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SIFTING COM. NOW ON JOB

Most Important Committee of Session Selected by House Members in Caucus by Parties

TAYLOR PLAYED 'INSURGENTS'

House Sustains 'Insurgents' in their Fight for Full and Complete Representation for All

Lincoln, March 20 - After a stormy and strenuous week the House of Representatives spent a quiet Sunday with many of the members visiting among themselves, enjoying the keen spring weather at Lincoln or journeying to and from their homes if they lived in nearby towns.

Monday morning the sifting committee, the most important committee of the session, took charge of the general file in the House and henceforth they will say whether or not bills can be acted upon. The great mass of bills which clog the general file will be sifted and the most important will be placed on the sifting file for action.

The first of the session among the standing committees named by the House was a committee on committees, composed of fifteen Democrats. In addition to the naming of the standing committees this committee was to name the sifting committee, "none of the committee on committees to be members of the sifting committee." Many of the members believed at the time that a mistake was made in this provision.

On Saturday morning, March 10, Chairman Taylor of the committee on committees called a special meeting of the committee. Mr. Taylor stated to the committee that the time for the appointment of a sifting committee was drawing near. In the discussion which followed some of the members of the committee favored the same number of members for the sifting committee, fifteen, as for the previous year. A motion was made that the sifting committee be composed of eleven members, seven of whom were to be Democrats and four Republicans. The motion carried by a close vote.

After the committee meeting had broken up and the members entered the representative hall, Chairman Taylor presented a motion stating that the sifting committee be composed of eleven members and that it take charge of the general file on Wednesday morning, March 14. The motion carried without discussion.

When it became known to the members of the House that Representatives Thomas and Osterman had protested against the action taken by the committee they were besieged by members of both the majority and minority parties, asking them to lead a fight for larger representation.

On Monday evening more than twenty of the Democratic members held an informal meeting at which the situation was thoroughly discussed and at which it was decided that the following requests be made of the party leaders:

1st. That the sifting committee be composed of fifteen members, nine of them Democrats and six Republicans. There are sixty Democrats and forty Republicans in the House.

2nd. That the members of the minority party be allowed to name their six members.

3rd. That the three congressional districts having the largest Democratic representation be allowed each to have one of the three members at large. This would allow the first, fourth and fifth congressional districts to have one member and the second, third and sixth two members, making a total of nine.

4th. That the entire Democratic membership be allowed to participate in the naming of the members of the sifting committee, the members of each congressional district to select the representation for their district.

In response to a petition signed by thirty-one Democrats on Tuesday Chairman Taylor of the Democratic caucus called a meeting for Tuesday evening. At this meeting practically the entire Democratic membership of the House was present. The four requests of the "insurgents" were taken up, discussed and voted on. The votes in favor of the motions were practically unanimous, only four voting against or not voting. All agreed that the selection by districts of the members would be absolutely fair and the different districts selected their members for the sifting committee. The following were selected: Reifenrath, Todd, Craddock, Hopkins, Regan, Mysenburg, Jackson, Jacobson and Fries. These nine selected Reifenrath as chairman.

The Republicans had previously in their caucus selected the following staff: Peterson, Miller, Nesbit, Axtell, Stur and Bates. Inasmuch as the rule had been established that none of the members of the committee on committees could be members of the sifting committee the Republicans by petition afterwards substituted

POLICE MADE RAID ON BARBER SHOP

Officers Broke in Door Early This Morning and Arrested Three Who Were Gambling

At 2:20 o'clock this morning the Alliance police together with Sheriff Cox made a raid on the barber shop conducted by Chas. Nation on Box Butte avenue and arrested Nation, Harry Brown and L. Sparks and confiscated certain gambling paraphernalia, including an outfit of chips, two decks of cards, a bank of \$47.50 and several bottles of whiskey.

Entrance was made through a door between the barber shop and the Kibble real estate office. The front door of the Kibble office chances to be unlocked and the officers entered, and by breaking down the door between secured entrance.

County Attorney Basye was making out the information this morning, but just when the three will be brought before County Judge Tash is not known. Two charges will be lodged against Chas. Nation, one for gambling and the other for keeping a place of gambling.

Boys Shot Craps Monday afternoon after school five boys were brought before Judge Tash for "shooting craps." Three of them admitted that they were playing with the dice. The boys, who are high school lads for the most part, were "shooting craps" all of Sunday afternoon on the front steps of the library building. The game was broken up by Chief Jeffers, who ordered the lads to appear in county court Monday afternoon after school. Judge Tash gave the lads a sound lecture and let them off, but informed them that they would be watched and the next time it would go hard with them.

TO DEDICATE MASONIC TEMPLE MARCH 30

Grand Master and Grand Custodian Will Be Present and Will Be in Charge of the Services

Friday, March 30, is the date set for the official dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Alliance. Grand Master Andrew H. Viele of Norfolk and Grand Custodian Robert E. French of Kearney will be in Alliance on the 30th and will be in charge of the services.

The various Masonic lodges of western Nebraska have been invited to be present and it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance from among out-of-town Masons.

Committees have been appointed and are now busily engaged in making the preparations for this event, at which the new temple will be officially dedicated to the use of Masonry. The committees are as follows:

General Arrangements: Ira E. Tash, chairman; R. E. Knight, George D. Darling, George E. Davis and L. S. Campbell.

Invocation: Jas. H. Hewett, chairman; B. J. Sallows and H. B. Judd.

Reception: E. G. Laing, chairman; Lincoln Lowry, William Davidson, F. M. Knight, Robert Graham and C. H. Tully.

Decoration: Mrs. Jerry Rowan, chairman; Mrs. L. H. Mosher, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, A. S. Note and F. J. Peterson.

Music: Mrs. Helene Ponath, chairman; W. R. Metz and A. J. Welch.

ONE ANNOUNCES AND ANOTHER DROPS OUT

Isaacson to Move from Third Ward, So Withdraws—George Hill to Run in the Second

A. G. Isaacson, who had announced himself as a candidate for councilman from the Third ward at the coming election, has withdrawn from the race, leaving George Davis, the present councilman, a candidate for re-election and the only candidate for Third ward councilman in the race. The residence in which Mr. Isaacson lives has been sold, and he has decided to build a home of his own and as this will not be in the Third ward, Mr. Isaacson announced his retirement from the race.

Col. H. P. Coursey will have competition in the race for councilman from the Second ward. George Hill, who is custodian of the Eagles' club, has announced himself as a candidate and is circulating his petition. Mr. Coursey holds the office of councilman from the Second by appointment, having been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of F. J. Was.

WEATHER REPORT table with columns: Mar. Max. Min. Snow Wind Day. Data for March 22-26.

NO PAVING FOR A WHILE YET

Meeting of Property Holders Friday Night at City Hall to Consider Proposition

CITY HEAT PLANT FACTOR Opinion About Evenly Divided—Many Think Steam Pipes Should Be Laid before Paving

The meeting of property holders who would be affected by the proposed paving in Alliance, called by the Alliance Commercial Club, was held at the city hall Friday night. It developed at this meeting that practically everyone was unanimous for paving but many thought that the municipal heating plant which has been urged and has been agitated for some time should be put in first as the piping would have to run on Box Butte avenue and should be placed before the paving is put in.

Proposition in Shape The Commercial Club has done considerable work in the way of getting the paving proposition in shape, in gathering all necessary information in order that the property holders might have full knowledge of the proposition. The club took the position that it was its duty to advocate improvements but that it has never been its intention to force paving against the will of the majority of property owners.

Steam Heat a Factor Upon the question of municipal steam heat seemed to turn the matter of paving, for many expressed themselves in favor of paving providing that the steam plant would go in first. It developed at the meeting Friday night that about fifty per cent of the property holders were in favor of immediate paving, but it seemed best to postpone the matter until the question of municipal steam heat is settled.

Various Opinions R. M. Hampton and C. A. Newberry spoke very strongly for paving, while W. D. Rumer, A. D. Rodgers and numerous others were against the matter at this time, believing that the heating matter should be disposed of first.

Heating Proposition It seems that there are some who do not fully understand the municipal steam heating proposition. The special election called to consider the matter was no more or less than a test election, called for the purpose of determining whether or not the people desired the city to enter into the steam heating business. The special election did not, nor was it intended to, authorize a bond issue to go ahead with the work. In order to finance the proposition it will be necessary to call a special election to vote on the bond issue. If the work can go ahead. Some have expressed the opinion that the city could take funds from the profits of the light department to build the system, but there is a legal point involved that could only be settled by the courts. The money for the reservoir was obtained in this manner but the reservoir is a part of the municipal water system. Whether or not the municipal steam heating plant would be a part of the municipal light and water plant or a separate plant seems to be the question.

Ordinance Postponed The council, at the request of the Commercial Club, prepared a paving ordinance, which ordinance passed its first reading Tuesday, March 13. The second and third and final readings will be postponed until such a time that it is deemed wise to take up the matter again. At the February meeting of the council Secretary Bushnell of the Commercial Club appeared before the council and asked that the city attorney be authorized to confer with the Commercial Club with the idea of determining what streets should be paved and with the idea of drawing up an ordinance ordering the paving, or what might be called a resolution of necessity. This was done. The meeting held Friday night was then called by the club to ascertain the opinion of the property owners, with the result as stated.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BANQUET APRIL 5

The annual Commercial Club banquet and election of officers will be held two weeks from tonight, Thursday evening, April 5, at the Phelan opera house. The program committee is now at work and are endeavoring to arrange a program that will be nothing but excellent.

H. G. Taylor, a member of the Nebraska Railway Commission, will be present and will deliver an address at that time. Other speakers will be secured and will be announced later. The annual banquet will take the form of a lunch and smoker rather than the old form of banquet. The committee promises some real entertainment and a most enjoyable evening for everyone who attends. The terms of three members of the board of directors expire this year, being George D. Darling, L. H. Highland and Percy Cogswell.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HERE

Two State Meetings of Great Catholic Order to Be Held in Alliance This Spring

DATES ARE TO BE MAY 8 AND 9 Archbishop Harty, Bishops Tihen and Duffy, and Many Priests to Be in Attendance

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, Alliance will be the scene of two important state meetings of conventions for the Knights of Columbus. On these days the state council will meet here for the annual meeting. The state council is composed of all present grand knights in the state and one past grand knight from each council. The other meeting or convention, which is separate and distinct from the meetings of the state council, is the annual meeting of the financial secretaries of the thirty-four councils in the state of Nebraska.

State Officers Coming Besides the grand knights and past grand knights there will also be in attendance the state deputy and a district deputy for each of the seven districts of the state. In addition to these the state treasurer, state secretary, state warden, state advocate, and state chaplain will be in attendance, making something like 120.

Public Lecture Archbishop Harty of Omaha, Bishop Tihen of Lincoln, Bishop Duffy of Kearney and between twenty-five and forty priests are expected to attend the sessions here. Bishop Tihen will deliver a public lecture on one of the two days on the subject of "Patriotism," and it is expected that the Imperial theatre will be secured for this occasion.

Services at Church Services will be held at Holy Rosary church each of the two mornings. Bishop Duffy will officiate at one of the services and Archbishop Harty will probably preach at one of the services.

Plan for Over 150 The local committee expects the attendance to be something over 150 and are making plans accordingly. On Tuesday the visitors will be treated to an automobile ride to Pine Ridge where lunch will be served. A big banquet will be held the evening of the second day, Wednesday, May 9. The banquet will be tendered by the Alliance Commercial Club.

Elect National Delegates At the business sessions delegates from the state of Nebraska to the national convention of the Knights of Columbus will be selected.

Lincoln Was Contestant The committee is planning on making the two days as full as possible. This convention to be held in Alliance is the first one to have been held this far west. O'Neil was the scene of the convention one year, but that is the farthest west it has ever been held. There was somewhat of a scrap on between Alliance and Lincoln for the convention this year, and how well the local Knights succeeded is evidenced by the fact that the convention is to be held here bringing with it between one and two hundred of men highest in the Knights of Columbus circles in Nebraska as well as a number of bishops, an archbishop and many prominent members of the clergy.

RAILROAD NOTES

Mr. Weidenhamer, division superintendent, and C. H. Hughes, timekeeper, left Tuesday for Omaha to attend a meeting on the new eight-hour law.

Trainmaster Garley left Tuesday for Casper to load his household goods to ship to Alliance.

Operator H. A. Stephenson went to Ellsworth on 44 Wednesday to work a few days.

W. F. Gross arrived in Alliance Wednesday to take the night caller's job here.

W. H. Prettyman, agent at Hyannis, is off on vacation this week.

Night Agent A. R. Reynolds went down to Hoffland on the local Wednesday, returning that night.

General Superintendent E. E. Young went to Casper on 31 Tuesday.

Conductor W. R. Cunningham, Engineer Witham, on No. 46 out of here Tuesday night, broke their train in two about four miles east of Birdsell and derailed several cars. The main line was blocked for several hours, and No. 42 was held at Alliance until 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. No. 41 did not arrive in Alliance until 8:30.

Mrs. P. J. Kopecky, sister of Mrs. C. E. Amaberry arrived from Lincoln the first of the week and visited with her a few days before going to Sheridan, Wyoming where her husband has a position with the Burlington as stenographer in the Superintendent's office.

EULA AND MABLE NATURALLY RAISE NED

Were Kicked Out of Cheyenne—Are Alleged to Be Prostitutes—Mable Admits It

Eula Workoff, alias Blackmun, and Maude Onley, two women of color, who are alleged to be off color, have been having one time of it since they blew into town the first of the week from Cheyenne. Maude admits they got kicked out of Cheyenne and says they were kicked out a couple of times. She also admitted that she was a prostitute and was out for gold.

The first the police noticed them was Tuesday noon when the two women were having a "chewing match" or "jaw tussel" at the depot. They were hauled up and told to get out of town, but failed to get. The result was the county attorney got busy and filed an information charging Eula with being a prostitute. Maude says she will get out of town when Eula does, but she labors under the idea that someone is trying to give her the double-cross and kick her out while Eula is allowed to operate. So Eula is locked up in the county jail and the county attorney says she will find it a hard game to buck unless she does beat it to another woods.

Eula's mamma appeared yesterday. She and Eula were planning on living here, but the county attorney said, "Nothing doing."

Maude is up in arms. She says if she can't stay here she is going to clean the town from pimps and — (this has been deleted by the censor) — so at this writing Eula is working off fresh pining away in the county jail and Maude is raising Ned because she thinks she is getting the worst of it, and Eula's fond mother is still here. County Attorney Basye says the probabilities are they will get it soaked to them unless they do decide to go to greener fields.

FORMER ALLIANCE WOMAN DIED SAT.

Mrs. Charles Widman, Sister of Mrs. W. R. Harper, Buried in Colorado on Monday

The death of Mrs. Charles Widman, former resident of this city and sister of Mrs. W. R. Harper of Alliance, occurred Saturday morning at her home at Monta Vista, Colo. She was twenty-five years of age. She had been ailing since her baby was born, about four weeks ago. The child lived but a few hours.

It was about a year ago that Mrs. Widman, in company with her husband, left Alliance and made their home in Colorado, where it was believed her health would be better. She was employed at the Harper store for about three years before leaving this city. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and was attended by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harper of Alliance. Interment was made in the cemetery at Monta Vista.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEN COMING IN MAY

Alliance to Be Scene of Convention of State Association of Commercial Clubs

The annual convention of the Nebraska State Association of Commercial Clubs will be held in Alliance in May. The tentative dates set are Wednesday and Thursday, May 23 and 24. This convention is expected to bring better than one hundred representatives of the various commercial associations over the state to Alliance.

The event is welcomed not alone by the Alliance Commercial Club, but by every citizen of the city, as it affords Alliance an opportunity to "show off" to a representative lot of men, who if they are sufficiently impressed with "The Biggest Little City in Nebraska" will leave the convention ready and willing to spread the gospel of Alliance to the four winds. They will be compelled to tell of the wonderful hospitality of Alliance and of the fact that this city is fast becoming known over this section of the country as a convention city.

BECKWELL WILL HOLD BIG SALE WEDNESDAY

Owing to ill health E. A. Beckwell has leased his place 13 miles east of Alliance and not far from Hoffland and Antioch. He is staging a big sale on Wednesday next, March 28, and has engaged Col. Coursey to sell the 108 head of live stock including 41 head of cattle and 27 head of horses. There is plenty of farm machinery and a nice bunch of household goods and it all goes. The sale starts right after the free lunch which will be served at 11 o'clock. Read the advertisement in this issue of the Herald. Note the offerings. You will be at this selling sure if you need stock or machinery. The indications are that there will be a large crowd in attendance.

POTATO ASS'N. IS ORGANIZED

Nebraska Potato Improvers' Association Organized at Meeting Held Yesterday

MAY HOLD MEETING HERE

Commercial Club Tendered Visitors Banquet at Alliance Cafe Last Evening

A meeting of the committee appointed during agricultural week at the university farm, consisting of representative growers and representatives of the college met in Alliance Wednesday afternoon and after the report of the committee, organized the Nebraska Potato Improvement association.

A Forward Step This organization should mean the greatest forward step the potato interests have taken. The object of the association is for the mutual cooperation of all agencies interested in production, distribution, transportation and utilization of the Nebraska potato. The association plans on featuring educational methods for the improvement of the Nebraska potato and further the industry.

Officers Elected The following officers were elected: President, Link Davis, Gordon; secretary, J. Pedrett, Kimball; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Howard, Lincoln; directors, A. E. Eneyart, Hemingford; C. C. Parish, Minatare; Alois Schaffer, Nonsel; C. S. Hawk, Chadron; E. M. Wilcox, Lincoln; W. W. Burr, Lincoln.

Banquet Last Night Following the afternoon meeting the committee were given a dinner at the Alliance Cafe by the Alliance Commercial Club. County Agent Seidell welcomed the visitors and invited the Nebraska potato growers to hold their annual meeting at Alliance in behalf of the Box Butte Farm Bureau and the Alliance Commercial Club. Dr. E. M. Wilcox acted as toastmaster to the entire satisfaction of the delegation. The committee extended a vote of thanks to the Commercial Club and Alliance for their hospitality.

JEFFERS MADE NEGRO TAKE THE COUNT

Porter at Alliance Hotel with Too Much Red Eye Under His Belt Pulled One Too Many

Sam Bell, colored, who until Tuesday afternoon was working at the Alliance hotel, is now working out a fine of \$50 and costs on the streets of Alliance. Sam is one of those fellows who get mean when he has a little red eye in him.

Monday, Sam, who had been employed as a porter at the Alliance hotel, got to going it. Monday night he came into the cafe and ordered a supply of sandwiches, which is against the rules, but the girls working that shift were afraid of him and so gave them to him. Tuesday he was worse and finally demanded his money. He had but a day or so coming. Mr. Miller, the proprietor, told him he had just got paid and that Tuesday was not pay day. Then trouble started. Sam threw a tomato can at Mr. Miller but it hit a man employed in the kitchen. Then Mr. Miller called the police and Sam beat it.

When the chief approached Sam at the depot, Sam said, "I'm looking for you," to which the chief replied, "Yes, and I'm looking for you." When they got in front of Rumer's garage, Sam became mean and let out a choice lot of cuss words, saying he had a notion to "clean" the chief. The chief "biffed" him one under the jaw and he was good until they got into the jail. Then Bell said, "I'll just kill you," and landed a peach right above the chief's left eye. Then there was a free for all. Bell must have taken the count. He surely looked in police court yesterday morning when he pleaded guilty and asked the court to be easy with him. He drew \$50 and costs.

MOTHER OF ALLIANCE WOMAN DIED HERE

Mrs. Earl Bryan, Mother of Mrs. Gus Peterson, Died Saturday Following An Operation

Mrs. Earl Bryan of Sundance, Wyo., died here Saturday morning following an operation for the removal of gall stones. She was the mother of Mrs. Gus Peterson of this city and besides Mrs. Peterson, is survived by three other children, being Mrs. Robinson of Burwell, Dean Bryan of Lincoln and Lawrence Bryan of Sundance. She was forty-three years of age.

Deceased came to Alliance a short time ago for the benefit of her health. The remains were shipped to the old home at Sundance.