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VOLUNTEERS ARE RETAKING CENSUS

Chamber of Commerce Asks Assistance in Securing Recount of Alliance Population

At a meeting of members of the Alliance chamber of commerce, held Friday evening, plans were made for a recount of the city's population, which will be held this week. The population of this city was placed at 4,591, according to preliminary figures given in a wire received by the local army recruiting office.

The chamber of commerce has asked for volunteer census takers, who will each cover one block in the more or less crowded portions of the city. Larger territory will be assigned to enumerators in West Lawn and Hills additions, South Alliance, Belmont addition, the territory north of the fair grounds, the Simonson addition and north of Belmont.

The Chamber of Commerce is calling for volunteers, and every man interested in Alliance should be willing to assist in this important work. There will be work for everyone who wants it. Whenever possible, the enumerator will be assigned to the block in which he lives, and if this has been taken, he will be given the nearest one.

There are 202 blocks in the city, and at least 135 enumerators will be needed, in order to impose no hardship on anyone. If you are willing to serve, get into communication with Secretary Guthrie at the chamber of commerce, who will see to it that you are furnished the necessary blanks. You can start to work at once. It is desired to have the census completed as soon as possible. The individual enumerators will swear to their returns. It is the opportunity to put Alliance where she belongs on the population map.

Enumerators are cautioned to list only those who were living in any particular house on the first of last January, and particularly any who may have moved or died since that time. Children born since January 1 are not to be listed.

BURGLARS VISIT A HEMINGFORD STORE

Burglars broke into the William Cory store at Hemingford late Sunday evening and made away with about a thousand dollars' worth of merchandise, including several watches, watch chains and other jewelry, a dozen pairs of assorted shoes and five or six dozen pairs of pants in brown, green, blue and grey, with a few stripes.

Entrance was gained by removing the glass from the front door. Tools to perform this operation were stolen from the tool house of workmen on the new elevator under construction. The goods were removed through the rear door and presumably loaded into an automobile. The thieves carefully closed the rear door and even latched the screen, but didn't bother to replace the glass they had removed.

Sheriff Miller was notified and with Deputy Miskimmin went to Hemingford Monday. No trace of the thieves was discovered. Suspicion is directed upon two strangers who spent last Saturday evening in Hemingford, although some of the authorities are of the opinion that it might have been the work of home talent.

FIRST UNION SERVICE HELD SUNDAY NIGHT

A crowd filled the Lowry & Henry roof garden last Sunday evening, when the first of the summer union service of Alliance churches was held. Rev. J. Orrin Gould of the First Baptist church gave the address, selecting for his subject, "The Sacred Books of Mormon." It was a spirited address and proved beyond a doubt that the so-called sacred books were a fake and a farce. A number of other matters were touched upon. This sermon is the first of a series dealing with the Mormons. The ministers in the city will take their turn at the pulpit Sunday evenings, and Mr. Gould will continue to speak on this topic when his turn comes during the summer.

Charles Spacht led the union choir. A special set of song books has been procured for the open air meetings, the one selected being the Y. M. C. A. army song book, which contains a number of soldiers' favorites. Rev. A. J. Kearns will occupy the pulpit next Sunday evening.

TUESDAY WEATHER

For Alliance vicinity: Unsettled weather to Wednesday with probably showers and thunderstorms; cooler north part of night.

COUNCIL WILL NOT CLOSE FIRST STREET

The city council is not planning to close First street, Mayor Rodgers announced Monday morning, although he admitted that the council had been approached on the subject by various parties. Last week the report went out that this would be done, and as a result a petition was circulated among the business men between First and Third street, thirty signatures being secured in less than an hour.

According to Mayor Rodgers, the street could not be closed without a petition requesting it, and none has been presented. The remonstrance set in by these business men will therefore be placed on file. If such a petition ever does come in, then the remonstrance can be called forth from its hiding place. In the meantime, First street will remain open.

LAST RUNAWAY RETURNS HOME

Charles Churchill Picks Lock of Gering Jail in Order to Come Back.

The last of the runaways is safe at home, but he had a difficult time getting back. Trials and tribulations by the score were his. Not only did he have to pick the lock of the jail at Gering, because he was in a hurry to get home—not only did he walk a good portion of the fifty miles—but, tired and footsore, he was set upon by a youth of his own age and given a stiff thrashing. Gee, but it's a hard life.

Charles was one of the five to disappear from Broncho lake about the same time last Monday afternoon. Readers will recall that clothing was found on the banks and that for hours anxious relatives had visions of five youths drowned in the prime of life and the treacherous waters of the lake. Later, when the boys began to sift in, this fear was dissolved, and by last Friday all but one had returned. Charles was the last one to return. No trace of him could be discovered. His mother, Mrs. Glen Churchill, was exceedingly worried.

Saturday morning, a young lady in the local ticket office recalled selling him a ticket for Scottsbluff. The Scottsbluff authorities were put on the trail and they located him at the Elmore dam, near Gering, Thursday afternoon. The eleven-year-old boy was taken to the Gering jail, and his mother notified. While she was on her way to bring him home, jail life palled on the youngster. In some manner he managed to pick the lock of the room where he was incarcerated, and again he hit the broad highway. He was disillusioned, and was weary over the delay in getting him home. He decided to walk. And walk he did. A passing automobile gave him a lift now and then, the last one taking him as far as the Kilpatrick ranch. He then walked to the fair grounds and sat him down to rest before tackling the remainder of the trip.

Here he met with disaster. "Toughy" McClure happened along. And for some reason, not stated, Toughy landed on him. Reports from the field of battle are incomplete, but it seems that Toughy gained a victory—full and complete. He pummeled his boyhood friend until there was no further fun in it and then ambled on, looking for another world to conquer.

Not long afterward, Mrs. Churchill's sister heard of the boy's whereabouts, and brought him home in an automobile. He is said to be completely cured of the wanderlust.

Word has been received by Sergeant Frey, in charge of the army recruiting station at Alliance, that no more applications for victory medals will be received by the Omaha office at this time. Too much difficulty has been experienced by papers incorrectly filled out. The information advised that soldiers are requested to wait a short time until an army field clerk arrives, who will make out the desired papers, so there will be no come-backs. His arrival will be announced later.

Charlie Jeffers was injured last Friday afternoon about 2:30 on the Lowry & Henry building. A fellow workman was hauling cement across a plank; the plank slipped and struck Mr. Jeffers in the eye. Three stitches were required to close the wound.

MAY ESTABLISH A RURAL ROUTE

Petition Presented Asking Postoffice Department to Install Free Delivery.

A petition signed by seventy-five or eighty Box Butte county ranchers was forwarded to the postoffice department a short time ago. The petition requested the establishment of rural free delivery out of Alliance. Postoffice Inspector R. D. Wetherell has been in the city since Saturday, going over the district to be served, examining roads and considering various routes. The department will later act upon his recommendation. It will be several weeks before a definite decision will be reached.

The exact route has not been determined, but it will cover between twenty-five and thirty miles and will serve about one hundred families. The minimum number of families to be served must be seventy-five, although the department occasionally will establish a three-times-a-week service for sixty families, provided the roads are especially good.

Alliance has never had a rural route, although there are three star routes from this city. The star carriers are hired on contract, usually to carry mail to some inland town, but may give limited service to patrons along the way. They make two trips a week. The rural free delivery service is daily, and carriers are paid regular rates for their services. The rural carrier's wagon is a sort of traveling postoffice. They sell stamps, receive and deliver registered letters, accept parcel post packages for mailing, and deliver both C. O. D. and insured parcels.

Should the route be established, it will be necessary for patrons to install mail boxes of an improved type in accessible places. The department recommends that boxes of the largest type be installed.

O. K. Dye and D. W. Reiman are among those who interested themselves in circulating the petition.

FARMERS' MEETING DRAWS GOOD CROWD

A meeting and general farm dance was held at Happy Hollow last Thursday evening. Old fashioned dances were thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd of farm people present. It is planned to have another similar gathering a week from Wednesday, and from then on regularly. An effort will be made to develop a feature of the meeting that permits the farmers to discuss their particular problems. It is planned to secure the services of lecturers from time to time, who it is hoped can bring some new ideas that will be helpful to the farmers and stockraisers in the community. We are living in a period when the influx of new ideas in every business is rapidly changing our old method of doing things, and the members of the rural communities do not propose to be behind the general progress.

CHRISTENSON RELEASED BY PAYMENT OF COSTS

Saturday afternoon County Judge Tash issued a warrant for the arrest of Ownell Christenson, the charge being that he had issued two checks, in the sum of \$5 each, drawn on the Alliance National bank, when he did not have sufficient funds on deposit to pay them. Mr. Christenson, who is employed on a ranch southwest of the city, was brought to Alliance and lodged in the county jail. He stoutly maintained his innocence, declaring that he knew he had that sum on deposit, and referring to a draft from a South Dakota bank which should have arrived. On investigation, it was found that there was such a draft, which had not been placed to his credit when the two checks came in. It developed, however, that he did not know whether the draft had reached the bank when the checks were written. He was released on payment of the costs.

On complaint of Joseph Vaughn, a warrant was issued by County Judge Tash for the arrest of William D. Spurr. The complaint charges that on or about June 22, Spurr issued two checks in favor of the Atlas Refining company for \$83.39 and \$95.90, knowing that he did not have sufficient funds to pay the same. The checks were drawn on the Irrigators' bank at Scottsbluff.

H. E. Cornell left Tuesday for Omaha on business.

CHAUTAUQUA IS COMING AGAIN

Seventy-Five Citizens Join in Guarantee—Big Programs Friday and Saturday

The last two days of the chautauqua were among the really "big days" of the program, although some of the other days drew larger crowds. On Friday, the Lyric Male Quartet presented the afternoon program, and Hon. John Temple Graves, with his lecture, "Armageddon," was the attraction for the evening session. The lecture was a masterly portrayal of the battle between darkness and light, interpreting the present-day conflict between selfishness and altruism.

Mr. Graves convicted pretty nearly every country, class and individual of selfishness in some form or other. He gave as instances the conduct of Great Britain in Egypt, of Belgium in the Congo, and other instances. Developing his theme, he spoke of the conflict between capital and labor. The former is guilty of selfishness in its attitude toward labor, while labor is fully as selfish in its attitude toward the public. The profiteer is another example of selfishness.

The speaker pointed out that not only governments and classes, but individuals were guilty of selfishness and popular government is a reflection of the minds and consciences of those who compose it. At present there is no justice, socially, internationally or industrially. The rule of the strongest prevails. Under the philosophy that "might is right" anything is permissible.

The world is now trying to get back to a normal state, Mr. Graves said. He discussed the co-ordinate forces for good, religions and creeds, and told of the necessity for a new philosophy of life for nations and for men. The league of nations was stressed as a force for getting results between nations.

The speaker was given the closest attention throughout his lecture, even the children paying strict attention. At the close of the address, a number of the audience remained to talk with him. He made an exceedingly favorable impression upon Alliance.

Mr. Graves was the guest of the Rotary club at a dinner Friday evening and addressed them. He was introduced by Dr. Minor Morris. His talk followed the lines of his chautauqua address. The people, he said, must free themselves from greed. He eulogized the Masons, Odd Fellows and Elks for their good work in fellowship, and criticized the church for failing to live up to its opportunities.

The last day's program was given by Dr. Paul W. Ivey and the Wales Players, who presented a play, "Rejuvenation," in the evening. Dr. Ivey made a strong address, directed (Continued on page four.)

THEDA BARA PLAYS "CLEOPATRA" TONIGHT

Tonight's attraction at the Imperial is the William Fox production of "Cleopatra," staged in all the oriental splendor imaginable, with Theda Bara in the title role. It is the old love story of the Nile in the most spectacular setting in which it was ever presented. The picture is stupendous in every sense. The glory of the old Egyptian and Roman cities is represented at an enormous expenditure of money and effort. Scenes of battle on land and sea—a wonderful story. It is a theme that leaves a free hand for extravagance, and the producer has outdone himself. Additional attractions are a comedy, "The Female Vamp" and the latest current events.

Wednesday, "The Strange Boarder," with Will Rodgers, is the attraction. It's a story of a rancher who for the sake of advancing himself financially, that his little son may enjoy the fruits of his work and sacrifices, sells his ranch and falls into the hands of financial sharks. It's chiefly comedy, this story, and one of the best Rodgers has appeared in. It's called a "smile-a-minute" picture. Fatty Arbuckle in "The Garage" is an additional feature.

"Treasure Island," the screen production of Robert Lois Stevenson's masterpiece, is the special attraction for Thursday. It will be a great night for youngsters and for old people who want to renew acquaintance with Long John Silver, the pirate ship, the parrot and other characters. Elmo the Fearless, and a comedy, "Losing Weight" are also on the bill.

NO LET-UP IN WAR ON THE SONS OF REST

The city authorities have not ceased their efforts to send the Sons of Rest to other places than Alliance to practice their profession. Chief of Police Reed and Night Watch Roland are keeping their eye on the passenger station, the clubrooms of the weary, and it's getting so there is no peace in Alliance for the man who wants to kill time. The orders are strict, and it takes little prodding to convince a Weary Willie that other towns will be kinder toward his habits.

A number of colored men have joined the throngs that rest up in the station between jobs. Many of these are railroad men who have just returned from a job and who hesitate to take another until the lay-down time has been squandered. These men are also on the blacklist (no pun intended) and the railway special agents are co-operating with the local police in keeping the city clear of them. It's getting harder and harder to find a safe place to loaf in Alliance.

TWO NEW GUSHERS IN OSAGE FIELD

More Good Fortune for the Alliance Syndicate—Fourth Gusher Since March 14

Two new gushers were brought in last week in the Osage oil field, one of them being brought in by the Alliance syndicate, headed by J. O. Walker, on the northwest quarter of section nineteen. This well was drilled in Sunday afternoon and is reported to have shot oil eighty feet in the air. The top of the pay sand was reached about Wednesday but the well was not drilled in until Sunday. At the time the well was drilled in there was twelve hundred feet of oil standing in the casing.

This well is reported to be about eighty feet deeper than gusher number one, brought in March 14th on the northeast quarter of the same section. This is the fourth gusher on this section since the above date, one having been drilled on each quarter section.

The other three quarters of the section were leased to the Sinclair Oil company but the northwest quarter was held by Walker and associates and they are drilling there themselves. A royalty interest is held in this quarter by other Alliance parties besides the original syndicate, those who have an interest in the royalty being C. M. Looney, R. M. Baker, J. D. Emerick, Dr. H. H. Bellwood, H. E. Reddish, Frank Abegg, F. A. Hald, Lee Moore, Lloyd C. Thomas and others.

Another gusher is reported in on section twenty-five, south and west of the discovery gusher. This well is reported to be as good as the wells on section nineteen. Development of the field continues at a rapid rate.

The Omaha Refining company, which operates a refinery at Omaha, is preparing to build a pipe line from the Osage field to the railroad at the town of Osage. The company is reported to have contracted for some production from the field and is bidding \$3.25 a barrel for oil of 39 gravity. It is understood that the company has secured the production from the Briggs Oil company wells.

The Muskrat-Osage Oil company furnished crude from one of its wells on section seventeen, Osage field, to the local refinery at that point for refining a high-grade gasoline for use in the airplane which made exhibition flights in that city on July 3rd. The company's number two well reached the shallow sand at 160 feet. Last week workmen around the tank into which preparations were being made to pump the oil, were surprised to find that the oil was flowing into the tank without pumping. The oil tested 42 per cent gasoline and the flow was witnessed by some men from the Midwest and National Oil company camps. This hole is to be drilled to the deeper sand at a later date.

The Midwest Refining company brought in a deeper well on section eighteen last week on land in which an interest is held by a number of Alliance people.

Mrs. E. E. Garrison was in Alliance Saturday to join her daughter, Edna, who was coming from Hemingford. They left Saturday night for a visit with relatives in Muscatine.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lynath, 604 Sweetwater, Monday noon, a baby girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Schouler, Gates ranch, July 12, a baby girl.

COUNCIL SESSION MAY BE LIVELY

Number of Interesting Matters to Come Up At Regular Meeting Tonight

A lively session of the city council is predicted for this evening, when half a dozen delegations will probably be on hand to present as many petitions. It is the regular July session of the board and will be a busy one, whether any of the expected visitors show up or not. It used to be that the only thing to look forward to at a council session was a representative of the Nebraska Telephone company making a plea for a franchise, but times have changed. There are plenty of others now who are seeking favors or who have crow's to pick.

The chief excitement this evening is expected to happen in connection with the parking spaces in the upper Box Butte district. Mayor Rodgers announced last week that the upkeep of these ornamental centers would be charged to owners of abutting property, and before the ink was dry on the paper a crowd of interested citizens had charged on the mayor's place of business, asking "How come?"

It seems there has been a tremendous misunderstanding. The residents in the districts affected had seen this ornamental parking in other cities and wanted it. They found out it could be procured by simply signing a petition, which was done without delay. The council approved it, although they didn't fancy the idea especially, but not one word was said as to how the upkeep was to be paid. Ornamental parking centers are not ornamental unless they are planted to shrubbery and flowers, and this landscape gardening comes high. If not so planted, the centers are not only lacking in beauty, but are positive eyesores. Of course, it would be possible to make a sandpile for the kids in the neighborhood to play in and with, but the center of a busy street doesn't make a good playground.

The city council, all along, has considered that the residents of the district were to pay the bill for making their street a thing of beauty. The residents, on the other hand, have believed that the city would take care of these parking centers just as they would care for public parks, the cost to fall on the entire city. Mayor Rodgers, believing that there was a misunderstanding, made the council's position perfectly plain in order that the citizens might have ample opportunity to change their minds before the paving went in.

Therefore, it is probable that a bunch of these citizens will appear before the council tonight and either present another petition or urge the councilmen to consider these ornamental centers as parks. The mayor hasn't retreated an inch from his announced position. He says that the cost of keeping up this parking will be much more than the city can stand and he also points out that if charged to the abutting property owners, the effect will doubtless be to make property in this district less desirable to prospective purchasers. On the other hand, it is possible that some scheme can be arranged whereby the property owners can pay a stated sum, the interest of which will pay for the landscape gardening in perpetuity. The council isn't fretting particularly, but those directly concerned are not resting so easily.

Several appointments will be announced to the council this evening among them being that of Attorney Earl Meyer as a member of the library board, to take the place of Judge H. H. Hewitt, resigned. Judge Hewitt has held this position for eleven successive years, and did not feel that he could longer spare the time. Attorney Meyer will be a popular choice for the place. Some police appointments will also be announced by the mayor.

Another important event scheduled for this session is water main extension. Mayor Rodgers will ask the council to approve extending water service two blocks farther on Mississippi, two additional blocks on Missouri and two blocks on Yellowstone. This can be done at slight expense and will give water service to a considerable number of families who are now dependent on the well and the old oaken bucket.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. John McCoy will close his office for an indefinite period about July 20. Persons owing him may obtain liberal terms for immediate settlement. Accounts left open after July 20 will be placed with an attorney for collection.