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## COUNTRY CLUB FOR ALLIANCE

Golf Course Already Laid Out at Broncho Lake and Club House in Prospect

During the past three or four days, steps have been taken for organizing a country club in Alliance. The men who have taken the initiative are H. E. Gantz, Dr. James P. Maxwell and Charles Britton, but in the short time they have had the matter under consideration, dozens of others have become actively interested, and the project has advanced to the stage where it is sure to go through. The plans so far include the purchase of forty acres just north of Broncho lake, and the erection of a club house near the lake, which will be available for social festivities of all kinds. The lake is ideal for bathing, and is large enough for motor boating. There is no better location in the county.

Under the direction of William Dunn, a golf expert from New York City, a nine-hole course has been laid out, and the grounds are being put in shape. It is expected that they will be ready by the end of the week. A dozen men have already placed orders for golf equipment. Mr. Dunn is enthusiastic about the course. He says that it contains some fine natural hazards, and that with proper attention it can be made one of the best in the state.

The past few days have been devoted to the golf links, but within the next few days it is probable that a meeting of prospective members will be called, and the country club association formally organized.

Mr. Dunn is giving instruction at the Elks club gymnasium in the proper way to play the game, and he has been attended by an eager and interested crowd. He will be at the club this evening at 7:30 and Wednesday evening as well. Every man who has taken a workout under him has immediately been bitten hard by the golf bug.

## DR. DOREY SPEAKS ON NEAR EAST RELIEF

The union meeting at the M. E. church Sunday evening was well attended. Dr. S. G. Dorey, representing the Near East relief committee presented the cause of the suffering peoples in that region in a very impressive manner. He brought out that the Turk was the worst beast in the world and had become so as the direct product of his religion, Mohammedanism, which gave him the right of degradation of women and the destruction of all who did not accept the Koran. Because of these beliefs the Turk had wrought untold misery on the Christian populations. The war gave the Turk further opportunity to vent his hatred upon these peoples.

Dr. Dorey went on to explain that the British government as a government was helping in relief work. The American congress was petitioned by the national near east relief committee and by William H. Taft, Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, Colonel Haskell of the American army and others knowing the conditions, to set aside a left-over war fund to this work of relief but to no avail. Consequently the near east relief committee is again forced to make its appeal direct to the American people. The collections for the work amounted to \$118.80. Dr. Dorey is continuing the canvass in this county. It takes \$60 to keep one child alive a year, \$5 a month.

## WELL KNOWN INDIAN DIED THIS AFTERNOON

James Owl Bull, seventy-eight years of age, a well known Indian from the Pine Ridge reservation, died of heart failure shortly after noon today on the ranch of H. Koester, near Alliance. Mr. Koester had hired half a dozen of the Indians to work for him. They arrived early this morning and spent the forenoon erecting their tents. Right after dinner they started working, and James Owl Bull had been at it but a few minutes when he fell over in a faint, from which he did not regain consciousness. His son-in-law, James Hawkins, Jr., was with him and will take charge of the body. The Indian was an old scout and well known in this section of the state.

N. C. McGrath and wife are away on a two weeks' visit with relatives in southeastern Kansas. Mr. McGrath is a battery expert at the Alliance Tire Works.

## MRS. VANCE NAMED TO ATTEND CONGRESS

Governor Samuel R. McKelvie of Nebraska has notified the state department that he has appointed his official delegation to the fifteenth International Congress Against Alcoholism which met in Washington Monday and Thursday. It consists of the following: Mrs. L. Seibert, Chapman, Nebraska.

Agnes D. Roberts, Omaha, 1922 So. 51st street. Harriet Vance, Alliance. E. E. Lindley, Hastings. Lela G. Dyar, Boone. John Haskell, Wakefield. S. K. Warrick, Scottsbluff. J. H. Currie, Bradshaw. Wm. Stebbins, Gothenburg. Mrs. George Joslyn, Omaha. Dr. Jennie F. Callias, Omaha. Maurice M. Claffin, Lincoln. The congress is a scientific body, interested in the study of alcoholism as a drug disease, and is without prejudice for or against any particular method of dealing with the problem. The president of the international committee of the congress is the prime minister of Holland, Jonker Ch. Ruys de Beerenbrouck. The congress will be under the auspices of the state department.

## FIREMAN CROTTER BURNS TO DEATH

Former Alliance Resident Victim of Boiler Explosion at Scottsbluff Saturday

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb., Sept. 27.—J. L. Cropper, a fireman employed at the plant of the Intermountain Light and power company here, was burned to death at 9 o'clock Saturday night in the explosion of one of the large boilers used in the plant. The accident occurred when three of the flues of one of the boilers blew out, throwing steam, live coals and hot water through the fuel door and over the fireman, who was adding coal to the fire.

Those in the North Platte valley, including Scottsbluff, Minatare, Melbeta, and Gering, are without electric light or power as a result of the explosion.

Supt. M. D. Parks says that the company has one boiler operating in case of fire in any town. Company officials say efforts will be made to furnish power for necessities as soon as possible, but that no power for lighting purposes will be available for a week at least.

The first fire to strike Cropper, it is believed, and the pressure of the escaping steam pinned his body against the wall of the coal bin just back of the doors, holding him a victim of the steam and fire blown from the firebox. Fellow workers rushed immediately to the rescue, but before they could free Cropper, he had been burned and scalded so severely that death followed an hour later at a local hospital to which he was taken. Just what caused the blowing of the flues cannot yet be determined. Officials of the company say that throughout the day Saturday the boiler was used without any indication of trouble and under at least ordinary heavy pressure.

Mr. Cropper and his wife came here about a week ago from Alliance, Neb., and he took up work on the night shift of the local power company.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Cropper's parents from Crookston, Neb. E. G. Campbell, superintendent of the city's water, light and power plant, told a Herald reporter this morning that Mr. Cropper had been employed at the city pumping station for a few days during the past month.

## YOUTH HELD ON A BAD CHECK CHARGE

Meredith Bradley, seventeen-year-old son of Mrs. Lena Bradley, was arrested by Sheriff Miller and Deputy Miskimmon Monday afternoon and lodged in the county jail. The arrest followed a telegram from the sheriff of York county, who asked that the youth be held on a charge of uttering fraudulent checks. According to the officers, the young man was in some sort of a scrape at Lexington, Neb., a few months ago, but the affair was settled.

The York man has been notified of the arrest, and will arrive in Alliance tomorrow morning for his prisoner. Bradley says that the affair in question took place last winter.

## EXPECT BIG CROWD AT ROAD MEETING

Responses Coming in Large Numbers from Good Roads Boosters Along the Potash Highway.

A large number of responses are reported to the invitations extended for the annual meeting of the Potash Highway association, to be held in Alliance on Thursday, October 14, according to Secretary Lloyd C. Thomas.

Invitations have been extended to Governor McKelvie, state engineer George E. Johnson, Dr. George E. Condra—secretary of the state conservation and welfare survey, George F. Wolz—president of the Nebraska good roads association, and to other noted men.

Members of all county boards in counties touched by the route of the Potash Highway have been invited to attend. A delegation will be present from practically every town along the route and other enthusiasts are expected from parts of western Nebraska not touched by the highway.

The first link of the Potash highway—a distance of sixteen miles—from Alliance to Antioch, which is now under course of construction, will be viewed with interest by the delegates, as it is an example of road building through the sandhills and although somewhat of an experiment it will undoubtedly prove to be a success. The delegates will be taken over this road while at Alliance as well as over the federal aid road north of the city which was constructed during this year and which is one of the finest dirt roads in the state.

At the meeting of the directors of the chamber of commerce, held Monday evening, plans for the meeting were discussed and the following committee appointed:

Banquet—C. D. Walker, W. M. Bevington, Floyd Lucas and S. W. Thompson.

Tickets—W. R. Harper, A. G. Isaacson, Geo. D. Darling, W. L. O'Keefe, J. E. O'Connor, James Burlington and A. V. Hunt.

Publicity—L. C. Thomas, B. J. Sallows and Geo. L. Burr.

Reception and Entertainment—C. L. Kerr, L. Lowry, H. P. Coursey, Lee Sturgeon, F. A. Hively, John Wallace, R. C. Strong, J. H. Hawes, R. M. Baker and J. P. Mann.

Program—Glen Miller, J. W. Guthrie, F. A. Bald and A. T. Lunn.

## "THE TRIFLERS" AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Edith Roberts, in "The Triflers," is the attraction for the Imperial theater tonight. Miss Roberts appears as Janet Randall, a shop girl, whose obsession is to become a member of society's elite in her home city. She temporarily spurns the love of her admirer, a motorcycle cop, and ingratiates herself with a young society lion, posing as his wife in order to free the young chap from an affair with a chorus girl. In the society man's house, Janet has her lesson, and with it, disillusionment. She is more than glad to go back to her motorcycle cop.

"The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," with Jack Pickford is the Wednesday bill. Most of you will remember the John Fox Jr., story by the same name. The snobbery of the aristocratic circles in which he lived revolted "Chad." He thought of the little mountain girl to whom he said good-bye. Did he go back? Well, what would you have done?

"The Sins of St. Anthony," the sprightly tale of an innocent boob and his search for pep, starring Bryant Washburn, is scheduled for Thursday. Anthony Osgood, the central figure, is a young man who has forgotten, in his passion for the scientific laboratory and the microscope, all the requirements for popularity in the modern social whirl. His clothes are of the vintage of a decade ago. He lacks pep. His fiancée turns him down because he is too slow. This rouses Anthony at last. He starts on a mad attempt to burn up the primrose path, aided and abetted by a certain pretty dancer from a girly-girly show, and the results are as unexpected as they are amusing.

WANTED—Young man, or lady, 20 to 30, for general promoting, advertising and contest work; good salary or 50-50 proposition. Address X, care of Herald office. 87p

George Workman Monday morning disposed of a half-interest in his second-hand store to B. C. Soth, who lives one mile east of Alliance.

## AUTO RUNS INTO HERD OF CATTLE

Francis Katen Cut About Face by Flying Glass—One Cow Killed and Two Others Injured

A big Buick six automobile, driven by Paul McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCoy of this city, collided with a herd of cattle on the Antioch road, six miles out of Alliance, Thursday evening. When the dust had cleared away, one of the cows was found dead, two others were injured, and one of the occupants of the car, Francis Katen, was badly cut about the face.

The car was occupied by Paul and Francis Katen and Francis Katen, son of Mrs. Celestia Katen. They were returning from Antioch, and the road was good and they were in somewhat of a hurry, although they were not making any excessive speed. Ahead of them in the distance loomed up two men on horseback and a cloud of dust, kicked up by the cattle, which obscured their view. The men on horseback turned out to give them the road, but they did not see the cattle, and the cattle did not see them in time. The cattle were owned by Eugene Thompson.

When the driver saw what he was up against, he reached for the emergency brake, but the laprobe got in the way and the automobile had struck the herd before he could make any move to slow down the car. The automobile was badly damaged, the two front wheels being shattered, the radiator and windshield smashed. The damages to the car were estimated at \$400.

Young Katen was taken to the office of a physician, where five stitches were required to close one gash in his face, and seven stitches for another.

## VALLEY FEEDERS DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Feeding conditions were discussed minutely Friday evening at a meeting of the North Platte Valley Live Stock Association at the Scottsbluff Chamber of Commerce. There is much interest being taken in the feeding proposition at present due to the large amount of feed available and to the uncertainty of the selling market, while the buying market is high at present.

Good steers are now costing from 10 to 12 cents. Good feeding lambs cost now between 12 and 13 cents. There must be a considerable advance during the selling season to make a profit and at present the prospect looks doubtful.

The wool market is "shot to pieces" at present, and last year the high price of wool pulled the feeders out of a tight place. The price last season was 65 cents. This made the finished lamb sell at from 19 to 20 cents. The cost last year was approximately 14 cents. Pelts last year brought from \$3 to \$4.

Feeder steers last year brought from 9 to 11 1/2 cents in the yards. The finished steer in many instances sold for from 12 to 12 1/3 cents, causing a great loss to the feeders. Many farmers would be willing to feed this year if they could be reasonably assured they would break even as they want the fertilizer to keep the crops in the valley at a heavy yield. During the evening's discussion, one farmer stated that he would be willing to feed at a loss of \$1,000 this year in order to get the fertilizer on his place.

## SCOUT EXHIBIT AT ELKS CLUB NEXT WEEK

Members of the Alliance troops of Boy scouts will present an exhibit of the work they are doing at the Elks club a week from Wednesday evening. The exhibit is the first move in a campaign to organize a number of troops in Alliance, and the public has been invited to the exhibition.

The local council for the scouts, composed of a dozen Alliance business men, organized last evening at the office of Dr. C. E. Slagle. Dr. Slagle was chosen as president; G. L. Griggs as vice president; Dean J. Dixon as secretary and A. V. Gavin as treasurer. The court of honor committee consists of Professor W. R. Pate, Dean J. J. Dixon and Mose Wright. J. B. Miller has been chosen as scout commissioner, and will have direct supervision of all troops that are organized or may be formed in this city.

C. M. Brockway, of Hoffland was in Alliance Saturday on business.

## WANT THE CARNIVAL IN BUSINESS CENTER

At the meeting of the chamber of commerce directors Monday evening, a number of business men present urged that the carnival, which is to be held in Alliance the week beginning October 4, be permitted to operate in the downtown business section. These merchants argued that if there is any drawing of trade through a carnival, it is better to have the crowds downtown where they can spend a portion of their money with the home merchants. It is probable that a petition to the city council will be prepared, requesting the necessary permission.

Another point in favor of the downtown location is that the city lighting plant has no transformer that can be spared, and one is necessary if there is to be sufficient power at the fair grounds to furnish light for the carnival.

Willis Beck, rancher living forty miles southeast of Alliance, suffered a stroke of paralysis in the lobby of the Alliance hotel Monday morning and was removed to St. Joseph's hospital. Mr. Beck purchased the M. C. Hubbell ranch five or six years ago.

## TO DRILL FOR OIL CLOSE TO ALLIANCE

Thomas Morrissey of Denver has Been in Alliance Three Weeks Securing Leases on Box Butte Lands.

Thomas Morrissey of Denver, who first came to Alliance in 1917 and traveled for four months in Alliance territory acquiring potash leases, has been in the city for the past three weeks trying to acquire leases on a large tract of land surrounding Alliance for the purpose of putting down a deep test well for oil.

Mr. Morrissey states that if successful in acquiring the leases he will probably be drilling by July 1, 1921, as it would be foolish to endeavor to drill in winter weather. Many of the wells drilling in Wyoming are shut down during the winter time due to the difficulties of operating in cold weather.

Several geologists have been in Alliance recently with Mr. Morrissey to look over the territory surrounding Alliance and have given him encouragement.

In Wyoming and Montana some of the best oil wells are brought in with the oil deposits in the Dakota and Lakota sandstones, the latter being the most productive, and being located usually about one hundred feet lower than the former. The government geologist reports show that the Dakota sandstone will be reached at a depth of about 2800 feet in the vicinity of Alliance. This would not be too deep for drilling.

According to Mr. Morrissey, he will surrender all leases secured if drilling is not started before July 1. His leases provide that the test well must be drilled within six miles of Alliance. Should oil not be secured in paying quantities in the Dakota sandstone it is very probable that artesian water would be found in this formation, which would be of immense value for irrigation purposes.

## HELD ON CHARGE OF LOOTING CAR

Ben Isham, Burlington fireman, following arraignment before United State Court commissioner L. A. Berry at Alliance Monday afternoon, was released under \$500 bonds and the time for his preliminary hearing set for next Saturday. Isham and Engineer G. C. Ruth were arrested by Special Agent Todd, Chief of Police Reed, and Cops Taylor and Ray Trabert about 9:30 p. m. Sunday.

Special Agent Todd was watching in the Burlington yards. He saw a crew setting out a bad order car from No. 109 on the rip track. The door of the car was open, and Mr. Todd took note of the contents. This string of cars was then pulled out on the east lead, past the post house. Mr. Todd at this juncture sought the assistance of the city's police.

When the cars were switched back, Todd noticed that some stuff had been taken out of the open car. He questioned Isham and Ruth, and the two of them were placed under arrest. Ruth was later released.

Todd and the other officers then made a search for the missing stuff. Five sacks of sugar and six blankets were found concealed near the post house. Isham, the officers say, was seen to enter the car.

## EXPLAINS PLAN OF SELLING POTATOES

Representative of North American Fruit Exchange Tells of Sales Organization.

George E. Walker, sales manager at Alliance, of the North American fruit exchange, arrived in Alliance Monday from Kearney, and will remain here during the potato shipping season. He is now working in conjunction with C. O. Sawyer, manager of the Nebraska potato growers co-operative exchange, preparing to handle the big spud crop from this district. Another representative will be on the ground as soon as the shipping gets under way.

The North American exchange, Mr. Walker explains, does not own a single dollar's worth of crops of any kind, although it has some 115 district sales offices, situated in all important buying centers and covering all small towns in each district. The North American handles every conceivable kind of a crop for which there is a market, acting for local associations in securing buyers. The sales manager wires direct to each exchange branch, quoting and describing the cars he has to offer. The various branches then canvass the carlot buyers in their respective towns, get orders or offers for the cars and wire them back to the association sales manager at shipping point. Market quotations are supplied also. The branch makes sales subject to the confirmation of the association sales manager and follows instructions as to terms, etc.

Market information is unbiased because the exchange is equally interested in all markets, and has no incentive to over-quote or seek supplies for any one market in preference to another. If the local market in any branch will justify, the salesman will sell at prices higher than the association has quoted otherwise this is a frequent occurrence in the exchange service and the grower gets the extra. The shipper thus has the entire demand of the country at his fingers' tips—just as a musician sits at a piano with every string of the instrument centered in the keyboard.

Mr. Walker emphasizes the importance of correct grading, as well as the efficiency of his sales organization. The grower of fruits or vegetables, instead of being a supplicant for "a share of the consumers' dollar" must realize that, as a manufacturer, he can set the price on his product and get it. Of course, like all successful manufacturers, he must start right by producing what the public wants—and the grade pack must be standardized. This is the only sure foundation. How quickly a manufacturer of automobiles or breakfast foods would "go broke" if he did not stick to a standard that creates confidence and "repeat orders." The "glutted market"—like the codling moth—can be overcome if the grower will use the necessary science and effort. Less of the grower's dollar need be spent for marketing and distribution if the right methods and organization are used. Higher prices will be obtained for the crops at a lower rate for the service.

## BARREL OF GASOLINE STOLEN FROM COUNTY

Box Butte county is minus one barrel of gasoline, as well as some ten gallons of lubricating oil, due to the activities of some miscreants who came in a Ford automobile, or truck, Sunday night, loaded containers and all on their car and made a neat getaway. The theft took place at the county's grading camp, located for the present near the Lanam place, six miles southwest of Alliance, last Sunday night.

John Polling, in charge of the camp, says that no one was on guard Sunday afternoon or evening. The gasoline barrel and the lubricating oil were stowed away in the road wagon. The road shows plainly where an automobile backed up. The tracks are pretty much like all Ford trucks, although Mr. Polling thinks there are a few peculiarities about this particular track which, added to certain suspicious he entertains, may enable him to trail the thief.

During the past few months, from time to time, gasoline and lubricating oil have disappeared from the camp, but usually in small quantities. This time the thieves killed the goose that laid the golden eggs by taking the tank, as well as the gas. If the members of the road gang meet up with him, there is apt to be trouble, and they are confident that they'll do that very thing.