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## IMPORTANCE OF SPUD GRADING

State Official Says Other States Watch Nebraska to See How Law Works Out

W. C. Andreas, acting head of the state bureau of marketing and market reports, who was in Alliance for a few hours Monday morning, is enthusiastic over the formation of the potato growers exchange, the membership of which embraces most of the growers in western Nebraska and the headquarters of which will be at Alliance. Leo Stuhr, state secretary of agriculture, has taken a great interest in the formation of this exchange, and has been in attendance at most of the preliminary meetings.

Other states are watching Nebraska closely, Mr. Andreas said, to see how the potato grading law works out. In other potato states, notably Michigan, much has been done in the way of grading, but there are no state regulations on the subject, and the rules are purely voluntary. In that state, as in Nebraska, the marketing problem is handled through potato growers' associations, but there these associations adopt their own rules for grading and provide their own inspectors.

In Nebraska, potato grading is done under the provisions of state law, and the bureau of markets and marketing appoints inspectors to grade the cars. Mr. Andreas announced the reappointment of A. E. Grove of this city as potato inspector for this district, which comprises the shipping points of Yale Siding, Birdsell, Berea and Letan. Mr. Grove is one of the few inspectors whose work was deemed sufficiently good to merit reappointment, Mr. Andreas said.

All spuds shipped will be tested and graded by inspectors, under the new system. It will require some twenty-five inspectors for this part of Nebraska. These inspectors do not simply look at a carload and guess as to its condition, but samples are taken from various parts of the car and carefully tested, those which pass the tests being given a No. 1 grade. If the potatoes are undersized, or diseased, or possess one of several other defects, they are given a grade of No. 2. There is no lower grade. Other potatoes may be shipped for manufacture, but may not be sold for table use.

"It means everything to growers in this state to adhere closely to grading rules," Mr. Andreas said. "In Kearney, the growers are trying to get the No. 1 grade on all their shipments. So well have the inspectors and the growers done their work, that buyers at Kansas City and other markets will accept the grading without question, and already there is a premium of 20 cents a bushel on Kearney graded potatoes. There isn't any reason why growers in this district shouldn't get a reputation like this. When buyers can depend absolutely on the grading, and know that they are getting the quality and kind of potatoes for which they pay, it will mean a whole lot in dollars and cents to the growers."

## B. R. C. OF A. DANCE A LABOR DAY FEATURE

The Labor Day dance to be given by the B. R. C. of A. at the Roof Garden on the evening of September 6 will be one of the chief features of the Labor day festivities. The receipts are to go to the sick and accident benefit fund of the organization and unless all indications fail there'll be plenty of receipts.

Andy's jazz orchestra has been secured to furnish peppy music, and the entire town is invited to attend. It will be the last dance of the open air season at the roof garden, and the last dance before the garden is closed while the roof is being enclosed. Regular dollar admission for the men, and the ladies free. Tickets are now on sale.

They have invented a process for making wrapping paper out of garbage. We hope garbage is carried away with the idea.

And now it is proposed to levy a tax of \$5 on bachelors. An imposition on liberty and the pursuit of happiness!

Jazz dances and too jazzy music have been banished from a popular dance hall in Dayton, Ohio.

A cure for idleness has been found. The supply will never be able to equal the demand.

## ALLIANCE BRIEFS

The directors of the chamber of commerce, at their Tuesday noon lunch, decided to attempt to secure a special train of at least two cars in the Crawford fair the middle of next month. The Crawford people are lined up in fine shape for the Alliance meeting, and it is the intention to return the favor with interest.

Arrangements have been made for an officer and an army field clerk to be at the recruiting station, Alliance, Friday and Saturday, September 3 and 4 in connection with the issuance of Victory medals. Discharge certificates must be presented when application is made and that each man must make his own application. This is the Victory medal and not the Victory Button.

William Yegger, a carpenter employed at the new Golden Rule store, was badly injured when the ladder he was standing on fell. Mr. Yegger had placed a board across two rafters. The board slipped causing the ladder to fall. Mr. Yegger was on the top step and went down with it. His right eye was cut, and two stitches were required. His ankle also received a bad sprain.

## EXPERTS SAY OIL IN MULE CREEK

Geological Survey Report Is Pleasing to Alliance People Oil Syndicate

According to Robert G. Dill, oil expert of the Denver Post, in an article in that newspaper on Monday afternoon, the United States geological survey has just issued a bulletin on the Mule Creek oil field of eastern Wyoming in which the prediction is made that production of oil may be found on the western anticline of the field.

Production at the present time is confined to about 50 wells on the eastern anticline, where the oil is found in the Lakota sandstone at a depth of from 1400 to 1600 feet. Only part of these wells are being pumped—enough to keep the pipe line leading from the field ten miles north to the Burlington railroad filled to capacity. The present production from the field is estimated at 3,000 barrels daily.

The bulletin, according to Mr. Dill, says that oil will probably be found in the Lakota sandstone on the western anticline, which at the present time is being tested by wells being drilled by the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil company of Alliance and the Wyoming-Minnesota. The Alliance company is drilling on the northwest quarter of section 20 and the Wyoming-Minnesota on the northwest quarter of section 29. The Alliance company has over 2600 acres under lease and option surrounding and adjacent to their well. The other company is reported to have about 1200 acres adjacent to the well being drilled by them.

The bulletin also predicts that oil may be found on the western anticline in another sand which underlies the Lakota—the Minnelusa, at a depth of about 2100 feet. This would give two producing sands in the western portion of the field. Well-posed Wyoming geologists have predicted for a long time that the Mule Creek oil field will eventually prove to be one of the best and largest oil fields in the state.

## GOAT RECOVERING FROM DOG'S ATTACK

It seems that all established beliefs about the goat are wrong. He has a powerful smell, but there's nothing little about him. All these tales about his butting propensities are wrong. It may develop that he doesn't live on tin cans.

Wednesday evening, down in South Alliance, there were heard sounds of battle. A dog and a goat were mixing it. When they were separated, the dog had the best of the argument. The goat's jaw was badly chewed up and he was otherwise injured. There wasn't any fight left in him. You could have kicked him in the face just as easily as you would a lamb.

The owner called a regular physician, who ministered to his wounds. The jaw was stitched back on. It took three neighbors to hold the animal during the operation. The doctor left orders to paint the wounds with iodine three times a day and this will be carried out if it takes the whole town to hold the goat. Iodine is painful.

## ANALYZE WATER IN BRONCO LAKE

Will Plant More Fish Therein If Test Shows Water Not to Contain Too Much Alkali

Three prominent state officials, on a tour of western Nebraska, paid Alliance a visit Monday morning. They were Leo Stuhr, secretary of agriculture; W. C. Andreas, head of the Bureau of Marketing; and Geo. A. Koster, chief game warden.

While at Alliance the men visited Broncho Lake, where Mr. Koster assured samples of the water for analysis. Last year the state furnished a large quantity of baby fish which were planted in the lake under the supervision of F. E. Holsten, president of the Alliance Anglers club. These fish have apparently thrived for there has been no evidence of dead ones since they were placed in the lake. Mr. Koster stated while here that another large supply would be furnished this fall for planting in the lake. Among those who accompanied the party on the trip to the lake were F. A. Bald, F. E. Holsten, Roy Beckwith, Lloyd Thomas, and a representative of The Herald and The Times.

Mr. Koster and the other gentlemen visited the Big Blue and Crescent Lakes, thirty-five miles south-east of Alliance, north of Oshkosh, on their way to Alliance, and took samples of the water in those lakes. Should the waters prove to be suitable for fish it is very probable that these lakes will be stocked this fall. They should prove to be excellent fishing resorts on account of their size.

A number of lakes in different parts of the state have been stocked with baby fish, the purpose being to furnish good fishing for the public. The young stock is secured from the state hatcheries at North Bend, Benkelman or Gretna, in carload lots. It takes about two years before the fish attain sufficient size to make the fishing interesting. Broncho lake has been stocked several times, the first occasion being some seven years ago. At that time the water in the lake was strongly alkaline, and the fish did not live long after being placed in it.

Half a carload of perch, bass, bullheads and other varieties were placed in Broncho lake last fall, and if the present test shows the water to be of the quality that will let them live, other consignments will follow. The water has freshened up considerably since several wells were drilled in the lake bottom by the Carey syndicate, in search of oil. The lake has not gone dry for twenty years, at least, and has a depth ranging from six to twelve feet.

The state officials were particular to inquire as to whether owners of the land adjoining the lake showed any tendency to prohibiting fishing. Lakes are stocked only for public use. Otherwise it would be too much of a snap for the owners, who would have a private fishing pond all their own, well stocked with the choicest varieties.

## CASE DISMISSED AT COST OF PLAINTIFF

Frank Matousek, who lives some thirty-five miles northwest of Alliance, some time ago appeared in county court and requested that his neighbor, Albert Hovorka, be placed under a peace bond. At that time, Matousek alleged that Hovorka owned land between him and Alliance, and that he raised Cain whenever Matousek wanted to pass over it, using vile and violent language and otherwise behaving in an unneighborly manner. Case was set for hearing Saturday afternoon.

When the time for the trial arrived, Hovorka and a host of witnesses were on hand, but Matousek had not appeared. He had been duly notified by County Attorney Bazye of the time of the hearing. Later the phone rang, and Matousek, on the wire, explained that he had missed the train at Hemingford. By consulting his watch, Judge Tash noted that it was not yet time for the train to arrive there. This peculiar circumstance was noted. Matousek went further by telling Mr. Bazye over the phone: "And I didn't get your letter, either."

Hovorka was given opportunity to tell his side of the case. It seems that Matousek was the original offender. Once upon a time Matousek owned land over which Hovorka had to pass to get to town, and he made it so uncomfortable for Hovorka that the latter proceeded to buy a whole section of land. This put the shoe on the other foot.

## WANTS FIGURES ON CROP REPORT

State Department of Agriculture Is Anxious to Advise Box Butte County

Secretary of Agriculture Leo Stuhr, who, in company with two of his department heads passed through Alliance Monday morning, emphasized the need of securing an accurate report on the crop yield and acreage for this year, in order that the reports issued by his department about January 1 should be correct and give the county the credit which should come to it from the enormous crop yields.

According to Mr. Stuhr, several western counties, which need the advertising that complete statistics in the state's crop report would give them, have failed to turn them in. Under the law, the county assessor is charged with the collecting of this data, which should be turned in by July 10. No statistics for Box Butte county have been received, and the department sent a man to Alliance to see about getting them. In but two of the ten precincts outside of Alliance, it was found, had the precinct assessors filled out this portion of the report.

For the past two years Box Butte county has not been given a fair show on reports of crops raised, due, Mr. Stuhr says, to the fact that complete reports have been furnished his department. At one time, for an example, the total number of hogs in Box Butte county was given as two, although one ardent Box Butte county booster, was able to count eleven from the top of the court house. The county assessor has a good alibi, for his precinct assessors do not furnish him the material from which to compile reports. In the mixup, however, Box Butte county loses.

Both the chamber of commerce and the real estate men of Alliance are roused up over the matter, and committees have been appointed to see what can be done. This is an extraordinarily good crop year in this county, and the publicity that will be attained by having correct figures in the state report will be enormous. There is talk of calling the precinct assessors together to secure the missing figures. Back in the days when Rufus Jones was secretary of the chamber of commerce complaint was entered with the state department because Box Butte county's total were not complete, and the secretary of the chamber of commerce is in receipt of a letter which shows that the state officials are more anxious to see the figures come in than are some of the county officials.

## J. B. MILLER PLACED ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEE

J. B. Miller, commander of Alliance post No. 7, American Legion, was elected to membership on the state executive committee of the organization at the state convention, which held its closing session at the Clarke hotel, Hastings, last Saturday. The Alliance post chose three delegates to the convention, but Jack Miller was the only one who was able to attend the sessions. The position to which he was elected is one of the most important in the state organization, as it is the executive committee which acts for the state organization in the interim between conventions. Two members are chosen from each congressional district, the other member from the Sixth district being Fitzgerald of Kearney.

Mr. Miller is most enthusiastic concerning the way in which business was conducted at the convention. There was no partisanship, no sectarianism, no effort made by labor unionists or others to push their claims. Business was expedited in a remarkable fashion, and every delegate who took the floor had something to say and knew how to say it. Delegates would fight like everything on the floor, and make their arguments as strong as they knew how, but when it came to a vote, every matter of importance was decided by a unanimous vote.

Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff was chosen as state commander, and Mr. Miller points out that on the floor of the convention no argument was made that the western part of the state ought to have the plums once in a while. The delegates decided Simmons was the man they wanted, and they proceeded to elect him.

More pay or less work will never solve the high cost of living problem.

## ALLIANCE BALL TEAMS WIN AND LOSE GAME

Alliance broke even, so far as baseball honors are concerned, at the Sunday doubleheader, the B. R. C. of A. team winning from Edgemont by a score of 10 to 9, and the Q team dropping a game to Bayard by the tune of 8 to 6. Mullen, which was scheduled to play the B. R. C. was unable to come, and Edgemont was secured as a substitute. Following is the score:

Edgemont ..... 4 0 3 0 0 3 0—9  
B. R. C. .... 0 1 2 0 7 0 x—10  
Hits—Edgemont 16; B. R. C. 14.  
Errors—Edgemont 2; B. R. C. 4.  
The game between Bayard and the Q team was featured by long hitting. Three-base hits were made by Black and McNulty of the Q team and a home run by Maxwell of the Bayard aggregation in the ninth. The score:  
Bayard ..... 0 2 0 0 4 0 1 0 1—8  
Q Team ..... 3 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0—6  
Hits—Bayard 10; Q team 7.  
Errors—Bayard 1; Q team 2.

A refractory oil stove caused a run of the fire department to the home of F. E. Sanders, on Mississippi late Monday afternoon. The blaze was under control before the firemen arrived.

## COURT DECLINE TO FINE POWELL

Judge Tash Expresses Himself As in Sympathy With An Old Custom

George W. Powell was discharged by County Judge Tash after a hearing in county court Saturday afternoon on a complaint brought by his wife, Clara Powell, charging him with having struck her. The testimony of the wife and husband were to the same effect, the one slight difference being in regard to the force of the blow, the husband maintaining that he had simply pushed his wife away, and the wife just as stoutly insisting that he had slapped her real hard.

Mr. Powell is a day laborer, and last fall married his present wife, who has four children. The trouble developed over Mr. Powell correcting one of the children. It seems that the eldest girl had a habit of passing the butter plate without laying down her knife and fork. Her stepfather corrected her gently; the mother interposed an objection; the little girl got lippy and had her ears boxed; the mother again interposed—and—Mr. Powell said he merely pushed her away, but the wife complained that he had struck her.

Mrs. Powell was quite insistent that her husband be punished, until the court pointed out that all he could do was either fine or imprison the family breadwinner, and then she slowly relented. Judge Tash took occasion to remark that in his opinion, when a stepfather earned the money to feed children, he had a right to correct them. The judge went further, and stated that there were times when he was in sympathy with the old custom that permitted a husband to correct his wife when she needed it, and he was of the opinion that this was one of the times. He declined to fine or otherwise punish Mr. Powell, and the couple left the court room together, but not in arm.

Half an hour later they were seen to deliberately enter a Box Butte avenue ice cream parlor and it is presumed that the hatchet has been buried.

## STYLE REVUE DATES SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6

The Fashion Shop has announced that the style revue films will be shown at the Imperial Sunday and Monday, September 5 and 6. These pictures were taken at the Chicago style exhibit at the Marigold gardens, some weeks ago, and are quite an attraction. One-half a million dollars' worth of gowns will be displayed in the thousand-foot reel. It will be a big drawing card for the women during these two days.

## NOTICE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The office of the principal will be open this week for registration, Wednesday p. m. and Thursday and Friday all day. It is desired that as many as possible register during this period.

The man who plans to go fishing to forget is prone to remember happier days when bait was easier to get.

## CLUB BOOSTERS FOR GOOD ROADS

Chamber of Commerce Directors Planning Meeting and Banquet at the Roof Garden

The directors of the Alliance chamber of commerce, at their weekly luncheon and business session Tuesday noon, devoted a large share of the time to the discussion of good roads, and plans were made to boost the construction of good highways in order to connect Alliance with other towns to furnish routes to various through highways.

The principal necessity, the directors agreed, was a route to the Lincoln highway. At present there is no line of improved roads. Several of the directors related their experiences while traveling along the Lincoln highway, and all of them agreed on one point—the garage owners in cities along that road will advise motorists to steer clear of Alliance. This is probably due to the wretched condition of the roads, but possibly something else. One Alliance man had to argue with a garageman in order to get him to even tell him which route was the best to follow, the other fellow doing his best to persuade the Alliance man to go to some other town.

J. W. Guthrie, secretary of the chamber of commerce, will begin work immediately on a series of letters to community clubs and citizens in Angoria, Dalton, Sidney and Bridgeport in order to secure a concerted effort to improve the roads that will enable Alliance to connect with the Lincoln highway.

Another effort will be made to get in touch with towns along the Potash highway, in an effort to get this road built at least as far as Ravenna. From Ravenna on to Lincoln the roads are in fairly good shape. Most of this road is already approved as state projects, and will in time be completed, but the directors believe that a little encouragement by towns along the way will not tend to delay matters, and may have an expediting effect.

Among the things planned to boost the good roads movement is a good road banquet and meeting, which will be held at the Lowry & Henry roof garden as soon as the contractors have finished enclosing it. The owners have offered the use of the roof garden free for this purpose, and invitations will be issued to cities and towns along the roads mentioned to send delegates. A number of good speakers will be provided and the cause of good roads should receive a considerable impetus.

In other parts of the state, the towns are organizing for good roads. Alliance is so situated that good roads are more important to its welfare than is the case in some cities, and there is a general belief among good roads enthusiasts that it would be a profitable investment if a public road building fund were to be collected, in addition to the regular state and county funds.

## "THE DAY SHE PAID" AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Francella Billington, the pride of Dallas, Tex., and a young lady who is not at all difficult to look at, is the co-star with Charles Clay, in "The Day She Paid," at the Imperial tonight. It is a six-reel story of a clothing model who marries the man she loves, but neglects to tell him of certain events in her past life. "Oil Can Romeo," comedy, completes the bill.

Geraldine Farrar in "The World and Its Woman" is the feature of the Wednesday program. There's an extremely interesting love story, with plenty of comedy, in the story of the rise of an American girl to fame as a Russian opera singer interwoven with the tale of her love for an imperial Russian prince. Miss Farrar is supported by her husband, Lou Tellegen, styled the most romantic actor in America, and a number of men will be on hand to study his style.

Thursday comes Enid Bennett in "The False Road," a Thomas H. Ince production. Enid is cast as a girl-crook, member of a New York underworld gang. Her sweetheart, Roger Moran, upon being released from Sing Sing, announces, to her surprise, that he is going straight. He lands a job as man-of-all-work for the local banker in a New England town. Thither Miss Bennett, in the role of the heroine, journeys, in company with a confederate, to rob the bank owned by Roger's employer. Complications ensue, and it is said to make rather a gripping yarn.