

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR ENLARGING THE POSTOFFICE

CONGRESSMAN KINKAID

Congressman Kinkaid, military leader, has introduced a bill providing for the enlargement of the postoffice at Alliance. The bill has been referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds.

The community club deserves a large share of the credit for this improvement if it is put over. It was the club which took the matter up with Mr. Kinkaid, and they are not stopping their activities at that point. Secretary Rufus Jones put in some hours Monday writing to the various senators and congressmen from the state in an endeavor to secure their support for the measure.

The public appropriations committee, it is reported, has definitely gone on record with the promise to do what they can to defeat all pork barrel appropriations for new buildings. The club secretary and directors are not particularly alarmed over the prospect, however, as they cannot see that the improvements in the Alliance building can be classed as pork barrel legislation. The repairs are urgently needed, and the building has long been inadequate for the demands made upon it.

The bill reads as follows: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the post-office building at Alliance, Nebraska, to be enlarged and extended upon the ground and site now owned in that city by the government, said extension and enlargement to be constructed of a material to harmonize with the present building, and be so provided as to meet the needs by increased space of the postoffice now attempted to be accommodated in the present post-office building, as well as such needs as may reasonably arise in the future, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, including all necessary changes in, extension of, or additions and repairs to the same, as well as changes in the heating, ventilation, and plumbing systems which may be incident to the enlargement and extension of said building."

"Sec. 2. That the sum of \$60,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes aforesaid.

"Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from its passage."

"THE STEEL KING" AT THE IMPERIAL TONIGHT

The Imperial offers its patrons tonight "The Steel King," starring June Elvidge and Montague Love, which is a mighty interesting photoplay concerning high finance and a good brand of romance. It's the kind of a story that most people like to see, and the two names connected with it are sufficient guarantee that it will be worth watching. A current events reel completes the program.

Wednesday night comes Pauline Frederick in her newest Goldwyn production, "The Fear Woman." It is a story of a girl who is racked by fear lest her father's weakness for drink manifest itself in her. There are all sorts of complications which arise from her unreasoning fear, and they make up a story of unusual dramatic possibilities. An added attraction is Fatty Arbuckle in "His Wedding Night."

Billie Burke stars in Thursday night's play, a screen from start to finish, "The Misleading Widow," in which Billie scandalizes a village by falling in love with her husband. It is a delightful romance, besides being a trifle unusual. Billie's husband, being plumb disgusted with her, has gone away to forget or for some other purpose, and she makes use of his absence to collect life insurance. When he shows up the fun begins. You'd better see it if you want to get the story straight. There is also a Brigs comedy, "Fire-Fire."

WRESTLING MATCH AT THE IMPERIAL FRIDAY

Alliance wrestling fans are considerably interested in the Wheeler-Eklund bout, which is scheduled for the Imperial theater next Friday evening. Wheeler is a husky fireman

WHY WAIT?

Service men! Why wait to reinstate your war risk insurance? Waiting may spell danger or disaster to health. No time is quite so good as now, especially in view of the fact that you may secure reinstatement within eighteen months, simply stating in your application on that your health is as good as at date of discharge. Visit the Red Cross Home Service Bureau.

who will weight in at 205 pounds, and Eklund tips the beam some thirty pounds below that figure. It will be a finish match, two falls out of three, and the regular Police Gazette rules will govern the contest.

Eklund hails from Buffalo, Wyo., and claims the light heavyweight championship of the world. He has never been defeated in a contest with a man of his own weight, and has been able to put a number of good men on their backs. Wheeler has a reputation that is more than local, and is not only fast on the mat, but has a whole lot of science.

REMEMBER TO SIGN SCHOOL PETITIONS

All voters who have not signed the petitions asking for school bonds are urged to take care of this matter without delay. The petitions may be found at the Newberry Hardware company, the Thiele and Holstein drug store and the E. G. Laing clothing store. No one questions the need of additional school facilities, but the best way to register your approval is to append your signature with the rest of them.

TO START BUILDING OPERATIONS SOON

The directors of the Alliance Home Builders' association will meet Wednesday evening, at which time building plans will be perfected. Arrangements will be made, it is believed, for the immediate erection of not less than twelve homes, and after the association once gets going, there is no limit to what may be expected.

Stock sales have been progressing steadily, and the major portion has been subscribed.

ENTHUSIASM FOR PACKING COMPANY

Reports of sales of stock in the Alliance Packing company continue to be greatly encouraging. To date, the representatives of the company have not met a single rancher or stockman who was unwilling to ally himself with the new enterprise, and it is this spirit that makes those back of the new industry realize that failure is impossible.

A number of representatives of the company are in the city this week, among them being P. E. Vaughn, J. N. Brenizer, J. L. Patterson of Omaha, M. W. Power of Fargo, N. D., and C. E. Palmer, also of Fargo.

NEW MACHINERY AT THE CREAMERY

This week the Alliance Creamery company announces some extensive improvements and additions to the ice cream making machinery of the plant. The capacity will be enlarged to keep pace with the demands that are being made on the company. Manager Spencer states that business has never been better and that the outlook for the coming year is exceedingly favorable.

Among the new machinery that has been added is a new freezer viscolizer, with a capacity of 300 gallons per day, and a mixing vat of a like capacity. The plant will have a capacity of a thousand gallons of ice cream a day when this new machinery is in operation.

The net earnings of the city's water department for the three months ending December 31, 1919, amounted to nearly one thousand dollars, the exact total being \$831.69. The number of gallons of water pumped during the month of December was 31,441,150, and the approximate number of consumers 827. The amount expended for construction during the quarter.

HEMINGFORD MAY BUILD POWER LINE

Committee Comes to Alliance to Confer With Mayor and Members of City Council

A committee consisting of F. W. Melick, W. L. Clark and George Hitchcock waited upon Mayor Rodgers Monday, and presented a proposal that the city of Alliance furnish Hemingford with electricity. Mayor Rodgers informed them that about the only way this could be arranged would be for Hemingford to build a line to the city limits, where the juice could be metered out to them. This was apparently satisfactory to the committee, and they are now awaiting figures as to the probable cost of such a line, which will be furnished by City Manager Smith.

A special meeting of the council has been called for Wednesday evening, at which time the proposition will be discussed. There is no question that it will be more economical for the neighboring town to build a line than to erect a power plant. The distance between Alliance and Hemingford is only twenty miles, and a line could, in all probability, be erected for between \$30,000 and \$35,000. A plant would cost double this sum, and in addition there would be the expense of upkeep.

City Manager Smith says that the Alliance plant furnishes ample power, and that the additional load could be handled without the employing of additional men. Only at the time of the peak load would anywhere near the full capacity of the plant be required, and even then there would be a safe margin. The building of the line would be the chief expense, and it would need to be a thorough job, with plenty of poles and a strong wire. Such a line, however, would always be worth money in the event the Hemingford authorities ever desired to build a plant of their own.

In addition to discussing this matter the council will also take up the matter of public health and conditions. It will be an important session.

BANQUET FOR THE VISITING FIREMEN

The Alliance Volunteer Fire Department royally entertained the visiting delegations who stopped over for a day on their return trip from the state convention held at Scottsbluff last week. The condition of the roads made the proposed automobile trip to the potash plants impossible, but every other item on the program was carried out. There was a moving picture show, a banquet in the evening, followed by a dance and another lunch.

The banquet was served in the regular fireman style at the club rooms in the city hall last Friday evening. There was an absence of ceremony, but at the close of a mighty good feed, several Alliance men were called on, J. W. Guthrie acting as toastmaster. Short talks were made by Mayor Rodgers, Glen Miller, Rufus Jones, Charles Hill and others.

The dance in the armory was well attended and every visiting fireman was given the opportunity to enjoy himself. It was a pleasant visit on both sides, and Alliance is in hopes that next year she will have the pleasure of entertaining the whole bunch.

—\$2.00 a year—and worth more.

WOUNDED SOLDIER SEEKS A RELATIVE

Gordon Miller, on Furlough From Hospital, Meets With Sad Disappointment

Gordon Miller, on furlough from the Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D. C., where he has been for over a year, is in Alliance seeking an aunt, Mrs. Annie Connor, who is his only living relative. Mrs. Connor came here a week or two ago, he has learned, and Postmaster Bob Graham and two or three other people are helping him locate her. Miller, who is a young fellow of fine appearance, has had more grief in the past five years than most men have in a lifetime. He entered the service some five years ago, before there was thought of a war, serving with the Eighth cavalry. When the war came on, he transferred to the infantry, seeing service in some of the most severe fighting with the 135th infantry.

After spending over two years in various hospitals in France and this country, he finally recovered sufficiently to be granted a six months' furlough, and started for Denver, where his parents live. On his arrival he discovered that his father, mother and sister had been killed in an automobile accident a few weeks previously. He is the only one of the family alive today. Two brothers, who got into the fighting at the start with the Canadian troops were killed during the war.

Miller bears a good many wounds. His right wrist was shattered early in the fighting, and it is this that causes him the most trouble. If it weren't for this wrist he would have been discharged months ago. There is a silver plate in it, and somehow the wound has never healed. He served in three great engagements—at Yerdun, where his wrist was injured; the battle of the Marne, where he got a piece of shrapnel in his jaw—there is another plate there—and in the Argonne forest, where his other arm was struck.

"If I could only find my aunt," he said, "I think I could stand it. But after being away from my folks for five years and to come clear across the country and find no one, it makes me feel as though I might as well be dead, too."

His aunt, he learned in Denver, had come to Alliance. She was at one time a resident of the city, and is known to quite a number of Alliance people. One of them saw her on the streets here last week, and they are confident that it will not be long until young Miller finds her.

Miller tells some interesting stories of his army experiences. He, together with his sergeant and a lieutenant, during the battle of the Argonne, were separated from the rest of the company. Night came on, and they finally decided to steal a little sleep. They were walking in mud and slime up to their shoe tops, and it was impossible to lie down with any degree of comfort. They finally solved the problem by arranging five German corpses in a row, covering them with blankets and clothing taken from the other dead. All three of them lay down to rest, but when the officer jokingly remarked that they had better keep one eye open, lest some of their friends crawl out from under the blanket, the sergeant decided not to sleep. He disappeared in the forest and they never saw him again.

Miller says that every care is taken of the wounded soldiers at the Walter Reed hospital, but that it is not a pleasant place to live. The buildings are overcrowded, and this means an

THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; rising temperature Wednesday.

exceptionally strict set of regulations. The patients are permitted to leave their quarters for only one hour each day. Smoking is forbidden, although they get around this rule, with the aid of some of the friendly nurses, one man letting the sheets from his bed fall of the floor while another crawls underneath to smoke. It was caught just once, he said, and got a five-hour session with a straight-jacket as a punishment. According to his story, patients at the hospital are not allowed to write letters home, or to let their parents know their location. The reason for this, he said, is that if the parents knew their sons were there, they would come to Washington. Conditions are such that it would be impossible for them to be admitted to the hospital, and so the authorities say that it is better for the parents not to know that their soldier sons are in this country.

FIVE PAY \$10 FINES ON GAMBLING CHARGE

Five young men, around the legal age of twenty-one, appeared before Police Judge Roberts promptly at 9 a. m. Monday, and meekly pleaded guilty to a charge of gambling—with dice—and were assessed fines of \$10 each and costs, a total of \$15 apiece. The boys were caught in a raid by the Chief of Police Taylor on a room in the Alliance hotel last Sunday morning, around 3 a. m., and gave \$25 bail for the appearance Monday.

TAYLOR HEARS FROM FORMER PRISONERS

Chief Taylor Friday morning received a letter from Roosevelt Cary and Orris Evans, the two colored boys who were held as witnesses against William Tatrow, recently sentenced to the penitentiary for highway robbery committed on Jack Rlordan. The boys say that times are hard and work dull, and they are interested in getting some of the witness fees that are coming to them. Chief Taylor has turned their letter over to County Attorney Bayse, who will see what can be done for them. The letter follows:

DENVER, Col., Jan. 21, 1920.—Mr. Taylor: I guess you are somewhat surprised to hear from us. This leaves us well in health, but are in the same fix as we were up there, toward money and clothes. We would have wrote you sooner, but have been so busy rustling trying to live that we haven't had time. Time is hard here and work is dull, so we thought that we would write and see if you could get the county attorney to send us some of the money they owe us. That is if he has any mercy for a poor person and he knows that he owes it to us, because he might have the same kind of a case before him again and if you could get him in notion of sending it or just anything would help us now, we would appreciate it to the highest.

Mr. Taylor, we will always remember you for your kindness toward us, we thank you very much.

Well I will close hoping that you are well and enjoying life to the highest degree, so we hope that you can do something for us. Good Bye. Yours truly,

ROOSEVELT CARY,
ORRIS EVANS,
2404 Welton St., Denver, Col.

AMERICAN LEGION MEET THIS EVENING

The Alliance post of the American Legion will hold a meeting at the council chamber in the city hall this evening, beginning at 7:30, at which time every member is urged to be present, as business of extra importance will be discussed. Minstrel practice will be held after the meeting.

The legion voted some little time ago to stage a minstrel. J. P. Mann, of the Mann Music and Art store, has consented to take charge of the music, and two rehearsals have already been had. About twenty men have been present at these rehearsals, and a good start is already made. In order to make this event the success it ought to be, it is important that there be a chorus of at least twice this number. If you can carry a tune in a bushel basket come out. It is planned to practice twice a week for the next two or three weeks and then practically every night the last week, staging the affair some time in February.

DON'T FAIL TO GET COUNTED IN THE CENSUS

COMMUNITY CLUB CHECKING UP ENUMERATORS

If You Have Any Reason to Think You Have Been Missed, Don't Delay Any Longer

Within a few days, the taking of the 1920 census will be completed. It means a whole lot to Alliance to have the enumeration correct, and the community club is taking an active interest in seeing to it that not a single Alliance citizen is missed. They are using four means of spreading the alarm, and if you can think of any other way to impress the importance on the minds of the city's population, they'll be glad to hear of it.

Beginning the first of the week, Secretary Rufus Jones started in to round up the missing, and so far he has discovered four ways to do it. The first one is by means of the newspapers. If you have reason to believe that you have been missed in the count, fill in the blank that will be found elsewhere in this paper, and mail or bring it to the club's offices, whereupon the enumerator will make a note of your name and hunt you up.

Another means is through the city schools. In the absence of Superintendent Pate, the secretary took the matter up with F. A. Prince, high school principal, and the result is that the teachers in the city schools will pass the word on to the pupils, who will in turn ask at home whether the enumerator has called. If they report back to the contrary, the teachers will pass the names on to the club.

The telephone company has been pleased to co-operate with the club, and the operators have been calling up the business firms of the city in an endeavor to discover whether any employees have been missed.

The club has played still one more card. It has had cards printed announcing the importance of a correct census, and one of these will be placed in every postoffice box, city carriers will leave one at each place where they make deliveries and the postoffice clerks will pass them out when calls for mail are made at the general delivery window.

Altogether, nothing will be left undone to see that every person in the city is properly listed. Of course, it is up to the individuals to co-operate, and the majority of the citizens realize the importance of having the city's entire population included. Use the coupon on this page if you think there is any chance that you have been overlooked, and take care of it right now, while you are thinking of it.

FRANK PLACE HELD ON MANN ACT VIOLATION

Frank Place, switchman in the employ of the Burlington at Alliance, is being held by federal authorities. At a hearing held before Judge Berry, court commissioner, on Monday of this week, Place was held for trial in the United States district court at Chadron.

The complaint charged Place with transporting one Frances Doty from Casper, Wyo., to Alliance, Neb., in violation of the Mann act, for immoral purposes. A second charge was that he defrauded the United States government, through the railway administration, by applying for transportation for himself and wife, when he is unmarried.

Quite a mixup developed when it was discovered that no detaining order had been issued for the woman in the case, who is the most essential witness when the case comes up for trial. Under the law of the land, a witness may be held for twenty-four hours only unless a detaining order is issued, and at 6 o'clock Monday evening, Frances Doty was released from custody by Sheriff Miller.

Deputy United States Marshal Wright of Chadron is in the city for the purpose of taking Place to Chadron. It is probable that the necessary order will be issued and the woman also taken into custody.

Charles Wyckoff has accumulated a Ford.

A. A. Craig of Crawford has been in the city for the past three or four days on business connected with the United States Tire & Rubber company.

Let's All Get Counted!

Alliance cannot take its proper place among the cities of the United States, unless its people are correctly counted.

If the census taker has not called at your house, or if you have any doubt about it, fill out this blank and mail or bring it at once to the Community Club.

Name _____

Address _____

This is important; please give it your immediate attention.