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HEMINGFORD ROAD MEETING ENDS IN AIR

NO CHANCE TO EFFECT A COMPROMISE ON ROUTE.

Alliance Delegation Treated More or Less Discourteously and Nothing Is Accomplished.

Fifty Alliance business men went by automobile to Hemingford Friday evening of last week, in an endeavor to arrive at a compromise route for the Alliance-Hemingford state aid road. They were received by a good-sized delegation of men from that part of the county, although many business men of the neighboring city were conspicuous by their absence, and about 8:30 were led to the opera house, where the slaughter began. After about three hours of rag-chewing, in which the Alliance delegation was treated as unbecomingly as possible, the meeting adjourned at the same place it had been during the entire session—up in the air. The Hemingford contingent was willing to talk anything but a compromise road, and after a long and futile attempt to argue, the Alliance delegation gave it up as a bad job.

The chairman of the meeting was Keith L. Pierce of Hemingford, who opened the discussion and left the way open for all sorts of complaints against the county seat. Some of the Alliance delegation are of the opinion that Mr. Pierce allowed the meeting to get away from him, and others have a strong suspicion that if there was anything of that kind, it was because the chairman purposely let go of his reins. Following the session, the chairman, as well as several other members of the Alliance delegation in a regretful vein, but it was noticeable that during the actual progress of the meeting there was no one who was willing to apply the brakes.

Carrell's Friends Out.

Commissioner George Carrell, who is under fire not only in Alliance but from some of his friends because of one or two of his official acts, was present at the meeting with a large number of his supporters. There were Hemingford men who said that a number of these supporters were potato pickers employed on the farms in that part of the county, and neither residents or voters, but the bulky Hemingford commissioner had a number of friends among the audience, even if that were the case.

Before the first talk by an Alliance man had been completed, it was apparent that there would be plenty of talk, but no compromise. In fact, before the Alliance delegation left this city, there had been received a hint of what was to be expected. The report reached this city that on Thursday evening, twenty-four hours before the meeting was called, the Hemingford road boosters got together and agreed on a plan of action. This plan, it was said, was to maintain a stiff upper lip—in other words, to let the Alliance men do all the talking and keep mum as to their own attitude. The first six or seven Hemingford men called on for their opinions followed this plan, at least, and it was not until the Alliance men remonstrated and suggested that they would withdraw if there was not to be a genuine discussion, that they opened up.

When the discussion once opened up, it was as good as a three-ring circus. Alliance found that the Hemingford men had been blaming this city for the supposed theft of the Chadron road from Hemingford, and the explanation, made in good faith and substantiated by ample proof, was not accepted. The charge was made that Alliance men had "tampered" with state officials, and this charge still stood when the meeting adjourned, even after it had been shown that when the Alliance delegation waited on state officers with a remonstrance against the Hashman road, it carried a petition signed by three hundred men from Hemingford alone, as well as by hundreds from other parts of the county. In spite of evident misbelief, and discourtesy and insult of different kinds, the Alliance men tried their best to suggest some compromise that would be satisfactory, but were finally forced to give up the struggle as hopeless.

Source of the Row.

Earl Mallory made the opening talk for Alliance. He explained that about a year ago, the county commissioners laid out a road from Alliance to Hemingford. They did not follow the plan laid down by law of designating three routes, and permitting state officers to make a selection of the three. Instead they designated one route, which did not enter Alliance from the west, but took an angling course across the county, and joined another road two miles west of the city limits. The Alliance road boosters got busy. They favored a road up the Burlington tracks all the time, and secured hundreds of signatures to a petition asking that it be designated, inasmuch as it was the shortest, cheapest and most practicable road to receive state aid. They waited upon the state officers with these petitions, secured a promise that the road would not be approved until they had an opportunity to present

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Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday; cooler tonight.

ent their case, and then talked to the commissioners. At that time, three hundred Hemingford men were in favor of the track road.

About a year ago they met with the commissioners, and after a stormy session, got the promise that three routes would be designated, and the choice left to the state engineer. This was not done, the records of the commissioners showing but one resolution had been passed. This summer the commissioners proceeded to build their road. A week or so ago, they were informed by state authorities that state aid funds could not be used on it, as it had not been designated. They had used \$2,000 of state aid money, and in repaying this by transfer from county road funds, they left the latter in pretty slim state.

Mr. Mallory explained that Alliance favored the track road; that a year ago the road boosters of this city were willing to compromise and permit the road to go straight west of Alliance and then angle north to Hemingford, in order to keep peace in the county family; that this city did not want to cram its road program down anybody's throat, but that it was hoped that out of the discussion a definite policy in respect to road building could be reached. He thought that Alliance should have consulted Hemingford more often, but this remark was made of the opening of the meeting and not the close.

Argument for Track Road.

The speaker summed up the work that has been done on state aid roads in the county, showing that out of funds to maintain 100 miles, there are but thirty-two miles of state road at the present time. He said the policy of the state department was to give state aid only to direct roads between important points, and argued that the

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HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL TO BE HELD OCTOBER 15

FORTY ALLIANCE MERCHANTS TO PUT ON FREE SHOW.

Ford Automobile to Be Given Away by Business Men—All-Day Program Planned.

Saturday, October 15, is the date set for the Harvest Home festival, and on that day the business men of Alliance will endeavor to furnish a big free entertainment during the entire day for the entire county. Forty merchants have agreed to split the expense of staging the festival. At a meeting held at the chamber of commerce rooms Friday night, arrangements for the festival were practically completed. The program is not yet decided upon in full, although several numbers have been agreed upon.

Among the attractions that will draw crowds to Alliance that day is the giving away of a Ford automobile by the merchants. Tickets will be given away free with merchandise of various kinds, and a drawing held late in the day to determine the winner.

There will be prizes for the biggest family coming to Alliance in a Ford car; for the oldest model Ford running; races and athletic events of one kind and another—in short, a complete program with no expense to the visitors. A great deal of fun is expected in the scramble by the Indians for a greased pig and the pony races for squaws. There will probably be a free dance in the evening.

Complete details will be given in later issues concerning the biggest day of the year.

Two Players Injured In Football Game at High School Saturday

Jerome Fleming and George Purdy were both quite badly bruised in a football game between the new Alliance high school football team and the alumni, played at the high school grounds Saturday afternoon. The final score was 13 to 6 in favor of the alumni.

The first game in the field will be played at 4:30 Friday, when the Alliance team will play Chadron high school. Coach West of the Chadron normal will referee.

Bleachers have been erected for the spectators, and season tickets are now on sale at Thiele's, Holsten's and Harper's.

The Box Butte county farmers' union met at Hemingford last Saturday and decided on the wages to be paid potato pickers in the county. A schedule was agreed on which calls for \$3 a day and board for white laborers, and \$4 for Indian labor, including spuds, pasture for horses and kindling. The organization, of which Alex Lee is president and H. L. Click, secretary, hopes to have the co-operation of all growers on the wage scale set.

MEETING FOR SPUD GROWERS IN ALLIANCE

PREVENTION OF LOSSES TO BE THE KEYNOTE.

Many Agencies Co-operating With Growers to Eliminate Three Million Dollar Waste.

Prevention of loss in storage and transit and the reduction of the enormous yearly wastage of the potato crop will be the keynote of meeting. Every year \$3,000,000 or more is lost by the potato growers and shippers of the United States through diseases and mechanical injury to the potatoes. A large part of this can be prevented and eliminated say the men from the U. S. Bureau of Markets and the Agricultural Colleges.

These agencies co-operating with the Agricultural department of the Burlington and Colorado & Southern railroads will illustrate and demonstrate to the growers and shippers of potatoes, how to reduce and prevent potato losses. This is especially appropriate at this time as the recent crop reports indicate a considerable shortage in the potato crop for this year.

Meetings for this locality will be held at Alliance, 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. October 10, and will be in charge of Fred L. Taylor.

All farmers, potato growers, dealers, shippers and others interested in the potato crop are invited and asked to attend and enter into discussions presented. Mr. H. O. Werner of the Agricultural college will give a discussion of the injuries and diseases which cause enormous losses each year to potatoes during storage and transit. This will be illustrated with a set of pictures showing the diseases, cause, effect and the prevention. Mr. W. C. Andrea of the Division of Markets and Inspection Service will explain in detail the new state potato grading and inspection laws and answer all question on this subject.

Representatives of the railroad, using a miniature refrigerator car 40 inches long, built complete in every detail, will demonstrate the best methods of loading, stowing, lining, racking, heating and ventilating cars of potatoes. The billing and shipper's options will also be fully explained so that any grower or shipper can intelligently and properly load and bill out his own crop of potatoes.

It will be worth while for anyone interested in the potato crop either as grower, shipper, receiver or dealer to attend these meetings. It is hoped that much good may result which will save money for the grower and shipper and conserve a large portion of our potato crop now annually counted as a total waste.

Literature will be carried for free distribution on all the subjects discussed, and complete plans for the construction of proper potato storage cellars will be furnished to those desiring them. Daily telegraphic reports of the potato market and shipments will be posted at the meeting places. A chart showing the size of the potato crop, the acreage planted and the trend of prices for the past eighteen years will be exhibited. This is valuable information for many growers. Many other things of extreme value to potato growers and shippers will be shown by illustration and chart, as well as discussed.

Alliance, 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. October 10.
Hemingford, 2:30 p. m. and 8 p. m. October 11.
Berea, 2 p. m., October 12.
Marsland, 2 p. m. and 8 p. m., October 13.
Belmont, 2 p. m. and 8 p. m., October 14.

Mendenhall Family Row Settled by the County Court Today

The Mendenhall case was finally settled in county court this morning, when Roy E. Mendenhall and his wife agreed to go to Missouri together this evening. Mendenhall was arrested on complaint of his wife some days ago, who charged him with ill treating her, and later she withdrew the complaint. He was arrested the last time by the county officers when his wife swore to a complaint charging him with non-support. The case was dismissed on payment of \$5.00 costs by J. L. Mendenhall. Judge Tash saw to it that the agreement was signed by all parties concerned.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rehder of Hemingford, September 25, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. Albon Hall, September 23, a girl.

Calvin D. Walker left today for Casper, Wyo. He expects to be gone the balance of the week on business.

J. F. Rom of Antioch was a business visitor in the city today.

W. B. Bennett left Saturday night for Denver on business.

SPUD CROP IN BOX BUTTE IS WORTH MILLION

BIG YIELDS AND FAIR PRICES FOR THE POTATOES.

Prices Being Paid to Growers Are About Double Those Expected Earlier in Season.

Over one million dollars will be received this season by the potato growers of Box Butte county, according to the estimates of leading growers and the commission men of Alliance and Hemingford, according to the Alliance correspondent of an Omaha paper. The four shipping points in the county are Hemingford, Alliance, Berea and Girard. Hemingford ships the most, with Alliance second and Berea third. Shipping is just getting well started but will grow heavier as digging progresses. Some of the heaviest growers will store their crop in the huge potato cellars until later, expecting a much higher price.

The prices being paid to the growers are about double those expected early in the season, prior to the time that the crops of Wisconsin and Minnesota were hit by the drought, causing a serious shortage. The average price being paid to growers is from \$1.33 to \$1.85 per 100 pounds, sacked and delivered at the car. The average price is about \$1.00 per bushel for the best grade of Early Ohio potatoes. With an average yield of 100 bushels per acre the grower will receive around \$100.00 per acre for his crop. Some of the larger growers have 160 acres or more in their fields.

Carlot Rates on Potatoes.

The carlot rate on potatoes from western Nebraska shipping points to important markets is as follows, per 100 pounds:

	Kansas St.	Omaha	City	Louis	Chicago
Alliance	---.29	.41	.50 1/2	.59 1/2	
Rushville	---.29	.42 1/2	.57 1/2	.57 1/2	
Scottsbluff	---.36	.45	.50 1/2	.59 1/2	

During the past week there was an influx of buyers of carload lots from Iowa points, mostly for single carloads only. This ran the price up somewhat over the quoted prices, in some instances as high as 25c.

George Gabus, a former traveling man who is now raising spuds on a large scale, has started digging his fields two miles south of Hemingford. He has 60 acres of Early Ohio which are running 140 bushels per acre. He also has 35 acres of certified Triumph raised for southern seed, which is pronounced the third best field in the state. It is estimated that this field will yield 160 bushels per acre.

C. C. Whitnack of Lincoln, head of the produce firm bearing his name in that city, has 160 acres of excellent potatoes which will yield better than 100 bushels. These potatoes were planted from May 16 to June 13, using 10 bushels of Minnesota seed per acre. Mr. Whitnack has spent much of his time this summer in looking after this crop and will have from 15,000 to 20,000 bushels of excellent spuds.

Jay Vance, well known Alliance young man who is employed in the city, rented a tract of farm land adjoining the city last spring, purchased a tractor and used his spare time in caring for 28 acres of spuds, tending them outside of working hours and employing a small amount of help. He has just sold his crop, yet in the ground, for \$1.40 per 100 pounds, and will net around \$3,000 from the 28 acres.

Indians Help in Harvest.

A large number of Indians are in the county from the South Dakota reservation for the annual potato picking. Several hundred journey down to Box Butte county each fall and the whole family takes part in the work, usually camping in tents adjoining the fields in which they work. They at first demanded \$5.00 per day this fall and "struck" for a time. A compromise was finally affected on a basis of \$4.00 per day and the tribe are hard at work. A queer thing about the Indian is that he insists on being paid each night in cash for the day's work.

Last month a Box Butte potato grower, who had employed Indians the previous season, received the following "interesting" letter from one of them: "My dear friend: I remember you all the time but I got no time, so I wish to tell you some things this time. I worked for you last season you know, because you help me everything. And you told me we have good luck. Then we seen by us we said, how is you getting along. You are right. I wish to hear from you. How is your planted Potatoes how many acres. you farms in this season I would like to know if you want me I work for you again. I let me know before Sept or Aug 1921, or you moving any place, but I don't know. That is all I want say to you. I am glad to shake your hand with all your folks. Best regards to you. Your friend I am, Chas. Chase Close to Lodge."

The Indian is not hard to feed. An old steer or horse furnishes plenty of meat, which with a few potatoes, suffices for food. Strings of "jerked"

beef wags gaily in the breeze on strings strung around the topees and is nicely flavored from the smoke of the camp fire, while hungry dogs at evening howl melodiously in concert.

The local branch of the federal Bureau of Markets is maintaining a daily bulletin service, nearly 1,200 bulletins being mailed daily to interested parties. O. D. Miller is in charge of the bulletin, which is issued from the federal building.

Practically all of the large eastern commission firms are represented here and competition will be active. It would not surprise those who are in touch with the situation to see prices "go out of sight" before spring and the consumer who fills his cellar with a good supply this fall will undoubtedly save money.

Funeral Services for Charles Johnson Were Held This Morning

Charles Johnson, well known Box Butte county rancher, died at his home, twenty-five miles northeast of Alliance, about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The cause of death was hardening of the arteries. He fell to the ground unconscious about ten minutes before his death, being out of the house at the time.

Mr. Johnson was fifty-eight years old and had been a resident of the county since 1883. He was born in Sweden in 1863, settled in Iowa on coming to this country. In 1883 he was married to Miss Anne Johnson. Four children were born to them, of whom three survive. Frank Johnson, Mrs. Clarence Benschoter and Clarence Johnson.

Mr. Johnson had been in poor health for some time.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. today from the late home, in charge of Rev. M. C. Smith of Alliance. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

PREHISTORIC BONES FOUND NEAR ANGORA

PORTIONS OF MAMMOTH SKELETON UNEARTHED

Interesting Discovery Made at Sand Pit on the Farm of Frank Boody

Considerable interest is manifested in a discovery of a mammoth petrified limb and joint of some pre-historic animal unearthed while excavating on the farm of Frank Boody southeast of Angora. The discovery was made by Harold Boody while at work at a sand pit on the land and on further investigation the curio was fully uncovered and brought to town by Floyd Friend, a well known farmer on the east side.

It is evident from the showing of the limb and joint, which is intact and which has assumed the hardness of rock, that the animal whatever it may have been, was of tremendous size and weight, far larger than anything known to be a habitant of this continent at the present time.

The discoverers are confident from the showing that the remainder of the skeleton may be found on the spot and effort will be made to unearth the same and if possible secure the presence of some one versed in pre-historic research who can identify the find, Professor Robert Gilder of Omaha and Professor Condra of the state university having been advised of the discovery.

Body of Man Killed in Coal Car to Be Taken to Home for Burial

Word has been received by the police authorities that a man is on the way to Alliance for the purpose of taking the body of Leroy Bennet, who was killed while beating his way out of Alliance on a lumber car Thursday evening. The man expected is E. B. Taylor, and it is thought the body will be taken either to Rushing, Ark., the family home, or Bennett's old home at Hollister, Mo.

There was considerable delay in locating relatives of the dead man, inasmuch as they lived near an inland postoffice and the telegram had to be mailed. Taylor was expected to arrive this afternoon or tonight.

Mrs. John Query who has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Shreve, left Sunday noon for Scottsbluff, where she will spend a week with Mrs. James Osborn, before returning to her home in Villisca, Ia.

Mrs. J. P. Weyrens and little son, Donald, returned last Friday from a two weeks' visit at different points in Montana and North Dakota. Dr. Weyrens returned earlier in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mohrman, Miss Nellie Acheson and William Sarbum motored to Chadron Sunday, returning by way of Crawford.

LECTURE HERE BY BUSINESS EXPERT SOON

W. H. FARLEY OF PADUCAH COMING OCTOBER 10.

Chamber of Commerce Makes Arrangements for Talk for the Retailers and Others.

Arrangements have been made by the Alliance chamber of commerce to bring to this city on Monday, October 10 at 7:45 o'clock at the Imperial the most famous American business lecture on the platform, "Getting the Most Out of Retailing."

Under this head, Mr. Farley, well known business expert and organizer, will discuss the various questions that are of special interest to merchants and business men everywhere. He will show how co-operation and organization will make for a better community or city. He will show practical improvements in service and store organization that will please the general public and draw trade. He will show how proper advertising will change losses to profits, how systematic, continuous newspaper advertising pays the largest dividends of all, how system enables a merchant to know at all times the conditions of his business instead of guessing.

With the aid of several thousand feet of moving picture film, Mr. Farley will give a most interesting and timely discussion.

It isn't theory. It isn't over the heads of people. It is solid horse sense applied to merchandising. Practical, every day, solid experience given in this way with lecture and pictures make a double impression—through the eye and the ear—that is sure to be of lasting benefit to every business man or sales person who attends this lecture.

Every merchant or wife of a merchant, every salesman or clerk, every business man, and all those interested in seeing Alliance become a better business center should not fail to hear Mr. Farley.

A glance at this outline of the lecture is sufficient to show its great value: Retail Failures and Their Causes, Store Organization, Newspaper Advertising, Window Displays, The Business of Clerks, Salesmanship, System.

Kemish Talks on His Plans of Making Armory Into Municipal Pool

City Manager N. A. Kemish, at a meeting of the chamber of commerce held Monday noon at the club's headquarters, told the members of his plans for remaking the present city armory over into a municipal swimming pool and gymnasium. The talk covered the same ground as an interview printed in The Herald several months ago.

Mr. Kemish plans to raise the walls of the structure to provide for two stories; to make the basement into a swimming pool, 25x50 feet in size, with ample dressing room facilities. The second floor would be devoted to a gymnasium, with standards for basket ball and bleacher seats. This part of the building could be used for games, as well as dances. The pool could be supplied with water by the city's pumping station, and Mr. Kemish has devised a plan to heat the water at little expense.

The city manager still has this project in mind, and as soon as some other more pressing matters are disposed of, will turn his attention to financing the project. A number of plans for this are under consideration.

Indian Had Sore Feet Residents Thought Him Up to Mischief

Deputy Sheriff Tom Miskimen was called today by residents living north of the academy, who told him that a man was to be seen near by crawling on his hands and knees, and that the women in the neighborhood were considerably alarmed at his actions. Mr. Miskimen went out expecting to find a crook, an amateur detective or an insane man, but there was nothing to get excited about.

It was Lo, the poor Indian, who had been having a run of hard luck. A big buck he was, but his feet were so blistered from walking that he had to crawl about half of the way to make any progress at all. It seems that, attracted by advertisements of many jobs at Scottsbluff, he went there for work, and didn't find it. He was put on the extra list, and on the extra list he remained without employment until down to his last \$3. He then came back to Alliance. He heard of a job eight miles out in the country and he walked out, only to find it a false alarm. Sixteen miles on moccasins put his feet to the bad. An effort will be made to find him a real job.