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COUNTY PLANS ROAD BUILDING THIS SUMMER

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BUY NEW GRADING OUTFIT

Hemingford Road to Be Built Both Along Burlington Track and as At First Outlined

The Box Butte county commissioners, at the meeting several days ago, decided to take advantage of the special offer made by the state department of public works, and entered an order for a grading outfit consisting of a large caterpillar tractor, two blade graders and a couple of cook shacks. This equipment has been used on state work to some extent, but is valued at \$11,000. The commissioners purchased it on a rental basis at a cost of something like \$2,200. This makes the second one of these outfits owned by the county. One of them was used in the building of the Chadron road, one of the best in western Nebraska. With the two outfits at their disposal, the commissioners plan, within the next two weeks, to begin the most extensive road-building campaign yet undertaken in Box Butte county.

Division Engineer J. C. McLean of Scottsbluff met with the commissioners last Friday, and a road-building program was mapped out that, if completed this summer, will more than double the good roads in the county. The first project to be tackled will be the state aid Hemingford road. This has occasioned considerable discussion ever since the project was first approved by the commissioners, a number of the Alliance business men objecting to the way it was laid out.

As finally approved by the board, the road will be built as follows: One mile straight west from the Tenth street corner of Alliance, one mile north along the Burlington right-of-way, seven miles straight west to the southwest corner of 16-15-49, then due north five or six miles, one mile west and then straight north into Hemingford. The reason this route was selected, it was explained, is because a large portion of the road is already built, and the route selected will be the cheapest.

It is not intended, according to the commissioners, to deprive Alliance of a road straight west. There still remains some \$57,000 of state and federal aid funds allotted to Box Butte county, and among the next projects to be outlined will be a road due west available for the residents in the southwestern part of the county. The west road will not by any means be abandoned. It has been maintained during the past five years, and the Alliance business men are assured that as much money will be spent upon it as on the Chadron road.

The Hemingford road, as outlined, will be continued from Hemingford twelve miles west and eight miles north to the county line, to connect with Marsland. The Dawes county commissioners have agreed to meet this road at the county line.

The Hay Springs road will be another project completed this year. There will be some federal aid on this road. A road from Alliance to Angora, along the Burlington right-of-way, is scheduled to be built this year. The commissioners also plan to finish grading the route from Alliance to Hemingford along the right-of-way. This, it is declared, is the route the Hemingford people really want. The chief complaint of the business men is that the right-of-way route should have been selected for state and federal aid, for if that were done, maintenance would be assured.

Speedy progress is expected on this road building, especially if the new grading outfit arrives on schedule time. With this outfit, a mile and a half of road can be built in a day. The outfit is due to arrive this week, and should be here in plenty of time for the road-building campaign.

At the time when the commissioners met with a delegation of Alliance business men, the delegation left with the idea in their minds that the Hemingford road would be built straight west of the city for six or seven miles and then follow the route outlined. The change in the route, it is declared, would cost a considerable sum, and the commissioners feel that the state aid funds should be used to build more roads rather than to build a few miles. They point to the fact that the Antioch road depleted Box Butte county's share of the appropriation something like \$22,000 for eight miles. The Chadron road, the best in the lot, was built at a cost of \$104 a mile. They figure that it will be better for the whole county to build more miles of road at the lesser cost rather than follow any particular route at a heavy expense. They say that most of the roads in the county need only blade work to make them as good as the Chadron road, and that in a county of magnificent distances, such as this is, if any money can be saved by a change in route of a few miles or so, the ranchers will not object to going a little out of their way in order to hit a good road to Alliance.

Just how this will be received by the business men is a matter of conjecture. The only mutterings of dis-

content that have been heard so far have come from the T. P. A., which last Saturday and discussed a motion censoring the commission. It did not put it to a vote.

Sauer Takes Two Straight Falls From Italian Demon

Tony Bernardini, known as the Italian Demon in wrestling circles, did some of the best wrestling in his repertoire, but he failed to handle Pete Sauer, the twenty-one-year-old marvel who has been in Alliance the past month or so. Sauer handled the Demon with almost the same ease that he has placed his brother and Mortensen on the mat, winning the match in straight falls, both by a toe hold. The first fall came in 55 minutes, 10 seconds, and the second fall took only ten minutes. The match was held at the Lowry & Henry roof garden, and attracted a large number of lovers of the mat game.

The more Alliance fans see of Pete Sauer, the better they like the clean-cut youth, who is just as clever with his feet as some of the wrestlers in Alliance have been with their head and their arms. Sauer is working hard, meeting all comers, in the hopes of getting a match with Earl Caddock, and at the rate he is going not only certain to do this, but stands a mighty good chance of some day winning the world's heavyweight championship belt. Tony Bernardini ranks well in wrestling circles, having been something of a sensation the past winter on the west coast.

There were two or three good preliminaries, two kids giving a boxing exhibition and in addition there was a four-round bout between local huskies and a twenty-minute mat tangle.

Why Some Members of Sons of Bacchus Got Off Without Fines

Considerable discussion has been heard about the streets of Alliance the past two or three days about the Sons of Bacchus and the punishment that was handed out to two out of the thirteen charter members who participated in the opening and closing ceremonies of that interesting order of precocious youths. The main kick seems to be that the court fined only two of the thirteen, and that the newspapers printed only two of the names. It so happens that while most of the thirteen accepted a drink out of the bottle, only one of them got sufficiently soused to merit a charge of intoxication. It further develops that but one of the boys, the treasurer of the organization, actually handed over the money to pay for the villainous white mule that did the damage. The treasurer, whether from motives of thirst or prudence, assumed charge of the jimmyjohn and transported it to Hemingford in his car. While it is possibly true that all of the boys, including the two who stayed at home the night of the party, could be counted as accessories because of the fact that they kicked in with their \$2.50 membership fee, the county attorney discovered that eleven of them were perfectly willing to tell the authorities all they knew of the law violation. This under the law, entitled them to protection, and County Attorney Basye, who talked with each of them alone and in turn, found it quite easy to distinguish between the ones who repented the law violation and wanted to do the right thing, and those who assumed a devil-may-care attitude.

The Alliance newspapers, which have held to a standard of pitiless publicity, followed the time honored custom of printing the names only of those who were charged with law violation. It is not usual in newspaper circles to print the names of law violators unless the case is docketed in some court. Besides, the county attorney quite wisely protected the lads who assisted him, and the names were not available, even had the reporters shown a disposition to give the matter more detailed attention.

Chamber of Commerce Will Discuss Cleanup Campaign for City

At the next Monday luncheon of the chamber of commerce, ways and means to clean up and keep clean the streets and alleys of Alliance will be discussed. This will not be the ordinary spring clean-up, familiar in cities and towns since time began, but something more than a slogan. The health department of the city is back of the move, and the men at the head of it are made of pretty stern stuff. It has been announced that there will be allowed just ten days of grace, and then, unless conditions are improved, something will be done.

Elton Bennett, student in the University of Nebraska school of medicine, is in the city on business. Mr. Bennett will graduate in one year.

Clyde Hartmant of Marsland was in Alliance Thursday on business.

T. H. Morris left for Edgemont, S. D., to take baths for rheumatism.

UNOFFICIAL TABULATION OF THE VOTE AT TUESDAY'S PRIMARY ELECTION

	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Totals
R. M. Hampton	64	98	114	75	351
S. W. Thompson	57	99	123	68	347
C. A. Newberry	41	68	101	51	261
F. W. Hayes	24	92	98	23	237
A. V. Gavin	48	50	80	48	226
W. L. O'Keefe	16	82	90	36	224
J. B. Irwin	45	61	66	51	223
D. C. Bradbury	18	74	78	45	215
John R. Snyder	25	96	57	25	203
M. S. Hargraves	24	57	59	59	199
F. E. Holsten	30	59	62	39	190
G. W. Nation	16	77	35	14	142
H. D. Hacker	43	35	55	26	159
F. W. Harris	21	38	37	39	137
Mrs. Moses Wright	35	42	34	18	129
Mrs. A. H. Robbins	18	28	49	28	123
George E. Davis	19	35	37	18	109
E. C. Drake	32	73	28	20	103
J. J. Vance	12	28	34	26	100

RACE MEET TO BE HELD HERE JUNE 14-15-16

DATES SET AT MEETING HELD AT OMAHA

Purses to Be Some Smaller Than Last Year, But Plenty of Horses Promised

At a meeting of the Nebraska speed association, held at Omaha March 9, the delegates decided to open the circuit at Alliance, and the following schedule was adopted:

Alliance—June 13-14-15.
Auburn—June 21-22-23.
Beatrice—June 28-29-30.
Kearney—July 4-5-6.
Aurora—July 12-13-14.
West Point—July 19-20-21.
Fremont—July 26-27-28.
The association decided on 2:12, 2:15, 2:18, 2:24 and three-year-old, 2:25 class, for the trotting races, and 2:15, 2:18, 2:17, 2:22 and three-year-old, 2:24 class, pacing events. Purses will be \$350, three per cent to enter, with no deductions. American trotting association rules will govern, best three in five heats, excepting the three-year-old class, which shall be best two out of three; six to enter, four to start. Stall rent will be free. Each member of the circuit will be assessed \$50. Entries will close at Alliance June 6.

The local committee, at a meeting some weeks ago, decided that the purses at this meet shall be somewhat lower than last year, and named a tentative limit of \$4,500 for the speed program.

Ed. Bishop, Alliance's delegate, was unable to attend, but this city's interests were well taken care of by N. J. Ronin of Fremont, veteran starter and secretary of the association.

J. O'Connor Heads the Alliance T. P. A. For Coming Year

Post M. T. P. A. of Alliance, held its annual election of officers at the chamber of commerce rooms over the Brennan drug store at 2:30 p. m. Saturday afternoon. The following men were chosen:

President, J. O'Connor.
Vice President, W. G. Nieman.
Secretary, Roy Strong.
Directors: S. W. Thompson, Jack Hawes, James P. Burlington, Jr., George Snyder, and J. A. Luttrell.

A resolution was introduced condemning the county commissioners for their disposition of the state and federal aid road funds, but although the discussion was long and at times quite vitriolic, it was not adopted. The members forcibly expressed themselves as favoring a state aid road to Hemingford along the Burlington right-of-way, and pledged themselves to do all in their power to secure it. J. A. Luttrell, S. W. Thompson and C. M. Looney were appointed on a roads committee.

Mothers' Pension Granted Thursday to Mrs. Agnes Fuller

County Judge Tash Thursday morning granted the petition of Mrs. Agnes Fuller, living in Duncan's addition, for a mother's pension, and allowed her \$10 per month for a period of six months for each of her three children, aged eight, ten and twelve years. Since the death of her husband, two years ago, Mrs. Fuller has supported her three children by doing housework and sewing. She was represented by Attorney W. R. Metz.

Charles Schaffer of Scottsbluff is here visiting with his brother, Bud.

SUIT AGAINST POTASH WORKS FOR LARGE SUM

WESTERN WORKS DEFENDANTS IN FEDERAL COURT

Engineering Firm Claims \$16,000 for Professional Services and Sales Commissions

Alleged indebtedness on contracts calling for plans for a potash plant, services of a construction engineer at \$1,000 a month, commission on sale of products and an expert engineer's report on the potash industry in Nebraska, says the Lincoln Star, is the basis of a suit for \$16,020.99 filed in federal court Monday morning by the Process Engineering company of Philadelphia, against the following named co-partners in the Western Potash Works:

William E. Sharp, George G. Moore, Edmond C. VanDiest, Frank J. Sharp, Charles Stuart, William H. Ferguson, Arthur T. Raymond, S. A. Foster, A. R. Talbot, Herbert E. Sidles, T. H. McWilliams.

The petition recites that in November, 1917, the defendants agreed to purchase and develop and operate properties in Nebraska for the production of potash and other chemical salts. On December 27, 1917, it is asserted, the Lincoln financiers entered into a written contract whereby the eastern firm was to design and make plans and furnish an estimate of the cost of a potash plant; to furnish a construction engineer; agreed to pay 5 per cent of the cost of construction of the plant and a monthly salary for the supervising engineer at a price to be later agreed upon between the parties.

Engineering Fees.

The Philadelphia firm claims that in January, 1918, it was agreed to pay the engineer \$1,000 a month.

Two promissory notes in the sum of \$2,825 each executed by W. E. Sharp are the grounds for a separate cause of action.

As part of the payment for the services performed by the eastern company, the petition says, each of the defendants agreed to pay one per cent of the net amount received from the sale of the Nebraska plant from sale of products up to December 27, 1919.

Between December 27, 1917 and December 27, 1919, the Nebraska firm marketed 71,898 bags of potash and products the gross value being \$504,910.25, according to the petition. Deducting therefrom the freight rate of \$84,427.35, the net sale price was \$420,483.17 on which the Philadelphia concern says it is entitled to receive from each of the defendants commission of 1 per cent or \$4,204.03.

In December, 1917, the Lincoln promoters requested an expert engineer's report on the potash industry in Nebraska and agreed to pay \$6,000 for an investigation, survey and report, it is set forth in the petition.

F. A. Bald Will Devote Attention to Law Practice

F. A. Bald, who has been devoting a good share of his time to the real estate business for several years past, first as a member of the Thomas-Bald company and later of the Bald-Rust Land company, has decided in the future to devote his attention to the practice of law. His partnership with Mr. Rust has been dissolved, and Wednesday of this week he removed his offices to those of the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil company, in the Reddish block, which will be his headquarters in the future.

Earl Mallory left Wednesday evening for Omaha. He plans to return in a few days and if the weather will permit, will drive the big Roamer back to Alliance.

ATHLETIC TRAINING AT THE ELKS CLUB

Some months ago, the local Elks lodge appointed a committee to see about athletic training and gymnasium work for such members as desired to avail themselves of the facilities of the club. A meeting of those interested will be held at the club rooms this evening at 8 o'clock, at which time members of Alliance's wrestling fraternity will be on hand to assist in mapping out a course of training.

Mrs. Paul Back returned from Denver the first part of the week, where she had been spend a week with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Keegan.

Woman Badly Hurt When Husband Drives Auto Into Cellar

Mrs. Frank Boon is now at the home of her husband's mother, Mrs. J. T. Barkhurst, suffering from serious injuries received when her husband drove the automobile in which they were riding into a six-foot excavation for a cellar at Fourth and Platte shortly after 1 o'clock this morning.

The Boons live on a ranch between Bonner and Angora. They had been in Alliance, visiting and shopping, and had started back. The cellarway into which the automobile was driven was some distance from the road. Mrs. Boon was thrown against the floor of the car, her chest and head were badly bruised, and it is believed that she may be suffering from internal injuries as well.

The husband was unable to assist his wife, but neighbors, hearing the crash, came to her assistance. The attending physician says she is in no condition to be moved.

Alliance Lions Entertain Members of Rotary Club

The members of the Alliance Rotary club were dinner guests of the newly organized Lions club at 6:30 p. m. at the Alliance hotel Fern Garden Thursday evening. A special dinner and program was arranged in honor of the occasion.

John W. Guthrie presided at Good-Fellowship chairman and kept something popping every minute. Dr. Baum put the Lions through their paces in roars and songs for the Rotarians, while Percy Cogswell led the singing of the Rotary members in response.

Fred C. Jones of Denver, secretary of the Lions club of that city, gave a brief address on the objects and purposes of Lionism, and the harmonious work of the Rotary, Lions and similar organizations for the betterment of the individuals, the community, the state and the nation.

W. R. Metz, president of the local Rotary club, was called upon and welcomed the new club to Alliance, promising hearty co-operation of the Rotarians in all projects for civic advancement with the Rotarians following their slogan of "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," and placing "Service Above Self" and the Lions giving "Service that is founded on the Golden Rule" to make Alliance not only a better city to live in, but the foremost in Nebraska.

W. R. Harper, the local president of the Lions, in a short talk pledged the Lions to this program.

The Lions entertainment committee arranged a number of clever stunts for the entertainment of their guests, among which were some highly interesting telephone and telegraph messages. Any one present, who did not receive a "bite" over the wire, was properly taken care of with other stunts by W. L. O'Keefe, the Lions Tail Twister.

Scottsbluff Elks to Build a Home Costing \$100,000

The Elks of Scottsbluff have bought four lots with a frontage on Broadway of 100 feet and will build a home costing not more than \$100,000. With this decision the lodge abandons plans for the purchase of the Lincoln hotel from the Nebraska Hotel company now in receivership.

MISCHIEF MAKERS CUT TIRES ON YOUNG'S CAR

Ed. Young had a rather unpleasant and expensive experience last evening, when all four tires on his truck were cut to ribbons with a knife in the hands of some fellow whom Ed. would like to meet. The condition of the tires shows that the damage was done deliberately and that it was by no means accidental.

TWO MORE FINED ON INTOXICATION CHARGE

"Slim" Slind and Andy Sitler drew fines of \$10 and costs each from Judge Roberts in police court Thursday morning. The pair were arrested somewhere on Box Butte avenue by Officer Stilwell early Thursday morning. They pleaded guilty to the charge of intoxication, and paid their fines.

ELIMINATION ELECTION WAS HELD TUESDAY

VOTERS SELECT TEN MEN TO RUN IN FINALS

R. M. Hampton Proves Big Vote Getter, as Does S. W. Thompson—Regular Election April 5

The free-for-all primary election came off Tuesday, with a good half to two-thirds of the city's voters exercising the right of franchise. There was little or no electioneering, at least in public, so the proper conclusion is that the voters came to the polls because they were interested in good city government and wanted to do their share in obtaining it. Out of the nineteen candidates, the ten receiving the highest vote will make the final race, the regular election coming April 5.

The ten men honored by the voters are, in the order of the vote they received: R. M. Hampton, S. W. Thompson, C. A. Newberry, F. W. Hayes, A. V. Gavin, W. L. O'Keefe, J. B. Irwin, D. C. Bradbury, John R. Snyder and M. S. Hargraves.

The candidates who were eliminated in the contest are: F. E. Holsten, G. W. Nation, H. D. Hacker, F. W. Harris, Mrs. Moses Wright, Mrs. A. H. Robbins, George E. Davis, E. C. Drake and J. J. Vance.

The vote was, in some respects, considerable of a surprise. There were a number of tentative slates made out, but the voters seem to have marked their ballots according to their own sweet will. Hardly any two of the ballots in any one ward were cast for the same set of candidates. This condition may not obtain in the regular election, but it has been expected that something of the sort would take place in the primary race, and the slate makers were a trifle disconcerted because the voters, for once, failed to run true to form.

Among the surprises shown by the vote totals may be listed the total cast for G. W. Nation. Mr. Nation made his campaign almost wholly on the septic tank issue, and there were almost enough voters who have been pestered by that execrable civic improvement to give him a chance in the finals. Harvey D. Hacker, who has a tremendous number of friends among the railroaders, lost a number of votes to the two other railroad candidates, Gavin and Irwin. It had been expected that F. W. Harris, who is conceded to have a better knowledge of city affairs than any other one man, would poll a big vote, but the voters seem to have decided that they want a complete change in the city administration. The two women candidates and others who favored the welfare ordinance failed to get the support of the friends of that measure.

The two soldier candidates, D. C. Bradbury and W. L. O'Keefe, pulled a good support, without any particular campaigning on their support. It is believed that they will gather strength from the votes given to the defeated candidates in the primary. Their buddies, who sacrificed considerable at the time they went into the army, have an idea that they would like to be represented in the city administration, and sisters, brothers, mothers, fathers and even uncles and aunts seem to have been willing to give them a lift.

The primary campaign was notably quiet, and was distinguished by an absence of mud slinging or similar tactics sometimes in evidence in municipal campaigns. The disposition to let the voters make their own decision was noticeable, and the voters seem to have done a star job of it. Any five of the ten men will make an exceptionally able council.

The big vote given to R. M. Hampton and C. A. Newberry is taken as evidence that the people of Alliance want a business administration, and that the best way to get it is to select men who have made good in every sense of the word in private business affairs. F. W. Hayes, whose only disadvantage is that he is not so well known in the community as some of the other candidates, showed a tremendous support. Hayes is the candidate shoved forward by the firemen, and they managed to support him pretty solidly.

It has been predicted, prior to the election, that S. W. Thompson would poll a big vote, and he lacked only three or four of being the headliner. Mr. Thompson's candidacy is sponsored by the T. P. A.'s, who have heretofore managed to get what they want after and have no idea of falling down in this instance.

HENNEBERRY SAYS COUNCIL MISTAKEN

John Henneberry, plumber has taken exceptions to the statement made at the last city council meeting, at which time a bill he had presented was held up or cut down. It was stated at that time that the city's force had to make two trips to put in a meter for him. This, he declares, is not the case. The city had repaired the meter, but was unsuccessful the first time, and the repair work had to be done over, he says. One of his workmen did the installation work in both instances.

Bob Wyatt of Wm. Volker company, is in the city visiting trade.