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SCHOOL BOARD WILL PROCEED WITH BUILDINGS

BUSINESS MEN APPROVE CONSTRUCTION NOW

Bonds Voted a Year Ago, But Board Decided to Wait Until Conditions More Favorable

The Alliance school board, it is announced, plans to go ahead with the construction of two school buildings, one a grade school for the eastern part of the city and the other the junior high school building, to be constructed on the same lots as the present high school.

Bonds for these buildings were voted in May of last year, but the board decided to delay construction, due to the fact that at that time prices on lumber, labor and other essentials were skyrocketing. In fact, they had risen so fast and so much that the board was considerably dubious as to whether the buildings could be completed for the \$250,000 at their disposal.

The bond election was the second step in the building program. Originally, no election was held, but petitions were circulated, another form recognized by the statutes. By the time the board got ready to sell its bonds, it was discovered that the issue authorized would not cover the expense.

There was also some doubt as to whether the issuance of bonds by the petition route was legal, and so an election was called, and the amount of bonds increased.

At a meeting of members of the school board with representative business men at the chamber of commerce rooms Wednesday evening, the matter of going ahead with the building program was discussed, and every person present expressed a favorable opinion. Conditions are regarded as favorable for building at present, not alone because lumber and other materials have decreased in price, but because labor is plentiful and the construction would furnish employment for those who are needing jobs.

The last obstacle in the way of completing the buildings is the sale of the bonds. A year ago there was no great demand for bonds, and the discount would have been ruinous. Offers received recently approximate 98 or 99 per cent of the face of the bonds, and it is probable that a sale will be arranged. It is not likely that the actual work of building will be started before two months, as the contract is yet to be let and other necessary arrangements completed.

Railway Business is Not Particularly Brisk in Northwest Country

State Journal: General Superintendent Al G. Smart of the Wyoming district of the Burlington, who was in Lincoln, Wednesday and returned to headquarters at Alliance Wednesday night, says business is still dull on the Wyoming lines of the railroad. There is some indication of a coming increase in passenger traffic and the oil industry is extending under the influence of new development in the Salt creek field of Wyoming, but general business conditions are dull and the business situation is not reassuring.

Prospects for Large Attendance at District Hardware Men's Meeting

J. S. Rhein, chairman of the Alliance district of the Nebraska retail hardware dealers' association, reports a prompt and enthusiastic response on the part of the dealers in this district, which includes some fifty towns in western Nebraska. The hardware men will hold a business session in Alliance May 19, and indications are that practically every dealer in the district will be in attendance on that date. The program will consist largely of shop talks and discussion of problems peculiar to the retail hardware trade.

THE WEATHER

Fair and continued cool tonight with frost Saturday. Increasing cloudiness. Rising temperature west and central portions.

Prof. Paul W. Ivey Gives an Outline of Salesmanship Course

Prof. Paul W. Ivey of the school of commerce of the University of Nebraska spent Wednesday in Alliance. In the evening he spoke to a number of people who are interested in the lectures on salesmanship which he plans to deliver in Alliance provided a sufficient number of people are interested. These lectures will begin shortly after the university closes the present term, and a number of cities have secured Mr. Ivey, among them Grand Island, Beatrice and Scottsbluff.

The lectures will extend over a period of seven weeks, and the fee will be \$10. There will be an hour lecture weekly, followed by a round table discussion, and Mr. Ivey will be at the service of the merchants and those taking the course during his visits to the city. Many of the merchants are enthusiastic over the course. A committee of five has been appointed by the chamber of commerce, which will endeavor to secure eighty people for the course.

Expression Students Score a Big Success in the May Festival

The classes in expression, of the Alliance schools, under the direction of Mrs. Inice McCorkle Dunning, staged a May festival at the Imperial theater Wednesday evening. The program consisted of a number of songs, drills and interpretative dances, all of which were well received by the audience. The entire program showed evidences of careful training, the smaller tots doing especially good work in the dances and drills. The features of the program were the solos by Miss Elsie Simpson and Miss Verna Dow, the fairy stories by Frances Fletcher and the garden dance, in which the children did especially noteworthy work. The two butterflies, Betty Harper and Phylena Finch, the youngest on the program, did remarkable dancing.

Following is the program: Chorus, "Voices of the Woods," ensemble. "Gabbest." Solo, "May Morning," Denza, Elsie Simpson. Fairy story, Frances Fletcher. Solo, "Bird Song," Verna Dow. Whistling accompaniment, Dorothy Reynolds and Elsie Simpson. Triumphant march and coronation. Chorus, "Coronation," ensemble. May pole dance, twelve grade girls. Garden dance, Daisy, Willetta Cox, Butterflies, Betty Harper, Phylena Finch; Fairies, Mary Elizabeth Griffith, Elenar Beal; Flowers, Virginia Lester, Florence Carlson; Gardener, "Mac" Dunning. May pole dance, twelve high school girls. Duel dance, "Winter," Josephine Acheson; "Spring," Dorothy Fricke. Patriotic dance and pantomime, "Red, White and Blue," Wanda Adams, Irma Ellis, Dorothy Reynolds.

Alliance High School Debating Team Wins Its First Round at Lincoln

Word was received by Superintendent W. R. Pate this morning that the Alliance high school debating team won the first round in the state championship series, now being held at Lincoln, by defeating Fairbury high school Thursday evening. The Alliance debaters were scheduled to meet the team from the Cathedral high school of Lincoln this morning. One more series remains before the finals.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MRS. JANE EARP TONIGHT

Mrs. Jane Earp died yesterday afternoon at 3:45 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. DeMoss, 518 West Third. She had been in poor health for some time, but was feeling as well as usual up until within thirty minutes of her death. A brief chapel service will be held at Darling's undertaking parlors this evening at 8 o'clock, and the body will be shipped on forty-two to Grand Pass, Mo. Funeral will be held at that place on Sunday and interment made in Palmer cemetery beside her husband who died twenty-three years ago. The deceased was eighty-two years of age and leaves two daughters and three sons. Other relatives are two sisters, fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. J. W. DeMoss and daughter, Sylvia, will accompany the remains to Grand Pass.

Mrs. Jay Duncan is enjoying a visit from her mother. Scott Lee, formerly employed at The Famous, has returned to his home at Madrid, Neb.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES SALE OF WATER BONDS

TWO SEWER DISTRICTS COMPLETED AND ACCEPTED

Ordinance Adopted Outlining the Various Departments of the City Government

The Alliance city council held its first May meeting at the council chamber Thursday evening, every councilman being in his chair a minute or two before 7:30 and the meeting beginning promptly on time. This is the second or third time that the new council has smashed all previous records to smithereens in the way of attendance and quick transaction of business. The meeting lasted but little more than an hour.

The matter that consumed the most time was a discussion in regard to the billboards recently erected at the south side of the city's dump, which are intended to conceal the unsightly junk from the public gaze. The city advanced the money to build these billboards and the mayor and city clerk were authorized to enter into a contract whereby they are leased for a period of five years to local bill posters, who will see that the city is reimbursed for all expense out of the proceeds. A provision was inserted in the contract to permit the city to break the contract if at any time within the life of the lease it should desire to sell the property. There isn't much prospect for selling it, but one or two of the councilmen thought the protection worth having.

The \$10,000 extension bonds were sold to the Omaha Trust company of Omaha, Neb., at 95 1/2%. This gives the city \$9,550 with which to make our water extensions. The next highest offer was 92 1/2%. This is very good, considering the way the bond market is at present. Sewer districts number eleven and twelve have been completed by Contractor Young and accepted by Mr. Grant, engineer. Mr. Grant, the engineer will soon have ready the chart showing the assessments against the various properties in these two districts.

A petition to establish sewer districts number thirty-nine was presented and filed. The city council established by ordinance this sewer district in the alley between Yellowstone and Missouri avenues and from the south side of Eighth street to the south side of Tenth street and assessing the costs of this sewer to the abutting properties.

Another ordinance was passed at the meeting, presented by City Manager Kemmish, which outlines the five departments of the city administration, limits the number of employees in each department and prescribes the bond to be filed as well as setting out the duties of the various department heads and employees.

Secretary Carey is Working on Reducer Freight Rates Here

Secretary George M. Carey of the Alliance chamber of commerce is scheduled to appear at a hearing held by the interstate commerce commission at the federal court building at Denver on May 19, at which time the commission will take up the question of freight rates on fruits, vegetables and livestock.

American Legion to Hold Next Meeting on Tuesday Evening

Alliance post No. 7, American Legion, will hold its monthly dinner and meeting at the Fern garden of the Alliance hotel on Tuesday evening at 6:30. The meeting was scheduled for Thursday evening of this week, but was postponed because of the Scottish Rite reunion. A number of important matters are to come up for discussion, among them the completion of the program for the observance of Memorial day and plans for raising money during the race meet. The Legion has been given two or three of the best concessions at the fair grounds.

John Haslow has purchased the Jack Miller property on Missouri avenue.

Mrs. Harry Loomis of Berea, was an Alliance visitor last Friday.

Eula Lee, teacher from Antioch, spent the week end with her brother here.

Mrs. Emma Long, of Chicago, visited her cousin, Miss Edna Benedict last week. She was en route for Seattle, Wash., where she will spend the summer.

LLOYD THOMAS ON LAST LAP OF AUTO TRIP

SPENDS SEVERAL DAYS IN THE PANHANDLE COUNTRY

Beds of Dry Potash Have Been Discovered There—Huge District of Irrigated Land

DALHART, Tex., May 5, 1921.—After spending several days at Amarillo, which occupies a similar position in the Texas panhandle to the position of Alliance in the Nebraska panhandle—the metropolis, it seems quite a pleasure to be again on our way towards home.

Since leaving Houston ten days ago we have experienced some of the best and some of the worst roads in the U. S. A. From Houston we drove to Austin, which is the capital of Texas, and in order to get there had to detour about 100 miles out of our way, due to the fact that many of the river bottoms in southern Texas were flooded—they claimed eleven inches of rainfall in twenty-four hours at one point, and judging from the flooded condition of the country, they told the truth.

It also seems rather odd to find no "niggers" in the Texas panhandle, after being in some localities where the colored population seemed to outnumber the white about three to one, at least. But up here in the panhandle they are not allowed.

At Austin we experienced the hottest day of our trip, and were glad to start north, although after we had gotten off the paved roads which radiate for about thirty miles from the city we ran into the worst roads of our trip and for about two hundred miles, until we reach Abilene, in the panhandle, we had the roughest and roughest roads I have ever seen.

It may interest Nebraska potash magnates to learn that great beds of dry potash have been discovered in western Texas and that one man at Amarillo has leased over 200 sections of land in that locality for the purpose of mining this potash. The beds were discovered in the drilling of oil wells and are from 1750 to 2500 feet underground. Government geologists and experts are now working on the perfecting of methods of bringing this potash to the surface. I found the Amarillo parties very much interested in the history of the Nebraska potash industry and it is very probable that a party may visit the Alliance and Antioch district soon to make further investigation.

All Sorts of Mineral Finds.

It was also interesting to learn that thick beds of salt have recently been discovered near Amarillo at a depth of 700 feet underground and that plans are being made to mine this salt and place it on the market. There are so many oil wells being drilled through western Texas that they are finding out many things underground that were never thought of.

The potash beds and the salt beds were discovered in an odd and interesting manner. Oil well drillers who were working on wildcat wells were amazed to find that their drills were going down but no mud or ground-up rock was coming up in their sand buckets, which were bringing up nothing but water. The secret was explained when the water was tasted and when it dried, for it was found that the potash and salt had been dissolved in the water, forming brine.

It was mighty interesting to us one day last week, after having driven for many miles through a barren and sagebrush country, to suddenly climb up onto a plain that looked almost enough like Box Butte county to be it. Post, Texas, founded a number of years ago by C. W. Post of Grapenut fame, is located on the southern edge of this great plain which covers the panhandle and extends to the mountains in New Mexico.

Mr. Post took a tract of 32,000 acres a number of years ago and divided it up into farms 160 and 320 acres in size. He built a house on each tract, fenced it and broke out most of the land, planted fruit trees and sold the farms on exceptionally easy terms of \$500 down on a quarter-section farm or \$1,000 down on a 320-acre tract. This is today one of the most prosperous parts of Texas and each farm is a duplicate of its neighbor.

The panhandle, from Post this way, is very level and is being rapidly divided into farms. Land is worth from \$22 to \$150 per acre. They grow all kinds of crops, including cotton, corn and the small grains. Many northern people have located here.

Plainview, Texas, is the center of a large irrigated district, the irrigation water being supplied by pumps, run by huge oil burning engines which use fuel oil. This country is underlaid by great veins of water at a depth of about 100 feet on the average. The pumps used were new to us—they are like a giant screw and extend clear down into the bottom of the well. Six and eight-inch casing is used mostly. The huge screw is turned at a terrific rate, forcing the water up and out into the reservoirs and irrigation ditches. The average well produces from 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of water per minute, giving an ample supply for irrigation. It seems that this style of pumps

FAST HORSES NOW ARRIVING FOR RACE MEET

JACK LEWIS SHOWS UP WITH STRING OF FIVE

Track in Excellent Condition and Workouts Taking Place Daily—Good Records Being Made

It's beginning to look like the good old summer time again at the fair grounds. With the arrival of Jack Lewis from Pueblo, Colo., bringing a string of five harness horses, headed by that grand pacer, Peter Native, 2:19 1/4, by The Native, 2:10 1/4, it begins to look like a race meet. Peter Native won the 2:25 pace in last year's meet and is in fine form.

Lewis has with him also Arinado, who came in second in last year's 2:30 trot. Arinado is by Colorado E, 2:04 1/4, and like Peter Native, is in the pink of condition. These two horses will show some speed during this year's meet. The other three horses in the Lewis string are Lucille Foster, by Worcesterberger, 2:04; Bella Donna, by Peter O. Donna, 2:14 1/4; and Athol Direct by Peter Direct, 2:13 1/4. The last three horses were not at Alliance last year, and Bella Donna will be given an opportunity to make her virgin race.

Frank Shreves already has Whitefoot, 2:11 1/4, by Totwood, 2:16 1/4, at the grounds, and the big pacer is being given daily workout and is showing up in the pink of condition. Whitefoot trained off at the start of last season and did not reach his real stride until late in the fall, but he ended up the season with a fine string of victories to his credit and is expected to make a splendid record this year. He has been worked hard all winter, and is being put into form carefully. Shreves also has Litton, Jr., that good little pacer by Peter Litton, 2:11 1/4.

Rev. A. J. Kearns Makes a Suggestion for Children's Day

Rev. A. J. Kearns, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has made the following suggestion for the observance of Children's day by the Alliance churches. Mr. Kearns has talked the matter over with some of the other pastors, all of whom have received the plan with enthusiasm. Mr. Kearns suggests:

"By the way, why can't the Sunday schools of Alliance have a Children's day parade, marching up and down our well paved streets singing the songs of Zion, 'Children of the Heavenly King,' 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' and a host of others. Each division carrying Old Glory and the banners of the cross and designating colors would make a gala day of Children's day.

Following the parade a few short addresses to the children by the mayor of the city, one Sunday school superintendent and one of the pastors, after which the children would be served with ice cream by some of the civic bodies.

"Let's have a real Children's day and give the day over to the children. In the evening, each school could present its own exercises in the separate churches. Before plans have gone too far this year let's give this plan a thought. Children's day Sunday school parades are getting more popular every year.

"The city of Brooklyn is the mother of the idea and this year celebrates its one hundredth annual Sunday school parade, in which more than 100,000 children will participate. This particular event in the city of Brooklyn has been reviewed and addressed by many notables including the president of the United States, governors of the various states and even foreign diplomats. Such a recognition of the children and the Sunday school not only makes a day of happy remembrance but impresses upon young lives that the older folks look upon the work of religious education as something of real importance."

Judge Iron Crow Looking for Place For Summer Camp

County Judge Tash has received a letter from Judge William Iron Crow of Manderson, S. D., on the reservation which extends professional greetings and mentions a prospective visit from the Indians. During the war, the visit from the Indians was all that saved the potato crop, and since then the red men have been given an especially hearty welcome. Judge Iron Crow, who is one of the two judges comprising the court of domestic relations for the tribe, writes:

"Our friend: Just a line to let you know I am well. So is my friend Judge William Birdhead. Hope this may find you well. We expect to visit you some time this summer and hope you will arrange for pasture and camping ground for us. Best wishes to you. Bye-bye. Your friend, 'JUDGE WILLIAM IRON CROW.'"

Mrs. Walter Perry is assisting Mr. Perry at the Van Graven studio.

Carl A. Hanson and Miss Bessie M. Farley, both of Grand Island, were married by County Judge Tash Wednesday morning.

A new set of steel office equipment is being installed in the office of W. C. Mounts, clerk of the district court.

There are only a few running horses on the grounds, but this is fairly early to expect them. A little black gelding, Jimmy Dale, is occupying one of the box stalls, and he is a most promising young horse, with a sire of Kentucky derby stock. There are a couple of others, but it will be two or three weeks before the bulk of the running horses begin to show up.

A good field of horses, both for the harness and running events, is in prospect, according to Secretary Ed. Bishop of the speed association. Mr. Bishop has received letters from a number of those who had horses here last year and the most of them are planning to return.

The track has never been in such condition for so long a period. The pleasant weather has made the early season ideal for working out the horses, and nearly every morning some pretty fair records have been made. Peter Native and Whitefoot have been showing up in exceptionally good condition. Whitefoot, after a winter's work, is showing evidences of being anxious to race, and his driver is expecting a lot of him when the starter is on the job. Nick Ronin of Fremont, the veteran starter who has always been popular in Alliance, will be here again this year. The dates for the race meet have been set for June 15, 16 and 17, and the stockmen's convention will meet in Alliance that week, holding business sessions the two days previous to the race meet. In order to have nothing to interfere with attendance at western Nebraska's finest sport event.

Big Classes Taking Work at the Alliance Scottish Rite Reunion

The third annual Scottish Rite reunion has drawn Masons from all over western Nebraska to Alliance this week, when all degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second, inclusive, are being exemplified. The Alliance lodges put on the work from the fourth to the eighteenth degrees on Wednesday and Thursday, and this morning the members of Omaha consistency No. 1 began taking a class of ninety through from the eighteenth to the thirty-second. The closing ceremonies will be held Saturday evening.

Forty-five candidates took the first eighteen degrees, and the class of ninety for the high degrees broke all records for Scottish Rite masonry in western Nebraska. W. R. Harper, who has been very active of securing candidates, feels considerably elated over the success of the reunion, and this feeling is shared by dozens of other Masons, who spent weeks in securing applications from this part of the state.

Mrs. Frank Shreve and daughter, Miss Leona, left this noon for Scottsbluff, where they will spend the week-end with the former's sister, Mrs. James Osborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fletcher returned Sunday from a trip to Denver and Colorado Springs.

John Glass, from Hyannis, was in Alliance on a business trip Saturday.