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FISHER WRITES ON COMMERCIAL CLUB OF TODAY

SECRETARY OF ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CLUB WRITES INSPIRING ARTICLE

SECRETS OF ITS SUCCESS

Alliance's Live Wire Secretary Tells How to Make Success of Commercial Club Work

W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Alliance Community Club, was recently requested by the Omaha Tradesman, leading trade magazine, to write an article on "The Commercial Club of Today." He wrote the article and it was published in the issue for November, 1917. It is full of good thoughts, the result of the knowledge gained by Secretary Fisher during the eight years of untiring commercial club work. The article, as it appeared in The Tradesman, is as follows:

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB OF TODAY

Business men in most towns have kept pace with up-to-date methods. City officials have realized that a city to hold its place in the front, must replace old wooden sidewalks with cement, foster the movement for paving, stop the practice of her citizens in dumping ashes and rubbish on the principal streets, and similar practices; purchase and maintain parks and play grounds; lay out boulevards and foster the movement to beautify the city in general.

What Is the Cause of the Present Condition?

Just recently the writer had a talk with one of our state officials who is doing a great work for every city and town in our state, but the majority refuse point blank to cooperate with him. Quoting his words he says: "It sure looks good to see you on the job again. Stuff you sent me was just what I wanted. Wish I could get every secretary in the state to send me something along the lines you sent but they simply will not respond to my requests."

Now! What does this mean? It means that either the organization is dead or the business men have officers who are not attending to their business. Would men who call themselves business men feel that if they adopted the same tactics in their business that they do in supporting their club they would make a success of things? Even the pessimist admits that it will take organization and business-like methods to lick the Kaiser and the present condition of a large number of organizations can not be blamed upon just a few but to the majority of the business men and property owners in their own locality.

Suppose an individual no matter how big a man he is and what influence he has in his own community, appears before the city council or calls for a public meeting to present some worthy proposition. Will any one admit that he will meet with the same success that a body of men representing their Commercial or Community Club? Then if this is so, why is it that some of our business men say that they will not join, that the club

WAS THE MONEY BURIED RECENTLY

Friends of "Buck" Washington Believe Money Found With Bones in Sewer Pit Was Buried Lately

That the pot of money, supposed to have been found by "Buck" Washington, the colored excavator who dug up the ancient bones and home-made coffin while working on the sewer ditch between Third and Fourth streets on Cheyenne avenue, was buried within the last two years, is the opinion of the friends of friends of "Buck" who saw the color of the coin with which he was apparently flush before leaving for points unknown.

The friends of "Buck" who saw the coin believe that it was of recent make and that the bills and silver were buried in the hole at night and in haste, from the hints which "Buck" let fall before skipping out. As to the amount of money he had they can only guess, but it is supposed to be around \$150. Because of the amount supposed to have been found by "Buck" and the fact that it was probably not in the box coffin but simply in the hole above it, caused by the caving in of the dirt, it is believed that this is probably the long lost proceeds of the fake wrestling match held in Alliance a year ago last summer. That the promoters of the fake match buried the coin with which they skipped when they left the box office before the angry crowd made a dash for their money back, has long been the supposition, as none of it has ever been returned, to the knowledge of most of those who were there. Tripping up the dark alley in their flight in the early hours of the morning, the conspirators may have thrust their toe into the soft spot above the coffin, and quickly thrusting the coin into the depression, sped on their way before the disappointed spectators of the match began the hunt for them which lasted most of the night.

But this explanation is, of course, merely conjecture on the part of the people who are interested in solving the mystery of the old hand-made coffin, the broken and sawed bones, and the sudden flight of "Buck" Washington after his discovery of the bones.

E. M. Broome, editor of the Antioch News, in his issue of last week, gives an explanation of what might have been the origin of the bones, had not a careful inspection of the bones, now at The Herald office, shown experts that they are genuine and not made by human hands. The only question at issue on this point is whether or not the bones are those of an animal or a human being.

Editor Broome's article regarding the find is as follows: Some years ago a tramp blew into Chadron and with a formula which he retained as a secret, made the skeleton of a giant which was buried in the bad lands north of Chadron and conveniently discovered by parties who paid him \$200. The skeleton that so strongly resembled old human bones that surgeons examining it could not detect the difference, was exhibited in many places at 25 cents a look. The fellow that made it followed up the exhibitors demanding a take-off, until those buying it threatened to blow his head off. It was exhibited in Alliance, the writer being one of several that fell for a quarter each, and we never heard what became of the skeleton or box, there being no record of a shipment from Alliance. Friendship for the memory of those having put the deal across, prevents giving of any names but perhaps it might have some connection with a recent unearthing alleged to have been made in Alliance.

POTASH DISCOVERED ON HYANNIS RANCH

Lake on Fred Fear Ranch Contains Strongest Deposit of Potash Yet Found—New Rush Starts

It is reported in Alliance today that a lake on the ranch of Fred Fear, near Hyannis, has been found to be rich in potash—containing the richest deposit of potash yet discovered in any lake in western Nebraska.

Experts who have analyzed the lake waters claim that the one lake will make a multi-millionaire of Mr. Fear at prevailing potash prices. Many potash experts have believed that the potash field had been completely surveyed and covered by plants now operating and in course of construction. The discovery of potash in this section is starting a new rush for other lakes in adjoining territory.

Wilson Case Dismissed
Judge W. H. Westover, in district court Monday, dismissed the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Homer Wilson which had been appealed from county court. Wilson had been fined \$100 and costs for having liquor in the Wilson barn in which he was making his home at that time. Judge Westover and the attorneys in the case evaded the scene where the liquor was kept. The judge then dismissed the case, deciding that Wilson's residence was the barn where the liquor was found. No order was made as to the disposition of the two demijohns of liquor which is in the possession of the county officers.

RESIDENCE DISTRICT OF CRAONNE



All that was left of the residences of Craonne after the latest and severest of the bombardments to which that French town has been subjected by the Germans and the allies who fought for its possession.

FORTY-TWO ENLISTED IN ALLIANCE THIS WEEK

Many Young Men of Draft Age Are Joining the Branches of Army They Like Before Dec. 15

There have been forty-two enlistments at the Alliance recruiting station so far this week for the United States Army. The unprecedented rush is due to a large extent by the regulations which provide that no one subject to draft in the next call can enlist after December 15th. Alliance boys who enlisted in the aviation section of the signal corps are as follows: Thomas E. Katen, Jr., Floyd R. Donovan and Willard L. Meyers. Ervin J. Macken enlisted in the quartermaster's corps. Glenn D. Locke and W. H. Voight enlisted in the field artillery.

Those enlisting from Hemingford in the aviation section of the signal corps were: Walter A. Lyon, Leo R. May, Anthony M. Kuhn and Leslie B. Bobbit.

Recruits from other points enlisting in the aviation section are as follows: Roy D. Floyd, Bayard; Lewis J. Meitner and George F. Todd, Crawford; Allen J. Peterson, Bernard Asseng, and Frank O. Foster, Crawford; Samuel V. Wolfe, Minature; Sanford L. Clements, Chadron; Oliver L. Pitt, Casper, Wyo.; Lorenzo D. Chambers, Gillette, Wyo.; Jas. B. Larvhead, Frederick and Geo. H. Busler of Lingie, Wyo.; Wayne L. Clark, of Fort Morgan, Colo.; Sidney F. Morris and Guy W. Heninger, Evergreen, Colo.; John F. Elmore, Roubais, S. D.; John F. Ellison, Hyannis; Carlos A. Rogers, Antioch.

Clifford S. Robertson, of Bayard, enlisted in the field artillery. Those enlisting in the railway operating department were: Ira Marting and Francis Neustadt, Chicago; Guy M. Heuter, Greenville, Ill.; Edwin J. Boen, of Truesdale, Mo.; and Carl H. Canarsky, of Bancroft, Neb., enlisted in the infantry. Merritt A. Kessler of Custer, S. D., enlisted in the infantry.

Buried Hawaiian Queen.

John Pries, an Alliance boy, now a member of the First Field Artillery, in the Hawaiian Islands, took part in the ceremonies at the burial of the former queen of the Hawaiian Islands. In writing to an old schoolmate, John Colerick of Alliance, he told of the ceremonies. Battery F, of which Pries is a member, went to the funeral of the queen with five pieces of field artillery and their accompanying ammunition wagons. At the proper time they fired a salute over her grave. Sixty coal black horses hauled the artillery pieces the twenty-seven miles from the fort to the burial ground.

Westover Overruled Demurrer

Judge W. H. Westover, in district court Monday, overruled the demurrer filed by County Judge Tash and Attorney Bayse in the case of the injunction asked by Harrington, Fisher and Rooney against Tash and Bayse to prevent them prosecuting the latter on the charge of the illegal possession of liquor in their room at the Drake hotel during the famous Chadron blackmail case. In the demurrer Tash and Bayse questioned the right of Judge Westover to grant an injunction to prevent the prosecution. The demurrer was overruled and the officers have ten days—until the 13th in which to file their answer. When their answer is filed a date for a hearing will probably be set to decide whether or not the injunction will be permanent.

MYSTERIOUS LIGHT DISTURBS THE VALLEY

Trainmen and Others Watch Light Soar Over North Platte Valley in Night Time

That some one is operating an airplane or other mode of aerial transportation over the North Platte valley in the night time, is the suspicion of a number of Burlington trainmen operating out of Alliance and of other people who have seen the mysterious light which soared different nights last week over the valley.

Trainmen saw the mysterious light in the air several evenings last week. On Saturday night one freight crew, while waiting at Bayard, for thirty minutes watched the light as it moved up and down the valley. They reported the matter Sunday to The Herald office and an investigation has been started.

The crews which saw the light say that it was high in the air and that the light was quite bright; that it moved swiftly from place to place. They stated that it could not have been a searchlight, as there were no clouds on which a light of that nature could have been thrown.

The "Will o' the Wisp" has been seen often in the valley at night during the summer season, when climatic conditions were right. However, because of the fact that this is not the season for the natural phenomenon known as the "Will o' the Wisp" and because the light was so high in the air it is speculated that the light was an indication of human agencies. Whether they are friendly or otherwise is yet to be determined. The big beet sugar factories at Bayard, Scottsbluff and Gering would make ideal spots for an attack above by an evil disposed person or persons. The factories are amply guarded at all times on the ground but suspicion has never been directed skyward.

A telephone interview Wednesday night with officials of the sugar company at Scottsbluff elicited no information that they had no knowledge of the light or its cause and that they would cause an immediate investigation with the view of ascertaining the cause.

CHAIRMAN WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE

Charles Brittan, vice president of the First State Bank, has been appointed a chairman for Box Butte county of the National War Savings Committee. He has selected the following committee to work with him in the campaign to sell war savings certificates and stamps: Robert Graham, R. M. Hampton, John O'Keefe, Glen Miller, A. G. Isaacson, B. J. Sallows, of Alliance; W. E. Walker of Hemingford; M. A. Brown of Marple.

The government has placed on sale two billion dollars' worth of certificates and stamps to help finance the war. The certificates are arranged for the placing of war savings stamps thereon and are an obligation of the government when one or more stamps have been placed thereon. The stamps will have a maturity value of \$5.00 each on January 1, 1923. They can be purchased for \$4.12 in January and for one cent more each month. Four per cent interest, compounded quarterly, is added to the cost of the stamps. They can be purchased when issued at any of the banks or the postoffice. The certificates are now ready for distribution.

ROADS ALL MARKED FROM ALLIANCE WEST

Secretary Fisher Placed Large Signs at Cross-Roads and Has Highways in Good Shape

All of the public roads between Alliance and Scottsbluff and Bayard, including two routes to Scottsbluff, are plainly marked with permanent signs. Secretary Fisher of the Alliance Community Club, using the new road truck, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday placing the signs so that the passer-by in the swiftest car or the slowest one may read them with ease without stopping his speed.

Every main cross road leading to another town on the routes is marked with a four-by-four timber, set upright in the ground, on which is fastened a three-foot sign, in the form of an arrow, giving the direction and distance. The letters "A. B. C." standing for "Alliance Community Club" are stenciled on the signs. The colors are yellow and white.

Twenty-nine miles out of Alliance is a large board sign designating the two routes to Scottsbluff. Route one goes through Nine Mile Canyon and route No. 2 goes south to within eight miles of Bayard. Eight miles east of Scottsbluff the two routes join and a sign is posted there giving directions.

Mrs. Patrick Nolan and daughter, Irene, have just returned home from Sioux City, Iowa, where they have been visiting a sister of Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. John Crotty.

GRAND FINISH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUBSCRIPTIONS RUN WAY OVER THE APPORTIONMENT FOR BOX BUTTE COUNTY IN CAMPAIGN

CLOSED FIRST OF WEEK

Alliance Council Number 975 Sends in a Total of \$3,090.50 for the Special War Work Fund

The Knights of Columbus, Alliance Council No. 975, raised a total of \$3,090.50 during the campaign which closed the first of this week. As the apportionment of Box Butte county was only \$2,400, this was \$690.50 more than was asked. There will be additional subscriptions to come in yet, raising the total amount still larger.

The total donations are divided as follows:
Alliance \$2,088.50
Hemingford 416.50
Bridgeport 81.00
Hyannis 95.00
Collected by priest at Hemingford 35.50
Sent previously on first call 374.00

Total \$3,090.50
The executive committee in charge of the work consisted of J. W. Gutrie, chairman; C. H. Brittain, secretary; John O'Keefe, treasurer; C. A. Newberry, Rev. P. J. Manning, W. H. Buechsenstein, and Grand Knight J. C. Moore. Personal assistance and help was rendered at Lisco by J. J. Cain, Hemingford by Wm. Delsing and Daniel O'Keefe, Hyannis by Dan Egan and W. L. Howell, Ellsworth by J. B. Kennedy, J. W. Gutrie attended church at Bridgeport on Sunday and collected the \$81.00 from that point.

The individual subscriptions to the fund were as follows:
Frank Abegg \$ 25.00
Agnes Alyward 1.00
Anna Alyward 2.50
Della Alyward 2.50
J. P. Alyward 5.00
George Babner 5.00
George J. Burke 5.00
Mike Bijuk 3.00
W. H. Barrett 2.00
Margaret Barry 10.00
Winnie Barry 1.00
T. J. Beal 10.00
Mrs. Beal 5.00
Peter Becker 50.00
Becker Bros. 10.00
F. J. Betzold 2.00
Fred Bollweg 1.00
Mrs. E. H. Boyd 25.00
Frank Breckner 5.00
John Breckner 5.00
J. W. Breckner 5.00
John Brennan 25.00
F. J. Brennan 10.00
C. W. Brennan 10.00
Chas. Brittan 25.00

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Railroad Notes

W. M. Weidenhamer, division superintendent on the Alliance division for several years and for thirty years with the Burlington, resigned the



Former Superintendent Weidenhamer

first of the week to accept a place of more authority with the Milwaukee railroad, as assistant to President H. E. Byram of that road. That this change was expected was stated in The Herald last week. The many friends of Mr. Weidenhamer and his family learned with much regret that they were to leave Alliance but were pleased to know of the fact that he had been called to a place of more authority on the other railroad.

George L. Griggs, one of the most popular Burlington officials in the West, whose rise in Burlington circles has been almost phenomenal, but which is not surprising when one

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doesn't amount to much and what the benefits of a membership? In a good many communities we have too many store-keepers and not enough business men. A store-keeper you know is a man who stands at his door and waits for trade to come to him, while a business man gets back of his local organization with his money and energy and then spends a liberal amount with his local newspaper (Continued on page 3).