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SIFTING NOW ORDER OF DAY

Committees Will Take Charge of General Files in House and Senate to Hurry Legislation

WILL SLASH RIGHT AND LEFT

Several Alliance People Visited Capitol City During the Past Week

Lincoln, March 13—Unless the House should by a majority vote reverse its action the general file in that body will on Wednesday pass into the hands of a committee of eleven Democrats and four Republicans, to be named by the committee on committees.

The motion was presented by Taylor at the Saturday morning session and adopted without any objection. This means that the eleven men thus selected will dictate the order of business for the committee of the whole. It will take from the calendar only those bills which it desires and put them up to the committee of the whole.

Its decisions now to bring forward bills may be overridden by the house if the members interested in them can secure enough votes to lift their bills. It is rare that this is done unless the sitting committee acts arbitrarily.

Under the motion adopted at the beginning of the session no member of the committee on committees shall be a member of the sifting committee, but this does not bar them from having friends thereon. This bars the following from membership on the sifting committee: Taylor, Thomas, Trumble, Anderson, Swanson, Norton, Fuller, Dau, Osterman, Raske, Sass, Shannon, Bulla, Dafoe, Riedick.

Five Irish members of the house introduced a resolution expressing the sympathy of the legislature with the struggle of Ireland to secure the application of the home rule to the end that the Irish nation shall become a sovereign state. It went over under the rules.

Peterson said he favored the sentiment of the resolution, but rather objected to the declaration therein that all members of the legislature were bound by ties of blood to Irishmen. Hoffmeister said he could see no objection as he had an Irish son-in-law and Irish grandchildren.

Reisner, whose propensity to talk was made the subject of a recent newspaper article, rose to a question of personal privilege. He spoke of it as a curious and strange article. He had no fuss with the newspapers, and he felt kindly disposed to the splendid gentlemen who represented them in the house.

Rev. A. Reisner, the oratorical representative from Thomas county, whose exhortations delivered in pulpit style are a frequent occurrence in the lower branch of the legislature, eclipsed all his past performances on Thursday forenoon by securing recognition and speaking no fewer than seventeen times within a period of two hours and forty-five minutes.

It was "Reisner day" for fair, and the member from Thomas county got a good early start. He began at 9:45 and at 12:15 he broke into the debate with an average frequency of once every nine minutes.

Here is a record of the parliamentary activities of the gentleman from Thomas county on Thursday morning:

- 9:43—Spoke on county commission government bill, and offered amendment.
10:13—Spoke against the bill.
10:33—Offered amendment to another bill, which was defeated.
10:49—Inquired about the salary of deputy hotel inspector, in connection with a pending bill.
10:55—Talked on same matter.
11:07—Spoke again on same bill.
11:25—Spoke on bill to limit interest and commission on loans.
11:30—Proposed that the bill go over.
11:34—Moved that it be laid over. Motion not considered.
11:36—Answered a question from Mr. Fries, as to why he wanted it to go over.
11:42—Spoke in favor of Greenwall's amendment.
11:51—Called down Mr. Fultz, who had spoken for the bill, because the latter does not live in western Nebraska.
12:09—Spoke against bill.
12:12—Replied to objection from

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUES.

Officials and Employees Made Regular Monthly Reports—Special Meeting 22nd

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Tuesday evening at the council chamber. A special meeting will be held March 22 to clean up unfinished business. The meeting held Tuesday night was the last regular meeting of the present administration and the last regular meeting before the city election to be held April 3.

Reports of the various city officers and employees were received, accepted and placed on file. The report of J. E. Hughes, superintendent, and Grace H. Kennedy, cashier, of the electric light and water department of the city, shows that the net earning of the light department for the month ending February 15 was \$1,154.49. The gross earnings were \$3,747.25. Discounts to the amount of \$254.28 were allowed. The operating expenses amounted to \$2064.95. Construction work cost \$273.50.

The receipts from the water department for the month ending February 15 amounted to \$1,564.58. The receipts for the same period last year were \$1,274.54. The number of consumers is given as 700, as compared to 687 the same period last year.

The report of T. D. Roberts, police magistrate, shows fines to the amount of \$28 collected during the month. Judge's fees amounted to \$37.70. Marshal's fees totaled \$27.30. The total amount collected was \$93.

The report of A. Gregory, city treasurer, showed a balance of \$959.69 in the general fund. Warrants to the amount of \$74.95 and interest amounting to \$3.77 were paid from this fund, leaving a balance in the fund of \$880.97. Registered warrants amounted to \$27,044.34. The balance in the water fund amounted to \$1,309.01 the first of February. A total of \$1,079.20 was paid out, leaving a balance in this fund of \$229.81. The balance in the light fund the first of February was \$6,682.12 which with \$4,141.62 received during the month, made a total of \$10,823.74. A total of \$2767.94 was paid out of this fund leaving a balance on hand of \$8055.80. The cemetery balance was \$435.33 with \$1156.20 in registered warrants.

ALLIANCE NOW A POSTAL DIVISION

Mail Clerks Will Make Runs out of Here—Brings Eighteen Men to Alliance

Alliance the past week has been made a division point for postal clerks on the Burlington. This will bring to Alliance some eighteen clerks, and if they are married, it will mean that many extra families. The change takes the division away from Edgemont, and also affects Omaha.

Heretofore the railway postal clerks have had their runs from Omaha or Lincoln to Edgemont, and from Edgemont to Billings. The change makes the divisions at Omaha or Lincoln, Alliance, Gillette and Billings. The clerks will go each way out of Alliance. The clerks are expected to arrive in Alliance within a few days.

When it was known that the change was contemplated the Omaha Commercial Club immediately got busy and brought pressure upon Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Lobeck, of the Second district, in an effort to keep the change from going into effect. Then the Alliance Commercial Club got busy and took the matter up with Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Kinkaid. The order has gone into effect and the men will be in Alliance in a few days.

LEASING MORE OIL LAND F. M. Allen, manager of the German-Wyoming Oil Company, in which a number of leading Alliance men are interested, returned to this city yesterday, after adding to the holdings of the company a lease on 160 acres of land in the heart of the Muddy Oil district. In the carrying out of present plans, if developments turn out according to present prospects, the German-American Oil Company will be strictly in it within a year or two, as a producer and money maker.

MORE SEWARD COUNTY PEOPLE Mr. and Mrs. Joe Narves and two children, Esther and Harold, who arrived last month from Beaver Crossing, Neb., have taken up their residence on their farm, four and one-half miles east of Alliance. Seward county people are becoming numerous in this part of the state, but a cordial welcome awaits more of them who want to come, as no doubt many more will.

Geo. E. Davis filed his petition with the city clerk Monday as councilman from the Third ward. Mrs. Swigert, grand matron of the Eastern Star, is expected Sunday for a short visit before returning to her home at Gordon.

COMMUNITIES ARE REPORTING

Woman County Agent Can Meet with but Five Communities in Box Butte This Summer

FIRST MEETING IS SCHEDULED

Mrs. J. A. Keegan Secured Names of Twenty-five Women Who Will Meet at Keegan Home

There seems to be a growing interest over the county in the woman county agent work. Mrs. J. A. Keegan has secured the names of twenty-five women of her community who will meet for the first meeting in Box Butte county at the Keegan home. The plan of the woman county agent work is to conduct it only in those communities where the women are willing to meet regularly each month at a different home each time and where at least twenty farm women wish to take up the work. Larger groups of women than thirty make the work rather confusing and the individual attention cannot be given.

Of Peculiar Interest The work will be such that it will be of peculiar interest to the women on the farms of this county. Some communities are in mind for beginning the work, but it is hoped that communities will bid for the work in this county the same as they have in Dawes and Sheridan counties. Communities should not be too large or the distance to the meetings would be prohibitive.

It is not planned to affiliate the woman county agent work with any organized clubs. The work is to be conducted on a purely democratic basis, where all the women of the community are invited to the meetings. The first meetings will be during the early part of April.

Suggested Communities a re: southwest of Hemingford, northwest and west of Hemingford, east and northeast of Hemingford, north, northeast and northwest of Alliance, and the community already asking for the work east and south of Alliance. Work cannot be extended under the arrangement to more than five regular communities in the county this year. So it is up to the people of the different communities for the time being to apply for the work and to secure the enrollment of women and girls.

Miss Rokhar's salary is paid by the state, and the expenses will be paid by the Box Butte County Farm Bureau. County Agent Seidell says, "If your community does not get the work without your applying for it, do not feel slighted. Those communities who desire the work should get busy and let the county agent know at once. Some one is expected to offer her home for the first meeting in each community."

ORDINANCE CREATING NEW PAVING DISTRICT

Ordinance No. 231 Passed 1st Reading Tuesday Night—Means Blocks of Paving

At the meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening ordinance No. 231 was placed on first reading. That is, an ordinance creating a paving district was drawn up by the city attorney after the secretary of the Commercial Club had appeared before the council and asked that the city attorney be instructed to confer with the club with the idea of determining what streets should be paved. The ordinance will have two more readings.

The ordinance creates paving district No. 2 which includes all of Box Butte avenue from First to Sixth streets and First street for a half block each way from Box Butte, Second street a half block each way from Box Butte, Third street from Laramie to Niobrara avenue, and Fourth street a half block each way from Box Butte, making in all about ten blocks.

BIG NOISE! The stock-judging class in the high school is very anxious to send a judging team to the state tournament which takes place in Lincoln the last of this month. To do this it is necessary to raise seventy-five dollars, so they are getting up a minstrel show, with the help of their friends, which they will present Friday evening, March 23, at the high school. A good male quartet has been organized to furnish most of the singing, while the merry puns and minstrel stunts will be well rendered by the high school boys. Watch for their posters, and prepare to attend a good show on Friday, the 23rd.

Mrs. Geo. McGill went to Bridgeport Sunday noon for a short stay, returning Monday noon. Cream Puffs on Fridays and Tuesdays at F. F. Stephens Bakery. 8170-15-4f

WILL APPEAL POTASH CASE

Instructed Verdict Gave Ownership of Land to Nebraska Potash Works Company

JURY GAVE CRITICISM

Potash Products Company Sued for \$200,000 Damages But Are to Pay Nothing

A suit for \$200,000 damages is considerable of a novelty in this section. The suit of the Nebraska Potash Works Company brought against the Potash Products Company asking damages in the sum of \$200,000 for alleged trespass on the plaintiff's property was tried the past week before the federal court in session at Chadron. The plaintiff company alleged damages and unlawful possession by the Potash Products Company of certain lands situated in Sheridan and Box Butte counties, more commonly known of late years in connection with the potash industry near Lake-side, Antioch and Hoffland on the Burlington railroad.

Jurors and Verdict The twelve jurors chosen to decide the case were J. R. Crother of Lakeside, Dugal McMillan of Crawford, Chas. J. Norton of Andrews, Wm. E. Haley of Valentine, Chas. Shindler of Hemingford, Clarence S. Marcy of Hay Springs, Edgar Allen of Merriman, Wilbur F. Shepherd of Harrison, Wm. A. Heaton of Hay Springs, Louis H. Baumann of Valentine, Millard Thayer of Harrison, and Chas. E. Reace of Valentine; but they were saved much criticism by the court ordering an instructed verdict under the law, as follows: "We, the jury in the above entitled cause, find in favor of the plaintiff therein and against the defendant; that the plaintiff is the owner and entitled to the possession of the land described in the petition, we assess no damages." W. E. Haley was foreman of the jury.

Exceptions Allowed Exceptions to both sides were allowed, and superseades fixed to \$100,000 with cost bond at \$1,000. The presumption is that no matter how the case might have been decided either party would have appealed. The land alluded to in the petition "is as follows: NE 1/4 NW 1/4 E 1/2 SE 1/4 NW 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4, and S 1/2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4, all in section Twenty-five (25) Township Twenty-five (25) North of Range Forty-six (46) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, in Sheridan County, Nebraska."

Many Lawyers On Case Thirteen witnesses were sworn for the plaintiff and ten for the defendant. The plaintiffs were represented by Messrs. M. V. Hodges, L. J. Williams of Denver, Colorado; R. O. Reddish of Alliance, Nebraska; J. H. Edmunds of Rushville, Nebraska; while the defendants were championed by Messrs. McGillon, Gaines and Smith of Omaha, and Boyd & Metz of Alliance. Hon. J. W. Woodruff was the presiding judge. Other court officers present were: Thomas J. Flynn, U. S. Marshal; E. J. Quinley, deputy U. S. Marshal and clerk to Marshal; A. M. Wright, deputy U. S. Marshal; R. C. Hoyt, clerk; L. J. Faeger, deputy clerk; Chas. W. Pearsall, special reporter.

TRYING FOR A BUICK

Sheridan County Reader of The Herald Leading Candidate in Automobile Subscription Contest

A. L. Warren of Ellsworth, one of The Herald's constant subscribers of south Sheridan county, is working hard to win a Buick automobile which The Rural Weekly is offering as a prize in a subscription contest. He thinks that he stands a good show of securing the big prize, which we hope he will.

The Rural Weekly is published in Omaha. The subscription price is 25 cents per year; three years for 50 cents; six years for one dollar. We hope that readers of The Herald who wish to subscribe for The Rural Weekly, and those who are already subscribers and wish to renew, will hand or send their subscriptions to Mr. Warren.

T. P. A'S HELD THEIR ANNUAL ELECTION SAT.

Delegates Selected to Attend the State Convention to be Held at Grand Island

POST M. NEBRASKA DIVISION T. P. A.

held their monthly meeting and annual election in their room at the Commercial Club rooms Saturday, March 10th. The regular routine of business was taken up at first which included discussion of several bills that are now before the State Legislature. One in particular was the Good Roads bill which interests the traveling man as much as anything. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President.....C. M. Looney Vice president.....Geo. D. Read Sec-treas.....Roy C. Strong Directors S. W. Thompson Chairman J. H. Hawes A. D. Rodgers H. W. Hull W. G. Nelman Railroad Committee—J. H. Hawes Chairman Legislative Committee—L. H. Highland, Chairman Press Committee—B. J. Sallows, Chairman Hotel Committee—R. M. Baker, Chairman Employment Committee—S. A. Beeson, Chairman Good Roads Committee—S. W. Thompson, Chairman Sick, Relief Committee—J. F. O'Connor, Chairman Chaplain—Rev. H. J. Young.

The annual State Convention will be held in Grand Island, April 20-21. The delegates from Post No. 1, will be J. H. Hawes, S. W. Thompson, R. M. Baker, C. M. Looney, Geo. D. Read and R. C. Strong.

COUNTY AGENTS TO MEET IN ALLIANCE

Western Nebraska County Agents to Meet Here Three Days This Coming Week

The annual conference of the Western Nebraska County Agents will be held in Alliance, beginning March 19 and ending with the state potato growers' committee meeting Wednesday, March 21. This is the second conference of this kind since county agent work was established in western Nebraska and is held for the purpose of assembling the best methods and most up-to-date knowledge secured by the growers and scientific research, for the improvement of the western Nebraska potato. Disease control, potato improvement and standardization, marketing and organization will be considered at this meeting. As a result of the conference last year and the county agents becoming familiar with the general conditions of the potato section the Market News Service was secured, which resulted in a great good to the potato interests of western Nebraska. Methods of improvement which were conducted as practical field demonstrations in Sheridan, Dawes, Kimball and Box Butte counties by the county agents gave an average increase over the ordinary methods of more than fourteen bushels per acre, to say nothing about the quality and the increased price received.

Specialists from the College of Agriculture on cultural methods and diseases will be present. Wednesday the committee consisting of representative growers and the county agents will discuss the need for a State Potato Growers' Association from the standpoint of conditions within their counties and western Nebraska potato section. While here the committee will be entertained by the Box Butte Farm Bureau and the Alliance Commercial Club.

RELATION BETWEEN INCREASE IN LIVE STOCK AND LABOR INCOME

Farm Management in Box Butte Co. Article No. 3 (By F. M. Seidell, County Agent) The relation between the crop yield and labor income has already been discussed and what was said regarding it may also be said about livestock; that it always pays to have your production above the average. There is no one who sincerely believes that a curtailed production of livestock and crops is the best for all year in and year out. Of course if the crop production is limited under certain conditions then necessarily must the livestock be limited. Almost all unprofitable livestock is such because of unproductivity. No matter how well fed and what prices secured for the livestock the margin of profit is cut in the livestock business when the increase in the breeders' herd is not looked after.

Table with 4 columns: Labor income, Size of farm, Avg. number pigs per sow, Avg. number calves per cow. Includes sub-sections for Best 35 Farms and Average of All Farms.

THREE WANT TO BE MAYOR NOW

Triangular Scrap Seems Certain but Small Possibility that Any Will Withdraw

ROMIG — ROUSEY — CALDER

Edgar Martin Refuses to Make Race —Alliance Commercial Club not in Politics

Last week it looked like there would be but one candidate in the field for the office of mayor at the coming city election to be held April 3, but now there are three candidates. Romig for Re-election Mayor Romig was the first candidate to announce himself. The mayor is a candidate for re-election. He is now serving his first term. Rousey Enters Race W. E. Rousey is the second candidate to announce himself. Mr. Rousey is a member of the firm of Rhein-Rousey Co., and has been in business in this city for some two years. He has been a resident of Alliance for a number of years and prior to entering business here was a commercial traveler. He entered the race only after he felt assured there would be no other candidates save Mayor Romig. However, after he had entered the race another candidate announced himself.

Calder's Petition Out Carter Calder, present city clerk, and manager of the Alliance steam laundry, is a candidate for mayor. Mr. Calder has been a resident of Alliance for a number of years and has been city clerk for the past two years. Martin Not in Race An effort was made to get Edgar Martin into the race for mayor, but Mr. Martin has refused to allow a petition to be circulated for him. He stated to a Herald reporter yesterday that there were enough candidates in the field and that it was not his idea to enter the race and in any way attempt to create a bad feeling. He said he did not believe in dealing in personalities. The last two candidates to announce themselves are both business men of Alliance, said Mr. Martin, and that is enough.

Two-in-One Mr. Martin when approached was not enthusiastic from the start. He feels that the office should receive a man's full attention and he is not in a position to give up his present position to do it. Then those who desired most to see him enter the race suggested that if he were elected he could appoint himself street commissioner and with the pay from both jobs could devote his entire time to the work. Just Street Rumor The man on the street can hear all sorts of rumors these days. The early part of the week there was street talk that there was a movement on foot to combine the office of mayor with that of secretary of the Commercial Club and put the secretary of the Commercial Club into the running. However, this idea was killed at a meeting of the directors held Monday night. President Mallory of the Commercial Club stated that such a plan was not fostered by the club and that it was not the desire or intention of the club to mix up in political affairs. While the Commercial Club is interested in civic affairs it is a non-partisan body, said Mr. Mallory. There have been one or two called meetings the past week at which city politics have been discussed and efforts made to change the situation, but to date the efforts of the politicians have been without avail.

BACKACHE IS A WARNING

Alliance People Should Not Neglect Their Kidneys

Backache is often nature's most frequent signal of weakened kidneys. To cure the pains and aches, to remove the lameness when it arises from weakened kidneys, you must reach the cause—the kidneys. If you have pain through the small of your back, urinary disorders, headaches, dizzy spells, or are nervous and depressed, start treating the kidneys with a tested kidney remedy. Doan's Kidney Pills have been proved good and are especially for weak kidneys. Doan's have been used in kidney trouble for over 50 years. Read Alliance testimony. Mrs. J. T. Justice, 614 Mississippi avenue, Alliance, says: "I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to many because I have found them so good. I had been having backache and bladder trouble as well. The aching was steady and wearing and I was about used up. Doan's Kidney Pills drove away these symptoms, so I know they are a fine medicine." Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Justice had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.—mar Typewriter ribbons of all kinds—The Herald carries the largest stock in Alliance at all times. Phone 346.