

MORE DOPE ON HAY SPRINGS SEA MONSTER

TWO MORE RESIDENTS HAVE CAUGHT A GLIMPSE.

Say It In Two Feet Broad and At Least Ten or Twelve Feet Long — Plans to Capture.

The Hay Springs deep sea monster, which has been seen at rare intervals by a few fortunate residents living in the vicinity of the alkali lake where it makes its home, has been seen again, according to the Hay Springs News, which gives all the details that excited observers with excited imaginations can supply. This monster has caused considerable speculation the past two or three months. It has been positively identified as a gray whale, such as are found in certain parts of the Pacific, by the Hemingford editor, but others think it might be a mermaid. The last eye-witness has a theory that it is a mud puppy that forgot to die when its natural span of life run out and has continued on through four or five existences until it has reached its present abnormal dimensions. The News says:

"Charles Hoefler and wife and others report having recently seen the monster in the lake. They sat on the bank some time watching it and described it as being two feet broad and ten or twelve feet long. As soon as permission is granted by the state authorities to use a seine or other means of capture, steps will be taken to capture it."

"There seems to be no question now but what the fellow is there. It has been seen by many who have about the same story to tell except that it seems to be growing larger each time. This is explained from the fact that it has been accustomed to being watched and more of its body is being exposed. If it isn't a whale its a whaler of an animal, any way."

"But Charlie has advanced another idea. He says that he thinks it is a mud pup. Charlie never saw a mud pup, he says, of the magnitude of this one, although he has seen some that were at least ten inches broad and a yard long weighing about twenty-five pounds. He also says that about five years is the natural life time of a mud pup but he sees no reason why a mud pup could not take a second or even a third growth and develop into a

huge animal. But a mud pup doesn't spout water, so there you are.

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Coursey Hears Details of the Harvest Festival Held at North Platte

No further official action has been taken by the chamber of commerce or any other civic organization in regard to the holding of a harvest festival in Alliance at some time in the near future, the suggested date being Armistice day, November 11. The board of directors of the city's commercial organization decided, at a meeting held last week, to take no steps in the matter until further information was at hand and the merchants of the city had signified that they were willing to back the festival financially.

The harvest home festival was suggested by the success of a similar occasion held a short time ago at North Platte. First reports were that the Ford garage in that city had staged the celebration, which was known as "Ford day," but according to letter received the first of the week by Harry P. Coursey, who wrote for details, this was not the case. All the merchants of the city co-operated in the festival and all of them unite in saying that it was a great success. Mr. Coursey received full details from North Platte and these letters have been turned over to officials of the Alliance chamber of commerce.

It is believed that a meeting of merchants will be called to consider the proposition and make a definite decision.

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PROBABLY.

Edith Wharton, the writer, told this war story: "The American wounded were being brought in from the second Maine battle," he said, "and a fussy American woman in a khaki uniform and Sam Browne belt knelt over a stretcher and said, 'Is this case an officer or only a man?' The big corporal who stood beside the stretcher gave her a grim laugh and said: 'Well, lady, he ain't no officer, but he's been hit twice in the innards, both legs busted, he's got two bullets in both arms, and we dropped him three times without his lettin' out a squeak, so I guess you can call him a man.'" —Seattle Argus.

HEMINGFORD IS BEHIND ITS COMMISSIONER

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"The road north of town has been maintained in good shape for two miles but beyond that it is a very bad and unworkmanlike condition. The first five miles west of town the road is in good shape. There are several mud holes beyond that to the Lawn church and is in a devil of a shape from Lawn church to Marsland. The road south of town to Alliance is in splendid condition."

"The six mile strip from the Hashman road up to the Berea road is about 65 per cent finished and needs a lot of good hard work to make it an agreeable road to drive on. The road through Berea is fairly good except for about six or seven chuck holes that have been in the road for that many years, and which never received attention even if the road is scraped over. The road down the railroad track is complete for about two miles and a very excellent job was done on this strip. The mudhole at Uhrig's corner which has been an eyesore for ten years, is now nicely graded and we hope drained into the ditch along the railroad right of way."

"Contrary to the statement in the Alliance Times and Herald, a very creditable and satisfactory road has been built to the Hemingford cemetery as much as three or four months ago. Some one has complained to these editors who has not been out to look at the road."

"For the whole territory north of town, out through the Gordon-Kriz neighborhood, there appears to have been nothing done. For the help of the people southeast of town one mile past the George Carrell farm has been graded in good shape. This ought to be continued for the benefit of the people out that way. Southwest of town nothing has been done. A road is very badly needed out into the Danish neighborhood six miles south and six miles west and of course beyond that to the county line. West of the Lawn church work is needed and north west of town up in the Givard neighborhood the roads are in very bad shape. Also, there is more or less need of the road being graded directly south of the Lawn church connecting at approximately the Elmore Dam."

Want Tenth Street Road

"A road should be built from Alliance directly west to the dam, even if part of it has to be surfaced with the white clay from the hills. Some strips of road should be built from different isolated localities to the main traveled

roads. Mr. Carrell's administration has done considerable in the way of real road construction and we appreciate what the commissioners have done, very much. Probably every bit of road that has been built has been needed and probably needed the worst of the many roads to work on."

"However, there is big traffic over the road north of town and over the road west of town, both of which are in a deplorable condition in spots. We understand the first work in the spring will be on the road west of town, probably from Lawn church six or seven miles this way and later on all of the road. What we need now is a lot more work and believe we are just beginning to get our share of the road construction. Previous to this the money has been spent elsewhere or in such a puttering way that it really did no good. What roads have been built are really worth while and the eight months of Mr. Carrell's administration has been very productive of results."

"It is to be hoped that Alliance will reconcile itself to a commissioner who gets things done and that Mr. Carrell will not be quite so antagonistic to our Alliance friends as it has been so that peace and harmony can reign in Box Butte county."

"The sentiment in Hemingford is for Alliance to get the North Star highway. We want the road opened up through Morrill county and we will be glad to go to it where ever it is built, when we want to go abroad. If it comes a little west of Alliance it will probably be better for us to go there to take it even though it is a few miles out of the way, than to try to cut across the sandy, mucky country along Snake creek. We wish much power to Alliance's arm in getting this North Star highway from Bridgeport to Alliance, asking only that they do it forthwith. They seem to be doing well lately."

"The trouble between Alliance and Mr. Carrell is only a lack of understanding which should be easily adjusted."

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UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

Horse cabman (to driver of forty-horse motor car, who had bumped into his horse: "Ah, yer blinkin' coward! Forty against one!"—London Evening News.

Very likely Eden lost some of its atmosphere of romance when Eve discovered the onion patch.

LINCOLN—Nebraska is now without a supreme court commission, for the first time in six years. The body known by that title went out of existence on Thursday, by reason of the last legislature's refusal to give it a new lease of life. It was created for two years by the 1915 legislature. In 1917 the legislature extended its tenure another two years, and in 1919 the same thing was done again.

By reason of the fact that Commissioner W. C. Dorsey resigned a few weeks before his time was out, in order to assist the attorney general's office in a grand jury probe at Omaha, there will be a small balance of \$137 left in the commissioner's salary fund. Dorsey drew \$513 for his services during the final quarterly period, while G. W. Tibbets and W. M. Cain drew \$750 each.

One of the commissioners two stenographers, Miss Laura Mayer, received \$50 for the first half of September, and on Friday morning she went to

work in the department of finance, presided over by Phil Bross.

Commissioner Tibbets will return to Hastings and Commissioner Cain to Fremont to resume the practice of law. Commissioner Dorsey will be busy at Omaha for a while and may later return to Franklin county, his old home. His friends anticipate that he may be a candidate for supreme judge in the Fifth district next year.

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Those who can't afford to visit Paris this summer can console themselves with the recollection that it's hotter over there than it has been here.

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