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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

Governor Keith Neville Issues Call
For Legislators To Meet Starting
Next Tuesday

Governor Keith Neville has issued a proclamation calling a special session of the legislature to be held beginning at noon Tuesday, March 26. This extraordinary session was called primarily to enact legislation that will authorize Nebraska soldiers and sailors to vote at state elections. But while the governor was at it he incorporated ten different subjects for legislation.

The governor omits the ratification of a prohibitory amendment to the national constitution. Some time ago he was quoted as having said he feared such an amendment would not attain the approval of the Nebraska State senate. There is no mention of suffrage for women in the governor's call. Neither is the legislature given authority in the governor's proclamation to pass a new appropriation bill to pay expenses of the legislature, or for any other purpose.

The only amendment to the state constitution the governor desires considered is only effecting declarant voters. There has been a considerable demand for a change in the state constitutional provision which permits aliens to vote after making a declaration of their intention to become naturalized citizens.

In his call the governor has asked the legislature to repeal the Mockett law, a law which requires school boards to have German or other European languages in public schools when petitioned by fifty school patrons to do so.

In addition to the proposed law to enable soldiers in the army and navy to vote the governor proposed legislation to protect civil rights of Nebraska men in the army or navy. This can be done by the passage of moratorium laws, acts of the legislature to suspend state laws for the enforcement of the payment of debts owing by soldiers during the period of the war.

The governor asks for the enactment of laws defining sedition and sabotage, and prescribing penalties thereof. He asks for an act to legalize the home guard. Such a law would enable the governor to use the present home guard organization for the preservation or order during the period of the war.

As a result of a decision of the supreme court of Nebraska filed last Saturday Governor Neville has included in his call legislation to authorize the state board of educational lands and funds to execute mineral leases upon school lands and to validate leases previously issued by this board of which he is a member. The last legislature failed to pass a bill giving the state board power to issue mineral leases.

This legislation is of interest to the state and also to speculators on potash leases heretofore issued by the state board. The court held that potash and other mineral deposits belong to the state, but that the state board cannot dispose of such deposits without specific authority from the legislature. If the leases already issued, 227 in all, are validated by the legislature the state will receive one-eighth of all potash taken from state lands, and the holders of the leases will receive the other seven-eighths. It is commonly predicted that the proposed potash legislation will prove to be one on which the legislators may disagree and that considerable time may be spent on this one subject, before the legislature adjourns.

Inasmuch as all of the potash plants now operating and most of the potash fields are located in this district, representative Lloyd Thomas editor of The Herald, will be called upon to furnish information on the subject in big quantities to his fellow members. He expects to leave the last of the week for Lincoln.

Reverend S. J. Epler returned from a trip in the Eastern part of the state, last Friday morning. He visited his parents at Brock, Nebr., and attended the Missionary meeting held in Lincoln two weeks ago this Friday.

Reverend Roy Lucas, of the Christian church at Gering, stopped over in Alliance last Friday. He was on his return home from Lincoln and visited with Reverend Epler Friday.

E. E. Kinser of Promise City, Iowa, who owns land in Box Butte county, returned to his home Wednesday night after a stay here of several days.

Miss Susie Frazier from Chadron will be here Saturday to conduct the study hour at the Court house.

CHAIRMAN OF WAR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Lloyd Thomas, Editor Of Herald,
Appointed Chairman For Box
Butte County War Work

Lloyd Thomas, editor of The Herald, has been appointed as chairman for the Box Butte county War Campaign Committee of the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor. The appointment was made by E. Stagg Whitin, chairman of the national executive council, on the recommendation of E. O. Mayfield of Lincoln, Nebraska Representative of the War Prison Board.

Other county chairmen for western Nebraska are: Sheridan County—Hon. W. H. Westover, Rushville; Sioux—Dr. Lloyd Cramer, Harrison; Dawes—Lew H. Wright, Chadron; Scottsbluff—E. T. Westervelt, Scottsbluff; Cheyenne—Joseph Oberfelder, Sidney; Banner—John D. Heintz, Harrisburg; Kimball—B. K. Bushee, Kimball.

The work of the county chairmen will consist largely of furthering the interests of waste conservation as relates to labor, etc., and will reach out in various directions. The work done will be towards the elimination of waste and the conservation of labor in every possible manner.

ART EXHIBIT AT HIGH SCHOOL

The Art Exhibit at the school house this week is drawing large crowds. Several excellent programs have been given and several more are promised the Alliance patrons. The pictures exhibited are of exceptional merit and can be bought after the exhibit is over.

Friday afternoon a good program will be given by the intermediate and kindergarten of both schools. The little people will give aseries of folk dances. Friday night the womens club will have charge of the program.

The program Wednesday afternoon was given by the Central and Emerson schools under the supervision of Misses Devona Dickinson and Gladys Sheridan. The Central put on a patriotic drill, the boys representing sailors and the girls Red Cross nurses. Uncle Sam, Liberty and Peace were typified by very becoming costumes. The Emerson boys and girls glee club put on several numbers but the main event of the day was a highland fling put on by four girls. This event showed unusual ability and was highly appreciated by the audience. The boys and girls of both schools entered into the spirit of the affair and showed that even of this kind do much toward creating responsive work in the school children.

Everybody turn out to the next few programs, have a good time and also help the cause along.



Philip M. Thomas

Another one of the "Thomas boys" who has volunteered for army service. He was formerly pressman in the Herald office and is a member of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, adding another star to the department's service flag.

Recently Philip has been working as make-up man for the Nebraska Printing Company at Lincoln. He became twenty-one years of age on March 2nd and on the 11th enlisted in the coast artillery, leaving Lincoln, on the 13th for Fort Logan, Colorado, in charge of a bunch of eleven volunteers. He was assigned to the Philippine service and has since left Fort Logan for the Pacific coast, en route to the Philippine islands.

Earl D. Mallory in connection with his work with the food administration, made a trip to Gordon by auto Wednesday afternoon.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF T. P. A'S LAST SATURDAY

Last Saturday the regular monthly meeting of the T. P. A. was held. At this meeting the annual election of officers took place in spite of the small turnout. The result of the election was as follows:

Silas Thompson, Pres; T. M. Spencer, Vice Pres; R. C. Strong, Sec'y and Treas; J. H. Hause, Chairman Board Directors; W. G. Nieman, Geo. D. Reed, J. A. Luttrell, J. F. O'Connor, directors; J. H. Hause, Chairman R.R. committee; Ben J. Sallows, CH'M press committee; R. M. Baker, CH'M Hotel Committee; L. H. Highland, CH'M Legislative Committee; M. W. Reynolds, CH'M Employment; CH'M Looney, CH'M Good Roads and Public Utilities Committee; Rev. F. E. Black, Chaplain.

STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION

State Food Administrator Wattles
Orders Substitutes To Be Sold With
Flour At Time Of Purchase

Strict enforcement of the pound-for-pound substitute rule with sales of wheat flour is ordered by Food Administrator Wattles. Merchants do not have the required amount of substitutes, then wheat flour is not to be sold, only as substitutes can be furnished.

All exceptions permitted have been nullified. Potatoes are no longer a substitute for flour and cannot be sold as such. The substitutes, and none other, are:

Hominy, corn grits, corn meal, corn flour, edible corn starch, barley flour, rolled oats, oatmeal, rice flour, and feterita flours and meals.

Consumers are required to purchase at the time the flour is bought and equal amount of any or all of the above products and use them with every pound of wheat flour purchased.

Whole wheat or graham flour may be bought with three-fifths as much substitutes.

ARE ESTABLISHING A CANNING FACTORY

Alliance Real Estate Firm Will Can
Tomatoes By Carload This Fall
In State Of Missouri

Mailey, Kelley & Jeffers, the Alliance real estate firm, are establishing a canning factory in the northwestern part of Missouri and will can tomatoes and other etables by the carload beginning this fall. They already have contracts for forty-five acres of tomatoes which yield from three to five tons per acre in that district.

A plant already established is being remodeled by this firm and they will be ready to run full blast this fall when the harvesting of the crops begins. The plant will employ a good sized force and will help put up food to feed Uncle Sam's boys and the allies. The company to operate the plant is now being organized.

This firm during the last week sold 200 acres of land in southwestern Missouri and 160 acres of land in North Platte valley. Perry Mailey returned Sunday from Missouri where he closed the deal made there.

SUCCESSFUL SALE OF YEARLING BULLS

C. F. Mitchell Was Well Satisfied
With Results Of Auction In Alliance
On Last Saturday

Forty-nine head of yearling Hereford thoroughbred bulls were sold at the auction in Alliance on Tuesday of this week, for C. F. Mitchell, owner. The sale was cried by H. P. Coursey, the Alliance auctioneer. Mr. Mitchell was very well pleased with the outcome of the sale which had been thoroughly advertised in The Alliance Herald.

Among those who purchased bulls for their ranches were the following: J. E. Rice—4, John Nolan—1, Herman Bauer—2, Frank Kicken—3, Mury Taylor—1, Willis Beck—8, Joe Herion—1, J. H. Lunsford—6, Wm. Lotspeich—5, Claud Donovan—2, Hall & Graham—20.

BIG CROWD ATTEND RED CROSS DANCE

The Red Cross Dance held at the Phelan Opera House last Saturday evening was very well attended, practically every business man in town attended the dance and did their share in making the dance a success. The music given by a four piece orchestra which went to sleep while auctioneer Dutton raffled off a couple of twenty five dollar lamps donated by the Thiele Drug Store. The auctioneer was all right but the crowd was slow in buying the tickets. The lamps were won by D. C. Rogers and Paul Herman. Jack Geason in charge of the candy wheel pulled in after the dance with a sack of money, demonstrating Jack's ability as a candy salesman. On the whole the dance was a big success and enjoyed by a good natured crowd of the best people in Alliance. Over \$300 was cleared, Mr. Issason deserves credit for managing so successful an affair.

ALLIANCE SPLITS DOUBLE HEADER

Girls Demonstrate Their Class, Boys
Put Up A Scrappy Game Losing
By Small Margin

Saturday night the boys and girls teams of the High school engaged in their annual basket ball games with the Sidney High School. The Sidney boys won by a 17 to 13 score while the Alliance girls held up their reputation by defeating the Sidney girls 24 to 11. The Sidney girls had a light team with two of their girls being exceptionally fast on the floor, one of these the right forward for the Sidney showed real form in goal shooting and guarding, the Alliance guards had their hands full in holding her even. The girls played a good clean game of basket ball the score being fairly even until the last few minutes of play. Frances Collins and Hazel Thompson were the stars for Alliance although all the girls deserve the honor of the victory. The team that they have should be able to defeat any high school team in the state.

Goals and lineup for Alliance: Frances Collins, Center, three goals; Hazel Thompson, right forward, five goals; Leila Cutts, left forward, four goals; Beulah Reddish, right guard; Esther Nation, left guard.

The boys in the first half led Sidney by one point the score being 8-7. They also put up a better game of basket ball and scrapped harder. Sidney attended the State Tournament at Lincoln where they won second place in their division, losing first place only by a mistaken decision by the referee, on a field goal disallowed because of the netting on the basket being tangled threw the ball out of the net after it had gone through the loop. The referee would not allow the basket, nor give Sidney an additional five minutes of play, Sidney losing by a 17-16 score. Coach Stewart of the University stated that by all rights Sidney should have been given the game, but a decision could not be changed. The Alliance boys went into the game short three of their regular players, Trabert, O'Connor and Plato, considering this handicap did exceptionally well. Edwards and Floyd Lotspeich played the best game for Alliance, the whole team showed lack of condition as they tired out before the middle of the second half. This was natural as the quarantine put them out of a weeks training. The Sidney boys play a good clean game of basket ball, showing the result of superior training which results from attending a State Tournament. Alliance led Sidney up to the last five minutes of play when poor guarding left Sidney free from interference to toss the winning goals.

Alliance, Joder left forward; Edwards right forward Lotspeich H., center Lotspeich left guard; Loomis, right guard.

Sidney Runge, left forward; Maynard Roach right forward; Ellis center, Olson, left guard; Maurice Roach right guard.

Field goals; Runge 2, Maynard Roach 3, Ellis 1, Joder 2, Edwards 3, Floyd Lotspeich 1.

Foul goals; Runge 3, Floyd Lotspeich, 1.

Final score, Alliance 13 Sidney 17.

Bert Walters has left town again, the news stand has a deserted and forlorn look and the young lady of the town is quite lonely.

Mrs. Joe O'Connor entertained the T. A. A. Club Tuesday evening.

"OVER THE TOP" BY FRIDAY NIGHT

Box Butte County Will Sell Its Allotment Of War Savings Stamps
By Friday Night

Box Butte county will go "over the top" Friday afternoon and its allotment of \$130,780 worth of War Savings Stamps will be fully subscribed at that time, was the unanimous opinion of the twenty-five workers who attended the luncheon at the Alliance Cafe Wednesday noon. Under the leadership of Chairman Charles Brittan the county will head the list for Nebraska, according to every indication.

The county districts are fully organized for the big drive. At the meeting yesterday noon the organization for Alliance was perfected. Meetings will be held starting at two o'clock in Alliance Friday afternoon at the following places:

First and Fourth Wards—Central School building, C. F. Dutton is chairman of the campaign in First Ward and L. H. Highland in the Fourth Ward.

Second Ward—Court House, Judge I. E. Tash is chairman.

Third Ward—Emerson School building, John W. Guthrie is chairman.

J. W. Tynan is chairman of the railroad men's committee and the campaign among the railroad men is proceeding under his direction.

A mass meeting will be held at the court house, Friday evening, starting at 7:30 o'clock. This will be attended by the citizens of Alliance and all of Box Butte county.

Two of Alliance's popular railroad employes have subscribed for the limit—\$1,000 each. They stopped at the First State Bank during the past week and signed up for the limit. Letters of encouragement continue to come in to Chairman Brittan. A prominent Hemingford farmer in a letter to Mr. Brittan expressed the feeling which is being shown by all when he said, "I am at your service to help defend my country."

The War Savings Stamp campaign outline, printed in display form elsewhere in this issue of The Herald, should be carefully read by all.

SCOTT INVESTIGATES A SAUCY LETTER

Recruiting Sergeant Scott Receives
Letter Of Apology From Thoughtless Offender

Sergeant Scott, our energetic recruiting officer, sends out personal letters to all young men in his district who are prospects for the army. Ted McElvee of Minatara received one of these letters and evidently thought that the letter called into question his bravery as he sent the sergeant a letter which wouldn't pass the board of censorship. It called in to question the sergeants authority to write such letters, also applying terms to the sergeant's self which no self respecting officer of the government could pass up unheeded.

Scott immediately notified the officer at Minatara to arrest the young man and hold him until he could get there. When Scott reached Minatara a very much frightened young man was awaiting him, as well he should be, his little joke taught him that the best thing to do was to not fool with the government. The letters that are sent out by Scott demand no reply and if a man chooses to ignore the letters there is an end to the matter.

McElvee was glad to get off by swearing to an affidavit of apology. This was all that Sergeant Scott demanded of the offender, whose youth saved him from a more severe penalty. Ted is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McElvee of Minatara, highly respected citizens who have now two older sons in the service of the government. Just such thoughtlessness on the part of the young are the cause of much embarrassment and mortification to parents whose loyalty and patriotism are beyond question.

The condition of H. A. Dubuque, proprietor of the Imperial theatre, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for several days, is reported to be favorable this afternoon and prospects for his recovery are better than at any time during the week. His many friends are pleased to learn of the improvement in his condition.

COLLARD WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR

Noted Insurance Man Visited Alliance—Guthrie Brothers Were
Hosts Of Evening

Guy A. Collard of Omaha, manager for Nebraska for the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was the guest of honor at a dinner given at the Alliance Cafe Monday Evening. Thirty prominent Alliance professional and business men were guests of John and Tom Guthrie, the well known local insurance men. The banquet was in the nature of a "get-together" affair and the speakers of the evening did not fail to make themselves plain in expressing the views that Alliance has in the Guthrie Brothers, men who are staunch and worthy boosters and citizens.



John W. Guthrie, Toastmaster.

Following a delicious course banquet, served as only Jesse Miller knows how to serve it, John W. Guthrie acted as toastmaster of the evening. The first speaker was Mr. Collard. After telling a good story or two, he told of the great work being done in war times by the big insurance companies, particularly the Equitable. Among other things he stated that the big insurance companies are doing fifty per cent more business than a year ago; the Equitable has already purchased twenty-one million dollars worth of Liberty Bonds and is arranging to purchase sixty millions more to be distributed on the payment plan to policy holders. Another interesting fact is that the first payment on Equitable policies is invested in Liberty Bonds. This company has loaned fifteen million dollars on Nebraska farms and will undoubtedly soon be putting money out in Western Nebraska. He told of visiting the Ed Eurry farm two years ago and of seeing there the finest potatoes he had ever seen. The guests were greatly pleased when he announced that this big company will Club spoke, confining his talk chiefly in Nebraska—one at Omaha, one at Grand Island and one at Alliance—the latter undoubtedly in charge of Guthrie Brothers, covering the panhandle, or as he called it—the "bootleg," of Nebraska.

Secretary Fisher of the Community Club spoke, confining his talk chiefly to good roads. He told of the enthusiasm being shown by citizens of the counties traversed by the "Potash Highway," to run from Grand Island along the Burlington.

Toastmaster Guthrie stated that when he had the pleasure of seeing a life size picture of Captain Jack Miller displayed prominently in the office of the vice president of the company.

Tom Guthrie, although a new citizen in Alliance, told of his first impression and expressed himself as being of the opinion that Alliance and Western Nebraska are the ideal locations for permanent residence.

Other speakers were Glen Miller, Lloyd Thomas, Colonel Gantz, E. H. Boyd, Walter Metz and R. M. Hampton. Their talks showed that Guthrie Brothers occupied a warm place in the hearts of Alliance citizens and their success in the insurance field is appreciated by their fellow citizens.

Palm Sunday will be observed at the Methodist Church. Mr. Morris will speak Sunday morning on "The Holy City", and in the evening on "The Tragedy Of The Ages." A special feature of the evening service will be some rapid chalk sketches drawn by the pastor while the choir is singing. The few chalk talks given heretofore have proven very popular, and brought out large congregations. This time they will be rapid sketches illustrating the songs as the choir is singing.