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FORTY CLAIMS FIRST DAY FOR CLEAN-UP SQUAD

SOLDIERS FROM FIVE COUNTIES COME TO ALLIANCE.

Government Officials Pass on Applications and Cutting Out Red Tape.

The flying squadron of government officials, who are in Alliance for the purpose of cleaning up the claims of ex-soldiers in the territory comprising Box Butte, the south half of Sheridan, Cheyenne, Thomas and Grant counties, arrived in the city early Monday morning, and about 10 a. m. started at work in earnest at the headquarters provided for them in the city library. A number of men were on hand waiting to present claims, and within an hour everything was going like clock-work.

Forty men made out their claims and were pushed through the mill on Monday. The fact that it was Labor day, and a holiday, tended to increase the attendance, and it is thought that the most of the claims were presented the first day. Tuesday morning twelve or fifteen more men put in an appearance. The squad will remain here until Wednesday noon, when it will leave for Scottsbluff. The men came here from Crawford. The squad is covering the entire state in a series of meetings, and it is believed that by the end of September, all ex-service men with claims of any kind against the government, either for compensation, increase of compensation, vocational training or other cause will have been given ample notice and opportunity to put in an appearance and file a claim.

With the squad are S. H. Pierson, the vocational training representative; Miss Florence Barr of Omaha, from the office of the veterans' bureau, who hands out the blanks and looks them over before they are sent to the squad; Dr. Allen of Omaha, district superintendent for Nebraska; Dr. Bogard, district superintendent for Missouri; E. H. Wesseler of St. Louis, transportation and stenography and A. N. Anderson, Red Cross representative from division headquarters in Chicago.

The drive was staged as soon as possible after the passage of the Sweet bill by congress, which consolidated the principal relief agencies of the government insofar as they applied to disabled soldiers. The American Legion and the Red Cross have cooperated with it. The state legion has had a representative with the squad a part of the time, but not in western Nebraska.

The local American Legion post and the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross have made most of the arrangements for the coming of the squad. Among other things, the Red Cross has financed the underfaking and has arranged for the re-establishment of the canteen service used during the war of which Mrs. S. W. Thompson was chairman. Twenty-eight men were fed at noon Monday, and an even larger number Monday night.

The Alliance post of the legion has been busy finding men and women who would volunteer to give a little personal time and service to the men coming in to present claims. Rev. Stephen J. Epler was induced to accept the chairmanship of the committee on arrangements, and he has been kept on the job taking care of the ex-service men. Forty or fifty men and women have agreed to give a half day or a day's time in typing the claims for the soldiers. Each claim requires the filling out of a number of blanks. A notary public has been on duty at the library all the time to take acknowledgements.

In addition to the local corps of volunteer workers, there are several Red Cross home service secretaries at work. Mrs. George L. Burr of Alliance, Mrs. Julia Bucker of Chadron, Mrs. Mary Spanogle of Bridgport, Miss Alberta J. Outhouse of Sidney and Mrs. J. W. Dawson of Kearney are among the Red Cross workers in attendance.

The following men appeared before the "flying squadron" on Monday: George Heath, Alliance; Robert L. Parmenter, Alliance; Walter A. Godwin, Hyannis; Hamey Hubbits, Alliance; Vern Huckle, Hemingford; Earl King, Burwell; Martin H. Husacker, Hay Springs; Raymond L. Toline, Lakeside; Jesse A. Miller, Hay Springs; Albert Miller, Hay Springs; Ormie C. Corey, Alliance; Anton Sokol, Hemingford; Derwood Tennant, Long Lake; Aaron D. May, Seneca; Joe L. Steele, Norway, Thomas County.

Clyde R. Krickvaun, Seneca; William J. Busk, Seneca; William L. Beekley, Norway; George M. Benton, Norway; Martin P. Peters, Hay Springs; Walter J. Marshall, Hemingford; Carl J. Anderson, Alliance; Francis Arthur Hallgren, Ashby; Everett Glass, Hemingford; Marvin D. Ellsbury, Ellsworth; Charles H. Eter, Ashby; Alfred L. Castle, Ashby; Jennings Y. Castle, Ashby; Clyde A. Sine, Antioch; Alfonso M. Pool, Alliance; Nells M. Anderson, Seneca.

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Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

James E. Rundle, Crawford; Neal W. Erskine, Hemingford; Harrison Strasburger, Spade; Albert A. Velder, Dalton; Roy O. Hillary, Ashby; Perley I. Beach, Alliance; Junius F. Moffatt, Alliance; Leslie A. Hall, Alliance; Glen W. Patrick, Alliance.

Of those who appeared Monday, forty in number, over half, or twenty-three of them filed original claims. The remaining seventeen were old claimants, some of whom wished their cases reopened and presented additional evidence. The majority of the men desired to secure compensation for total or partial disability as a result of service, thirty-five of them filing applications under this heading. There were five who desired vocational training, with or without compensation. Several of the claimants ask for an increase in compensation, and two of them for dental treatment or reimbursement for money expended for this purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hively and family, and the F. A. Bald and Percy Cogswell families were among those who motored to the state park for picnic dinners Sunday.

FALL TERM OF CITY SCHOOLS BEGAN MONDAY

ENROLLMENT SHOWS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

Total of 1,936 Students Registered, a Hundred More Than in 1920—Increase Presents Problem.

The Alliance public schools are now in session and going with the same precision as in the past. Superintendent Pate is feeling considerably relieved over the enrollment, which fell nearly over a hundred short of the mark which had been expected. It isn't usual for school facilities to rejoice when the enrollment isn't as large as has been expected, but for two or three years the Alliance schools have been overcrowded and another hundred students would have been exceedingly troublesome to provide for.

The first day's enrollment totaled 1,936 for the city. In the high school, 228 were registered; Central school, 467, and Emerson, 341. This is an increase in all three places over last year, when the total enrollment was 933, but the increase is not so large as those in charge had believed it would be. There are but nine more in the high school than last year.

According to Principal F. A. Prince, the failure of the expected increase to materialize was due to non-resident pupils who have not put in an appearance. There are less than a hundred non-resident pupils registered, and a much larger number had signified their intention to come. Of course, there wouldn't have been room for them if they had showed up, and as it is, there will be considerable difficulty in taking care of the hundred or more pupils who were not in school here last year.

The situation in the grades has been relieved by utilizing the second story of the city hall, the fourth grade from both Central and Emerson schools being quartered there. In the high school, it is planned to take out half the desks and make room for more students. The high school assembly room was originally intended to seat about 150, but it has been overcrowded for the last two or three years, and another room is used for the overflow.

The registration in the high school and the enrollment in the grades took only an hour or so Monday, and the students were given the rest of the day as a holiday. Today the classes are in progress and moving along as though there were no such things as vacations.

All of the new teachers save one are on the ground. The domestic science teacher cancelled her contract only two or three days ago, and Mrs. J. D. Emerick is substituting until a new teacher can be secured. This year the schools have a fine corps of teachers, according to Superintendent Pate, who says this is the first time since 1916 that there has been no difficulty in securing the sort of teachers demanded by the high standards of Alliance. He considers that the outlook is exceedingly good for one of the most successful school years Alliance has ever had.

Sheriff J. W. Miller Saturday night arrested the Ford car belonging to R. Shepherd, once an Alliance resident some eight years ago, until his indictment by a grand jury. The car contained a bottle of homemade hooch. The owner later appeared at the sheriff's office, and the hearing will probably be held Wednesday.

A special meeting of the Eastern Star is called for this evening.

DRILLING HAS STARTED AT THE LAKESIDE WELL

FINDING IT EASY WORK TO GO THROUGH SAND.

Sixty-five Feet the Record for the First Day's Work—Lots of Sightseers.

Drilling has started at the Lakeside oil well. For two or three weeks the announcement has been expected, and the crowd of visitors at the plant has been increasing daily. The well was spudded in at 5:45 p. m. Saturday, and the drilling will continue, without interruption, it is hoped, until a depth of at least 5,000 feet has been reached.

The first thousand feet is expected to be easy work. The drillers have been told that the sand goes down that far, and the big rotary drill goes so fast through this sand stratum that the only danger is that the well will go down too fast for safety. Unless the drillers are fairly cautious while drilling in sand, there is danger that the walls may cave in.

During the first twenty hours, the twenty-inch hole had gone down sixty-five feet. Everything had gone along beautifully for the first twenty-four hours. They are using the rotary drill, although their equipment includes both rotary and standard drills. The drillers have no way of estimating how far they may expect to find the sand. Already they have struck a small layer of gravel, but it did not last long, and Sunday at sixty-five feet they were back again in the sand.

A big crowd of interested spectators were arriving and departing all day Saturday and Sunday. Sunday is the favorite day for the sightseers, but even on week days a number of people find time to inspect the workings of the machinery and inquire as to the progress being made. Alliance people seem especially interested in the well, a number of carloads of them being present when it was spudded in.

Working Two Shifts.

The crew is working in two shifts, or "towers," as they are called in the parlance of the oil men. These shifts are twelve hours each. Jack Braun, head of one drilling crew, is on duty from noon until midnight, and C. A. Myers and his gang have the trick from midnight until noon. Both of these drillers are California men, and they say it is the first time they have run across twelve-hour shifts, the California oil fields observing the eight-hour day. "It makes rather a long day when we are accustomed to eight hours," one of them said, "but of course we get money for it and we don't mind, under the circumstances."

The men who have been at work the past month getting ready for the starting of drilling operations have let no grass accumulate under their feet. It was a big task, erecting the 120-foot derrick and installing a lot of machinery on the side of a handbill, but they have made exceedingly rapid progress. Carloads of material, including additional piping, are coming in on every train, and the actual drilling was not started until it was fairly certain that everything was in readiness and there was reasonable insurance against delays or break-downs. The plant is complete, with most of the machinery in duplicate, so that an accident will mean only a slight delay. Delays in the oil drilling game are expensive, the drillers say.

The sightseers have discovered a surprising amount of machinery and equipment on the grounds. In addition to the huge derrick there is a complete steam plant with three boilers, a system of steam pipes, a water plant, and trenches covering five or ten acres. It is said to be one of the best drilling outfits ever brought to this section of the country.

Financed by Syndicate.

The Lakeside Development company, financed by potash magnates and capitalists from Omaha and Council Bluffs, started on an oil well project several months ago, following the selection of a location by a Wyoming artist, who has been quite successful.

Rev. B. J. Minort Will Speak on "The Pacific" at Roof Garden Thursday

Rev. B. J. Minort, pastor of the First Baptist church of Alliance, has announced that on Thursday evening, at the Roof Garden, he will address laborers, capitalists, farmers and others on the subject, "The Pacific." The address will be patriotic in nature and is intended to appeal to all who have the interests of the country at heart. There will be no admission fee, but a free will offering will be taken to defray expenses. Music will be furnished by Mann's orchestra.

The address will be based on Harold Bell Wright's latest book, "Helen of the Old House," according to Mr. Minort, who believes that this book points a solution to all labor problems, industrial differences and commercial unrest. Mr. Minort believes this book to be the greatest one of the age, and declares that his lecture Thursday evening will be the best in his career.

LABOR DAY IS CELEBRATED IN HOLIDAY STYLE

USUAL PARADE BY UNIONISTS DISPERSED WITH.

Big Crowd Attend Roundup at Fairview—Odd Fellows Enjoy Picnic at Purinton Grove.

Labor day in Alliance lost a good deal of its usual significance, due to the fact that the unions decided not to attempt a formal celebration this year. The day was observed by the men, however most of whom treated it as an ordinary holiday. In other years, there have been parades by the various labor unions, as well as a formal program calculated to impress the world with the dignity of labor.

The holiday feature was quite generally observed. Practically all of the stores closed at noon or earlier in the morning, in order to give the employees a holiday. There being no special entertainment offered by Alliance, the pleasure seeking crowds took to their automobiles and spent the day in a pleasure trip, or attended some of the celebrations arranged in different parts of the county. Two of these proved most popular, the roundup at Fairview, and the Odd Fellows picnic at the Purinton grove.

The Fairview roundup was probably the best patronized attraction on Labor day. The number of automobiles parked on the grounds was estimated at five hundred, and the entertainment provided was most elaborate. There were as many attractions going on at once as there is with the usual three-ring circus. The festivities started at 10:30 a. m. and the program included pretty much of everything that can be found at western open-air round-ups. It was a most ambitious program for the Fairview community, and was an even greater success than they had anticipated.

The Fairview Program

Among the attractions offered at Fairview were exhibitions of broncho busting, trick riding, horse racing, special prizes to the best bucking horse and rider, three games of baseball and a picnic dinner. The names of the winners in the various contests were not available for publication in this issue.

The three games of baseball were among the interesting features of the day, especially the game between the Fairview Girls and Boys teams, in which the girls, after an hour's play, found themselves on the long end of a 5 to 6 score. Fairview played Snake Creek and the Alliance Second team for the other two games, both of which were interesting, but not exactly airtight baseball.

There were two or three accidents that marred the day somewhat, but none of them resulted seriously. During the game between the Fairview girls and boys, in which a soft ball and huge bat were used, a fly ball struck the infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Trenkle on the cheek bone. It was not necessary to call medical attention.

Herman Brust was thrown for several yards during the relay race, when he attempted to step one of the horses preparatory to mounting it and continuing the race. The animal somewhat, but he rose from the ground and assisted the rider to mount and then fell in a faint. Within a few minutes he had recovered, but will have to use crutches in walking for some days.

Casey Haley, ball player, was struck in the back of the head by a batted ball, but managed to continue playing the remainder of the game.

During the races and bucking contests, with children smarming over the grounds, two or three of them had amazing luck in escaping uninjured. The Fairview program concluded with a boxing exhibition between Steve Cannon and Young Rozelle, in which the latter coughed up in the second round, after a wallop that sent him to the ropes. He almost took the count, but struggled to his feet, too groggy to continue the match.

In the evening, a barn dance was held at one of the homes in the Fairview neighborhood, which was largely attended.

Odd Fellows Picnic

The Odd Fellows and their families and friends gathered at the Purinton grove to observe Labor day in a picnic fashion.

At noon the number there was about three hundred, but this soon increased until about five hundred had gathered to witness the festivities. There was a big Hemingford delegation. The fun started by a picnic dinner, after which the marshal of the day, Rev. B. J. Minort, started the program with a woman's ege race.

The first race was won by Mrs. Stilla, Miss Pauline Hiles won second, and other young lady the third race, whose name we were unable to get.

In the watermelon contest the following boys were winners: Raymond Snyder and Marion Rowley. In the man's race, Mr. Hiles was the champion stuffer.

Tugs of war were staged frequently during the program. In the two main tugs of war for the women, Mrs. Snyder's team of heavyweights took first place. The men's contest was won by S. R. Mitchell's team.

There were too many horseshoe pitching games to keep a record. The best record was made by Rev. B. J. Minort and his partner, Mr. Garber, who pitched twelve games before being beaten, and then only because they were weak from hunger.

The big event of the day was the baseball game between the Alliance and Hemingford Odd Fellows. The game lasted eight and one-half innings and ended in favor of Alliance, with a score of 14 to 16. It was a good game all the way through, with several Alliance men making long-distance hits.

POLICE ARREST NINE IN RAID ON ROOMING HOUSE

EVIDENCE OF BOOZE SELLING AND OTHER THINGS.

Rosetta Outfit Again in Dutch With Authorities—Two Sixteen-Year-Old Girls Taken.

Sheriff J. W. Miller, Deputy Sheriff Thomas Miskimen, Chief of Police Jeffers and Officer Eugene Stillwell engineered a raid on the Rodgers rooming house, on Box Butte avenue, conducted by Mrs. Minnie Rosetta and her husband, Harry Rosetta. This isn't the first raid that has been pulled on this establishment, but it is by far the most successful. Nine persons, six of them women, were placed under arrest. One of the men was a Mexican.

The raid took place about 11:30 Monday night under a search warrant that was issued several days ago, the police authorities laying low until they had an opportunity to "get the goods" on the place. The police found what they were looking for, they say. It was 3 o'clock before the prisoners were assigned quarters in the city and county bastilles. Sheriff Miller decided to make a night of it, and failed to go to bed at all.

According to Chief Jeffers, when the officers arrived, Mrs. Rosetta was washing dishes. A niece, who makes her home there, was in an adjoining room. Mrs. Rosetta called on high heaven to witness that she was being persecuted, and made a bee-line for the telephone, to get into communication with her favorite legal defender. Then the hunt began.

In one of the rooms, a man and woman discovered dressed in a more or less sketchy fashion. In another was a man who had two half-pints on his hip. The police say he agreed to testify that he purchased the liquor at the rooming house. In other rooms and scattered about the halls were other booze receptacles. On top of a pile of soiled sheets and pillow cases in the clothes chute were found four more bottles which had contained booze, the officers say, one or two of them still containing a drink. On the roof, just above the rear entrance, a jug was found, which had also been recently emptied. In the halls were found some dead soldiers. The entire collection including the people in the place, were taken to jail, and it was 11 a. m. before County Attorney Bayne had been able to get the evidence rounded up and the complaints drawn. Mrs. Rosetta's niece was left in charge of the rooming house during the interim while the proprietors were away.

Two sixteen-year-old girls were taken in the raid, and the police recognized one of them as the girl over whom the parents had quarreled some months ago. There were three children in the family, and the father finally left Alliance with the two younger children, the police say, leaving the older with the mother, who was employed in a local cafe.

The other girl has been in Alliance before. Both have been in the city for three or four weeks, and the police have followed up their record here. At one place where they took rooms they were requested to leave after three days; at the Wilson home on East Third, where they stayed two nights, they left after setting fire to the bed clothing via the cigarette route. They took rooms with the Rosettas only yesterday, and were arrested when they returned for the night.

The last time the Rosettas got in bad with the authorities was during the race meet, when the place was raided and a cunning concealed closet was found, where booze could be and was hidden. On this occasion Mrs. Rosetta pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs, clearing her husband.

The police authorities say they are going to ask that the place be closed by the authorities under the Albert law, which is believed to fit this rooming house.

At 2 p. m. the people taken in the raid had not been arraigned and at the county attorney's office it was stated that the hearing would probably not be held before Wednesday.

To date, complaints have been filed in county court against Hipetolo M. Perea, Mexican, charging him with drinking and purchasing intoxicating liquor; Charles Sanford, with buying intoxicating liquor, and Harry Rosetta, will selling intoxicating liquor.

Alfonso M. Poole drew a fine of \$25 and costs before Police Judge Berry Saturday morning, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication. He was arrested Friday morning about 9 o'clock on complaint of a resident, who asked the police to take him up.

The city's Ford truck received a broken wheel and its driver a severe shaking up Saturday afternoon, when it collided with a car driven by a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Price of South Alliance, at the intersection of Third and Box Butte.

H. Lyons of the Golden Rule store went to Denver Saturday night, expecting to return Tuesday.

Harry Donner of Hemingford, was an Alliance visitor Friday.

Antioch Barber Expects to Drop Trade and Turn Trapper for the Winter

A dispatch from Antioch to the State Journal says that Ben Woods, barber by trade and trapper for pleasure and incidental profit, will leave his shop in charge of an assistant in a few weeks and go down into the Bingham country where he has leased nine lakes for trapping. He will take 150 traps and equipment for preserving pelts, and expects to get about 1,500 muskrats and many other valuable skins. In a good season the trappers' income in Sheridan county often aggregates \$50,000.

M. E. PASTORS ANNOUNCED FOR THIS DISTRICT

REV. M. C. SMITH RETURNS TO ALLIANCE CHARGE.

Conference for Northwestern Nebraska District Ended Sunday at Gering.

The twenty-ninth session of the Northwest Nebraska Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church closed Sunday night at 9 o'clock, when Bishop Stuntz read the appointments for the ensuing year. Few changes were made. Dr. E. D. Gideon, superintendent of the Long Pine district was appointed pastor at Long Pine, and N. G. Palmer, pastor at Valentine, was made superintendent of that district. Rev. O. E. Richardson was appointed pastor at Valentine.

There will be few changes in the pastors in the Alliance district. Rev. M. C. Smith is returned to Alliance, and with two exceptions the list is unchanged from last year. The pastors atullen and Lewellyn have exchanged charges. Following is the list of appointments:

Alliance District—O. S. Baker, District Superintendent.
Alliance—M. C. Smith.
Bayard—E. M. Kendall.
Crawford—E. C. Newland.
Chadron—Clinton Sennett.
Gering—F. O. Winslow.
Harrison—Clare Van Metre.
Flowerfield—Frank Coals.
Lewellyn—Edward Magill.
Marland—W. N. Snyder.
Melbeta—J. H. Bishop.
Mitchell—G. C. Robberson.
Mullen—B. S. Daugherty.
Morrill—Frank Williams.
Minatare—O. E. Brown.
Henry—W. C. Birmingham.
Oshkosh—A. F. Cumbow.
Lakeside—C. H. Burleigh.
Hemingford—A. J. May.
Rushville—W. E. Caldwell.
Scottsbluff—E. C. Fintel.
Whitney—John L. Shaw.
Hay Springs—H. H. Todd.

Among the outside speakers were Chancellor I. B. Shreckengast of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, Dr. G. W. Isham, Vice Chancellor of the same institution; Dr. Harry Farmer of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Dr. Gordon, representing the Epworth League. Bishop Stuntz also addressed the conference several times.

An address of unusual interest was that given by Dr. McClellan of the Wyoming state conference in which he invited this conference to appoint a committee to meet a like committee from his conference, to confer on the question of uniting the Wyoming State and Northwest Nebraska Conferences into one. The reason for this is that each conference is too small, neither having more than 50 churches, and the two united would give a large field with great future possibilities. These committees will meet in the near future, and their action will be in the nature of a recommendation to be submitted to the two conferences for final action.

It will be of interest to Alliance to know that the conference enthusiastically accepted the invitation of the Alliance church to meet here next year for the annual conference. The new church is expected to be completed before that time, and will be the finest to the conference. The last time a Methodist conference was held in Alliance was in 1914, when Bishop Henderson presided. It will not be announced until later what bishop will preside next year.

Mrs. Mary Chapman returned to her home in Lincoln after a short visit with her son, Joe.