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BUSINESS MEN CONFER WITH THE COMMISSIONERS

EXPLAINS ROAD ACTIVITIES OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Stormy Session Indicated, But Some-How Oil Was Paused on the Troubled Waters

You never can tell how a meeting is going to turn out until it has adjourned. What promised to be an exceedingly stormy session between several business men of Alliance and the county commissioners Thursday morning ended up by being a sort of a get-together affair. It may not have been a veritable love feast, but no bricks were thrown, and at the windup the prospects were that there would be no more friction between the chamber of commerce and the county board.

The trouble started some days ago, when at a luncheon of the chamber of commerce, the question of federal aid roads was brought up. The chamber of commerce has been exceedingly interested in the subject, for good reason, and has been working among other things for a state and federal aid highway to connect up with the Lincoln highway and go on to the Black Hills. This is the chamber's pet scheme, and every now and then someone is able to report progress, although one or two of the commissioners in the county to the south aren't falling over themselves to see that a road is built to the county line.

The chamber of commerce has been looking at all roads with an eye to the Lincoln Highway-Black Hills route, and some of the members are slightly suspicious of everything that seems to be likely to interfere with that route. Therefore, when it was mentioned at the luncheon that the commissioners had by resolution approved a road to Hemingford that, instead of going straight west of Alliance, struck out for two miles north of the city, and then west, a howl went up.

An attempt was made to get hold of Commissioners Hashman and Carroll, but without success. The chamber of commerce thereupon selected two of its members to go down and interview the state highway board. These two men were armed with several yards of signatures that had been secured to petitions asking that the road to Hemingford follow the Burlington track through Berona, and the petitions were plentifully signed, both in Alliance, Berona and Hemingford. The latter city came across beautifully, and there was a regular whale of a petition from the residents there objecting to the proposed route.

The rules under which state and federal aid highways are established provide that three routes shall be considered, and there was an impression that but one had been considered. Armed with these petitions and a strong sense of right, the committee secured from the state board the assurance that the project would not be approved until March 15, or until the business men had the opportunity to confer with the commissioners and present arguments to prove that a Hemingford road should go straight west of the city, for several miles at least. A number of citizens in the south part of the county were in favor of that route, declaring that they wouldn't use a highway if they had to go two miles out of their way to reach it.

The state board agreed to delay action on the matter until the date requested.

Then the trouble really started. J. C. McLean of Scottsbluff, state division road engineer, proceeded to get peeved. He had understood that the route selected was approved by not only the commissioners, but the people affected. The story is that he sent in a wire to his superiors indicating that so far as he was concerned, the stuff was off. There has been some friction between McLean and the chamber of commerce heretofore, and while each time the difficulties have been ironed out, each one of these little incidents has served to shorten his patience.

The commissioners, upon receiving word from Mr. McLean, gathered the idea that the \$60,000 of state and federal aid funds to which Box Butte county is still entitled would be likely to revert back, and that the county wouldn't get any of it. Added to this was the feeling that the chamber of commerce had gone over their heads and was attempting to do their work for them. Taking all these things into consideration, there was a fine setting for a good row.

There were a number of harsh things said on both sides, and a number of worse things were thought, but after an hour's session together, in which explanations and apologies were made, the outlook again became serene.

The chamber of commerce delegates started the harmony ball rolling by apologizing for having sent men to Lincoln when the proper procedure undoubtedly was to thresh the matter out with the commissioners. It was explained that they had understood the resolution was to be acted upon at once, and that if the route were once approved it could not be changed. The commissioners were assured that while a number of petitions had been se-

OPTIMISM IS WANTED

L. V. Nichols, president of the L. V. Nichols Oil company, recently told more than a thousand business men in Omaha, that business will always be good for the man who keeps cheerful and smiling and who takes pride and pleasure in doing the best he can.

"There is no argument to the fact that bills are not being paid as promptly as customary; that the banks are not lending money as freely as we would like; that the farmer is not getting as much money for his crop as either he or we think he should. It is true automobiles are not selling as readily as they were, and it is true prices in many lines are tumbling, but that is what we all had to expect anyhow, and there is no reason why any of us should go into mourning and act as if business had gone to the dogs and the country into the hands of a receiver.

"What we need is friendly, encouraging optimism, and once we develop it, believe me when I say, we will discover very much to our surprise that all 'business is good, thank you.'"

cured, they had not been presented to the state board, and that the only thing that had been done was to request that the matter be held up until the business men could have time to confer with the county board.

Then the commissioners explained that the route they had approved had been approved only tentatively, and that contrary to the general belief, it could be changed, and undoubtedly changes would be made when the state and federal engineers came to make the preliminary survey. They explained that they intended to build a road to Hemingford along the railroad right-of-way out of county funds, and that they had not the slightest objection to having the road go straight west for several miles, at least, or until had sand was struck.

When the discussion simmered down, it was discovered that the commissioners and the chamber of commerce had never been more than two miles apart, and that the commissioners were perfectly willing to come all or any part of that two miles, provided it could be done without any great waste of the state funds. The commissioners discovered that the chamber of commerce had not succeeded in losing the \$60,000 state and federal funds for the county. The next thing was the general exchange of apologies, and a general decision to try the widely advertised benefits of co-operation in the future.

CANDIDATES BEGINNING TO FILE ACCEPTANCES

To date, five of the men for whom nominating petitions were filed during the ten day period ending February 12, have filed their acceptances. These men are D. C. Bradbury, A. V. Gavins, Fred Hayes, F. W. Harris and G. W. Nation.

Under the rules, acceptances may be filed by the candidates until February 22, but if any have not accepted after that date their names will not go upon the ballot.

F. J. Coyle, Jr., of Hemingford was in Alliance Wednesday.

WOMEN DISCUSS ORGANIZATION OF AUXILIARY

APPOINT COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTS

Second Luncheon Held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms Thursday Noon

The second of the weekly luncheons of business and club women was held at the chamber of commerce rooms Thursday noon. On this occasion Secretary George Carey was present to present his ideas on the formation of a ladies' auxiliary to the chamber of commerce, which will hold weekly luncheons and assist in the work of the club.

Among the things that Mr. Carey mentioned in his talk to the women was a school of salesmanship, to be held in connection with the proposed night school, which will appeal particularly to the business women. The chamber of commerce secretary is now attempting to get the clerks of the city lined up for the course, and this will be open to the women if they desire to take it. The belief is that it will make them more valuable to their employers, as well as giving them a fund of knowledge that will be of value to them.

Mr. Carey explained that members of the proposed auxiliary were vitally interested in various civic affairs, such as public improvements, the proposed night school, the Americanization program and other matters, and that the weekly luncheons would serve to keep them in touch with progress in various lines, as well as to promote acquaintance and general sociability among the business girls.

A committee to be composed of three members of the Woman's club, and three business women is to be appointed, and this committee of six will meet next Monday to talk over the situation and consider the advisability of undertaking the organization. Another luncheon and meeting will be held next Thursday at the same place, at which time the committees will make their report. Mrs. S. W. Thompson is chairman of the committee from the Woman's club and Miss Maude Spacht of the business girls.

THREE DAVIS CHILDREN SENT TO STATE HOME

Marie Davis, fifteen; Irene, aged nine, and Leroy, five years of age, were committed to the state home for dependent and neglected children by Judge Tash in juvenile court Thursday morning. Complaint had been made against the first two, and the mother, now Mrs. William Morris, asked that the boy be sent with them.

Mrs. Morris told her story to the court. Her husband deserted her in Antioch some months ago and she has been engaged as night dishwasher at the Harvey cafe. Holding that place, she is unable to look out for the children, who have been running the streets, and she has had to ask the police to help her find them several times.

SCHOOL KIDS GET LETTERS FROM HAWAII

JAPANESE CHILDREN ANXIOUS TO GET ACQUAINTED

Pupils of Miss Leone Mallory Write to Students in the Alliance Public Schools

Talk about "stretching hands across the seas"—it is being done. Pupils in the sixth grade of the Central and Emerson schools are this week answering letters received from school children of similar age in Elelee, Hawaii, and nearby towns with unpronounceable names. The Hawaiians are the pupils of Miss Leone Mallory of this city, who has encouraged them to write to both Alliance and Scottsbluff, where she was employed as a teacher last year.

A large number of the students are Japanese, and while their names are somewhat difficult to decipher, the rest of the letters are written in beautiful handwriting. Each one is decorated with some picture of an Hawaiian scene clipped from a magazine, and there are a few snapshots of the brown children mixed in with the views of overhanging cliffs or palm trees.

Following are some of the letters:

From a Japanese Girl—12 Years Old.

Dear Friend:

I am a Japanese girl, in the sixth grade in Elelee school. I am twelve years old. Our school is on a hill, and from our school we can see the valley river and the ocean.

On January 15, Sunday, we had a flood. The river was full of water. It rained very hard and the wind blew, too. I saw a man's rice patch covered with water. I went to see the flood, and saw many logs and trees floating on the river.

Around our school yard we have banana trees growing and in front of our school, too. Some of the banana trees are now having fruits. Behind our school there is a cane field. Inside the cane is delicious juice which is made into sugar. Some of the boys and girls chew it.

On this island there are pineapples growing, too.

Sometimes when it rains there is a rainbow on the mountain. It has beautiful colors in it, blue, purple, red, yellow and other colors, too.

We have a lighthouse on this island near the ocean.

The wind is blowing yet, and our flag pole fell to the ground because the wind blew.

Please let me know about your big city.

Cordially yours,
HAWAJO FANAKA.

FROM A JAPANESE BOY—11 YEARS OLD

Dear Friend:

I am a Japanese 11 years and eleven months. This is the first time for me to send a letter to the boys of the United States so I think I have lots of news (to) for you.

The place where I live is very rainy. Since the New Year we nearly did not have any clear day. We just had only four or five. Some days we cannot see any sun. As you know if it rains hard enough there will be a flood. We

GEO. M. CAREY LEFT THURSDAY FOR WASHINGTON

WILL STOP AT LINCOLN TO SECURE MORE FIGURES

Interstate Commerce Commission to Be Asked to Equalize Alliance Freight and Express Rates

Secretary George M. Carey of the Alliance chamber of commerce left Thursday night for Washington, D. C., where he has been requested by the interstate commerce commission to appear before it and present figures showing that Alliance is being discriminated against, as compared with other cities in this section, in the matter of freight and express rates.

After two weeks of rather strenuous work, Mr. Carey got a petition to the commission prepared, showing various inequalities in freight rates to Alliance as compared to nearby cities. A. T. Lunn of the Newberry Hardware company, who has assisted in collecting the data, lent his assistance in tabulating it.

Just as the case was prepared, the situation was complicated by the announcement that the commission had issued an order that every steam road in the state increase passenger and freight rates to correspond with those in other states in this section of the country.

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PETITION FOR STATE AID HIGHWAY TO HAY SPRINGS

The Box Butte county commissioners, in session this week, are in receipt of a copy of a petition forwarded to the state highway department from Hay Springs, which urges upon the department the establishment of a federal highway starting at Hay Springs extending south and west and connecting with the federal highway sixteen miles north of Alliance.

The petition, which is signed by two hundred and twenty-five residents of Hay Springs and the owners of land adjacent to the proposed route, set forth that such a highway, if established, would be utilized by all travel traveling east and south of Hay Springs and would be the connecting link for such travel between the two east and west highways in this section of the state.

The Box Butte county board is in favor of the proposition, and will make arrangements for having a connecting road built to the county line.

PETE WOLF HELD IN JAIL FOR VIOLATION OF PAROLE

Pete Wolf, gentleman of leisure and man about town, has again taken quarters at the city jail, where he will serve out the remainder of a sentence imposed some months ago. Wolf was paroled shortly after he had started out serving a \$50 and trimmings fine, and if Chief Jeffers figures correctly, will be his guest for twenty days or so.

It is possible that another and more serious charge will be filed against Wolf. It is known to the police that he had two girls, one of them only seventeen years of age, in a friend's room Wednesday evening, and that he either gave them liquor or drugged them. One of the girls later went to the passenger station and raised considerable of a scene. She was still dazed at the time, and was under the impression that Wolf was seated on one of the benches. The father of one of the girls does not care to prosecute, because of the undesirable publicity, but it is possible that the county authorities may push the case.

HERALD'S SERIAL STORY. 'TAXI' IS CROWDED OUT

We regret that we are compelled to announce that this issue of The Herald comes out with no installment of "Taxi."

The publishers of The Herald regret that the readers of our serial story, "Taxi," will be compelled to wait until next Tuesday to read the next installment of that interesting tale. An unexpected rush of advertisements which came too late to increase the number of pages makes this omission necessary.

Miss Alta Young held the second of her weekly piano recitals at her home Thursday evening. Those on the program were Misses Katharine Harris, Esther Nason, Mildred Ryckman, Gertrude Carpenter, Dorothy Armour, Katharine Hargett and Donald Newberg, Oliver Overman and Chas. O'Bannon.

PATRIOTIC WEEK IS OBSERVED IN SCHOOLS

Two patriotic speeches were given at Central school Thursday, as part of the program for patriotic week, one to the seventh and eighth grades by Judge Tash, in which he defined patriotism, and urged them to prepare for citizenship. He gave reasons for preserving our government as started by Washington, and told why we should appreciate the value of freedom. He said that the custom of foreigners when they came over was to become clannish and he urged that they strive to become 100 per cent American by living for one flag, and one nation. He compared Washington and Lincoln, the one an aristocrat and the other a poor man, illustrating that neither wealth nor poverty need hinder one from being a true patriot.

Mrs. S. W. Thompson gave a moral and patriotic talk to the children of the sixth grade, explaining the meaning of a true American and giving reasons why we should be proud of America. She also reviewed all the wars in which our country has been engaged, showing that always America had stood for the right, and not entered a war for the purpose of overpowering a weaker nation. She selected the great men who figured in each war, and explained why we should be proud of America for what these men had done. Then, in the same manner, she reviewed the settlement of the thirteen colonies, singling out the big men, and pointing out the moral foundation of our country, as shown by the Pilgrims and Puritans, and urged that nothing be neglected which will help build up good character.

Mrs. Celia Rodgers of Chicago returned Sunday to take charge of the millinery department of Harper's store. Miss Rodgers was manager of this department during the fall season.

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Monte was raised in Hay Springs (that's in this state) and has been a ranch hand, a railroader, county clerk for five years and a plutocratic real estate dealer and secretary of the building and loan association during his twenty-five years in Box Butte county. He has a working knowledge that will be of value of the city, and is energetic.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Fair in the north, probably colder in south portion tonight and Saturday; much colder winds, becoming snow northerly.

Confidential Guide to the Candidates

The Herald submits herewith a short sketch of the various candidates together with their qualifications. It is as complete as we can make it, and while no attempt has been made, this early in the game, to say anything to the disadvantage of the candidates, it contains material that will be of use to the voter in the difficult task of making up his mind.

GEORGE W. NATION
George W. Nation, the first candidate to file his petition, has been a resident of Box Butte county for some twenty-seven or eight years. His early activities were concerned with conducting a sheep ranch down on Snake creek, and after he gave up that interesting occupation, he tried horticulture. He is of an inventive turn of mind, and has worked out several inventions, on paper, at least. He has ideas on the rebuilding of the septic tank which appeal to some people in the neighborhood of that particular pest, but they haven't as yet made a hit with the council. Mr. Nation has not been actively identified with politics heretofore, but has stood on the right side of some important public questions.

W. L. O'KEEFE
Bill O'Keefe is one of the candidates who was drafted by the meeting of some seventy-five ex-soldiers. He demurred, but was ordered to make the race, and accepted when he saw there was no way out of it. Mr. O'Keefe is a Box Butte county product, born raised and educated here, and understands the needs of the city because he understands the conditions. He has had the opportunity that usually falls to older men to see his community develop and grow. The ex-soldiers have confidence in his ability, and so do other people who know him. Confidentially, he'll get a whale of a vote.

D. C. BRADBURY
Bradbury is the second one of the soldier candidates, and was selected not alone because he is popular, but because of his business experience. He is a young fellow with ideals as well as ideas. He hasn't lived in Alliance as long as some of the candidates, but he has traveled around enough to know people and places. Those who know him have confidence in his ability and his judgment. He'll draw strength from the progressive element of the voters, who occasionally like to see young and promising material given a tryout.

GEORGE E. DAVIS
George E. Davis is a Burlington machinist who has been an Alliance resident for twenty years. He owns his own home and is a large stockholder and a director in the Alliance Building & Loan association. He is around fifty years of age and has a reputation for being a steady and reliable sort of a citizen. This is his first venture into city politics, as a candidate, at least.

S. W. THOMPSON
Si Thompson is a typical good citizen, and is one of the best boosters Alliance ever had. He has been a pusher ever since he first hit town, some eighteen years ago. He has worked for good roads, good schools, public improvements of every sort, and aside from selling customers, one of his chief interests has been to make Alliance a good town to live and do business in. Once he left Alliance for a short time to live in Holdrege, but

aside from that his boasting record is without a blemish. He is simply chuck full of energy. The only objection that has been made to him is that his traveling may keep him away from Alliance too much, but he has managed to do all his boasting between trips heretofore, and his friends aren't fretting.

HARVEY D. HACKER
Mr. Hacker, who is now a member of the council, undoubtedly has a considerable following. This is in part due to his labor union affiliations. He stands high with the union men, and is one of the few men who can do this and yet not get a black eye with others. He is the secretary of the affiliated shop crafts, and their spokesman in a number of matters. He has never laid claim to being a statesman, but is a hard worker and every now and then gets what he goes after.

F. W. HAYES
In the days when it began to appear that the city manager plan of government might fail because of the dearth of candidates, the firemen, among others, cast about for suitable material and their eyes fell upon Fred Hayes. He isn't an old timer in Alliance, but he's made good with the First State bank and with various organizations in the city. He's able and conscientious and has had previous experience. He came to Alliance from Broken Bow, where he was the only democratic supervisor out of a board of eight men, and there must have been some reason for his election under those circumstances.

A. S. MOTE
A. S. Mote is a contractor and builder, and is known as an honest one, if

there are such things. He came to Alliance from Chadron in the railroad service, resigned to go into business for himself and has built up a good patronage. The Newberry building and the Imperial theater are among his contracts. He has lived here twenty years and there are no blotches on his escutcheon. Never before guilty of running for office.

H. P. COURSEY
Harry Coursey is another old-timer. He's been in Alliance for eighteen years, and is a combination of auctioneer and business man. He's been a counsellor a time or two, and is strongly in favor of the city manager plan, consenting to run only when the repeated urging of his friends had broken down his resistance. His activity in behalf of other candidates may damage his own chances, but he isn't fretting about it.

JOHN R. SNYDER
Mr. Snyder was drafted as a candidate in order to make sure there would be candidates enough to draw the voters to the polls. He has extensive business interests here, is known to be independent, able, honest and substantial, and should draw considerable support.