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CITY FINANCES

Alliance citizens who so strongly fought the adoption of the city manager plan of municipal government have received a rather stiff jolt in the region of their self-complacency. City Manager Kemmish has compiled a history of all the bond issues of this city, and it doesn't make exactly cheerful reading. It isn't pleasant to realize that the city owes at present over \$360,000, that \$195,000 of this amount is due within eight years and that there has been set aside only \$2,000 with which to meet the obligations. This sum has been put into a sinking fund by the school board, which has apparently handled its bond issues in a businesslike way.

It has been demonstrated that Mr. Kemmish is the sort of a man that is needed at the helm in Alliance. It has required a considerable amount of courage to present the facts to the city at this time. It would have been comparatively easy to let matters slide, just as it has been allowed to slide for the past twelve years, and when the time came to pay, to vote refunding bonds to pass the tax burden on to future generations. It isn't fair, of course, and it isn't in accordance with good business principles, but it has been done.

The eyes of the entire state are on Alliance, the first city to adopt the city manager plan under the statutes. It is the opportunity of a lifetime for Mr. Kemmish to make a name and a record for himself by reducing taxes. It is to his credit that he does not consider doing this. He has suggested that the right way to meet these obligations when they fall due will be to increase taxes to an amount sufficient to establish a sinking fund of the right size to take care of them when the time comes to pay.

Taxes are already high, but no right-thinking property owner will object to taking care of debts contracted for his benefit. It is regrettable, of course, that in the past steps should not have been taken to take care of the city's bonded indebtedness, but it is usually conceded to be a waste of time to weep over spilled milk.

It's going to be a big task, and it will require the co-operation of every citizen in Alliance. The city manager will pare down expenses in every way possible. The effect of the issuance of \$250,000 in school bonds has been worked out by Mr. Kemmish and made a part of his tabulation. When these bonds are issued, the city will have to spend \$15,000 in interest alone, and \$7,560 addi-

tional if an adequate sinking fund is to be established to pay them off at maturity. It is possible that the school board may deem it advisable to erect but one new building this year, say on the east side, using the Central school as a junior high school for a few years, until the load has been lightened. Certain it is that something should be done, and that no expense should be incurred which can be avoided.

The tabulations show clearly how fast the tax burden accumulates when bond issues are not paid off. The \$47,000 refunding bonds, issued in 1919, issued to pay for warrants that outstanding at the time, due to the fact that expenditures in various city departments were greater than the amount appropriated, are costing the taxpayers of Alliance over \$4,000 a year, and this burden will continue for the next eighteen years, provided steps are taken to establish the proper sinking fund now. If not, this burden will increase as time goes on.

It's an unpleasant situation, but one that must be met. Mr. Kemmish urges that it be met in a business-like way, and that the city proceed to set aside funds to meet its obligations. A few of those who opposed the city manager plan will make political capital out of any increase in taxes at this time, but the longer the delay, the greater will be the cost. The city manager deserves a vote of thanks for pointing out the situation in such a clear way, and nine out of ten citizens will be ready to give it to him.

AGAIN THE TRAMP

(State Journal).

Every freight train one examines going west nowadays contains its platoon of tramps. The hobo, he of the trainloads in 1895, is out again in full force. Whoever you go, he is asking you to assist him to some breakfast. He is at your kitchen door for a handout as of old. The smoke of his camp fires ascend from ten thousand thickets and roadsides. Beware of pitchforking your hay stack after dark. You may puncture a tramp. Up and down the land he goes, a human derelict, carrying with him the perils always associated with derelicts. There is an increase in petty thieving. Life isn't as safe as it was. It is more essential than before to lock your doors at night. Society feels itself besieged by a sudden new army, the army of peripatetic unemployed.

The tramp is an American institution largely and a sign of American social inefficiency. During the war there were no tramps. There was work for everybody. No man, he ever so unwilling to face a job, could escape a job. Few would feed the back door applicant, knowing that no able bodied man needed to be a back door applicant. Everybody worked because there was a job for everybody; and that ended the profession of vagrancy.

Now the war is over and our old sore begins to run again. There are three or four million jobless men in the country. That means a million or two men denied a chance to earn a living. When the back door mendicant shows up, one cannot know but he is a deserving victim of unemployment. We cannot condemn the tramp as we could when there was a job for every man. Hence the tramp, the never-work along with the out-of-door, can look the world in the face, demanding confidently his free ride and his free breakfast.

There is one sound way to end the tramp. That is by the means which ended him during the war. If war were declared tomorrow the tramp would disappear, for we should then do what we think cannot be done. We should out ourselves to increasing national production, spurred by the suddenly found means of obtaining a consumer for every product. There would be a job for every man and the hobo would no more dare to show his face. When we have learned to pull ourselves together for peace as we do for war, so arranging our affairs that production can hum because everybody has the means to consume, then the tramp will find the world as cold to him in peace as it was in war.

Tornado Did Not Stop Ford Engine Despite Air Flight

The Lincoln Daily Star is authority for the following yarn:

Caught in the path of a tornado while driving his car along a country road east of Alliance, C. M. Looney,

local traveling salesman, and the Ford car which he was driving were lifted 30 feet in the air, Looney being hurled from the car in midair, while the car was carried some distance further on. Luckily, he was not injured beyond a good shaking up. When he reached the car after the storm had passed he discovered that the top had been wrenched loose, every bolt and nut in the frame had been broken and the heads of the bolts holding the top together had been cut off as cleanly

as if with a knife. The engine was still running and he was able to drive the machine back to town.

NOTICE OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends for their kindness and expressions of sympathy and floral offerings upon the occasion of the death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Jane Earp.
MRS. J. W. DeMOSS,
MISS SYLVIA DeMOSS.

Fancy Dress Skirts

In a varied assemblage of new and standard models showing Dainty White Skirts of all the popular fabrics, including the new Summer Wash Skirt, plain and pleated models of plain, striped, plaid and checks, for girls 10 to 15 and women, all sizes. Especially priced to move quick at—

\$3.75 to \$24.75

- - Hosiery

REMARKABLE has been the sale we have had on Hosiery for both Women and Girls, at the new prices we have on cotton, lisle, mercerized, pure silk and silk fibre in all sizes and the popular shades.

- - Ribbon

YOU SHOULD NOT Neglect to supply yourself with a quantity of Ribbons while we are closing out the present stock at ONE-THIRD of the regular price.

100 SUITS AT 1-3 OFF Their Actual Value

Highland-Holloway Co.

Alliance Team Wins a 12 to 2 Victory Over Chadron Nine

The Alliance baseball team copped their first victory last Sunday, when they took the Chadron team into camp to the tune of 12 to 2. A. R. Harper got a damaged ankle out of the melee, but there were no other casualties. It was a fast exhibition of playing all the way through, although Alliance had the better of the argument from the start.

The Alliance team was scheduled for a game with Hemingford Memorial day, and rode to that place in cars, only to meet with the announcement that the Hemingford boys had ordered a postponement, due to the threatening weather. As it happened, it didn't rain, and the locals were somewhat vexed at the outcome.

Sunday the Alliance boys will play Rushville, and the two teams should be fairly well matched. Rushville defeated Chadron by a score of 12 to 1, and Alliance won a 12 to 2 victory over the same team. The game will be called at 2 p. m. at the fair grounds.

Snappy music at the Fern Garden dance tonight (Tuesday). Don't miss it. 53

AT THE CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

There will be no preaching at the church Sunday owing to the fact that the pastor is at the Association, where he is the special devotional leader and preacher of the annual sermon.

The children are asked to be at the church at 2 p. m. Wednesday afternoon to practice for children's day program. Prayer meeting as usual Wednesday. Let the members turn out in the same way you have been doing while the pastor was here. Mrs. Cross will lead. Come and encourage the leader with a large number present and taking part.

The Great Western Cream separators at the Fairmont Cream Station. 53-56

John O'Brien, a Texas wanderer, drew a \$10 fine, together with the usual trimmings, in police court before Judge Roberts this morning, on a vagrancy charge. O'Brien guaranteed to leave the city within three minutes if released, and with this understanding the fine and costs were suspended, and he is on his way elsewhere. The arrest was made by Officer Stowell when word came to him that O'Brien was hiring men and women to work on a ranch that he claimed to own. He offered exceptionally good wages, and carried his bluff through in fine shape. He was at first thought to be off his trolley, but he explained that he had done all this employment agency stuff in the hope that he would meet some prospect who would stake him to a meal. His story was accepted by the court.

HE KNEW HOW

There was an old geezer
And he had a lot of sense,
He started up a business
On a dollar eighty cents.
The dollar for stock,
And the eighty for an ad,
Brought him three lovely dollars
In a day, by dad!
Well, he bought more goods
And a little more space,
And he played that system
With a smile on his face.
The customers flocked
To his two-by-four
And soon he had to hustle
For a regular store.
Up on the square
Where the people pass
He gobbled up a corner
That was all plate glass.
He fixed up the windows
With the best that he had,
And told them all about it
In a half-page ad.
He soon had 'em coming
And he never, never quit,
And he wouldn't cut down
On his ads, one bit.
And he kept thing humping
In the town ever since,
And everybody calls him
The Merchant Prince.
Some say it's luck
But that's all bunk—
Why, he was doing business
When times were punk.
People have to purchase
And the geezer was wise—
For he knew the way to get 'em
Was to advertise.
—Exchange.

Word was received this morning of the death of J. A. Wolverton, of Crawford, formerly of Alliance. Death occurred at Mayer Bros. hospital, Rochester, Minn., where he had been taken for treatment. Mr. Wolverton was an engineer on the Burlington. His wife was with him at Rochester and will accompany the body to Alliance where interment will be made at Greenwood. Rev. S. J. Epler will have charge of funeral services, the exact time of which has not yet been announced.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Bids will be received until Monday, June 6th, for the excavation and removal of approximately eight hundred yards of dirt from basement of new M. E. church, Seventh and Box Butte. Bids should cover disposal of dirt by contractor or disposition of same within four blocks by building committee. Address all bids to A. S. Mote, City. 53-54

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Osnes, May 28, a girl.

Mrs. L. L. Smith returned Friday from a visit of several days with friends in Denver.

Another of the world's injustices is that the girl with a natural complexion does not get credit for it.

Burlington R. R. Saves Considerable Money by Scrap Reclamation

The stores department of the "Q." has established a scrap reclamation practice that is a new move in the right direction, conserves tremendous quantities of material and results in an annual saving of many thousands of dollars.

All scrap picked up anywhere on the system and that which is accumulated at shop points is concentrated at reclaiming plants located at Aurora, Ill., and Havelock, Neb. Scrap received at these plants is carefully sorted and inspected at the time of unloading. All material that can be repaired or made usable by reworking is separated, put in bins and made serviceable. All material that cannot be made serviceable is sorted, properly graded and sold.

By this process, several thousand tons of scrap are made serviceable annually and used in lieu of new material which would have to be purchased if this reclamation were not made.

The Great Western Cream separators at the Fairmont Cream Station. 53-56

PERSONALS

Miss Susan Frazier of the Chadron state normal arrived Friday to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Al Wiker.

Miss Ida Clark, penmanship supervisor, left Sunday for her home in Brock, Neb.

Miss Clela Batie left Saturday afternoon for her home in Lisco, where she will spend a part of her vacation.

Misses Mildred Griggs, Matilda Frankie, Margaret Harris and Theresa Morrow, who have been attending the university at Lincoln, are expected home Thursday morning to spend the summer vacation.

Miss Dixie McManis went to Denver Sunday with her father, to spend a week.

Misses Katharine Shriner, Leota McRee, Lella Cornforth and Fred Cutts motored to Hemingford yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. DeMoss and daughter Sylvia and son Charles, returned Saturday morning from Missouri where they attended the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. Jane Earp.

Mrs. Florence Atz of Edgemont, arrived Sunday for a short visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Glass motored to Hemingford Sunday, returning yesterday.

Robert Atz of Casper arrived Saturday night and will visit friends and relatives for a few days.

Don't miss the dance tonight (Tuesday) at the Fern Garden. 53

BUICK

Sets the Pace for the Big Price Reduction

In order to guarantee delivery, we must have signed orders for these cars as it will take some time for the factory to get under production to take care of immediate delivery.

Present Line of Buick will be Carried Through the 1922 Season.

Buick Prices F. O. B. Alliance

Model 22-44—Roadster	\$1,740
Model 22-45—Five Passenger Touring	\$1,775
Model 22-46—Four Passenger Coupe	\$2,435
Model 22-47—Five Passenger Sedan	\$2,735
Model 22-48—Four Passenger Coupe	\$2,650
Model 22-49—Seven Passenger Touring	\$1,995
Model 22-50—Seven Passenger Sedan	\$2,975

BUICK GARAGE

C. L. KERR, Manager
ALLIANCE CHADRON