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## RECRUITING OFFICER CAPTURED A DESERTER

SERGEANT SCOTT, IN CHARGE OF ALLIANCE RECRUITING STATION DID NOT FALL FOR STORY

## GUILTY OF TWO CHARGES

Errant Soldier Impersonated Friend To Secure Transportation But Failed

Last Monday Sergeant Scott of the local U. S. A. recruiting station, captured Private Earl Moore, deserter from Fort Logan and accused of being implicated in the highway robbery pulled off in Denver on Feb. 2nd, by Wm. Pinfold, who deserted with Moore, while on parole.

On February 8th, a young man appeared at the local recruiting office and claimed that he was Walter H. Knight, of Fort Logan, he asked for transportation back to Fort Logan. Sergeant Scott asked for his furlough papers, to verify the statement, the young man did not have them stating that they were in another of his O. D. blouses. Sergeant Scott became suspicious of the so called Knight and instead of wiring to Omaha for transportation, he wired to Fort Logan concerning the furlough. Fort Logan wired back that there was no such person as Walter H. Knight on the roster there. Scott told the young man that there was no record there of such a name, he still insisted that he was Knight. Scott wired to Fort Logan again, the return stated that Walter L. Knight had just returned from a furlough down in Kansas.

Commanding officer Colonel Howe at Fort Logan said that the Knight at Alliance was probably impersonating some one else and gave Scott the description of deserter Moore. Scott then accused the young man of being Moore, he still insisted that his name was Knight. Scott then asked him how it was that he used the middle initial "H" when it should be "L". Moore then said he thought that the initial was "H". This convinced Sergeant Scott that the man was an impersonator so he put him under arrest. On the physical examination the young man fitted Moore to a "T", he still insisted that he was Knight. The next day Scott asked him why he told several of the business men of Alliance that he was Bugler Earl Moore of Fort Logan.

Here Moore fessed up his identity and told of his experiences since he left Fort Logan. He and Wm. Pinfold left the camp on Feb. 2nd, Pinfold was a paroled prisoner at that time. The two men went immediately to Denver, on reaching there Pinfold told Moore to go out and get a gun. This Moore did returning to their room at the Strand Hotel with a thirty-eight calibre revolver. Pinfold took the gun and left with the statement that he was going out and get some money. This Moore said, was the last he saw of his companion, hearing a little later on of Pinfold's capture by Denver detectives after committing a hold-up. The Denver Post gave an account of the capture of Pinfold several days ago. On the arrest of his pal Moore lost no time in getting out of Denver, going to Guernsey, Wyo., and from there to Alliance. He knew that a friend of his Walter L. Knight, was on a furlough and thought he would impersonate Knight and get transportation out of this part of the country. The failure of the scheme was due only to the alertness of Sergeant Scott whose many years of army life has trained him to always be on the job.

Moore insisted that he had nothing to do with the robbery although the Post stated that Pinfold named Moore as his accomplice in the hold-up. Pinfold was turned over to the authorities at Fort Logan, Moore is being held in the county jail at Alliance awaiting action of the Federal authorities. As it is now he is charged with being a deserter and accomplice to highway robbery.

Thursday Feb. 14—Sergeant Scott received a telegram, stating that a guard had left for Alliance to get Earl Moore and return him to the Fort.

Mayor Rousey attended the state meeting of the Nebraska League of Cities and Towns at Fremont on Friday of last week. The mayor states that the meeting was well attended and productive of good results.

## JUDGE TASH'S BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday afternoon the judge performed two wedding ceremonies and issued a license for the third.

Chas. C. Hoefler and Miss Maude Metcalfe of Hay Springs, Morton B. Snedeker and Miss Loretta Collins of Alliance, were the two couples married by the judge. License was issued to Arthur L. Carret and Miss Ina F. Hoocke of Hemingford, this couple was married at Hemingford Thursday by the Methodist pastor.

The bootlegger arrested Tuesday morning gave his name as Dave Jenkins of Bingham. He was found guilty of two charges, that of having liquor in his possession and of transporting liquor. Judge Tash fined him \$200 and costs. Jenkins paid the fine and was released.

## HOME GUARDS ARE READY FOR BUSINESS

Best Meeting Of Month Held At City Hall Friday Evening—Old Officers Retain Places

The decision of the commissioned officers of the Box Butte Home Guards to resign their offices unless better interest was taken by the enlisted members in drill meetings resulted in a packed house Friday evening when a regular meeting was held at the city hall. However, in spite of the fact that this country is now at war, that there are enemies within as well as without, a large number of the guards found it impossible to attend.

Roll call showed the following members present: Ryan, Maunier, Heilman, Hawes, Gribble, Hamilton, Shields, Driscoll, Buchenstein, Wadum, Baker, Looney, Nichols, Morgan, Nelson, Hopkins, Covert, Rosso, Helms, Pilkington, Strong, Thomas, Rhien, Dutton, Coursey, Stephens and Thompson.

The decision of the members who have been active in promoting the welfare of the organization to take some drastic action to revive interest caused much discussion. The need of uniforms and rifles for drilling was discussed. It was stated that Hamilton county has donated \$1,000 and the county seat—Aurora, the sum of \$500 for the purpose of outfitting their home guards. It was urged that the support of the people of Alliance and Box Butte county be secured for this purpose.

George Heilman was placed in the chair as temporary presiding officer. The resolution regarding the resignation of the officers was laid on the table indefinitely in motion.

Every member present promised to pay a fine of fifty cents for non-attendance at meetings when the member is in the city and is not excused.

A committee of five was appointed to draw up by-laws and a constitution for the business end of the organization. This committee is to report on February 22nd and its personnel is as follows: Dutton, Pilkington, Rhien, Coursey and Buchenstein, with Thomas as secretary.

The next meeting will be held on Friday evening of this week for drilling.

## FEW DISTRICT COURT CASES

Case transferred from Sioux County, Selby vs. Richardson, regarding a piece of land contracted for by Selby and sold by Richardson to another party. Decision held over.

Fortner divorce granted. Moravik case over land, transferred from Sioux county, not decided. The latter part of the week the case of Snook vs Beach is being tried. This case is over a deed given to Beach by Snook which Snook claimed was a mortgage. Snook is trying to get title to the land.

Mr. Morris will speak to Fraternal Lodge members next Sunday evening, at the Methodist church. His subject will be, "The Brotherhood of Men." All fraternal lodge members are cordially invited. Last Sunday was a record breaker. The largest attendance at Sunday school since last fall, and more men out in the veneration than have been seen for months.

The complaint recently made against O'Bannon Brothers of Alliance with the food administration regarding the shipment of potatoes has been dropped after a thorough investigation by the administration. It was shown that O'Bannon Brothers had shown absolute good faith in making their shipments and from the evidence it appears that the charges were not brought in good faith.

## MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS STILL BOTHERING

Calf Reporter On Scottsbluff Paper Sheds Copious Tears Over Long Forgotten Lights

Some weeks ago The Herald printed an exclusive scoop telling of the sighting of mysterious lights over the North Platte valley. The story was widely copied over this part of the state. The Scottsbluff Republican took the time to investigate thoroughly and came to the conclusion that the lights were from a military balloon from Fort Russell.

And now, since the calf reporter on the Scottsbluff Star-Herald has been weaned, he is just trying on occasionally to see if he can really stand up straight on his wobbly legs, with the result that he let out a howl in a recent issue of that estimable paper.

There are a few points in the story on which the calf is rather vague. He doesn't know just how his investigations were made as to the balloon from the Fort at Cheyenne and he probably gets most of his inspiration from an inspiring draught of nice, warm milk, fresh from the little red heifer. But we give the story below for what it is worth. It is almost amusing and will do to read to the children at bedtime. By the time you are through with it they will be sound asleep. Here it is:

Well for the love of Mike! A fake newspaper story is as hard to live down as a political reputation, but keeps bobbing up to swat the members of the Fourth Estate who play too flippantly with the truth. Some months ago what is now described in past history as the "balloon story" originated in Alliance, the Herald springing the yarn, and averring that some of the representatives of that household guide had secured it hot off the bat from a train crew. It was noted at the time that it was a train arriving from Guernsey (at that time wet) the crew and passengers of which had seen these madly cavorting balloons. Nothing was mentioned of pink-eyed alligators racing with the train or of sea serpents dancing the cancan on the Wyoming plains. Some of the papers took the fake seriously and went to great and solemn lengths to explain that the lights were from scout balloons from Cheyenne or some other seaport to the west. The cub took occasion to roast the story and intimate that it sprung from an imaginative typewriter in the Herald office.

The Morrill County News swiped the story heading and all, failed to give credit and in consequence came in for an awful tongue-lashing from the Herald, who averred that the poor News was of the Missouri type and was asleep at the switch and allowed a scoop to get by it on the train at Bayard and was merely jealous.

Well, old Jupiter and Venus went on shining just as the Cub said they would do and after half of the population had fallen for the balloon fake and for several nights bunched on street corners watching the mysterious "flashes" and threatening to punch the Cub's nose because we ridiculed them, they awakened to the fact that we were right—as we predicted they would, when they stopped to think that it might be inconvenient for an ordinary army balloon to lug around a generating plant weighing several tons in order to furnish the blaze of light just for the edification of the residents of the North Platte valley.

And all of the above and foregoing as a prologue to the following from the Chadron Chronicle:

"For the past few evenings, between the hours of six and seven, a mysterious light has been visible in the western sky. Its unusual aspects, such as going on and off, rapid movement, and extreme brilliancy, led many to believe it to be some sort of aircraft sent up from Fort Robinson. Investigation discloses that there is no aircraft of any kind at Fort Robinson and no one there to man such craft. Consequently, the explanation of astronomer must be accepted as correct, that the strange light is really Venus, the evening star. It has been noted as far east as Norfolk, where it was also thought it was a Fort Robinson balloon. Perhaps this will explain the strange 'light' caught flickering about in the North Platte Valley recently."

Gosh, the planetary system sure has to stand for a lot in western Nebraska.

## DEATH OF MRS CARRIE CANFIELD

Mrs. Carrie Canfield, well known to many Alliance people, died at Lincoln last Tuesday, following an operation. She has been living at Van Tassel, Wyo. Funeral services will be held at Hemingford next Sunday.

## RENDERED STIRRING PATRIOTIC ADDRESS

Pastor Of Methodist Church Thrilled Hearers With Address Sunday Evening On Patriotic Lines

"If I had my way about it I would pack Senator La Follette and William Randolph Hearst in one box and ship them to the Kaiser of Germany" thundered Rev. J. W. Morris, pastor of the Methodist church in his stirring patriotic address at the church Sunday evening. He was listened to intently by a crowd which packed the church to overflowing.

The Alliance Methodist church has twenty-five members in the service of its country. A service flag was unfurled at the close of the evening service by A. T. Lunn, a leading member of the church. The stars on the flag were in honor of Floyd Denovan, W. H. Clemmons, Paul Thomas, Bruce Mallory, Ralph Johnson, Robert Ralls, Lloyd Smith, Milton Keegan, Henry Reade, Orville Devenport, Otto Snyder, Rex Truman, Charles Walters, Leon Edwards, William Edwards, Frank Gaddis, Paul Emde, Henry Ryder, Ralph Harris, George Ormsby, Miles Williams, Horace Sharp, Elza J. Barger, F. D. Shannon and Charles Brower.

Following the unfurling of the flag twelve of the parents of the boys stepped to the rostrum and received the congratulations of the audience.

Rev. Morris preached on the subject, "Abraham Lincoln, Prophet of Freedom." In beginning his address he called the attention of his hearers to the fact that "God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform." He compared Lincoln with the leaders of olden Bible times—Abraham, Moses and Joshua. He called Lincoln the one colossal figure of the 19th century. Lincoln had the genius of a Caesar, the statesmanship of Webster, the philosophy of Franklin and the eloquence of Cicero. He lived as a hero and died as a martyr. His early library consisted of four books—Pilgrim's Progress, the Bible, Aesop's Fables and the Life of Washington.

The speaker stated that Lincoln was a godly man and cited numerous facts to prove his contention that the great president placed his faith in the Divine Creator. At the close of his address he stirred his audience with reference to the present great conflict in which the twenty-five members of the church are doing their part. He stated that he would, if he had his way, put the enemy aliens in this country to some useful work—that they would either prove their loyalty to this country by shouldering arms and joining the citizens of the country in their war for freedom for the down trodden or send them back to the country from which they came.

The campaign for funds for the erection of the new church edifice is proceeding rapidly and sufficient funds are already assured. The building committee is meeting this week with the architect for the purpose of having plans drawn.

## WAS GRANTED A DIVORCE

Mrs. Alva B. Fortner was granted a divorce from her former husband last Tuesday. The divorce was granted on the testimony of Mrs. Fortner's witnesses, they testified that the husband was guilty of cruelty and non-support, as claimed by the plaintiff. The witnesses were: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tomkins, J. W. Dickinson, Geo. St. Ford, Doc Curtice, C. W. Jeffers, and Mrs. Banjoiff, Mrs. Jess Sellsby, Edna A. Brookfield and Nellie S. Co. Mr. Fortner was called upon to pay all court expenses and alimony to the amount of \$500, payable in installments.

Mayor Rousey arrived home Tuesday morning from his trip in the eastern part of the state. Last Thursday he attended the Hardware men's convention at Lincoln, Friday the State Municipal Officers Convention at Fremont and attended to business affairs in Omaha Saturday and Sunday. The mayor got in early enough Tuesday morning so that he was able to attend a party staged by the sheriff.

T. F. Guthrie, brother of John W. Guthrie of Alliance, arrived in the city Wednesday morning. This is his first visit to Alliance since he was here eleven years ago when he directed the production of the opopretta, "Pinafore." He is special agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Society, of which John W. Guthrie is Alliance agent. Mr. Guthrie is seriously considering locating permanently at Alliance.

Miss Russel is attending the County Superintendents' Convention at Lincoln this week.

## HIGHWAY TO ALLIANCE THROUGH BROKEN BOW

The Federal Government has put their O. K. on the highway project from Grand Island via Broken Bow through Alliance to the National Park. This highway will make the trip 350 miles shorter, it will also make it possible to go from Alliance east thru the now impassable sand-hill country. Secretary Fisher has called a meeting of all towns between here and Mason City, to be held on the 25, for the discussing of the route through the counties. It is expected to have the road completed by 1920.

Ralph Beal left for the east on a business trip Wednesday night. He will visit points in Oklahoma and elsewhere in the south.

## FOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR 1918

Rules As Laid Down By United States Food Administration, Were Effective On January 28th.

The food conservation program for 1918 as presented by proclamation of President Wilson and the regulations by the U. S. Food administrator which became effective on January 28th, have been distributed over Nebraska by Gordon W. Wattles, federal food administrator for Nebraska. They are as follows:

1. CONSUMERS in buying wheat flour must purchase at the same time an equivalent weight of other cereals (corn meal, corn starch, corn flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soy beans flour, and fetorita flour and meals). The housewife may use these cereals separately or mix them.

2. RETAILERS are to sell wheat flour only with an equal weight of these other cereals. Rye is not a substitute for wheat flour.

3. HOARDING. Consumers are limited to a 30-day supply of all licensed commodities excepting only those canned seasonable products.

Flour shall not be sold to city and town customers in excess of 50 lbs. to rural customers in excess of 100 lbs. Sugar shall not be sold to city and town customers in excess of 5 pounds or in lieu thereof, 50c worth; to rural customers, 10 pounds, or in lieu thereof, \$1.00 worth.

4. BAKERS, beginning with 5% of wheat flour, are required to increase these substitutes until, beginning February 24th, a minimum of 20% will be used. This bread will be known as VICTORY BREAD.

5. HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS are required to serve Victory Bread on all days save wheatless days and at wheatless meals. On these days and at these meals bread made of cereals other than wheat must be served.

6. MANUFACTURERS of macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, crackers, breakfast foods, pie, cake, and pastry are not to purchase to exceed 70% of the amount of wheat flour used in the corresponding month of 1917.

7. WHOLESALERS can not buy to exceed 70% of the amount of the wheat flour used in the corresponding month of 1917. Sales to the trade must be in the proportion of one pound of wheat flour to one pound of other cereal unless wholesalers satisfies himself that the substitutes have been already purchased from another source.

8. MILLERS are required to produce one hundred ninety-six (196) pounds of wheat flour from two hundred sixty-four (264) pounds of wheat.

9. WHEATLESS DAYS: MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY of each week.

10. WHEATLESS MEALS: THE EVENING MEAL OF EACH DAY will be observed as a wheatless meal in addition to Monday and Wednesday. On these days and meals no crackers, pastries, macaroni or cereals containing wheat should be used. Small amounts of wheat flour may be used for thickening soups and gravies or as a binder in corn bread or other cereal bread.

This applies to both homes and public eating places.

11. MEATLESS DAY: TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK. MEATLESS MEAL: THE NOON MEAL OF EACH DAY will be observed as a meatless meal. No hog, cattle or sheep products should be served on meatless days and meatless meals.

12. FOWLLESS DAYS: TUESDAY AND SATURDAY OF EACH WEEK. By Fowlless is meant without pork, bacon, ham lard or pork products, either fresh or preserved.

Use mutton and lamb always in preference to beef and pork. Use fish, poultry and eggs. This applies to both homes and public eating

## VOTE BONDS FOR A NEW EQUIPMENT

CITY DADS WILL ASK DESIRE OF VOTERS FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR NEW SEPTIC TANK

## NEW MACHINERY NECESSARY

Light And Power Plant Working To Capacity—A Breakdown Would Cause Inconvenience

The city "dads" met in their regular monthly session last Tuesday night. A great many matters of importance were dealt with, the meeting being carried off in an unusually short length of time.

The city farm was again leased to A. C. McDonald and William Trigriser. The period of the lease was granted for three years at an annual rental of \$170.00.

The Board of Equalization made their assessments on sewer construction, for District, 13-31 and 34.

The Board authorized Mayor Rousey to have signs printed, to be placed at the Central, Academy, and Emerson Schools, warning auto drivers to be careful in passing the school grounds.

The Board passed a resolution to the effect that no street carnival would be allowed to show within the corporate limit of Alliance during 1918.

The question of a new septic tank was discussed at length, it being decided to ask the people to vote bonds for the new tank and the reconstruction of the old one. The question of issuing bonds came up also, for improving the city water and light plant. The installation of new pumps, dynamos and boilers are necessary. According to the officials it is extremely likely that the city will get out of both light and water in the near future. The two dynamos now running are under a continual strain from steady running, one of these may break down at any time, the other could not stand the additional work, putting both motors out of commission and the city out of light. The pumps now being used are entirely inadequate to supply the city in case of a protracted dry spell in the summer, also the breakage of one of the pumps at the present time would cause the water pumped to fall short of the demand. The people around Alliance should wake up to these facts and get together with the city officials and see that the needed bonds are put through. It is a great deal better to be prepared for trouble than to try and take care of it when it comes.

## DEATH OF GEORGE FEAGINS

George Bernard Feagins, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Feagins of Bridgeport, formerly of Alliance, died at Bridgeport Friday afternoon after suffering for a short time from an acute attack of appendicitis. Doctors Slagle and Hershman were called to Bridgeport Wednesday and operated that afternoon but the boy was unable to survive the attack. The funeral was held in Alliance Sunday afternoon and was attended by a large number of friends from this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Feagins and family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Nearly one thousand carloads of lumber, in seventeen trains, is being shipped over the Burlington eastward this week. Burlington officials are of the opinion that the rush of business last fall is nothing to the big rush that can be expected during the coming months.

Alliance friends of Wigand Maunier, the loyal young Alliance man who has been using every possible means to get his final citizenship papers, will learn with pleasure that there is good prospects of getting the matter satisfactorily settled. Mr. Maunier, who is one of the best known of the Alliance volunteer fire department members, has made several attempts to enlist in the army but because of his present status has been unable to do so. His father and three brothers have been killed while serving with the French army.

Curtailling of food consumption will be accomplished largely by voluntary efforts, but force will be employed wherever permitted under the food control act.