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ALLIANCE POST FAVORS BOND

Wire Sent to Congressman Kinkaid Asking Support of Soldiers' Compensation.

The members of Alliance post No. 7, American legion, at a special meeting held at the city hall Monday evening, voted to endorse the soldiers' compensation plans of their national officers. A telegram was sent to Congressman Kinkaid, asking his support of the measure, and an answering dispatch brought the news that he was in favor of the measure and that it would receive his support. The attendance at the meeting was not large, but the interest was strong. Every man in the gathering had his say, and when the smoke of battle had cleared away, there were two who voted against the endorsement.

The legion made further arrangements for the observance of Memorial day. It was decided to meet at the city hall at 1 p. m. next Sunday, and to join in the parade which is to start from the depot at 2 p. m. The members voted to appear in uniforms, although they wish it distinctly understood that those soldiers who do not desire to dress in their service clothes, will not be required to do so, or censured if they do not. The legion feels that every member should turn out on this occasion and an effort will be made to have every man in line. Ed Rioridan will be in charge of the firing squad which will give the salute at the grave of the unknown dead.

The members adopted a constitution and by-laws, the principal changes in the present plans being the selection of the first Tuesday of each month as the regular meeting night. The annual meeting will be held on the regular meeting night in

THE WEATHER.

Alliance, Neb., May 25.—Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday. Probably showers. Not much change in temperature.

BIG INTEREST IN PRACTICE RACES

A large crowd of people, many of them from a distance, gathered at the fair grounds last Sunday afternoon to witness the practice trotting and pacing races put on by those who have horses there in training for the big meet to be pulled off the latter part of June.

Three harness races were run. Whitefoot and Queen Arion each winning a heat, the best time being 2:19, Whitefoot's heat.

The Chief, a Larimore horse, took two heats away from Tripolis, also a part of the same stable.

In the last event, Billie Darkaway took two heats from Empire Empress. The best time was made in the last heat, 2:17, and the last half of the last heat was made in 1:07.

Next Sunday is Memorial day, but the Sunday following other practice races will be staged. A meeting of the race meet committee has been called for this evening.

A baseball game between pickup teams for the firemen and the rip track resulted in a victory for the former, 3 to 0.

Miss Grace Murphy of Scottsbluff has taken charge of the McVicker Beauty parlor, formerly presided over by Miss Marion Lawson.

WORK NOT UP TO SPECIFICATIONS

Chamber of Commerce Directors and Citizens Object to the Storm Sewer Construction

Mayor Rodgers received a communication the first of the week signed by seven directors of the Chamber of Commerce and nine other citizens, registering an emphatic kick on the quality of the construction work that is being done for the city. This is the second kick within two weeks, the other being in regard to the corner inlets for the storm sewers, which, it was declared, were not built according to specifications. At that time, the inlets were completely covered with a heavy layer of cement.

The protest on the corner inlet was made informally, but this time the kick is in the form of a signed protest, which reads as follows:

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Alliance:

We desire to call your attention to the work being done on the laying of the storm sewers in the city, and particularly to that part of the contract marked, "S. S. 3. Backfilling." The specifications reads as follows:

"All backfilling shall be flushed in the following manner: The excavated material shall be filled to a point one foot below the natural ground surface, and thoroughly flooded with water and the filling then completed."

It has come to the attention of several of the members of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce that no flushing has been done on most of the sewer work, and we hereby protest most emphatically against this work being accepted and paid for by the city until the specifications are properly complied with, and if the inspector now in charge has failed in his duty as it now appears, we request that a competent inspector be employed to see that the specifications are properly carried out.

Yours respectfully,
Glen Miller, F. M. Knight,
Charles Brittan, Marcus Frankle,
Earl Mallory, Wm. King,
A. T. Lunn, F. E. Holsten,
C. A. Newberry, Lee Moore,
True Miller, R. M. Hampton,
W. R. Rumer, F. E. Reddish,
H. A. Copsy

The protest has been forwarded to Mr. Grant, the city's engineer, by Mayor Rodgers. There is a council meeting scheduled for this evening, and in all probability the matter will be taken up and discussed at length. There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction with the way in which the city's improvement program has been conducted, and there is a chance that this may come out this evening in the course of the discussion.

Halley M. Fishwood, superintendent of construction for Smith & Chambers, who have the contracts for the storm and sanitary sewers, told a Herald reporter Tuesday morning that flushing had in all cases been done in accordance with the specifications.

Engineer White, who has been on the job as the representative of Grant & Fulton, has stated that the flushing has been done strictly in accordance with the specifications, save, possibly, in the case of the sewer on Fifth street, extending to the southwest, which had been backfilled before the snow and heavy rains, during which time water stood in the ditches for days. In this instance, he says, he did not believe that further flushing was necessary. Some of the men whose names are attached to the protest insist they have knowledge of specific cases where the contract specifications were disregarded, and these will probably be brought out if the council shows sufficient interest.

Rev. Theodore and Minnie Ludwig are holding a series of old-time revival meetings at the church on the corner of Fifth and Laramie. Services will be held every evening at 8 o'clock and there will be three services on Sunday, at 11 a. m., at 2:30 p. m. and 8 p. m. The public has been invited.

SPECIAL NOTICE

WANTED—To know whereabouts of formerly Mrs. William A. McAllister and daughter, who lived in Alliance, Neb., in 1902-8. I have a thousand dollars to send daughter. Want photos of mother and daughter in first letter. Write at once. I am not married. Lead and Deadwood, S. D., papers please copy. Five dollars reward to anyone knowing this woman's address. W. A. McAllister, 3814 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

UNI ALUMNI FORM AN ASSOCIATION

Hold An Organization Meeting at Alliance Hotel Monday Evening

Nineteen graduates and ex-students of the University of Nebraska met at the Alliance hotel at 6:30 luncheon Monday evening and after listening to remarks by Dean P. M. Buck of the college of arts and sciences, and Miss Annis Chalkin, secretary of the alumni association, perfected a local organization, electing Earl D. Mallory president and Miss Alta Young, secretary.

Those who were present included: W. R. Pate, Wilma M. Wood, F. A. Bald, M. C. Smith, Edwin M. Burr, P. I. Beach, Lee Basye, L. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Mallory, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reddish, E. L. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. George Neuwanger, Alta Young, Margaret Beal. A number of other graduates were unable to be present at the dinner, but have signified their intention of joining the association.

Dean Buck left Monday evening for Madison, Neb., where he will deliver the commencement address. Miss Chalkin left this afternoon for Scottsbluff and Bridgeport, where she will perfect a county organization of university alumni.

University graduates and former students who were not present at the dinner are requested to send their names and addresses to the secretary, Miss Alta Young. University of Nebraska graduates and ex-students are eligible for membership in the association.

Miss Chalkin, who has been directing the work of organizing the alumni, gave the advantages that may be expected from a local alumni association, explaining that it would be a social and intellectual organization. It would be possible to secure speakers of note for addresses on live topics. In addition, the association could be of valuable assistance to the university in the formation of public opinion, and especially in directing the attention of high school students to the advantages of their own state school.

Dean Buck explained some of the plans for the university's future, among them the new campus. At the rate the school is growing, Dean Buck prophesied, the University of Nebraska will pass Wisconsin in five years. It will be necessary to enlarge the plant considerably within a few years. Dormitories are needed, and these it is planned to build cottage style, which will in a measure solve the problem of the homeless, lonely girl student. A big Greek theater is another plan for the future, although the dean admitted that it was pretty far in the future. He also spoke of the various class reunions and the homecoming celebration for the university, and urged all students to take a greater interest in their school.

REBEKAHS MEET IN DISTRICT CONVENTION

A most successful and enjoyable meeting of the district Rebekahs, comprising the lodges of Alliance, Antioch and Hemingford, was held at the latter place last evening. The following is a list of visitors attending from Alliance:

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trabert, Mr. and Mrs. P. Malley, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Herbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder, Mrs. Oscar Harris, Mrs. Jim Scott, Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. Victoria Roberts, Mrs. F. W. Hicks, Mrs. Chas. Jeffers, Mrs. C. M. Cox, Mrs. Denton, Mrs. Geo. Robinson, Mrs. W. E. Cutts, Miss Florence Whaley, Miss Nellie Wright, Miss Mildred Vurn, Miss Rose Merk, Miss Gladys Jeffers, Miss Vera Jeffers, Miss Lily Cownley, Mr. Mitchell.

The majority of the above went down by train though some went by automobile. At 6 o'clock a banquet was served, after which the regular business was taken up, which included among other things, initiation of Hemingford candidates and election of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were chosen: Mrs. John Snyder of Alliance, president; Mrs. Salling of Hemingford, vice president; Mrs. Conner of Antioch, warden; Mrs. E. C. Griggs of Alliance, secretary; Mrs. Fred Trabert of Alliance, treasurer.

The next meeting is to be held at Alliance and will take place the first part of November, the date to be announced later.

GRADING FOR PAVING TO BEGIN TOMORROW

Barring floods, wrecks, fires, tornadoes, or other disasters or acts of providence, the paving gang will make a start some time tomorrow on the Alliance contract. Superintendent Clark, who will have active charge of operations for Sprague & Nicely, the contractors, arrived in the city yesterday.

The equipment is expected to arrive today, and on its arrival the construction of a road camp will be begun. Once the road camp is up, there is nothing to stand in the way of grading, and Mr. Clark believes that the first of this will be done tomorrow, probably in the afternoon. John Carlson has been retained by the city as an additional inspector on the paving, storm and sanitary sewer construction. He has been awaiting the arrival of the paving gang before beginning his employment, although arrangements were made to retain his services seven or eight weeks ago.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN THE OSAGE OIL FIELD

The Newcastle, Wyo., News-Journal has the following to say of the second well brought in by the Alliance syndicate last week.

Another big well in gusher class is reported as having been brought in Tuesday at Osage. It is estimated at 1,000 barrels, was drilled by Alliance interests and smashed the cap rock at 1,415 feet. Lack of facilities forced the drillers to cap the well with the first pulse of oil. The new well is on section 19-46-63, the same section that produced the first gusher in the Osage field.

The well on 19, according to well-informed oil men, was drilled through the cap rock Tuesday night. With the first spout the baler was run down, and despite the rapidly filling hole and overflow the well was successfully capped. Lack of necessary supplies to handle a gusher made the move necessary. Later, with the arrival of these supplies, Newcastle and Osage people again will witness the bringing in of a spouter.

The Adams well, as it is known, has been expected for some time. Various reports have been current, it has been "brought in" at least three times in the past month. However, with the persistent rumor yesterday, oil men connected with the company, and others, would not deny the report.

Located as it is on the same section with the first gusher it has caused feverish excitement in Newcastle and Osage.

Local oil companies have holdings near the new big well. The Mississippi Delta company will start drilling within a stone's throw of the spouter on 19. The Westara company has valuable holdings adjoining.

Carloads of people have left Newcastle for the scene of the latest excitement. Various reports have been brought back as to individual estimates of the production, but conservative oil men are quoted with stating that it will in their opinion be good for 1,000 barrels and will perhaps exceed the production of the first gusher.

BOY SCOUTS LEAVE FOR AN OUTING

Twenty-one members of Troop 1 of the Alliance Boy Scouts left Monday morning, under the supervision of Assistant Scoutmaster K. R. Hamilton, for Belmont, where they will spend about twelve days of camp life. Among those that are going are: First class scouts: Tom Miller, Loren Winship, and Garland Baker; second class scouts: Paul Thompson, Frank Campbell, Verne Laing, Theo. Winship, Johnny Moxon, Chas. Ewing, Charles Cross, Frank Mounts, Wayne Threlkeld, Anton Mote, King Robbins, Robert Laing, Leland Messex, Jack Young, Earl Vanderlas, Francis Hacker, and Forest Keethler.

The reason that more did not go is that tenderfoot scouts are not allowed to take such trips. The program that is to be followed out is one of scout training and recreation. Special efforts will be put forth in signaling both with heliograph sets and flags. Visitors' day will be Sunday, May 30.

Bids will be received at the post-office for hauling the mails between the postoffice and C. B. & Q. depot. Bids must be in by June 1st. Further information may be had by calling on the postmaster.

The Herald—\$2.50—worth more.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Six Students Receive Scholarship Honors—Twenty-Five Are Granted Diplomas.

A large and appreciative audience attended the commencement exercises of the Alliance high school at the high school auditorium Friday evening, May 23. The following program was given:

Piano solo, Grace Spacht.
Vocal duet, Mrs. Duncan and Miss Williams.

Invocation, Rev. Mearl C. Smith. Address, "The Making of An American," Charles A. Payne.

Vocal solo, Mrs. William Lunn. Presentation of diplomas, James A. Hewett.

Awarding of scholarship honors, Supt. W. R. Pate.
Vocal male quartet, LaMon, Thomas, Mann, Lucas.
Benediction, Rev. A. J. Kearns.

Out of the twenty-five graduates the following six were awarded excellent scholarship honors:

Katherine Baker, Ruth Hawes, LaRhea Lunn, Asenath Schill, Leah Weaver, Ray Edwards.

The following requirements are necessary in order to obtain excellent scholarship honors: Three years attendance at the Alliance high school, during which time their conduct must be satisfactory. Also a general average of 92 per cent is required during the four years, with an average in no subject below 83 per cent.

Ray Edwards, being the only boy in the scholarship class for some years deserves special mention. He was also valedictorian of the Class of 1920.

The pupils receiving diplomas are: Mildred Abegg, Katherine Baker, Rose Bauers, Clinton Brennan, Grace Carr, Joe Cusick, John Donovan, Ray Edwards, Horace Fuller, Harold Gavin, Ruth Hawes, Glenn Joder, Scott, Lee, LaRhea Lunn, Alberta Lunsford, Leila Mewhirter, Russell Mann, Wray Rominger, Lessie Reeves, Asenath Schill, Eva Simpson, Margery Stephens, Leah Weaver, Helen Woods, Madeline Zediker.

A large crowd of wrestling fans attended the Imperial theater Monday evening, where the showing of the moving pictures of the Stecher-Caddock championship match were shown. The pictures made a big hit with Alliance mat fans, who report that they are even better than press notices had led them to expect. The feature was an expensive one to film and to book.

SOME DAY, DEAR

Some glad day The Herald is going to have enough printers on deck to man all the guns—and when that glad day comes, we may feel encouraged to go out and get enough advertising to make of it a larger paper. As it is, we are holding it down to eight pages for most issues—and when The Herald prints eight pages, it takes more of this high-priced paper than for the ordinary semi-weekly to print twice as many.

We're in this game for profit, of course, and with the depleted force that we have, the eight-page paper is the ideal size. With a circulation that is conceded by even our competitor to be at least 300 in the lead in this trade territory—and heaven alone knows how much in total—it isn't difficult to get advertising. But, short-handed as we are, it would be difficult to get it into type and still take care of the news end properly. Relief is in sight, but it will be another three weeks before our new employes will arrive.

Until the present owners of The Herald entered this field, the news end had been slighted. Right now, as is proper, it is receiving the major part of the attention. We could skim the news—fill in with boilerplate—and get in more ads at the highest rate ever paid in this city—Herald advertising costs more, and is worth more—but we are building for the future.

That's the reason that new subscribers are being added to our list every day. That's the reason that old ones are setting up a howl if a single issue goes astray. That's the kind of kicks we like to receive—it shows that The Herald's superior news service is appreciated. And when a newspaper gets a reputation for quality and quantity of news, there's no question as to whether it will maintain its circulation advantage.