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CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL MET SATURDAY

DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Sam Shelton Retained as City Scavenger and a New Price Scale Put Into Effect

City Manager N. A. Kemmish met with the council Saturday and it was decided to retain Sam Shelton as city scavenger. A new scale of prices will be put into effect immediately. The city manager suggests that if enough residence owners in Alliance are willing to enter into a contract with the scavenger to keep their premises cleaned, it can be done at a price around 75 cents per month.

As yet, no appointments for the public safety and the light and water departments have been announced. For the present, the old employees are continuing in these positions, and it is possible that no changes will be made.

The city manager has issued the following statement relative to recent activities of the city administration:

"Saturday all members of the city council met at luncheon and informally discussed matters of our social welfare. These meetings save considerable time and give each member an opportunity to express his views. We also get better acquainted and form a better working organization so that when the council meetings are held matters can be carried on with dispatch.

"We have repaired the water system at the cemetery so that those desiring water can obtain it. We also made inspection of the septic farm and there will be some changes made which will improve conditions there.

"The matter of disposing of our ashes and garbage is always a perplexing problem. Every household has a different method. During the past week we have received a number of applications for city scavenger. After taking all things into consideration, however, it seems best for the present to retain Samuel Shelton as our city scavenger. He has sufficient equipment to do the work and he knows what the work consists of. We have not heard many complaints regarding his work. We are in hopes later to arrange it so that twice each week every home will have the ashes and garbage removed at a very nominal cost. In the meantime we are interested in seeing our city kept clean and Mr. Shelton has revised his prices as follows:

	Old Price	New
Burying a horse or cow	\$5.00	\$4.00
Burying a young horse or cow	2.50	2.00
Burying a hog or dog	1.00	1.00
Burying a cat or fowl	.10	.10
One load, two cubic yards	1.50	1.25
One 30-gal. bbl. garbage	.25	.20
Cleaning vaults, cu. ft.	.20	.15
Cleaning cesspools, cu. ft.	.05	.02

"In case you have ashes located where they can be shoveled into the wagon and not containing any garbage or decayable matter, these will be hauled at 50 cents per cubic yard. An extra charge will be made if the scavenger has to carry ashes out of the basement. In case you do not have a complete load the above prices will be pro-rated in accordance with the amount you have to haul away.

"There are about twenty residences now paying \$1.00 per month to keep their premises cleaned up. If we could get in the neighborhood of 500 residences to do this it could be done for about 75c a piece per month. If we could get some where in the neighborhood of 1000 in the homes or nearly all of the homes in Alliance it could be done for about 50 cents per month apiece to be paid in advance.

"We should like to see the time when all of the homes would arrange to have the garbage removed at a nominal sum per month. By doing it in this way the scavenger can start at the end of an alley and clean it up as he goes. As it is now he has to skip back and forth around town and naturally makes the cost of moving considerably higher than it should be.

Mrs. A. Gregory had her tonsils removed by Dr. Hand at the St. Joseph hospital this morning.

Home Service Bureau Will Close Alliance Office on Saturday

The home service bureau of the American Red Cross, which has maintained headquarters in the court house, will close Saturday of this week. All ex-service men and others who desire assistance in making compensation claims or other matters in which the bureau has been assisting are urged to see the secretary before the week ends. Miss Josephine Ganson, executive secretary, has tendered her resignation, and the office will not be reopened.

Mrs. Queele, 712 West Second street has been ill with the measles.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Somewhat warmer west portion tonight.

SALATION ARMY WORKERS LEAVE ALLIANCE TONIGHT

Ensign Parks and Lieutenant Koiniski, who have been in charge of the Alliance Salvation Army post since its installation here, will leave this evening for Hastings, where they have been assigned to duty temporarily. Their departure from Alliance was delayed two or three weeks after it was decided to close the post here, while the workers were soliciting funds to meet the deficit.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Essex, two mile west of Alliance, a boy, April 19. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, fourteen miles south of Alliance, a girl, April 21.

Bernadine Thompson has been quite ill with the measles, but is now convalescing.

THIEVES FAIL TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO GOLDEN RULE

GET NO FURTHER THAN THE COAL BIN

Small Man or Kids Discovered That a Steel Door Was in Their Way

The last attempt to rob the Golden Rule store, in this city, which took place some time during Sunday night or early Monday morning was not only a flat failure, so far as loot was concerned, but the thieves apparently received a pretty good scare. Entrance was gained to the coal bin in the basement through a chute, the inside fastening of which had not been locked. Once inside the coal bin they found further progress barred by a heavy steel door, and gave up the attempt. The scare came in the matter of getting out again.

When clerks reported for work Monday morning, they found the coal chute open, the light burning and a number of boxes piled high leading up to the chute. The height at which the boxes were piled led the police authorities to the conclusion that the attempted robbery was the work of a man small of stature, or else had been done by children. Only a small person could have gone through the chute.

In the past year, the Golden Rule has suffered considerable loss by thieves, at one time a large quantity of silks and silk articles having been stolen. As a result of such depredations, steps have been taken to make the new building as nearly burglar-proof as possible. No clue to the identity of the marauders has been discovered.

Hooch Found Buried in Box Stall at the Wilson Livery Barn

After keeping their eyes open for a matter of five or six weeks, Chief of Police Jeffers and Sheriff James W. Miller raided the Wilson livery barn shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, and after a diligent search uncovered a number of gallon containers, empties all, and half a dozen pint bottles filled with home made hooch.

The police had some difficulty in gaining entrance to the barn, and when they entered everything was peaceful and serene. Three men were asleep in beds or on cots, and the fourth was curled on the floor endeavoring to surround a wood stove. The men arrested were W. J. Seelah, Lee McLaughlin and son, J. E. McLaughlin, and the proprietor of the livery stable, Virgil Shrautmeier. All four were taken to the police station and later to the county jail, where they were interrogated by County Attorney Basye. The first three men were released on their own recognizance, but the fourth was held and a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor filed against him. Trial was in progress at 2 p. m. today.

The police had to do their own discovering. The actual booze was found buried in a box stall in the barn, but an empty keg, the large containers and a funnel, believed by the police to be equipment for a wholesale business were scattered about the building.

This is the fifth or sixth time that Seelah has been mixed up with the cops in the past month, and he is beginning to be wearied of city life. "You can tell the world for me," he said, with a tinge of bitterness in his tone, "that I have rented a little place outside of town and I am going to move my cows out there just as soon as I can." Mr. Seelah has been twice fined for unsanitary conditions in connection with his cow barn, and he's somewhat vexed at the cops.

SUPPORT THE CHURCHES

The Methodists of Alliance have decided to carry forward the building of their church on the corner of Seventh and Box Butte.

The enterprise is worthy not only of the support of members of the church, but of the townspeople generally.

The urge of community life toward better standards of living is manifested in many ways. But in no clearer way is a true spirit of progressiveness reflected than in a community attitude towards its churches. The institutions stand now as always as the very bulwark of civilization. Civic pride demands good modern public buildings of every kind—city hall, library, public schools, and the right kind of community pride and spirit sees to it that its churches are of a kind for which no apologies need be made.

A church building program of whatever denomination is a thing which should command the respect, interest, and support of every loyal citizen, regardless of creed, for the very reason which solicits the support for better schools, better libraries, better jails even, namely, public welfare. Our town, any town is judged by its buildings and especially by the up-to-dateness of its public buildings. The churches are in this class, and we should see that our community spirit isn't questioned for the lack of adequate modern church buildings.

One big community church is a subject often advanced to excuse the lack of proper support of the existing denominational churches, and is about as possible and just as feasible as to propose a community fraternal order to take the place of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Eagles, Knights of Columbus and the others. Or any other scheme to do away with the privilege and instinctive action of people to group themselves for mutual interests. The time may come when the community church may be successful, but that time is not yet, and in the meantime the denominational churches are the power for making the highest and best type of a community. Let us support them in such manner that we may be proud of them as a prominent part of our city and a striking measure of our progressiveness.

FANS ORGANIZE BASEBALL CLUB FOR ALLIANCE

OFFICERS ELECTED AT FRIDAY EVENING MEETING

F. D. McCormick Will Manage Team—Benefit Wrestling Match to Be Held May 2

Twenty-five or thirty baseball fans and players, members of the Alliance baseball association by virtue of having signed the subscription blank, met at the chamber of commerce rooms at 7:30 p. m. Friday and completed the organization of the association by the election of the following officers:

President, H. D. Shallenberger; vice president, A. G. Isaacson; treasurer, Fred Hayes; secretary and business manager, George M. Carey. F. D. McCormick, former big league player, was selected as manager of the team. The officers, together with Dr. H. A. Copey, Dr. G. J. Hand and C. A. Griffiths, will serve as members of the board of directors.

This is the third meeting held in the interests of the baseball association. At the first meeting, it was decided to make the membership fee \$15, with yearly dues of \$1 a month, and a committee of canvassers was appointed. In one day they secured nearly half the one hundred members of the association which was the number decided upon as necessary to finance the club. The canvass will be completed in the near future.

A number of players were present at the Friday evening meeting and there was considerable interest and enthusiasm on the part of the men who wish to play, as well as on the part of the fans who want to see baseball in Alliance this summer. Practice will begin at once, and a schedule of games will be announced before the season opens. It will be some task to arrange a schedule for the team.

The benefit wrestling match between Anto Wroblowski of Casper and Pete Sauer of this city, a share of the proceeds of which is to go to the benefit of the baseball association, has been announced for May 2. Last week the date was tentatively set for April 29, but it was found necessary to make the change. Tickets for the event went on sale Saturday night and may be secured at several places.

Prospects for baseball in Alliance this year are better than they have been for several seasons. If sufficient backing can be secured to build a downtown baseball park, there is no question that the national game will be well patronized, and if it is found necessary to use the fair grounds, it is probable that a team good enough to draw the fans that distance will be got together.

Mrs. L. L. Meyers of Omaha is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Bernice Meyers. Mrs. Meyers was a former resident of Alliance and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles LaMon of Casper, Wyo., arrived yesterday for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Barnes of this city.

LLOYD THOMAS WRITES OF LIFE DOWN IN TEXAS

COTTON GROWERS ARE IN HARD CIRCUMSTANCES

Prices Have Dropped to Pre-War Levels and Grim Fight Is in Prospect

Lloyd C. Thomas and wife, who have been touring in the southern oil fields for the past two months, are now on the home stretch of their journey, according to word received by friends here yesterday. Mr. Thomas writes The Herald from Houston, Texas:

HOUSTON, Tex., April 18, 1921.—Houston (the "metropolis of South Texas," gave us some surprises, for although it has a sky line that shows up for many miles and although it is a busy, bustling city, it is rather more sedate than we expected to find it, and there is hardly as much of the famous southern hospitality present as we have found in some of the cities farther north. We arrived Saturday night after a hard and long days drive from Waco, 199 miles away. The last thirty miles were the easiest to drive, though, for the city is the hub of a series of hard-surfaced shell roads which invite your auto to speed up and speed up just a little more, until the traffic cop behind you on his motorcycle or in his Overland (they use both or either—anyway to catch 'em) runs around a head, holds up his hand and invites you to accompany him to the city bastle. Ignorance of the rules is no excuse down here and you take your car in hand with fear and trembling and, as the speed limit on the suburban roads is twenty-five miles, you keep your eye glued to the speedometer as the car urges to be allowed to go just a little faster.

Here in Houston they have what are called "one-way" streets, to permit the parking of more cars; they are also very strict regarding parking in some locations and in some places allow parking for limited periods only. I watched a traffic officer "tag" four cars in a row this afternoon.

The busiest little city visited on our trip so far has been Duncan, Okla., the business town for the new Parsons oil field in southern Oklahoma. This town, which was smaller than Alliance six months ago, is increasing its population at the rate of two hundred people per day, with the result that they are sleeping in tents, on the ground, or anywhere they can "flop." The secretary of the newly organized Chamber of Commerce there, Col. W. E. Hawley, was one of the original boomers in the Salt Creek oil field near Casper, Wyo., and was apparently very glad to meet us when he found that we were from western Nebraska.

Duncan is spending a million dollars on municipal improvements and new buildings of every description are going up overnight. I was told that a four-room ordinary house sells there for \$5,000 in cold cash. Over 400 rigs are actively drilling in that county and the roads in both directions are lined with incoming automobiles,

jumping from "bump" to "bump" over the rough roads.

Speaking of roads, we encounter all kinds in a days' driving. On both sides of a progressive town, or clear through a progressive county, we will find excellent, well-graded, surfaced roads. Then we will spend a few hours dodging bumps and mudholes. One bad stretch of road will spoil a whole days' driving for me. Between Waco and Houston we found a stretch of road through a river bottom, only one-half mile long, which had kept tourist travel off the entire road for weeks at a time, and that one stretch of mud could have been put in good traveling shape at an expenditure of only a few hundred dollars.

Houston is surrounded on all sides by a flat country which reminds us very much at this time of Box Butte county. They tell us that late in the summer season the country looks different, however, and that the beautiful looking land, which is only partly farmed, dries up and cracks open. Right now much of it is under water and if it was not for the beautiful graded hard-surfaced roads, travel through it would be impossible.

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OFFER PRIZES TO CHILDREN FOR GARDENS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL SPONSOR CONTEST

All School Children Eligible to Compete—Entry Must Be Made by May 15

The Alliance chamber of commerce, in conjunction with the Woman's club is sponsoring a garden contest for the school children of the city, all of whom are eligible to compete, as there is no age limit. A prize of \$10 for the best garden by any pupil, with prizes of \$2 for the best sample of each vegetable to be planted and \$1 as a second prize have been hung up as inducements to the children to do their best.

The following rules have been decided upon to govern the competition. All gardens must be 16x20 feet in size, or 10x30 feet if potatoes are planted. Each contestant must plant two-thirds of the vegetables listed below: Onions, lettuce, radishes, beets, tomatoes, beans, peas, carrots, potatoes.

The gardens must be planted and the contestant must have registered at the office of the chamber of commerce by May 15. Members of the Woman's club will be the judges, later in the season, and will award the prizes.

An especial effort will be made to interest students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and a number of special talks will be made to them to induce them to enter the contest.

Mrs. Bert Duncan is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Clara Williams and sister, Miss Alice Williams, both of Hot Springs, S. D.

Farmers Held Meeting to Plan Arrangements for the County Fair

Some twenty-five farmers interested in a Box Butte county fair this year met at the county court room in Alliance at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and completed the temporary organization of the Box Butte county agricultural society. Dave Purinton was elected temporary chairman and Lester Beal, secretary.

There was considerable interest in a fair on the part of those present. The county commissioners met with the men, and promised the financial assistance needed, with the understanding that the management of the fair should be in the hands of actual farmers, although they were willing that outside assistance should be received from any source.

Ernest Purinton, Louis Powell and Art Groves were selected as a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws, and County Attorney Lee Basye will assist in this work. It is planned to have the by-laws ready for adoption at the next meeting, which has been called for Saturday, May 7, at the court house, at which time the organization will be made permanent.

Secretary Carey Will Address the Colorado Chamber of Commerce

Secretary George M. Carey of the Alliance chamber of commerce left Monday evening for Limon, Colo., where he is scheduled to address the eastern Colorado chamber of commerce Tuesday night on "The Functions of a Chamber of Commerce." He will stop over in Denver on his return to attend to some matters of business for the local organization.

Miss Carrie Briggs, of Kansas City, is visiting at the home of Mrs. N. J. Fletcher. She arrived Saturday and expects to remain for several weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL INTERCLASS TRACK MEET

SOPHOMORES WIN HONORS BY A NARROW MARGIN

Result Undecided Until Last Event on the Program—Some Good Records Made

Some good records were made at the interclass track and field meet held on the grounds north of the high school building Friday afternoon. Classes in the high school and some of the grades were dismissed for the occasion, and there was a large crowd of students in attendance and considerable interest shown. Interest in athletics at the high school is steadily growing. Friday's meet was held for the purpose of selecting likely material to represent Alliance high school in the western Nebraska track meet, to be held some time before the school year.

The sophomore class won the meet by the narrow margin of three points. The result was in doubt until the very last event on the program, the relay race. Before this race, the seniors had a lead of two points. The sophomores jumped to first place by winning first in the relay, when the second members of the senior class team dropped the baton. The number of points won by the various classes was: Sophomores 46, seniors 42, freshmen 29 and juniors 5.

Although no remarkable records were made in any of the events, Coach Prince considers the showing an excellent one, considering the short season of training. Individual honors were won by Ralph Garvin, with Frank Daily second and Lester Beal third. Daily covered the ground in the hundred-yard dash in 10 3-5 seconds, with Ralph Garvin only three inches behind him at the finish. The second good record was made in the broad jump, Ralph Garvin making a leap of twenty feet. Frank Daily made a record of 10 feet 2 inches in the pole vault, which was considered an excellent mark, especially in view of the short time for training.

The results in the various events of the meet follow:

110-yard dash—Frank Daily, sophomore, first; Ralph Garvin, freshman, second; Lee Strong, sophomore, third; time: 10 3-5 seconds.

220-yard dash—Frank Daily, sophomore, first; Lee Strong, sophomore, second; Ralph Garvin, Freshman, third; time: 25 seconds.

440-yard dash—Lee Strong, sophomore, first; Cecil Beal, sophomore, second; Ivan Wong, senior, third; time: 60 2-5 seconds.

880-yard run—Robert Lawrence, senior, first; Cecil Beal, sophomore, second; Ivan Wong, senior, third; time: 2 minutes 25 seconds.

1 mile run—Robert Lawrence, senior, first; Philip Killian, freshman, second; Clarence Kibble, senior, third; time: 5 minutes 31 seconds.

120-yard hurdles—Lester Beal, senior, first; Ralph Garvin, freshman, second; Lester Beal, sophomore, third; time: 20 2-5 seconds.

220-yard low hurdles—Frank Daily, sophomore, first; Lester Beal, senior, second; Leonard Pate, senior, third; time: 32 seconds.

Half-mile relay—Won by sophomores, by Frank Daily, Lee Strong, Cecil Beal and Lester Cross; time: 1 minute 49 seconds.

Shot-put—Lester Beal, senior, first; Fred Purdy, sophomore, second; Leonard Pate, senior, third; distance: 36 feet 2 inches.

Broad jump—Ralph Garvin, freshman, first; Leonard Pate, senior, second; Lester Beal, senior, third; distance: 20 feet.

High jump—Ralph Garvin, freshman, first; Leonard Pate, senior, second; Frank Daily, sophomore, third; height: 5 feet 3 inches.

Pole vault—Frank Daily, sophomore, first; Ralph Garvin, freshman, second; Leonard Pate, senior, third; height: 10 feet 2 inches.

Javelin throw—James Fowler, junior, first; Martin Morris, freshman, second; Ivan Wong, senior, third; distance: 110 feet.

Discus throw—Lester Beal, senior, first; Ralph Garvin, freshman, second; Leonard Pate, senior, third; distance: 90 feet 8 inches.

Warrant Issued for Arrest of Man Who Uttered Bum Check

A warrant was issued in county court Monday for the arrest of Earl C. Piersoll, alias E. C. Carr, who is charged with cashing, some weeks ago, a check at the First National Bank of Alliance for \$25, drawn on the First State Bank of Clinton, Neb., which was returned as no account. Carr's present location is not known, although it was reported that he had been seen recently at Springview. Since he passed the check on the Alliance bank, a check signed by his name, drawn on the First National, has been presented for payment by a bank in Dennison, Ia.