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THE "FLYING CIRCUS" NEXT WEDNESDAY

COUNCIL FAVORS WIDER SIDEWALK WITH NEW PAVING

PETITION SIGNED BY MANY PROPERTY OWNERS LAID ON TABLE UNTIL NEXT MEETING

If Walks are Left at Present Width, City Water Hydrants will be Covered by the Paving

A short petition, signed by a large number of the property owners in the new paving district, was presented to the city council Wednesday evening, requesting the council to reconsider their action in deciding at the last meeting to extend the sidewalks in the business district to a width of 20 feet, instead of the present width of about 14 feet.

The petition read as follows: "We, the undersigned property owners on Box Butte avenue and Third streets, of Alliance, Nebraska, do respectfully petition the honorable mayor and city council to reconsider their motion with respect to widening the sidewalks in paving district number 2, from 14 to 20 feet. We believe that the wider street is one of the assets of the city and it is imperative to the future growth and development of the city of Alliance."

This petition was signed by H. A. DuBuque, C. A. Newberry, John R. Snyder, E. D. Mallery, First State Bank, F. E. Holsten, R. M. Hanson, Wm. King, W. W. Norton, Marcus Frankie, Guardian Trust Company, W. M. Wilson, Everett Cook, Vaughn & Son, W. C. Mounts, A. P. Brown, W. H. Swan, F. M. Knight, F. E. Reddish, J. M. Miller, Dick O'Hannon, T. J. O'Keefe, J. D. Emerick, S. C. Soules, C. L. Drake, Palace Meat Market, Coursey & Miller, Daniel Marks, Sarah Gilleman, W. D. Rumer, S. Shelton, J. Rogan, W. J. Overton and James Keeler.

Several members of the council stated that they had talked with some of those who had signed the petition, since it had been circulated and that these parties had requested them to disregard their signatures and to go ahead with the previous plans, after the matter had been explained to them and after they had been shown that if the sidewalks were not widened to 20 feet they would look like a sandhill cowpath and that the water hydrants, which are 20 feet from the property line, would be covered by the paving.

It was admitted that if the sidewalks are widened it will be necessary to lower some of them to conform with the street grade. The street lights will have to be changed but the estimated cost of this would be only \$1.50 per light standard. The petition was finally laid on the table until the adjourned meeting, to be held next Monday evening, April 28, at which time it will be either accepted or rejected. The sentiment of the council seems to be in favor of rejecting the petition and going ahead with paving according to the original plans.

JUDGE RYAN SPOKE TO COMMUNITY CLUB

Bald, Guthrie, Sallows, Mallery and Lunn Elected Directors at Tuesday Nights Meeting

Judge Chas. G. Ryan of Grand Island, well known central Nebraska attorney, made an eloquent and interesting speech at the community club smoker Tuesday evening, held in the armory. The attendance at the meeting was small, much smaller than it should have been, for it was not a fair representation of the business interests of the city.

Directors elected for three years were Bald, Guthrie, and Sallows; for two years, Mallery; and for one year, Lunn. These men with the holdovers Rhein, Mahaffy, Brittan and Highland, will comprise the board for the coming year. From their number they will elect the officers with the exception of secretary.

Rufus Jones, club secretary, was present for the first club smoker held since he arrived in the city. He is rapidly becoming acquainted with the citizens of Alliance and with the work of his office. Judge Ryan spoke for an hour to an attentive and interested audience. His talk covered a variety of topics, including community club welfare, the useful expenditures of money, the world war, Bolshevism, opportunities in western Nebraska, equality for women, co-operation between the farmer and the business man, and the Victory Loan.

Following the speech by Judge Ryan refreshments were served. Can you not arrange to accommodate one or more persons with room or rooms on Circus day, April 30th? If you can just phone the secretary of the community club and so inform him.

NEW BUILDING FOR SCHEAFER BROTHERS

James Keeler will erect Large Building to House Battery and Tire Business in Alliance

James Keeler, owner of the property in which Schaefer Brothers, Alliance battery and tire men, have housed their business, will start the erection at once of a new and much larger building to house the rapidly increasing business of the Schaefer firm.

The new building will be 25x100 feet, two stories and a full basement. Schaefer Brothers have moved from the smaller buildings, now on the lot adjoining the Buick Garage, and are temporarily housed in a large tent and the barn adjoining, on the south east corner of the block. They will continue to do business there until the completion of the new building. Schaefer Brothers have enjoyed a rapid and substantial expansion of their business which includes battery service station and auto tire repair and vulcanizing shop. Chas. Schaefer, senior member of the firm, a short time ago returned from service in England in the United States airplane division of the army. The experience gained by him as an expert airplane electrician is of value to him in their work here inspecting and repairing auto electrical systems.

ANOTHER LIVE MEETING OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Interest in Attendance at Meetings of Alliance Volunteer Fire Department is Increasing

The Alliance Volunteer Fire Department held another rousing meeting Wednesday evening at the club rooms in the city hall. The attendance was excellent and under the able direction of president Geo. J. Hand much business was transacted. Director Harley of the department band, reported of his work in organizing for the furnishing of music on April 30th. He was given full authority to go ahead, in conjunction with the department board of trustees.

The department will give a big dance at the armory on Wednesday evening, April 30th. Music will be furnished by the largest orchestra ever playing for an Alliance dance. Arrangements are being made to care for a large crowd.

The department is organizing a baseball team which will be in proper trim for the season and will issue a challenge to any other western Nebraska team at any time during the season.

In accordance with permission granted by the city council, plans are going ahead for the extension of and addition to the armory. The matter was placed in the hands of the board of trustees, who were instructed to go ahead with the work, upon the securing of proper plans and bids for construction.

Following the business meeting and the taking in of new members and receiving of applications for membership, a smoker was served by Buschstein Chemical Company No. 1. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed cigars at the expense of the newly wedded members of the department. Sandwiches, doughnuts, and coffee were carried to the city council and officers, busy in session in the council chambers adjoining. They continued to carry on business speeches being made between the absorption of bites from huge sandwiches and sips of coffee.

Rufus Jones, secretary of the Community Club, visited the club rooms and became acquainted with the firemen, receiving a warm welcome. He soon will be riding the chemical truck to fires, clinging with one arm to the flying truck, while he endeavors to slide into a huge slicker with the aid of the other.

FIVE SPECIAL TRAINS FOR APRIL THIRTIETH

Burlington plans to Bring in Thousands of People from East, West and South

Plans have been made by the Burlington railroad to run not less than five special trains into the city, in addition to the regular night trains, on April 30th. A sixteen-coach train will leave Ravenna at 2 a. m. A fourteen coach train will arrive from Casper at 10:20 a. m. A train of fourteen coaches will run from Sterling. Eight extra coaches will come in with number forty-four from Edgemont.

Practically all of these trains will arrive in Alliance between 10 and 11:00 o'clock Wednesday morning. All of the extra passenger equipment on the Burlington, from Seattle to Lincoln is on its way to Alliance for use on April 30th.

ALLIANCE PREPARES TO ACCOMMODATE LARGEST CROWD IN HISTORY OF CITY ON EVENT OF "AERIAL CIRCUS"

—TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND ARE EXPECTED Special Trains Connecting all Western Nebraska Towns Will Care for People Coming to Witness the Wonderful, Thrilling Exhibition by War "Aces" in Behalf of Victory Loan

Next Wednesday will be "circus day" in Alliance. Crowds will gather early in the morning and until late at night the city will be filled with people. Arrangements are now being made for the entertainment of the enormous crowd and it is confidently believed that April 30th will witness the largest celebration that has ever been pulled off in western Nebraska. Advice reaching here are to the effect that every town in this section of the state will be represented by a large crowd and that Alliance and the aerial circus is being talked in every community. That the day will be one of the biggest in the history of the town is a foregone conclusion—it will witness the most thrilling spectacles ever attempted in the country and the largest crowd of excited, anxious people that ever assembled for any occasion in any town in the western half of the state. It will mark the visit of the famous "aces," who after doing their "bit" overseas have returned to assist in putting the Victory Loan "over the top."

While definite arrangements cannot be made until after the arrival of Major Kenneth Marr, advance officer who will be in Alliance next week, it is known that the special train carrying the flyers, mechanics and planes will arrive here at 8:30 o'clock in the morning and remain all day. The local committee has in mind several sites, which seemingly meet every requirement of the flyers and will be easily available from the city. The fair grounds is too small to accommodate the bird-men and their machines. Ample arrangements will be made to take care of the immense crowds, but the request is made that all visitors from the country, bring well filled lunch baskets so that a big picnic dinner may be enjoyed.

Besides performing all the thrilling stunts that have been attempted by the most daring aviators, a mimic battle among the clouds will be staged. One of the smaller allied machines will first ascend and scout around among the cloudlets looking out for the enemy. Presently four German Fokkers will be seen approaching and coming in range will open on the lone flyer with machine guns, with such apparent effect that the allied plane will soon come fluttering down like a wounded bird. In

the meantime the American and British planes have sprung into the air and are rushing to the aid of their wounded comrade. The Hun stand their ground, that is they don't turn tail and skip, and soon the opposing forces mix. Bombs boom and machine guns rattle and all kinds of maneuvers are executed in order to secure advantageous positions. Machine after machine gets it and comes tail-spinning, side swiping, curleycuing or whatever they call it, toward the ground the flyers saving themselves and their machines only by the most skilful maneuvering. Of course the bombs are not filled with ten-penny nails nor the machine gun do not shoot sure enough bullets, but the noise is real and the work of the birdmen is daring and dangerous enough to thrill the most blasé. It's some show and the people of Western Nebraska are not going to miss it.

The leaders among the aces who will be here is Lieutenant Colonel William Thaw, commander of the famous Lafayette escadrille and one of the most daring flyers that any nation produced during the great war. The other flyers are men who were selected because of the brilliant records they made during the war and the privilege of seeing these famous fighters will be an added attraction that will call visitors to Alliance, April 30th.

The train bearing the flying circus has already left Rockwell field, San Diego for a trip that will take it over 6,500 miles of railroad. All arrangements have been perfected so that a regular schedule may be maintained and its arrival in Alliance about thirty o'clock Wednesday morning, April 30 is assured.

Special trains have been arranged over the Burlington lines that will accommodate those from every direction, who will come. The decoration committee is also busy and when the crowds assemble next Wednesday Alliance will indeed be clothed in her "Sunday best." From this place the circus will travel to Cheyenne for a one-day engagement, leaving Alliance at ten o'clock. It is the opportunity of western Nebraska people to get idea of the hardships and dangers to which the soldier is daily subjected. You should plan to attend—you'll always regret having missed this circus.

BYRNE WAS FINED \$100 ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Judge Tash Rules that Possession of More than One Quart Whiskey in Violation of Prohibition Law

Volta E. Byrne, arrested on April 21st and charged with the illegal possession of liquor, was fined \$100 and costs in county court Friday morning. The case was immediately appealed to the district court, bonds of \$200 being provided.

Judge Tash, in giving his decision, stated that the question of guilt hinged entirely on the interpretation of the prohibition law as to what constituted an "unreasonable amount for personal use." The Judge stated that no Nebraska court, so far as he knew, had given a decision on this question, but that in his individual opinion he would rule that his possession of more than one quart of whiskey was in violation of the law.

Lee Basye, county attorney, prosecuted the case and the defendant was represented by Attorney E. H. Boyd. Two quarts of Rockford whiskey and one-fifth of a gallon of Duffy's malt whiskey were introduced in evidence by the prosecution. This liquor was discovered by officers on April 21st when they searched the home of Mr. Byrne on a search warrant. Sheriff Miller and deputy Laing were the only witnesses on the stand.

"BUD" RUMER IS HOME FROM OVER SEA

Frank D. Rumer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rumer of Alliance, returned to the city Monday noon after serving for a number of months with the American army in France where he did good work as an expert automobile and motor mechanic. "Bud" as he is known by his many friends enjoyed his army life but is glad to be home again. He left Monday night for Denver to join his wife, who has been there with her parents. They will return to Alliance to make their home Friday night. Bud will again take up his work with the Rumer Motor Company of this city.

Have you subscribed for your Victory Liberty Loan Bond.

STOLEN BOOZE MAY BE IN GRAVEYARD

Rumor is Current in Alliance that Whiskey Barrels and Cases Repose in Unmarked Grave

A rumor is current in Alliance that the hiding place of the whiskey stolen a few weeks ago from a Burlington freight train has been discovered—at least the rumor says that suspicion points towards one of the graveyards in the vicinity of Alliance.

The story going the rounds is that the two barrels and seventeen cases of whiskey repose in an unmarked grave and that certain parties who have been journeying forth after dark towards the burial grounds gone forth to mourn at the grave of John Barleycorn, at whose head a tombstone has not yet been placed. This little ceremony will take place on July 1st, unless the cache of liquor is exhausted sooner.

The officers of the law, to whose ears the story has come, are considering placing a watch at the grave yards for midnight prowlers. Each officer will be attired in a sheet and cover his hands and face with a phosphorescent material. They will scare the culprit into a cataleptic fit and then bring him into town before reviving him with a drink.

NEW SIDEWALKS IN EAST PART OF TOWN

City Council Approves the Laying of New Walks and Crossings in East Side Districts

East Alliance, after waiting for seven years, is to have new sidewalks and crossings. The city council at the meeting Wednesday evening, voted to accept the petition signed by east side property owners and the walks and street crossings will be installed at an early date on the proper grades.

A petition was presented, showing that the work proposed would cost approximately \$2090, according to the estimate of the city engineer. Councilman Moore stated that the east side residents had been promised these improvements for the last five years. C. E. Clough and D. A. Foley, who have property on Sweetwater Avenue, appeared in person to protest against the work at this time of the year on account of the fact that lowering of the grade would necessitate the moving of trees, which would probably die if the work was done in warm weather. Their protests were heeded and the council omitted their localities from the order for walk installation and lowering.

Councilman Moore stated that residents on Missouri avenue desired to put in their walks and pay for them. The council voted to allow these residents to install their own walks on grade to be approved by the city engineer.

A new sanitary sewer district is to be created in the territory bounded by Emerson and Platt and Third and Tenth streets. The city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance creating this new district, after approval of a petition signed by F. M. Knight, H. F. Thiele, John McDonald, Community Building Association, E. L. Lawrence, A. T. Lunn, Lee Sturgeon, and A. G. Wright.

President Rhein and Secretary Jones of the Community Club appeared at the council meeting and brought up the question of concessions for April 30th, the installation of toilet facilities, and hitching posts. The hitching posts are to be installed on the west side of Niobrara Avenue, between Third and Fourth streets. Horses and mules must be tied to them. Jitneys will be allowed to stray at will if guarded by a driver. If left alone they must be hobbled. The matter of concessions for the 30th was turned over to the Community Club. Additional toilet facilities will be installed to care for the enormous crowds expected.

Councilmen present at the meeting were: Gavin, Hills, Moore, Henry, Johnson, Harris and Highland. Another adjourned meeting is to be held on Monday evening, April 28th. At this meeting, applications for licenses for pool halls, picture shows, and other businesses which require them will be considered and acted upon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE STRONG BUNCH BALL TOSSERS

The Alliance Fire Department will be a strong contender for baseball honors this season if the hopes of the members do not go awry. At a meeting held last week for the consideration of the ball team question it was decided to organize a club and to select nine ball tossers to represent the department that would insure some real exhibition of the national pastime. Several old-time players are fitting themselves for the game and contend they will soon be in shape to meet all comers.

THE STORM SEWER QUESTION MAY DELAY PAVING

CITY COUNCIL FACES QUESTION —WETHER TO VOTE BONDS AT SPECIAL ELECTION

Cost Would be \$520 per lot in East Part of Town if Assessed Against Abutting Property

Would the value of a \$150 residence lot be enhanced if the sum of \$520 was assessed against it because of the fact that the city storm sewer happened to abut against it in seeking an outlet in the southeast part of the city? Or would the property owner donate the said lot to the city rather than pay an assessment like this, in order that flood waters would be promptly carried away from the business district?

These are questions which perplexed the minds of the city dads at the adjourned council meeting, held Wednesday evening. City attorney Metz gives as his opinion that the city may follow one of two plans for the raising of funds with which to construct a storm sewer before the new paving starts—either vote the necessary bonds at a special election, or by authority of the law assess the cost of the storm sewer against the abutting property. The corner lots along Third street, down which the sewer would run would have to stand the cost, if abutting property was assessed, while inside lots, only 50 feet distant and benefiting just the same, would get off without cost.

The city has authority to vote up to \$100,000 worth of bonds at a general or special election for the purpose of putting in a storm sewer. However, an election could not be held until after 30 days notice had been given. The sum of \$10,000 additional could then be voted each year for additions and extensions to the storm sewer system.

Owners of property in the 15 blocks of paving district are apparently heartily in favor of a storm sewer being installed before the paving is laid. The property owner who would kick, if abutting property were assessed, is the man who lives in the east part of town, owns a corner lot, and who would not be near the paving, yet who would be compelled to pay \$4.00 per front foot because the main sewer ran past his property. True, he would have 10 years in which to pay for it, but that would mean \$52.00 per year additional taxes.

The matter will be thoroughly threshed out at the adjourned meeting of the city council to be held next Monday evening, April 28th. At it now stands, paving may be delayed for 30 days unless it is decided to abandon the idea of a storm sewer altogether. Paving engineer Grant estimates the cost of the storm sewer for the present paving districts from \$25,588 to \$29,000.

THIRTY PIECE BAND WILL FURNISH MUSIC

Director Harley Reports Lineup of Brass Band Complete for Furnishing Music on April 30th

Director Harley of the Alliance Volunteer Fire department band reports to the department Wednesday evening that the brass band is thoroughly organized and ready to furnish music on April 30th. The band will consist of thirty musicians, 10 experts, eight of whom come from Denver and five from Antioch. Cost is to be borne by the fire department and the community club. All the musicians are donating their time and the only expense will be their railroad fare and personal expenses, amounting in all to about \$200.

Harley goes to Denver Sunday afternoon to meet five of the men who will drive overland by auto 180 miles to meet him there. They are all old associates of his who are giving of their time as a favor in order to help him and the Alliance fire department make a showing that has never before been heard in western Nebraska.

A concert will be given Tuesday afternoon and evening and music will be furnished all day long on Wednesday. The firemen will make a special effort to show their guests the true Alliance hospitality during their stay in the city. The 17 Alliance men who will play in the band will donate their time. They are all experts and will show the people of western Nebraska why it is that Omaha wants the Alliance band to attend the big Ak-Sar-Ben festival this coming fall.

The Victory Liberty Loan will be a test of genuine patriotism.