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ALLIANCE MAN WEDS A PRETTY ENGLISH GIRL

ROMANCE BEGUN BEFORE WAR HAS HAPPY ENDING

FIRST SAW HER LAST TUESDAY

Joseph M. Holloway, Ex-Sailor and Railroader, Won Girl After Corresponding With Her for Several Years

Romance isn't dead, not by a long shot. Two people in Alliance can testify to this fact, Joseph M. Holloway, car carpenter and ex-sailor, and his bride since Tuesday afternoon, a lass who learned to love a sailor by mail. Their marriage by County Judge Tash at the court house late Tuesday afternoon was the culmination of a romance that began some years ago, when Holloway was a sailor in the United States navy. The whole story includes a number of love letters written by a Jack Tar to a girl he didn't know, the exchange of photographs and a promise to wed, followed by the girl's trip across the ocean to marry a man she hadn't seen, but whose persuasive eloquence had won her heart. And Judge Tash, who was privileged to watch the development of the romance for the past few months, says it is an ideal match.

Mr. Holloway is a typical young American, clean cut, a regular sailor, and with a sailor's winning ways. Before the war he served a hitch or so in the navy and saw the world. Much to his regret he didn't get to see service in the world war. In his last enlistment, while acting as coal passer, a sack of coal fell on him, and the blasted doctors pronounced him physically unfit.

Somewhere in his travels around the world during his navy service, he came upon an Englishman by the name of Burkett. They got along well together and became quite chummy. Burkett confided to him that he had a sister in England, named Edith. He spoke in such high terms of his sister that young Holloway decided to write to her. And the correspondence began which lasted all during the war and finally ended, two or three months ago, in a proposal of marriage by mail. The girl accepted him, and wrote and told him that she would start for America.

Miss Burkett embarked on the Mauretania, and arrived in New York city a few days ago. Upon her arrival there, she telegraphed Holloway that she would arrive in Alliance on delayed train No. 41 Tuesday. Holloway proceeded to hunt up Judge Tash, and the county judge quickly agreed to extend his official hours long enough to get the marriage ceremony over.

The couple met for the first time at the Alliance station, recognized each other from photographs, and immediately repaired to the court house, where Judge Tash explained to the bride the marriage laws of her new country. He pointed out that she could be married either by a civil or a religious ceremony, and that the Episcopal church was the American representative of the Church of England. The bride was willing to leave it to her husband-to-be, and Mr. Holloway, who had confided in Judge Tash some time ago, promptly decided. Miss Josephine Ganson and Mrs. Nellie Wilson were called in as witnesses, and the wedding proceeded.

Mr. Holloway had prepared for the coming of his bride by purchasing one of the homebuilders' houses and filling it with a lot of choice furniture, and had done his best to prepare a real American home for his English bride.

The Alliance man was exceedingly fortunate in his mail wooing. His bride is a regular English "peach," with rosy cheeks, blue eyes, nut brown hair and a charming smile. She gave her occupation as that of a "companion."

Holloway was the most excited man in this corner of the world last Tuesday when the wire came telling him that his bride would arrive in Alliance within a few hours. He reported to the judge's office immediately and wanted the license issued without delay. He refused to listen to scoffers who warned him that the girl might not measure up to his expectations or her photograph. "I'm going through with it," he said. "I've given my promise to her and I don't want the ceremony delayed a minute if she's willing." And apparently the bride had made her mind up before she started on the long trip that would take her to her new home.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Fair tonight and Saturday, preceeded by rain in extreme east portion tonight; not much change in temperature.

FIREMEN PLAN THEIR NEW YEAR'S DANCE

At a meeting of the Alliance volunteer fire department, held at their club rooms in the city hall Wednesday evening, the firemen appointed a committee consisting of Charles Hill, chairman; Ross Sampson, Penrose Romig and Edwin M. Burr to take charge of their New Year's ball.

O. C. Moore, Ray Trabert, Roy Burns and Ross Sampson, together with Fire Chief Ward Hall, were selected as delegates to the state convention, which will be held at York three days during the coming month.

ALLIANCE LOSES FOOTBALL GAME TO SCOTTSBLUFF

GETS SHORT END OF A SCORE OF 14 TO 13

Prospects for a Championship Team in 1921—Basketball Next on the Sport Program

The Alliance high school football team got the short end of a 14 to 13 score in the Thanksgiving day game played in this city yesterday, losing to Scottsbluff after four quarters of close playing in which there was every kind of football, from the old style to the spectacular. The feature of the game was an eighty-five yard run by Daily, who intercepted a forward pass by Scottsbluff and won a race for a touchdown in the second half. The main noise for Scottsbluff was Campbell, a husky halfback.

The Scottsbluff team outweighed the Alliance eleven from ten to fifteen pounds per man, and Alliance was further handicapped by the fact that two regulars were out of the lineup, Garvin at halfback and Acheson, tackle. Garvin went in during the last few minutes of play.

Neither team scored during the first quarter. Scottsbluff pushed the ball across the line for touchdown in the second, and then kicked goal, making the score for the first half 7 to 0 in favor of the visitors.

At the beginning of the second half, Scottsbluff headed for a second touchdown, when Dailey intercepted a forward pass and made Alliance's first touchdown. Beal kicked goal, tying the score. Just before the close of the third quarter Alliance advanced the ball to the fifteen-yard line on a forward pass, Joder to Fowler, and then, playing straight football, pushed the ball across for a second touchdown. Beal failed to kick goal. The score at the end of the third quarter stood 13 to 7 in favor of Alliance.

In the fourth, Scottsbluff scored a touchdown by straight football and kicked goal. At one time it took three downs to advance the ball a yard. From then on the ball swerved back and forth down the field, neither team coming within scoring distance.

An exceptionally good crowd was present at the game. The Scottsbluff fans came in a flock of automobiles, instead of by special train, as planned, and Alliance was well represented.

In the season just closed, Alliance won two games and lost five, although in no instance was the defeat by anything but a small margin, one to six points, and not a walkaway in the entire list.

Prospects are exceptionally good for a championship team next year, according to Coach F. C. Prince. Six of this year's players will be back next year. The team is fairly light, but every man is a scrapper. The season is considered a successful one, but expectations for the coming year are running high.

The next thing on the athletic program is basketball, which will start right away. The first attraction will be the interclass games, in which promising material for the school five will show up. The season's schedule will be made tonight at a meeting of the league at Crawford. Coach Prince is secretary of the league, but will not be able to attend, due to the Scottish Rite reunion, and Mr. Cunningham will represent Alliance at the league meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Fletcher and daughter, Francis, left Wednesday morning for Kansas City where they will spend Thanksgiving with their son, "Sam." They will return Sunday evening.

SUPERINTENDENT WINS PRIZE FOR SPECIAL ARTICLE

A. G. SMART WINS AWARD FROM A TECHNICAL JOURNAL

Burlington Man Wrote Best Paper On Increasing the Miles Per Car Per Day

A. G. Smart, Burlington general superintendent at Alliance, has won first prize in a contest conducted by the Railway Age for the best paper on increasing the miles per car per day. The award was made by a committee of judges made up of Vice President A. G. Wells of the Santa Fe; Vice President J. G. Rodgers of the Pennsylvania, and Vice President T. H. Beacom of the Rock Island. The second prize in the contest went to J. Burnett, a train dispatcher of the Atlantic Coast Line, says the State Journal.

Mr. Smart's paper dealt with many of the difficulties encountered daily by operating men in keeping trains moving and avoiding yard and loading delays. Discussing demurrage rates, a matter frequently before the interstate and state commissions, Mr. Smart says: "Demurrage rates should be such that no one can afford to use railroad equipment for warehouse purposes. Shippers' orders and reconsignment privileges are prolific sources of delay and should be cut to the vanishing point. In road and yard service anything that interferes with the constant and unimpeded flow of traffic should be thoroughly analyzed and a remedy applied.

Dealing with two other problems that are constantly before railroad men and sometimes legislatures, Mr. Smart says:

"While it is desirable to make maximum speed between terminals, the car miles per hour is the unit that most finally govern as a measure of efficient performance. An eighty car train moving over a hundred mile distance..."

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INTEREST HERE IS REVIVING IN PACKING PLANT

SCOTTSBLUFF COMPETITION IS STIRRING THINGS UP

Business Men Will Be Given Opportunity to Meet McCue, Proposed Head of the Company

Since the news leaked out that the Alliance Packing company, or a few of its officers and promoters, had been flirting with Scottsbluff in an apparent effort to take the whole project to the Platte valley town, interest has been revived in Alliance to a remarkable extent. A large share of this is apparently due to A. B. McCue, until recently president and general manager of the Corn Belt Packing company of Dubuque, Ia., an independent concern which has made a phenomenal success under his management.

Due to the fact that the money tightness the past few months practically stopped the sale of stock, a few of the stockholders of the company have been getting worried. The promoters have made an effort to keep up the interest, but were unable to do much because of the financial situation.

But with the word that McCue had been in Alliance, and has signified his willingness to associate himself with the concern, there has been an instantaneous improvement in the situation. Add to this the fact that Scottsbluff is making strenuous efforts to take the company away from Alliance, and the additional important fact that McCue has assurances from Chicago investment brokers that they will underwrite the concern to the extent of half a million dollars, and the plot thickens considerably, as the movie writers say.

Mr. McCue is already known to some Alliance men who have gone into the packing plant prospects, and in over thirty-years' experience he has yet to associate himself with a failure. He was with the Corn Belt from

its organization and succeeded in making for it an enviable record.

Mr. McCue will be in Alliance the latter part of the week or the first of next, and at that time business men of the city will be invited to meet with him. A number of questions will come up, such as assurances that he will remain with the company, as well as the nature of the underwriting contract, but business men in general seem to be much better satisfied with the prospect. It is probable that a satisfactory board of directors can be secured if arrangements are made to secure Mr. McCue for the Alliance company, two or three of the men desired having already consented to accept the positions if a contract is made with McCue.

The daily newspapers are giving the matter considerable publicity and the whole state is getting interested in the struggle between the two western cities for possession of the proposed packing plant.

A SENTIMENT AGAINST THE MANAGER PLAN

MANY VOTERS FREE IN EXPRESSING DISAPPROVAL

Greatly Increased Expense of City Government Chief Reason for Opposition

A growing sentiment among Alliance voters against the proposed city manager plan of government is beginning to become apparent, although there are a number of ardent supporters of the change, which will be voted upon at a special election to be held January 4 next. The opposition is not confined to any particular class of voters, and a number of reasons are advanced for the stand against any change in the form of city government. A number of women voters have announced themselves in favor of retaining the present system.

Chief among these reasons is, of course, the matter of expense. The salaries of the mayor and council, under the present plan, aggregate exactly \$1,000 per year. Under the city manager plan, they will be increased to \$1,100, \$300 for the mayor, and \$200 a piece for the five councilmen. In addition to this, a city manager will be employed and the proponents of the plan have suggested that a proper salary—one in keeping with the dignity and importance of the office—will be about \$5,000 a year. Add to this the expense of a city clerk, a superintendent for the light plant and water department and other necessary employees, and the expense will be prohibitive for a city of this size, the objectors say.

Another objection that has been brought to light is the provision that councilmen will be elected "at large" instead of by wards, as at present. Certain sections of the city, who desire water and light extensions, and who have been put off long enough as it is under the present system, see their hopes still further delayed if the city manager plan goes into effect. Under the present system, they have a councilman on the board from their ward to see that their part of the city is taken care of, while under the proposed plan all the councilmen might be elected from one block.

The fact that the system, if adopted, cannot be changed for four years, no matter how unsatisfactory it may prove, is the cause of other opposition. It is pointed out that other cities which have adopted the plan haven't been satisfied with the way it worked out, yet under the law they were debarred from making any change. Chadron and Alliance, both of which have tried the plan in a modified form, were able to change by simply repealing an ordinance, but this time the intent is to adopt the plan as set forth in the state statutes, and if this is done, Alliance will have to operate under the system until 1924, whether the voters approve of it or not, after a trial.

A warm fight is in prospect for the days before the special election. It will probably be postponed until after Christmas, but forces will undoubtedly be marshaled on either side. The plan was proposed by the membership of the Alliance Rotary club, which is already organized, but the opposition does not lack for leaders. Already the city manager plan has been a topic of conversation at meetings of other organizations. The question which comes up most often is the reason for the change. With the city's tax levy already aggregating 171 mills, a reply of "economy and a business-like administration" doesn't get very far with the average taxpayer, who is looking to see where his taxes can be lowered rather than for means to increase them.

COUNCIL MEETS TO ASSESS COST OF CITY PAVING

ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO PASS THE ORDINANCE

THIRD DISTRICT IS HARD HIT

Practically All Residents of Box Butte Avenue Between Sixth and Seventh Streets Attended the First Session

The city council had meetings scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week, at which time it had been announced that they would sit as a board of equalization to iron out all difficulties in the way of assessing the costs for city paving in districts Nos. 2 to 7, inclusive. The first meeting was held as scheduled, and on Wednesday evening a few councilmen turned out, but there was a Rotary club dinner on that evening which decreased the attendance to a figure below the quorum. However, on the second night no residents were present to raise a roar. Nothing remains to be done but pass the ordinance.

All the complaints Monday evening came from one block of the city—the residents on Box Butte between Sixth and Seventh. Practically all of the residents on this block were present. This was one of the blocks where residents wanted the ornamental parking centers, later changed their mind, and were compelled to pay higher rates than as though they had never dallied with the ornamental idea. These residents gave a slight gasp when they learned what the assessments were to be, but that was all. Their chief howl came because the cross-streets had been assessed against all the lots in the block. They objected to paying their percentage, but had no definite program outlined. The city council being empowered by law to fix the rate inside lots shall pay toward paying the cost of the cross streets, had the inside track in the matter. The rate was established some weeks ago. Engineer Grant explained that he had submitted a number of different schemes used in Nebraska and neighboring states to the council, and they had selected this plan as the most equitable. This plan or one quite similar is used by practically every city in Nebraska.

The parking center enthusiasts will have to pay higher rates than other pavers. Their flitting with the ornamental spaces cost them an average of \$100 a lot more than they would have had to pay had they chosen straight paving in the first place. In the Third district, where the parking centers figured, a fifty foot corner lot will pay, on the average, \$1,850; the lot next to the corner, \$1,485; and a fifty foot center lot, \$7,400.

The total cost of paving for the Third district, to be assessed against the property, is: Second district, \$144,675.14; Third district, \$87,083.09; Fourth district, \$3,771.32; Fifth, \$3,824.89; Sixth, \$3,790.56; Seventh, \$5,665.15.

DOPE FIEND BREAKS INTO ALLIANCE DRUG COMPANY

The Alliance Drug company's store was entered at some time Saturday night or early Sunday morning, and its entire stock of morphine taken. Entrance was gained by breaking a window in the rear of the establishment. Nothing else was taken by the thief, whose craving for the drug evidently made him forget all other things in his search.

Several times during the past year, physicians' offices in Alliance have been broken into and the stock of opiates taken. Most of the physicians now carry them in their medicine bags, or else lock them in the safe.

One Alliance physician stated that he had been visited Saturday afternoon by a Filipino, who begged hard for some of the drug, but it was denied him.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, through P. Romig, its attorney, Wednesday morning filed suit in county court against William Fuzzell of Hemingford for \$21.63, claiming this amount still due it on a freight shipment of a carload of potatoes to Balfour, Ia. Hearing has been set for December 4.

Dr. H. A. Copesey has presented a fine microscope to St. Agnes academy for use in the laboratory. The doctor also delivered a talk to the students of the physics class the first of the week on the use of the X-ray.

Placing the Responsibility

THE following article is handed to The Herald for publication. It deals with the unprogressive spirit that is apparently becoming characteristic of Alliance. It's strong talk—but sometimes strong words are needed. It's time that every merchant and business man awoke to the fact that this city is getting ahead slowly, and that other places, with fewer natural advantages, are distancing it in the race. Emphasis is placed on the desirability of getting behind the chamber of commerce, as well as everything that is for the rebuilding of Alliance. This communication is worthy of a careful reading:

Alliance is getting much publicity in the Omaha and Lincoln papers this week in regard to the possibility of losing the packing plant. What are we going to do about it? Let us get down to brass tacks. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? Judging from what has happened in the past five years, we—you—will do nothing but talk and find fault. No good was ever accomplished without real work—putting your shoulder to the wheel and pushing.

Five years ago L. F. Hulén told us we could get every projected potash plant in Alliance if we would go after them. He proposed a pipe line to pump from all lakes into Alliance—but we could not see it and in consequence did nothing. Had these potash plants been erected in Alliance it would have saved them considerable expense in building boarding houses and residences for their employees that could have been built here and profits made therefrom, instead of being a bill of enormous expense to the owners of the different plants. It would have added several thousand to our population and made a united community and increased the business of every store proprietor in Alliance many fold. We did nothing.

Compare our growth for the past five years with Scottsbluff in the business world. What new business enterprise have we gained during that time? Scottsbluff has secured two wholesale groceries, a wholesale candy establishment, a concern that manufactures coffins, a magnificent hotel, and has discounted us in increase in population. Alliance from every standpoint was a much better location for these industries than Scottsbluff—but they secured them and what have we to show in comparison?

Does any business enterprise want to compel us to take something which we not only do not try to get, but actually fight against, as we are and have been for several years? "In union there is strength" is a lesson that every man, woman and child has learned from infancy, but instead of acting on this axiom we say: "We do not believe a chamber of commerce is doing us any good and we, or I, will wait until they show me that they are accomplishing something really beneficial before I care to give up any of my money or time or effort to help do the accomplishing." "Let George do it," seems to be the idea of quite a percentage of our business men, and "I will sit back and reap the benefit anyhow whether or not I help in any way." We sit back and criticize and find fault with everyone who does not agree with us or who does something or who tries to do something for the general good of the community. One wants a home man for secretary of the chamber of commerce because his interests are all here and another says he wants a stranger who has neither friends or enemies in the city, or a third says: "I will not support a certain man for secretary because he is of the same profession as I am and I do not want to assist him to be a greater competitor in a short time for me." No man can get any good results as secretary of an organization unless he has the enthusiastic support of the members of the organization and their help and assistance when needed and it is needed at all times.

The Herald said last week in your editorial: "Let's Go. Let's All Go. Let's Go NOW." This spirit will win but if we say: "No, let's wait until we see whether or not this or that man is the right one or will do things, and if so I will get in later," we will get no place and Scottsbluff and other towns that are working with a united body of men all pulling together, supporting their secretary and boards of directors and pushing instead of pulling backwards, will take the plums and grow and prosper while we remain in the old rut and grass will grow in our streets in less time than it has taken to get the pavement we now have.