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CITY COUNCIL SUGGESTS NO RESTRICTIONS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE FUEL SITUATION

Matter Left in Hands of Mayor, With Power to Take Action Whenever It Is Necessary

A number of business men attended the Tuesday evening session of the city council, drawn there by the announcement in papers of that date that Mayor Rodgers would propose certain restrictions in regard to the use of fuel and lights. The gathering was a representative one, practically every business in the city being represented by one or more persons.

Mayor Rodgers opened the discussion by stating that the fuel administration had requested that more strict measures be taken to conserve fuel. The city authorities had taken over the matter of distribution and had doled out such supplies as they had received in a way to take care of all needs, but the situation was desperate and he desired the council to suggest ways in which the matter could best be handled.

Alliance has been more fortunate than many other cities, due not alone to its strategic location. The potash plants had a large supply of coal billed to them, but were declared to be a non-essential by the administration and this coal became available. This city has had coal sufficient to supply all reasonable demands, while other cities have been forced to adopt shorter business hours, close the schools and churches and some lines of business.

Fuel Administrator Smith was asked as to what plan he would recommend, and stated that he was willing to follow the wishes of the council. If possible, he believed that the theater and pool halls should be kept open, inasmuch as there are a number of people who have no other place to go, but in the final analysis, it was desirable to keep the homes warm, even if it were necessary to close churches, schools, pool halls and theater. He would hesitate to say just where it was best to clamp the lid on, but believed that greater economy was necessary. Even if reports that the strike was virtually settled should prove true, it would be two weeks at least before a sufficient supply would be forthcoming from the mines. Available supplies at some of the mines were diminishing, and he doubted very much whether the city would be able to secure as much coal in the next two weeks as in the two weeks just past.

Councilman Highland suggested that he thought the matter was one for Superintendent Griggs, division fuel administrator, and believed that any restrictions should come from his office. Mr. Highland said that the superintendent was in closer touch with conditions and knew more of the supply than any other man and thought him better qualified to impose whatever restrictions were necessary.

Councilman F. W. Harris suggested that instead of closing the business houses an hour in the forenoon, it would be better to leave all closed until, say, 10 a. m., and then keep open the rest of the day. He thought the same amount of coal would be saved by taking the closing hours out of the morning, and believed that it would prove less of a hardship on the merchants.

Mayor Rodgers then called on a number of the merchants present and asked their opinions.

C. A. Newberry assured the members of the council that he would be glad to co-operate in any way that was desired, and was willing to keep only such hours as might be designated.

E. G. Laing said that he was willing to do whatever was right in the matter. He held to the opinion that the retailers were getting it from all sides, and rather figured that it was their low voting power that was responsible for the lack of consideration they received. He cited the advice given by President Wilson to the consumers to quit buying where prices are high and buy only where prices are reasonable; to the retailer to quit trying to gouge the public and to cease hoarding, and to wholesalers to quit selling to people who charge too much. It seemed to him that all this advice was aimed at the retailer, and he was inclined to strongly resent it. So far as fuel conservation was concerned, he was only too glad to co-operate. He had not been operating his electric sign since the strike, and he had cut down on lights in his establishment. His

idea was that it was a poor rule that didn't work both ways, and he insisted that all business houses should close the same number of hours that any did. If he lost four hours, it was only fair that the banks should do the same.

Dr. Mahaffy gave an instance of fuel conservation as it applied to him personally.

Harry Thiels said that he believed there should be no discrimination in the matter of restrictions. So far as he was concerned, the afternoon and evening business was greater than the morning, and he would prefer to remain open at those times, but that he could be counted on to give his full co-operation, no matter what was decided on.

F. E. Holsten stated that he believed a big saving in fuel could be effected by closing a part or all of the morning. In other cities, drug stores had not been affected by restrictions, but he was willing to do his bit, and would close with the rest of them.

R. T. Morgan said that morning closing would hit the groceries quite a jolt, as a good share of their business is done in the morning.

CLUB DISCUSSES EXPRESS SERVICE

Discuss Ways and Means of Bettering With the Local Agent

Jesse Simpson, local express agent, was present at the meeting of the board of directors of the Community club Tuesday evening, and several matters of interest to the city's business men in general came up for discussion. Among these was the question of tariff schedules, brought up by A. T. Lunn. Mr. Lunn pointed out that there were no published tariffs of the express company available, and consequently when a shipment was received, there was no way in which the received knew whether the charges he paid were correct or not.

Mr. Simpson said that there were tariffs of the company available at certain places, such as Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco, but inasmuch as the nearest was Kansas City this didn't seem to help matters much.

Several of the members commented on the quality of service that Alliance patrons have received in the past few months, with especial reference to inefficient men and inefficient men and instances of discourteousness on the part of employees. Mr. Simpson explained that he had been working for some time to get the kind of a force that he wanted, and that he believed a greater improvement could be expected. He said that it was difficult to get the right kind of men, and that the express companies were no different than other businesses in this regard.

J. S. Rhein brought out the need for a better system of receipts than the company furnishes these days. A new system of records has lately been adopted, and the customer gets no receipt at all unless he asks for it, and even when he requests one, he is furnished with a mere statement of the amount paid. Mr. Rhein

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LOWERED RATE ON SAND AND GRAVEL

Secretary Jones of Community Club Secures Important Concession From the Burlington

Through the efforts of Secretary Rufus Jones of the Community club, the Burlington railroad has agreed to publish a new rate of 4 cents on sand and gravel from Bridgeport, Neb., a reduction of one cent a hundred pounds from former rates. As there are 2,700 pounds in a cubic yard of these materials, it will be seen that the reduction will result in a material saving. At 27 cents a yard, considering the number of yards of these materials brought into Alliance, the concession becomes an important one, and a feather in the cap of Secretary Jones and the organization he represents.

With the city of Alliance ready to make a tremendous amount of paving as soon as spring opens, and the county planning considerable road improvement, to say nothing of the Polish highway, the taxpayers of the city and county stand to save a whole lot of money that will go directly into their pockets as a result of the new rate.

Some of the folks who have been staying outside the Community club, and wondering just why they should support the organization, may stop right here and reflect.

ASK FEDERAL AID FOR IRRIGATION IN BOX BUTTE

Community Club Revives Scheme to Reclaim Arid Land in This County

About ten years ago, irrigation enthusiasts in this region conceived the idea of irrigating arid land in Box Butte county by means of a ditch from the Niobrara river. At that time the ditch, some fifty-six miles in length, could have been constructed at an expense estimated at about \$600,000.

At that time the project, which was backed by private individuals, was believed to be perfectly feasible, and had the approval of the state engineer. It was allowed to die by inaction.

The Community club has revived the proposition and Secretary Jones has taken the matter up with Congressman Kinkaid, asking him to present the project to the department of the interior, or indicate whether he desires the club to do so. It is believed that an irrigation system of this kind will rank as a reclamation project of sufficient importance to merit the support of the department, and the club is awaiting Mr. Kinkaid's reply with interest.

FIREMEN PLAN A CHARITY BALL

Now Two Paid Men on the Truck—City Manager Smith Attends Wednesday Meeting

At a meeting of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, held at the department's rooms in the city hall Wednesday evening, the fire boys discussed the proposition of holding a big charity ball, the proceeds to be used in relieving the condition of the city's poor. The firemen believe that the dance should be held, and have offered to donate the hall, and give every assistance and help, sell tickets for the event if some other organization wishes to sponsor it, but if no other should appear willing, in all probability they will do it themselves. The trustees of the department have been selected as a committee to arouse interest in the project or to carry it through, as may prove necessary.

City Manager Smith was present at the meeting, and discussed the needs of the department with the members. He announced that there are now two paid members of the department, Carl Rockey and Carl Anderson, whose duty it is to man the city's fire truck and care for the city hall. The rooms occupied by the fire department will be put in better shape and kept in a condition to make the men comfortable.

A committee of five members, consisting of Frank Aberg, Carl Rockey, Roy Trabert and two others was selected to make arrangements to take care of the entertainment of the firemen of the state on their return from the annual convention to be held in Scottsbluff on December 21, 22 and 23.

If the coal situation has improved sufficiently to make it possible, the department plan to secure a special train a few cars to carry the firemen and their families to the convention.

The volunteer firemen are strong for the city manager and the council, and are perfectly willing to express themselves freely on the subject. Members of the department say that it has been some time since so great an interest has been taken by city officials, and then mention, aside from the two paid members on the truck, the purchase of new nozzles and the new fire hydrants that have been purchased for installation when the paving goes in.

COLLISION IN YARDS

Considerable excitement was caused in the railroad yards this morning when two engines collided. Firemen Cop and Gales received slight injuries and the switchman was quite severely cut about the head. The escaping of surplus steam from the engines gave the collision a rather more dangerous appearance than the facts warranted.

—Yesterday's State Journal makes mention of the death of P. H. Lyman of Lincoln, a passenger conductor who was well known by many old tin railroaders in Alliance. Mr. Lyman worked for the Burlington forty-five years. His last illness was brief, he having missed but one trip before his death.

TWO BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS FORM A UNION

Home Builders Absorb Old Community Organization, Taking Stock at Face Value

At a meeting held at the Community club rooms on Wednesday afternoon of this week, members of the old Community Building association met with those of the new Home Builders' association and agreed on a plan by which the two are merged. Under the terms of the agreement, the Home Builders absorb the old association, taking the stock at face value and issuing stock in the new company to the same amount.

There has been some slight delay in pushing the sale of stock in the Home Builders' association pending a disposition of this matter. All of the stockholders in the former organization agreed to come in one the new one, and in many instances increased the amount of the holdings. Under the terms of the merger, the stockholders in the Community association make a profit of about 20 per cent on their holdings, which is most reasonable. The property they sell to the new concern is worth much more.

It has been decided to issue two kinds of stock in the new association, the preferred to draw a guaranteed dividend of 7 per cent, and the common stock, to draw whatever is left after the preferred stock dividends are paid. Both kinds will be sold at par. A new board of directors will be elected at the annual meeting, to be held the first Monday in January.

Sales of stock in the Home Builders' association have been going on steadily the past week. Purchases may be made of J. W. Guthrie or M. S. Hargraves, and an active campaign may be expected within a short time. A number of men have come in unsolicited and made purchases during the past week. The list of stockholders, including those of the old Community association, is as follows:

Glen Miller, A. G. Isaacson, Fred J. Peterson, M. S. Hargraves, Lee Moore, J. W. Guthrie, John J. Riordan, H. P. Coursey, A. D. Rodgers, J. S. Rhein, Ben. J. Sallows, Harry Thiele, J. H. Vaughn & Son, Roy Beckwith, J. D. Emerick, Dr. Kenney, Earl D. Mallery, George A. Mollring, Edward Banks, Robert Reddish, William King, W. W. Norton, Dr. Slagle, Charles Brittan, Marcus Frankle, F. W. Harris, F. E. Holsten, Forest Lumber Co., Dierks Lumber Co., C. A. Newberry, F. M. Knight, R. M. Hampton, Robert Graham, Dr. F. J. Peterson, F. W. Hicks, H. A. Dubuque, F. J. Brennan, John Hodgkins, J. M. Hughes, E. F. Shields, H. P. Torhey, A. J. Nelson, Otto Zamzou, E. G. Laing.

FORGERS HELD TO DISTRICT COURT

John Fought and John Gill Bound Over in the Sum of \$1,000 in County Court Thursday

At a hearing held in county court Thursday morning, John Fought, fifteen-year-old son of Mrs. Hattie Dumond, of this city, pleaded guilty to forging his mother's name to a check for \$15 and also to passing a forged check. He was bound over in the sum of \$1,000 to district court.

Young Fought has passed other checks signed with his mother's name during the last week or two, amounting to some \$60, but these were made good by Mrs. Dumond. The lad promised, it is said, not to repeat the offense, but within a short time after giving his word, passed another check for \$15 on Hugh Beall at the Alliance hotel.

John Gill, who was arrested last Monday evening by Chief Reed, was also bound over in the same sum on a similar charge. Gill cashed a forged check for \$45, drawn on M. Nolan & Co., at the Alliance National, and was arrested at the Eagle barber shop within a short time after the offense was committed. When searched at the police station, another forged check, drawn on the same firm, was found in one of his pockets. The check he cashed was dated November 20, and the other November 10. Gill had been employed at the Nolan coal yards for some time previous to the offense. He had served three months in the army.

Men show better taste than women in at least one respect and that is that they never kiss each other. Buckshot.

"HELL HATH NO FURY"

"Hell hath no fury like a lady scorned"—or something like that. Jessie Brown, former cook at the Manhattan hasn't got the force of the little truism yet—but wait and trust your Uncle Sam!

Jessie slipped quietly from the side door of his home last week and left nothing for his wife but the memory of his past cussedness. Home desertion isn't the only incidental she has checked against him. The minute he played crooked on the matrimonial field Friend Wife proceeded to extract an eye for an eye. She reported to Chief Reed that her spouse had deserted the United States army in September of 1919. Chief Reed considered that rather careless of Jessie and has gone to speak to him about it. If he finds the gentleman, Mrs. Brown's Uncle Sammy is very apt to speedily avenge her matrimonial difficulties.

Your business might be worse. Suppose you owned a corkscrew factory.—Buckshot.

WANT TO INSURE A FAIR CENSUS

Community Club Is Interested in Securing a Complete Enumeration of City's Population

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Community club, the matter of the coming census was discussed at some length, and the sentiment among the business men present was decidedly in favor of seeing to it that a complete and correct enumeration was secured in 1920.

The members present expressed their conviction that Alliance had been short-changed in the 1910 enumeration, and to guard against a repetition, instructed Secretary Jones to take the matter up with District Supervisor J. J. Tooley at Broken Bow, offering the co-operation of the club.

In communicating with Mr. Tooley, the secretary not only proffered the assistance of the club, but indicated that the club was willing to add extra pay to the government salary as an inducement to competent enumerators, and suggested, if government regulations permitted, that additional enumerators might be furnished.

Mr. Tooley's reply, which is printed in full, shows that there is little that the club can do save sound a warning to every Alliance citizen to see to it that his or her name is included. The letter follows:

"BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 8, 1919.—Mr. Rufus Jones, Sec'y, Alliance Community Club, Alliance, Neb.—Dear Mr. Jones: I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd tendering the co-operation of your organization with a view to effecting a correct and fair census of your city. Mr. T. J. O'Keefe has also forwarded to me your letter to him of the date of Nov. 27th.

You have no doubt aware of the fact that all government work is surrounded by much red tape. That of the census is no exception to the general rule. Under these regulations, enumerators are not permitted to accept any additional remuneration from individuals or local organizations, neither can they receive any assistance in the actual enumeration. Your organization can help, however, through a campaign of publicity calling special attention to the time when the enumeration will begin and when finished, also to the importance of every citizen being included in the census. In this campaign it is advisable at the close of the period of enumeration that a request be published in your local papers asking anyone who knows or has reason to believe that he has not been included, to make report to the enumerator of his district or to the supervisor.

You have no doubt been advised that the city has been divided into two enumerated districts. To district No. 10, comprising wards 1 and 2, Mrs. Ida Fernald has been designated. District No. 11, comprising wards 3 and 4, Mrs. Mary M. Wiese. The test papers of both of these women indicate first class qualifications in addition to which they have been recommended by Mr. O'Keefe.

Both John and T. J. O'Keefe have been assisting me in the organization of Box Butte county and in the event that you have any further suggestions to make, you may confer with them or write me direct.

I appreciate very highly indeed the interest which you have manifested and assure you that I am myself concerned in securing a just and fair census of the entire district. Yours truly, J. J. TOOLEY, Supervisor.

SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE IS REACHED

BUT SOME RESTRICTIONS GO INTO EFFECT AT ONCE

President Wilson Succeeds in Establishing a Basis for Ending Contest

The coal strike, affecting 400,000 bituminous miners of the country, was settled at Indianapolis Wednesday with the decision of the general committee of the United Mine Workers of America to accept the plan proposed by President Wilson.

The plan provides that the miners shall return to work at once at an increase of 14 per cent in wages; that a commission of three persons be appointed to investigate and determine within sixty days, if possible, a basis for a new wage agreement. The conference was made up of international and district officials and members of the executive board and scale committee of the organization.

It will be some time, however, before coal production reaches the normal and until such time, the following restrictions have been placed in effect by the national fuel administration. Herald readers will note that ornamental lights, signs and the like are not to be operated. Stores may use light six hours a day, drug stores, restaurants and groceries being exempted from this restriction. Other restrictions are placed on the use of coal.

The order follows: The United States fuel administrator hereby orders and directs that the director general of railroads and his representatives acting by and under his authority be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to make and prescribe such local or general regulations restricting the delivery, use and consumption of coal, coke, or other fuel, or power generated or produced by the use or consumption of coal, coke, or other fuel, as may, from time to time, be necessary in the present emergency.

Regulations

Light produced from bituminous coal and coke:

1.—No ornamental lights, white-way or other unnecessary street light, outline lighting, electric signs, or illuminated billboards, show window or show case lights are to be operated. This does not affect street lighting necessary for the safety of the public.

2.—No cabaret, dance hall, pool hall or bowling alley shall be permitted to use light except between 7 p. m. and 11 p. m.

3.—Stores, including retail stores and warehouses (but excepting stores selling food), must not use lights (except safety lights) over six hours per day. Stores selling food exclusively and only that department selling food exclusively and of other stores may use light their regular number of hours and days per week. Drug stores and restaurants may remain open according to present schedule; but must reduce lighting (Continued on Page 6.)

ANIMAL PLAY AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

"Back to God's Country" Has No Less Than Sixteen Animal Actors in Cast

The bill for tonight at the Imperial is a real feature photoplay, "Back to God's Country," adapted from James Oliver Curwood's story, "Wapi, the Walrus," which made a decided impression when published as a serial. Motion picture fans who are slightly tired of the commonplace films will find in tonight's screen drama something entirely new.

There is something fascinating about animal actors—and tonight you'll have a chance to see no less than sixteen, including a big cinnamon bear and two clever cubs, a couple of hens, a wildcat (how'd you like to act in the same cast with a wildcat?), an otter, lynx, wolf, deer, raccoon, goat, owl, porcupine and last but not least, a donkey—and maybe one or two others.

The story is an interesting one, filmed in an interesting place—the arctic circle—and is full of villainy and love, icebergs. It deals largely with a great Dane dog, Wapi, and the loyalty of the brute. The swimming star, Nell Shipman, takes the lead and is ably supported by a strong cast. The picture is filled with scenes that make real chills chase up and down your spine. No dull moments in tonight's bill.