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LUCK FOR MORE ALLIANCE MEN

Feagins-Boyd Syndicate Brings in Gusher in the Osage, Wyo., Oil Field.

Alliance and Nebraska have fallen heir to another syndicate of budding oil millionaires through the bringing in of a gusher Tuesday in the Osage, Wyoming, oil field on the northwest-quarter of section twenty-five, township forty-six, range sixty-four, two miles southwest of the original gusher which was brought in on March 14 by the Alliance syndicate composed of eight Alliance and one Newcastle man, according to an article in the State Journal credited to L. C. Thomas of this city.

The gusher which came in Tuesday was started on August 11 and reached the top of the well at a depth of 1510 on Sunday. It was held until tanks and pipe lines could be secured. When released it shot oil eighty feet above the top of the derrick.

The syndicate which brought in this well was organized by Chase Feagins and E. H. Boyd of Alliance and is known as the Feagins-Boyd syndicate. In August they purchased one hundred and twenty acres from J. O. Walker and associates of Alliance at a price reported to be eighty-five thousand dollars and a royalty of twenty-five per cent.

Among those who are interested in the new well and who stand to profit largely thereby are a number of well-known Nebraska stockmen and South Omaha commission men. The syndicate includes James Feagins and his two sons—Chase and Fred, Dr. J. P. Maxfield, Dr. C. E. Stagle, Earl Mallery, E. H. Boyd, and Hugh Beal of Alliance; Gould Dietz of Omaha; Charles VanAlstyne and Bavinger, the latter with Cox-Jones of South Omaha, E. P. Myers and Ed Brass of Grand Island; John Bachelor of Valentine; Herman Peters of Hay Springs; C. E. Wiltsey of Hemingford; Frank Deconley of Scottsbluff; Ed Ross, Gordon; Joe Mitior, Hyannis; Jay Taylor, Whitman; and Elias Richards of Des Moines, Iowa.

The syndicate expects to continue drilling their tract until a well has been drilled on each five acres. This would give them twenty-four wells on this tract. The present production of the new well is estimated at one hundred barrels per day. Most of the Osage oil is being purchased by the Omaha Refining company at a price of approximately three dollars and forty cents per barrel.

Rushville is at the present time in the throes of an oil boom. Local parties, headed by Herman Lund, formerly of Alliance, have secured a Standard oil drilling rig and it is now being erected twenty miles directly north of that city, on the Nebraska-Dakota state line. Lund and his associates do not believe that they have a large structure but they are confident that they will strike oil in the Lakota sandstone at a depth of not over 1,000 feet.

The test well being drilled by the Bassett Oil & Gas company near Bassett, Rock county, is progressing nicely. The ten-inch casing has been set at a depth of 1,100 feet. In the first hole drilled, which was abandoned, the ten-inch casing was set at a depth of about 600 feet. The eight-inch casing is being set this week at a depth of 1,600 feet and will ease off a heavy flow of artesian water. The drillers expect to reach the oil sands with six and five-inch casing. Because of the inordinate curiosity of visitors at this well, it has been shut in by a high board fence and a pass is required to visit the rig.

It is reported in Alliance that arrangements are being made to install a Standard drilling rig in the Agate field, in central Sioux county, about thirty-five miles northwest of the city, on a structure worked out by Dr. Schram of the state university a couple of years ago. This structure is reported to be a large one, approximately eight by ten miles. It is not far from the Mule Creek, Lance Creek and Cottonwood fields of eastern Wyoming. A Denver newspaper reports that the Associated Oil company of Wyoming has erected a Standard rig near the Agate fossil beds and will start drilling soon with a large hole and on a scale which will permit drilling a hole as deep as any in Wyoming. This report states that a camp has been established and several carloads of material hauled to the ground in advance for a drilling campaign through the winter.

The land owners of Box Butte county express themselves generally as being strongly in favor of leasing to and assisting anyone who desires

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ALLIANCE, Neb., Oct. 1.—Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair today and Saturday, with rising temperature.

to secure leases with the bona fide idea of drilling a test well. However, they are "wise" to the many promoters who come in and with glib tongue and silvery promises secure a lease which will be placed on record against the land. The promoter then hires himself away to the east and after dividing the lease into five or ten-acre parcels catches the unwary and sells the parcels at a price of from ten to fifty or one hundred dollars per acre. This kind of promoter finds the cold shoulder turned often in his direction and is wasting time in this territory. The promoter who gets the encouragement is the one who can show that he has the backing of competent people in a financial and legal way.

F. A. May, commercial superintendent of the Nebraska Telephone company; L. B. Wilson, general commercial superintendent of the northwestern group of Bell telephone companies, and E. M. Morsman, general counsel for the Nebraska Telephone company, were in Alliance Tuesday on an inspection trip which will include Bell exchanges in northwestern Nebraska and southwestern South Dakota.

ENGINEER GIVEN \$22,000 DAMAGES

Supreme Court Affirms Judgment in Favor of Daniel Fitzpatrick, Cutting Down Amount.

The state supreme court has affirmed a judgment for \$28,000 against the Burlington railroad company in favor of Daniel Fitzpatrick, an engineer, providing the plaintiff consents to cutting it down to \$22,000, according to a dispatch from Lincoln. Even at the reduced figure, this is one of the largest personal injury damage verdicts in the history of Nebraska courts.

Fitzpatrick was injured September 10, 1918, when he jumped from Burlington passenger train No. 43, west-bound, just before it crashed into a work train on the main line six miles east of Alliance. A jury in the lower court gave a verdict for \$38,800, but the lower court reduced this to \$25,800, and the higher court now clips off \$6,800 more on the ground that the judgment is excessive for a man forty-nine years of age, under the facts. The suit was filed under the federal employer's liability act. Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, was made defendant.

The wreck was caused by the failure of the crew of the work train to take into consideration the fact that the time changed at Alliance. The work train had been out on the high line, west of Alliance, where it was 11 o'clock. East of Alliance, it was 12 o'clock. The crew thought they could get in another hour's work before No. 43 arrived, but that train crashed into the engine tender before they discovered their mistake. Thirteen people lost their lives in the wreck.

A NEW PIPE ORGAN FOR IMPERIAL THEATER

Harry A. Dubuque, owner and manager of the Imperial theater, has decided to purchase a larger and finer organ than he had at first anticipated and accordingly has placed an order and closed a contract for a Robert-Morton pipe organ, made by the American Photo Play company. This contract was made through the Mann Music & Art company, local representatives of the above firm.

Mr. Dubuque is continuing his policy of giving his patrons the best of everything in his line and in adding this great feature, the Imperial becomes one of the finest and best equipped theaters in this part of the county.

Upon the foundation of the full natural organ tones, the Robert-Morton is elaborated with brilliant string and reed effects, producing an instrument of the wonderful variety and power of a symphony orchestra. One especially fine feature of this particular organ is the installation of the harp celeste to the string effects.

The Imperial is particularly fortunate in having a musician with the ability to handle the organ and play the pictures as does Mr. Keach, the present organist, and with the arrival of the new organ Mr. Dubuque will have the best music obtainable. The company plan to have the organ installed for the holidays.

URGE SERVICE MEN TO KEEP INSURANCE

New Limit Eighteen Months From Discharge or Lapse, Without Medical Examination.

Grover C. Davis, Nebraska representative of the federal bureau of war risk insurance, with headquarters at Lincoln, Neb., was in Alliance Thursday. He had intended to address a special meeting of the members of Alliance Post No. 7, American Legion, but was forced to give up the idea, it being impossible to get enough of the members together on short notice to make such a meeting profitable.

Mr. Davis spent the day in talking to various members of the legion in regard to their insurance. A war risk insurance officer is being appointed by each of the legion posts throughout the country, and the bureau is conducting its reinstatement campaign largely through the legion. Mr. Davis made the following statement in regard to the government insurance for ex-service men, emphasizing in particular the fact that, under a new ruling, men whose insurance has lapsed will be given especially favorable opportunities to reinstatement:

"Ex-service men in Alliance and surrounding territory should be interested in the activities of the bureau of war risk insurance at Washington, this department of the federal government dealing as it does with more phases of the after-war problems of the ex-soldier than any other. A great deal of inaccurate information has been disseminated through ignorance and other causes as to just what the bureau is, what it can do, and what it has done for the ex-service men of the country.

"Under the provisions of the war risk act, the problem of insuring the lives and usefulness of our armed forces was successfully handled, so that over 94 per cent of the entire army was protected, and since the signing of the armistice the insurance business of the government has continued to be the greatest in the world, numbering over twice as much in volume as the largest private insurance company in the United States.

"Under the provisions of treasury decision No. 61, made effective July 1, 1920, practically every ex-service man in the country is made eligible for reinstatement without medical examination, as the limit is extended to eighteen months from date of discharge or lapse of policy, whichever is the later date. After this period, and until July 1, 1921, he may reinstatement with medical examination; but the obvious disadvantage of his prolonging his reinstatement is the possibility of his health changing so that he would be unable to pass a medical examination.

"United States government insurance is for ex-service men and women, and is sold to them by their government cheaper than any private company can sell it, for the simple reason that congress through an appropriation is carrying the expenses of operation and administration and the policyholders are paying only for the losses through death and total disability. If any agent tells an ex-service man that his company will write insurance as good and cheaper than the government, the bureau of war risk insurance would like to have that agent's name and address at once. The heads of the largest insurance companies of the world helped form the principles of war risk insurance and all endorse it unhesitatingly to the ex-soldier as a valuable consideration from their government.

"Any matters affecting claims for compensation for disabilities resulting from service, travel or other pay due, allotments and allowances, etc., should be taken up with the local Red Cross, home service bureau or the American Legion war risk officer. Reinstatement applications for government insurance can also be obtained from these sources. If you know of an ex-service man needing medical treatment or hospital care, due to his military service, get in touch with one of these parties."

The paving men have made marvelous progress during the month just ended and the men in charge are fairly jubilant. The present hope is that they will be able to finish up this year, although that is perhaps hoping for too much. Cement will be poured next Monday for the holes in the paving which were intended for parking centers, but which the residents decided to dispense with as soon as they discovered that they would have to be responsible for their upkeep.

INTEREST GROWING IN COUNTRY CLUB

Golf Links Will Be Completed Ready for Play Within Next Few Days.

The announcement the first of the week that a country club is in prospect for Alliance has aroused a great deal of favorable comment, and the men who have taken the initiative in the organizing, H. E. Gantz, Dr. J. P. Maxfield and Charles Brittan, have received ample assurances of support for the project. A meeting is planned for the first of next week, at which time the organization will be perfected.

It is probable that nothing will be done toward building a club house until next year, but the golf enthusiasts, who are daily growing in number, will see to it that the links are put in playing condition as soon as possible. Every day amateur golfers are swatting the little white ball on the grounds, which are a good way from finished. Several sets of clubs have arrived, and two or three Alliance merchants are laying in complete supplies for the fascinating game. It may be several months before any regulation golf costumes are worn, but they will come in time.

The new golf enthusiasts include not only a number of men, but several women have signified a desire to learn the game. A force of men has been employed since Monday in leveling off the greens, and Saturday and Sunday several volunteer workers will give their services. It will be another week before the links are in proper condition for playing.

Alliance has been very fortunate in having the assistance of Willie Dunn in laying out the course. Mr. Dunn has given personal supervision to the work and is enthusiastic over the way the course is shaping up. He will probably leave the city this afternoon, the work having gone far enough so that he can be spared.

"The new Alliance golf course," said Mr. Dunn, "will be one of the most sporting and picturesque courses in the west. The nature of the ground is similar to the famous championship courses of Long Island, N. Y., with a variety of putting greens on beautiful rolling hills and hollows, with natural sand hazards, the whole being a special feature. The club house will be located on a hill near the lake and a view of the golf course and every hole seen from there."

Mr. Dunn is now well along in years, but cannot lose the golfing instinct and insists on remaining closely connected with the game. Incidentally he still plays a good game of golf and contends that he can hold his own with the general run of players. The Scotchman has traveled far and wide, covering Great Britain, the continent of Europe, America and Canada and his memoirs would fill a good sized volume, but four incidents stand out paramount in his life.

The first was the time when he defeated Willie Park, a member of the Park family which with the Morrises of which the famous Tom Morrises was the first, waged a perennial battle for the golfing honors of Scotland and England. The second was the incident which Dunn classes as the biggest. One summer in the late eighties the Right Honorable A. J. Balfour and his father were visiting at a famous English resort where Dunn was an instructor. After rather strenuous persuasion Balfour, the younger, took up the game and soon became fascinated with it. The third bright chapter in Dunn's life was in 1894 when he became the first open champion of the United States. The fourth bright spot was when he convinced John D. Rockefeller, who was advertising the world over for a new stomach, that he could easily withstand the grind of golf. Dunn concludes his experience with the rich man in the world with this remark, "I made Rockefeller a well man, but I didn't get the million he offered for a new stomach."

Deputy Sheriff Peterson of York arrived in Alliance Wednesday morning and took back with him Meredith Bradley, son of Mrs. Lena Bradley of this city, who is wanted in that city to answer a charge of obtaining shoes and clothing under false pretenses. Young Bradley is charged with giving a York merchant a check for some \$13 when he had no funds in the bank with which to pay it. Other checks amounting to over \$100 are in the possession of the York county attorney, the deputy sheriff stated. An attempt was made to settle the case, but the York officer declared that his instructions would not permit of this. Bradley is twenty-one years of age.

SOMEONE GIVING BOOZE TO INDIANS

Some white man is due for an awful rimming by the courts if he is captured. Some of the noble red men who are now camped near the city have been securing limited quantities of home brew or straight booze, and if the dealer is located, he'll go away for a long, long time. Bootlegging isn't a pretty offense even when the stuff is sold to white men, but the federal government has provided a penitentiary term for the man who disposes of it to Indians. One of these Indians got liquored up the other night and remarked, among other things, that he'd like to shoot Chief Reed. He changed his mind.

KILLING FROSTS—TIME FOR HEAVIES

It's getting about that time to begin looking up the winter woollens and begin making friends with the coal man. Two nights this week, at least, there have been killing frosts, and winter is not so very far away, according to indications. When, in the early morning hours, the temperature hovers around the zero mark, it's well to take due note. The corn is far enough along now so that frost will do no damage and freezing mark, it's well to take due note.

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TRI-STATE AFTER OIL LEASES HERE

Kansas City Concern Announces Its Intention to Drill in Box Butte County

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C. O. Davenport of Kansas City, president of the company, who has been in Alliance the past two days, is an experienced oil man, having twenty-two years' work in that line to his credit. For nearly five years he was with the Union Oil company of California, and for seven years with the Pierce company of New York city. At present the company has producing wells in Allen county, Kansas, a shallow field. Lee Gilbert of Nebraska City is the company's Alliance representative. Mr. Davenport will return to Kansas City tonight.

Mr. Davenport says that they have the opinion of expert geologists that the Box Butte county land they are leasing has a good structure, and that oil should be struck at a depth of about 2,500 feet.

EVERY COUNCILMAN WAS IN HIS SEAT

For the first time in months and months, there was no trouble in getting a quorum for a city council meeting. Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, every single councilman was in his seat, and simply rarin' to go. Not a single seat was empty. Mayor Rodgers would have had heart failure—but he wasn't there to see it. After all the mayor's cutting remarks in the newspapers, some of which must have wounded the feelings of some of the members, he wasn't there to see not only a quorum, but the full council.

However, it wasn't entirely the mayor's fault. Wednesday he had asked City Clerk Kennedy to get out the members for a meeting "tomorrow" night. What he should have said was "day after tomorrow." The meeting should have been scheduled for this evening, when the contract is due to be let for the four paving districts made out of the parking spaces. The council got hold of him on the phone and the mayor made the best explanation he could. It was the least he could do.

Tonight another trial will be made. It doesn't seem possible to get the entire council out two nights in succession, but the mayor is hoping for at least a quorum. The paving gang is ready to tackle the pouring of cement in the parking center holes next Monday morning, provided the contract is let.

COUNTY CENSUS FIGURES GIVEN

Gain of 271 Shown for Last Ten Years—Recount in City Will Bring Up Total

A preliminary announcement of the population of Box Butte county, which reached Alliance today, gives a total of 6,407, an increase of 271 over the figure ten years ago, 6,131, and a gain of 832 over the figure twenty years ago. The chief gain is in the village of Hemingford, the population of which has increased from 625 to 1,105. The present figures show that Alliance has grown from 3,105 to 4,591, but the recount taken by the chamber of commerce shortly after the announcement of this city's census shows that the proper figure for Alliance is well over 5,000. The census department has promised to recheck the lists and if they believe the effort justified, to make a recount.

Following are the figures by precincts: Fourteenth census—Preliminary announcement of population, subject to correction, for Box Butte county, Neb.:

	1920	1910	1900
Alliance prec.			
(Alliance city)	4,591	3,105	2,535
Box Butte	481	361	384
Boyd	288	268	165
Dorsey, includes			
Hemingford ..	1,105	625	498
Lake prec.	530	339	774
Lawn prec.	312	300	254
Liberty prec.	180	170	130
Nonpareil prec. .	350	243	230
Running Water ..	176	76	145
Snake Creek	72	122	111
Wright prec.	352	322	346
Totals	6,407	6,131	5,572
	1920	1910	1900
Alliance city ..	4,591	3,105	2,535
Hemingford	708	272	133

CHIEF REED FINDS STOLEN FORD CAR

While the sheriff's office was busily telephoning over the country in an effort to locate a Ford automobile of the vintage of 1914 Thursday afternoon, the Ford in question was parked in front of the city's police station, awaiting someone to claim it. The chief, on coming to his office early in the morning, saw the Ford near the Newberry warehouse on First street. At noon it was still there, and shortly after noon the chief and Officer Taylor managed to start it and brought it to the police station.

Early Thursday morning Lester Holcomb, living four or five miles north of Alliance, swore out a warrant for the arrest of Gene Leque, charging him with taking, at will and driving away one Ford automobile, of a value of \$200. Leque was employed by Holcomb, and two or three days previous, Holcomb had lent him the Ford for a short trip. Leque never returned, and rumor had it that he was headed for the oil fields in Wyoming.

The car in question is pretty much out at the elbows. It is an old-timer, and is minus windshield and other ornamental parts. The seat has disappeared, and in its place is one taken from a spring wagon. Mr. Holcomb had stripped it down to the chassis, intending to rebuild it for racing purposes.

Chief Reed is much taken by the appearance of the boat, and is intending to suggest to Mayor Rodgers and the members of the council that they purchase it as a memento to assist in catching speeders.

Judge W. H. Westover will hold a special equity term of district court in Alliance next Monday and Tuesday. Among the other cases of interest which will come up will be that of Lemuel M. Clay et al vs. the Nebraska Potash Products company. The next regular term will be held December 6.

A. J. LeSage, in the employ of the Alliance Tire Works, took the checkered service car out for an airing Wednesday afternoon and right in the heart of the city's downtown district, on Box Butte avenue, ran afoul of Night Watch Ray Trabert, who placed him under arrest on a charge of speeding. Police Judge T. D. Roberts assessed a fine of \$25 and costs, a total of \$30, which was probably less than a dollar a mile. The fine was paid.

Lost—Jeweled Eastern Star pin. Phone Red 146. 616 Toluca. Liberal reward.