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MASS MEETING IS CALLED FOR OCTOBER 15

HOUSING PROBLEM TO BE PUBLICLY DISCUSSED.

COURT HOUSE THE PLACE

Fifty Two- or Three- Minute Talks Planned—Open Discussion of the City's Important Problem.

A public mass meeting, to be held in the court house next Tuesday evening, October 14, has been called by the Alliance Community club, at which there will be open discussion of several important community problems, with especial reference to that of housing.

The club has made arrangements for short talks by a few citizens on the subject, after which the meeting will be thrown open. It is hoped that there will be the fullest discussion, and that fifty or more men will have something to say that will assist in arriving at a solution of one of the most perplexing problems that the city is faced with.

At present it is almost impossible for a new family coming to the city to find suitable accommodations for himself and family. Rents are high, and the accommodations are not the best. It is not a hopeless condition, however, but one that can be taken care of by united action. Some way should be provided for that will enable the man who wants to buy a home to find something that will satisfy him at a price with his means. The time to do something is now. Every day's delay may mean the loss of new citizens. Come out to the meeting and do your share in helping solve Alliance's biggest problem.

MAKING PLANS FOR RACING MEET

Meeting of Representatives From Nearby Towns to Be Called in Near Future.

Steps have been taken looking toward the organization of a race circuit by the Alliance Community club. A circular letter was sent out a short time ago, and the replies are beginning to come in. Without exception they are favorable, and within a short time a meeting of representatives from interested towns will be called. The success of the last race meet may be taken as an indication of the reception that will be accorded another one, and definite announcements may be looked for within a week or two.

STEPS TO SECURE CATTLE INSPECTOR

Community Club Officials Planning to Make It Easier to Ship Cattle from Alliance.

Alliance has no cattle inspector. This does not interfere with shipments within the state, but all interstate shipments must be inspected. This means that every little while there are annoying delays while an inspector is brought here from Crawford.

The Alliance Community club has taken the matter up with the proper officials, and within a short time results are expected.

M. J. Yanders, better known as "Chubby," who has been in the employ of the Keep-U-Neat for the past two months, was operated on for appendicitis at the hospital Monday. Late reports are that he is making a good recovery and expects to be back on the job before very many days have elapsed.

Myrl Swanson, cashier of a Hemingford bank, was in Alliance Tuesday, driving over with his father, V. Swanson of Aurora, who had been making him a short visit on the way to his annual visit to his farm near Bayard. They spent the time waiting for train connections in looking over the city, and V. Swanson was particularly impressed with the size of the mercantile establishments and the business transacted by them. He is one of the leading grocers in Aurora and naturally visited one of the grocery stores first, having words of commendation for the size, arrangement and display of the Malley stock. Mr. Swanson says that the potato crop on his Bayard farm will be a bumper one this year, the yield being exceptionally large and the prices exceptionally favorable.

WOMAN SHOPLIFTER ADMITS HER GUILT

Woman Who Took Dress From the Golden Rule Bound Over on a Grand Larceny Charge.

Chief of Police Oscar Reed returned from Bridgeport Wednesday noon, bringing with him a nifty velvet dress, valued at \$80, and a young lady who gave her name as Miss Gloron. The dress was stolen from the Golden Rule store in Alliance last Monday noon by the most approved shoplifting methods, and was only through one little slip the young lady left a clue that resulted in her arrest.

Last Monday, along about time, when the majority of the young ladies entered the Golden Rule store, the young lady entered the place and asked to look at some good dresses. The dresses were all on the second floor, and the regular saleswoman had gone to dinner. Mrs. Coleman, who clerks in another department, waited on the young woman, who insisted that none of the dresses in sight exactly suited her, but wanted to try on one on display in the window—a handsome creation in blue with accordin pleats. She would look at nothing but a blue accordin pleated dress and was positive that the one in the window was just her size.

About this time Mr. Barnett arrived, and with his assistance the dress was removed from the window, the customer, in the meanwhile, being left alone in the suit department. She had with her a traveling bag, and into this she placed the stolen dress, taking it from the front of one of the glass cases. She had presence of mind enough to replace it with another dress. When the blue dress was brought out, she commenced to talk of being in a hurry, but consented to try it on, immediately insisting that she was sure it would never fit. She seemed rather nervous and finally said that she had to go to a bank to get a check cashed, but would return within a few minutes.

As the shoplifter passed out the door, the head saleswoman of the suit department came in and at once discovered that a dress was missing. A search was made for the young woman, but with no result. Then Mrs. Coleman furnished the clue that resulted in the recovery of the dress and the arrest of the shoplifter. She recalled that when the young woman came in, she made some remark about the Harper store. Inquiry at Harper's developed the fact that a young woman answering to her description had purchased a dress there offering in payment therefor a check. This the Harper salesman referred to a bank, where it was pronounced no good. The check was drawn on a Bridgeport bank, and Mr. Barnett and Chief of Police Reed, together with Mrs. Coleman, proceeded to Bridgeport by automobile.

The young lady was discovered Tuesday evening, enjoying herself at a motion picture palace, wearing, not the handsome gown she has lifted, but a less elaborate affair, and a raincoat. She was easily identified by Mrs. Coleman. Wednesday morning a search warrant was issued and the dress was found in the home of her sister, whom she was visiting. She acknowledged that she had stolen it and was placed under arrest, Chief Reed bringing her back to Alliance, where she was put in charge of the police matron.

Miss Floron pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny when arraigned Wednesday afternoon, was bound over to the district court. The merchants of Alliance have agreed that in cases of this kind they will hereafter prosecute to the limit, no matter who the person or what the circumstances. Losses from shoplifting and thievery of other kinds make up an alarming total each year, and it has been decided that each merchant will do his part toward putting a stop to further depredations. The chief difficulty in cases of this kind has been that the offenders, due to the leniency of the merchants, have usually been allowed to escape punishment, but notice has been served that from now on, every case will be prosecuted vigorously, and folks who have shoplifting tendencies will do well to exercise them elsewhere than in Alliance.

WILL FINISH MARKING BROADWATER ROAD

At the Monday evening meeting of the directors of the Alliance Community club, it was decided to complete the marking of the road lying between Oshkosh and Alliance. The marking will be taken up at a point beginning about Charles Avery's place and will be completely and thoroughly done. The Broadwater road, which connects with the Lincoln local routes.

MAKES AN INSPECTION OF NEW EXCHANGES

Frank A. May of Omaha Looks Over Lines Purchased From Wyoming & Nebraska Telephone Co.

Frank A. May of Omaha, commercial superintendent for the Nebraska Telephone company, was in Alliance Wednesday evening, where he had come from an inspection trip over a portion of the new territory that will be occupied by the company as a result of the purchase of the Wyoming Nebraska Telephone company. The change took effect the first of October, and Mr. May put in a busy day going over the equipment and records of some of the new exchanges.

Eleven exchanges are added to the Nebraska Telephone company's lines through this purchase, which covers some six hundred miles of toll lines and over twenty-five hundred subscriber stations. The exchanges transferred are those at Hanson, Crawford, Chadron, Rushville, Belmont, Marsland and Crookston. The purchase of the Wyoming-Nebraska company makes the Nebraska Telephone company larger and stronger than ever, and means that there will be better service in the region affected by the change.

Mr. May was accompanied on the inspection trip by Paul H. Patton of Omaha, plant engineer; E. I. Hannah of Omaha, plant superintendent, and R. R. Hartford of Grand Island, district plant chief.

A wire from Omaha recalled Mr. May to Omaha Wednesday evening, but he plans to complete the work some time next week.

PHILIP DUFFY HAS CHANGED HIS MIND

Central City Man Again Plans to Establish Wholesale Poultry House in Alliance.

Philip Duffy of Central City, who a few weeks ago decided to locate in Alliance and was later reported to have decided to remain in Merrick county, has again signified his intention of coming here. In a conversation with a director of the Community club, a few days ago, Mr. Duffy stated that he has reconsidered his decision, and is now making his arrangements to remove here.

W. J. Hillary is the name of the latest employe of the Keep-U-Neat. Mr. Hillary comes well recommended as a man of over twelve years' experience in the business and is an expert cleaner and spotter. He will prove a valued addition to the Keep-U-Neat establishment.

SIGN ARTICLES FOR PACKING COMPANY

Alliance Will Have a Tremendous Advantage As Center After Operations Commence.

Another important step has been taken in the organization of the Alliance Packing company, according to announcements made this week. The articles of incorporation have been signed and will be filed with the secretary of state within a few days. Officers and directors have not as yet been selected, but these will be named as soon as the articles are filed.

J. W. Guthrie, R. E. Plumble, Glen Miller and D. S. Sweet are among those whose names are signed to the document.

The most casual observation at any one of the market points such as El Paso, Ft. Worth, Wichita and Denver indicates the tremendous advantage that Alliance will have as a trading center, after the Alliance Packing company has begun operations.

When the commercial yards are in operation, when trading becomes organized, Alliance will be full to overflowing with not only those shippers who come down from Montana and Wyoming, but local farmers who are putting their product on the market and buyers who are looking for a class of cattle particularly suited to the needs of the country in which they operate.

Already a number of commission concerns have expressed a desire to operate on the Alliance market. They realize that the buyers will follow the animal to market, and if they are to profit in accordance with the privileges extended by their organization they must be fully represented.

Live stock producers, more than anyone else, realize the unfairness of the arbitrary classification imposed in the large yards and it is the consensus of opinion that small yards afford a classification of cattle more satisfactory to producers and buyers. When packers have an over supply of fat stock they are prone to insist upon purchasing all animals as "cutter" stock at the expense of the producer.

The yards at Alliance will put one more cog in the machinery of distribution and enable stock growers to offer animals for sale and should it not be to their advantage to accept the price offered they could move on to another point; but with an honest and fair classification and with daily and hourly markets at the large centers posted in a conspicuous place the shipper could readily determine whether to sell in Alliance, thereby saving freight, shrinkage, long hauls and loss of time, or to continue on to (Continued in Column 5)

ALBERT HARE FAILS TO CONVINCING COURT

Judge Tash Dismisses Complaint of Albert Hare Against Oscar O'Bannon—Is a Lack of Evidence.

Monday morning of this week, one Albert Hare appeared before County Attorney Lee Basye and made complaint that Oscar O'Bannon had, on the previous Saturday evening, taken a shot at him with a shotgun and had threatened to kill him. The defendant was arraigned in county court Monday, pleaded not guilty and his preliminary hearing was set for Wednesday at 10 a. m.

At the hearing the testimony brought out the fact that Hare and his wife, the latter a sister of O'Bannon, have been visiting at the O'Bannon home for some five weeks. Evidently O'Bannon had wearied of playing the host. Hare testified that he had been working as a cook in a downtown restaurant, and Saturday night had gone home with Dick O'Bannon, who lived at the next house to Oscar. When they reached the Dave O'Bannon home, it appears that Oscar was outside and that he had some words with Hare, the latter running into Dave O'Bannon's house ostensibly for protection. Hare said that he ran out again, and that Oscar came out of the house bearing a shotgun, with which he took a shot at him, and in the meanwhile, in no complimentary terms, threatening to kill him. Finally, it seems, Hare and his wife left the O'Bannon home, Mr. and Mrs. Hare going to Crawford.

Several witnesses were examined, but they testified to nothing more than that a shot had been fired. Hare, on the stand made a poor witness for himself, discrediting his own testimony at times. The upshot of the matter was that Judge Tash dismissed the case, there being insufficient evidence to identify Oscar O'Bannon as the assailant.

SIGN ARTICLES FOR PACKING COMPANY

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another point, taking a chance on train conditions, delays for feeding, an uncertain arrival and larger shrinkage.

In the investigations being conducted throughout the country it is the unanimous opinion of all testifying that better distribution of markets is the real solution to the problem of disposing of marketable stock. Alliance is thoroughly awake to the present day needs and has not failed to take into account the ever-increasing demands, as the years go by, to give the producing territory surrounding Alliance its rightful and needful co-operation.

THOMAS BRADLEY IS KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY AUTO

MEETS INSTANTANEOUS DEATH NEAR HIS HOME.

STEPS IN FRONT OF CAR

Coroner's Jury Brings in Verdict of Accidental Death—George Ditsch Driver, Exonerated of All Blame by Testimony.

Coroner Lee Basye held an inquest at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in the county court room, following which the coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that Thomas Bradley came to his death by being accidentally struck by an automobile driven by George Ditsch.

The Masons will have charge of the funeral of Thomas Bradley, which will be held from the late residence at 3 p. m. today. All Masons in the city are requested to meet at the temple at 1 p. m., and conveyances will be provided to take them to the home.

Thomas Bradley, aged sixty-two, a farmer residing on the old G. L. Powell place, three miles north of Alliance, met an almost instantaneous death when he stepped out from behind an automobile and was struck by another car, driven by George G. Ditsch, another farmer who lived in the neighborhood. Members of the Bradley family were witnesses of the accident. The body was brought to Alliance and taken to the Glen Miller undertaking parlors.

George Ditch had come to Alliance for Dr. Curtis, veterinary, and was taking him to his home. George Stafford had gone out to the Bradley place for the purpose of taking the three Bradley girls to Alliance, where they attend the high school. He had started on the return trip to the city when he noticed the car, which had forgotten to bring her lunch, stopped him and he had drawn out to the side of the road to await her return. Mr. Bradley was standing in the rear of the Stafford car when the Ditsch automobile drove up, and when it was only a few rods away, not noticing its approach, started to cross the road. He saw the car almost immediately, and Mr. Ditsch attempted to turn aside, but Mr. Bradley, it is said, stepped right in the path of the approaching machine. He was struck in the knees and thrown to the ground, his neck being broken in the fall. His death was almost instantaneous.

At an inquest held in the county court room at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Dr. Curtis furnished the bulk of the testimony. He stated that he was riding with Ditsch, on his way to the home of the latter to do some veterinary work. As they approached the Bradley place, he noticed the car drawn up alongside the road, and when they got about even with the car, saw Mr. Bradley crossing the road. He said that Ditsch attempted to avoid striking him, turning first to the right, and when Bradley also turned in that direction, turning to the left. Bradley moved in the same direction and stepped directly in front of the car, the force of the impact throwing him to the ground. Ditsch immediately applied his brakes and stopped, said Dr. Curtis. It was evident that he had been struck below the knees and thrown on his head. His neck had been broken in the fall, and an examination indicated a fracture of the skull which probably resulted in concussion of the brain. Blood was gushing from the mouth, but there were no marks on the body other than slight scratches on the leg. The machine was not damaged. These facts pointed to the conclusion that the machine did not strike Bradley with any great force, and that his death was due to injuries received in the fall.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Thomas Bradley came to his death by being accidentally struck by an automobile driven by George Ditsch.

Thomas C. Bradley came to Box Butte county in March of this year from Bertrand, purchasing the Powell place. Eighteen years ago, he was a resident of York county. He is survived by a wife and seven children: Meredith, Tom, Conway, Josephine, Evangeline, Geraldine and Doris.

Earl Meredith, A. C. Meredith, Guy Meredith, brothers-in-law of the deceased; Will Bradley, a brother, and wife; Mrs. Cora Morrison, a sister, and T. J. Kirby, a friend, all of York, are in the city to attend the funeral services.

