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## CITY MANAGER TO HAND IN RESIGNATION

### C. C. SMITH WILL LEAVE EMPLOY OF CITY

#### Will Sever His Connection With Alliance by the First of March

City Manager C. C. Smith Tuesday afternoon stated to a Herald reporter that his resignation would be handed in to the council some time the coming week, to take effect March 1. Mr. Smith plans to stay in Alliance long enough to put the city's affairs in the best possible shape.

The resignation comes, according to rumor, as a result of disagreements and misunderstandings between the city manager, Mayor Rodgers and members of the council's finance committee. Those who have been in attendance at council meetings have been able to read between the lines and see that all was not going peacefully in the official family, and that trouble was imminent.

Mr. Smith has been in the employ of the city for six months, coming here from Montrose, Col. He has made no plans for the future as yet. Neither Mayor Rodgers or Mr. Smith had any statement to make on the matter.

## POTATO EXHIBIT CAR IN ALLIANCE MARCH 19

The special potato exhibit car operated by the agricultural department of the Burlington and Colorado & Southern railroads co-operating with the agricultural college, farm bureau, county agents and business men of towns to be visited, will be in Alliance on the morning of March 19. A meeting and local potato show will be staged in connection with the exhibit car.

Speakers accompanying the car will be: R. H. Howard, horticulturalist and potato expert, University of Nebraska; H. O. Werner, chief inspector and secretary, Nebraska Potato Improvement association; Geo. A. Williams, specialist in marketing, Lincoln, Neb.; Jacob Pedrett, successful Nebraska potato grower and president of the Nebraska Potato Improvement association; C. W. Pugsley, editor Nebraska Farmer, Lincoln, Neb.

The car will contain exhibits of potato varieties, grades and grading, diseases and control methods, storage houses and methods, marketing, certified potato seed, cultural methods, etc. Special literature has been printed by the agricultural college and the railroads for free distribution during this exhibit. All subjects pertaining to preparing "King Spud" will be covered.

It is planned to stage a farmers' contest in identifying different varieties of potatoes in each town visited. Some special cash prizes may be offered by local business men for this contest as well as for the best local potato exhibits.

Advance agents representing the railroads and the agricultural college will visit the towns soon to make preliminary arrangements.

One of the leading features included in the exhibits to be seen here when the Burlington and Colorado & Southern potato car visits this place will be the model potato and root storage cellar. This model cellar is being constructed especially for this trip and shows in complete detail all the essential points in a good storage cellar which the average farmer or potato grower can build. Plans and specifications for this cellar will be given to those who are particularly interested and request them.

## SETTLING UP THE JOHN KRAUSE ESTATE

Today was the last day for filing claims against the John Krause estate, one of the largest in western Nebraska. Frank Krause of Fountain City, Wis., who is engaged in dairy farming there and who also has extensive interests in Sheridan county, is in the city this week. Mr. Krause was one of the early homesteaders in Box Butte county, having taken land within two miles of Alliance. Several years ago he returned to Wisconsin and his brothers came out. They are now conducting the Krause ranch.

## PHILADELPHIA MAN SEEKS AN UNCLE

Chief of Police Nova Taylor is in receipt of a letter from H. M. Brady, 1529 Green street, Philadelphia, in which he asks the chief's assistance in locating William A. Shindel, who is said to have been a resident of this city in 1890. The chief requests anyone who can furnish the information desired to furnish him. The following is the address:

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 24, 1920.  
H. M. Brady,  
1529 Green street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

"When last heard from on March 23, 1890, he was there and employed by the Burlington and Missouri railroad in Nebraska. If he does not live there any more, will you please tell me his next address if he left town?"

"The reason for asking this favor of you is that he is my mother's only brother and she would like to hear of him once again before it is too late."

"Appealing to your love of your mother and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, Respectfully yours,  
"H. M. BRADY."

## THREE BOY BANDITS HEADED THIS WAY

### Twelve-year-old Gets Away With \$30 Belonging to Wife of Man Who Captured Him

Chief of Police Nova Taylor Tuesday morning received word from the chief of police at Crawford, Neb., to be on the lookout for three boy bandits who are headed this way via the freight train route. The star of the trio, the police say, is a twelve-year-old by the name of Bruce Hitchcock, who ran away from his home in Lusk, Wyo., some days ago and has been spreading kindness and cheer along his little pathway ever since.

The twelve-year-old was picked up at Crawford by the chief on telephone advices from his home town, and instead of throwing the youngster into a cell, they left him to the care of the Crawford chief's wife. This proved to be a mistake, for he departed shortly and took with him \$30 in cash belonging to his caretaker. He is said to have cashed a \$10 bill at Ardmore and the indications are that he may go through Alliance.

About the same time the Crawford chief shooed two other boy hoboos out of town and sounded the warning to look out for the trio. The chief is making trains regularly, but to the time of going to press has failed to get a glimpse of a twelve-year-old with a checkered cap, gray overalls and blue sweater. The other infant outlaws are about eighteen years of age.

## DANCE AT ELKS FOR THE TRAVELING MEN

The next thing on the Elks amusement program is the traveling men's dance, which is scheduled for Friday evening, February 20, and one of the biggest times yet is expected. Any traveling man can get tickets from Chris O. Ehinger, Jack Hawes or V. Clark. The dance is given by the Elks for the entertainment of the boys on the road, and it isn't necessary for the traveler to belong to be able to buy.

Under the management of W. R. Harper, chairman of the entertainment committee, the Elks have been having not only gorgeous times at their weekly dancing parties, but they have managed to make a little money. There is now \$50 in this fund, and in order that it shall not be kept out of circulation, Mr. Harper has made plans for a free dance, to be held on St. Patrick's day in the evening, of which more will be said later. It will be as free as the air you breathe or the water you drink, and will be one of the red letter days on the calendar for everybody who accepts the Elks' invitation, whether they're Irish or not. For the information of those who haven't relatives in County Cork, we'll say that St. Patrick's day comes this year—and every year—on March 17.

F. E. Brown, who has been in the employ of The Times for the past eighteen months, left the first of the week for Seneca, where he will visit with his parents for a week or two, after which he will leave for Montana, where he has accepted a position with a daily newspaper. Mr. Brown's resignation was handed in two weeks ago, but he remained on the job until Mr. Jones, of Omaha, his successor, could take his place.

## ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE TRIANGLES

### Mexican Domestic Tragedy Adjusted With Little Difficulty by Police Authorities

Alliance was the scene of another one of those human triangles that the movie producers love to film last week, and it was settled in a way that would make the average screenster's hair stand on end. Behold, if you please, the Cortez family, living somewhere in Alliance.

Rosa Cortez, the wife, presumably loved her husband dearly until the villain came along. The villain's name was unpronounceable, but his intentions were unmistakable. He wooed the fair Rosa, and seemingly had good success, for on Saturday she decamped with him, taking along for safe keeping her husband's watch, his revolver and \$105 of his hard-earned money.

History doesn't state just which one of these things Mr. Cortez missed first, but Saturday evening he applied to the chief of police, the sheriff and everyone else he could think of to assist him in righting his wrongs. The sheriff at Angola was notified and promptly picked up the erring wife and the Romeo, and brought them to Alliance Sunday morning.

The case never came to court, the only record of the settlement is to be found in the notebooks of the police authorities. The solution was no so very difficult—and if it happened in the movies you'd say it was impossible. The husband agreed to take his wife back, provided she returned the money, the watch and the revolver. This was done. His other condition was that the man who tried to steal her leave town and never come back. This Romeo was willing to do, and di. The fade-out will show Rosa and her husband reunited, and happy as two bugs in a rug.

Good-night!

## CHARGE JOHNSON WITH TAKING HORSES

On complaint of County Attorney Lee Basye, a warrant was issued Tuesday morning for the arrest of Emmett Johnson, who is charged with appropriating a team of bay horses, valued at \$300, and subsequently disposing of them. Johnson, who is well known in Alliance, and who has figured in family or neighborhood rows now and then, is said to own considerable property.

## A LITTLE JOYRIDE AND CAR SMASH

Alliance police and Box Butte county officers were kept busy for several hours Sunday evening searching for the car of Carl Cornwell, which disappeared from in front of the Alliance hotel annex about 6 p. m. Along about midnight the car was found out west of the city, near the railroad tracks, in a badly damaged condition, minus fender, front wheel and running board. Richard Knies, the joyrider, arranged for the necessary repairs.

## RAIL STRIKE IS POSTPONED

### Only Immediate Danger Is Passed—May Wait Until Railroads Are Returned to Owners

Instructions have been issued to all maintenance of way railroad employees in Alliance to the effect that the strike order will be held in abeyance in accordance with orders from the national headquarters in Detroit, Mich.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The railroad unions are prepared to put in motion machinery for calling a general railroad strike if the proposition for a wage tribunal is rejected at the meeting of general chairmen here February 23. Unions which have not yet taken a strike vote on wage demands will do so, it was learned today.

Labor leaders declare that only the immediate danger of a railroad strike is passed. The situation remains as serious as it was a week ago, and the crisis will not be over until after the meeting of the general chairmen. The chairmen will come authorized to accept the president's proposal or demand that the strike vote be put into operation.

It is believed that the maintenance-of-way men, if it is decided to carry out their strike plans after the February 23 meeting, will postpone action until after the railroads are returned to private control.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 16.—The proposed strike of more than 300,000 members of the united brotherhood of maintenance-of-way employees and railway shop laborers has not been canceled, but has been merely postponed. Allan E. Barker, president of the brotherhood announced Monday. Unless speedy relief is given the workers, he said, the strike certainly will take place.

Mr. Barker also said that the board of directors and vice presidents of the brotherhood have been called to meet here Thursday to consider the strike situation. "The managers of our fifteen districts," he added, "have been instructed to remain in their territories for the purpose of strengthening the strike organization. The strike will certainly take place if President Wilson does not quickly make good his promises to get speedy relief to our people." The strike, which was to have become effective Tuesday, was postponed Saturday night by President Barker on recommendation of the brotherhood committee, representing the men in Washington.

## TWO DEATHS FROM FLU IN THE KICKEN HOME

The influenza was responsible for two more deaths which occurred in the Kicken home, sixteen miles north of Lakeside, on last Sunday. Mrs. Alodia Ragrier, aged seventy-four, mother of Mrs. Kicken, died Sunday morning. Morris Pierie Kicken, aged twenty-one, passed away Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held from the Catholic church at 8:15 a. m. Tuesday, with Rev. Father Manning in charge.

## THE WEATHER

For Alliance and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight and in southeast portion.

Mrs. Helen O'Keefe, Mrs. W. H. Osterberg and Miss Ruth Morris were hostesses at an announcement party given for Miss Edna Bowman at the Alliance hotel last Saturday evening. About thirty guests were present. The room was tastefully decorated, and a most pleasant evening resulted. Refreshments were served.

On Wednesday Dean Dixon entertained the member of the choir at dancing and cards. Friday St. Margaret's branch of the juniors entertained at a party and dance in the parish house. They were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stephens, Mrs. Bernard Holsten and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dixon.

Friends of the Rheins have received a card, dated at Salt Lake city and signed by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhein, reading as follows: "Weather fine. Nice time. Leaving Friday for San Francisco."

## REED COMES BACK TO POLICE FORCE

### Former Chief to Rejoin City's Force the Coming Week at an Increase in Salary

Oscar W. Reed, who a few weeks ago resigned as chief of police of the city of Alliance to accept the position of deputy sheriff, has returned to the employ of the city. Beginning next week he will hold the position of night chief, at a salary sufficient to make the job interesting. The council at its last meeting left the matter in the hands of the mayor, following the resignation of Night Watchman Allen.

Mayor Rodgers announces that Mr. Reed will have a rank equal to that of the day chief, and that he will conduct the office during his hours on duty as he sees fit, being under orders of no one but the city's executive.

Sheriff Miller is about ready to give up the hope of getting a deputy who will be satisfactory at the wages he is permitted to offer. Reed is the third man he has had in fourteen months. Mr. Reed will remain with the sheriff's office until the first of the week. Judge Wentover is to hold a special equity term February 20 and 21, and it is expected that three men now in jail will be sentenced at that time. In that event, Reed will accompany Sheriff Miller and the prisoners to Lincoln.

## PRELIMINARY DEBATE AT HIGH SCHOOL THURSDAY

The preliminary debate to decide who shall constitute the Alliance high school debating team will be held at the high school auditorium, Thursday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. No charge will be made for admission and all are cordially urged to attend and by their presence encourage the young people who are participating.

The Alliance high school has achieved an enviable record in debating and failed to win the district championship only once in the past seven years.

The subject to be debated, which is the subject selected by the state debating board for all high school debates this year is resolved: That congress should prohibit all railroads doing inter-state business. The following students will participate:

## COLE FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

The funeral of John H. Cole, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cole, will be held from the Christian church Wednesday afternoon. Four boy scouts will act as pallbearers. Burial will be in the Greenwood cemetery.

It seems pleasant to hear of someone advocating a state printing plant for Nebraska, which would accomplish a tremendous saving in the item of school text books alone. In Kansas and California it has been tried out most successfully. It takes more than figures to convince the average legislature, however. The Lincoln and Omaha typographical unions and the state federation of labor have worked themselves into several sweats in an endeavor to get this money-making institution installed, but textbooks in Nebraska schools are still manufactured elsewhere. The average legislature, no matter what its political complexion, isn't as interested in saving money as in spending it.

## CITY FUNDS SEEM TO BE RUNNING LOW

### COUNCIL MAY HAVE TO HUSTLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET

#### Levy Made on Estimate That Was Far Too High—Strict Economy Only Necessary

The city council has discovered that a tax levy will bring in only about two-thirds of the amount they figured when they made their estimates. The estimate of expenses was based on a valuation of municipal property that seems to have been about \$300,000 too high. According to the original estimates, the city was getting on fine as could be, with a prospect of finishing out the year without a deficit in any fund, but the discovery has shown the council that it will be necessary to retrench in several ways if the money at its disposal is to be made to cover the year. It had been figured that the levy would bring in a trifle over \$50,000, but present indications are that it will not exceed \$35,000.

The city council met in regular session at the city hall Friday evening, the meeting having been postponed from Tuesday, when a quorum failed to appear. The quorum was somewhat slow in arriving, but Chief of Police Nova Taylor was called into service to notify the missing member. The session was held in the city clerk's office, the regular council chamber being occupied by influenza patients.

No protests having been filed, the council approved the plans and estimated for paying in the district comprising the downtown business section, and the clerk was instructed to advertise for bids.

The council passed the ordinance defining venereal diseases and setting out penalties for those afflicted with such diseases who fail to secure treatment or follow it up. The ordinance was drafted in the offices of the state board of health and its provisions are quite drastic.

The council approved all claims with the exception of that of J. M. Weaver for special police duty, amounting to \$10.80, and a claim of C. L. Powell for \$15.80 for damages to his automobile, which was, he claims, damaged by the city's truck. This latter claim was referred to the city manager for investigation.

The council discussed the matter of a telephone franchise, and the sentiment of the councilmen seemed to be that the city should impose an occupation tax on the company and pay for what phones it needs. The councilmen were strongly in favor of insisting that a building be erected in Alliance by the company and openly snuffed at the statement made by Mr. Mays that the company had intended to put in \$20,000 worth of improvements here in 1920.

Some discussion was given to the pool hall question. The application of Kays & Albert to conduct a pool-hall upstairs at 117 West Second street was not granted, the council disapproving of upstairs locations for pool halls.

## ALLIANCE GIRLS WIN A GAME FROM BAYARD

The girls' basketball team of the Alliance high school played at Bayard Friday. It was the second game played this year with the entire team. The score was 32 9 in favor of Alliance.

A doubleheader is scheduled for Alliance Friday, when the Scottsbluff girls will play the Alliance girls, and the Bayard boys will meet the Alliance huskies.

## ALLIANCE FORTUNATE IN FLU EPIDEMIO

Compared with other places in the state, Alliance has been very fortunate in the epidemic. There has not been a death within the city limits from the influenza. The situation shows very little change.

C. W. Carson of this city and Miss Nellie Wheeler of Wendover, Wyo., were married Saturday evening at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. J. Orris Gould officiating. Mr. Carson works on a passenger out of Casper.

Miss Eva Siedo returned Tuesday noon from Sidney, where she had been called by the illness of her mother.

L. E. Bollinger of Bingham, who has been recovering from flu, had a relapse Sunday but is getting along very well now.

## Only Eleven Days Left!

After March 1, The Alliance Herald will cost you either \$2.50 or \$3.00 per year. If you live within a radius of 150 miles of Alliance, you will pay the lower rate, but outside of that, due to increased postage and mailing charges, you'll have to come across with 50 cents additional.

The Herald prints more real news than any other paper of its class in the state. Live news of Alliance, printed while it's still news, written in a newsy way. All the news that's fit to print—and nothing that isn't.

Until March 1, subscriptions will be received at the old rate. Regular subscribers may pay for not to exceed one year in advance at \$2.00 per year. Use the coupon—before you forget it.

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