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## ARMISTICE DAY IS OBSERVED IN ALLIANCE

### AMERICAN LEGION IN CHARGE OF THE FESTIVITIES

Dance and Special Moving Picture Show for Evening—Memorial Service This Morning.

Armistice day is being generally observed in Alliance as a holiday. A number of the business establishments have closed their doors for the entire day, and the ex-soldiers are taking the day off. The American legion has been in charge of the day's activities. No special public observance of the occasion has been arranged. Memorial services for the dead of the world war were held at St. Matthew's Episcopal church at 10 o'clock this morning, in charge of the Rev. Andrew Dodge, rector. The members of the legion and other ex-soldiers, many of them in uniform, attended these services in a body, meeting at the city hall at 9:30 and parading to the church.

The legion also has a special entertainment program for this evening. There will be a special program of moving pictures at the Imperial theater sponsored by the members of Alliance post, followed by a big dance at the roof garden. There will be but one show at the Imperial tonight, beginning at 7:30 and the program will be completed by 9:30, thus allowing everyone to attend the dance.

The feature photoplay tonight is "The Great Redeemer," with House Peters in the leading role of a gentlemanly stage and train robber. He is also an artist with the brush. When, after a series of exciting scenes, he is captured and sent to prison, the story of his reformation proves one of the most interesting ever presented in Alliance. The picture was screened a week or two ago for the legion's committee, and everyone of them expressed himself as satisfied with it in every particular. The reformation is not the usual sob-story sort, but something along entirely new lines, with thrills of an unexpected sort. In addition there will be the funniest soldier comedy that has ever been made.

The dance this evening after the show will be featured by the soldier boys in uniform, together with some special entertainment. The public will be admitted, and it is expected to be one of the biggest affairs of the season.

At 12 o'clock two short blasts of the city light plant's whistle sounded the time for the two-minute period of silent meditation and prayer, requested by a proclamation by President Harding. In Alliance this was not very well observed, although here and there a citizen understood what it was all about. The business and residence districts were fairly well decorated. Local Legion men say that next year an attempt will be made to have the holiday observed in a fitting manner by the entire community, and that an elaborate program of exercises will be provided.

## Funeral Services for S. A. Miller Were Held This Afternoon

Funeral services for S. A. Miller, pioneer resident of Box Butte county and a merchant in Alliance for the past eleven years, were held at 2:30 this afternoon from the Christian church, with Rev. Stephen J. Epler in charge. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Syrus Andrew Miller was born in Knoxville, Ill., May 27, 1865 and died at his home in Alliance, November 9, 1921, aged 56 years, 5 months and 12 days. He came to Dawson county, Nebraska in 1880 and to Box Butte county in 1887. He was married to Miss Mary Simpson, September 9, 1889. The past eleven years he has been engaged in the shoe business in Alliance.

For the past year and a half, Mr. Miller has been compelled to give up the active work in his store. Last winter was spent in Texas with the hope of regaining his health. He seemed to improve, but the benefits to his health were not lasting for early Wednesday morning he breathed his last.

He is survived by his wife; his father, D. C. Miller of Knoxville, Ill., other relatives and many friends.

## Mother Rosalie of Alliance Hospital Is Reported Dying

Mother Rosalie of St. Joseph's hospital is reported this noon to be in a dying condition. The physicians in attendance say that no hopes are entertained for her recovery. She was taken suddenly ill late Wednesday night, and had been gradually sinking. Her death is hourly expected.

This noon the mother superior of the world for the Franciscan sisters arrived in Alliance, on a tour of inspection. She was at the Pine Ridge agency, and hurried to Alliance when word of Mother Rosalie's condition reached her.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barnett motored to Bayard today to visit with friends.

## KEEP AT IT.

There is no such thing as an advertising campaign—either you advertise or you don't advertise. Campaigns means advertising by fits and starts. They do not produce a finished or a final effect. You might as well speak of a breathing campaign now and then, and then let your lungs rest. There would soon be more of you at rest than your lungs. Begin an eating campaign, and then stop eating. Business men generally are doing more advertising than they have ever done before, and they are trying to give the public more for its money than it ever before received. They are also making a serious bid for public interest and public good will. We have all been scraping our chins every morning for years. Would the effect last otherwise?

Publicity is like that. It is a matter of keeping it up once you have started it. It is a matter of converting a man once and convincing him again. Say it in your home paper. Then repeat it. Then repeat it again. The human mind wobbles. Keep it wabbling your way. Advertising will do that when nothing else can.

## Bingham Gold Star Mother to Attend Burial of Unknown

Mrs. Dora Quakenbush, postmaster at Bingham, Neb., and a gold star mother of the world war arrived in Washington, D. C., Wednesday to attend the burial of the unknown soldier at Arlington Friday. Her son was killed in France and his body never recovered. The unknown, so greatly honored, may be her own son.

## POTASH TARIFF IS FAVORED BY THE GOVERNOR

### WOULD HELP TO RE-ESTABLISH INDUSTRY IN NEBRASKA.

Chance for the Revival of Potash Production if Proper Encouragement is Given.

Governor McKelvie of Nebraska, whose farm paper recently advised the burning of cheap corn as fuel in place of high-priced coal, now comes forward to advocate a tariff on potash, used for fertilizer to increase production of farm crops. He thinks a tariff on that article would help to re-establish the potash industry in Nebraska, which flourished in war time but has since been suspended, says the Lincoln Star.

A Philadelphia banker, C. S. Calwell, received one of Mr. McKelvie's recent circular letters suggesting means of helping agriculture. He replied to it and called the governor's attention to the proposed tariff of 2½ cents per pound on foreign potash, which he said would mean a heavy tax on farmers amounting to \$34,000,000 a year in increased cost for fertilizing material.

"May I suggest your active interest in preventing the placing of the duty on potash, one of the most important raw products that the farmer uses?" inquired the Philadelphia financier.

To this communication Governor McKelvie responded in part as follows: "Nebraska is a potash producing state; in fact, during the war there grew into profitable existence here some of the largest potash reducing plants in the entire country. Then when the war ended, the whole thing went up in smoke both figuratively and literally, for our industry here, under the conditions of manufacture, could not compete with foreign nations."

"It appears now that there may be a chance for a revival of this industry if the proper encouragement is given to it. Temporarily this may mean a slightly higher price for potash to American farmers, but ultimately it will mean a very much lower price."

"It seems to me that out of the lessons of the war, we should at least have learned that America should be as independent as possible, and in the case of an industry that is so vital to the national existence, I cannot but feel that there should be some protection for it. It appears now that there may be a chance for a revival of this industry in this state and in several other states if the proper encouragement is given to it. Temporarily this may mean a slightly higher price for potash to American farmers, but ultimately it will mean a very much lower price, for there is no doubt in my mind that, until the production of potash began in this country, the fertilizer industry was controlled in a monopolistic way by foreign interests."

"It is only a matter of wise conservation and national business prudence to proceed upon the theory that the United States should be absolutely independent of any other nation in the production of an article that is so vital to the national existence, and I, therefore, feel that it would be most unwise to permit the destruction of the potash industry, through the unlimited competition of any foreign nation or interest."

## ALLIANCE IS ONCE MORE IN THE LIMELIGHT

### OTHER CITIES INTERESTED IN CITY MANAGER PLAN.

League of Nebraska Municipalities Will Make This Chief Topic at Coming Session.

The Wednesday issue of the Omaha Bee contains a most complimentary editorial on the city manager plan of government, with special reference to Alliance, which is the only city in Nebraska to date that has tried it. The Bee suggests that when the league of Nebraska municipalities holds its annual session in Omaha within a month or two, Alliance be put on the witness stand.

It is altogether probable that City Manager Kemmish will be asked to attend the league convention and tell of the workings of the plan in Alliance. Friends of the city manager plan say, however, that there is no great likelihood that the league of Nebraska municipalities will endorse the plan. "That outfit is made up largely of politicians," this man says, "and the city manager plan is for business men, not politicians. You can't hope to make a business man out of a politician any more than you can make a politician out of a business man. The league of municipalities is dominated by politicians, and its influence is pretty likely to be thrown against any plan of government that will eliminate politicians from control of affairs. However, Alliance, ought to go on the witness stand, if the opportunity offers and spread the good news."

The Bee's editorial follows: "It is announced that the city manager plan is to be foremost in the discussion of the Nebraska league of municipalities here this winter. Omaha has been interested in this improved method of municipal government for a long time. No leader, however, has come forward to crystallize this passive interest into action. The numerous civic and business organizations, which might do so much to bring this about, have remained engaged in other matters, most of them of more or less personal nature."

"Out at the other side of the state Alliance has a city manager, and is more than satisfied with the innovation. Dozens of larger cities throughout the nation are also governed in this way. When these Nebraska mayors and city officials meet in Omaha, they ought to put Alliance on the witness stand. They ought also to bring here a city manager from some such place as Dayton, to tell of the actual working of the plan in larger communities."

## League Baseball Doesn't Appeal to the Lions Club

The Alliance Lions club, while perfectly willing to meet cubs from other cities once in a while in a game of friendly baseball, has no desire to sponsor an Alliance team in any league. This sentiment, which was unanimous, resulted Thursday noon, at the club's weekly luncheon, in the tabling of a proposition on Sterling, Col., which has been doing its best for the past month to organize a league of eight towns in Colorado and western Nebraska.

In refusing to consider any proposition hereby Alliance is to have a place in this league, the Lions club is following illustrations precedent, the same action having been taken by the Alliance chamber of commerce. The city's commercial organization read the letter through, and when it came to the paragraph estimating the expense at \$2,000 or more a month, decided promptly that the contract was a trifle too large for it to handle.

One or two Alliance men, when the suggestion was first made that Alliance have a place in the proposed league, thought there was some way by which the money could be raised, but apparently they later experienced a change of heart, for nothing more has been heard of it until the Lions were asked to assume the lead.

## A Matrimonial Bureau Romance Hits the Rocks

Mrs. Lavinia Myers, fifty-seven years old, testified in district court at Lincoln Tuesday before Judge W. M. Morning in the trial of her suit for divorce from James V. Myers that she had been married four times and her marriage to Mr. Myers in Lincoln, September 21, 1920, was the culmination of a matrimonial agency romance. Her first husband died, she obtained divorces from the next two and now seeks similar action against the fourth, it was testified. Mr. Myers has also been married once before and divorced. Judge Morning was reluctant to grant Mrs. Myers a divorce and took her case under advisement. Mrs. Myers said all the clothing her husband ever gave her was a dust cap and a pair of over-shoes. He left her five months after they were married and is now at Alliance, said Mrs. Myers.

## MORE CRABBING BY NEWSPAPER IN SCOTTSBLUFF

### EXPECTED ALIBI FOR LAS FRIDAY'S DEFEAT.

Says Box Butte Boys Can't Get Away From the Old Old Method of Committing Mayhem.

The Scottsbluff Star-Herald has come out with the expected explanation of the defeat of the Scottsbluff darlings in a football game with Alliance last Friday. Alliance is an advocate of the rough methods that were in vogue years ago, presumably before the Scottsbluff team began carrying powder puffs up their sleeves. The dope is interesting however, and is reprinted for the perusal of a team which can be sportsmanlike in defeat as well as in victory.

"Alliance defeated the Bears on the local Gridiron last Friday by a score of 23 to 14, after one of the most bitterly contested football games seen here this season. There is no disposition to alibi; there is no necessity to alibi. Scottsbluff knew from former years just what manner of dirty playing was to be expected."

"To say that Alliance possesses a better football team than Scottsbluff is to state something that is not true. To say that Alliance persists in using the tactics in vogue among university teams years ago, in which attention was first given to putting the opponent's best players 'out of business,' is to state a fact. The colleges long ago gave up this method of playing as it was casting odium upon a sport, which sport was supposedly a test of skill and generalship, and under the old system was merely drifting into an excuse to commit mayhem. Therefore such style play has been abandoned and is not taught by coaches in the better schools."

"As said above, this is in no sense an alibi, for Scottsbluff knew what it was going up against, and therefore Alliance should be entitled to the full credit for the victory which was won true to Alliance form. But it is maintained that Scottsbluff possesses the better football team, as football is played among humans."

Alliance is playing Bayard at Bayard today, and it is expected they will win a victory unless something out of the ordinary happens. Bayard was the team which started the howl last year about rough-stuff, and if they are again defeated, we may expect to hear a lot more of it.

## Scottsbluff Has An Illustration of High Freight Rates

One hears of high freight rates and the injustice thereof, but recently the finance committee of the city council received a very concrete and illuminating example of "whither we have drifted" in railroad matters. This was discovered through the efforts to learn the cost of freight on a motorcycle and sidecar for the use of the city to be shipped to Scottsbluff from Milwaukee, Wis., says the Scottsbluff Star-Herald.

The equipment weighs approximately 600 pounds and the first interesting point learned was that despite the fact that the machine was knocked down and crated, the side car would be listed as double first class and the motorcycle proper first class and a half at a rate of \$10.64 per hundred, or a total charge of between \$63.00 and \$64.00.

Wild-eyed and trembling the committee tried to the express office and learned that the express on the same car from Milwaukee would be \$35.40. In other words, under the present befuddled and unjust railroad scheme an express company, operating on a fast passenger train could lay the motorcycle down in Scottsbluff \$30 cheaper than could the slower, but supposedly cheaper freight.

The motorcycle was ordered by express.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Beck of Ross, Wyo., were visiting Mrs. Beck over Sunday.

## Look for Shakedown If Gray's Friends Do Not Come to Rescue

As yet no friends of Tom Gray, who is now serving a thirty-day sentence in the county jail as a part of punishment for making illicit moonshine, have come to his assistance in paying the \$1,000 fine, which was a second part of the punishment for violation of the prohibitory laws. Gray has been in jail only a few days, but already it is beginning to wear somewhat on his nerves.

If the big fine isn't paid, then Gray will have to serve it out in jail at the rate of \$3 a day. This will mean at least a year in jail, as the costs in the case, which must be paid at the same rate, amount to over \$100.

The authorities are of the opinion that if Gray's friends do not kick in

with the money to set him free at the end of thirty days, there is likely to be a shakedown, in which Gray will tell all he knows about the illicit traffic in hooch in the county. Gray has so far taken all the blame upon himself and has refused to implicate any accomplices, but the officers think that he dislikes incarceration so much that if he friends do not come to the rescue before the thirty days are up, there'll be material enough spilled to keep the courts busy for a solid month.

The county jail isn't a cheerful place at any time, but especially in this wintery weather, with the cold winds howling about all night, a prisoner is likely to crave company. Gray is the sole occupant of the county bastille at present.

## Alliance Man Is Given Place on the Federal Grand Jury

A federal grand jury was impaneled before Judge J. W. Woodruff at Omaha Monday afternoon. James A. Hunter of Alliance is one of the members.

In his examination of the jurors United States Attorney Kinler inquired if anyone was included who had taken part in the sale of watered stock during the "blue-sky" promotion craze. One juror said that a stock salesman once stayed in his house, but that he had had no part in this man's sales. He was permitted to remain.

The jury immediately went into private session, with post-office inspectors, agents of the department of justice, auditors of the state banking board and national bank examiners.

It is understood there are several hundred booze cases to be considered, more than 100 narcotic cases, several white slave affairs, some bank frauds and at least two important "wildcat" fraud cases.

## SAY BURLINGTON IS EVADING THE FULL CREW LAW

### RAILWAY BROTHERHOODS FILE A COMPLAINT.

Ask Railway Commission to Make an Order Fixing the Number of Men in a Crew.

When's a division not a division? This was one of the points argued before the state railway commission in a complaint filed by representatives of the railway brotherhoods against the various railroads in Nebraska, says the State Journal. The brotherhoods secured the enactment of the legislature of a law requiring that an engineer, fireman and a pilot compose the crew of a light engine running over two or more divisions. They now charge that the railroads are not observing the law.

The railroads say that if this be true the remedy is not the one sought, an order of the commission that they obey it, but to apply the penalty provided by the law which says how many men shall constitute a full crew. They insist they are not disobeying it.

The men complain that the Burlington has sought to evade the law by juggling the definition of a division. When a light engine is sent from Lincoln to Alliance, for instance, two men run it to the end of the Lincoln division at Ravenna. The Alliance divisions begins at Ravenna. The practice of the road has been to have two men take the engine from Ravenna to Alliance, claiming that just as the first two ran only on the Lincoln division so the second two ran on the Alliance division only.

Mr. Sorenson, for the brotherhoods, argued that a statute was manifestly enacted to provide a remedy for an existing condition of which the legislature took notice and desired to change. It should be interpreted in the light of what the legislature intended to have done. If the interpretation contended for by the roads was correct then a lot of men were in federal prison for violating the Mann act and the federal law relating to running off stolen automobiles from one state to another. If the roads were right then if a man stole an auto and took it to the state line or induced a woman to ride with him to the middle of the Missouri river, and the auto or the woman was turned over to a pal, the federal laws had not been violated.

The brotherhoods ask for two sorts of relief. One is that the statute be interpreted to mean as they say it does mean, that three men shall constitute a crew when a division line is crossed, and the other, that if the law does not mean this then that the three men be put on, through the exercise of the general powers of the commission, as a matter of public safety. The commissioner's questions, however, have put the men in a legal hole. The commissioners say that if they should hold the statute permits the railroads to use but two men only and then order three hired because safety demands it they are superseding a statute of the state which the men, in their other demand for relief, insist should govern.

## DISCUSS THE ROUTING OF NORTH STAR

### ALLIANCE ROAD BOOSTERS NOT PLEASED AT PROSPECT.

May Decide to Bring Road North From Bonner to County Line Instead of Letan.

The road boosters of Alliance are beginning to think that life is just one darned thing after another. After two or three months of hard work, during which the road situation was got pretty well in hand, the whole scheme shows signs of getting all balled up. It's been time up the commissioners of Morrill and Box Butte counties, and it's getting so its even more difficult to keep them lined up.

Two or three months ago, when the North Star route was projected, Alliance men made a big booster trip to Bridgeport, and were instrumental in arousing sentiment which persuaded the Morrill county commissioners to designate the Bridgeport-Alliance road as the first to receive state aid, and the Broadwater-Alliance road as the second in line for state maintenance. This ended a deadlock of two or three years' standing.

The plan had been for the road to follow the usual route to Angora, and to call in the state road officials to designate the road from Angora to Alliance. The Bridgeport road boosters have apparently favored Alliance's choice, that is, to follow the Burlington tracks to Letan, which is practically on the county line. Mark Spangole, the chief Bridgeport booster, even went so far as to secure a right-of-way for this road, and with the assistance of Alliance men, got the Box Butte county commissioners to sign an agreement that they would meet the road as outlined at the county line and follow the railroad tracks into Alliance.

### Something Goes Wrong.

But something has gone wrong with the plans. So near as it can be ascertained, the sentiment in Bridgeport county commissioners are said to favor a totally different route. The present plan is to follow the railroad track from Angora to Bonner, and then go straight north to the county line, instead of angling down the track. Not only would this make the road a mile longer, but it would force Box Butte county to pay the cost, or at least half the cost, of a six or seven mile strip of road along the county line. The road as planned in the minds of the Alliance men would strike the county line at a point three miles west of Alliance. Under the Morrill county plan, it would strike the county line at a point nine or ten miles west of Alliance, and would in reality connect up with the Hashman road leading into Hemingford.

County Commissioner George Carrell is blamed for a change of heart on the part of the Morrill county men, if there has been one. He has since objections were made to the kind of service he was giving the county, publicly declared that he would do Alliance all the damage possible, despite the fact that this city furnished the votes that elected him. The road as now planned would come to Alliance, of course, but by such an out-of-the-way route that many tourists would go straight on to Hemingford, especially if a good county road were provided and a connection with the Chadron road afforded.

### No Definite Decision Yet.

Of course, there is no definite decision yet to take the route preferred by the Morrill commissioners. The understanding was that the state road officials would be called in to decide. The understanding was also that the Alliance road boosters would be notified and given an opportunity to press their claims. Division Engineer A. M. Gaddis of Scottsbluff went over the roads yesterday with the Box Butte commissioners, and the Alliance men were given no chance to present arguments. The final decision will not be made until next Tuesday, when Mr. Gaddis will meet with the Morrill commissioners at Bridgeport. The Box Butte commissioners will meet in Alliance the same day.

It is understood that the Box Butte commissioners, two of whom signed the agreement to follow the track, George Duncan and Cal Hashman, take the stand that this agreement is not binding, inasmuch as the agreement was not signed in a regular meeting of the board.

The Alliance men are not firmly wedded to the track road, although they believe it would make the best through route. They do object, however, to bringing it north from Bonner, nine miles west of Alliance. If the Morrill county men keep to their original agreement and bring the road along the track to the county line, striking it at Letan, the Alliance men do not particularly care what route is followed. Letan is even with the west end of Broncho lake, and a road could be built following the present route that would be satisfactory, although the track road is the shorter and the cheapest to construct.

Dr. Minor Morris went to Antioch this morning to deliver an address to there.