affairs. He is a member of the Alliance fire department, and a genuine booster for Alliance, first, last and all the time.

MARSLAND PEOPLE WERE PLEASED

Mid-Winter Chautauqua, Conducted by Methodist Preacher, a Success

The mid-winter Chautauqua, held in the M. E. church at Marsland, from Sunday, February 18, to Sunday, February 25, was declared by the people of that town and the surrounding country to be a pronounced success. The program was put on entirely by western Nebraska talent.

Prior to the last day, Sunday, February 25, subjects of a general nature were presented as well as some of a religious character. In addition to those that were mentioned in The Herald last week, Rev. Smith of Crawford spoke Monday evening, Rev. Calame of Whitney on Tuesday evening, and A. S. Enyeart of Box Butte county Thursday evening.

Differing from the usual Chautauqua program, the last day was devoted to the subject of religion and was designated as a day of spiritual uplift. Owing to sickness in Alliance the "Gospel Team" from this city was not as large as had been expected. In addition to John W. Thomas, who had charge of the Sunday services, Prof. Rex Truman of the Alliance high school and John H. Carroll were there.

The evening service in particular will long be remembered by those who were present. The musical part of the service was conducted by Mr. Truman in a very pleasing manner. He also gave an address on "The Value of An Ideal." Mr. Carroll by request related his religious experience, giving an account of his conversion and telling of his life prior and subsequent to that event. Following his talk, an invitation was given and seven persons came forward to signify their intention of beginning the Christian life.

A. H. S. WON TWO GAMES FRIDAY NIGHT

The Alliance high school basketball teams won two games Friday night from the Sidney teams. The boys' team won by a score of 25 to 10, while the girls won by a score of 39 to 0.

TILLER STORE IS IN CONSOLIDATION

On Tuesday J. F. Tiller closed a deal whereby he consolidates his 5, 10 and 25 cent store in Alliance with the national 5 and ten cent stores, operating a chain of ten cent stores. Mr. Tiller will continue to manage the store. The national stores have a greater buying power than one individual store and for that reason are enabled to buy cheaper and sell the same way.

The Woman's Choral Club and the Imperial Orchestra gave the second of the series of municipal concerts with community singing at the Imperial theatre Sunday afternoon. There was a good attendance present.

HELD MEETING AT BRIDGEPORT

Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska Re-organized on Tuesday

BUSHNELL IS NO WPRESIDENT

Will Attempt to Get Desirable and Free Publicity for This Section of Country

A meeting of the Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska was held at Bridgeport Tuesday of this week, which was attended by some sixteen representatives from various commercial clubs. A number of more or less important matters affecting the welfare and progress of the Panhandle country were gone into. The meeting was characterized by enthusiasm and the dominate spirit of co-operation among the communities and clubs of this district was prevalent. President W. C. Rundin of Crawford called the meeting to order, outlining the purposes of the meeting and thanking the delegates for their attendance. H. M. Bushnell, Jr., of Alliance acted in the capacity of assistant secretary.

Organization upon a comprehensive and strong financial status was the first matter taken up. It was a revelation to all those in attendance to realize the spirit of self aid that permeated the talks and sentiments of the meeting. President Rundin called upon various delegates to respond to a brief talk on what their organizations had accomplished.

Bushnell Talks

Secretary Bushnell of the Alliance Commercial Club spoke for Alliance and outlined the plans and accomplishments of the club for the past year. He laid special emphasis upon the publicity side for this western country and advanced the plan of procuring free but desirable advertising in the various publications that go to interested people. The work for roads was touched upon as was the matter of conventions, of which Alliance has had a number during the past year.

For Bridgeport Mr. Marsh, the community organizer who has been doing considerable work in western Nebraska, spoke of the community-club idea which embodied in its membership every class and clan within the trade district of a town.

George C. Gorton, speaking in behalf of Crawford, narrated their accomplishments and activity and told of their success in getting rate adjutsments. He laid special emphasis upon the matter for the people as a whole to become interested in this country. He advanced the spirit of co-operation and the idea of mutual benefit and stated "that the interest of the town and community of western Nebraska were not independent but rather interdependent." W. C. Rundin also spoke for Crawford, told of their road work, the activity among the ruralists.

Keith Pierce There

Keith Pierce reporting the Hemingford club told first of their reorganization and the new lease of life that Hemingford was having. He quoted as an example of mutual benefit the work of the Alliance Commercial Club which he stated was making great strides for Box Butte county and as an example of their work told of how Hemingford and the whole country was reaping the benefit growing out of the activity of the Alliance Commercial Club. Mr. Pierce advanced one of the finest thoughts in road building that the meeting had. It was his idea and the idea of the Hemingford Commercial Club to concentrate on main trunk line roads, on the theory that a main trunk line road in excellent condition every six miles both east and west would enable the country with its meager road money to build substantial roads that would serve every part, whereas to attempt to build sectional roads with our handicap of funds would mean no good roads at all.

A. B. Wood of Gering spoke for Gering, told of their reorganization as a community league, the plan of their weekly dinners and the reorganization of Gering and the elimination of the sectional fight between portions of that city. He was followed by Dr. Young of Gering, who spoke briefly on good roads, on the hospital matter, laying special emphasins and drawing a parallel detailing the accomplishments that southern California had gained through unit co-operation and stating that the Panhandle country of western Nebraska could do the same, and expressed his belief that the proper organization to accomplish that was the Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska.

Mr. Marks spoke for Mitchell and explained their manner of accomplishing things. Mitchell has an unique community club in that it is without officers or dues. They merely work in unison and have accomplished a great deal by that plan. They hold weekly luncheons at which they have an average attendance of about sixty. After the report from the various towns, the

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