

CHANGE IS NEEDED FOR CITY MANAGER

LEGISLATION NEEDED WILL NO DOUBT BE PASSED AT NEXT SESSION LEGISLATURE

MUST BE STATE CENSUS

Attorney General is of Opinion That Legislature Must Change Law to Help Alliance

Alliance will be unable to secure a city manager until a change is made in the state law...

The Lincoln State-Journal in its issue of Friday gives the following regarding the statement of Mr. Roe:

The city of Alliance may be compelled to wait upon the action of the legislature before it can join the list of Nebraska cities that have the commission form of government...

PHILLIP THOMAS IS NOW COMPANY COOK

Got Tired of Easy Life as Soldier on Manila Bay Rock and is Now Preparing the "Eats"

Phillip Thomas, next to the youngest of the six Thomas boys, is now company cook on the island fortress...

"Dear Folks: It is very hard to find anything to write about, but I must answer your letter. I am stationed on a little island about the size of the fair grounds at Alliance...

"I started cooking in this company the first. Am on shift one day and off two. It isn't hard work but gets pretty hot sometimes. My pay now amounts to \$44.10 a month, which is \$14.10 more than when I enlisted."

"It will feel funny to spend Thanks giving and Christmas in such a warm climate. I'll sure be glad when I get back to the states as this is not a white man's country. The natives here are very dirty and ignorant. They eat anything from dried grasshoppers to chicken on the half shell."

Your friend, Phil. Address: Phillip M. Thomas, 10th Co., C. A. D., Fort Mills, P. I.

CITY CASH GROCERY IS NEW BUSINESS CONCERN

The City Cash Grocery, owned by Mr. H. S. Fortner and managed by his brother, A. C. Fortner, was opened in the building next south of The Herald this week...

America's Christmas Spirit

Never Before Has It Been So Far Reaching

By ALSON SECOR

BACK in a niche of time when a quarrelsome world was momentarily at peace, there was born one whom the world delights to call the Prince of Peace...



His life and His teachings all influenced His followers to be unselfish, helpful, generous, kind, and truthful. And He warned against the wolf in sheep's clothing.

A counterfeit emphasizes the fact that the genuine has great value, be it a counterfeit coin, product, or character. None of the Christian virtues are any the less valuable because a nation has deliberately and with malicious intent, clothed a most degraded and brutalizing national thought in a cloak of Christian phraseology.

Nor is the Christmas spirit obliterated by the horrors of war when that war was fought to bring peace on earth, good will to men; fought that truth may have a chance to triumph over error and deceit; fought that right may conquer might; fought that the selfish, greedy, brutal, bigoted and deceitful believers in the divine right of kings may be disarmed and punished for this world catastrophe.

America exemplifies the Christmas spirit by giving with no thought of gain. Each soldier and sailor who has joined the colors is willing to give his all, not alone for his friends, but for those whom he does not know, whose language he does not understand, knowing that they cannot give him anything in return but gratitude.

It is the same spirit that has prompted every mother and father, every wife and sweet, heart to give their beloved to a cause which will make it possible for the Christmas bells to ring out the glad tidings of great joy.

The sacrifices of America's mothers that the mothers and children of devastated France and ravished Belgium may again be free are but the full fruits of that love which prompts the young mother to fill the Christmas tree with the trinkets that little children enjoy, knowing that they cannot repay except in the happiness they show.

All America has learned the great truth—it is more blessed to give than to receive. Selfishness and thoughtlessness have been largely washed out of our national life by the

blood of our crusaders. It is another case of each one suffering or dying for many. Never has the Christmas spirit so permeated our national and individual lives as now.

The good Samaritan did not stop at merely placing the wounded and robbed stranger upon his breast and taking him to a hotel. He paid the hotel bill in advance and promised to pay so long as the stranger needed care. America was not content with pouring a little ointment upon the wounds of robbed nations. She has helped catch the robber, and now stands willing to pay the bill, to stay on the job until just punishment is meted out to that robber, and see that restoration is guaranteed. This is going the good Samaritan one better. It is the fullness of the teachings of Him whose birthday we celebrate.

Our government gives our soldiers and sailors everything they need while in the service, so it leaves little we can do for them directly, except send them each the one package allowed, and assure them by frequent letters that we are keeping the home fires burning. Indirectly we can do much for them in freely supporting the various organized efforts such as the United War Work fund, Red Cross and others. In this way we can give them some of the comforts they have left at home; some of the entertainments they so much enjoy some of the moral safeguards that they will need now more than ever since relieved from the stress of fighting.

But let us not forget while we are enjoying all the comforts we ever enjoyed, hundreds of thousands of women, children, and old men, who have been driven from their homes, have nothing—no home but a heap of ruins, no clothes but a few rags, no food but a bowl of thin soup once a day. Compared with giving to them the bare necessities of life, the lavishing of useless gifts upon friends, who are not in need of them, seems empty.

The first Christmas was made joyful by the bringing of the glad tidings that a Savior had come. Out of our abundance we Americans can be saviors of many of the stricken people of war torn Belgium and France, if we will but exemplify the spirit of Him whose birthday is celebrated. To those people our partly worn clothes would be a great gift. The Red Cross will receive them.

Above the joy that comes because our boys will no longer have to face the deadly bullets, gas, and shells, and spend the winter in the unspeakable trenches, our hearts are filled to overflowing with satisfaction because right, justice, and freedom have triumphed.

Once more it is fitting that the angels shall sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace good will toward men."

NEW NEBRASKA HIGHWAY IS LATEST PROJECT

A new highway is projected for western Iowa and Nebraska. The road is to start at Denninson, Iowa, pass through Onawa, Iowa, Norfolk, Burwell, Bartlett, Decatur, Bancroft, Elgin, Taylor, Sargent, Anselmo, Tryon, Arthur and Broadwater, Nebraska, with branches to Merna, Alliance and other towns.

An interview with W. D. Fisher, Secretary of the Alliance Community Club and prominent in the promotion of the Potash Highway discloses the fact that great progress is being made toward the building of the highway. Already the gates between Grand Island and Dunning have been eliminated and despite the fact that the shortage of labor and other wartime conditions have to some extent slowed operations more than one-half of the road has been put in good, passable shape.

OMAHA WILL DINE THE ALLIANCE BAND

Invitation Given to Enjoy Hospitality Of State's Metropolis During Firemen's Convention

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce through Mr. Arthur Thomas, Director of Publicity, has extended to the members of the Alliance band an invitation to come to Omaha and have luncheon with the club during the Firemen's convention at Fremont, January 21-23. It has also asked that Alliance furnish a speaker to address the assemblage.

The Omaha club has a reputation as a live one and a good entertainer and it goes without the saying that the invitation will be accepted and that the band members will have one of "the times of their lives." Mr. Thomas, while in Alliance last week, assured the boys they would be given ample opportunity to do Alliance credit. Representatives of the several Omaha dailies will be on hand to give the occasion proper publicity.

GOOD ROADS MEAN MUCH TO NEBRASKA

Vice-President Winship Read Letter at Luncheon from Chief of Field Section at Washington.

"At the good roads luncheon held on Tuesday noon of last week in Alliance, during the convention, L. A. Winship, vice-president of the Nebraska highways transport committee, read the following letter from C. W. Reid, chief of the field section, Highways Transport Committee, of the Council of National Defense:

"Nebraska has very wisely adopted a plan of combining the consideration of highway improvements with Highways Transport. Surely these two subjects are so closely interwoven that it is impossible to consider the road bed without thinking about the traffic which now or will go over the road. It is equally true that the development of the economic use of the highways for commercial purposes, which is highways transport, is only possible to the development of dependable highways. It therefore gives us particular pleasure to congratulate District No. 5, Highways Transport Committee and the Sixth Congressional District Nebraska Good Roads Association on combining forces for their meeting in Alliance on December 10th.

"Building dependable roads and the encouragements of their use as literal avenues of commerce is today one of the vital interests of every tax payer and therefore of prime importance to the civic bodies of your state and district. At your meeting on December 10th you will be engaged in a great and necessary constructive work which will mean more for the commercial and agricultural development of your section of Nebraska could do. Mr. S. V. Norton of Denver, Chairman of Colorado Highways Transport Committee was in our office today and gave us additional concrete evidence of the conservation of feed and money through cooperation of Rural Motor Express.

"Records kept by the Chamber of Commerce at Pueblo for two weeks in July showed a loss of \$7,500 in perishable food-stuffs including over 2,000 loaves of bread due to rail congestion. The installation of Rural Express lines by the Highways Transport Committee resulted in the stoppage of this waste. The experience of Colorado is duplicated in other states where the thought of representative citizenship is being directed

to this relief available as you and your committee are doing in Nebraska. Needless to say their investigations are promoting them, as they are you, in lending their active co-operation in providing adequate finances and machinery for the improvement of the highways over which this traffic will flow.

"When we think about the enormous tonnage of food-stuffs which will be required of us to feed the starving populations in the war area overseas and the important contribution which the great state of Nebraska can make toward this additional tonnage of food-stuffs required we cannot help but be deeply interested in your meeting in Alliance."

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Only two more weeks in the old year. Let us close up our year's work so that we can look God and our fellow man square in the face with a clear conscience. Then we can start in the new year with renewed activities. Come to the Bible school at ten o'clock and receive a welcome and a handshake. Bring a smile and a cheerful disposition. Come with the desire to bless and to receive a blessing. The subject for the morning sermon is "Christ, the Man of Prayer. The Christmas exercise by the young people in the evening.

Come to the church with a message and a welcome. Stephen J. Epler, Minister.

FAMOUS INSTALLS A LUGGAGE DEPT.

Well-Known Alliance Store Creates New Department in Separate Room for Growing Branch.

The Famous, well-known Alliance men's clothing and furnishings store, on account of the growing importance of its luggage department, has opened a separate department in the north room of the basement for this branch of their big business.

In the new department everything for the traveler will be carried and will be well displayed. Special attention is given to the needs of the traveling public and those who visit the luggage department will find it to their benefit.

Miss Williams, a Marsland teacher visited her sister, Miss Elizabeth Williams, over Sunday. Miss Elizabeth is a high school teacher in Alliance.

HONORABLE DISCHARGE FOR "Y" VOLUNTEERS

Alliance Pastor Effected by Order Given After He Arrived in New York City for Sailing

The New York Evening Sun of a recent date carried the following statement regarding the Y. M. C. A. in its overseas department:

Recognition of self-sacrifice on the part of men who put aside their business to serve the Y. M. C. A. workers is being given in the form of certificates of honorable discharge to those volunteers not sent overseas.

In a statement announcing this, the personnel division of the National War Work Council, Y. M. C. A., says: "The Young Men's Christian Association finds itself confronted, following cessation of hostilities, with the necessity of radical revision of its programme.

"Immediately following the armistice it was thought a largely increased force would be needed. A call was made for more men. Later it was found that entire classes of men heretofore needed in considerable numbers by the Y. M. C. A. would not be required.

"Many men have had to be returned to their homes because the work for which they were chosen will not be needed. They will add to the men in every community disappointed because they did not get to go overseas, but entitled to the honor. All will receive certificates of honorable discharge in recognition of their patriotism."

Rev. Fred Black of Alliance is one affected by the new order. He expects the new policy adopted since he went to New York City for embarkation for France to keep him from sailing. Though greatly disappointed he writes that he is not disposed to complain regarding what might be termed a short sighted policy. In any event he will remain in the east for the present.

RED CROSS WILL GET FIVE PER CENT OF GROSS SALES

R. W. Beal, who is selling a car-load of apples at the old Standard Mercantile company's stand on Box Butte avenue, will give to the local Red Cross five per cent of the gross amount of sales. Besides, Mr. Beal has some exceptional values in the way of good quality apples in his offer.

WYOMING OIL LINE COME TO CITY

INCREASED PRODUCTION MAKES NECESSARY ADDED REFINING FACILITIES

ALLIANCE LOGICAL POINT

This City, With Excellent Railroad Connections Would be Ideal Site for Large Refinery

The Lance Creek oil field in Wyoming is now producing large amounts of crude oil that are hunting for a refinery. The Wyoming Oil News, published at Denver and Casper, announces that plans for building a line from the field to Omaha are under consideration. Other routes are also being discussed. One route mentioned has been through Denver toward the Gulf coast for a connection with the Prairie Pipe Line Company's proposed line from the Ranger field to the gulf. Texas reports say that there has been a sudden and unexplained change in the Prairie Co.'s plans and that its work on the 325-mile line capable of handling 60,000 barrels of crude a day, has been temporarily held up. Whether this has any connection with the plans for a line from Wyoming is not definitely known.

Alliance, with its excellent railroad facilities and connections, north, west, south and east, is the ideal location for a refinery and may be considered. The Wyoming oil fields have been rapidly working eastward and a considerable amount of drilling has been done in Nebraska north, west and south of Alliance. That this city will eventually be in the oil district is believed by well posted oil men. The locating of a large refinery here, employing hundreds of men, would serve to call attention of the oil district to this city and would give an impetus to the growth caused by the potash district lying to the east.

It is understood that no definite decision regarding the new oil pipe line eastward will be made until after several wells drilling in the Lance Creek field are completed so that the amount of production and the size of the line necessary to handle it can be determined. It is considered probable, however, that the line will go east from the Lance Creek field to a connection with the Burlington railroad so as to give a more direct line to Canada and the eastern markets than would be possible if it was to be built toward Casper or to a Chicago & Northwestern connection. If the line is built westward it would be carrying the oil away from the eastern markets and would, therefore, necessitate a double haul. The Canadian refineries are heavy purchasers of crude from Wyoming. Much of this crude is purchased from the Ohio Oil Co., with which the Illinois Pipe Line Co., is closely affiliated and which is one of the largest operators in the Lance Creek field.

It is said that the question of the freight rates is involved in the plans. It is possible that a line will be built in the direction of Omaha but will stop at a connection with the Burlington if satisfactory rates are made for handling the crude in tank cars. If the production warrants a line farther east to a connection with the big trunk lines in the Mid-continent fields, or if the rates are not satisfactory, that part of the line already built can then be extended.

The question of markets is the principal consideration. The Mid-Refining Co.'s refinery at Casper is already rated as the third largest in the country when extensions now under way are taken into consideration. It is fast reaching the maximum size for economical operation and it is expected that increased production from Salt Creek, Big Muddy and the other fields in the central and western parts of the state will furnish the Midwest with all the crude it can handle. That will mean that additional refining facilities probably will be constructed at some other point to handle the Lance Creek crude.

PRESENT PRICE OF BUTTER FAT IS HIGHEST EVER

With the price of butter fat soaring still all previous records of the value of this important dairy product have been broken this week by the announcement of the Alliance Creamery that this institution will pay seventy-two cents per pound for butter fat, cream to be delivered at the creamery. The present high prices have been productive of results, too. Farmers are realizing the profits to be made and are responding with shipments of churning cream much greater than normal for this season of the year. The creamery has not as yet raised the price of butter, but will no doubt be compelled to take this step soon.