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SMALL MAJORITY FOR SCHOOL BONDS

\$250,000 Issue Is Authorized, But Light Vote Cast—A Few to Spare.

A light vote was cast at the special election held Saturday to decide the question of authorizing the bonding of this school district in the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of erecting two school buildings, a high school and a ward building to be located in the east part of the city. Only 144 votes were cast, but forty-two more people voted in favor than voted against.

Following are the totals by wards:

Ward	For	Against	Total	Maj.
1	29	9	38	20
2	30	17	47	13
3	23	20	43	3
4	11	5	16	6

Unless there is a decided tumble in building costs, the school board does not plan to begin construction work this year. At present prices, the amount voted will just about construct one of the new buildings, without leaving sufficient money to furnish and equip it. The additional facilities are badly needed, but the members of the board have had sufficient business experience to realize that by waiting a few months, they will be in position to save the district considerable money.

This is the second time the bonds have been authorized. A few months ago, bonding petitions were circulated and signed by over 50 per cent of the voters of the district. At that time, the amount was placed at \$150,000, but building costs mounted so rapidly that by the time the board was authorized to issue bonds, the amount was wholly insufficient.

Another thing that will cause the board to delay action is the fact that it is doubtful whether bonds will have a ready market during the present financial stringency.

BRICK FOR PAVING IS BEING UNLOADED

Alliance need not fret longer over the possibility that after the preliminary work is done, there will be no supply of brick to complete the paving. This scare has gone out two or three times, but with the arrival of seventeen cars in the freight yards this week, all cause for worry is removed. The paving gang has already begun the work of unloading, and within a few days Box Butte avenue will be lined with paving brick, which will come in handy in case of street scraps.

The paving men have completed their camp, and are ready to get to work on the grading and laying of the curb as soon as the weather gets decent. Two or three times they have made a start, but the rains descended and the floods came and drove them back to the bunk houses. Halley Fishwood claims now to have received word from J. Pivius that a stretch of good weather may be expected, and unless something is wrong with the message the paving may be expected to slide right along.

Alliance already has a later start than some of the other cities in this section of the state, but the arrival of the paving brick makes it certain that we will finish in good time with the rest of them.

"THE ORPHAN" AT THE IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Manager DuBuque has been successful in his efforts to secure for Imperial patrons "The Orphan," known as William Farnum's greatest motion picture effort. This photoplay had been booked for the Rivoli at Denver for the entire week, but Mr. DuBuque was able to secure it for one night. It's a big attraction, and comes rather high, but the Imperial patrons will have an opportunity to see it at only a very slight advance in price over the regular admission, 55 cents.

The story abounds with thrills, stunts, action and a tremendous love story, filmed in the great outdoors. It is an undeniable attraction, and Manager DuBuque is to be congratulated on securing it.

Two small boys from Arcadia, Neb., were picked up by Chief Taylor Saturday. The youngsters had a desire to see the world and started out to gratify it, although they were plenty willing to return when J. H. Stone, the father of the youngest, showed up to take them back. The other boy is named Webber.

WIFE DESERTER IS HELD BY THE POLICE

Information from Sheriff J. W. Keokuk, Ia., Chief of Police, picked up Earl Lambert within a few hours of his arrival. Lambert, a day, has a wife and four small children in Keokuk. Chief Taylor notified Sheriff Scott of the capture and was requested to hold him.

Lambert later offered to go to Iowa without extradition papers, and Sheriff Scott was notified to this effect, but no answer has come as yet. Chief Taylor has again wired the Iowa sheriff that he had held Lambert as long as the law allowed, and that he would be released unless some reply came. The reply has not arrived, neither has the Iowa sheriff. Lambert is still in the city bastille.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ALLIANCE, ODD FELLOWS

Last Sunday evening one of the largest crowds ever assembled in the First Baptist church was present. The occasion was the special service for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The different degrees of the order were well represented; the Rebekahs, the subordinate lodge, the Encampment, and the Canton. The Canton was in full uniform.

The church had been very artistically decorated for the occasion with flowers and the colors of the lodge. The orchestra directed by Mr. Joe Robbins gave some splendid selections: the "Medley Overture" being most enthusiastically received. Rev. J. Orrin Gould, pastor of the church delivered an address on "Friendship," which was said by many to be the best presentation of the First Degree ever given in this part of the country. The service from beginning to end was a great delight and inspiration to the guests and the others present.

LOTS OF RAINFALL IN A FEW MINUTES

Shortly after the supper hour Monday evening, somebody turned on the rainfall, and for half an hour the downpour was something terrific. The nice dry crossings were all muddled up in seventeen seconds by the clock, and big puddles filled the roads and taxed the capacity of the storm sewers. It is noticeable, however, that the sewers take better care of the floods than they did a week ago, and by the middle of the summer they ought to handle it in first class shape, if practice makes perfect.

The directors of the chamber of commerce were meeting in the basement of the Alliance National, and the meeting was not only interrupted but disturbed by the rainfall, which came flooding down the steps in such quantities that a crew was appointed to man the lifeboats. For over an hour men were busy shoveling out the water.

M. E. CHURCH READY TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

The building committee of the M. E. church met last night and reviewed the progress of the building plans to date. A carload of brick and one of hollow tile have arrived and have been placed on the church site at Seventh and Box Butte. Mr. Bowden has been given the contract for erecting the new parsonage and work is to begin at once. The church plans are finished and the committee is advertising for sealed bids. In view of this progress, the soliciting committee are authorized to make the canvass this week for the necessary funds. It will require about \$75,000 to complete the building, a part of which has been subscribed.

The soliciting committee is composed of the following men: Floyd Lucas, F. W. Hicks, W. R. Harper, Lee Basye, I. L. Acheson, J. A. Hunter, Archie Gregory, A. T. Lunn, G. E. Davis, H. E. Wells, Judge Tash, J. C. McCorkle, W. R. Pate, W. W. Norton, R. M. Hampton, E. T. Kibble, E. C. Barker, C. W. Grassman, Oscar O'Bannon and M. C. Smith.

At the meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening, the matter of the paving was brought up, but no official action was taken.

Louis Griggs will be home Wednesday of this week, to spend the summer vacation. He has been attending the state university.

CONDITIONS LIVELY IN OSAGE FIELD

Contests for Possession of Oil Claims Near the Big Gushers Continue

Excitement over the oil discoveries in eastern Wyoming continues unabated and activity in the fields is renewed with the coming again of favorable weather. The contest in the oil field and in the courts for possession of valuable claims on government land near the gushers continues with unabated fury.

A representative of The Alliance Herald visited the field on Saturday. He found drilling rigs and material being hauled to the land near the gusher by dozens of big trucks. Among those who are hauling materials are some Alliance boys who recently purchased big White trucks and drove them through from Alliance. They are kept busy hauling day and night.

Although there have been no serious physical encounters in the fights for possession of the holdings near the gushers on section 19, there has been some violence used. Mike McGetrick, who was drilling on the west one-half of section 18, stated to The Herald representative that he was drilling on this land with two oil rigs one week ago Sunday; that his crews of drillers were taken from the rigs by warrants sworn to by representatives of one of the big companies, leaving him alone to hold possession and defend his property. McGetrick stated that while guarding his property Sunday night he was attacked by a party of men hired by this big company. He stated that there were thirty-six men in the party and that they came to the locations of his rigs in seven big trucks. Although he was unarmed he stated that he "pitched in" with his fists and had whipped four of the men before they realized that they had run up against a whirlwind fighter. He said that they then withdrew and left him alone until morning, when he was arrested on a warrant and taken to Newcastle, after which the men and trucks returned and removed his drilling rigs from the ground, without authority, and filled the holes which he had drilled.

Many of the "little fellows" in the field who claim holdings there seem to feel that they are getting a "raw deal" and that they are being unfairly treated by the big companies who are after the holding which are immensely valuable. The situation promises endless litigation during coming years between the contending parties of locators.

Oil from the Mule Creek field, west of Edgemont, is now being pumped through the new pipe line to Dakoming, where it is loaded in tank cars and shipped to the refinery at Casper. New wells are reported in this field at frequent intervals and it promises to be one of the big Wyoming fields.

RUNDIN SPOKE AT HEMINGFORD

Well-known Western Nebraska Divine Was Principal Speaker at Memorial Day Exercises

Rev. Walter C. Rundin of Mitchell was the principal speaker at the Memorial day observance in Hemingford on Monday. A large crowd from the different parts of Box Butte county attended the services, many people going from Alliance. Rev. Mr. Rundin stopped over in Alliance Tuesday noon, between trains, on his way back to Mitchell.

The Hemingford services were reported to have been the largest of their nature and many old settlers took part in the services in town and at the cemetery.

GUTHRIE TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

J. W. Guthrie, secretary of the Alliance chamber of commerce, left this noon for Hastings, where he will represent the city's commercial organization at the meeting of the state association of commercial clubs. The directors at a short meeting last night made the appointment. Mr. Guthrie will return Thursday.

John Rehder is enjoying a visit from his brothers and sisters who are moving from Thermopolis, Wyo., to Scottsbluff. They will also visit other relatives in this section.

OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

G. A. R., Spanish-American and World War Veterans and Citizens Honor Soldier Dead.

Rain Sunday morning kept a number of people from a distance from attending the Memorial day program in Alliance, but the weather cleared up just before the time set for the opening exercises, and a large crowd assembled in short order. The parade formed at 2 p. m. at Third and Box Butte, marched to Tenth and thence to the fair grounds.

Captain Minor Morris, marshal of the day, with Lieutenants E. L. Meyer, P. I. Beach and James P. Burlington, led the procession. They were followed by the Alliance band, the services of which were donated to the city for the occasion. The G. A. R. veterans, in two automobiles, were followed by the Spanish-American war veterans. Three squads of American legionaries, led by Captain J. B. Miller, and a life and drum corps, consisting of Louis Surprise, Bert Laing, Luke Phillips and Clayton D. Walker completed the line-up of ex-soldiers. Representations from several other organizations, including the Odd Fellows, were also in line.

At 2:30 p. m., the following program was presented at the fair grounds:

Dr. Minor Morris, chairman.
Invocation, Rev. S. J. Epler.
Music, Mann male quartet.

Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.
Address, Rev. J. Orrin Gould.
Music, Mann male quartet.

Benediction, Rev. A. J. Kearns.

Following this program, the meeting adjourned to the cemetery, where the following program was followed:

Music, Mann male quartet.
Decoration of graves.
Remarks, County Judge, Ira E. Tash.

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

Judge Tash, in his remarks at the graves of the veterans, gave a short summary of the service record of each man, together with a few reminiscences. The judge has lived in Box Butte county since the days of its organization, and has been personally acquainted with practically every soldier. It would be difficult to find anyone so competent to care for this part of the ceremonies.

Flowers for the graves of the soldiers were furnished by the Chamber of Commerce.

Following is the address of Rev. J. Orrin Gould, in part:

"This day by lawful enactment has been made one of our holy days—a day sacred to the memory of our patriot dead and to the inspiration of the living. Forever this day will be emblazoned upon the calendar of the year with the consecrated days that have come down to us from the Pilgrim and the Puritan; with Christmas day, and with birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, Independence day, Memorial day this year will mean more than ever before and will gather around it, not only the love and tears and pride of the generations of people, but more and more the linking memories of every comrade, so long as he lives.

"Your comrades of the great Civil War most gallantly defended the sacred rights of freedom and justice, and at the call of Lincoln went into line of battle at Bull Run, Shiloh, Vicksburg and Gettysburg. With the boys of blue you marched to victory and came home by the music of the life and drum carrying the old tattered flag near your heart. You were welcomed most royally by a most grateful people for the heroic service you had rendered.

"You comrades of the Spanish-American War answered the call of our beloved President McKinley and proved your heroism at the battle of San Juan, and with Admiral Dewey at Manila Bay, and you came home proud of being able to carry again to victory the red, white and blue.

"To you veterans of the World War who have returned from the camps of this country and the battlefields of France, we remind you that you were most gratefully welcomed as the heroes of a war waged on our part without any hope of reward whatsoever. These comrades of yours of other wars, your brothers, fathers and grandfathers, are proud that you carried to victory this flag which has never yet been trailed in the dust, and by Gods help and ours shall never know defeat.

"This World War was the crucible in which has been recast the finest principles of patriotism that the world has ever known. We are

proud that today there is in our country no north, south, east or west.

"In memory of our dead, in honor of the living, for the inspiration of our children, we gather today to deck the graves of our patriots with flowers, to pledge the commonwealth and her cities and citizens to fresh recognition of the surviving soldier, and to picture yet again the romance, the reality, the glory, the sacrifice of his service. When the news came of the first martyr's blood, our young manhood stepped into the ranks and went forward to battle. You remember his ingenious and glowing letters to his mother, written as if his pen were dipped in his very heart. How novel seemed to him the routine of service, the life of camp and march. How eager the wish to meet the enemy and strike the first blow for the good cause. What pride at the promotion that came and put its chevron on his arm or its insignia upon his shoulder.

"They took him prisoner. Gaunt and haggard with the horror of his suffering, and with pity for the greater horror of the sufferings of his comrades who fainted and died at his side. He tunneled the earth and escaped, hungry and weak, in terror of recapture, he slept in thickets and sank in swamps. He was captured just as he was grasping at freedom and taken back into captivity. He was exchanged at last, and came home for a short furlough, but soon returned to the ranks and was welcomed by his comrades. In the rifle-pits, the trenches, on the open field of battle, there was no flinching as he charged. His eyes followed the stars and stripes amidst a hail of machine-guns. A ball struck him, and he fell at nightfall with his face toward the stars. Today he sleeps in some churchyard or other cemetery, or in some unmarked grave covered with green turf. Year by year his comrades will scatter these graves with flowers, which lend their fragrance and beauty to the devotion of his service.

"By the roadside in France a few rusty bayonets projecting from the soil show where twenty-five soldiers were buried alive by a mine explosion just as they were ready to 'go over the top.' They stand there still, erect, their lifeless hands still holding their rifles at attention. My heart is deeply moved as I stand in this presence speaking in memory of the torch-bearers of these honored heroes. They call from the distance to us today:

"To you, from falling hands we throw

The torch. Be yours to lift it high. If ye break faith with us who die, We shall not sleep, tho' poppies glow in Flanders fields.

"Then comes the response from every true American:

"Fear not that ye have died for naught.

The torch ye threw to us we caught. Ten million hands will hold it high And freedom's light shall never die.

We've learned the lesson that ye taught

In Flanders fields.

"At the beginning of those dreadful days our hearts were made glad and our spirit of patriotism rekindled, as the news came that General Pershing stood at the grave of La Fayette and with uncovered head in deep reverence said: 'La Fayette, we are here.' Today the call for reconstruction of the world rings in the ears of every true American patriot. Shall we not respond to that call as heroically as did the soldiers of all our ways of the past, and answer: 'We are here.'

"The tumult and the shouting dies— The captains and the kings depart. Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget."

MORE RACES AT THE FAIR GROUNDS SUNDAY

Racing fans will be at the fair grounds next Sunday afternoon in force to see another batch of practice races. More horses will be on exhibition than a week ago, and the track will be in better shape, and the interest will be greater than ever. It's going to be some race meet.

THE SCOTTISH RITE REUNION POSTPONED

The fourth reunion of Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of Alliance, at which degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth will be conferred, has been indefinitely postponed, due to the failure of needed paraphernalia to arrive. The dates set were June 3 and 4.

HARD DAYS AHEAD FOR SONS OF REST

Campaign Started to Make Loafers Work or Move—Thirty Left City Saturday Night

Walking papers were issued to some thirty tired brothers who have been decorating benches in the depot or occupying convenient resting places about Alliance. Chiefs Taylor and Reed, with the assistance of Night Marshal Trabert, passed the good word along, and the ticket office sold a number of extra tickets to other points within a mighty short space of time.

The good word has gone forth that Alliance is a good city to stay away from unless the traveler wants to work. The promise is that vagrants—and this includes wobbles of all descriptions—will be handed packages of thirty days' labor on the streets. It isn't likely that many of the Sons of Rest will run this risk in order to see Alliance, pleasant though it is.

Some of the men ordered to work or move were black—and some were white. A few were in-between. But all of them moved with alacrity toward the ticket windows. For months Alliance has been afflicted with a raft of these brethren, but happier days are now in prospect.

ALVIN W. ROPER IN PIANO RECITAL

On Monday evening, June 7th at eight o'clock, at the First Methodist church, Corner 4th and Niobrara Alvin W. Roper, of Winona Lake, Ind., well known pianist will give a piano recital under the auspices of the choir. Mr. Roper made a brief visit to Alliance about a year ago, wherein company with E. O. Exzell, the song writer, leader, and publisher of Chicago, while on a tour to the Pacific coast with a party of gentlemen who were holding meetings in various cities in the interests of the Methodist Centenary, he stopped off and gave a brief program at the Methodist church.

He is to come back to Alliance, coming from the Sunday School Convention at Rapid City and he expects to give several other recitals in various states on his way back to Chicago.

The following program will be presented:

1. Hymn, "Jesus, I My Cross have Taken." From Mozart
2. (a) Caprice Viennois...Kreiser (b) Melodie...Paderewski (c) Impromptu in B...Arensky (d) Kammenoi Ostrow...Rubenstein
3. (e) Humoresque...Dvorak (f) The Flatterer...Chaminade
4. Hymn, Improvisation, "O Think of the Home Over There", O'Kane
5. (a) Swinging (From Suite "A Festive Holiday")...A. W. Roper (b) On the Lake (From Suite "A Festive Holiday")...A. W. Roper
6. Transcription of Ballad, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" (a) Moonlight Sonata...Beethoven (b) Cradle Song...Chopin (c) Funeral March...Chopin
7. Hyman Improvisation—"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"...Doane
8. Finale (Etude Symphonique)...Schumann

NEBRASKA SECOND IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Neb. Legionaries are jubilant over the excellent showing their state made in the recent national membership drive. Nebraska ranked second, closely following New Hampshire which won first honors.

A telegram was received at state headquarters at Lincoln announcing the returns and congratulating the Nebraska soldiers on their record. Massachusetts came in third, California fourth, Kansas fifth, Ohio sixth, and Illinois seventh.

The Nebraska Department of the American Legion now has over 270 posts, thirty women's auxiliaries and over 20,000 members. Every county in the state with the exception of two have one or more posts.

Dr. B. G. Bauman returned to Alliance Monday morning after a two weeks' vacation spent in Norfolk, Omaha and Lincoln. Mrs. Bauman and the babe will remain in Lincoln for a few days visit.