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R. M. HAMPTON IS NEW COUNCILMAN

Chosen Tuesday Evening to Complete Term of Ed. Henry—May Not Accept Place

The city council, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, selected R. M. Hampton as councilman to fill the unexpired term of E. D. Henry of the Third ward, whose removal to Second ward a few weeks ago left a vacancy. Mr. Hampton received the votes of four members of the council out of the six who were present. The usual method of procedure in cases of a vacancy is for the mayor to appoint and the council to confirm, but in this instance Mayor Rodgers left the entire matter up to his associates.

Mr. Hampton had yet signified his intention of accepting the place offered him. In talking with a Herald representative Saturday, Mr. Hampton said that business kept him so close to his office that he did not believe that he could spare the time that would be required. A large number of his friends have urged him to take the place, and these are elated over the fact that he has not yet definitely refused.

When the question of choosing a successor to Mr. Henry came up, the council was presented with two petitions, one with thirty signatures requesting the appointment of Charles Hill, and a second with nine signatures which favored Charles Fuller. These two men were nominated, and each received one vote.

Higher License Fees

A petition was presented asking the repeal of an ordinance passed at the last meeting, which set the license fee for electricians at \$75. The petition, which was circulated by Clare Dow, was signed by practically every business man in town. The council reduced the fee to \$25.

The city attorney was instructed, however, to prepare an ordinance materially raising occupation tax and license fees for plumbers, moving picture shows and pool halls. The plumbers' license fee will be raised from \$10 to \$25, and the pool hall tax from \$10 per table to \$20 or \$25, the amount to be determined later by the council when the ordinance is up for passage.

Sewer and Water

The council passed an ordinance establishing sewer district No. 11, including the territory between Missouri and Mississippi from Third to Eight streets.

The council also decided upon extending the water system on East Third street to the Potash highway and north to the site of the new school house. The bonds for this extension were voted some time ago, and have been sold. The money is now available and the work will start at once.

Mayor Rodgers was empowered to purchase 500 feet of fire hose. This is a bad time of the year for fires, and the department had some time ago requested the additional equipment.

Bonds Have Been Sold

The council authorized the sale of \$35,000 in sewer and water extension bonds to the Benwell-Phillips-Estey company of Denver, who made a most attractive proposition after they saw the opportunity to buy slipping toward a Lincoln firm. Under the terms of the sale the city is to receive 6 per cent interest on the money until such time as it is needed.

The city library basement came in for a share of the discussion. Some time ago the council agreed to pay a part of the cost of finishing the basement, the impression being given that the improvements would cost about \$1,000, and that the library board had about half that sum available. The improvements actually cost another \$500. At the time the council made this promise they were of the belief that they had plenty of funds, basing this belief on an estimate prepared by City Manager Smith, who had used a property valuation estimate several hundred thousand dollars too high. Now the city hasn't the money to invest. The council finally decided to suggest that the library board issue warrants for the money, and when the next tax levy is decided upon, the library levy will be tilted sufficiently to care for it.

Demurrage On Coal

The usual grist of bills were allowed, but the council studied some time over one of the claims—\$43 for demurrage on a car of coal. It develops that City Manager Smith, during the time he was on the job, had

ordered several cars of coal, and these were delivered in a bunch. There was no room at the city's plant to unload. The engineer, seeing an opportunity to save money for the city, instructed the yardmaster to send one car to a trash plant at Antioch. Unfortunately, the Antioch plant didn't need any coal, so this carload knocked about for six days and was finally piled up at that time the city plant could not take the demurrage went on all the time. The bill was ordered paid.

The Dust Situation

Some council member raised the question of why the streets were not being sprinkled, especially at this time, when the grading gang is stirring up all kinds of dust. It developed that the city's sprinkling cart had been loaned to the Home Builders association, who were using it as a water cart during plastering of several new houses. Mayor Rodgers assured the council that they had pleaded to retain it for two or three days more, and that their request had been granted. It was returned Tuesday night, but some repairs are necessary before it can be used.

City Treasurer Frank Abegg brought up the matter of several old warrants out against the city, amounting to something like \$1,100. He had called them in several times, but the holders had never presented them for payment. The council decided to cancel these warrants, and if the owners ever show up for their money, duplicates will be issued.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MET IN ALLIANCE

The sessions of the Northwestern Baptist Association was well attended at its meeting held in this city, which closed Sunday evening. Although the representation from the different churches in the western part of the state was not as large as at some previous meetings, the program was an inspiring one.

Delegates were present from the churches at Bridgeport, Lewellyn, Scottsbluff, Chadron and the local church. These delegates were entertained in the homes of the membership of the local church, dinner and supper being provided by the ladies in the basement of the church. One hundred and fifty meals were served.

Rev. J. Orrin Gould, pastor of the Baptist church of Alliance, was elected moderator of the association for next year. E. R. Phillips, of Chadron, was elected clerk. Reports from the various churches were read and a program laid out for the year before us. It was a most pleasant meeting throughout, and the delegates returned home late Sunday night, praising the Alliance Baptist church for the way in which they were entertained while in the city.

Rev. Clark H. Bancroft, secretary of promotion for the Northern Baptist Convention, Omaha, was present, and also Mrs. Boyce, Chicago, Ill., who is a member of the board of promotion for this section of the country. Rev. P. O. Silvara of Grand Island was also one of the speakers, he being the district secretary of northern Nebraska for the Baptist denomination.

BOX BUTTE TEACHERS ATTEND INSTITUTE

Fifty teachers from Box Butte county were in attendance at the institute held at Chadron four days of last week. The teachers from Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan and Sioux counties held a joint meeting, and the sessions are reported to have been helpful and interesting.

The following are the teachers from this county who attended the meeting: Mrs. H. E. Hutchinson, Dora Mabin, Elizabeth Mabin, Mrs. Elizabeth Cornu, Mamie Acker, Rose Hublitz, Frances Brennan, Mary McNulty, Clarissa Soth, Viola Soth, Clara Sisley, Leah Mae Weaver, Helen Woods, Madeline Zedicker, Eva Simpson, Mary Morris, Asenath Schill, Grace Carr, Myrtle Reeves, Vera Broderick, Effie Lusby, Leta Lusby, Annetta Freimuth, Mrs. Adie Holmberg, Letha Baldwin, Gladys Miller, Della Swanson, Fern Eaton, Nellie Harrington, Letha Strong, Bernice Strong, Mabel Gibson, Elia McInroy, Fauntine Johnson, Estella Roland, Nettie Uhrig, Ruth Smothers, Martha Lichte, Veva Miller, Effie Hawkins, Nellie McDonald, Opal Burkholder, Grace Burkholder, Ray McBurney, Gertrude Deising, Stanley Wright, Dora Coker, Florence Rubottom.

Regular teachers examinations will be given at the Court House June 25-26. 57-60

BOXING PROGRAM IS NOW LINED UP

Four Bouts, Thirty Rounds, On the Program for Evening of Last Day of Elks Convention

The boxing program for the evening of the last day of the Elks convention has finally been completed, and lineup now shows four boxing bouts scheduled for June 24 at the Lowry & Henry roof garden for the entertainment of visiting Elks in attendance at the last night of their state convention. There will be record crowds in the city for the race meet and the convention, and the committee has planned to furnish them with a boxing match that is worthy of the occasion.

The headliners will be Navy Rostan and Johnny Griffiths among the leaders in the welterweight class who will put on a ten-round exhibition. Rostan gained reputation in the navy during the recent world war. He was discharged from the service early in 1919 and since then has fought thirty good welterweight battles. His first prominent engagement was at the semi-windup at the Willard-Dempsey show at Toledo last Fourth of July, when he boxed Jack Malone of St. Paul to a wood draw. Since the Malone fight, Rostan has taken the top-notch welters as fast as they have come, and only two weeks ago he defeated K. O. Laughlin, who in turn boxed Griffiths to an eight-round draw at the last big Philadelphia show.

The semi-windup was also a good drawing card. Battling Hayes of Denver and George Manley of the same town, and good representatives of the middleweight class, will stage a ten-round battle. Manley recently handed Maurice Young of Casper a swell trimming at Scottsbluff, and the Scottsbluff Elks are coming over here five hundred strong to bet their rolls on Manley. Hayes is a tough bird, too. Last fall he won the middleweight championship of Denver at the D. A. C. Six weeks ago Hayes and Manley fought a draw at the Denver stockyards stadium. Neither was satisfied, and they expect to settle the argument here on the 24th.

In the second preliminary, Texas Tommy, Alliance's favorite, will meet Cyclone Johnson of Denver in a six-round go. Texas says he is going into the cleaning business, and there'll be a big gang there to watch him do it. The first preliminary will be staged by local boxers, and will consist of four rounds.

This is one of the biggest boxing programs that has ever been pulled off in Nebraska. Seats are to be had at Thiele's drug store, and you want to send in your reservation early.

HARDING AND COOLIDGE TO LEAD REPUBLICANS

Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, was nominated for the presidency by the republican national convention on the tenth ballot at Chicago last Saturday evening, and Governor Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts was selected as his running mate on the first ballot taken for vice president.

For eight ballots Wood, Lowden and Hiram Johnson maintained practically the same relative positions. With the ninth ballot the break began, and when the tenth was taken, Harding was found to be nominated with nearly two hundred votes to spare. The nomination of Harding was assured when Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania released the delegates of that state and allowed them to cast their votes for Harding.

The compromise candidate is one of the "old guard" senators. He arouses very little enthusiasm among the republicans as a whole. Figures on the tenth and final ballot follow: Wood, 157 1-2; Harding, 674 1-2; Lowden, 12; Johnson, 80 1-2; Sprout, 2; Coolidge, 5; Knox, 1; Butler, 3; Hoover, 3 1-2; LaFollette, 24; Lenroot, 1; Hays, 1; Absent, 1.

News dispatches this morning indicate that there is a possibility of Johnson heading a third party. He is reported undecided, but friends are urging that he run with LaFollette as his running mate.

Billy Fuller, nine-year-old son of Charles K. Fuller, fell and fractured his left arm while playing on the trapeze in the Emerson school playground yesterday morning. Both bones in the forearm were broken. Latest reports are that he is doing nicely.

J. Manto, who left the St. Joseph hospital Monday morning, has returned to his home at Hemingford.

LITTLE STRIKE IN PAVING CIRCLES

Fifteen Curb and Gutter Men Attempt to Secure a 20 Per Cent Wage Increase

Fifteen workmen on the curb and gutter construction work, under Smith & Chambers, stopped work last Saturday noon, following a conference of their leader with the superintendent in charge, when an increase from 50 to 60 cents per hour was refused. The majority of the men have not returned to their jobs, and the jobs are not open now even if they decide to come back at the old scale.

Forty-five men are engaged in the curb and gutter work, and the strikers comprised less than half of those on the job. The others kept at work. The curb gang was far ahead of the paving work, and the temporary loss of a few men will make but little difference and will result in no particular delay.

According to a representative of the contractors, several of the strikers had given notice that they intended to quit Saturday night anyway, and men had already been engaged to take their place. The others evidently thought that it would be a good time to ask for an increase of a dollar a day. It was a poor lunch. Prospects are, however, that the men who remained on the job will receive an increase. The paving contractors are making good progress with the work. The weather man has been friendly and most of the rains have just passed over the city and landed on the fields where they are needed. The grading men are making a big hole in Box Butte avenue, which is rapidly being reduced to grade.

ASK RESIGNATION OF CHIEF TAYLOR

According to information given out by Mayor Rodgers Tuesday morning, the city council has asked for the resignation of Chief of Police Nova Taylor. Mr. Taylor has held the place several months, taking charge at the time Chief Reed resigned to become deputy sheriff. Since that time, Mr. Reed has returned to the force, holding the position of night chief.

Mr. Rodgers says that there have been a number of complaints against Mr. Taylor; and that after investigating some of these, it was believed advisable to ask for his resignation. It is reported that Mr. Taylor will not give up his position without a struggle. One report is to the effect that he will circulate a petition among the business men of the city, whom he is confident will demand his retention.

CHURCHES PLAN FOR UNION SERVICES

The Alliance churches will unite in union services Sunday evenings during the months of July and August, according to a decision of the ministerial association, which has secured the Lowry & Henry roof garden for Sunday evening during those two months. Church attendance usually suffers during the hot weather, but open air services solve this problem. The ministerial association met at the chamber of commerce rooms Monday afternoon and perfected arrangements. There will be a union choir, and the ministers will take turns at the pulpit.

CLIFFORD MINKS IS HELD BY THE POLICE

Clifford Minks was placed under arrest at the Burlington station Monday night by Chief of Police Reed, and is being held at the police station. The police say that a charge of petit larceny will be filed against him. At the time of his arrest he had in his possession a suitcase marked with the name of "W. C. Coulter". Several blankets, towels, a revolver and photographs were found in his possession. Sewed up in the lining of his coat were other articles, including at least two boxes of matches.

He has been rooming in Alliance at the Coulter home, and the articles in his possession are believed to have been taken from there.

BIRTHS

Saturday, June 12—To Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fortner, a daughter. Saturday, June 12—To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelley, a son.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Unsettled tonight, somewhat cooler east portion Wednesday; generally fair.

FREIGHT TRAIN DERAILED FRIDAY

At 4:30 Friday afternoon a freight train got off the track a mile this side of Antioch and several cars were piled up, necessitating the services of a wrecking crew. One empty car was demolished and three others were damaged. The work train from Alliance went to the rescue, and the track was reported clear by 9:30. No other trains were delayed.

HARDBOILED COON DRAWS STIFF FINE

It's expensive to get hard-boiled in an argument with a cop. Also it may result in physical unpleasantness. James Overland, colored, discovered these facts anew early Sunday morning, the latter at about 6:30 a. m., when Chief of Police Reed placed him under arrest, and the former Monday morning, when Police Judge Roberts assessed a fine of \$25 and costs—a total of \$30, as the judge carefully pointed out—against him on a charge that included using abusive language and indulging in disorderly conduct. James had no money handy to pay the fine, and he is now engaged in working it out on the city streets. The allowance for this sort of labor is comparatively liberal, but it's warm work.

James was down in the railroad yards Sunday morning, engaged in killing time. When the police chief accosted him, he proceeded to get remarkably fresh and sassy, and as a result got himself placed under arrest. Chief Reed began to search him, and about the time he had removed the third knife from James' person, James' ire was again aroused. He had been telling the chief all along what he thought of this, but when the chief made a move to search another pocket, James struck out. He missed, but succeeded in shoving the chief three or four feet away. Then the chief began to argue.

A resident of Alliance, living in that neighborhood, came over and butted into the argument. He began to spout about the rights of a citizen not realizing, apparently, that he was interfering with an officer. Chief Reed promptly told him just where he got off—and in the meantime James edged away until the toe of his right boot touched a piece of railroad iron. He stooped to pick it up—and found himself facing Chief Reed's gun. This ended the argument.

Harry Gaines, also colored, was arrested the night previous on a vagabond charge. When first seen by the officers he was resting easily in the yards, his right hand holding tightly to a pair of boots. At the city hall, he confessed that he had borrowed these boots from a section house located five miles west of Gilette, Wyo. He was also fined \$25 and costs, and lacking the wherewithal to pay, is working on the city streets with James.

HARD DAYS AHEAD FOR WEARY WILLIES

The Alliance police department is making life unpleasant for the Sons of Rest. Since the opening of the campaign a couple of weeks ago, when some fifteen loafers were invited to purchase tickets leading to elsewhere and beyond, there hasn't been any comfort in Alliance for those who would do nothing but kill time. Each day the officers make the rounds, and those who are sleeping in the depot and railroad yards and eating when they can, have been invited to find jobs or move on.

BASEBALL SEASON IS FINALLY STARTED

The Alliance carmen met defeat at the hands of the Edgemont railroaders last Sunday at Edgemont, by a score of 2 to 0. Jones and Ralls, the battery for the Alliance gang, held the opposition down to two scores, but the home team was crippled by the absence of one player who missed the train. The carmen will play the machinists Sunday at the fair grounds. The admission will be two bits, and it will be worth the money.

Dr. L. W. Curtis, veterinarian, will be back in Alliance the first of the week for a stay of several weeks. Those who wish to avail themselves of his services will find him at the usual location.

ALL ABOARD FOR A BOOSTER TRIP

Chamber of Commerce to Stage Auto Excursion Thursday in Interest of Race Meet

At 6:30 a. m. Thursday morning, right on the minute, a line of automobiles filled with Alliance business men and other boosters will leave the Chamber of Commerce corner for a day's trip that will take in eight neighboring towns. The booster trip is made in the interest of the Alliance race meet, to be held June 23, 24 and 25, and at each of the towns stops will be made, advertising literature distributed, the band will give a short concert and somebody may be induced to make a brief speech.

The itinerary includes the towns of Hemingford, Marsland, Belmont, Crawford, Chadron, Hay Springs, Rushville and Gordon. No time schedule has been made out, the uncertainty of road conditions and the various automobiles in the party prohibiting any real accuracy in the matter of arriving and leaving, but the approach of the booster party will be heralded by the band.

All business men who have cars that will be available have been requested to notify the secretary of the chamber of commerce as soon as possible. Those who have no automobiles to furnish, or whose cars are out of commission, but who would like to go along, are requested also to acquaint the secretary of that fact. It is believed that there will be plenty of room for those who wish to accompany the boosters.

A meeting of those who contemplate making the trip has been called for Wednesday evening at the chamber of commerce rooms. Here all arrangements will be made for the start Thursday morning. It will be a great excursion, and if, after this round of visits has been completed, there is any person in this whole territory who hasn't heard of Alliance's great entertainment program for next week, he'll be the one to blame.

TO CLOSE STORES DURING RACE MEET

A petition has been circulated among Alliance business men, whereby the signers pledge themselves to close their places of business from 1 p. m. each afternoon during the meet until the races for the day are over. Seventeen have signed to date, including men in several lines of business. Not a man to whom the petition has been presented has refused to append his signature. The rest of the merchants will have an opportunity to sign the document.

LUMBER ARRIVING FOR NEW METHODIST CHURCH

A carload of lumber arrived in Alliance Tuesday morning, the first shipment on the order of the Methodist church building committee. It is now being unloaded on the site of the new building. This is taken as an indication that the church will be erected some time this year. There has been a most liberal subscription to the building fund, but of late the impression has been that the actual construction might be delayed due to excessive building costs. The plans have been approved for some weeks.

"THE TOLL GATE" AT THE IMPERIAL THURSDAY

The attraction Thursday evening at the Imperial will be the inimitable Bill Hart, in the first of his own productions, "The Toll Gate." It's a regular Hart thriller, with a bandit and other interesting characters, and will be just a little better than Bill Hart under some other management.

ALLIANCE BRIEFS

It is reported that Dr. J. P. Weyers, who has been on the surgical staff at the Mayo clinic, Rochester, Minn., for a number of years, will join the local medical fraternity very soon. He will work along the lines of surgery and diagnosis.

Committees are about ready to launch the drive for tickets to the Alliance chautauqua, which will be held the week beginning July 5. A local merchant has offered prizes to the three persons selling the greatest number of chautauqua tickets. Five dollars is the first prize, \$3 the second and \$2 the third prize. Those who desire to enter the contest are requested to meet with the chairman of the ticket committee, Rev. Stephen J. Epler, at the chamber of commerce rooms at 9 a. m. Saturday.