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HEMINGFORD COMMISSIONER TELLS WORLD

FOR HOME TOWN FIRST, LAST AND ALL THE TIME

George Carrell Promises to Swat Alliance Every Chance He Gets in Next Three Years

County Commissioner Carrell has come out of the brush. In an interview with reporters for the Alliance newspapers Thursday afternoon, and again this morning, he declared that he intends to wage war on Alliance and everything this city wants that he, as a commissioner, has a voice in giving them. Mr. Carrell made his position quite plain.

"I'm for Hemingford—first, last and all the time," he said. "And if there is anything I can help to take away from Alliance and put for the west end of the county, I'm going to do it. And if I can keep Alliance from getting anything else, I'll do it."

The big Hemingford commissioner isn't a bit backward in saying why he has it in for this city. He blames, first of all, the newspapers. "You fellows have been digging at me all the time," he said. "You've done your best to discredit me. There isn't a single thing that I've done that is out of the way, but you've made it appear as though I had. Now you think you can get me out of this office, but you can't get it over. For every lick that you give me, I'll do my best to give you two. You'll find that when you've tackled me it's the hardest job you ever undertook. If you try it you'll find you can't do it. The people of my district are with me, and I'm for them, and against Alliance, every time."

Mr. Carrell is really bitter in his feelings toward the Alliance newspapers. "You started this thing," he said. "You've printed everything against me you could find. And you haven't printed it straight." And he proceeded to go over all of the charges that have been made against him, most of them from people in his own part of the county. "The cemetery road," he said, "is one of the best in the county today. And that stuff about the claim—you know I couldn't have got away with a cent, even if I had tried to do it. You gave the county clerk credit for discovering it—she didn't know a thing about it until Mr. Muirhead of Hemingford told her about it."

Too Many Versions.

Mr. Carrell then proceeded to tell the fourth or fifth version of the way in which a claim covering his personal account at a Hemingford store happened to be allowed by the county. The first story that he told was that he was on his way to Alliance, and that he asked for a statement of the county's bill, and the clerk wrote out his personal bill instead. He looked at the amount, saw it was about right, and without looking over the items signed his name on the back, approving it and the other two commissioners passed it on his word, without examining it.

Later developments show that this is only part of the true story. Mr. Carrell may have done as he said—secured the bill when he was on his way to Alliance, but he did not take it right to the board meeting. He took it to the office of R. E. Knight, county highway commissioner, and turned it over to him with a number of claims against the state highway funds, which are approved by Mr. Knight. Mr. Knight discovered it was a personal bill, and returned it to him by letter, explaining that it should not be presented to the county.

When Mr. Carrell was apprised of the fact that Mr. Knight had made public these facts, he told another story. This time he said that he got the claim out of Knight's letter just before he came to Alliance, and that he did not read the letter carefully, but stuck the claim in his pocket and brought it in.

According to Mr. Knight's version of the story, however, the letter and claim were mailed to Carrell a full month before it was presented and passed for payment.

When asked concerning this point, Mr. Carrell said: "Well, I may have had it for some time, but I'm sure it wasn't a month. At any rate, I don't remember what the letter said."

Disputes Bridgeport Story.

Thursday afternoon, Mr. Carrell made it quite plain that he had worked against Alliance at Bridgeport, and for Hemingford.

He said that he wanted the North Star route to hit the county line as far west as possible. "It won't be," he said, "but there'll be a good road to Hemingford, straight into town, if I can get it. The east end of the county has had its share of the state aid roads. It's the turn of the west end, now. Alliance stole the Chadron road from us two years ago, and we trusted them. The road was originally approved to go by way of Hemingford and up through the rich table land of Dawes county. The Box Butte and Dawes county commissioners had designated this as road No. 1.

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A CHALLENGE.

George Carrell, county commissioner from Hemingford, comes into prominence again with a most remarkable statement. He declares openly that he is against Alliance in anything that this city wants, and that he will use his personal and official influence to give this city the worst of it.

Mr. Carrell makes the mistake of thinking that he represents Hemingford, simply because he is nominated from that district. He is elected from the county at large, and the east end of the county not only contributes more in taxes, but contains more actual voters. In taking this course, he is defying the will of a majority of the people who placed him in office, as well as showing himself in a most unfavorable light.

The Hemingford commissioner has in several ways shown that he is unfit for the office he holds. No man who says the things he has said is fit to hold any public office. The Herald has in the past believed that Mr. Carrell's detractors have complained of things that were not worth raising a fuss about. He has himself furnished any evidence that may have been lacking to prove that he is not given honors that he is not big enough to carry.

It is a challenge not only to Alliance, but to all who believe in good government and the rule of the majority. What shall the answer be? There can be but one answer to such a dare. The challenge should be accepted. The people still rule.

Archie Collins of the Long Lake Vicinity a Suicide by Hanging

Word reached Alliance this morning of the suicide by hanging of Archie Collins, a young rancher who has been occupying one of the Krause farms, about thirty-five miles northeast of Alliance, in the Long Lake vicinity. Mr. Collins was apparently in the best of spirits last night, but this morning his body was found by other employees of the ranch.

The cause for the act is not known, but ill health is believed to be the reason. Three or four years ago he suffered a paralytic stroke, and has been in poor health since.

Mr. Collins was twenty-five years of age. He leaves a wife, to whom he was married five years ago, Miss Maud Jesse, and two children, Eva, aged five, and Helen, one year old. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, lives in Alliance. Two sisters, Mrs. J. R. McKinney and Mrs. P. V. Bohn, and a brother, Jay Collins, also live in the city. There are two other sisters, Mrs. H. Farrow living near the Krause ranch, and Mrs. Jack Campbell of Hay Springs.

Commissioner Duncan Hears Cry of Distress But Victim Only Sneezed

County Commissioner George W. Duncan came near to being a hero this morning, but luck was against him and he got a Carnegie medal for it. While Commissioners Haskin and Carrell were talking things over with the reporters, Mr. Duncan was waiting quietly in the commissioners' office. He heard a heart-rending cry—and it sounded like a call for aid. Visions of a woman locked in the vault downstairs flashed through his mind. The cry was repeated. He dashed downstairs to the rescue, and once more heard the cry. When he got to the lower floor, he saw a hay fever patient sneezing.

Complaints Coming in Boys With Slungshots Are Damaging Windows

Complaint has reached the city manager and the chief of police that a number of boys with their slungshots have been doing considerable damage to windows in South Alliance and other places. A number of property owners have set up a howl about the carelessness with which the boys have been shooting rocks through the air. The authorities expect to extend an appeal to the boys through the schools, and if this is unsuccessful will try sterner measures.

Allen Agency Seeking a Location in Alliance

The C. G. Reeves Automobile company, agents for the Allen, are looking for a location in Alliance, and as soon as suitable arrangements can be made, will establish a garage in the city. Mr. Reeves has been handling sales of his car from his farm, near the city, during the past two or three years, and has been quite successful. He plans to extend the business as soon as arrangements can be made.

Miss Lelia Cutts is on the sick list this week.

ECHO OF BIG BATTLE HEARD IN ALLIANCE

STRUGGLE EXPECTED TO LAST TILL FIRST OF YEAR.

Bombardment of the Sandhill Lakes Begun by Duck Hunters Very Early This Morning

The war is on. Armed with trusty shotguns, the wild duck hunters betook themselves to the hills late last night, in order to be ready to begin their onslaught on the ducks with the first rays of sunshine, or whatever is needed to spot the wild water fowl. Early this morning the roar of the big guns could be heard on the streets of Alliance. Ex-soldiers rushed into the house looking for their tin hats and bayonets. It was most realistic.

Broncho lake has been alive with ducks the last week or two, as indeed has been the case with every lake in the sandhills. The ducks are said to be more plentiful this year than ever before, not only in Box Butte county, but in all of western Nebraska, according to reports deputy game wardens have made to their chief at Lincoln.

Not only are there more ducks than ever before, but more game wardens. It is going to be difficult to get away with any violations of the law, if the warnings of the game wardens are to be believed.

Under the Nebraska law, which now corresponds in most particulars to federal regulations, the shooting season is as follows:

Ducks, geese, plover, snipe, brant, coots and squirrels—September 15 to December 31.

Prairie chickens and grouse—October 1 to November 1, inclusive.

Rails—September 16 to November 30, inclusive.

There is no open season on quail, mourning doves, pheasants, swans, crane, wood or eider ducks, or imported game birds of any kind.

Little Mexico Observes Holiday Today With an Enthusiastic Celebration

All is joy and peace today in Little Mexico, which is celebrating one of the Mexican holidays with rare good humor and with rare good order.

Early this morning the noise of salutes fired from dozens of guns mingled with the noise of the shooting by the hunters in Broncho lake. Up to a late hour no disorder of any kind had occurred, although the police were keeping an eye on the celebration.

Today is the Mexican Fourth of July, and the attention of the police was directed to the fact that the brown men were flying the Mexican flag. Chief Jeffers and Sheriff Miller went over to investigate, but thought the Mexicans were doing no harm, inasmuch as the American flag was also displayed. If the Mexicans were abusing the American flag, the police fully intended to haul the Mexican banner down, but decided everything was all right. Most of the Mexicans in the local colony were laying off.

Council Delays Action on Taking Care of the Deficit in Sewer Funds

The city council was somewhat concerned over the deficit in the sewer fund, at its meeting Thursday night, but not so much so that they were willing to talk bond issue. City Manager Kemmish explained that the failure of the old council to vote bonds for constructing mains left a balance of something like \$3,000 that would have to be paid some time. The mains had been taxed to the owners, if property, contrary to law, and one man refused to pay and spilled the beans. The council will wait until later in the year, after the taxes have all been paid in, and if no other fund is large enough to admit of transferring funds, will probably submit a refunding bond issue at the next regular or special election.

Spud Shipments Slow to Start—Lossi Ships Second Car This Season

The second carload of Box Butte potatoes to be shipped this season was this week by S. J. Lossi of Yale Siding. One other car, from Hemingford, has been shipped. Mr. Lossi sold the spuds at 65 cents per hundred, f. o. b. Yale Siding. The potatoes, he says, were from early planting, and were not the choicest, being somewhat scabby with a prevalence of second growth. Crops from later plantings, he thinks, will be of much better quality.

Miss Helen Moore who has been visiting with her uncle, E. G. Houghs at Keeline, Wyo., returned Wednesday.

NO SPONSOR FOR FALL FESTIVAL HAS BEEN FOUND

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL NOT TAKE LEAD

Question of Getting Merchants to Foot Bill for Free Entertainment in Alliance

The fall festival, which, according to an announcement made last Tuesday, was to be staged in Alliance at some date in the near future, is about to perish for lack of parents. No organization has yet been found that is willing to shoulder the responsibility of putting on a free show for the benefit of residents of the county. There are plenty who can be found to say that it will be a mighty good thing to do, but so far no organization has been willing to come forward and make the necessary arrangements.

A harvest festival, without question, would be a splendid way to bring people to Alliance, and this city has won a reputation for putting on events of this kind. The idea came from North Platte, where the Ford garage of that city staged the festival and went out among the merchants with a subscription paper and got the money to put it over big. A traveling salesman brought the news to Alliance, and so enthusiastic was he over the North Platte celebration that he got several merchants interested. The matter was under consideration by the directors of the Alliance chamber of commerce, but the announcement as somewhat premature, inasmuch as the directors had only sounded out the opinion of a few merchants.

At a meeting of the directors, held Wednesday, it was decided that the organization would not sponsor the show on its own initiative. The reason for this is the depleted condition of the club's treasury. The chamber of commerce has for the past year

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Claims Pocket Picked by Railway Laborer Arrested in Alliance

J. I. Mann, railroad laborer, on his way from Kansas City to Scottsbluff, made complaint to the Alliance police after No. 43 had rolled in yesterday that his pockets had been picked by another passenger on the train. The police arrested a man giving the name of Joseph James Herdlock, who said his home was in Chicago, but that he had shipped out of Kansas City with a batch of men from a labor agency, bound for Girard.

Mann had met Herdlock on the train, and had been sitting by him. The latter had tried to panhandle him, he said, but he had replied that he was not very flush himself. At Seneca Herdlock got off the train and so did Mann, but in the restaurant there both ordered meals. Mann found after he had eaten that his pocket-book, containing \$11.25, was missing. The other fellow, who had claimed to be broke, bought a sack of smoking tobacco, and paid for it.

When Chief Jeffers searched Herdlock on the train, he found no money on him, but \$11.25 was found near the end of the seat. It was in the form of a ten and one dollar bills and fifteen cents—exactly the sum Mann claimed he had lost, and in the same denominations, save the cost of the smoking tobacco.

Mann told reporters that Herdlock had been quite friendly with him and had confided that he had broken out of jail in Arkansas.

Herdlock will be released today, the police say, inasmuch as he did not claim the money and there is no way of proving that he took it from Mann's pockets. The money will be returned to Mann.

Passes Fake Checks at Three Stores and Makes His Getaway

Three business houses in Alliance were victimized Wednesday by a young man who passed checks signed with three different names. The amount was the same in each case, \$10. At one of the stores he signed the check with the name "Sam Smith," the latter name being misspelled. In each case, he made small purchases, and tendered the check in payment, receiving the change in cash. He apparently made his getaway, although the police got out on the job as soon as the error was discovered by the First National bank, to whom the checks were sent by the merchants. Several hours had elapsed, however, and there was ample time for him to catch a freight out of town.

T. S. Fielding who has been in Denver for the past three weeks where he underwent an operation for gall stones, is expected home the latter part of this week.

Ben Johnson, of Hemingford, was in the city Thursday.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Showers Friday and possibly Saturday; somewhat cooler; cool Friday in southeast portion.

Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas Accepts Secretaryship Chamber of Commerce

Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas was unanimously elected to the position of secretary of the Alliance chamber of commerce, at the meeting of the board of directors held last Wednesday. The new secretary entered upon her duties this morning. Plans for future activities of the chamber of commerce have not been announced.

Inspection of Paving to Discover Defects to Be Made This Week

Some time this week, if advised from the company officials prove reliable, the paving laid in Alliance last year will be subjected to a rigid inspection, and any needed repairs will be made by the company. The specifications under which the contract was let provide that if the paving sags to a certain depth, sufficient to permit water to collect in the holes during rains, it shall be relaid. The intersections, especially at the points where the pedestrians use the paving as sidewalks, will be given the most careful inspection.

Polarine Road Map Doesn't Suit Road Boosters of Alliance

The chamber of commerce has received for free distribution a quantity of road maps put out by the manufacturers of Polarine, and while they are nice, ornamental maps, they are so constructed that they make the road boosters of the city feel warm under the collar. The map shows the favored route from Alliance to Hot Springs to follow a route from Alliance to Berea, Hemingford, Mansfield, and half-way between Crawford and Chadron, going east to the latter city, completely missing the Chadron state aid road, the best in western Nebraska, and one of the prettiest routes for tourists, going, as it does, through the Black hills and past the first state park. It is probable that the maps will not be distributed here, but returned with thanks, although they will probably be spread over the rest of the country.

City Manager Planning to Grade Street in the North Part of the City

Residents of the north part of Alliance, who have been cringing about the condition of the city streets, for some two or three years, will feel cheered over the extensive street grading program that has been outlined by City Manager Kemmish. A few weeks ago Second, Third and Fourth streets were put in condition, and beginning this week at Tenth street, which will be graded from city limit to city limit, the graders will tackle Ninth, Eighth, Seventh, Sixth and Fifth streets.

The new water extension from Seventh to Ninth on Mississippi, Eighth to Tenth on Yellowstone and Missouri, east from Yellowstone to Mississippi on Tenth and from Tenth to Twelfth streets on Fourth avenue, is expected to be completed this week. This extension was put in only after a lot of argument by the property owners, and the city manager has been urging them to show good faith by quickly connecting up with the city's water mains.

Christ Vallas Refused Refund on License Fee By the City Council

Christ Vallas, one time proprietor of the Alliance billiard parlor in this city, who recently disposed of his interests following his conviction in county court on a charge of receiving stolen property, was turned down by the city council last evening on a claim he had filed for a refund on his license fee. City licenses run from May 1 to April 30 of each year, and Vallas claimed a refund of some \$75 on the ground that the city ordinance provides that when a man enters the pool hall business in the city at any time after the beginning of the fiscal year, he pays only a pro rata fee. The council couldn't see that his argument applied to a man voluntarily surrendering his license and put the claim in the waste basket.

J. A. Luttrell who recently moved from Alliance to North Platte, came to Alliance Thursday to finish shipping his household furniture to North Platte.

F. W. Hargarten who was called to Chadron last Monday to serve on the Federal grand jury, returned Thursday.

CITY COUNCIL DELAYS ACTION ON FRANCHISE

WILL THRESH OUT QUESTION NEXT THURSDAY

With One Member Absent, the Council Evenly Divided on Passing the Ordinances

The Thursday evening meeting of the city council seemed like old times to the reporters, who held the seats of honor in the newly furnished council chamber and firemen's clubrooms at the city hall. Aside from the fact that there was no argument with representatives of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company to enliven the proceedings, the average man couldn't have told the difference between the way the old council and the new one handled the matter of issuing a telephone franchise to the company. There was the same tendency to argue every little point. The chief difference was that in this instance the telephone company had some champions among the councilmen. In fact, if there had been only one more champion present, the franchise was as good as adopted. Councilman Gavin was absent from the city, and his vote would have told the tale.

It's been a good many months since the telephone problem has been argued by an Alliance council. In fact, this is the first time that the new council, elected about a year ago at the time the city manager plan came into existence, has seriously considered the matter. Diplomatic relations were established between the council and the representatives of the company shortly after the members took office, but there has never been a definite test of strength until last night, when the council, in the absence of Mr. Gavin, was found to be as deadlocked as the Morrill county commissioners. The effort on the franchise was about the same as though the old council were still in office, but the outlook at least, holds promise.

The new council, City Manager Kemmish and company officials have for months been discussing the franchise question, and arguing out disputed points, and Thursday afternoon an agreement was reached. The franchise, as put before the council, contained a number of provisions that are not to be found in any similar document in the state. Among these is a proviso that should the state railway commission, at any time, be deprived of its rate-making powers, that power is vested in the council. Another provision binds the company, when it asks for an increase in rates, to furnish a copy of the application to the council, together with certain figures which will give the city material with which to fight the application. Still another section provides that additional investments in the city shall be made with the approval of the council, if they are sufficiently large to cause an increase in rates.

Irwin An Objector

When this document was brought up before the council for action, Councilman Irwin started the ball rolling, by stating that he wasn't satisfied with the document. He declared he could see no profit in it for the city; that the city had no control over the company, or the rates to be charged; and that the provision that the franchise should terminate if the company failed to keep its agreement was no safeguard, inasmuch as if given permission by the railway commission, it need not follow the provisions of the franchise.

Councilman M. S. Hargraves was the other dissenter. He stated that he was against the franchise on general principles. The company had got along two years without one, he said, and he didn't think they'd leave. He objected to the length of the franchise—twenty years—saying that within that time every man might be carrying a pocket wireless.

Other arguments brought out were that the people of the city were against a franchise; that even if the service were extended, the people of the city would have to pay the bill and the railway commission would give authority for increased rates at any time; that there was no guarantee, even if the franchise were adopted, that the company would increase its investment here; and there was no way to enforce them to do so; that if any portion of the city were without phone service, an application could be filed with the railway commission to enforce them to install phones.

On the other hand, Mayor Hampton, Councilman Thompson and City Manager Kemmish argued for the passage of the ordinance. Mr. Hampton pointed out that such a concession was customary, and that the city would be better protected than any town in the state. They pointed out the need for more phone service and better facilities, and said that they believed if the question were submitted again, the vote would be 10 to 1 in favor of a franchise. They thought some common ground could be reached whereby the company would be given

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