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ALLIANCE K. C. BUYS BUILDING FOR SCHOOL

EX-SOLDIERS TO BENEFIT FROM THE PURCHASE

Vocational Training Classes to Be Established as Soon as Arrangements Completed

Alliance council No. 975, Knights of Columbus, Wednesday afternoon purchased of Mrs. Sarah Gilleran of Alliance, for a consideration of \$12,500, the lot and building now occupied by the Fashion Shop. The building is two stories in height and the lower floor will continue to be used by the Fashion Shop, while the upper will be furnished and refitted for use as club rooms and a school. The local council of 203 members for the moment.

will assume financial responsibility

At the meeting of the national council, held in Buffalo in August, a plan was submitted which met with strong support from able educators, to establish vocational and occupational schools for the benefit primarily of ex-service men, the plan being to extend the privilege of the young and middle aged of all denominations, and later to ladies. The aim is to fit young men for citizenship and general advancement and religion will not be allowed to enter in.

Possession will be given January 17, and arrangements will be made as soon thereafter as possible to start the ball rolling. Tentative plans include instruction in music, languages, bookkeeping, accounting, auto repairing and civics or political government. There will probably be a small charge for those who are able to pay, but as in all their work, the Knights will aim to exclude no one, whether financially able to pay his way or not. For the present, at least, the principal aim will be to take care of discharged soldiers first, and others as accommodations will permit.

Schools of this nature have been established all over the country, in the larger cities and the army camps and cantonments. That the opportunity is appreciated is shown by the fact that already two major generals and thousands of lesser lights are enrolled in the work.

J. W. Guthrie of this city is district deputy for the Knights of Columbus, with four councils under his jurisdiction.

The establishment of this school is a distinct gain for Alliance and will be of increasing importance to the citizens of the city and the county as time goes on.

JOE STAKES WINS FROM E. C. GREENE

Scottsbluff Wrestler Pins the Local Grappler to the Mat Twice in Less Than an Hour

E. C. Greene put up a mighty game struggle against Joe Stakes at the armory Monday night, but his strength was useless against the superior science of the Scottsbluff whirlwind and he lost two falls in rapid succession, the first coming in a trifle over thirty-one minutes, and the second fall in ten minutes and a half. Stakes used the toe hold successfully in both instances.

There was excitement all the while the match was on. Time and again Stakes would get the local man in a tight place, and Greene managed to break some good holds, but in the end the Scottsbluff man wore him out.

Following the match three local colored men taged a battle royal that was a regular riot of fun while it lasted. A. B. Wheeler, who promoted the match, was kept busy a good part of the evening corralling his men for the battle royal. Two or three times he had five of them together, but sooner or later one or two would break loose and disappear. Wheeler says that one of the hardest jobs in the world is to keep five colored men together after sundown. The battle royal was won by Henry Curl, who is pretty well known by his nickname of "Toad."

At the close of the match, Stakes was challenged by Cannon, who said that he had practically recovered from injuries received in his last match, and believed he could make it interesting for the night's winner. Stakes cheerfully accepted the challenge, but as yet no date has been set for the event.

Wheeler made good as promoter of Monday night's program. A good sized crowd was out and there wasn't a single howl put up by any of them.

ALLIANCE GREENHOUSE IS BIG INSTITUTION

The Herald editor the first of the week paid a visit to the greenhouse of the Alliance Floral company and after two or three hours spent in inspecting the array of plants and flowers, was firmly convinced that Alliance people should know more concerning this industry, which has invested over \$25,000 in the city and which is planning additional improvements to enable it to take care of the growing business.

Few Alliance people realize the scale upon which it is necessary to conduct a business of this kind. Few people realize the skill, product of experience, which is necessary to make of it a success. Mr. Tatro has spent over twenty-two years in this line of business, and after a trip through his greenhouse, even a novice at the florist game is impressed with the number of things there are to do and the vast amount of hard work that enters into the growing of most every plant and flower.

There are many greenhouses. The average size of some time ago, and in large number of plants, just no chiefly the chrysanthemums and roses. The second greenhouse, completed last summer, is a model (Continued on Page 8.)

ORGANIZE FOR THE CITY MISSION WORK

New Organization Will Co-operate With Red Cross in Relieving Needy of the City.

That the business, religious and social interests of Alliance are strongly in favor of the maintenance of the Alliance city mission was shown at the meeting held at the court house in Alliance Wednesday evening. The meeting, which was called for the purpose of organizing, was attended by representatives of a large number of the organizations in Alliance.

Among those present was L. H. Highland, chairman of the home service section of the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross. Mr. Highland explained the work contemplated by the Red Cross in the city of Alliance, especially with reference to charitable and needy cases.

After considerable discussion it was voted to turn over to the Red Cross all work of this nature and to form an organization to finance, maintain and continue the work of the Alliance City Mission. All present conceded the need of the City Mission and of the good work done. The financial and advisory board of the mission will consist of one or more representatives from each organization in the city. An executive board of five is being appointed. This board was elected at the meeting and will consist of J. S. Rhein, Mrs. H. D. Hacker, J. A. Lape, Lloyd C. Thomas and a member to be appointed by the Alliance Ministerial association.

Secretary Jones of the Community club has received a letter from Representative Kincaid relative to the provisions of the Kahn bill, which the club's directors had endorsed. The bill seeks to have the war department turn over its surplus trucks to the various states to be used in road making. Representative Kincaid stated that the house committee is now engaged in working out a bill which will have the desired effect. He said that there did not appear to be a very large surplus of trucks on hand at present, but that every effort would be made to see that those on hand were distributed as the states desired, and believed that more could be supplied for road making purposes.

Indications are that district court will remain in session at least this week and possibly a part of next. The cases set for last Friday and Saturday were settled out of court, but beginning Monday morning, business was as brisk as at any time during the session.

VICTORY TEA PARTY

A Baptist woman in Seattle gave her most precious heirloom, a pewter teapot that had belonged to her great grandmother, to help celebrate the golden jubilee of the woman's American Baptist foreign mission society. The Columbia River District told her story of sacrifice and gathered \$600 in the old teapot. The ladies of the Baptist mission circle will give a "Victory Tea Party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gutler, 624 Toluca street, Tuesday, November 25. Tea will be served from 2:30 p. m. to 6 p. m., also in the evening from 7 to 9.

Bring a thank offering for the old silver teapot. The invitation is extended to all the congregations of Christian people, husbands and brothers included. Come help our great victory campaign.

GOOD SHOW FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Alliance High Tied With Bayard for Football Honors in Western District

Alliance high school has mighty good chances for the football championship for the western counties, especially since the state board of athletic control awarded the last game with their nearest competitor, Bayard, to Alliance because the Bayard team played with an ineligible player.

As the score stands now, Alliance is tied with Bayard for championship honors. The last issue of the Bayard Transcript seems to feel that, despite the ineligible player, the game was really won by Bayard. That team had been claiming the championship following the game with Alliance. The Bayard newspaper remarks that the player would certainly not have been allowed to play had they known he was ineligible, and this in the face of the fact that before the game started, objection was made to the player being used and the Bayard officials declared they would accept the players' word for it and accept whatever risk there might be.

At any event, unless Alliance loses the two remaining games on her schedule the championship is as good as tied, and Coach Prince announces that he is perfectly willing to play off the tie with Bayard should the final results show a tie.

The Alliance team took the Morrill team to a cleaning last Friday afternoon at the fair grounds by a score of 42 to 0, making all her counts after the first quarter.

This Friday the eleven goes to Sidney for a return game with that aggregation. In the previous game, the home team won by the generous margin of 47 to 0, and while the Sidney boys have improved, no great difficulty is anticipated in coping the bacon.

The last game of the season will be played Thanksgiving day with Scottsbluff, and this is expected to be a hard game. The Scottsbluff team has made wonderful improvement since the first time they met Alliance, and it is believed the contest will be a spirited one. However, this happens to be the last game that six of the Alliance team will participate in before they graduate, and the Alliance men will be on their toes all the time.

As for the chances should the Alliance team tie with Bayard for the championship, it is pointed out that Alliance beat Scottsbluff by a score of 43 to 0, while the best Bayard could do was 12 to 0. Alliance likewise trimmed Morrill to the tune of 42 to 0, while Bayard copped their game by 28 to 0. In the recent game with Bayard, the latter bunch scored but once, while Alliance scored once and the referee wouldn't permit a count, and three other times was within scoring distance during the game. Bayard got within scoring distance only the one time.

The Community club has extended an invitation to the Nebraska good roads association, now in session at Grand Island, to hold its next annual meeting in Alliance. A similar invitation was given to the potato growers' association, which met in Rushville last week, but it seems that Kimball had already been promised the next convention.

W. R. Harper has returned to Alliance, after having put in orders for a big stock of goods for the holiday season and winter months. You will note from his advertisement in this issue of The Herald that in spite of the fact that he finds it necessary to replenish his stock a little earlier than usual, there are plenty of good buys on hand right now. Business has been better than usual with him, and he expects to be in a position to break his sales records as fast as he makes them.

After practically an all night session, the jury in district court on the case of the Nebraska Land Co. vs. William Butler, awarded the plaintiff just half the amount asked, which was \$289.05. The case was decided in favor of the defendant in county court. From the testimony it appeared that Mr. Butler signed a contract giving the land company the right to sell 960 acres of land belonging to himself and brother. The contract covers a period of six months, but Mr. Butler testified that he had given a contract for two months only. The company sold the land, and Butler refused to furnish deed and abstracts, claiming that the time had expired. The jury gave a verdict to the company for the commission on Butler's three quarters, but not on those of his brother, which, under the homestead law, could not be sold without consent of the wife. It was also claimed that these three quarters had been withdrawn from the sale agreement.

LAND CASE UP IN DISTRICT COURT

Decision in the Wambaugh-Blagrove Case Will Affect Several Parties With Similar Interests

Following the disposal of the Hansen-Ball damage suit, the case of Matthew G. Wambaugh vs. James Blagrove was called in district court, and will probably occupy some time. The decision in this case is important for the reason that it involves half a dozen others, all of which will be affected by the decision, the parties having agreed.

The case is another growing out of a disputed survey, and deals with a maze of old boundary lines and landmarks that bewilder the ordinary mortal. The sandhill region was surveyed in the late seventies during the days when red Indians were still wild. The surveying was done by contract, and very seldom was the work checked over by a man from the surveyor general's office. The result was, as one surveyor says, that the work was very often done inside the surveyor's tent. After making out plats and filing reports, the surveyors hurried away, and through governmental negligence these old surveys were allowed to stand.

Of late years, it has been necessary to establish correction lines, which are accurately placed and serve as a basis for re-surveying the country. In one instance, a few miles west of Alliance, the establishment of a correction line resulted in wiping out of existence a strip of land a half mile wide and six miles long. The government plat shows a complete township, but the survey by the correction line cuts a half-mile off of six sections.

The case in question is in regard to land to the east of Alliance. The men bringing the suit are those who have got the short end of it through the establishment of a correction line, and their contention is apparently not to have the land prorated. This contention is naturally resisted by those who have their full amount of land under the new survey.

A number of old settlers and surveyors have been called to testify in the case in question, which has aroused considerable interest.

SCOUTS CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Troop No. 1 Celebrates It in Fitting Style at the Presbyterian Church

Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of America, which is the official designation of the Alliance body of scouts, held their anniversary meeting on the evening of November 13 at the Presbyterian church. It was the first anniversary and the youngsters turned out in force to celebrate.

Guests of occasion were Troop Committeeman E. G. Laing and the scouts' court of honor, consisting of W. R. Pate, Dean J. J. Dixon, Rufus Jones and Mose Wright.

First on the program was a dinner, served in the church basement. It had been prepared by the mothers of the scouts and constituted one of the most delectable meals in the memory of those present. Short talks were made by Scout Master J. B. Miller and Assistant Scout Masters Hamilton and Simpson. Captain Miller paid a glowing impromptu tribute to the work of Mr. Hamilton.

The boys—and the guests, for that matter—were a hungry bunch, but their appetites were fully appeased by the dinner, which was as satisfactory in quantity as in quality; and, after having partaken of the feast, they repaired to the first floor of the church, where they went through a short drill, followed by practice in pyramid work, signaling and first aid maneuvers.

No troop of boy scouts in the United States is made up of a finer body of boys than the local one. Not only the scout master and his assistants, but the citizenship of the town generally, are frankly proud of them, recognizing that they are boys today but men tomorrow, and that they are giving every promise of growing into manhood's estate as splendid, honorable citizens of Alliance and Box Butte county.

T. W. Travis reports that potatoes are being shipped from Letann in considerable quantity. M. F. Leggett, J. Lister and William Cuppen shipping three cars in one day the past week. Potatoes are making from sixty to eighty bushels in that part of Box Butte county. Some damage from freezing is reported, but not to such an extent as had been feared. Messrs. Lister and Cuppen are reported to be shucking corn to beat the band these days.

WEATHER REPORTS FOR ALLIANCE

Community Club Makes Arrangements to Secure Daily Wire Service

Due to the efforts of the Community club, the daily weather reports will be re-established, according to advices received by Secretary Jones the first of the week. In addition to this, a set of instruments will be forwarded and weather records for the city will be kept. Arrangements have been made with City Manager Smith, and the instruments will be kept at the municipal plant.

The reports will come in by wire, and about forty nearby towns will also benefit by the arrangements. F. W. Hicks of the postoffice will mail out cards containing the forecasts.

One particularly important phase of the service is the sending out of storm warnings, which usually come from twenty-four to forty-eight hours in advance. Proper warning may result in the saving of considerable livestock, and will be of considerable benefit to farmers and stockraisers. Manager Gleason of the Nebraska Telephone company's Alliance exchange has volunteered, in instances where storm warnings are sent out, to send out a general call on the lines out of Alliance.

POTASH PLANTS HAVE PLENTY OF CONTRACTS

Different Plants Reported to Have Contracts Covering Maximum Output for Six Months

Recent developments in the potash industry of western Nebraska give added weight to the belief that the industry is coming back to stay. The plants have been operating long enough since the resumption of production to show that a profit can be made, with expenses at the minimum, at the prices of \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 per unit, which equivalent to \$40.00 up to \$75.00 per ton.

A well known potash expert ventured the opinion that the plants will be able to manufacture potash in the future for \$1.00 per unit. The freight will amount to approximately 50 cents per unit leaving a profit of from 50 cents to \$1.00 per unit. If this can be done the potash plants of western Nebraska will be paying investments.

The plants are reported to now have contracts for production which will keep them working steadily from six to twelve months. All are now operating at Antioch with the exception of the National plant which is now in bankruptcy. This plant is reported to have cost approximately \$600,000. It is reported that W. E. Sharp of Lincoln, who heads the American and Western plans, has made an offer of \$200,000 for this plant. It is not believed that \$200,000 will pay off the creditors and that if the plant is sold at that price the stockholders will find their stock valueless.

A letter from Philip E. Horan, receiver of the plant, to the creditors, gives this information:

"Creditors National Potash Corporation:

"I am in receipt of a proposition to purchase the property of the National Potash corporation on the following basis:

"By payment of 50 per cent in cash and 50 per cent in bonds or lieu to secured creditors and by payment of 20 per cent in cash and 80 per cent in bonds to the unsecured creditors.

"The bonds are to be secured by a mortgage upon the property of the company and are to be paid off from the operations of the plant. The proposition has been made to me through Mr. Lee, and I understand that he represents W. E. Sharp of Lincoln, who is the largest operator in the Nebraska potash district.

"This proposition cannot be put through without practically the unanimous consent of all creditors. It is my idea, therefore, to have each creditor who approves of the plant being offered for sale on this basis to sign the enclosed agreement at once and return it to me.

"The plant, if sufficient agree, will be advertised for sale and offered to the highest bidder. These creditors who have accepted the above proposition will be assured of at least the amount called for by the above proposition, and in the event that more can be obtained from any other source they will not have bound themselves in any way which will prevent the taking advantage of such larger offer.

"I unqualifiedly recommend that all creditors sign the enclosed agreement at once, as the future is still very uncertain in the potash business, and if some creditor, through hesitation or delay prevents the acceptance of this proposition, it might be that it would cause loss to every body concerned."

VERDICT IN HANSEN-BALL DAMAGE SUIT

JURY REFUSES DAMAGES TO MARTIN HANSEN

Decides That Robert Ball Did Not Alienate Affections of Hansen's Wife.

A district court jury Wednesday afternoon returned a verdict denying damages to Martin Hansen, who sued Robert Ball for \$10,000, alleging that the latter had alienated the affections of his wife. The case occupied the attention of district court Tuesday and the greater part of Wednesday of this week, going to the jury about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. The jurors were out only an hour or so.

The case had attracted considerable attention, and the court room was crowded during the trial. Some startling evidence had been expected and the crowd was not disappointed.

Mrs. Hansen furnished the greater part of the testimony for the defense. It developed that the Hansen's wedded life had run a record short course. The couple were married on July 2, and spent a short honeymoon in South Dakota and Wyoming, returning to the Hansen farm on July 6. On July 9 Mrs. Hansen left. Her application for divorce was filed on July 16, and on the 28th was granted.

The prosecution attempted to prove that Ball, a former suitor of Mrs. Hansen, had not only persuaded her to leave her husband, but had supplied the money for her traveling expenses to Grand Island, where she went upon leaving Hansen, and later to Omaha, where the divorce was procured. Hansen's testimony Tuesday was to the effect that the day his wife left, Ball drove out to his farm with a horse and buggy, which he left while the two men went to Hemingford on horseback. On the return, it was discovered that Mrs. Hansen had taken the horse and buggy and vamoosed. Hansen said she had only \$2 of her own money at the time.

The defense set out to prove that before it could be proved that Mrs. Hansen's affections had been alienated, it must be shown that she had affection for him. She denied that she had any love for him, and denied also that Ball had done anything to induce her to leave. According to her story, at the time of the marriage, she had been living with her parents, who conducted a hotel in Hemingford. She had become acquainted with Ball while at the hotel, he having given financial assistance to her parents. The hotel failed to pay out, and she and her parents had no place to go. Hansen had been a frequent guest at the hotel and offered them a place to stay until they made other arrangements, and the invitation was accepted.

Once at the Hansen farm, she said, Hansen continually paid court to her, and in spite of continued refusals persisted in urging her to marry him. So obnoxious did his suit become that finally she decided to leave the Hansen place, and in fact made arrangements to do so, when her father came to her and pleaded with her to marry Hansen in order that her parents might have a home. She replied that she could not do that; that she had no love for Hansen, and didn't think she could ever learn to love him. On the way from the farm to Hemingford, she testified, her father renewed his pleading, and, while under great mental strain, she consented. She figured, she said, that she "might as well marry one man as another." She left Hansen, she said, because of his brutality.

The prosecution offered evidence that conflicted somewhat with Mrs. Hansen's testimony in several vital particulars. The case then went to the jury, which rendered a verdict against the plaintiff.

TO INVESTIGATE THE ANTIOCH ROAD

The Community club recently took up with the state engineer's office the condition of the Antioch road, and this week the news is received that within a short time a man will be sent out to make investigation and report. This means that steps will be taken within a short time to have the road put in shape, which is just what the club's directors wanted.

Harris E. Gogert and Miss Anna Frohnappel were married by County Judge Tash on Wednesday. The couple are from Hemingford. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson of that place.