

SCHOOL HEAD THINKS MORE ROOM NEEDED

SAYS, BOTH PROPOSED BUILDINGS SHOULD BE BUILT

Superintendent Pate Thinks That a Longer Delay Would Be Detrimental to Schools

City Manager Kemmish's tabulation of the bonded indebtedness of the city of Alliance, published Tuesday, has aroused considerable comment. The tabulation showed the effect in increased taxes of the issuance of \$250,000 school bonds, voted over a year ago, which have been held up by the school board until conditions became sufficiently normal to warrant going ahead with the building program. The suggestion that possibly the schools could manage to get along with one new building this year, and delay the erection of a new high school for a year or so, until the city has had a chance to get upon its financial feet, does not make much of a hit in school circles.

According to Superintendent W. R. Pate, the schools are in as crowded a condition as ever, and while the board, in order to avoid wasting money, delayed a much needed building program, conditions are such that the board is warranted in going ahead with its program, provided the business judgment approves the bids that will be submitted. According to Mr. Pate, there isn't a city in Nebraska that can show as good a school equipment as Alliance for the amount of money invested, and he believes that the judgment of the board can be trusted. The board purchased no high priced equipment and simply held off building during the peak prices. The schools have had to get along under crowded conditions, and indications are that this year the situation will be worse than ever.

Mr. Pate has furnished the following summary of the situation:

	1919-20	1920-21
Enrollment	1157	1292
Average Attendance	869	999

"Some people may think the attendance has fallen away this year due to the fact that there was less work in the city than heretofore but the following figures show that such was not the case.

	1919-20	1920-21
Enrollment last month, 1920-21	1021	1021
Enrollment last month, 1919-20	898	898
Average Attendance, last month	816	816
Average Attendance last month	967	967

"If the students in school the last of May this year return next fall, and we have the normal number entering the kindergarten it will be necessary to employ two teachers more than employed this year at Central school, and one more at Emerson; and every room was filled this year in both buildings.

"The enrollment at the high school this year was 254 with a maximum seating capacity of 200. In order to take care of the students it was necessary to use both the commercial room and the assembly as study rooms and pass students in shifts back and forth when the commercial room was needed for a recitation room. The ninth grade this year number 108. The number of eighth grade graduates in both the city and county was larger than ever before so the ninth grade next year will probably be larger than this year and to take care of them in the room we now have, will be a real problem.

"If the enrollment is much larger than last year, as it now promises to be, it will be necessary to use the high school building only for recitation purposes and have all studying done at home—a course not at all for the welfare of the students and usually resorted to in high schools only where fire or some other calamity has suddenly decreased the amount of school room. To rent rooms outside the regular school buildings, as may be necessary for the overflow at Central and Emerson schools next year, is a temporary expedient and detrimental to the students so segregated as well as expensive to the school district in the long run.

"The suggestion that Central school be used as a junior high school cannot be followed, as Central school is built as a grade building and the size and the plan of the rooms prevents its use as a junior high. Departmental work is now being done in the seventh and eighth grades of both Emerson and Central, and if such were not the case the students already in these buildings could not be housed there."

Denver trains were delayed from eight to ten hours Thursday, due to a washout near Bridgeport, resulting from the heavy rain Tuesday evening. Pumpkin creek is said to have been in a flooded condition and innumerable bridges were washed out. One Alliance traveling man found it necessary to make a detour of twenty miles in order to reach a road leading into Alliance Thursday. The rain Thursday evening was 1.16 inches, but no further damages were reported. A work train from Alliance assisted in making repairs at the scene of the washout Wednesday.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Somewhat unsettled west portion. No change in temperature.

Barn on Dillon Farm Burns to Ground When Struck by Lightning

The large barn on the old P. H. Dillon farm, now owned by James Underwood, was struck by lightning Tuesday night and burned to the ground with its contents, which included twenty tons of baled alfalfa, two hundred and sixty bushels of flax seed a buggy, a fanning mill, about forty bushels of spuds and twenty-five bushels of barley. The fire occurred between twelve and two o'clock Wednesday morning, the farm is operated by O. L. Harris, but his horses were all in the pasture at the time and he had no stock in the barn. He got the harness out, but that was all he could do, as the blaze was under great headway when discovered. The main barn was 34x34 with a shed on three sides. The insurance was fifteen hundred on the barn and five hundred on the contents.

LLOYD THOMAS TALKS TO MEN OF LIONS CLUB

TELLS OF WHAT HE SAW ON SOUTHERN TRIP

Urges Good Roads to Build Up Tourist Travel and to Attract New Farmers to County

Lloyd C. Thomas, former editor of The Herald, addressed the members of the Alliance Lions club at their noon luncheon Thursday at the Alliance hotel Fern Garden. Mr. Thomas told of business conditions in the south as he found them during his recent automobile tour through that section of the country. The speaker pointed out that Alliance is faced with a wonderful opportunity to grow by completing the Black Hills highway north from Sidney and by completing the Potash highway westward through the sandhills from Broken Bow. He told of the advantages of tourist travel, not alone from the money spent by the sightseers, but by giving them an opportunity to look over the country. Alliance is at present somewhat isolated, and the completions of these highways should be the main objective of all organizations that have the interests of the city at heart.

Mr. Thomas said, in part: For a number of years it had been my desire to explore the sunny south in the winter time. You know that we all get that desire along in the middle of winter, especially when the thermometer gets down to about 20 degrees below and when we get tired of shoveling coal into the hungry maw of the furnace. So when the opportunity came to me early this year to make a trip through the southern states in the interest of the Kansas City Tourists' Information Bureau, I gladly accepted. It will be my purpose in this brief talk to endeavor to give to you an idea of what I learned on this trip, telling you a little, perhaps, regarding the physical characteristics of the country, business conditions and the people themselves.

Kansas City is known as the gateway of the southwest. It is the railroad center and although its climate is hardly enjoyable at any time of the year it is an excellent business town. After spending a couple of days there, we started for the south, driving along excellent highways towards Paola, in a southwesterly direction. Just north of Paola we saw our first oil wells, in the northern and eastern edge of the famous Kansas shallow fields. In that territory the traveler is impressed by the rolling and sometimes timbered country, the well-graded, well-kept highways, sometimes oiled, and the neat and prosperous appearing farms. Hedges are more common than wire fences and frequently you will see an entire farm surrounded by high, trimmed hedge fences.

Chanute, Kas., is noted for its immense oil refineries. Coffeyville will be remembered by us because of its southern appearance. And we found there much of usual southern hotel menu—biscuits with every meal and cockroaches in every room.

We arrived in Oklahoma with the wind at our backs—one of the famous "northerners" that the natives down there dread so much—and I don't much blame them, for those bitter, stinging moisture-laden winds go right through you. We experienced several of them in Oklahoma and northern Texas. I would much rather take my part of a western Nebraska blizzard.

We saw our first cotton north of Wagoner, Oklahoma. After that we saw a lot of it—much of it in the fields, unpecked; thousands and thousands of bales in the compresses and around the gins; and almost every farmhouse had from one to ten or twelve bales sitting on end in the front yard or stored in the shed or

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BROADWATER GOOD ROADS DELEGATION

FIVE AUTOLOADS VISIT ALLIANCE THURSDAY

Plan to Secure Volunteer Labor to Outline Road to County Line

A delegation of fourteen Broadwater boosters arrived in Alliance Thursday noon, and a meeting was held with Alliance business men at the chamber of commerce rooms. No banquet was prepared, as the Broadwater men failed to announce their coming, but the word was passed and a fairly representative crowd gathered together in a few minutes.

The Broadwater men came in five automobiles, following the route they favor for a state road which will run through Morrill county and assist in establishing connections between this city and the Lincoln highway. Two routes are favored by various elements in Morrill county, one of them by way of Bridgeport and the other by way of Broadwater. One of these roads goes south and the other west of the Burlington tracks, and the sentiment is fairly well divided in Morrill county over the two routes. Both Bridgeport and Broadwater have a commissioner, and the third commissioner lives in a distant part of the county and so far has not been won over by the advocates of either route.

The Box Butte county commissioners have expressed themselves as willing to recommend a state aid road to connect up with either one of the routes that may be approved by the Morrill board. The Broadwater men favor a route which passes by the Vic Covalt ranch, leading south one mile from the Murphy ranch, on around the so-called wet meadows, through the Covalt pasture and striking the old road one mile west of the Covalt ranch.

The Broadwater men were all members of the chambers of commerce of that city, and formed a lively crowd. They explained that the route they favored would cost \$10,000 less to build than the other suggested route. Their plan is to get ranchers along the route interested. They will ask for volunteer workers to put the road in shape and get a large part of it done, and with this showing they feel that their chances to secure the road through Broadwater will be considerably better.

The Broadwater chamber of commerce met Tuesday evening, and the trip to Alliance was planned. The men who came were: Ray Harries, Charles Merritt, County Commissioner D. W. Draper, Dr. Anderson, Robert Williams, Joe Covalt, Haver Bruner, John Adams, W. D. Fisher, Sam Murphy, A. M. Hensley, James P. Murphy and D. H. Hirst.

It is understood that James P. Murphy, having faith in the favored route, offered to purchase the treats for the crowd if any automobile got stuck on the trip to Alliance. Ray Harries made a wide turn and had to be rescued, and the Broadwater gang charged him with doing it intentionally.

St. Joseph's Hospital Staff Physicians Met Thursday Evening

A combined meeting of the St. Joseph hospital staff and Box Butte county medical society was held last night at St. Joseph's hospital, following a supper given to the doctors by the sisters of the hospital. Excepting Dr. W. L. Bowman, who had been called to Hemingford in the afternoon, all the physicians and surgeons of Alliance and Dr. Cowles of Lakeside were present.

Mrs. Lee Farmer favored the doctors with several good vocal and piano selections.

Dr. A. Clarence Schoch, former instructor at the Chicago poly-clinic and late attending surgeon at the Henrotin Memorial hospital of Chicago, read a well-prepared and interesting medical paper, which was heartily applauded by the other doctors and interestingly debated. Dr. George Hand, himself an accomplished athlete, spoke on the importance of physical culture as a factor in preventing diseases, dwelling especially on its necessity for girls and women.

The climax to the business of the meeting was reached when the hospital announced its purchase of an X-ray machine. All the doctors were enthused to learn that St. Joseph hospital is getting the largest and most modern X-ray equipment made. The machine is to be installed in about three weeks.

Many other things concerning the welfare of the medical profession as well as of the hospital were discussed in efforts to make Alliance the great medical and hospital center of western Nebraska. Good fellowship and jovial spirit characterized the meeting.

Mrs. J. A. Luttrell left Friday evening for a month's visit with friends and relatives in Omaha and Melrose, Iowa.

BENEFIT DANCE FOR CAMPFIRE GIRLS TONIGHT

ELKS CLUB TO ENTERTAIN PUBLIC IN THEIR BEHALF

Extensive Program Arranged for the Entertainment of Hundreds Who Purchased Tickets

It's going to be one large evening at the Elks club. The docks have been cleared for action, and the entire building will be turned over to the committee in charge of the Campfire Girls' benefit dance, which is expected to practically raise the amount needed to take the girls to Hot Springs for a camping trip this summer. The chief amusement will be dancing, of course. But the girls and the committee will dispose of around five hundred tickets, and while some of the purchasers won't show up, there'll be more people than can conveniently dance in the building at one time. Everyone will have an opportunity to dance often and late, for the lid is off for this party.

But, between dances, there will be something stirring. A more or less formal program has been planned. Mayor R. M. Hampton has consented to make a brief opening address, and later in the evening Al Gavin will make the speech of his life. He's been reading up and practicing and carrying a textbook on oratory in his inside coat pocket for weeks in preparation for this event, and he modestly admits that it will be good. There will be some toe dancing by the small daughter of Tony Nelson, and possibly a song or two and some musical selections when the dancers stop to rest their feet.

There will also be some singing led by a band of practiced Campfire girls, and the crowd will be expected to join in. Last, but not least, it is rumored that some of the old-time Elks, who remember events in the dark ages, will have charge of the card room, and they will be ready and willing to assist any of the ladies in learning the mysteries of that great American game, draw poker. The men are presumed to know all about this game, but most men refuse to teach their wives anything about it, on the theory that women can spend enough money anyway.

The ticket sales have been proceeding splendidly, according to the committee. A band of Campfire girls, in costume, went through the railroad yards piloted by A. V. Gavin Thursday morning, and handed out tickets as fast as they could rake in the money. Another band left in the afternoon for some of the neighboring towns, and this morning and afternoon they were busy "mopping up" the business section. Everything is all set for the party, and those who fail to show up will miss one of the liveliest Elk entertainments in years.

Alliance Rotary Club Plans Farewell Dinner for President Griggs

The Alliance Rotary club is planning a farewell dinner for President George L. Griggs, announcement of whose promotion to the superintendency of the Beardstown, Ill., division of the Burlington was recently announced. Mr. Griggs plans to assume his new duties about June 15, and the club, of which he is president, will entertain in his honor on the evening of June 8. An invitation has been sent to the Broken Bow Rotary club, which Mr. Griggs was instrumental in organizing, to be present on the occasion, and a large delegation from that city is expected to be present. It is probable that a dance will follow the dinner, and that the Rotarian ladies will be present for the occasion.

Manhattan Youth Who Ran Away With Circus Arrested at Alliance

Sheriff J. W. Miller, on receipt of a telegram from Sheriff Drowl at Manhattan, Kas., hustled down to the station and on the arrival of the Palmer Bros. circus special, placed under arrest Earl Brown, twenty-four years of age, a feeble-minded youth who ran away with the big top when it struck the Kansas town. The youth is being held pending word from relatives, who, according to the telegram received by the sheriff, will send railway fare for his return.

Willard and Wilma, the four-year-old twins of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Patterson, celebrated their birthday on Thursday, June 2, with a dinner party. Beside the immediate family, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Patterson, Miss Mary Patterson, Mr. John Bayne, the Herald traveler, and some of the close neighbors were present. The large birthday cake with its eight lighted candles formed the centerpiece of the well-laden table.

Mrs. W. L. Broad was called to Lincoln on account of the serious illness of a relative.

Twelfth District C. E. Convention Here This Week

The tenth annual convention of the Twelfth district of Nebraska Christian Endeavor meets in Alliance Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. A program of things of interest to young peoples societies has been planned and all the young people of the community are urged to attend. Some forty delegates from over the western part of the state are expected. All the services will be held at the Christian church. Among the speakers are Rev. C. C. Dolbs of Aurora, state president; M. Dwight Higbee, state field secretary; Rev. Mr. Tully, of Scottsbluff will lead the singing, and Rev. A. Wimberly of Bayard and Rev. Welker of Morrill will lead different conferences.

The convention begins Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Christian church. The last session of the convention is Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at which time the Presbyterian church will unite in the service. Theme: "Dedication for Life Service." The public has been cordially invited to the services.

LABOR BOARD ANNOUNCES CUT IN RAIL WAGES

ESTIMATED YEARLY SAVING IS \$400,000,000

Reductions Average 12 Per Cent and Vary From 5 to 13 Cents an Hour

An estimated \$400,000,000 will be slashed from the nation's railway wage bill when an order cutting wages an average of 12 per cent was handed down Wednesday by the United States railroad labor board becomes effective July 1. The order affects members of thirty-one labor organizations, employed on 104 railroads.

While the decrease is specifically applied only to the roads whose cases have been heard by the board, the decision says it may later be applied to any other road asking a hearing under provisions of the transportation act.

Percentages of reductions computed by members of the board gave the average of 12 per cent and the same source estimated the annual reduction in wages at approximately \$400,000,000.

The decision brought reductions varying from 5 to 13 cents an hour or from 5 to 18 per cent, and as in the case of section laborers wiped out the increase granted them by the \$600,000,000 wage award of July 20, 1920. For section men the reduction was approximately 18 per cent or from \$3.70 to \$3.02 per day. Switchmen and shopcrafts were given a 9 per cent reduction while train service men were cut approximately 7 per cent. Car repairers were cut about 10 per cent.

Common Labor Cut 8 Cents.

Common labor pay, over which the railroads made their hardest fight, is to be reduced 6 to 8 1/2 cents an hour, cutting freight truckers' average monthly wages to \$97.10 and track laborers to \$77.11. This new schedule still gives section men an average daily wage of \$3.38 for an eight hour day, although considerable testimony offered by the roads showed common labor wages as low as \$1.50 for ten hours.

Shopcrafts employes and train and engine service men, except those in passenger service, are reduced 8 cents an hour. Construction and section foremen are reduced 10 cents an hour. Passenger and freight engineers, who were given increases of 10 cents and 13 cents an hour by the 1920 award, are to be cut 6 and 8 cents an hour respectively. Passenger and freight conductors, who received increases of 12 1/2 and 13 cents in 1920, are cut 7 1/2 and 8 cents respectively.

Train dispatchers and yardmasters, whose monthly earnings average \$260 to \$270, are cut 8 cents an hour.

The smallest reduction will apply to office boys and other employees under eighteen years of age, who will receive 5 cents an hour less.

Clerks are reclassified so that entering clerks, usually young men and women of eighteen to twenty years of age, will receive a monthly salary of \$67.50 for the first six months and \$77.50 for the second six months. Clerks with less than one year's experience now receive \$120.

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Rev. B. L. Kline, while butchering Wednesday fell on a knife in such a manner that it cut the ligaments in his wrist and severed an artery. He was brought to Alliance as soon as possible for medical treatment and is getting along as well as could be expected. Rev. Kline is farming about ten miles north of town.

T. J. O'Keefe will leave Tuesday for Long Beach, Cal., to join his family.

Miss Theresa Morrow returned this morning from Lincoln.

JUNE TERM OF DISTRICT COURT TO OPEN JUNE 6

NINETY-SIX CASES ARE LISTED ON THE DOCKET

Four Criminal Cases and Fifteen Actions for Divorce to be Heard By Judge W. H. Westover

The June term of district court in and for Box Butte county will convene on Monday, June 6, Judge W. H. Westover presiding. A petit jury of twenty-four men has been drawn and will report for duty on the second day of the term. The names of these men, according to the order of the district judge, will not be made public until they report for duty.

The docket for the coming term lists ninety-six cases, of which four are criminal. These are: State of Nebraska vs. Kermit Wolfe, State of Nebraska vs. John Walker, State of Nebraska vs. Burton Brown and State of Nebraska vs. Edward Balfe. All four of these cases are on appeal from county court, where conviction was secured, and all four of them are booze cases, the defendants in each case having been charged with the giving away or illegal possession of hooch in various forms.

The Kermit Wolfe case is expected to be among the most interesting of these liquor cases, although the next two, with which two Hemingford men are connected, will probably draw a large gallery of spectators from that city. The last case on the criminal docket, the state vs. Balfe, resulted because a friend left a bottle of hooch in Balfe's room, according to his testimony. He was found guilty of illegal possession by Judge Tash.

Of the remaining ninety-two cases, fifteen are divorce actions. None of the petitions for divorce contain any sensational allegations, although the case of Emma V. Phillips vs. Luke Phillips, due to the fact that the defendant will contest the case, is likely to bring out some interesting testimony. Elizabeth Kittlemann is suing from an absolute separation from Oswald Kittlemann, now in the state penitentiary.

Colored Crapshooters Contribute Money to Support of Schools

Three colored crapshooters Wednesday morning contributed \$15 apiece to the support of the schools. The donation was made in police court after their amount of the fine had been set by Judge Roberts, and it was paid unwillingly.

The trio were arrested by Chief Jeffers Tuesday afternoon, on the rear of the lot on Second street which houses a dwelling and a blacksmith shop. The galloping domino experts were secure from the public gaze because they were surrounded entirely by a high board fence that stretched up into the air at least seven feet. At one time there was a gate to this enclosure, but Chief Jeffers noticed a few days ago, that it had been nailed shut. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, he hoisted himself to the top of the fence, and found a crap game going at full tilt. There were five players, and the moment the chief was perceived, there was a scramble of arms and legs, and the colored brethren made an effort to shin over the top of the fence. Three of them made the grade, and two of these three got away. Bruce Porter, a Pullman employe, got to the top of the fence and shinned on the other side, concealing himself among some old farm machinery near the blacksmith shop, from which hiding place he was dragged forth to the cooler. Joe Caylor and Fred Gooden, the latter the renter of the dwelling house on the lot, were the other two who were captured. Chief Jeffers could have shot the fleeing gamblers, but decided to pick them up later instead.

Arraigned in court, the trio denied gambling, although five ivory bones were taken from Porter's pockets. Pete Schroeder, government road man, who was present at the raid, testified as to what he saw and Judge Roberts deemed the evidence conclusive against all of them.

Gooden told Judge Roberts that the reason that he nailed up the gate was because Chief Jeffers and Officer Stilwell were always prowling around, and he proposed to stop it. Chief Jeffers informed him that the chances of stopping were poorer now than they ever were before.

Alliance folks will be interested to learn that the lady who took the part of Dardenella, Rose of the Orient, at the Palmer Bros. circus, which showed here Wednesday, was Miss Katharine Murray, a former student at St. Agnes academy. A number of her old schoolmates called on her. Miss Murray's home is now at San Antonio, Texas, where she lives with her mother, whom she supports.

Mrs. Feagins of Belmont addition was taken to the St. Joseph hospital last night, suffering from a relapse of the measles.