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ANOTHER CHAPTER IN CLOTHING

A Second Letter From Leo Sperling
—And Chief Taylor Has
Some More to Say.

Leo Sperling adds another chapter to the stolen clothing story this week, in reply to an article and communication published in another newspaper issues Tuesday. Mr. Sperling says that he was not only offered the opportunity to advertise in the other newspaper, but that he was offered a place on the front page to tell his side of the story, and that he declined with thanks. All of this is flattering to The Herald, for Mr. Sperling knows that his article printed in this newspaper will reach more people. And he is anxious to reach all of them.

To summarize, a week ago this other newspaper carried a story of the recovery of a quantity of clothing, valued then by the owner at \$30, from the store room of the Alliance Hide & Fur company. Mr. Sperling had been out of the city attending a soldiers' reunion at Canton, O., where he received a victory medal—which is more or less of a distinction. On his return, he read the story in question and asked permission of The Herald editor to make reply. This permission was gladly granted.

The other newspaper up the street seeks to create the impression that The Herald jumped to Mr. Sperling's defense. We did only what any decent newspaper would do under the circumstances. Here is a business man, the owner of property in this city, a member with ourselves of the Chamber of Commerce, who believes that he had been unfairly used. We allowed him space, of course, but our article was only a straight news item. We simply summarized his letter, and submitted it without argument. We would do the same for any other business man who believes himself wronged. We would even extend the same courtesy to the editor of the other newspaper if he found himself subject to accusations which permitted of an explanation. Occasionally we fight the battles of our friends, but never until aid is requested or we think it needed. In this case, we believe Mr. Sperling amply competent to conduct his own case, as a reading of the present communication will demonstrate.

The Herald did not investigate this case. We did not, as has been pointed out, even carry the story, but this was not due to lack of desire, but simply a failure to get into communication with Chief Taylor. The week this happened we called at police headquarters several times, but each time Chief Taylor was out. All news is news, but The Herald and our readers will struggle on if we happen to miss a police court item now and then. We never intend to do so—but busy men like Chief Taylor are not decorating the office chair all the time.

Incidentally, we have had an illuminating conversation with the chief relative to purported remarks credited to him in the last issue of the other newspaper. "I told them only what I thought was the value of the clothes," the chief said. "I did not say anything about The Herald—or that I thought they were sore." This was about what The Herald had expected, as it is the custom and habit of the other newspaper, now and then, to elaborate on somebody's remarks when they think he'll stand for it.

Mr. Sperling calls attention to the fact that all this clothing, a long list of which has been published, was, according to the other newspaper "taken from a woodshed" in the rear of the owner's home. He also points out some other things in his letter, which follows:

"Alliance, Neb., May 27.—To the Editor of the Alliance Herald.—Dear Sir: I trust you will allow me a little space in The Herald to present a few facts to the citizens of Alliance and vicinity in regard to the unjust attacks on the Alliance Hide & Fur company, which have appeared in the last issues of the Alliance Times. "As to the old clothes in question, the prices have gone up most rapidly in one week's time, being valued at \$30 in one issue and \$100 a week later. It may be true enough that the clothes were worth that much to Mrs. Case, but all they represented to us was rags. In fact, they state themselves that the clothes were taken from a woodshed in the rear of the house, and, according to the story, Mrs. Case was looking, not for the old clothes, but for some flour sacks which she never discovered. She had not missed the clothes at all, until, looking through our storeroom she saw the rags and claimed that some of that stuff be-

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ALLIANCE, Neb., May 28.—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer east and central portions tonight and extreme southwest portion; Saturday cooler north-west portion.

ed to her. We have gladly given her. The Times gives some more dope about some brass which was stolen from the city and discovered in our place. We would like to ask the Times if it is prepared to prove this. We know the same story, but without so much hot air to it. Several months ago some brass was stolen from the city pumping station by two boys who tried to sell the brass to us, but did not succeed. We not only did not buy the brass, but turned the two boys over to Chief Taylor, and in addition notified the city pumping station by phone in regard to the above. We are sure that Mr. Taylor will correct his statement in the Times, because he knows that this is the truth.

"Now, as to the tires which were purchased at 1 cent a pound. When the boy brought in the tires, he said that his father sent him with it to sell. We could hardly believe that he had stolen two old tires, worth only 1 cent a pound, but if the party to whom the tires belongs wishes, he may recover them at any time, as we do not want anything which does not belong to us.

"The Times seems to think that the tires we buy at one cent a pound are worth at least 15 cents a pound. If they are so sure about it, would they like to buy about 100 carloads at less than one-third the price they say they are worth. We are game to deliver the goods. But what is the use to talk about tires when we see that a wheel is missing?"

ALLIANCE HIDE & FUR CO.,
By Leo Sperling.

GIRL IS THROWN UNDER A DISC

Eleven-Year-Old Lena Heath Suffers
Broken Leg and Is Badly
Bruised and Cut

Eleven-year-old Lena Heath, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heath, living seven miles northeast of Alliance, suffered a broken leg and was badly cut about the legs when she was thrown under a disk machine about noon Monday. The little girl and a thirteen-year-old brother were running the disk, and having finished one field, the girl drove the team to another. Her brother happened to see the horses standing still and rushed to her assistance.

When he arrived she was under the disks. The brother ran to a nearby field for his father, but the two of them were unable to lift the machine off her body. It was necessary to get the mother and a neighbor before the little girl was released. The disc was on her for over an hour.

Dr. L. W. Bowman, who is attending her, stated Friday morning that she is making a good recovery from her injuries.

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION TOMORROW

Voters are again reminded of the special school bond election which will be held Saturday. The school board has asked that bonds be voted to the amount of \$250,000, with which to build and equip two buildings, one a high school and the other a ward school in the east part of town. The board has announced that if conditions do not indicate that this sum will be sufficient, they will not go ahead and build, but the election has been called and they should be authorized to spend this money whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant.

MAKING PROGRESS ON CITY CONSTRUCTION

This week the contractors at work on the city's improvements are making progress. The paving contractors are putting a finish grade on the alley between First and Second streets, and the curb and gutter gang, in charge of Engineer Halle Fishwood, have completed the excavation, one block off Box Butte.

The complete paving grading outfit is now in the city, and the men were working last night to finish erecting a camp near the fair grounds. The car arrived Tuesday.

The gang has not been working on the paving this week, all hands being busy in finishing the storm and sanitary sewer work to get it out of the way. There is left only the installation of manholes, and about half of these are in. They expect to finish the remainder within a few days.

TEACHING CORPS FOR NEXT YEAR

Board Well Lined Up, Despite the
Loss of Over Half of Last
Year's Force.

Herewith The Herald presents a list of the teachers for the coming term of the Alliance schools. Superintendent Pate has his corps filled with the exception of two sixth, a seventh grade and a kindergarten teacher. There will be twenty-one new teachers this year, slightly over 50 per cent.

The lineup for next year follows:
W. R. Pate, Superintendent; Ida Clark, Penmanship; Anna Booth, Music.

High School.
F. C. Prince, Principal; Gaylord Chase, Manual Training; F. N. Cunningham, Science; Helen White History; Rena Keith, Latin; Bertha Praddock, English; Hazel Bishop, Commercial; Hazel Sneath, Mathematics; Anna Steckelberg, Domestic Science; Mrs. J. D. Emerick, Normal Training.

Central School.
Blanche Wilcox, Principal; Maude Wilcox, Eighth; Avis North, Seventh; Mrs. Verity B. Reeder, Sixth; Victoria Wilkinson, Hazel McCollister, Fifth; Ruby Eloe, Mrs. Elva Kase, Fourth; Madge Graham, Elsie Kroeber, Third; Emma Davis, Eva Crocker, Second; Vera Spencer, Clea Batie, First; Laura Johnston, Kindergarten.

Emerson School.
Luelle McNichols, Principal; ——— Eighth; ——— Sixth; Mrs. Nettie Donovan, Fifth; Katherine Jennett, Fourth; Inis Jennings, Third; Mrs. Wilma Carlson, Second; Ixola Worley, First; Kindergarten.

GRADUATION EXERCISES AT ST. AGNES ACADEMY

An appreciative audience composed of friends and relatives of the students of St. Agnes Academy enjoyed a well-arranged program last evening.

There were thirteen members in the graduating class: Lulu E. Benson, Margaret Braher, Frances C. Brennan, Alice Burke, Margaret Downer, Elizabeth Herian, Mary Herman, Gladys Iddings, Mary McNulty, Kathleen Murray, Agnes Newberry, Wilhelmina Nikont, Phoebe Shawver.

NEW TRAIN SCHEDULES IN EFFECT SUNDAY

The new schedule for Burlington trains takes effect at 12:01 Sunday morning. Following is the time of arrival and departure of the trains beginning with that day:

East Bound
No. 42—Arrives 12:20, leaves 12:50 a. m. Stops at Hyannis, Seneca, Broken Bow.

No. 40—Leaves 9:30 a. m. All local stops as far as Seneca. Seneca local—No. 40—Ar. 10:55, lv. 11:20 a. m. Seneca the first stop.

No. 44 makes no stop between Seneca and Alliance.
No. 40 runs only between Seneca and Alliance.

West Bound
No. 41—Ar. 4:20, lv. 4:50 a. m.; No. 35—Lv. 4:15 a. m.; both for Crawford, Black Hills and west.

No. 43—Ar. 1:00, lv. 1:25 p. m. Local west.
No. 39—Ar. 2:45. Local from Seneca; stops at Alliance.

No. 43 makes no stop between Seneca and Alliance.
No. 39 runs only between Seneca and Alliance.

South Bound
No. 301—Lv. 12:40 a. m. for Bridgeport, Sidney, Sterling, Denver.
No. 303—Lv. 1:45 p. m. Local to Denver.

From South:
No. 302—Ar. 4:00 a. m. from Denver, Sterling, and Sidney.
No. 304—Ar. 11:05 a. m. Local from Denver.

Casper and Scottsbluff line:
No. 32—Ar. 12:10 a. m.
No. 31—Lv. 1:20 p. m.

MARGARET KELLY WILL HELD TO BE LEGAL

Hearing was held on the probate of the will of Margaret Kelly deceased, Friday morning. After hearing the testimony of the attesting witnesses the court held that the will was in legal form, duly attested and that he testatrix at the time she made the will was mentally competent to make the will or perform a business transaction. The order provided that the will, including codicil, be admitted to probate; that the executors named therein, Geo. E. Davis and Anna L. Meyers, be appointed executor and executrix and their official bond fixed in the sum of \$5,000. The attorney of the contestant asked that a supersedeas bond be fixed, which was done at \$500. They are allowed thirty days in which to appeal from the decision.

NOT EXACTLY UP TO SPECIFICATION

Committee From Chamber of Commerce Able to Show Faults
In Sewer Construction

Thursday afternoon several members of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce, in company with Mayor Rodgers and Engineer H. X. White, representative of Grant & Fulton, the city's engineers, made an inspection of the storm and sanitary sewer work that has been done to date. They discovered several places where the back-filling was evidently not done according to specification, inasmuch as there are several holes where the ground has sunk. The specifications call for flushing when the dirt has been shoveled in to within one foot of the top of the ditches.

Last week several of the directors of the chamber of commerce filed a protest with the city council calling attention to the failure of the contractors to do this work according to specifications, objecting to payment being made until they were complied with and requesting a more thorough inspection.

Mayor Rodgers has received word from William Grant, of Grant & Fulton, to whom a copy of the protest was forwarded, that the contractors will be required to have all fills over the storm sewers, as well as all other ditches, properly compacted by flushing and rolling, or by whatever means is necessary, before placing the pavement on the streets. He also offers to give the city additional inspectors if it is deemed advisable. His letter follows:

LINCOLN, Neb., May 24, 1920.—Mr. A. D. Rodgers, Mayor, Alliance, Neb., Dear Mr. Rodgers: We are in receipt of yours of the 22nd inst. in regard to the flushing of the storm sewer ditches. So far as Paving District No. 2 is concerned the contract with Sprague & Nisely covers both the pavement and the storm sewers in that district, and they will be required to have all fills over the storm sewers as well as all other ditches properly compacted by flushing and rolling or by whatever means is necessary before placing the pavement on the streets. In the storm sewers north of Fifth, contract with Smith & Chambers, the same provision for flushing the ditches is included and they will be required to do whatever flushing has not been done by the rains or that may be necessary. We have just written Mr. Carlson to take his position as inspector and see that work is properly done.

If Mr. White has not spent as much time on the inspection as the people of Alliance would have liked, it may possibly have been our fault as he has had a great deal of work to do in staking out these pavements and sewers and possibly has not had sufficient help to have kept a man constantly on the work. If it is necessary, we will put on still additional inspection on your work for it is our intention that it shall be as nearly perfect as possible.

You are entirely right in calling our attention to any omissions that you notice in our work and we appreciate the same for it is our desire to give you the best that can be had. Very truly yours,

GRANT, FULTON & LETTON,
By Wm. Grant.

One of the men whose name was signed to the protest has explained the position of the signers. It was not presented to be mean, or to offend the council, this man says, but simply because they wanted the city to get its money's worth. Every man who attached his name to the protest is a taxpayer, and every one of them will have to pay his share of paying costs. It was not a matter of dictating to the council, or butting in—as they had gone fifty-fifty with that body. Several councilmen knew this protest was to be presented, and some of them had announced themselves in favor of it. Neither did the petitioners intend to embarrass Mr. White, the engineer in charge. All they want is the right kind of work. This back-filling, they say, is particularly important. Only last week the alley between the Alliance National and the Horace Bogue store caved in, although the filling on the ditch there had been done years ago. The men who signed the protest don't want something like this to happen after the paving has been laid.

Some of the places discovered by the inspecting committee yesterday had been filled in last winter, while the ground was frozen hard. These may have been flushed according to specifications, but when the only way to shovel dirt is with a pickaxe, flushing helps little. Before the

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

2 p. m.—Parade from depot to fair grounds. This will be led by the G. A. R. in uniform, and following will be Spanish-American war veterans, the American Legion, and other organizations.

2:30 p. m.—Program at the fair grounds, Dr. Minor Morris, chairman:

Invocation, Dean J. J. Dixon. Music, Mann male quartet. Recitation, "The Blue and the Gray," Miss Madeline Zediker. Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

Address, Rev. J. Orrin Gould. Music, Mann male quartet. Benediction, Rev. A. J. Kearns.

4:00 p. m.—At the cemetery, Rev. Stephen J. Epler, presiding; Address: Chairman Epler. Music, Mann male quartet. Decoration of graves.

Remarks, County Judge Ira E. Tash.

Taps. Salute by firing squad. Benediction, Rev. Mearl C. Smith.

paving is laid a ten-ton roller will be used on the tops of all these ditches, and it is believed that this will take care of any holes. Incidentally, there will be plenty of inspecting done in the future.

NO BIDS RECEIVED FOR CITY'S BONDS

The city council met in special session Tuesday evening to open bids for some \$20,000 worth of sewer extension and paving intersection bonds, but were spared the labor. There were no bids submitted. A quorum being present, however, some other matters were brought up, but no legal action could be taken.

ELKS INITIATE BIG CLASS AT GORDON

Seventy-two New Members Added to
Roll of Alliance Lodge—Visitors
Attend a Banquet.

"Gordon day" for Alliance lodge No. 961 was a huge success, seventy-two candidates being initiated. The officers of Alliance lodge, including Robert Reddish, exalted ruler, E. L. Meyer, H. C. Condit, Alex. Straus, Dean J. J. Dixon, W. B. Minor, J. C. Parker and John Reinkober, were accompanied by thirty-odd Elks, the journey being made in cars driven by W. R. Harper, Percy Cogswell, Earl Mallery, M. S. Hargraves, M. A. Brown, Jack Miller and Lee Sturgeon and others.

The roads were in a tolerably bad condition, Harper's car being twice stuck in the mud, once on the trip down and once on the return journey. Percy Cogswell had the same unfortunate experience on the return, but in every such instance assistance was rendered by some other car in the party, and the stuck cars managed to get into Gordon or Alliance as fast as any of the others. The trip was made in about four hours' time, the entire party spending the night in Gordon.

The start was made at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Dinner was taken at Hay Springs. In the evening, the Gordon Elks gave a banquet in honor of the visitors, at which the ladies did the serving and presumably the cooking. There was no long program, Exalted Ruler Reddish making a brief response to the address of welcome and the Alliance Elks extending a rousing vote of thanks for the feed.

Both banquet and initiation were held in the I. O. F. hall. A Gordon orchestra furnished music. Following the banquet, the lodge went into executive session and during the course of events seventy-two Gordon men were decorated with neat seats of antlers and "Baby Elk" badges.

There are now well over a hundred Elks in the Gordon vicinity and they are planning some of these days to have a lodge home of their own. It is possible that Gordon and Chadron may unite and build at one of the two places.

The Gordon Elks are planning to send a large delegation to the coming Elks state convention.

The following Alliance Elks made the trip to Gordon: M. A. Brown, F. H. Brauxhart, Dean J. J. Dixon, E. J. Baskin, Lee Sturgeon, Walter Buechsenstein, Earl Mallery, B. Mallery, Bud Rumer, John Miller, H. Thiele, W. B. Minor, Tom Gee, R. O. Reddish, Bert Duncan, John Reinkober, P. Cogswell, M. S. Hargraves, E. Henry, George Buechsenstein, Jack Hawes, E. O. Strand, H. O. Condit, E. L. Meyer, J. C. Parker, W. R. Harper, William Wadums, Frank Inst.

BOXING BOUT ON ELKS PROGRAM

Ten-Round Exhibition Between Bob
Moha, Milwaukee, and "Knock-
out" Brown of Chicago.

Alliance Elks, delegates to the Elks state convention, June 23 and 24, and visitors at the Alliance race meet will have an opportunity, on the evening of June 24, to witness a ten-round boxing exhibit between "Knockout" Brown of Chicago and Bob Moha of Milwaukee. The arrangements are now being made through Sandy Griswold, sports editor of the World-Herald, and a recent letter assures the committee that if for any reason it will be impossible for these two men to come, able substitutes will be secured. Brown and Moha will put up a good scrap and the probabilities are that the Lowry & Henry roof garden will be packed on that evening. This attraction will set the Elks back quite a substantial sum of money, but it is believed that the interest in the bout will be sufficient to permit the committee to come out on the long end of the gate receipts.

The program provides for a parade of all Elks the first day of the session, a banquet at the armory and a grand ball at the club in the evening, with business sessions and the afternoon at the races to fill in the vacant spaces. Grand Exalted Ruler Frank L. Rain will give an address on the morning of the second day, the afternoon will be spent at the races and the evening will be devoted to the boxing match and a smoker at the club. A number of lodges will send delegations, and the local lodge has arranged to show them the time of their lives.

At the last meeting of the lodge, following was approved as the official schedule for the two days of the convention.

Wednesday, June 23.

8 a. m.—Registering at club and general assembly.
8:30 a. m.—Parade of all Elks, headed by thirty-piece band.
9:15 a. m.—Business session at lodge room.

Address of welcome, H. E. Gantz, deputy G. E. R.
Response, Robert Patrick, Omaha. Initiation, officers Grand Island lodge.

Business of convention.
12:30 p. m.—Lunch.
1:30 p. m.—Afternoon at the races.

6:30 p. m.—Banquet at armory.
9 p. m.—Grand ball at Elks club.

Thursday, June 24.

9:15 a. m.—Business session at lodge rooms.
Opening of Convention.
Presentation Speech, W. R. Pate, P. E. R.

Response and address, Frank L. Rain, Grand Exalted Ruler.
Business of convention.
Election of officers.

Selection of convention city.
Round table—"Good of the Order."
12:30 p. m.—Lunch.

1:30 p. m.—Afternoon at races.
6:30 p. m.—Supper hour.
7:30 p. m.—Omaha saxophone orchestra.

8:30 p. m.—Ten-round boxing—"Knockout" Brown, Chicago, vs. Bob Moha, Milwaukee.
10:00 p. m.—Smoker and vaudeville at the club.

PLAN GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW GARAGE

According to present plans, there were held a public opening of the new Lowry & Henry garage on June 10. The public will be invited, the roof garden will be ready for dancing, and the completion of the best garage building in western Nebraska will be a most festive occasion.

The work has been progressing quite rapidly during the past two weeks, being greatly facilitated by the arrival of a quantity of steel window sash that had been on the way since last September. The cement floor has been largely completed, and the work of putting in the tile floor in the offices is one of the things that is due to happen soon. The roof is now being covered with the first layer of coating, and will, it is believed, be in shape for dancing on the night of the opening.

The work of moving into the new quarters will be begun Monday.

The complete plans and specifications for the new Methodist church arrived Thursday morning and it is understood that the building committee will submit them at once for competitive bids.