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VALLAS HELD TO FEDERAL COURT IN \$2,500 BOND

TO ANSWER CHARGE OF RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY

Government Officers Arrest Local Greek After He Is Fined in County Court

Chris Vallas, proprietor of the Alliance Billiard Parlor on lower Box Butte avenue, was held for trial in federal court and his bond placed at \$2,500 following a hearing before United States Court Commissioner L. A. Berry Saturday afternoon. Bond has been furnished by an official of one of the local banks.

Vallas was charged with receiving stolen property to the amount of \$17.40. He had been fined \$25 and costs by County Judge Tash on last Thursday on the same count. Within a few hours after he had been up in county court, a federal warrant was served. The goods that Vallas is said to have received were stolen from an interstate freight shipment, and this made the offense come under the jurisdiction of the federal court.

According to testimony adduced at the hearing in county court, Ed Linn, colored, had received from Vallas an imitation that he would purchase 'Camel cigarettes or other merchandise. Linn promptly went out and with the assistance of a colored friend, Dewey Brown, broke into a freight car. Among the loot found at the Vallas billiard parlor was a sack of sugar and a quantity of rice, tea, coffee and other groceries. The officers searched the place twice, finding the stuff concealed in a basement underneath the building.

Deputy United States Marshal A. M. Wright of Chadron, who served the warrant, took four colored men to Chadron with his Saturday to await trial in federal court. These men gave the names of Ed Linn, Joe Myers (alias Dewey Brown), Ernest Lyman and James Johnson. Johnson is an Alliance colored man, and he is held on a similar charge to that filed against Vallas, pleading guilty to receiving stolen property.

Fight Over Pool Hall License.

Among the prospects for excitement this week is the question of the license for the Alliance Pool hall. The business was sold, shortly after Vallas' arrest, to Tom Rubis, Greek who got in bad last winter, but escaped conviction, and another of his nationality. The city and county police say they have been watching the pool hall for some time, and that there have been other laws violated, as well as some of the city ordinances. Chief Jeffers intimated the with Sheriff Miller, he would ask the council at its next meeting to revoke the license.

The sale was made, it is thought, to protect the interests of Rubis, who has been a silent partner in the concern all along, owning a half-interest. He has all his money invested in it, and his friends say that a revocation of the license would ruin him financially.

An interesting sidelight on the license question is furnished by one of the city officers, who points out that when the business changed hands, another license is required. The concern runs both a restaurant and pool hall, and two licenses are required. No application for either license has yet been made.

Two Accidents Among Troubles of Motorists Who Went to Springs

At least two accidents were reported as a result of the automobile trip to Hot Springs last Saturday for the purpose of bringing home the Alliance Campfire Girls. A. S. Mote and Tom Miskimen, on the return trip, made the return journey without mishap, but after arriving in Alliance, the Mote car got stalled in a ditch on West Ninth street about 7 p. m. Sunday. A few minutes later the Miskimen car came along and got into the same rut, and ended but butting its radiator squarely into that of the Mote car. Damaged fenders and other similar results were the only damages from the collision.

On the road from Chadron to Alliance, the car driven by C. W. Grassman, with A. V. Gavin as one of the passengers, struck a snag, skidded and threw the occupants up in the general direction of the blue sky. Mr. Gavin's eye collided with one of the supports to the top, and the dignified councilman is wearing a peach of a "shiner." Mr. Grassman suffered a painful injury to his nose, which was badly cut.

FIVE BOXCARS PILED UP IN WRECK AT HORN SIDING

A broken air coupling resulted in a small wreck at Horn, near Crawford, of a Burlington freight shortly after midnight today. The wrecking crew was sent to the scene and by 8 a. m. the track was cleared. Five box cars were piled up on the tracks, according to reports reaching Alliance.

City Manager's Corner

(By N. A. KEMMISH)

The rotary pump arrived from Grand Island last Thursday. The foreman of the Kelly Well company pumped this new well all day Friday and gained no headway indicating that the casing was broken at about 90 feet. The well was plugged at this point and the rotary pump installed Saturday. We started pumping Sunday morning and this well has furnished all of the city water since that time, the other pumps being shut off. We have pumped but very little sand during this time and so far the prospect of regaining this well looks very encouraging to us. We will probably remove the rotary pump tomorrow and install our own pump.

We recently overhauled the city tractor and are giving it a tryout today doing some dragging on the streets. It seems to do the work in good shape and the cost of repairing it was only about \$200.

We are making the necessary changes at the city hall to accommodate the schools on the second floor and also for taking care of the firemen on the first floor making changes for their club rooms.

We are working on the water main extension and have quite a number of men at work but have room enough to put 10 or 15 more men on doing the digging should there be anyone out of work.

THE WEATHER

ALLIANCE, Aug. 15.—For Alliance and vicinity—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.

GUARDIAN FOR MRS. WATKINS IS APPOINTED

HINDU FAKIR IS PERMANENTLY OUT OF LUCK HERE

Testimony Showed Woman's Fortune Had Shrank From \$5,000 to Less than \$1,500

The last chapter in the story of the attempt of Dr. R. Senneth, Hindu philosopher, seer, exponent of the dark blue mysteries of the occult and low grade fakir and bunco man, to get hold of the money of Mrs. Jennie Watkins, widow living on Missouri avenue, was written in county court Monday morning, when County Judge Tash appointed Frank Abegg as her guardian.

Guardianship proceedings were instituted by County Attorney Lee Basye, following the revelation of the attempt of the Hindu to fleece Mrs. Watkins, and her story of how nearly he succeeded. According to the testimony adduced in court, the Hindu came to Alliance in the last days of July, with a carnival company. He gained Mrs. Watkins' confidence by telling her that she was due to have a pleasant and moneyed future, and then made arrangements to borrow money from her. Mrs. Watkins had a check written, ready to draw \$600 from the bank to send to the Hindu to purchase an automobile, when she dropped in to talk it over with Mr. Basye, her attorney. He persuaded her to lend no money to the "doctor" until she had some better security than his word, and this, it was believed, ended the incident.

The second chapter came when Mrs. Watkins forwarded \$50 to Dr. Senneth to come to Alliance and make his home with her. He moved in, bag and baggage, and then showed on, telling her that he would return the money to her on the installment plan, so much down and much more later on. She never even received the first installment, and at last reports was firmly convinced some harm must have befallen him. "He promised to pay," she told her attorney, "and I know he would if something hadn't happened to him."

The testimony showed that two years ago Mrs. Watkins' son died, leaving her \$5,000 insurance. There is now but \$1,100 of this amount left. County Attorney Basye and Frank Abegg testified that she was determined to loan all or the major part of this to the Hindu, and Judge Tash did a little investigating on his own account and satisfied himself that others had taken advantage of her childish confidence. It was testified, also, that she suffers from hallucinations, one of them being that unknown enemies are in league to do away with her. She has called the sheriff to her home a number of times, it was stated, to protect her from these imaginary foes. Another instance of the same sort was instanced when, on a trip to a neighboring city, she reported on her return that an aeroplane had been circling above the heads of her daughter and herself, awaiting an opportunity to destroy her life.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Werka have gone to Marsland to attend the funeral of Wade Curry, who died last Friday morning in Arizona. Mr. Curry was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Gregg of Marsland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cole spent Sunday in Hot Springs, S. D.

SCOTTSBLUFF IS WINNER ON THE ALLIANCE LINKS

TRIMS COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS BY A NARROW MARGIN

Twenty-Five Players From Valley City Take Part in Golf Meet on Sunday

Members of the Scottsbluff Country club, to the number of twenty-five were guests of the Alliance Country club Sunday, and celebrated the occasion properly by defeating their hosts at golf in a tournament that was arranged as the chief attraction of the day. Half a dozen ladies accompanied the Scottsbluff party, but none of them played golf, all being content to sit on the veranda and watch their representatives wade through to a victory in the rain.

Alliance club members went to Scottsbluff a couple of weeks ago and met with disaster on the links in the first tournament. On that historic occasion, only two Alliance men, Kishago, the club's pro, and George Madsen, beating their opponents. The Alliance men found themselves at considerable of a disadvantage on a strange course. This, fortunately, was the case in the return engagement, Sunday six Alliance golfers defeated their Scottsbluff opponents, out of nineteen matches.

The totals for the tournament shows that Alliance was not so badly defeated as on the first occasion. Indeed, until the last two cards came in, Alliance was ahead on the count. City Manager N. A. Kemmish was official scorekeeper, and according to his tabulations, the following Alliance men were victors, eighteen holes being played in all save on the matches: Kishago defeated Steen, 83 to 105; Bevington won from Schwaner, 98 to 100; Mallery 104, Hrubesky 116; R. Beckwith 111, Hannon 125; Madsen 101, Motherhead 123; and Jay Walker 108 to a score of 127 for Doc Crawford, his opponent.

The Scottsbluff men and their ladies were entertained during the entire day by the Alliance club. Breakfast was served at 9 a. m., and two other feasts were available for those who desired. The rain delayed the arrival of a part of the Scottsbluff contingent, although most of them had put in an appearance by noon, and the downtown continued throughout the major part of the golf tournament. City Manager Kemmish, in addition to being scorekeeper, was also Guardian of the Visitors' Wardrobe, superintending the drying of the garments of many of the guests who continued the play despite the moisture.

The scores for the various matches follow: (Two nine-hole matches were played in every instance but one. The first column of figures represent the scores in the first match, the larger number being the number of strokes and the smaller number the number of holes made in fewer strokes than the opponent. Column two contains scores on the second match, column three Alliance totals for both games, and column four Scottsbluff totals for both games.)

Steen	54-1	51-0	105-1
Kishago	46-3	37-7	83-10
Selzer	56-3	57-4	113-7
Abegg	56-3	59-2	115-5
Graves	52-4		
Copsey	52-4		
Schwamer	54-3	46-2	100-5
Bevington	48-5	48-4	98-9
Schwamer	52-6	48-7	103-13
Maxfield	64-2	66-0	130-2
Babcock	51-8	48-5	99-13
Minor	63-0	54-2	117-2
Haver	67-3	55-6	122-9
Hunt	64-5	68-0	132-5
Barbour	60-4	55-4	115-8
Kilpatrick	69-1	59-3	128-4
Hurbeaky	62-1	52-4	115-5
Mallery	51-8	53-4	104-12
Martindale	51-4	58-3	108-7
Meyer	56-3	56-4	112-7
Hannon	63-2	62-2	125-4
R B'ckwith	60-4	51-5	111-9
Willetts	55-5	48-6	103-11
Dickenson	61-2	53-1	114-3
Motherhead	59-4	64-1	123-5
Madsen	55-4	46-2	101-9
Thompson	67-3	63-2	120-5
Sallows	66-2	59-4	125-6
Crawford	64-2	63-2	127-4
Walker	55-3	53-5	108-8
E E Magee	61-5	53-4	114-9
B B'ckwith	67-2	55-2	122-4
Wright	58-3	52-4	112-7
Newberry	60-1	54-5	114-6
Beck	56-5	54-5	110-10
Nolan	61-3	59-2	120-5
C Bracken	59-4	55-4	114-8
Holsten	62-3	56-5	118-8
Total Alliance strokes, 2044.			
Total Alliance holes, 112.			
Total Scottsbluff strokes, 2028.			
Total Scottsbluff holes, 131.			

MAY CONVERT ARMORY INTO INDOOR POOL

CITY MANAGER FIGURING OUT WAYS AND MEANS

Tentative Plans Call for Two-Story Structure With Second Floor a Public Gymnasium

City Manager N. A. Kemmish has finally made public his plans for remodeling the city armory into a public swimming pool and gymnasium. Ever since the swimming season began this summer, with big crowds flocking to Broncho lake, the city manager has had the idea of furnishing means for the people of Alliance to continue this amusement during "dog days" and the winter season, and while his plans are by no means complete, and the most important part of all—the finding of the money to remodel the building—remains to be accomplished, he has decided to take the public into his confidence and see if interest enough cannot be aroused to put it over.

The armory is a big building, and with the present foundation will allow for an excavation for a swimming pool 25x50 feet in size, which should be amply large enough. A pool with these dimensions will still allow sufficient space for a twelve-foot cement platform on all sides of the pool, and ample dressing room facilities.

The city manager's tentative plans provide for rebuilding the walls of the building with cement and running them up twelve feet higher than at present. This will allow for the construction of a second story, which Mr. Kemmish proposes to make into a gymnasium, with standards for basketball and a set of bleacher seats. This will make the armory available for dancing, as at present, and make it still more desirable for athletic exhibitions of one kind and another.

The pool can be supplied with water from the city's pumping station, and with the present number of wells, especially since the Kelly well has been put into operation, it will be no trick at all to change the water as often as sanitation demands. It may be advisable to have a constant flow of water in and out of the pool. Mr. Kemmish has devised an ingenious plan to heat the water at little expense, and if the pool can be built according to his ideas, it will make an ideal winter and summer playground for the people of Alliance.

Mr. Kemmish is now engaged in getting estimates for the remodeling, and with a week or so ought to have some definite information as to the cost to lay before the public. The chief difficulty will be the matter of financing the proposition. In many other cities, in Nebraska, where public swimming pools have made their appearance this summer, the cost has been borne by the city and taxed up to the citizens. This is not thought advisable in Alliance, where the tax situation is already a serious problem.

The city manager believes that some plan can be figured out whereby the various elements of the city can get together and defray the cost of the undertaking. The gymnasium and swimming pool are both badly needed by the Alliance schools, and it is thought that the school district officials may be willing to take care of a portion of the cost. The balance can probably be raised by public subscriptions of some kind. The idea has been suggested that memberships be sold to citizens who are interested, with the understanding that they desire on use the pool when they desire on the payment of a small fee. Once the pool is constructed, there is little doubt that it can be made a paying proposition.

It is probable that, when figures are secured and the proposition is among the things listed for action, the Alliance volunteer fire department will be placed in charge of the campaign to take care of the finances. Further announcements in regard to the public swimming pool will be awaited with interest. There is already a considerable amount of interest in the city, and if Alliance is able to put this project over, it will be considerable of a feather in her cap. Many other Nebraska towns took the step this year, but few of them have carried out so ambitious a project.

Alliance Team Takes Game From Bayard Sunday by Score 3 to 0

The Alliance baseball team shutout Bayard at Bayard Sunday, by a score of 3 to 0. The feature of the game was the playing of Edwards, who is credited in the official score with seven assists, six putouts and only one error out of fourteen chances. Butler made two hits out of four times up, as did Davidson. McKinney pitched and the opposing players hit only three balls out of the infield. It was airtight baseball and one of the best games the Alliance bunch has ever figured in.

Mrs. L. A. Berry who, for the past week has been visiting with Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Alice S. Sloan and several other friends in Denver is expected home Wednesday.

BOOSTERS ATTENTION!

Friday afternoon, August 19, at 2 p. m., there will be held at Bridgeport a good roads meeting of vital interest to Alliance. It is imperative that a good-sized delegation from this city attend. It is hoped that at this meeting the Morrill county citizens and commissioners can get together and agree on a route to receive federal and state aid that will connect Alliance with the Lincoln highway. Alliance is interested in this proposition, especially so since it has been announced that a Gulf to Canada north and south transcontinental highway will pass through Morrill and Box Butte counties.

The Alliance chamber of commerce is organizing a delegation to go to the Bridgeport meeting. The trip will be made by auto and the start will be made at 9 a. m. Every Alliance business man who has the welfare of his community and himself at heart should go on this trip.

The settlement of this two-year-old rivalry will furnish a route from the Lincoln highway through Alliance to Hot Springs. All our neighboring counties have secured results by boosting good roads. Daves county, by united effort, has put over a big road program. If Alliance can have the tourists going through her streets and trading at her stores that Hot Springs now has, there isn't a merchant or citizen who wouldn't say that the result will be worth all the effort it takes to put it over. Let's go!

TEACHERS ARE SELECTED FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

TWO-THIRDS OF DISTRICTS ARE PROVIDED FOR

Supply of Pedagogues Ample Large—First of September the Date When Schools Begin

Thirty of the fifty-seven rural school districts in Box Butte county are provided with teachers for the coming school year, according to Miss Opal Russell, county superintendent. This does not mean that there will be any shortage of school teachers for the county districts, for there is a waiting list of prospective teachers amply large enough to care for any demands that may be made upon it. The trouble is that some of the rural school boards have been busy with other affairs, and haven't had time to consider the selection of a teacher.

All of the vacancies will be filled by September 1, when the most of the rural schools will begin sessions. Three of the districts in the county have not held school sessions for several years, due to a dearth of scholars, and every year there are a few which decide to skip a year's schooling, but at least fifty-two will have secured a teacher by that time.

Following is the list of rural teachers who have been engaged to date:

- District No. 2—Asenath Schill.
- 3—Lucille Platt.
- 7—Mrs. Ruth Thornton.
- 10—Ila McInroy.
- 11—Lottie Musgrave.
- 12—Viola Soth.
- 13—Ester Nation.
- 14—Della Swanson.
- 15—Kate Graham.
- 16—Bertha Wilson.
- 22—Eva Simpson.
- 25—Mrs. Nina Boness.
- 27—Fern Eaton.
- 29—Nettie McDonald.
- 30—Nettie Uhrig.
- 31—Fairly L. Murray.
- 37—Gladys Wagar.
- 38—Harriet Wagar.
- 46—Rose Freimuth.
- 49—Helen Young.
- 51—Mrs. G. A. Donner.
- 52—Perry Tollman.
- 55—Arlene Blanchard.
- 56—Minnie Nikont.
- 58—Jessie Hacker.
- 78—Ula Baringer.
- 81—Adrian Clark.
- 92—Clarissa Soth.
- 124—Helen Coleman.

Baptist Team Breaks Losing Streak, Taking Game From Methodists

The Baptist team in the Sunday school league finally broke its losing streak by taking one from the crippled Methodists, 8 to 7, in a good game Monday evening, although both sides used three pitchers during the course of the events.

Thursday the Christians will play the Presbyterians in their last game. The last time these two teams tangled, an extra inning was necessary to decide the winner. The Christians are determined to win this last game from the Presbyterians.

Miss Grace Johnstone was in from the country to spend the week-end with Miss Avis Joder.

ALLIANCE MEN ATTEND COUPLE ROAD MEETINGS

J. S. RHEIN MADE OFFICER IN TWO ORGANIZATIONS

President of North Star Highway for Western Nebraska—Vice President of the G-P-C Route

A delegation of fifteen Alliance men, including J. S. Rhein, J. W. Guthrie, J. C. McCorkle, W. R. Harper, R. E. Knight, County Commissioners Cal Hashman and G. W. Duncan, Calvin D. Walker, Ed Henry, Glen Miller, Dan Foley, C. Schafer, Lee Sturgeon and H. P. Coursey, attended two good roads meetings last Thursday and Friday. The Alliance bunch, which started out to remain neutral in the midst of the Morrill county struggle between three towns for a road connecting Alliance with the Lincoln highway, found itself the center of interest in both Broadwater and Sidney, where the meetings were held, and Alliance men were elected to positions on the committees of the rival roads, over their protests.

For the past two years, there has been a struggle on in Morrill county over the road to be approved for federal and state aid which will furnish Alliance a thoroughfare to the Lincoln highway. There are three commissioners in that county, and one lives in Broadwater, one in Bayard and one in Bridgeport. Each of these towns would like to have the road to connect up with Box Butte county go through their towns, and the commissioner from each town has sufficient local patriotism to refuse to give in. It's a regular deadlock.

With the announcement that a north and south highway, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border, would be built, this new rivalry has further strengthened the deadlock. There are two factions in Colorado, one of which is known as the Gulf-Plains-Canadian route, and the other the North Star highway. The former has routed its road through Nebraska from Julesburg, Col., to Oshkosh, Lisco, Broadwater and Alliance. The North Star route is planned to go from Sedgewick, Col., to Chappell, Lodgepole, Sidney, Bridgeport and Alliance. They are parallel routes, in effect, and according to either plan Alliance is due to have a place on the transcontinental route, unless something goes radically wrong.

Big Crowd at Broadwater

The first meeting attended by the Alliance men was held at Broadwater last Thursday evening, and the representatives from this city say it was one of the biggest and best meetings they ever attended. Broadwater, on the G-P-C highway, has gone ahead without fretting about any opposition, and has marked its highway from the state line to Broadwater. Monday some twenty men were busy marking the road from Broadwater to the Box Butte county line.

J. S. Rhein was elected vice president of the G-P-C for Box Butte county and R. E. Knight a member of the advisory board from this county. Over one hundred and fifty delegates were present from various towns in western Nebraska, and it was a rousing session all the way through. (Continued on Page 4)

Good Samaritans Issue Warning of Fake Solicitors

The Good Samaritans' association of Salina, Kas., this week sends out a warning to several towns in western Nebraska to the effect that a woman wearing a uniform has been representing herself to be a Good Samaritan or Samaritan Sister. This woman, it is announced, has been soliciting funds with a tambourine and has obtained considerable money from homes and also from the business public in this territory.

The Good Samaritans, the notice says, has no woman solicitors going through the country and never uses the tambourine method. Both men and women workers carry a card of identification which bears the signature of the holder. The card is used for the current month only, and is not good five days after expiration. In addition to this, Good Samaritan workers never work in a town without first receiving a letter from the chamber of commerce or some official in authority.

In all cases where solicitors are unknown, it is best to use ordinary common sense and insist upon proper credentials or a statement from the chamber of commerce or some person you know that the person asking for money is authorized to receive it.

W. B. Barnett returned Saturday morning from an extended trip in the east, visiting New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Omaha, St. Joseph and other places of importance. Mrs. Barnett remained in the east visiting friends.

Mrs. Forest Lape of Edgemont was in the city Saturday.