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ALLIANCE CENSUS TO BE RECHECKED

Permission Given for Recount According to a Washington Dispatch

According to E. C. Snyder, Washington correspondent of the Omaha Bee, the director of the census has given permission for a recount of the Alliance census. When the figures were first given out, Alliance was credited with 4,591. The chamber of commerce immediately took steps to have another enumeration made, and when the unofficial count showed about six hundred additional population, an effort was made to have the unofficial count recognized.

The procedure laid down by the bureau is a rather difficult one. They compared the two lists, with the understanding that if the extra names were in addition to those given on the original list, a recount would be made. If, however, a comparison of the two lists did not show approximately the same names, a recount was to be denied. The Washington dispatch is an indication that the comparison has been made and that the result was satisfactory to the census officials.

The next step will probably be to send an enumerator down to Alliance to look up those whose names were not on the first census reports. All who can be found, if they lived here January 1, will be credited to Alliance. It is unlikely that all of them are still in the city, but Alliance stands to gain enough in population to put us officially in the 5,000 class.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—* The preliminary announcement of the population of Alliance, Neb., of 4,591, has created a panic in that thriving city in Box Butte county, and the chamber of commerce, thru Judge Kinkaid, has shown gross inaccuracy in the enumeration. So strong have these representations been from the leading business men of Alliance that the director of the census has given permission to the chamber of commerce to recount the people in the city which will be checked up with the supervisor's report on the Sixth district.

Judge Kinkaid, in a letter to the director of the census, showed the importance of a recount in Alliance, its position in city classification depending on a re-enumeration and its ability to issue bonds for municipal improvements hanging on the place it will receive under state law.

"The census of Box Butte county is an error, the total being 8,407, is given as 6,407." (This latter figure is an error, the total being 8,407.)

The total population of Box Butte county, as shown by the last census, is 8,407, instead of 6,407 the figures given last week. The figures arrived on a sheet of mimeograph paper, and the error was evidently due to the typist striking the wrong key. This makes the gain for the ten years in Box Butte county 2,371, and if the Alliance recount is ever put through, the number will be correspondingly increased.

RURAL ROUTE PATRONS MUST HAVE BOXES

Word has been received by local postoffice that the rural mail route will start as scheduled, on October 16, providing that a carrier can be secured and patrons have regulation boxes erected.

The postoffice department is strict in regard to mail boxes. They must conform to the department's specifications or the patron will not be served. Mail boxes may be purchased from the local hardware stores. Patrons wishing to have boxes made may get the specifications from the postmaster and if they desire will be furnished a list of concerns who sell the authorized mail boxes.

As yet no applications have been received for carrier and the patrons of this route should try to interest someone to carry this mail so that the route will start as soon as possible.

An examination will be held for eligibles to select a regular carrier October 23 and preference is generally given by the department for regular appointment to the temporary carrier serving the route, providing his grade in examination is one of the three highest.

Patrons who will be served on this route should call at the postoffice within the next few days and furnish a list of their entire family and names of all persons who will receive mail with them.

The salary for carrier for three days' service a week is \$1,170 a year.

THE WEATHER.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Oct. 5.—Fair tonight and Wednesday and probably Thursday not much change in temperature.

William Gilbert of Ashland, Ill., has been spending several days in Alliance as the guest of William Rust, an old schoolmate of his in other days. Mr. Gilbert has been putting in six miles of fence on his ranch twenty-six miles northeast of Alliance and making other improvements. Like all of the people who get acquainted with this Indian summer climate, he is enthusiastic; and the prospects for good crops and higher land prices doesn't dampen his spirits in the least. He returned Sunday to Illinois.

CAR RUNS OVER ELLSWORTH MAN

Harley Lancaster Succeeded in Starting His Auto, But Fell Underneath Wheels

Harley Lancaster of Ellsworth sustained two broken ribs and bad cuts about the head last Friday afternoon, when his automobile ran over him. The car had stopped, and Lancaster was trying to start it by running alongside and pushing, intending to jump in when the engine started. He was pushing on the front fender, when the engine suddenly started. He made a jump for the running board, but missed it and fell headlong in front of the car. He was taken to the office of Dr. C. E. Hershman, where first aid was administered, after which he was removed to St. Joseph's hospital.

Fireman Injured

H. A. Huntley, Burlington fireman, was seriously injured last Friday, when cars from a freight train ran wild and struck him. Huntley was standing on the front of an engine attached to a work train, and did not see that a freight train ahead on the same track had broken in two and several of the cars were rolling backward. Huntley was struck by one of these cars, sustaining bad bruises around the head and shoulders. Dr. C. E. Hershman took care of the injured man.

FREE SCHOLARSHIP FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

William M. Henderson of New York city, representing the extension division of the United Y. M. C. A. schools, was in Alliance Monday, offering an exceptional opportunity to ex-service men in the way of free correspondence school instruction.

When the armistice was signed the Y. M. C. A. had remaining from the big war drive nearly three million dollars. This sum was later augmented by the sale of materials and stocks that had been salvaged, and the sum of \$3,215,236 was divided among the various states for the education of ex-service men. Nebraska's allotment was \$40,000, and from this sum \$20 ex-service men were given educational instruction along various lines. One hundred and three men were given college courses. The remainder were given correspondence instruction.

The appropriations were made strictly on a basis of population, which cut Box Butte county's allotment down to a few hundred dollars. More sales of salvaged material made it possible to allow more funds to be expended, however, and Mr. Henderson has been traveling through the west during the past few weeks, stopping in counties where there were vacancies.

Mr. Henderson says that in all of his work, he has found few places where the ex-service men were so enthusiastic over the correspondence instruction as in Alliance. There were but half a dozen vacancies here, and within a short time he found service men willing and anxious to take them. Early L. Meyer, Merritt L. Chaffee, Frederick O. Hershman, Jesse E. Simpson and Lee Strong, signed up for various courses. Some of the subjects selected were auditing, typewriting and banking, accounting, the elements of memory training and electrical equipment of the automobile.

The entire appropriation for Nebraska will be exhausted, Mr. Henderson estimated, by Thursday night. He will leave today for Scottsbluff, where there are a few free scholarships still available. While in Alliance he was the guest of Rev. J. Orrin Gould, who was enabled to attend the Estes Park conference this summer through the Y. M. C. A. scholarship plan.

PHONE RATES MAY BE GIVEN BOOST

Nebraska Telephone Company Files Application For Increase With State Railway Commission.

The Nebraska Telephone company filed application with the state railway commission Friday, asking for an increase of 10 per cent on all exchange rates and to modify all rates and charges for toll service by increasing the differential between person to person and station to station calls from 25 per cent to 40 per cent and increasing all other differentials accordingly, says the State Journal.

The company's largest exchange is in Omaha, but it owns Alliance, Norfolk, Fremont, Grand Island and a number of other cities and towns largely situated in the North Platte territory. It owns none south of the Platte in the territory stretching from the Missouri river to the west line of Webster and Adams counties.

The company's petition sets up that prior to the war and for some time after it began, the rates were based on the material and labor costs that existed prior to 1915. In the fall of 1918 it applied for 25 per cent increase on all exchange rates and 25 per cent on all toll charges. The commission allowed the increase on exchange rates.

Within a few months the company submitted a new application, and on May 2, 1919, it was allowed to increase rates. This time, however, the increase was not by a specific percentage, but was through specific schedule for each exchange, which increase amounted to about 17 per cent over what had been charged prior to the war. Meantime, with the government in charge, the company put in a classified system of toll rates that yielded it only 21 per cent increase over pre-war rates, instead of the 25 per cent the commission had allowed. This is still in effect, by order of the commission.

The company says that all other public utilities have received increases over pre-war rates ranging from 25 to 100 per cent, whereas its material and labor costs are 125 per cent in excess of those of 1914, its interest rates are 80 per cent higher, its plant and labor costs 125 per cent more, its operating or traffic costs 100 per cent more, and material alone 75 to 100 per cent. It submits a showing of the first 8 months of 1920, and says that this gives it a return of less than 5 per cent on its capital and nothing on its surplus. It says that since January 1 it has increased the wages of operators and other workers, all of which is not reflected in this financial showing.

The company makes the declaration that a public utility, in order to secure money for its financing, must be able to earn 12 per cent on the property devoted to public use, because the best security now brings 8 and 10 per cent. Its present returns, it says, are insufficient to properly repair the plant and set aside enough money for depreciation, and unless prompt relief is given it cannot furnish the service it should.

The application has been set down for a hearing on November 4.

BOY SCOUT EXHIBIT AT REDDISH HALL

The Boy Scout exhibit will be held at Reddish hall Thursday evening, in place of the Elks club, as previously announced. The exhibition has been arranged to stimulate interest in the Boy Scout movement. It is planned to organize new troops in Alliance, and the following program, to which the public has been invited, is intended to give a general idea of the work of the scouts:

The program follows: Bugle, "To the Colors." Flag raising ceremony. Scout oath and law. Calisthenics. Pyramid building: Bridge, chariot, circle, new, four high kneeling.

First aid: Artificial respiration, splints on leg, litter, tourniquet, spiral reverse, head bandage, sling. Method of carry: Fireman's lift, fireman's drag.

Knot tying. Bridge building. Cooking: Beefsteak on a stick, twist on a stick, flap jacks. Dialogue: Scout knowledge. Taps by bugle.

JUDGE WRAY HERE WEDNESDAY EVENING

Judge Wray of York, non-partisan league candidate for governor of Nebraska, will speak at Reddish hall Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

LOTS OF WEALTH BOX BUTTE COUNTY

Agricultural Statistics Show a Prosperous Condition For the Farms of County

Agricultural statistics for Box Butte county, compiled by Lloyd C. Thomas, were forwarded to T. Stubr, state secretary for agriculture, last Saturday, in time for this county to be represented in the state reports. The figures show a most prosperous condition to exist, although unfortunately the figures for previous years are so incomplete that adequate comparison is impossible.

Due to the activities of Alliance real estate agents, who held a meeting at the offices of the Thomas company on Wednesday evening last, the figures were secured for this year. County Assessor J. A. Keegan was present at this meeting, and gave his co-operation. Due to the failure of some of the precinct assessors to secure a part of the necessary information, it was feared for a time that statistics from Box Butte would not be compiled. Secretary Stubr, after sending one of his deputies to Alliance, finally made a trip down here before he got hold of someone sufficiently interested to push the matter.

Following are the figures: CENSUS OF FARMS: Occupied by owners, 643. Occupied by tenants, 181. Acres in farms, 639,220. Cultivated, 176,607. Irrigated, 1,786. Improved acres, 176,607. Unimproved acres, 462,613. Improvements on land, \$307,060.00.

HORSES, April 1, 1920—Number 7,652. Valued at \$100—\$765,200.

MULES, April 1, 1920—Number, 204. Valued at \$110—\$22,440.00.

CATTLE, April 1, 1920—Number, 20,781. Valued at \$75.00—\$1,558,575.00.

HOGS, April 1, 1920—Number, 5,247. Valued at \$30—\$157,410.00.

SHEEP AND GOATS, April 1, 1920—Number 1,114. Valued at \$10.00—\$11,140.00.

POULTRY—Number of dozen, 3,271. Incubators and brooders, 57. Dogs, number, 490.

CORN—Number of acres, 50,380. Average, 25 bushels. Total number of bushels, 1,259,500. Total value, at \$1.00, \$1,259,500.00.

WINTER WHEAT—Number of acres, 7,691. Average, 16 bushels. Total number of bushels, 122,056. Total value, at \$2.00, \$244,112.00.

SPRING WHEAT—Number of acres, 40,396. Average, 20 bushels. Total number of bushels, 807,920. Total value, at \$2.00, \$1,615,840.00.

ALL WHEAT—Bushels winter, 122,056. Bushels spring, 807,920. Total bushels, 929,976. Total value, at \$2.00, \$1,859,952.00.

OATS—Number of acres, 10,526. Average, 26 bushels. Total number of bushels, 268,452. Total value, at 50¢ per bushel, \$134,226.00.

RYE—Number of acres, 9,872. Average, 22 bushels. Total number of bushels, 217,184. Total value, at \$1.50, \$325,776.00.

BARLEY—Number of acres, 2,168. Average, 24 bushels. Total value, at \$1.25, \$269,440.00.

SPELTS, MILLET, HUNGARIAN AND SORGHUM—Acres of speltz, 97. Acres of sorghum, 692. Acres of millet and Hungarian, 2,615.

ALFALFA—Number of acres, 9,356. Average, 2.5 tons. Total tons, 23,390. Total value, at \$15.00 per ton, \$350,850.00.

WILD HAY—Number of acres, 17,464. Average, 1 ton. Total tons, 17,464. Total value, at \$12.00 per ton, \$209,568.00.

TIMOTHY, CLOVER, other tame grasses and Sugar Beets—Acres of timothy, 29. Acres of clover, 24. Acres of other tame grasses, 2,281. Acres of sugar beets, 3.

POTATOES—Number of acres, 7,228. Average, 109 bushels. Total number of bushels, 787,852. Total value, at \$1.00, \$787,852.00.

FLAX, ONIONS, KAFFIR CORN and miscellaneous crops—Acres of flax, 898. Acres of onions, 21. Acres of popcorn, 19. Acres of Kaffir corn, 17. Acres of miscellaneous crops, including sod, 31,775.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY—Automobiles, 931. Gasoline and steam tractor engines, 420. Cream separators, 367. Milking machines, 7. Silos, 32.

ALBERT HOVORKA PUT UNDER A PEACE BOND

Albert Hovorka, living some thirty-five miles northwest of Alliance, was placed under \$300 bonds to keep the peace following a hearing in county court before Judge Tash Monday afternoon. This is the third time that complaint had been filed in the case, it being necessary to

change the complaint during the course of the hearing.

On August 10, Mrs. Frances Matousek, neighbor to Hovorka, filed a complaint on behalf of her husband, Frank Matousek, alleging that she feared and had cause to fear that Hovorka would assault her husband with intent to do great bodily injury. Hearing was set for August 21, but the complainant failed to appear, and the case was dismissed at the cost of the complainant. Alleging that she did not get notice of the day of the hearing, on August 22, Mrs. Matousek filed another complaint.

October 4 was set for hearing the case on the second complaint, in the absence from the city of County Attorney Basye, H. E. Gantz appeared for the complainant. Eugene Burton, representing Hovorka, as soon as the prosecution called the first witness, attacked the validity of the complaint on the ground that it was made by the wife of the aggrieved party, and quoted the law and supreme court decisions which showed clearly that only the aggrieved party, child or ward was competent to swear out a complaint. This case was dismissed by Judge Tash and the costs thereof charged to Box Butte county.

Hovorka waived service of summons, and within a short time a new complaint was filed, signed by Matousek himself. Mr. Burton then urged the point that the statute of limitations, which permits only a year to file a complaint charging assault, should apply in the taking of testimony, and Judge Tash ruled that all testimony concerning events occurring over a year ago were not admissible.

Frank Matousek, his wife and eleven-year-old daughter, Frances, testified about the same story, the chief events being those of August 10. On that day, Matousek, his wife, and older daughter were on their way to Alliance, bringing with them the five-year-old daughter, a victim of infantile paralysis, for medical treatment. They had to pass through a gate on Hovorka's land to reach the public road. Hovorka and his hired man were repairing a binder near the gate, they said, and when he saw them coming, he walked over to the gate, which was open, and closed it. They drove up to within a few feet of the gate, and Mrs. Matousek got out to open it. Hovorka began a tirade against Matousek. He walked up close to the car, shook his fist in Matousek's face, and said: "You told the neighbors I sicked the dog on your children and chased them with a gun. You're a dirty liar. If you don't keep off my place, I'll show you." He then raised his fist to strike Matousek, but Mrs. Matousek interposed her bulk between the two men and warded off the blow. Hovorka continued cursing, and Matousek drove through the gate, which his wife had opened.

The little girl testified further that she had to go to school across Hovorka's land, and that she took the same road. She said she opened the gate and had closed it when she could, but sometimes in cold weather it was impossible. She told of Hovorka coming out to meet her, seizing her by the shoulder and threatening to strike her if she did not close the gate. At another time, she said, Hovorka had fastened a white blanket on the gate to scare her horse, and that he had started to run away.

Hovorka, on the stand, denied all the allegation except that of using profane language. This he admitted, saying that he had been aggravated by the accusation that he had attacked children.

Judge Tash held that from the testimony, it was evident that Matousek was afraid of Hovorka attacking him, and that he had cause to be afraid. The judge administered a rebuke to the crowd, which was largely composed of Hovorka's friends, who made a demonstration nearly every time the evidence favored Hovorka. The judge intimated that he did not let the sentiment in the court room influence his decisions, and that he was not in favor of putting the matter to a vote of the audience.

Automobile Races Will Not Be Held

The directors of the chamber of commerce, who are sponsoring the carnival now in full blast on Third street, have decided not to hold the automobile races which had previously been announced for Saturday at the fair grounds. These races were planned at a time when it was thought that the carnival would be at the fair grounds, but with the festivities downtown, the races were no longer needed to draw the crowd, and in addition, it is doubtful whether they would prove a sufficient inducement to draw a crowd large enough to pay the expenses.

GOLF LINKS NOW READY FOR PLAY

Interested Crowd Watches Golfers Perform Sunday—Women Take Interest in the Game.

Golf is rapidly becoming popular with Alliance men, a number of whom have been bitten by the golf bug during the past two weeks. Up to two or three days ago, play was somewhat limited, as there were only a few sets of clubs in the city, but one downtown store has already got a big stock of clubs and other paraphernalia on hand and sales are getting pretty brisk.

The grounds are getting into pretty fair condition. Last week a force of men was put to work leveling the greens, and Sunday a number of ardent amateurs donated their services in putting the final touches on the links. A number of others came to work, and remained to play.

Due to the generosity of C. L. Sprague of the paving firm of Sprague & Nisely, a number of the paving workmen were loaned to the Country club over Sunday, and during the week others will be sent out. Mr. Sprague has taken considerable interest in the club, and through his efforts the links will be in condition a week or two sooner than the players had hoped. Not only has he loaned workmen, trucks, and other materials, but he has promised the use of the big steam roller for leveling the greens and smoothing the links out of the fairways. The men are talking of naming one of the holes after him as a mark of appreciation.

Sunday afternoon there were fifteen or twenty players, who were making good scores for amateurs. The first woman golfer showed up Sunday afternoon, and manager to make about as good a score as her husband, although it is not definitely known which one kept the score. A number of automobiles also put in an appearance, and in some instances the golfers had quite an admiring gallery.

The hard part of the construction is over now, and by next Sunday the grounds ought to be in fine condition. Already the youth of Alliance and nearby farms have discovered that caddying is a profitable job. With several weeks of good weather ahead, it is expected that the amateur players will attain a sufficient amount of practice so that when spring's playing opens up, it will not be long before some matches with neighboring cities are arranged.

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PHOTOPLAY BY THE "THE TIGER OF FRANCE"

"The Strongest" by Georges Clemenceau will be shown at the Imperial photo-play. It is the only photo-play of "The Tiger of France" ever made, and taken from his only novel. This is about "The Strongest" that which seldom is seen on the screen today. It is a powerful story, but all the artists who interpret it seem to get their message home without being actors. They are not starchy or theatrical, and from Renée Adoree, the attractive Parisian star imported at the request of Clemenceau specially for the screen version of "The Strongest," to the smallest part in the production, the whole feature is cleverly done.

Mabel Normand in "Pinto" is the Wednesday feature. It's a wise miss who knows how to hook a bashful lover. "Pinto" had the right idea! Fresh from the wild and woolly west she hit high society like a tornado—and—Oh, lady!—she sure jazzed things up a heap. And when she fell in love with a bashful Romeo did she coyly arch her eyebrows and wait for him to pop the question? She did not! She went after him with a wicked lookin' 45—coiled a lariat around his hard-boiled neckband—and vamped him into a proposal.

Thursday comes "Let's be Fashionable" with Douglas MacLean and Doris May. This time the pair are a couple of newlyweds who take up residence in a modest bungalow in an ultra-fashionable summer resort. Their efforts to keep abreast of society's fast whirl results in a host of laughable complications. Finally they decide that it is more important to be happy than to be fashionable. It's a screamingly funny story of country club life, and contains scenes not only in the club house but on the golf links, thus furnishing Alliance people an illustration of how it's done.

Mrs. D. E. Evans of Antioch spent Sunday with friends in Alliance.