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MAYOR RODGERS WILL PROPOSE RESTRICTIONS

COAL SITUATION TO BE DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

Will Suggest Discontinuance of Shorter Hours in All Lines of Business

When the city council meets this evening at 8:30, Mayor A. D. Rodgers will take up the question of still further restricting fuel distribution. He will recommend the closing of non-essential businesses, and the shortening of the business hours of the rest.

Even should the coal strike be near a settlement, as it is believed, the output will not reach the normal for several weeks, and the strictest economy will be necessary the country over. Alliance has not suffered greatly to date, but with low temperatures all along the division, with trains late or annulled, unless steps are taken promptly the city may be faced with a coal shortage before they realize it.

The city is in the coal business, practically to the exclusion of everything else these days. The coal office has been moved into the newly remodeled quarters in the west half of the city hall and Mrs. Frank Gibbons is kept hard at work answering telephone calls, taking orders and arranging for deliveries. An assistant was on duty today. City Manager Smith, who hoped to have a little more time after the coal business was taken out of his private office, had moved his desk in there Monday and was as busy as usual helping care for the rush and arranging for the supply.

The storm Monday made the coal business extra rushing. At noon deliveries were being made from the third car, and by 5 p. m., when the office closed, no less than three hundred orders for coal had been filed.

It was decided to increase the allotment from 500 to 1,000 pounds, because, with the temperature hovering around 10 degrees below zero, the smaller amount would hardly last until the delivery wagon got out of sight.

The office force in the city hall has had hardly time to care for the coal business, City Manager Smith told a Herald reporter, and as a result some of the work has had to be postponed. The city manager usually has a written report for presentation at the council meetings, but unless the rush subsides, the report tonight will have to be made orally.

At Hemingford the coal situation is much more acute. Residents there have gone to the Pine Ridge, some thirty miles distant, and are hauling wood in wagons. There is some coal in the city, but the supply is insufficient to go around. A carload of coal received at Berea Monday will keep the place supplied for the next two weeks, it was said.

\$2.00 a year—and worth more.

IMPERIAL VOLUNTEERS TO CONSERVE FUEL

The Imperial theater, in accordance with the fuel administration's request to conserve fuel and lights, has voluntarily offered to limit its performances to two a day, the matinee starting at 3 p. m. and the evening show at 8 o'clock. Doors will open at 2:30 and 7:30.

All those who can possibly do so are requested to attend the afternoon performances, and to co-operate with the management until there is relief in sight in the fuel situation.

In Scottsbluff and other cities where the fuel administration ordered the theaters closed, the authorities rescinded this action. They discovered that while people were attending theaters, they were saving considerable fuel at home, and further, that there were a number of people whose rooms were unheated who were deprived of the opportunity to spend a comfortable evening.

The Imperial is the first business house in Alliance to volunteer to limit its business in order to help relieve a serious situation. The Herald believes in giving credit where credit is due. It's up to Alliance people to show their appreciation.

CITY DECLARES WAR ON BOOTLEGGERS

Some of these days, the boys who are passing out pints and raking in dollars are going to meet up with hard luck. There is not a whole lot of this thing going on, but even a little is too much, and the Alliance city authorities, aided and backed by its police department, has declared war on the fellows who are peddling red liquor, and the cleanup may be expected any old time.

The city authorities have spotted the most probable sources of supply, and unless the bootleggers hit the trail for some other desert, those \$100 fines are going to be more and more plentiful.

ALLIANCE LOSES CHAMPIONSHIP

Referee in Scottsbluff Game Takes the Pennant Right Out of Their Hands

Due to the efforts of a referee who was either densely ignorant of the rules of the game, or intensely in favor of Scottsbluff, the Alliance high school football team lost the last game of the season to Scottsbluff high last Friday afternoon, and with it the championship for western Nebraska. Alliance people who saw the game pronounce it a pure steal, and this opinion is held by a number of Scottsbluff people, many of whom left the grounds at the end of the third quarter. A good share of those who remained threw local patriotism to the winds and shamelessly rooted for Alliance the last quarter.

The Alliance team left for Scottsbluff Thursday afternoon. The game Friday afternoon was not called until about 4 o'clock, and it was sunset before it was finished, too dark to play well. The field was not marked. A lig' scraper had been used which did little more than fill the holes with snow, leaving about four inches of snow on the gridiron.

Throughout the game things moved slowly, largely due to the referee. Coach Johnson of Scottsbluff, as well as Coach Prince of Alliance did his best to get things to moving, but with little success.

Scottsbluff won the ball on the toss-up, gained a little on a forward pass, then tried to plunge through the line. John Donovan attempted to tackle the back carrying the ball, and succeeded in catching hold of his sleeve. Here the funny work began. The referee promptly penalized the Alliance team fifteen yards, declaring it an unfair tackle, and Coach Prince plowed out on the field. The referee promptly reversed his decision. Scottsbluff failed to gain through the line, Alliance getting the ball. Alliance tried and completed a forward pass, but was penalized and the ball brought back. They then made a ten-yard gain on an end run and were again penalized; off side both times. Alliance then punted. Scottsbluff tried, made some gains by line plunges, failed at end runs and the aerial route, Alliance getting the ball, which was lost on a fumble. Scottsbluff then worked the ball within a yard of the goal and lost on a fumble. Alliance punted out of danger. Quarter up.

In the second quarter, Scottsbluff tried to gain and failed in each attempt, punting to Alliance. The ball, being slippery and wet, was fumbled, Scottsbluff recovering it. Again Scottsbluff failed to gain, so kicked a field goal from placement. Score, Scottsbluff 3, Alliance 0.

Scottsbluff kicked off. Beall, Alliance center, block kicked, the ball bounding back to a Scottsbluff player, who promptly fell on it. Scottsbluff worked the ball twenty yards and failing to gain, kicked a second field goal from placement. Score, Scottsbluff 6, Alliance 0.

Scottsbluff again kicked off to Alliance and the latter had worked the ball past mid-field when the half ended.

Scottsbluff kicked off to Alliance in the third. Alliance gained by end runs, a pass from Edwards to Strong, adding thirty yards. Strong advanced ten yards, was tackled by Pickett and lost the ball. Joder picked the ball up and ran the remaining four yards for a touchdown, which the referee refused to allow, no reason being given. Edwards made three yards of the remaining four, when the umpire claimed Alliance was offside. The umpire imposed a penalty of fifteen yards for offside, when, according to the rules and regulations, the penalty should have been five yards. Coach Prince again plowed his way out on the field, and Alliance was penalized an additional five yards on this ac-

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ON the streets of Alliance within the past few days the editor of The Herald has heard more or less comment to the general effect that the existing controversy between itself and the Alliance Times is not a particularly edifying spectacle, and that the town would in all probability be just as well off without it. In this view The Herald hastens to announce its hearty concurrence. This newspaper, however, would be unfair to itself if it neglected to make this statement in connection with the matter:

The two present owners of The Herald came to Alliance with their hearts thoroughly attuned to the old adage, "With charity toward all and malice toward none." Least of all did they entertain any desire or intention of entering into an editorial dispute with the Times.

And it appeared, to begin with, that the Times expected to meet The Herald half way in this attitude. Mr. Sallows, its editor, published an editorial utterance welcoming the new editors of The Herald and extending to them the glad hand of fellowship.

It was, then, rather a rude awakening to find that the Times had later decided upon a different policy. It began to take insidious pokes and slams at The Herald. We say "insidious" advisedly, for it is not Mr. Sallows' habit to come out in the open in his attacks, but to deal in camouflaged slurs. Not stopping there, he felt called upon to refer to The Herald's owners along personal lines calculated to engender their natural and pardonable resentment. He called no names, of course, that not being his way of doing things.

Now, it so happens that the owners of The Herald, although they are two citizens possessed of characteristics as peaceable as those of any other two citizens of Nebraska, are not particularly enamored of the "turn the other cheek" admonition. When Mr. Sallows felt called upon to deliver a very sudden and entirely unexpected slap in the face they lost no unnecessary time in slapping back.

Incidentally, for the direct information of the town in general, and of Mr. Sallows in particular, The Herald will continue this policy. It will stand toe to toe with the Times and slug it out as long as it is attacked. This newspaper did not begin the unpleasantness, as everyone knows, and as Mr. Sallows knows; and it will be pleased when he and his periodical call a halt in their guerrilla warfare.

But, in the meanwhile, if the Times labors for a moment under the hallucination that it can aim a blow at The Herald and get away without being treated to a punch in the ribs it has another think coming—and this notwithstanding the fact that its editor poses as a former prize fighter! The Herald is entirely willing to admit Mr. Sallows' right to publish a newspaper in Alliance. Mr. Sallows himself, however, appears to feel that this right belongs to him exclusively, and that anyone else who attempts to enter the local field is an interloper. He has nagged at everyone who has attempted it in the past, just as he is nagging at The Herald now.

But The Herald, being unable to subscribe to Mr. Sallows' weird ideas in this respect, is going to conduct a newspaper in Alliance whether he likes it or not. As a matter of fact, he seems to have discovered that this is true—and this may be the explanation of his puerile pettishness.

SALVATION ARMY IS INTERESTED

Rev. J. Orrin Gould, who took up with state Salvation Army headquarters the question of establishing a city mission here, received a letter the first part of the week in which the army officials said that the prospect was a pleasing one, but unfortunately they haven't a single man right at present who can be released to come here and take charge. They assured the local committee, however, that as soon as arrangements could be made and the right man secured, they would make arrangements to enter Alliance.

A meeting of the board will be called some evening this week, probably Thursday, at which will be discussed plans for continuing the work until such time as it can be given over to the Salvation Army.

H. S. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ON

Tonight the interclass basketball matches begin at Alliance high school. The stage is set, the schedules are arranged, and the class teams have been working like Trojans to get in shape for the big athletic event.

Tonight the first two games will be played. The senior girls will meet the junior girls, and the freshmen boys will do their best to wallopp the sophomore boys.

Wednesday night the freshmen and sophomore girls fight it out and the same evening the senior boys and junior boys will tangle.

Friday evening the winners of the Tuesday and Wednesday games will play the finals. Admission has been set at the low figure of 25 and 15 cents. Kick in, dig up or fork over. Come out and help boost.

FEATURE BILL AT IMPERIAL THURSDAY

Screen Version of Hall Caine's "The Woman Thou Gavest Me" Will Be Big Attraction

Te Thursday bill at the Imperial will be Hall Caine's "The Woman Thou Gavest Me," a superb Paramount-Arterraft special production. Hugh Ford has directed an all-star cast, including Katherine McDonald, Milton Sills, Jack Holt and Theodore Roberts.

The story, in book form, created a furore in this country and abroad. The author is ranked among the foremost of novelists. The picture is filled with color, variety and vivid, sensational scenes.

SKATING NOW IN CITY PARK

Mayor Rodgers Monday issued orders to have the water turned into the city park, and it was done forthwith. There is now a pretty sizeable loke there, and the kids and grown-ups in the city who feel like skating will have all the opportunity in the world to enjoy themselves as soon as the weather moderates. Some of them won't wait that long. The expense to the city won't amount to a great deal, and every kid that owns a pair of skates or can borrow a pair will benefit.

MAY BUILD AN APARTMENT HOUSE

Old Box Butte County Settler Thinks of Returning to Nebraska to Live

George E. Douglas of Grand Haven, Ill., who has been making an extended visit with Alliance friends, left yesterday to visit a daughter, Mrs. Peter Thompson, at Minatare, Neb. Mr. Douglas made The Herald office a pleasant visit and told us of some of his experiences when he was one of the few settlers in this county.

Mr. Douglas filed on the first land in one of the townships in the county. It was this fact that brought him back to Alliance after an absence of several years. He was called upon to testify in some of the land boundary cases considered at the last session of district court, and it was his testimony in regard to the "blow-out" corner that largely influenced the decision.

He has made some investigation of housing conditions in Alliance, and a number of his old friends have urged him to return and put up a modern apartment house or two. He is considering this and told The Herald man that in all probability he would return in the spring and begin building operations at once. He has built several apartment houses in the city where he now makes his home, but believes that Alliance will make a pleasant place to live and unless something occurs to change his mind, his old friends may expect to see him settle down here again.

YORK MAN BUYS JUNK COMPANY

Leo Spurling of York, Neb., who has been corresponding with Secretary Jones of the Community club in regard to locating here, arrived in the city the first of the week and concluded the purchase of the Alliance Fur, Hide & Metal company, at 311 Laramie.

The first thing Mr. Spurling did after arriving in the city was to take out a membership in the community club.

TEMPERATURE IS LOWEST ON RECORD

All low temperature records for the month of December and for Box Butte county are believed to have been broken Monday night, when the mercury dropped to over 30 degrees below zero. All over the Alliance division of the Burlington trains are late and growing later, and the freight service is almost at a standstill.

At 10 a. m. Tuesday, the weather was reported calm and clear all over the division. Temperatures at that hour ranged from 10 to 18 degrees below zero all over the division. The following temperatures were reported at 10 o'clock:

10 a. m., weather calm, clear all over the division; 20 below at Alliance, 12 below at Broken Bow, 10 below at Ansley.

Ranges 10 to 18 below east of Alliance; 16 below at Belmont, 8 below at Orella, 28 below at Provo, 23 below at Edgemont, 36 below at Pringle, 35 below at Rochford, 40 below at Englewood.

UNION MEN NOTICE

I am now running a Union Shop, Union Card displayed by authority of Union No. 486, Sterling, Colo. Your business solicited. Corner Barber Shop, W. G. Ezell.

No wonder Adam Breede is a bachelor. He printed an editorial last week which claimed that women are growing uglier.—Buckshot.

The saddest sight of all is a slouchy woman.—Buckshot.

HOPE TO REACH SETTLEMENT OF BIG COAL STRIKE

PROSPECTS BRIGHTER THAN FOR WEEKS.

Today Will Tell Tale of Success or Failure of President's Plan

Hope for the settlement Tuesday afternoon of the controversy among the miners, the operators and the government was expressed in a formal statement issued Monday at the white house, according to reports from this morning's newspaper.

The statement follows: "It is hoped that there will be a settlement Tuesday afternoon of the controversy between the miners, the operators and the government thru the acceptance by the miners of the plan for a definite settlement proposed by the president, which proposal was submitted to Acting President Lewis of the miner by Attorney General Palmer Saturday night."

Attorney General Palmer Sunday night said that he was quite sure the end of the strike was in sight.

There were persistent reports Monday that the president's proposal was that the miners accept for the present the 14 per cent wage advance proposed by Dr. Garfield and that the final adjustment of wages and working conditions be left to a commission appointed by the president.

Some assurances are said to have been given as to the personnel of the commission, the method of obtaining data and other points which are reported to have induced the miners to consider their prospects under it more favorable than they otherwise would be.

Speculation as to the method for settling the strike, which was proposed personally by President Wilson, was rendered difficult, because while Fuel Administrator Garfield reiterated there would be no increase in the price of coal to the public and said he had not budged one inch from his position, the readiness with which the strikers accepted led to the belief an advance in wages larger than the 14 per cent suggested by Dr. Garfield had been proposed.

ELKS HOLD A MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Elks' memorial service of the Alliance lodge was held at the Imperial theater Sunday, December 7. Judge Ernest C. Page of Omaha delivered the memorial address in a forceful and sympathetic manner. His theme emphasized the importance of charity, brotherly love and fidelity.

Two musical numbers were appreciatively given, a solo by Miss Josephine Janson and a trio by the Misses Bradley, Grebe and Simpson.

Three of the lodge members have passed away during the past year, A. P. Stockdale, T. M. Spencer and J. R. Gall.

NO CARNIVAL OF CRIME IN ALLIANCE

Despite all talk to the contrary, the city of Alliance is not having any carnival of crime. Indeed, it is a most peaceful little city, unless you count bootleggers and poker games. And it's no crime to play poker—if you win.

Police Judge T. D. Roberts has filed the report of his activities for the month of November, and the records show that there were but nine arrests during the thirty days. The total fines amounted to but \$61, and though the fees brought the total money taken in up past the \$100 mark, the total was disappointingly small as compared with the days before the Great Drouth. Of the nine arrests, four were on charges of gambling, two for fighting, one for drunkenness and one classified as miscellaneous.

FAVORS GAS PLANT FOR ALLIANCE

Mayor Rodgers, speaking to a Herald reporter Tuesday, stated that he would bring up before the city council at its meeting this evening the need for a gas plant in Alliance, and that he would recommend that the city build one if capital from inside or outside the city cannot be interested in the project.