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SOARING OF PRICES ALRF'

PACKERS WILL BE ASKLU TO EXPLAIN

Attorney General Palmer Announces Readiness to Launch Vigorous Campaign to Remedy High Cost of Living-Congress to be Asked for Necessary Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The readjust American flour prices at the expense of the national treasury, as food profiteers in the United States authorized by congress." as an immediate remedy for the high cost of living.

torney General Palmer after a con- siders in the trade-are hoarding of Omaha. The Union Pacific, Bur-

at its command to ferret out and pro- profiteers. secute the hoarders of food and those who are charging extortionate prices. CONGRESS AGAINST WAGE

Big and little profiteers are to be prosecuted and congress is to be asked to supplement the existing penal code of the food act with amendments which will enable the government to reach its hand out and grapple the retailer who in many communities is charging evorbitant prices for foodstuffs.

The president authorized the statement that he will address congrees on the subject within a few days and at the time will submit re- advise the president that he has full commendations to aid in dealing authority without further legislation. with the critical situation adequately and effectively. Beyond that an-nouncement the president had noth-ing to say regarding the plans of the government respecting the issue. It was made clear, however, that

the government does not contemplate entering upon any experiment in subsdizing food, such as purchasing wheat at the guaranteed price, and selling it for less to the miller, making up the deficit from the bil-tion dollar wheat guarantee fund. Two MILLION FMPLOYES IN-Action, as Attorney General Pal-

mer put it, "earnest, aggressive, vig-

AND SO WILL ALLIANCE! Are Hoarding Sugar. CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Profiteering up all freight shipments, except per-This was announced tonight by At- sugar brokers-declared ot be out- ishable goods, scheduled in and out

ference with the president which fol- sugar for a three-cent a pound boost lington and Great Western are the lowed an allday deliberation of the special cabinet committee on means canning season. They expect them The strike is being conducted in of reducing the prices of necessities to pay fifteen cents a pound. Inof reducing the prices of necessaries to pay inteen cents a point. to the agitated public. The department of justice, it was declared, will employ every resource profiteers.

INCREASE LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 .- The senate interstate commerce committee late today, by unanimous vote, directed Chairman Cummins to reply to President Wilson's suggestion for ployes reported for work yesterday. legislation to create a special railroad wage board. Senator Cummins' letter will not be made public until tomorrow, but it is understood to advise the president that he has full



VOLVED IN CRITICAL LABOR SITUATION.



BY BOARD TO SUPERVISE CITY AFFAIRS.

Will Also Act as Superintendent of Light and Water Department-Begins August 20th.

Alliance's dream of a city manager is about to be realized. Last evening at a special meeting of the city council, called for the purpose negotiating with Mr. Cassius C. Smith for his services in this capacity, the board adopted and passed the necessary ordinance to establish

the position and when the same has been published the appointment will be made accordingly. Mayor Rodg-ers, following the action on the ordinance appointed Mr. Smith superintendent of the light and water department, after withholding the filing of the position since the installation of the new administration. The ordinance very clearly sets forth the duties of Mr. Smith as city manager. According to its provisions he will: supervise all improvements made by the city; have charge of the park, the library, the city farm and the cemetery; will see to it that the ordinances are enforc-

ed; keep the streets and alleys in repair; act as the purchasing agent of the city-in fact practically conduct the affairs of the city of Alli-Mr. Smith was for several years

employed in a like capacity by the city of Montrose, Colorado, and while so employed made a remarkable showing of efficiency in the conduct of the business of the city. He comes to Alliance well recommended, with the experience necessary, it would seem to assure his success and will enter upon his new task about August 20th with the hearty co-operation of the mayor and members of the city council.

"Unpaved" Box Butte

Neb. Council Bluffs and Valley Junction, Ia., shops are closed. Small shops of the Missouri Pa-cific in Missouri are closed, but all

several of the roads refuse all shipments. Blanket grain shipments permits have been cancelled and the



gun at the railroad yards Sunday morning costs a couple of Mexicans stiff fines in Police court Monday morning. Night Marshal Taylor and Special Agent Smith, after hearing the shots went to the scene of trouble and after some little persuasion, forcible in part, they relieved the would-be bad men of their guns and landed them in jail. One of the offenders was able to pay his fine of \$20 and the trimmings, but the other fellow who was assessed \$50 and the extras will have to lay his out.

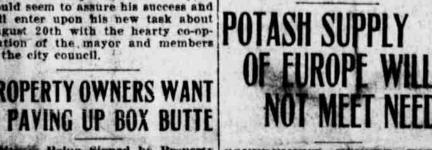
BLUFFS BOYS BEATEN BY ALLIANCE SUNDAY

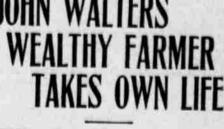
New Players Prove Great Strength to Local Base Ball Team-

Score 7 to 1.

winner Sunday afternoon at the fair his neighbors were to attempt blackfair grounds when the Scottsbluff mail. During the conversation which Athletics contested for high honors ensued the unfortunate man told the with our ball tossers. Within the officers of having been at the state past few days the Alliance team has hospital at Hastings a few years ago been greatly strengthened by the ad- and that he feared that his reasoning dition of a few new players to the club and it promises well now to successfully compete with the best amateur clubs of western Nebraska. but that he could not find help. He The attendance was just fair, much was advised to return home to his less than the boys deserve, but those work and to, when such was properly who were present were of the right arranged to return to the hospital sort and gave the players the en-couragement that is appreciated. decided to do. Nothing more was The final score was 7 to 1. Umpire heard from him, until Wednesday Harling scored a real success and his work was greatly praised. Frickie and Hudkins made up the battery for Alliance; Adams and Garber for bor, when she rode through the Walthe visitors.

The Alliance team will go to Bayard Sunday for the return game with the crack nine of that place.





FEAR THAT HE MUST REFURN TO STATE HOSPITAL THE CAUSE.

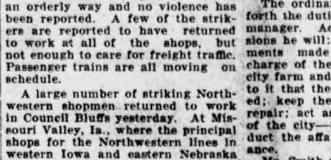
Told Sheriff Miller on Monday He Needed Help in Caring for Stock and Crops.

John Walters, wealthy farmer livng sixteen miles north and one mile west of Alliance, was found dead at his place Wednesday afternoon by neighbors probably about twenty-four hours after he had taken his own life by shooting himself with a .22 calibre rifle.

On Monday morning last, as Sheriff J. W. Miller approached the county court house in this city he In a well-played game of base ball met Mr. Walters, who advised Mr. the Alliance team was returned the Miller that he feared that some of ter's place yard after driving some cattle owned by him out of the Bird corn fields.

Just when Mr. Walters committed the awful deed can not be told, but when the officers arrived upon the scene the body was found to be in a bad state of decomposure. The evidence available would lead to the conclusion that the attempt at selfdestruction was first made in the house, where blood stains were found and that following the firing of the shot from the 22-calibre rifle the man ran to the front of the house, where his body was found.

Grain and live stock shipments to Omake are far below normal and several of the roads refuse all ship-ments. Blanket grain shipments peras a hard worker and the ca be but a memory in a year from Maximum Exportation Possible Still his rash deed cannot be solved unless it was the result of his brooding over a fear that he must return to the state hospital. He leaves three brothers and one sister, all of whom reside in the vicinity of Hemingford. The funeral services were held at that place this afternoon.



are located none of the shop em-Milwaukee shopmen at Council Bluffs, Perry and Atkins, Ia., quit work Tuesday and although a few returned yesterday they will be unable to care for more than passenger trains. Illinois Central shops in Waterloo, Ia., are closed but Fort Dodge employes remained at work. Rock Island employes west of the Missouri river refuse to strike and full crews are working at Fairbury.

Superior has just awarded the

contract for sixty blocks of con-

crete paving. Grand Island has ordered one

and one-half miles of pavement

Columbus on the paving of dis-

tricts five and six, which include

• in Humboldt is about complet-

Work will begin at once at

The paving of Main street in

installed at once.

about sixty blocks.

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schedule.

Nebraska and Kansas employes are at work.

orous action, will be directed by department of justice against all profiteers, and it was reported tonight that among the first big offenders to be proceeded against will be the big packers.

Following the attorney general's conference with the president, Mr. as a unit for the first time in the preof Justice. It was admitted that the eral Hines their disapproval of asked about the conference, District Attorney Clyne said he could not discuss it.

The decision of the administration not to heed suggestions relating to government subsidization of food which was made public by Julius Barnes, director of the grain corporation, who conferred with the president.

The Wheat Situation.

Mr. Barnes issued a long state- vances. ment to explain the world wheat sit- must be acompanied by a determined officials about 250 men are on strike. uation, in the course of which he effort to reduce the cost of living. said that the wheat corporation was now engaged in buying new flour at road problem was declared to depend shops quit work at 11 o'clock this would be sold to the public at \$10 a capital as the sole purpose of opera- union officials in St. Paul. The barrel, no more and no less, in any tion and the director general, ac- strike affects machinists and boilercommunity where dealers sought to cordingly, was asked to recommend makers and their helpers and apcharge more for the product.

"flour is 50 per cent of the final bushel must be taken from the price of wheat.

"If flour were supplied to the bak- give equitable returns on money iners free (the present cost of labor vested. and other materials remaining the same), we could hardly attain a retail five cent loaf.

'If, with the latter developments, a world wheat price is indicated ed equal attention. Labor leaders lower than the guaranteed basis, the who were questioned declined to say

CITY MUST REFUND TO BURLINGTON COMPANY

to Railroad After Months of Contention.

The sum of \$711.36 was ordered torney Walter R. Meis. The unount sage of the Adamson act. time of payment the railroad entered moving of trains. protest and asked a refund and mice that time the money has been in the hands of the county treasurer pending settlemet.

Action is Insisted Upon by Heads of Fourteen Organizations Effected By Threatened Strike.

Palmer connselled with Chas. F. sentation of wage demands, the four- secured immediately farmers will Clyne, district attorney of Chicago, teen principal railroad unions yes- have to guit threshing. Grain now and C. E. Ames of the department terday in expressing to Director Gen- being hauled to elevators in rural particular subject of the conference President Wilson's proposal that available storage space and unless it was the Chicago packers. When congress create a commission to can be moved to terminal elevators consider increased pay, declared that they will have to close. wage questions must be settled immediately.

A general program to meet the present crisis, involving the threat inists, boilermakers, steam fitters, of a nation-wide strike, was submit- car renairers, blacksmiths and their ted to the director general. It sug- helpers employed in the Northern gested that the money to provide in- Pacific shops here walked out this creased pay should come from an ap- morning following orders from the propriation by congress to be fol- union headquarters in St. Paul, in lowed by appropriate freight ad- support of the union's demands for

Permanent solution of the railto President Wilson that the at- prentices. The walk-out will have "In America," said Mr. Barnes, tempt to obtain early passage by congress of organized labor's bill to road service, according to company wholesale cost of bread, and 50 per eliminate private capital from con- efficials. cent is made up of labor, other in- trol of the railroads and to give the gredients and delivery. Roughly employes a share in the profits. The speaking, to reduce the 10 cent loaf unions declared the beleif of the Roughly employes a share in the profits. The of bread to 9 cents, 65 cents per workers that transportation rates should be sufficient to guarantee just wages, maintain the properties and

Interesting as were the suggestions for removing the menace of a nationwide strike ,the unified action

of the fourteen organizations attractwheat director will not hesitate to whether the unions would act as a whole in the future, but declared they were going through with the

present situation as one body. The result will be to put the solid weight of 2,000,000 persons, virtually the entire rail transportation personnel of the United States back of Amount of Unlawful Tax is Returned the demands, with the possibility as never before of the paralysis of the nation's life if a general strike should ensue.

Co-operation between the four refunded to the Chicago, Burlington great brotherhoods-engineers, fire-& Quincy railroad company by the men, conductors and trainmen-for city council Wednesday evening up- the first time several years ago provon the recommendation of City At- ed the power of united action in pas-

in question is the amount of tax gait The present situation was said to by the company for street mainten- be similar but infinitely more danance as assessed a year ago by the gerous. Not only are the four brothcity council, but which since has erhoods involved, but all the other proven to have been without the unions also which have to deal with jurisdiction of the council. At the maintenance of equipment and the

Omaha Hit By Walkout.

road shopmen have practically tied change about September 1st.

shipments under individual permits are being held at small towns adjacent to Omaha to avoid congestion in the yards here. Similar regulations have bene placed in effect at WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 .- Acting all terminal markets.

With the threshing season at its height it is facred unless relief is communities will soon take all of the

Shopmen and Metal Workers Strike. HELENA, Mont., Aug. 5 .- Mach-This "temporary relief" increased pay. According to union

BILLINGS, Mont., Aug. 5 .- The entire crew in the local railroad no immedalte effect upon the rail-

HURON, S. D., Aug. 5 .- More Ninth streets in said city. the Chicago and Northwestern cail-(Continued on Page Six.)



Alliance's \$85,000 Theatre which will open to the public soon. On the second floor of this fine structure will be located Dr. Geo.

OMAHA, July 7 .- Striking rail- J. Hand's office and surgical quarters. The doctor will make the

now, if the city council decides to comply with the wishes of the property owners from Fifth to Tenth The apparent loosening of the pot-

streets, as expressed by petitions being signed by them this week. The bumpy bumps which are so prevalent now at the crossings will be forgotten as the auto driver smoothly glides his way up Box Butte and the dust which now is brands of cars, will be covered with thick layers of cement, upon which the children may play marbles and desire, while the bashful maidens

and youths may spoon the long summer evenings on the twenty-foot parking up the center.

The petitions read as follows: "To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska: Tenth street, and for one-half block export.

each way from Box Butte avenue on

Box Butte avenue."

Leaves Shortage of \$150,000 Tons This Year.

ash market and the heavy purchases made for fertilizer industry is the result of the report made to the ways and means committee by a representative of the interior departstirred by the wheels of Fords, survey, who was sent to Europe to ment, Hoyt S. Gale of the geological find out and report the facts about the industry in France, Spain and Germany, according to advices reachrun their go carts to their heart's ing western Nebraska people interested in the potash industry.

Mr. Gale's report was that Spain has no available surplus for export, that in the Alsatian field there is none of the high grade potash available for export to the United States, and that the largest amount of the The undersigned, each being the lower grades that is offered for sale owner of property which would be abroad is 50,000 tons. In Germany subject to assessment for the im- the labor condition is serious, transprovement hereinafter mentioned, portion is bad and political condido respectfully petition your honor- tions worse. Only three-fifths of the less than market prices and that this upon the removal of returns to morning in response to orders from take such steps as are necessary to done in the mines, and the larger ably body, that you will immediately normal amount of work is being order in and construct paving upon part of the product is being used on Box Butte Avenue in the City of her own soils. The head of the pot-Alliance, from the south side of ash syndicate could not figure more Fifth street, to the south side of than 50,000 tons of pure potash for

> This makes a possible 100,000 Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and tons of pure potash for export from We re- the producing countries of Europe than 200 shopmen employed here by quest that when said paving is order- and for a part of this Holland and ed, it be ordered with a twenty-foot England are also bidders. If the road quit work today to enforce parking in the center of the street on United States got all of this and the shipping is available the market in this country would still be short 150,000 tons this year, said Mr. Gale. THE NEW IMPERIAL BUILDING There is not now available for use to ily, who are former Alliance resiexceed 20,000 tons of pure potash. Ever since the armistice the fertilizer companies, the big consumers of potash, have been staying out of the market, and the Nebraska producers and others with potash in storage have been unable to interest them in purchases. They expected to get the stuff from Germany at much less than the American producers could put it on the market for.

A Nebraska producer, while in New York last week sold 650 carloads at a figure that will mean a small profit to the Nebraska producers, akhough it is far below the wartime prices, which ranged from \$4.75 to \$5.25 a unit, or twenty pounds. The sale was made to one man, and totaled between one and a half to two millions. The deal involved 33,000 tons of potash salts, which runs twenty to thirty per cent pure potash, the remainder being Fifth street and Box Butte avenue other chemicals in the solids. It is and that the pavement could be put to be distributed among the various in at the established grade. This fertilizing companies, and it is being action rendered impossible the using followed by other sales. The potash is in storage in eastern and southeastern cities, and is being shipped from there.

What effect this will have on the future of the potash industry in Nebraska no one can definitely state, but it is thought by some that it may | council.

have a direct bearing on the reopening of the plants at Antioch. Lakeside and Hoffland,

Potash legislation now being considered in congress and upon which much depends if the industry is to be developed, will be greatly affected by this report it is believed local poeple who feel a justification for considerable optimism in this report of the foreign potash situation. There are eighteen states interested in potash production, Nebraska producing seventy per cent of the total. The fight now is to keep out German potash until the American industry can get back on its feet. The Nebraska plants are equipped to make 125,000 tons a year, from a supply the limits of which have not been calculated because so much is now being found at thirty and forty feet below the surface and down to hardpan. The Fordney plan of legislation provides a system by which the foreign product is to be mixed with the domestic salts and sold to farmers for the first two years at \$1.83 a unit and for the next two at \$1.50.

Mrs. James Graham returned Tuesday from an extended visit to Washington, D. C., and other eastern points. While away Mrs. Graham visited with her daughter Miss May, and also with the A. Renswold famdents.

PROPERTY OWNERS MAKE COMPLAINT TO COUNCIL

Mrs. J. A. Mallery appeared before the city council in session Wednesday night and asked that she be given relief from a torn-up condition of the alley to the rear of her property on Laramie avenue. During the hearing it developed that the mayor and some of the members of the board had been previously called into conference in the controversy which arose when Lowry & Henry ordered the surface of the alley cut down several feet that the firm may install pavement at the rear of its new garage building on the corner of of the barn on the Mallery lots. The city attorney was instructed to arrange a settlement that would be satisfactory to Mrs. Mallery after the council had agreed that no one had the right to alter the streets or alleys without the order or consent of the