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HOME COMING CELEBRATION AT ALLIANCE

COLD WEATHER HAS NO EFFECT ON ENTHUSIASM

Nearly 200 Service Men Registered at Community Club Headquarters—for Movies, Banquet, Dance

The Alliance Homecoming day celebration was a tremendous success, despite the handicap of weather that hovered around the zero mark nearly the entire day. Beginning early in the morning, a stream of ex-service men poured into the Community club headquarters, where they signed the guest register and were presented with tickets to the various entertainments that had been provided for them.

The weather was responsible for the calling off of the football game, between Alliance high school and Chadron normal, but with this exception the program was carried out as planned. The first event was a moving picture show for service men and their guests, at the Imperial theater at 2:30 p. m., where "A Fallen Idol," starring Evelyn Nesbit, was the attraction.

At 6 o'clock, in the basement of the Catholic church, the dinner, prepared and served by the Red Cross canteen workers, was enjoyed by a crowd of service men who filled all the places provided. A large number of the boys donned their uniforms for the occasion, and it was a good-natured crowd that laughed and jollied their way through one of the best dinners they had ever surrounded. During the meal, Mrs. Frank Brankhorst, of Galesburg, Ill., entertained the men with some of the songs they liked best, and the applause was hearty after every number. Mrs. Minnie Wiker accompanied on the piano.

There was no attempt at ceremony during the dinner, which began with the regular formula, "This is chow—get to it!" Men with shoulder straps were mixed in with burly buck privates, and all of them had the time of their lives. There wasn't a single speech made beyond the opening announcement which took exactly six words, and the music was exactly what was needed in the way of entertainment.

The Elks took care of the dance in the evening, furnishing the floor and the music, and nothing more need be said. All the arrangements were made for a good time, the attendance was limited to soldiers, their friends and guests, and the orchestra was kept busy until some time after midnight.

Hemingford, which had planned a celebration for the same day, decided to call it off on account of the weather, with the result that the Alliance celebration had a better attendance than was hoped for. The streets of the city were decorated, the telephone company and city furnishing the men, who did good work under the direction of City Manager Smith. Practically all of the business houses suspended business during the afternoon. A number of the stores decorated their windows in honor of the occasion, the Glen Miller furniture store window having an especially noteworthy feature in a tent with a couple of good looking Red Cross nurses.

The celebration, while held on Armistice day, was not primarily a celebration in honor of that event. The Community club, which had charge of the event, planned it as a Homecoming celebration, feeling that the city owed it to the returned service men of the county. The day was selected simply because it came as an appropriate time. Other cities over the country put on an Armistice day celebration, but in Alliance it was a real Homecoming, and came at a time when most of the soldiers were here to enjoy it.

The following are those who registered at Community club headquarters Tuesday:

1. Karl Roessler, Alliance, Company A, 61st Engineers.
2. B. J. Duke, Alliance, 161st Depot Brigade.
3. Glen F. Wilt, Alliance, Headquarters Company, I. R. and T. T.
4. F. A. Laff, Alliance, Company C, 66th Engineers.
5. P. I. Beach, Alliance, Company A, 355th Infantry.
6. C. E. Levere, Alliance, Battery F, 121st Field Artillery, Third Division.
7. J. F. Phillips, 127th Field Artillery.
8. S. E. Wible, Alliance, Replacement Camp, Camp Lee, Va.
9. R. E. Johnson, Alliance, Field Hospital 168, Forty-second division.

10. D. C. Bradbury, Alliance, 337th Field Artillery, Headquarters company.
11. Paul R. Back, Alliance, Aircraft Acceptance Park No. 1.
12. Charles F. Nykoff, Alliance.
13. George H. Ellis, Alliance.
14. H. W. Smith, Alliance, 32nd Transportation corps.
15. Anderson Wright, Alliance, Company A, 112th Ammunition train.
16. Thomas P. Loret, Alliance.
17. W. J. Traggess, Alliance, Company A, 120th Engineers.
18. Henry M. Roberts, 206 Tramery Bldg., Denver, Colo., Company C, 109th Engineers.
19. Maurice A. Nelson, Alliance, Flying School detachment.
20. Harry R. Moore, Alliance, Company D, 350th Infantry, Eighth division.
21. Benj. F. Vander Las, Alliance, Company C, 23rd Machine battery.
22. E. L. Meyer, Alliance, Second Lieutenant, Company A, Coast Artillery corps.
23. J. B. Miller, Alliance, 127th Field Artillery.
24. F. R. Donovan, Alliance, 33rd Balloon company.
25. A. T. Simpson, Alliance, Fifteenth division Military Police.
26. Jesse E. Simpson, Alliance, Battery B, 40th Artillery.
27. Joseph Williams, Alliance, Headquarters company, Field Artillery Reserve division, Camp Jackson, S. C.
28. Geo. E. Heath, Alliance, Battery D, 127th H. F. A.
29. James W. Frechim, Alliance.

BATTLE ROYAL TO BE STAGED MONDAY NIGHT

Preliminary to Greene-Stake Wrestling Match Will Be Worth the Price of Admission.

Rough-and-tumble fight fans, as well as followers of the wrestling game, will have the time of their lives next Monday evening at the armory. Five big, burly colored boys, armed with boxing gloves, will stage a battle royal as a preliminary, and things will go 'round and 'round until there is but one of the five left standing. The man who stays on his feet the longest will cop a prize amounting to twenty-five dollars in greenbacks, and you can bet your last dime that there will be some husky scrapping going on as long as two of them can keep on their feet. It will be as good as watching a bunch of happy wildcats at play. Already there has been a big demand for ringside seats since this feature was announced, and they will be selling at a premium by Monday evening.

The battle royal will be only the beginning of a real sporting program. Following the preliminary, E. C. Greene and Joe Stakes will meet on the mat in what Manager A. B. Wheeler announces will be a finish match. Mr. Wheeler has announced that unless the bout goes to a finish, the fans will find their money waiting for them at the box office.

Stake has been in the wrestling game for the past six or seven years, and has accumulated a reputation that extends over considerable territory. He has been taking on all comers for some time now, and hasn't come out second best in a match for a good many moons. He claims the welterweight championship of the world, and some time before the first of the year will meet Jack Reynolds, another claimant for the same honors, at Scottsbluff, where they can settle the question.

E. C. Greene, a fireman on the Alliance division, has also had considerable wrestling experience. While in the army, he was stationed at Camp Beauregard, Texas, and easily won the belt for the camp, which contained 25,000 men. He recently appeared on the mat with Wheeler, and succeeded in winning one fall from him, in spite of the difference in weight. He has been doing some stiff training in preparation for the event, and believes that he is in fit condition to show the Scottsbluff man what endurance means.

The two men are evenly matched as regards weight, and both of them have had all kinds of mat experience. When they tangle next Monday night, it ought to be worth coming miles to see. With the "battle royal" as an added attraction, no sporting fan can afford to be anywhere but in the armory next Monday night.

A special low admission fee of 50 cents has been made to take care of the high school students. Other folks will come across with \$1.00 for general admission, and \$1.25 for ringside seats. Plan to fill a front seat for this event.—Advertisement.

RICHARD SMITH IS SENTENCED

Holdup Draws Penalty From Three to Fifteen Years—Many Cases in District Court.

Richard Smith, whose real name seems to be William Tatro, but who was arraigned and sentenced under his alias, was sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term of from three to fifteen years by Judge Westover Wednesday afternoon in district court. The jury was impaneled Friday afternoon, and the trial was a thing of the past twenty-four hours later.

There are a number of cases on the docket, many of them being left over from the June term, and it is probable that the session will not adjourn until the first of next week. The following cases have been decided:

State of Nebraska vs. Thomas F. Maher, on appeal from county court. Case dismissed.

State of Nebraska vs. Frank Grambell. Case dismissed.

State of Nebraska vs. Amos Abley, on appeal. Jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

State of Nebraska vs. Elvas Essey. Assault. Dismissed.

State of Nebraska vs. Elsie Flom, Defendant was bound over by county court under bail of \$150 on a shoplifting charge. Defendant failed to appear and bond forfeited.

State of Nebraska vs. Frederick P. Brown. Consent of court. Fined \$100 and costs.

William Noggle vs. Susie H. Noggle. Plaintiff granted absolute divorce.

Lou Ella Rice vs. Shiriev Rice. Plaintiff granted decree of absolute divorce.

William C. Burch vs. Rachel Burch. Plaintiff granted decree of absolute divorce and awarded custody of minor child.

Isabel Fenety vs. Ernest Fenety. Plaintiff granted divorce and maiden name restored.

Mary Bromley vs. John Bromley. Plaintiff granted divorce and restoration of maiden name.

Jennie Mae Noe vs. Elmose Fillmore Noe. Plaintiff granted decree of absolute divorce and restoration of maiden name.

Nellie Burk vs. Albert H. Burk. Plaintiff granted decree of absolute divorce.

Goldie Brown (colored) vs. Charles Brown (colored). Plaintiff granted decree of absolute divorce and maiden name restored.

Emma Zobel vs. George W. Zobel. Plaintiff granted decree of absolute divorce and the custody of a minor child. The defendant was ordered to pay \$20 per month for two years toward the support of the child.

L. E. JOHNSON WAS BURIED TODAY

Alliance Business Man Died Monday in Hospital at Denver Following Operation.

Funeral services for L. E. Johnson, who died at St. Luke's hospital, Denver, Monday morning, following an operation for liver trouble, will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Johnson had been a resident of the city for over six years, and since last summer a partner in the Silver Grill.

Mr. Johnson was forty-six years old. He was born in Kentucky, coming to Nebraska about twelve years ago. He came to Alliance six years ago, and engaged in the tailoring business until he purchased the Silver Grill from Mr. Harvey, selling it back to him some time later. Last summer he again assumed charge with Mr. Garvin as partner.

He was married a few years ago, his wife dying of influenza in October, 1918. In August of the following year, he married Miss Lottie Sawyer, a Red Cross nurse, the intention being to keep the wedding a secret until his bride completed her war work, but on learning of his illness she came to Alliance and accompanied him to Denver for the operation.

Mr. Johnson had a wide acquaintance, and possessed many warm friends.

NOTICE

Regular teachers' examination will be given at the court house, Nov. 15. OPAL RUSSEL, County Superintendent.

NO ACTION ON PHONE FRANCHISE

District Manager Haldeman Urges Passage of Ordinance—at Meeting of City Council

District Manager Haldeman of the Nebraska Telephone company was present at the meeting of the city council Wednesday evening and presented a suggestive ordinance embodying a franchise granting the company permission to do business in the city for the next twenty years. The old franchise expired in July, and the council is in no rush to grant another, although the company has urged that the matter be expedited in order that it may proceed with certain contemplated improvements.

The matter was discussed at some length, every member present taking part in the discussion. A number of the councilmen thought that the matter should be submitted to a vote of the people, while others were of the opinion that with a few minor changes, the proposed ordinance would cover the situation nicely. The meeting adjourned, however, without definite action being taken. Several members assured Mr. Haldeman that there was no thought of denying a franchise—they wanted the company to stay—but inasmuch as the matter had gone over some months, they saw no great necessity for haste.

The matter of purchasing more ground for drainage land for the storm sewer was taken up, and Councilman Gavin and City Manager Smith were appointed to look into the matter and report.

The council authorized City Manager Smith to appoint a special policeman to serve as night watch, the salary paid not to exceed \$100 per month, the tenure being left to the discretion of the city manager.

It was decided to extend the storm sewer on East Third street about a block and a half to intersect with the main storm sewer.

The city manager was empowered to act in accordance with suggestions No. 1 and 2 in his monthly report, which will be found in another column. The suggestions dealt with the janitor work at the city hall and the securing of more room for city offices.

John E. Henneberry, 303 1/2 Box Butte avenue, applied for a plumber's license, and the council approved the application, subject to the approval of the examining board.

SHERIDAN COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS

Election returns from Sheridan county show that Judge H. H. Hewitt made a strong showing in his opponent's territory. The total unofficial figures give Hewitt 278 votes to 454 for Plantz. In none of the precincts of his home county did Plantz receive all the votes, as did Judge Hewitt in several precincts in Box Butte. Following are the figures for the towns: Gordon, Hewitt, 40, Plantz, 47; Rushville, Hewitt 46, Plantz 123; Hay Springs, Hewitt 45, Plantz 73. The Box Butte county totals were: Hewitt 534; Plantz 24. According to the unofficial totals, Hewitt led in the district by 334 votes. There were a number of ballots thrown out, in several instances the voter casting a vote for both candidates, and in one cast for one of the judges of election whose name was signed on the back of the ballot.

W. R. HARPER GOES TO EASTERN MARKETS

W. R. Harper of the Harper Department store will leave the latter part of the week for Chicago, where he will place orders for merchandise. The demand has been so great, Mr. Harper says, that his stock needs replenishing somewhat earlier in the season than is usual. Another advantage of making purchases early is that he will be able to secure better assortments and sufficient quantities to supply what has proved to be an unprecedented demand.

Mr. Harper has demonstrated to his own satisfaction and that of his customers that in these days of high living costs, the advantages of paying cash and the discounts that are possible thereby, are appreciated. He is a most consistent advertiser, and is able to hold as well as to attract trade. He finds that people are on the lookout for good values at cash prices, and don't object in the slightest to paying the money on the spot when they get what they want. There was very little doubt in his mind when he changed over to the cash system and after giving it a fair trial, he is convinced that it is the ideal way to conduct a business.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP GROWS

At Wednesday night's meeting of the Community club directors Secretary Rufus Jones presented an interesting report as to the club's financial status. In spite of the fact that now and then some member drops out, the membership continues to grow, both as to numerical strength and as to financial resources. Collections for the present quarter show a larger total than at any time since the present secretary assumed charge.

Among the new members whose names have been placed on the roll within the past week or two are the following:

William Mitchell, S. Slevens, George Mintzer, G. L. Griggs, Drake & Drake, G. E. Johnson, Drake Hotel, Van Graven's Studio, Wood's Barber shop, Brown's Barber shop, Dr. C. E. Hershman, Quick Service Electric Co., Dr. E. B. O'Keefe.

—Issuing marriage licenses at the rate of four a day, County Judge Tash may be justified in thinking that his court is becoming a sort of Gretna Green. A good bit of this marriage license business comes from other counties, the potash towns contributing a large share of it. These towns are in Sheridan county, and it is a long hard trip to the county seat, Rushville, while Alliance is within easy distance. There are a number of other folks who drop in to be married, though, and at times he has a waiting line of willing brides and grooms.

COAL MINERS DECIDE TO GO BACK TO WORK

Will Obey Court Order—Strike Officially Called Off by the Union Chiefs.

An early ending of the fuel famine is in sight. Obeying the mandate of Federal Anderson, the officials of the united mine workers have called off the strike, and this morning it was reported that the miners were returning to their work. The workers are expected to defer to their chiefs, and resumption of production on the usual scale is expected.

In all probability, until conditions become more nearly normal, the distribution of coal will remain in the hands of the railway administration, and this means that in Alliance City Manager Smith will continue as fuel administrator and will supervise the distribution of coal. These extra duties have made the offices in the city hall a busy place the past week, but everything has gone off smoothly. No coal was delivered unless the customer was actually in need of it, but in such cases delivery has been made promptly in spite of the handicap of bad weather. The emergency is expected to continue for a week or two longer, and the city manager will be relieved when the time comes for him to turn back their business to the coal dealers, who have co-operated in every way with him in taking care of deliveries. The 500-pound limit has made necessary a good many deliveries, but there has been no hitch in the proceedings to date. So far the supply has been equal to the demand.

A HEAVY SNOW DELAYS TRAFFIC

Snowdrifts Block Trains and Roads Made Impassable—Damage to Phone Wires.

An exceptionally heavy snow for this season of the year, accompanied by a high wind, piled drifts high on the railway tracks and the roads from Saturday until Tuesday morning, with the result that passenger trains were delayed as much as twelve hours in some instances. The storm extended throughout a considerable territory, but was more severe to the east. The snowplow was called into service and cleared the tracks before traffic could be resumed.

Manager Gleason of the telephone company said that the sleet was heavier than he had known it to be in ten years. In all his experience, extending over a period of several years, he has not met with so much trouble caused by a single storm. All the lines to the south are down, and broken communication is reported in various places in the territory extending from Omaha to Denver. One line was working Wednesday night, and every effort is being made to restore the damage.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER A BUSY PLACE

COAL DISTRIBUTION TAKES LOTS OF TIME

Activities of the Office for Month Ending November 11—Many Things Accomplished

Alliance, Neb.—Nov. 11, 1919.—To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council, Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report covering the activities of this office for the month ending November 11, 1919.

Water Department.
A new water main tapping machine has been purchased from the Mueller Manufacturing company, and in the future the city water service man will make all taps. In this way the responsibility of properly tapping the main and setting the corporation cock as well as care of the machine rests on this office. The same is true in the replacing and setting of new water meters. The recent storms have somewhat hampered the repairing of fire hydrants. However, many of the worst leaks have been cared for. Additional flushing will continue as soon as the weather will permit.

I have ordered four outside drinking fountains of the most approved type to be placed along Box Butte avenue. These will be set in place as soon as they arrive.

Some industrious small boys with sling shots broke out all of the windows in the concrete pump house at the plant. The guilty ones have been located and the parents have agreed to pay the repair bills.

All of the wells and pumps are doing good work, and the stand pipe is giving good service. I have arranged to have better lighting in all pump houses and also will make some repairs and install a few necessary safety first devices.

We have been put up against some grief on account of the big ditcher operated by the paving sub-contractors cutting the service lines. In practically every case there was no reason for cutting these lines as they were plainly shown on the official water department maps. My water service man rendered service and worked long hours in helping to check the waste of water due to the breaks with the result that little damage resulted.

Electrical Department.
Due to our absolute inability to get poles no new line construction has been done for the month. Poles have been on the road from Colville, Wash., for nearly two months. Latest advises were that there would be some delay at Sand Point, Ida., for butt treatment, and then they would be rushed along. I am writing the Lindsay Bros. this morning asking that they trace this car and hurry the shipment through. Many people in the city are waiting for light connections which cannot be given until the poles arrive. We are well supplied with wire and other material for this work.

From present indications it will soon be necessary to parallel two of the generators before the winter is over. During the peak load at the present time which occurs now at about 6 o'clock p. m. the load is some 10 k. w. h. over the generator rating on the big new unit. This occurs with all series and lower cluster out as well as all decorative and sign lights together with economical uses in the homes. This brings to light the fact that the city must immediately take steps to purchase another unit of not less than five or six hundred k. w. This should be started during the coming summer, and be installed and ready for use next winter. In addition to these matters spoken of the usual multitude of small troubles have been cared for. Many meters have been taken out, tested and reset, and many new ones installed. Meter reading for the month is now going on. A total of thirty-four wiring permits were issued during the month. Practically all of these were for new buildings and have been inspected and approved. As a matter of economy the plant has been running with series, lower ornamental and sign lights out. I have about 150 tons of steam coal in sight at the present time. The consumption is about fourteen tons in twenty-four hours. Advances from the mines indicate that until production is resumed they will be unable to make further shipments.

Sewer Department
The Watson induction motor at the septic tank has been giving some (Continued on page 9)