

# The Alliance Herald

Official Paper of Box Butte

State Historical Society  
(Twelve Pages)

TWICE A WEEK—TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

Official Paper of the City of Alliance

VOLUME XXVIII

ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1921

NO. 44

## CHAS. JEFFERS IS REAPPOINTED CHIEF OF POLICE

### CITY MANAGER WILL MAKE NO CHANGE FOR PRESENT

### Now Engaged in Working Out Plans for a Reorganization of the Fire Department

City Manager N. A. Kemmish has reappointed Charles Jeffers police chief of Alliance, despite the fact that there have been some objections made and despite the further fact that applications for the place were handed in by or two men who were fairly active in city politics during the recent campaign when the city manager plan was adopted.

Mr. Kemmish has also reappointed Frank Rickman as chief engineer with supervision over the power plant and buildings of the city water and light department. Carl H. Rockey has been appointed superintendent of distribution.

The city manager is now working out a plan calling for a reorganization of the fire department. He met with the members of the department on Wednesday evening and told them some of the ideas he has in regard to the organization, and has met with a most friendly co-operation on the part of the firemen.

The following statement has been issued by Mr. Kemmish in regard to recent developments in the administration of city affairs:

"In our public safety department we will not have a superintendent over this entire department but it will be divided into two divisions consisting of the chief of police and the chief of the fire department. These two will in turn report direct to the city manager.

"Our police department is a very important one. I have taken time to run down several stories only to find that they consisted largely of someone's opinion of what should be done rather than the facts or law covering such cases. It has been our policy to retain old employees unless there is a good reason for changing them. It has always been my policy to assist those working with me and be considerate so long as they show a disposition to conscientiously do their very best. I have every reason to believe that in appointing C. W. Jeffers as our chief of police that he will do his best to see that our city ordinances and laws are lived up to regardless of who the defendant may be. He and the department will no doubt be criticized. This is to be expected. Some will think he is too strict while others will think he is not strict enough. Our city ordinances, state laws and federal laws are our only guides. It is our duty to see that these are lived up to. If these laws and ordinances are not what the people want it is up to the law making bodies to change them.

"Our fire department has not as yet been arranged for. We had a meeting of the firemen on Wednesday evening and we will soon have this organization worked out and will be able to announce our policy and plans at some future date.

"We will not have a general superintendent, for the present at least, in our public utilities department. This will be divided into two divisions. The power plant and buildings will be under the direction of Frank Rickman as chief engineer who will report direct to the city manager. The distribution of our public service utilities, outside of the power plant, we have appointed Carl H. Rockey as superintendent of distribution. His duties will consist of caring for the distribution of service in our public utilities division which will include electricity, water, sewer and streets and alleys."

## Opening Game of the Midwest League Is Played at Scottsbluff

A crowd of enthusiastic Alliance baseball fans attended the opening game of the Midwest at Scottsbluff, when the sugar city team defeated the Casper aggregation, 7 to 1, in a fast battle which fully repaid the fans for taking the trouble to see it. The Alliance men were in Scottsbluff to attend the session of the North Platte Valley Shrine club.

There has been a competition between Denver, Scottsbluff and Casper to see which would draw the largest crowd for the opening game. The grandstand and bleachers were both packed, the Alliance men say, and the parking spaces for automobiles were filled to capacity. The only scores were made in the third and seventh innings, but outside of these two, the game was practically a no-hit affair.

The feature was the wonderful pitching of Kinney, who showed up strong for the Scottsbluff aggregation at every turn of the game and out-generated the opposing batters.

Three more games with Casper were scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Sunday the first of four games with Greysbull, Wyo., will be played.

Following is the score for the opening game:

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Casper	4	0	0	2	0	0
Jaekson, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Garrity, lf	3	0	1	4	1	0
McNeel, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	0
Slatery, 1b	3	0	0	13	0	0
Hartzell, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dorica, 2b	3	0	0	1	1	0
Bostick, ss	3	0	0	0	1	0
Hale, c	3	0	0	3	0	0
Hoffman, p	3	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	28	0	1	24	8	3

Left on base, Scottsbluff 3, Casper 4. Sacrifice, Hale, Clark, Newberry. Two-base hit, McKnight, Hays, McNeil. Struck out: By Kinney, 2; by Hoffman, 2. Bases on balls: Off Kinney, 2; off Hoffman, 2. Hit batsman: By Hoffman, Flynn, Umpire, Palmiter. Time 1 hour 35 minutes.

The score by innings:

Casper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scottsbluff	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	x	7		

## GOV. M'KELVIE VETOES MOVIE CENSORSHIP BILL

### SAYS THAT IT ABRIDGES GUARANTEED RIGHTS

### Declares Home the Proper Place to Teach Morals—Curtails Constitutional Liberties

Governor McKelvie at noon Thursday announced his veto of H. R. 113, a bill to censor all moving pictures in Nebraska, which had been rushed through the closing hours of the legislative Wednesday night.

The announcement was made just after the two branches adjourned, although gossip before adjournment forecasted his action.

In a statement the governor made public, he warned that a censorship of dramatic films was a step toward censorship of the press, and an infringement on the state constitution guaranteeing that "every person may freely speak, write and publish on all subjects, being responsible for the abuses of that liberty."

Inauguration of censorship, he said, would be an admission that the home, the church and the school had failed, and their importance would be "subordinated to the paternalism of the state."

The governor said public opinion would be "subordinated to the predicted that within two years any present abuses that might exist would be eliminated and there would be no suggestion of censorship.

"There is no more reason to pass laws against the showing of pictures that do not have a strong moral influence than there is to prevent the publication of books and newspapers that carry the same stories as are shown upon the screen," the governor said.

"The right kind of parents do not permit their children to read indiscriminately, neither should they permit them to see pictures indiscriminately.

"The guardianship of the child in these matters is a parental responsibility and to transmit it to the state would be simply to lessen the responsibility and minimize the importance of the home.

"What we want is not that parents should be encouraged to relax their proper vigil over their children, but that they should be called to realize that the state must not and will not relieve them of these responsibilities."

## WANAMAKER'S DISCOVERY

John Wanamaker, of department store fame, took in \$24.67 the first day he was in business. He kept \$6.67 for change and spent \$24.00 for newspaper advertising. He says today:

"If I ever have a monument for discovering anything, it will be for finding out that the only advertising of direct and instant benefit to both merchant and customer is in the newspaper of known circulation."

## BOY CHARGED WITH ARSON GETS OFF EASY

### ALLOWED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO A MISDEMEANOR

### Father Permitted to Take Nineteen-Year-Old Son Back to Arkansas City, Kan.

Lloyd A. Wright, son of E. B. Wright of Arkansas City, Kan., who was held in connection with the burning of the barn on the J. C. McLean place, nineteen miles northwest of Alliance on April 17, was permitted by County Attorney Basye to plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge in county court Tuesday afternoon, and was fined \$100 and costs, amounting to about \$150, which was paid by his father, who came here from Kansas when he heard his son was in trouble.

The father came to Alliance as soon as he received word that his son was in trouble. He brought with him his bank book and for two days continued to have the complaint against his son charged with attempted arson, dismissed. Judge Tash had already filed a transcript of the case with the district court, and had held the youth for trial before Judge Westover. The father admitted that he had very little money, but told the judge that he had persuaded the owner of the barn to consent to a settlement. Some months ago, Judge Tash announced that in the future there would be no more "compromise with crime" in his court. In this instance he could do nothing, the matter having passed out of his hands.

Later the county attorney, accompanied by the father, appeared in court, where the county attorney filed an amended complaint, charging a variety of attempted arson that ranks only as a misdemeanor. There are several degrees of this crime, it being less of an offense to set fire to a pile of rubbish outside a building than to set the blaze inside, and the offense with which young Wright was charged could be classed as the lesser crime. The youth pleaded guilty to the amended complaint and the fine was assessed. The father drew his bankbook and was perfectly willing that every cent he had should be paid as a fine, but despite the fact that the judge was none too favorable to the proceeding, he made the penalty a fairly light one.

The father explained that the boy had been a good, obedient son to him, and that he believed that the youth would have a better chance to grow up into the right kind of a man at home, under a father's influence, than at the penitentiary. This view was concurred in by County Attorney Basye. Judge Tash some months ago announced his theory of reformation and it fails to jibe with the procedure in this case.

## Postoffice Patrons Are Urged to Mail Letters as Early as Possible

According to bulletins received at the local postoffice, the new postmaster general, Will H. Hays, is seeking to improve the postal service and desires the co-operation of the patrons as well as the men who do the actual handling and delivery of the mails. The patrons are responsible for a considerable portion of the delay in transmission, the bulletin points out.

Nine out of ten, or an even larger proportion of business houses, mail their letters twice daily, at noon and at the close of business hours. This means that the postoffice employees have to handle but little outgoing mail save at these hours. The late mailing hour is especially detrimental to good service, for even in places the size of Alliance, when hundreds of letters are dropped in the box along about closing time, it is often impossible to get it distributed and routed the same evening it is mailed. Then the business man wonders why his letter arrived at its destination several hours later than he had figured.

The remedy proposed by the postmaster general is for patrons to mail letters more frequently, if possible several times a day. This enables the clerks to devote slack hours to sorting over the letters during the day and keep caught up with their work all the time. This plan has been tried out at Washington, where tons of letters were formerly dumped in the post office late in the afternoon, and surprising results have been achieved. If Alliance business men will co-operate with the postoffice, they will find prompt repayment in more efficient service, as well as do a good turn to the clerks.

## CREDITORS ASK JUDGMENT FROM POTASH CONCERN

### ALLIANCE COMPANY DEFENDANT IN THREE ACTIONS

### Friendly Suits Seeking Dissolution of Company and Settlement of John Krause Estate

Three suits, aggregating over \$200,000, were filed in district court yesterday against the Alliance Potash company, a corporation organized with Alliance capital in 1917 and owning a potash reduction plant at Antioch. The suits are friendly in nature, and are filed in an effort to settle the affairs of the company without resorting to the bankruptcy courts. The plant has not been operating for over six months.

The first suit is filed by Herman J. Krause, as surviving partner of Krause Bros., on a promissory note, dated January 25, 1919, with interest at 8 per cent per annum from that date. A second cause of action in this suit is an account assigned to Mr. Krause by the Newberry Hardware company, in the amount of \$59,833.36. A second suit asks judgment on a promissory note for \$25,000.

The third suit is filed by R. M. Hampton, asking judgment for \$63,000. This sum represents notes guaranteed by John Krause, when the plant was in operation. It was necessary for the company to borrow considerable money during its operation, and Mr. Krause guaranteed payment of the notes provided the potash sold did not bring in sufficient money to meet them. The money realized was \$63,000 short. Claim for this amount was made against the John Krause estate by the company and was allowed.

The suits were consented to by the company in order that the Krause estate might be in a position to recover its claims against the plant, and also that the estate might be finally settled. It has been in the courts for some time.

## Red Cross Activities to Continue Tho Home Service Bureau Ends

At a meeting of the directors of the Box Butte county Red Cross, held at the court house Thursday morning, it was decided to continue the present organization for the time being, even though the home service bureau office in the court house will be closed Saturday of this week. Robert Graham will continue as chairman, Ira E. Tash as vice president, Dr. H. A. Copey as treasurer and Miss Josephine Ganson as secretary. There are a few compensation cases remaining to be adjusted and a few other matters of business that are unfinished. Miss Ganson will no longer devote her whole time to the work of the bureau, but has announced that she will be pleased to continue to give information to ex-soldiers concerning compensation, travel pay, etc., if they will call phone 746.

There is still some \$750 in the Red Cross treasury, which will be retained for work in this county. These funds will be available for emergency relief and for financial assistance to ex-soldiers awaiting compensation or adjustment of claims. The records of the bureau will be left in the office of County Judge Tash.

The bands of Campfire Girls, organized under the auspices of the Red Cross home service bureau, will be turned over to the Women's club.

Thomas M. Temple, representing central division headquarters at Chicago, made the semi-annual visit of inspection Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, leaving for Sidney Thursday afternoon. Mr. Temple served under Herbert Hoover during the war and is now endeavoring to organize the Red Cross and the various women's organizations for relief work for the children of Europe. He gave a graphic description of conditions in the near east. He urged that all organizations possible be devoted to making clothing for children, using old clothes as materials. Women's societies which are interested are asked to get in touch with Miss Ganson, who will secure the necessary patterns and instructions.

## BIRTHS

Word was received yesterday of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed of Berea, on April 27. Mrs. Reed was formerly Miss Hazel McAllister, a teacher in the Alliance schools last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Waters of Toronto, Canada, are the parents of a daughter, born April 17. Mrs. Waters was formerly Miss Mabel Wiker of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Wiker.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Warmer tonight and east and central portions Saturday.

## Dr. J. R. Gettys to Speak at Methodist Church Next Sunday

The Methodist church of this city is offering the public another big day next Sunday when the Rev. Dr. J. R. Gettys of Lincoln, noted author, lecturer and preacher will speak at both the morning and evening services. As a pastor, Dr. Gettys has served some of the largest churches in the west, and college students in particular will remember him as a forceful, inspiring speaker. As a chautauqua lecturer, he has filled many important engagements. He is at present the corresponding secretary of the Nebraska conference claimants' society of the Methodist church.

His Sunday morning topic will be "The Trail of the Sky Pilot" and in the evening at 8 o'clock, "Solving the World's Problem." Both of these addresses have been given with great success before numerous large gatherings, and are said to be masterpieces that the public will appreciate.

Lloyd Johnson and family have moved into their home on the corner of Laramie and Eighth street, recently purchased from R. E. Plumbo.

## CITY COUNCIL HELD SESSION THURSDAY EVE

### SEVERAL LICENSE ORDINANCES WERE PASSED.

### Salaries of Mayor and Councilmen Set at \$300 and \$180—New Sewer District.

The city council held its first official meeting with City Manager Kemmish present at the council chamber Thursday evening. Every councilman was on hand promptly at 7:30, for the first time in history, and the session was all over and the lights extinguished at 10 p. m.

The council devoted the evening to the consideration of half a dozen ordinances, several of which were passed. Among those on the list was the salary ordinance, which set the amount of pay the council shall receive. The members were exceedingly temperate as regards their desire for remuneration, the figure for the ordinary councilmen being placed at \$180 per year, while Mayor Hampton, over his protests, will receive \$300. Under the statute, the councilmen might have set their salary at almost double the figure. In addition to taking less than they might have taken, the council has already passed an ordinance which will dock each member for meetings missed.

The license fee for plumbers was increased from \$10 to \$25 a year, and that of electricians decreased from \$75 to \$25. The electricians' license was set at the higher figure some months ago, when one member of the guild appeared at a council meeting and told the members of the former council that the electricians wanted the license fee put high enough to keep outside companies, with no investment, from slipping in and making cut-throat competition. The next meeting other electricians came in and explained that they wanted a high license, but the figure set was entirely too high. The old council never got around to rescinding its action, and the new council had to do it.

Another ordinance passed Tuesday evening created sewer district No. 39, including all of the real estate in blocks No. H and E, Nebraska addition to the city of Alliance.

The council also discussed an occupation tax for moving picture establishments. The old fee was \$50, and a check for that amount had been deposited with the city clerk, but the new council felt that the amount should be increased. Various amounts were suggested, some as high as \$200 per year. The council will meet next Monday evening, with this as a special order of business, and in the meantime figures from other cities in Nebraska will be compiled.

Several bills were considered, among them one of \$240 hospital fees and \$72 nursing charges for care of Myda Virdie, the woman who was an inmate of Mrs. Evelyn McElhane's rooming house. The bill was approved by Dr. George J. Hand, former city physician, but the council delayed payment until an attempt is made to persuade the county commissioners to meet part of the expense.

## SCHRAUTSMEIER FAILS TO KEEP DATE WITH JUDGE

### NEGLECTS TO SHOW UP AFTER LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

### Given Forty-Eight Hours to Borrow Money to Pay Fine, But His Watch Stopped.

The next violator of the booze laws who appears before Judge Tash may expect to be given every right the law allows him, but when it comes to asking favors, he'll be barking up the wrong tree. The judge's faith in human nature received a couple of stiff jolts this week, and he hasn't recovered from the last one. Of course it may be a mistake, but as the hours drag by and Virgil Schrautmeier, who was allowed forty-eight hours to visit his friends and borrow money to pay a \$100 fine, doesn't put in an appearance, the judge's faith is shrinking visibly.

Last Tuesday afternoon, Schrautmeier was tried on a charge of keeping intoxicating liquor in a place other than his dwelling house. Virgil has been conducting the Wilson barn, famed throughout western Nebraska as a place that has been suspected of skulduggery oftener than any other, unless you count the city hall. Sheriff Miller, Chief Jeffers and others raided this place early Tuesday morning, and buried in a box stall in a far off portion of the barn found five or six ginger ale bottles filled with homemade whiskey. They also found a half-pint of the liquor in a box which Schrautmeier admitted was his property.

Three other men who were in the barn at the time of the raid, two McLaughlins, father and son, and W. J. Seelach, dairyman, were released after being questioned by the county attorney. Schrautmeier was held for trial. He pleaded not guilty and declared that he had no knowledge of the manner in which the booze was brought to the barn. The court didn't see fit to believe him, and assessed a \$100 penalty. Virgil didn't have the money, and as a special favor was given a forty-eight hour leave of absence to produce it.

Apparently the pickings were poor, for the time was up Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and Virgil had not put in an appearance. It is possible that he is staying out because the prospects are just getting good, or his watch may have stopped, but Judge Tash doesn't really expect to see him again. County Attorney Basye suggested to Virgil that he would take steps to close the Wilson barn for a year or so on the grounds that it was a public nuisance, and it may be that the alleged bootlegger feels that the \$100 will go far toward setting him up in business elsewhere. At any rate Judge Tash has vindicated his pet theory that it doesn't pay to be too lenient with men who are charged with law violation.

This is the seventh time that booze has been found in the barn, and there has been wild stories of gambling and other amusements taking place there. One time in the dim, dead past, when the police officers arrested a lessee of the barn and charged him with keeping liquor there in violation of law, the case was appealed to district court, where it was held that the barn was a dwelling house. This decision hasn't influenced either the officers or the county court in at least a year, however.

## Last Chapter Written in Guyton Case

### The final chapter has been written on the Jack Guyton case, says the Scottsbluff News.

District Judge Hobart Tuesday released the bond given by Guyton pending his appeal to the supreme court, after County Attorney J. L. Grinn had filed a "nolle prosequi"—a statement of unwillingness to prosecute Guyton, who was accused of assaulting Marie Dawkins at the Lincoln hotel January 15, and later found guilty by a district court jury.

The order of legal procedure was this: The district court first sustained the motion by P. J. Barron, Guyton's attorney, for a new trial.

The county attorney then filed the nolle prosequi and the case was dismissed.

Now it only remains to clear away from the supreme court the appeal there filed by Guyton after his conviction. Marie Dawkins, the complaining witness, is understood to be in Denver now. Her affidavit that the testimony she gave at the preliminary hearing and at the trial was false, resulted in the end of the case.