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A BIG FIGHT IS PROMISED

Struggle to Control Holdings Shows Bringing In of the Osage Gusher

The oil gusher of the Osage field, drilled in by Alliance parties, continues to be the cause of much excitement to Alliance people for it is the first field in which Alliance people have been heavily interested, which has brought in so sensational a strike as the one referred to herein. Not less than thirty Alliance people, and perhaps more, will benefit either directly or indirectly by the bringing of the gusher on the northeast quarter of section 19-46-63.

Among those who benefit directly by the bringing of the well, because of an interest financially therein, are Dr. H. A. Copsey, J. O. Walker, Chas. Brittan, Oscar and Richard O'Bannon, Delos Barber, William King, Arthur Eastburn, Chase Feagins, George A. Mollring and others. Among those who benefit indirectly, on account of having holdings adjacent to the land on which the well was drilled are Jack Hawes, Howard Reddish, Dr. H. H. Bellwood, J. D. Emerick, Frank Abegg, R. M. Baker, C. M. Looney, J. C. Croy, F. A. Bald, R. C. Strong, Lloyd C. Thomas, and a number of others who filed on government mineral claims last year in the field. Most of them had paid but little attention to their holdings in the field on account of the fact that its production in the wells already drilled had been very small, and because they, including the syndicate which drilled in the well, were in the lower and "tail end" of the field.

The bringing in of the gusher at a depth of 1,335 feet on Sunday morning, March 14, changed the aspect of the situation materially and now all of these parties are lining up for the big fight which will soon ensue in the attempt to control these holdings. The syndicate which drilled the well and which operated under the name of the Carroll Oil company, has holdings of 1,600 acres including the quarter-section on which the well was drilled and including land lying south and west of the well. The others mentioned above are interested in government oil mining locations covering 1,440 acres adjacent to the gusher on the east, north and west sides of the well. These men are taking steps to protect their holdings from claim jumpers and other locators who are endeavoring to establish title to the land, which is now immensely valuable. Their prospects for holding this land are excellent and it is very probable they will be able to hold the larger portion of it, which will be developed by one or more of the larger oil companies of Wyoming, all of whom are now represented at Newcastle by their field men.

The Midwest Oil company, the Producers & Refiners corporation, the Sinclair Oil and Gas company, the Union Oil company of California, and others of the large concerns are now in the field bidding for leases on the territory adjacent to the well. A lease on eighty acres of land not far from the Gusher sold for \$20,000 cash on Thursday of last week at Newcastle. Owners of leases covering land in the field, some of them at a distance of several miles, are asking as high as \$1,000 per acre for their rights. So far none of the Alliance men have disposed of their interests but are standing pat until they know where they "are at."

After flowing for five days and four nights the gusher brought in under the supervision of John S. Adams of Alliance was finally capped at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon. It is estimated that not less than \$10,000 worth of good oil went down Osage creek before the well was capped. The drilling tools, which had been hanging in the well since its discovery, were removed just before the cap was placed over the top of the casing. The oil is reported to have shot into the air for a distance of seventy feet upon the removal of the tools from the casing. Inasmuch as the drill did not penetrate the oil sand but simply broke through the cap rock it is impossible to give an accurate estimate of what it will produce. Conservative estimates run from 500 to 1,500 barrels per day settled production. The flush production may run as high as 2,500 barrels per day. As soon as storage tanks can be erected the well will be allowed to flow into them.

Conditions at Newcastle since March 14 have rivalled the boom days of the gold fields. Hundreds of oil scouts, lease speculators, drillers and locators of oil lands in the field

THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday, with probably local rain; cooler Wednesday and east and north portion tonight.

ked to the small town, which being a real boom. The "kicked and from eyes to several a room. Two Alliance men a cot together for three nights a week and congratulated them on being lucky to secure a bed at all.

Drilling rigs are being rushed from all directions to the new field. It is reported that several rigs were ordered shipped by express to the field for the purpose of holding claims. Inasmuch as the ordinary drilling rig occupies from one to two flat cars the expense incurred can well be imagined.

The Rocky Mountain News of Denver had the following to say in its Sunday issue regarding the Osage discovery:

"The week's most important oil development in Wyoming was the striking of high-grade oil in the deep sand in the Osage field in Weston county, northwest of Newcastle. The oil was found on section 19-46-63, at about 1,465 feet, and the well was drilled by the Alliance Oil company. Naturally, the strike has caused the greatest excitement. The price asked for leases has doubled and trebled and stocks of companies operating in the field have increased in market value as a result of the discovery.

"The well was brought in at 3 o'clock last Sunday. Estimates of its production vary from 300 to 1,200 barrels. All concede that it is a vastly important oil find, and all

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JUDGE TASH DECIDES FOR CLAYTON WORLEY

In the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Clayton Worley, charged with failure to properly dispose of the carcasses of some forty hogs which died of the cholera, hearing of which was held in county court Saturday morning, Judge Tash decided in favor of the defendant and taxed the costs to Box Butte county. William Mitchell was attorney for the defense.

T. J. Lawrence, road overseer, made the complaint, and was the chief witness called by the state. J. W. Frazier was the second witness for the state. Mr. Worley testified in his own behalf, and the substance of the testimony ran about as follows:

Last fall Mr. Worley purchased about 400 head of hogs. On September 18, the cholera broke out in the herd and forty of them died. According to the law, the carcasses of the animals should be burned and this was not done promptly. Mr. Lawrence made a trip to see Worley about it, and the latter gave his reason for not doing so. There was influenza in his family. He was trying to save the rest of the herd, and the coal strike being on, he could not get sufficient coal to burn the hogs. The roads were badly drifted and he was unable to get delivery of oil with which to do it. Mr. Lawrence gave him a week's time, but it was January 10 before he returned.

By that time, Worley had received a supply of oil, and the road overseer, accompanied by Mr. Frazier, and assisted by the owner, burned the hogs. Later, Lawrence asked the defendant to pay \$30 as wages for himself and Frazier. Worley demurred, but finally offered half that amount. There the matter stood until February 20, when the complaint was filed.

In rendering his decision, Judge Tash remarked that the law does not require a man to do the impossible. He knew how conditions were in December and gave it as his opinion that there had been no attempt to evade the provisions of the law.

SEVERAL FILE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL

Several new filings were made last Saturday for places on the city council. Mr. Gavin had announced intention to retire, and Harry Jaeger had filed that ward. Lyr Burrows and Councilman Moo have filed from the Second ward. Arthur Wright, and Councilman Henry from the Third ward. L. Highland is unopposed.

For Sale—One five room house in good condition. Modern except bathroom. Good location. See Nebraska Land Company.

TO ASK ADVICE ON FRANCHISE

Council Will Put the Matter Up to a Meeting of Representative Citizens

According to an announcement made by Mayor Rodgers Tuesday morning, the council will call about fifty representative citizens into conference on the question of granting a franchise to the Nebraska Telephone company. The council and the company have been making proposals and counter proposals ever since the former franchise expired last summer, and Mr. Rodgers expects to find out whether his demands and those of the council are deemed excessive by the people of the city.

This meeting will not be held until after the city election, which will be held week after next. There are several filings for places on the city council, and Mr. Rodgers believes it will be well to wait and let the new council consider the proposition.

INSURANCE MEN ARE ARRIVING

Seventy-five members of the Nebraska association of local insurance agents had registered up to 1 p. m. today at convention headquarters, the Alliance hotel. Each train brings in new arrivals, and an attendance well over the hundred mark is expected for the business session tomorrow. Today will be given over to entertainment features.

At 2 o'clock about fifteen auto loads of delegates left for the potash plants at Antioch. On their return this evening they will be entertained at an informal welcome and smoker at the Elks club, where brief addresses will be made by Mayor Rodgers and Glen Miller, president of the chamber of commerce.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF POST M, T. P. A.

Post M, T. P. A., met in special session Sunday afternoon at the chamber of commerce rooms for the election of officers. The meeting was to have been held Saturday of last week, but was postponed due to lack of a quorum. Rufus Jones acted as secretary in the absence of Roy Strong, who is under quarantine with smallpox.

The following officers were elected: President, R. M. Baker; vice president, George Reed; secretary-treasurer, Roy Strong; directors, S. W. Thompson, Jack Hawes, George Snyder, James Burlington, Jr., and W. G. Neiman; chaplain, Rev. S. J. Epler.

Members of committees were selected as follows: Legislative, L. H. Highland; railroad, Jack Hawes; hotels, George Snyder; good roads, Lloyd Thomas; press, Rufus Jones; employment, James P. Burlington, Jr.; sick and relief, Joe O'Connor; membership, C. M. Looney.

DR. W. J. MAHAFFY TO LEAVE ALLIANCE

Dr. W. J. Mahaffy has made arrangements to enter the cattle business with his brother, near Mullen, and will be away from Alliance temporarily, although it is his intention to keep his residence here and to return at some future date to resume the practice of dentistry. He is undecided about selling his residence, and it is probable that he will not do so, although there are plenty of attractive offers being made him. Dr. E. B. O'Keefe will occupy the office rooms vacated by Dr. Mahaffy.

Dr. Mahaffy announces that he will, in the next few months, make trips to Alliance and care for the needs of patients now under treatment. He will not accept any new business, but he will take care of all cases now in his care. Dates of these visits will be given later. The doctor will leave about April 1 and the family will not follow until the first of July.

The Herald, directors and members of the chamber of commerce are whole raft of other citizens who are to lose the doctor, even for a few days. Alliance needs ever so much of him, and there are a number of them in Dr. Mahaffy's class.

HERALD CAMPAIGN SHOWS SPEED

With End of Big Votes But Eleven Days Away Interest Grows

Standing of contestants appears on page 6. Next report Friday; polls close Thursday at 8 p. m.

Vote totals soar again today in The Herald's \$3,000 campaign. Every participant has made a tremendous gain since Friday and, as a result, there is another shake-up in the position of contestants.

New Leader Today
With the speed of a Red Six, B. M. Kelly flashes into first position today, replacing Miss Margaret Barry for the initial honor. Less than 12,000 votes stand between Miss Barry and the leadership. The race for the coveted first place promises to be a warm one. Mr. Kelly has been spending right along and the good people of Ansora and vicinity are showing their hearty approval of his candidacy.

Miss Sarabel Newman, whose likeness appears in these columns today, occupies third position. One club of \$20 in subscriptions would put her ahead of all competitors. Miss Newman is a hustler and her friends are looking for her to make even more rapid advances in the future.

Ralph Cox Forging to Front
If Ralph Cox had reported the club of subscriptions he secured last night for this count he would have been the headliner today. Mr. Cox is in Council Bluffs receiving treatment at the Healing Mission. His friends are rallying to his support during his absence and by the time he returns to Alliance, next week, they hope to put him first in the list.

Miss Lydia Gasseling of Hemingford is fifth today. Weather conditions last week were such that Miss Gasseling could not see all those who had promised her subscriptions. But the end is not yet. Miss Gasseling figures that the time to be first is April 24, when the campaign closes. Her total will grow rapidly as the race progresses.

Miss Johnston Makes Gain
Miss Grace Johnston's friends came loyally to her support and are putting her well up in the list. If she gets the encouragement she deserves this week more interest than ever will be taken in her candidacy. Others are doing well but more pep is needed to put them up in the running. With the close of the first



MISS SARABEL NEWMAN

One of the most enterprising contestants in The Herald campaign is Miss Sarabel Newman, 222 Toluca avenue. Miss Newman has, by her own efforts, won a leading position and all credit is due her. She is the attractive daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Newman, and was born and educated at Trenton, Mo. After the death of her father, who was a prominent Baptist minister, she came to Nebraska and lived with her sisters who resided near Mullen. Miss Newman taught school near there and in the fall of 1918 came to Alliance where, during the war period, she worked for the Burlington. Later she was a valued employee of the Alliance Laundry. She now makes her home with her sister, Miss Martha Newman. Since her residence in Alliance she has made scores of friends, and is to be congratulated upon her excellent showing in The Herald campaign.

period but eleven days away, each and every contestant should realize thoroughly that RIGHT NOW is the most important time of the entire race.

Votes Count Up Rapidly
The difference of a few hundred thousand votes does not amount to much at this time. Fifty thousand extra votes are allowed for each club of \$20 in subscriptions, and at that rate votes count up rapidly. Right now there is just as good an opportunity as there ever was for the candidate with the least number of votes in the entire campaign to win the big Red Six. All it takes is pep, push and perseverance.

Importance of "First Period"
Don't forget for a minute the importance of the "first period" of the campaign, which closes one week from Saturday night, April 3. Only eleven days remain in which to secure the MAXIMUM number of votes on subscriptions. After April 3 the vote schedule is smartly reduced—a reduction that may mean win or lose to more than one contestant. If candidates, or their friends who wish to see their favorite win, intend to do anything in a BIG way right now is the time to do it. Every day's delay means that the big Red Six is skidding farther and farther away.

Real Test Ahead
The crucial test of the campaign is the next eleven days. Candidates who are waiting for something to break in their favor will find that things have broken in favor of someone else unless they get into the race full tilt and make a record during the ensuing eleven days.

The votes will be counted, for the standing of contestants in Friday's Herald, at 8 o'clock Thursday night. This will be the last count but two before the end of the first period. Those who have the welfare of winning a big prize at heart will certainly turn in every available subscription and vote Thursday. It will be the chance of a life time to show your friends that you are deserving of unbounded support during the most crucial time of the entire campaign—the ALL IMPORTANT "first period."

REED THOUGHT HE SAW A BURGLAR

Chief of Police Oscar Reed for a few moments thought he saw a burglar Monday evening. He was making a round of the alleys, and back of the Newberry Hardware company, silhouetted in the faint street light, was the form of a man, hugging the building and slinking along. The chief trailed him for half a block, in the most approved Nick Carter style, dodging behind telephone posts and snuggling close to brick walls.

In the next block, the man dropped off the face of the earth. Then the chief heard sounds of scampering feet, and he followed these sounds in so doing he came upon a bunch of young fellows in a basement. They were standing idly by a furnace, hands in pockets, whistling merrily, although a trifle out of tune.

"What's this—a crap game?" asked the chief.

"Oh, no, sur—no, not at all," answered one of the boys.

"If not, why did you run?" asked the chief.

"Well," answered one of the gang, "we were going home and the boss called up and asked me to put some coal in the furnace. These fellows came with me, and we were in a hurry."

The chief let them get away with it. He had to—there was no evidence in sight. But he has a hunch that they really did build up the fire, for he waited while they did it.

TWO AUTOMOBILES IN A COLLISION

A Buick automobile, driven by a son of R. S. Smith of this city, smashed head-on into a Chevrolet roadster driven by Harry Brittan south of the viaduct just before sundown Sunday evening. Both cars were badly damaged by the collision, the Buick, however, being able to get to town under its own power despite a badly bent frame and other injuries. The Chevrolet, it is said, will never ride again. The Buick was heading south and the other car coming from the east, the two meeting at the turn of the road. The occupants of the cars were not injured, and there were nine of them in the Buick.

For Sale—Nine room house. Best part of town. Modern. Priced right and good terms. See Nebraska Land Company.

FEW FILINGS FOR COUNTY OFFICES

Election Promises to Be a Tame Affair Unless More Competition Appears

Saturday was the last day upon which filings for county offices would be accepted, and while there was a last minute rush of no little magnitude, most of the petitions were for the offices of precinct committeemen and delegates to the county convention. Four women filed for the office of democratic precinct committeewomen, but the new republican electors were evidently not interested.

County Judge Ira E. Tash filed his petition, containing a long list of names, for the chief non-partisan office. He has no opposition. Joseph Duhon made his filing for county commissioner from the Second district several days ago. He is the only democratic aspirant for quarters in the court house. Anton Uhrig has decided not to make the race.

The republican filings consisted of John Pilkington for county assessor, W. C. Mounts for clerk of the district court and George Carrell of Dorsey precinct for county commissioner.

Twelve democrats desire to become members of the democratic county convention. The filings are: Precinct committeeman: John J. Riordan, William Mitchell, John O'Keefe.

Precinct committeewoman: Margaret Morrow, 1105 Laramie; Mrs. Katherine E. Foley, Second ward; Margaret A. Brennan, Third ward; Pearl M. Gantz, Fourth ward.

Delegate to county convention (democratic): Phillip H. Zobel, Harry E. Gantz, Charles Brittan, Robert Graham, T. J. Lawrence.

HEARING OF BIG CLAIM AGAINST KRAUSE ESTATE

March 25 is the date set for the hearing in county court of the claim of John W. Light of Omaha against the John Krause estate. Mr. Light sets forth in his petition that prior to Mr. Krause's death, he had entered into an agreement with the plaintiff to form a potash company and that although he was ready at all times to carry out the terms of this agreement, Mr. Krause refused to do so. The amount of damages asked is \$350,000.

Lee Basye is attorney for the estate and Boughn & Walker of Omaha represent the plaintiff.

SCOTTSBLUFF MAN APPLIES FOR PLACE

J. R. Murphy of Scottsbluff, Neb., has filed an application with Mayor Rodgers for the position of superintendent of the city's water and light departments. He has a long string of recommendations, as well as an imposing list of places which he has held, but along toward the end of the application is a sentence which states that \$5,000 per year is the least he will consider.

RECRUITING CIRCUS TO ARRIVE SATURDAY

A party of regular army recruiters of two officers and sixteen enlisted men, known as the recruiting circus, will arrive in Alliance Saturday evening from North Platte.

The party consists of Major Ben W. Sawbridge from the Fourth division, Camp Dodge, Ia., in charge; Lieut. Lee R. G. Ward, U. S. infantry, and eight enlisted men from Camp Dodge, Ia., seven from the Twentieth infantry at Ft. Crook, Neb., and one other U. S. infantry man.

They carry with them a large window display of American, French and German arms and equipment that will be on display here in one of the show windows. There will also be a heavy Browning machine gun demonstration, as well as a light Browning automatic rifle demonstration daily between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m. and 4 and 5 p. m., by Sergeant Snyder and Corporal Mathews, blindfolded. Sergeant Snyder holds a record of mounting the heavy machine gun blindfolded in fifty-six seconds. The new heavy machine gun is the official machine gun of the American army.

This party is one of over a thousand parties which are touring the country in connection with the government campaign, which ends March 31.