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BOOZE REIGN NOW AT END

Saloons of Alliance and All Nebraska Closed Doors Monday Night as Clock Struck Eight

AUCTION SALES LAST HOUR

City Filled with Visitors from Surrounding Country—All Signs Must Be Removed

Six saloons in Alliance and 823 saloons located at other points in Nebraska—a total of 829—closed their doors at 8 o'clock Monday night, and at 12 o'clock the same night the new prohibition bill became effective.

The following Alliance saloons closed for good Monday night: The Budweiser Corner, Everett Cook's Saloon, Stockman's Exchange Bar King & Wilson Saloon, Last Chance, and the Alliance Hotel Bar.

The following breweries doing business in Nebraska were deprived of their right to make and sell beer: Columbus Brewing Co., Columbus; Gehling Brewing Co., Falls City; Fremont Brewing Co., Fremont; Grand Island Brewing Co., Grand Island; Joseph Guggenmos, Fred Krug Brewing Co., Metz Bros. Brewing Co., St. Qors Brewing Co., and Willow Springs Brewing Co., Omaha; Joseph Wrede, St. Helena; Jetter Brewing Co., South Omaha; West Point Brewing Co., West Point; Wilber Brewing Co., Hastings; and Oteo Brewing Co., Nebraska City.

Monday night saw a great crowd on the streets of Alliance. Those saloons that still remained open were filled but aside from the amount of liquor sold, Monday night was not so much different from other busy nights for the saloons. The crowds were surprisingly orderly. There was no particular noise, and everything moved along without much disturbance.

When the bell tolled six times—once for each saloon—it was all over and the doors were closed. The porters then had their inning, for there were a few stray coins to be found here and there during the cleaning up process. But the crowd lingered for a few minutes. The doors were locked but the lights burned. Seemingly many remained outside to take one last longing look into the interior before the curtain of the law was drawn upon the scene.

The closing hour was a sight long to be remembered by one who chanced to be standing on the side lines or back in the rear. Men, any number of them, who had not been seen in Alliance for many, many moons, were there, and many of them, together with the regulars, were on the job to buy as long as their purse and their arms held out. Bulging pockets and armloads were the order of the evening.

The King & Wilson saloon sold out by 4 o'clock Monday afternoon and locked up, while the Everett Cook saloon was closed up about 6 o'clock. Fred Rehder of the Last Chance remained open until the last although practically his entire stock was shipped Monday afternoon to Guernsey where he has opened up a saloon. The Budweiser, the Stockman's Exchange, and the Alliance Hotel bar also remained open until the last.

Auction sales were the feature of the closing hour. "Ten minutes yet," someone yelled. "How much am I offered for these four half-pints of Kentucky Dew whiskey?" the auctioneer cried. "I've got seventy-five, who'll make it a dollar, a dollar, a dollar." "Sold, more whiskey here, hurry up, just five minutes to go." "What am I offered for this box of cigars and this bottle of biters?" "Sold to the big man down there for a buck—get the money, more whiskey here," and so it went. But Monday night was only the finish. When the start was no one seems able to remember, but there was a series of climaxes from Saturday morning until Monday night. During that period there were more unadulterated drunks in the city of Alliance than there ever were before in a like period and more than there will ever be again. It was a period in which some seemed to be trying to drink all the booze there was in Alliance, but it couldn't be done. There was still booze left at the finish.

The saloons are closed but Alliance is not dry yet. There was altogether too much booze distributed about town for that. It will probably be months before all the booze goes to its final resting place.

W. C. T. U. INSTITUTE AT HEMINGFORD Hemingford is to be the scene of a W. C. T. U. institute Friday of this week, at which a number of Alliance ladies, members of the Alliance union, will take prominent parts. The institute is to be held in the Methodist church at Hemingford.

JOHN W. THOMAS APPOINTED DEPUTY

Editor of Alliance Herald Appointed Deputy State Land Commissioner Tuesday

John W. Thomas, editor of the Alliance Herald for the past eight years, was appointed Tuesday to the office of deputy by State Land Commissioner G. L. Shumway. The position pays a salary of \$1800 per year, the appointment being for a term of two years.



Mr. Thomas will reside at Lincoln, taking up his duties there at the state capitol building on May 5. His intimate acquaintance with nearly every part of the state of Nebraska and his general knowledge of the western part of the state, where are located the larger portion of the state lands, were considered in giving him the appointment.

G. L. Shumway, the commissioner, is a Scottsbluff man who has been making things hum about the land commissioner's office and who is causing people in touch with his department of state affairs to sit up and take notice. The work of looking after the millions of dollars worth of state lands and other property is important. The voters of Nebraska made no mistake in placing this responsibility on the shoulders of a western Nebraska man—Grant Shumway. The Herald feels complimented in knowing that the man who has been its editor for the past eight years will have the privilege of assisting in this work in an important capacity.

"INFORMATION" The valuing of personal property, for assessment in the city of Alliance, is now in progress. Extra efforts will be made for equalization. Be guided by the information given by the district assessor, in placing values. If schedules of merchandise coming into the county office do not correspond (pro rata) to other stock, they will be changed as deemed just. If the schedule of money, notes, etc., do not seem reasonable they will be returned and the dispute left to the County Board of Equalization.

J. A. KEEGAN, County Assessor.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION Regular state teachers' examination will be given at the court house in Alliance on May 18 and 19. The Reading Circle examination will be given at this time.

OPAL RUSSELL, County Superintendent.

SEVENTH COMMUNITY CONCERT TO BE SUNDAY

The seventh community concert will be given at the Phelan opera house Sunday afternoon, May 6, starting at 2:30 o'clock. The usual fine program has been prepared and all who attend are sure to find an afternoon of genuine enjoyment.

FIRE DAMAGES MALLERY APARTMENTS ON MONDAY

Fire broke out in the apartment of Charles Pennycook in the second floor of the Mallery building, corner Box Butte and Fourth street, Monday shortly before noon. The fire is said to have been caused by a leaky gasoline stove. The damage is placed at between \$200 and \$300. The smoke from the burning clothing was so thick that the firemen had great difficulty in getting to the fire. The clothing in the several apartments was damaged by the smoke, while the furniture in the Pennycook apartment was damaged to a considerable extent. The firemen reached the blaze via the outside windows.

CITY COUNCIL GRANTED LICENSES MONDAY EVE

The city council held a special session Monday night at the city hall, at which the council granted new licenses to plumbers and owners of pool halls. Six pool hall licenses were granted, being to William King, King & Laing, John Byers, W. F. Crane, Danny Lyons and V. E. Byrne.

The following plumbers were granted licenses: W. H. Voit, W. D. Zediker, P. O. Beckwell and J. H. Branden. The city farm was leased to Oscar Brush for \$165, which is \$65 over what the farm rented for last year.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY THURSDAY, MAY 10

Annual Play to Be Given at Imperial—Pictures as Well—Big Double Program

"The Commuters" is the title of the play to be presented by the senior class of the Alliance high school this year. Arrangements have been made with the manager of the Imperial theatre for his co-operation in staging the play one week from today, Thursday, May 10.

In addition to the senior class play a big feature film will be shown, making a double program that will be hard to beat. "The Commuters" is a comedy in four acts and will be presented by a company that is reported to have it on any home-talent bunch that has ever appeared before an Alliance audience. The curtain goes up at 8:30. It is expected the theatre will be packed. The following is the cast of characters arranged in the order of appearance:

- Larry Brice ..... Oral Harvey
Hetty Brice ..... Neva Howe
Carrie (the maid) ... Florence Atz
Mrs. Graham (Mrs. Brice's mother) ..... Dollie Hagaman
Mr. Rolliston ..... David Purinton
Mr. Colton ..... Dewey Donovan
Mr. Applebee ..... John Wright
Sammy Fletcher (comedian) ..... Hugh Davenport
Mrs. Julia Stickney Crane ..... Rose Carlson
Mrs. Colton ..... Teresa Morrow
Mrs. Shipman ..... Edith Vanderwerk
Mrs. Applebee ..... Eleanor Harris
Mrs. Rolliston ..... Matilda Frankie
Barnes (officer) ..... John Wright

Synopsis of Scenes

- Act 1.—Dining room of the Brice home, Saturday morning, 7:15.
Act 2.—Living room of the Brice home. Late afternoon of the same day.
Act 3.—Same scene as act one. 2 a. m.
Act 4.—Veranda of Brice home. Sunday morning.
Time—Present.
Place—A suburb of New York City.

Otto Snyder is business manager, and Miss Bertha Wilson is class sponsor. The prices for this show will be: Children, 25 cents. Adults, 50 cents. Balcony, 75 cents.

INSULTED LANDLADY—GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO HIM

It cost A. H. Sauer, who has been employed at one of the potash plants, \$25 to settle with County Judge Ira E. Tash for a mixup Sauer got into Monday. Saturday night Sauer rented a room at the Western hotel and later made certain remarks of an insulting nature to Mrs. A. B. Wheeler, wife of the proprietor. When Mrs. Wheeler attempted to put Sauer out he struck her.

A. B. finally came in from his run and when he learned of the matter there was something doing. All who know Wheeler can form a very good idea of the antics Sauer must have cut up, for Wheeler is reported to have run true to form. Following his interview with Sauer, Wheeler filed a complaint against him. Judge Tash fined Sauer \$20 and costs, a total of \$25.

NEBRASKA POTASH WORKS BUSY MAKING DOLLARS

Sunday night the plant of the Nebraska Potash Works company at Antioch was started with a full force of men on the job. The plant cost \$400,000 and has been built with the idea of the greatest efficiency in mind. Antioch is humming now as never before. The plant is open to the public at all times and those connected with the organization state that everyone is welcome to go and visit the plant at any time.

The new plant is being operated with the idea of making it a permanent proposition even though prices fall considerably after the war.

JUPITER PLUVIUS HAS BEEN WORKING OVERTIME

This section of the country has sure been getting some of that moisture since about the middle of April. The total precipitation in Alliance from April 15 to and including May 2 was 2.22 inches, according to the meteorological record made for the government by F. W. Hicks, official weather observer. The snow of yesterday morning, Wednesday, May 2, started at 5 a. m. and continued until 11 a. m. It rained the day before, but the precipitation was very light.

The following report by F. W. Hicks, official weather observer, will be of interest to many:

Table with columns: April, Max., Min., Set, Precipitation. Data for days 15 through 30.

PLAN HIGHWAY TO PARALLEL C. B. & Q.

Road Would Run from Grand Island to Crawford via Lakeside, Alliance and Hemingford

The special good-roads meeting held by the Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska, at Gering Monday night of this week, proved to be one of the most enthusiastic and largely attended meetings ever held by the organization, according to Secretary H. M. Bushnell, Jr., of the Alliance Commercial Club, who is president of the association, and who was in attendance at the meeting. Over fifty delegates from the Panhandle country were there to take part in the proceedings. The following communities were represented by delegations: Alliance, Chadron, Crawford, Gering, Broadwater, Oshkosh, Lewellen, Bridgeport, Mitchell, Scottsbluff, Bayard, Northport and Kimball.

At 4:30 in the afternoon the delegates resolved themselves into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the work before them. The meeting was called to order by President H. M. Bushnell, Jr., who explained the various provisions of the good roads bills as passed by the recent legislature. Under the bill as passed, the state and federal government apportion certain moneys for the construction of roads of a permanent nature. The roads built do not have to be paved, but must be surfaced and graded so as to be permanent. The moneys derived from the sources mentioned are apportioned to the counties on the basis of one-third for area, one-third for population and one-third on postal route mileage. According to the estimates of the state engineer, the counties of the district will have substantially the following amounts: Sioux, \$33,000; Scottsbluff, \$26,000; Banner, \$15,000; Kimball, \$20,000; Dawes, \$31,000; Box Butte, \$20,000; Morrill, \$23,000; Cheyenne, \$25,000; Sheridan, \$44,000; Garden, \$24,000; Deuel, \$8,000.

The roads constructed under this law must be inter-county highways and connecting as between main state and interstate roads. They must not parallel in the same county, and must be open and graded and must follow postal routes wherever possible. The county commissioners of each county must approve the plan of their country before the matter is submitted to the federal government. The work of the committee therefore was to select and designate for federal and state aid the road in western Nebraska that were proper and which would meet with the approval of the officials. After the designation of such roads it becomes the duty of the organizations to present the matter to the county commissioners and gain their approval. The members were unanimous in approving the following highways: The Northwestern highway from Valentine through Rushville, Chadron, Crawford, Harrison and continuing into Wyoming. The highway paralleling the C. B. & Q. R. from Grand Island through Lakeside, Alliance, Hemingford to Crawford. The North Platte highway through Oshkosh, Broadwater, Northport, Bridgeport, Bayard, Gering, Scottsbluff, Mitchell and into Wyoming; and the Lincoln highway through Deuel, Sidney, and Kimball. This system will give western Nebraska four complete east and west highways that traverse all the counties in the district except one.

To connect these four main roads and also to provide a through north and south highway the committee recommended for aid the Black Hills, Chadron, Alliance, Sidney, Denver, road. The committee in order to give road aid to Banner county and make supplemental north and south highway recommended a road from Gering to Harrisburg and Kimball. It was recommended that Scottsbluff, Morrill and Box Butte counties confer upon and erect a good highway between Alliance and Scottsbluff from county money, and that the counties of Box Butte, Sheridan, Dawes and Sioux confer and recommend the route for the Northwestern highway and the Denver-Black Hills road. The president next appointed a permanent road committee to aid in the work to consist of a member from each community with a chairman from each county. The following members were appointed: Alex Muirhead, Hemingford; C. L. Lightfoot, Crawford; S. W. Thompson, Alliance; M. G. Anjel, Scottsbluff; J. F. Young, Northport; T. B. Estill, Bridgeport; M. Schumacher, Minature; C. H. Blackburn, Mitchell; K. R. Rhiley, Oshkosh; Geo. C. Snow, Chadron; C. A. Mantz, Bayard; Chas. Williams, Broadwater; A. N. Mathers, Gering; and John Mevich, Lewellen. The committeemen from the other communities are to be announced later. The county chairmen thus far announced were as follows: Dawes, G. E. Gorton; Scottsbluff, C. H. Blackburn; Morrill, Mark Spanogle; and Box Butte Lloyd C. Thomas.

Geo. E. Johnson, the state engineer, who has been such a vital factor in promoting the good roads propaganda was in attendance and explained the germane matters, aided the committee in their selections of roads and told of the work they could and must do.

In the evening the Gering Community Club tendered the delegates a splendid banquet, and an excellent musical program was rendered during the course of the dinner. A. B. Wood, President of the local club,

NO NEW BANK FOR ALLIANCE

Men Who Were Back of Proposition State They Have Given up the Plans for Organization

The statement by an Alliance newspaper this week that a new bank was to be organized in Alliance, headed by prominent men, seems to have been without foundation. Plans had been made for the organization of the Citizens State Bank, with a capital of \$50,000, but according to F. J. Was, who was the promoter, the plans have been given up and there will not be another bank so far as he is concerned.

Mr. Was stated to The Herald this morning that he expected to devote his time this coming year to raising potatoes on his farm near Alliance. He was undecided as to whether or not he would remain at Alliance.

Men who had been included in the plans for the new bank as officers stated to The Herald this morning that they had determined not to take any part in the organization of a new bank and that in their opinion the matter had been dropped.

FARM LOAN MEETING CALLED FOR SAT.

Omaha Land Bank Ready to Loan Money to Alliance Assn.—All Members Should Attend

Fred Mollring, secretary of the Alliance National Farm Loan Association, has received word that the Omaha land bank is ready to loan money to the members of the Alliance National Farm Loan Association. The members have but to add some things to their present organization and a charter will be granted. In view of the immediate action desired by the local members, a meeting has been called for Saturday of this week starting promptly at 2 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the assembly room at the Box Butte county court house, in Alliance.

All who have intentions of joining the association within the next two years should also be present. Members should have their abstracts brought up to date and should deliver them to the secretary-treasurer at their very first opportunity. The secretary will then forward the abstracts to the Omaha land bank for examination by their legal department.

WANTED HIS BOOZE—DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL

Failing in his efforts to get a druggist to sell him alcohol on Sunday, a man who "needed something to steady his nerves" purchased "wood alcohol for furniture polish" and the druggist placed the regulation label on it. The man, Paul Robinette, and a friend drank the poison wood alcohol. He was hurried to Dr. Hershman and a stomach pump used on him. The friend was not discovered, although the man stated said friend drank as much of the stuff as he did. The men came from Niobrara to get in on the last hours' entertainment at the saloons.

T. D. Roberts, police judge, returned to Alliance this morning following a week spent in Des Moines. He was called there by the death of a brother-in-law.

ANDERSON ENGAGED AS PRINCIPAL AT AVON, N. Y.

Carl A. Anderson, who was principal of the Alliance high school from 1912 to 1915, on Tuesday of this week was engaged as principal of the high school at Avon, N. Y., for the ensuing year.

OMAHA BOOSTERS CALL OFF PROPOSED BOOSTER TRIP

Announcement was received in Alliance early in the week to the effect that one hundred business men of Omaha would make a trip through northwestern Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana the last week in May. The schedule had Alliance booked for a visit from the Omaha bunch on Friday, May 25. Yesterday morning The Herald received a message from the Omaha Bureau of Publicity announcing that the trade extension tour had been postponed "on account of war conditions and in response to the president's economic appeal." It is stated that "the excursion will be held when conditions are more favorable."

acted as toastmaster and called upon Mayor Mathers of Gering, who welcomed the visitors. Mr. Johnson gave a brief talk, after which the meeting was turned over to Mr. Bushnell to complete the work. Mr. Bushnell responded to the address of welcome, and then called upon the convention to formally adopt the proceedings of the afternoon, which they did. During the course of the meeting, many important matters were discussed by the members and the work accomplished will result in an education of all on the good roads program and effect a working combination among the counties and communities of Western Nebraska for better roads.

HAMPTON IS MADE PRES.

Change in Personnel of Officers of Big Alliance Bank Places R. M. Hampton at Head

M. Hampton at Head

ABEGG IS ASSISTANT CASHIER

F. J. Was Resigns as Cashier—Directors Meeting Held in Alliance Wednesday

At a meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank, held in Alliance Wednesday, R. M. Hampton of Alliance was elected president of the bank to succeed Charles E. Ford of Chicago. The election of Mr. Hampton to the presidency of the bank was in recognition of his splendid work for that institution during the past twenty-five years.

Other officers elected at the board meeting were: Chas. E. Ford, first vice president; S. K. Warrick, second vice president; Frank Abegg, assistant cashier. The resignation of F. J. Was as cashier of the bank was accepted. Directors of the bank are Chas. E. Ford, S. K. Warrick, R. M. Hampton and Eugene E. Ford.

KNIGHTS HERE NEXT WEEK

Two State Meetings of Knights of Columbus to Be Held Here on Tuesday and Wednesday

The state council meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Alliance on Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week, May 8 and 9. According to letters received by the committee in charge from the state and district deputies, the attendance will be somewhat larger than was at first anticipated. A number of the delegates are bringing their wives. The committee estimates that the meeting will bring to Alliance fully 150 persons, most of them really big men in Knights of Columbus circles. The meeting will be favored by the presence of two bishops, Bishop James A. Duffy of Kearney, and Bishop Henry Thien of Lincoln. William McGinley of New Haven, Conn., supreme secretary of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Columbus, will be in attendance at the meetings on one of the two days.

Bishop Thien has consented to deliver his address, "For God and Country in Peace and in War," on Tuesday evening. The lecture and program will be held at the Phelan opera house. The members of the Alliance Commercial Club and their ladies have been invited to attend. The official program for the two days meetings is as follows:

Tuesday

9 a. m.—Pontifical High Mass at Holy Rosary church by Bishop Duffy, assisted by ten priests.

11 a. m.—Calling to order and appointment of committees.

12 m.—Dinner.

1 p. m.—Auto ride to Pine Ridge and lunch on Chadron creek, weather and roads permitting. Alternative is trip to potash works.

8 p. m.—Lecture at opera house by Rt. Rev. Henry Thien. Subject, "For God and Country in Peace and War." All members of Alliance Commercial Club and lady friends are invited to attend this lecture. The following program will be given:

Vocal solo—Miss Kate Kniest. Address of welcome by W. E. Roussey, mayor of Alliance.

Address of welcome by Earl Mallory, president Commercial Club. Response by State Deputy Geo. F. Corcoran of York.

Vocal duet—Misses Kniest and Williams. America sung by all present.

Wednesday

9 a. m.—Solemn Requiem mass.

11 a. m.—Business session.

1:30 p. m.—Business session.

7 p. m.—Banquet by courtesy Alliance Commercial Club to be held in basement Holy Rosary church.

At the same time the state council meeting is held another and separate meeting will be held here, being the annual meeting of the financial secretaries of the thirty-four councils in the state.

The state council is composed of all present grand knights in the state and one past grand knight from each council, together with the grand officers. Besides the grand knights, past grand knights and financial secretaries there will also be in attendance the state deputy, a district deputy for each of the seven districts of the state, the state secretary, state warden, state advocate, state chaplain, and the supreme secretary, besides a number of priests and officials of the church.

J. N. Andrews, Bert Ponath, J. D. Emerick, J. A. Armour and H. E. Reddish are interested in the Griffith Oil Co., organized at Deadwood last week. The company is capitalized at \$600,000, there being 600,000 worth at par \$1 each. The holdings consist of 960 acres in the west limb of the district near the well-known Hjorth well in Wyoming. It is stated that a campaign is to be made locally for the sale of shares in this enterprise.