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BOX BUTTE CAN SAVE MONEY ON BUILDING ROADS

to the political session, it appears. A study of subjects, and according to the commission, it is confined to the state highway department.

County Commissioner George Carrell, presumably speaking for other members of the Box Butte county board of commissioners, has joined in the criticism of the state highway department. Mr. Carrell has issued a statement in which he makes comparison of both the cost of building and maintaining roads when done by the state and by the county, and finds that the county, in the case of the principal roads built during the past few years, has made much the better record.

The money spent for building the seven miles of the Alliance-Antioch road, Mr. Carrell says, would have built three hundred miles of road within the county, if expended under the direction of Box Butte authorities instead of the state officials.

The commissioners, according to Mr. Carrell, are desirous that every portion of the county be made accessible, and declares that money spent by the counties goes several times as far as the same amount spent by the state. He charges that it has been impossible to get the state department to approve roads for federal aid, even though the commissioners have twice designated roads, and once received the approval of the district engineer.

Mr. Carrell's statement follows: **Need for a Comparison.**

To the Citizens of Box Butte County and the General Public: During recent months there has been much misleading information disseminated through the newspapers and by word of mouth regarding the road situation in Box Butte county that I, as one of the Board of County Commissioners, feel that the facts and correct figures should be properly placed before you and that a proper comparison should be made between the county and state roads in this county.

The figures used in this statement are taken from the annual report of Box Butte county road expenses, compiled by R. E. Knight, county highway commissioner, and from the monthly report for December of the Nebraska department of public works at Lincoln.

Federal Aid Road Act Funds. Under the federal aid road act, from 1917 to 1921, there was appropriated for Box Butte county federal and state funds amounting to \$79,116.24, after deducting 10% for administrative expenses. From this amount there has been used, according to the report of the department of public works, a total (Continued on Page 8.)

ALLIANCE TO BE REPRESENTED AT PHONE HEARING

CITY WILL MAKE FIGHT AGAINST PHONE RATE INCREASE.

Comprehensive Brief Prepared Which Presents Definite Facts and Figures to Back Them.

City Manager N. A. Kemmish left this noon for Omaha, where he will spend the time prior to the hearing before the state railway commission, on February 3, at which the commission will decide whether it is to grant the increase in rates asked by the Northwestern Bell Telephone company. Alliance will be represented at this hearing by the city manager, and by Attorney P. E. Romig, who represents the Alliance chamber of commerce.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Probably snow tonight and Wednesday. Colder Wednesday. Fresh to strong winds. Notify stockmen.

Scottsbluff High Trimmed by Alliance by Score of 27-17

Box Butte high school basketball team defeated Scottsbluff high school last Friday night, 27-17. Cross was the big noise for the locals, scoring 15 of the 27 points. Captain Whitesell led the scoring for Scottsbluff making 9 points on four baskets and a free throw. Daily, the tall Alliance forward, got only two baskets, his reputation as a player evidently preceding him, as he was guarded closely throughout the game. The Scottsbluff Daily News says that the game was "snappy and full of pep and the contenders both played clean basket ball."

There is little doubt, however, that the Star-Herald of the same city will in their next edition accuse the Alliance players of doing everything but carrying knives.

The next game on the Alliance high schedule will be played at the high school gymnasium Friday, when the home team will compete with the Sidney five. The two teams are evenly matched, the Sidney record for the season being four games won and none lost, and Alliance having three victories and no defeats on its record.

DARLING'S TO OCCUPY RUMER BLOCK MARCH 1

FURNITURE STORE SECURES DESIRABLE LOCATION.

Rumer Motor Company to Remove Building on Laramie Once Occupied by Melick & Redmon.

The George D. Darling furniture store has secured a lease on the building now occupied by the Rumer Motor company, at Fourth and Box Butte, and is planning to remove to its new location by the first of March. The Rumer Motor company will occupy the building at Third and Laramie which was once the headquarters of the Melick & Redmon implement concern.

The Rumer building offers one of the finest locations in the city of Alliance, and during the past year or two Mr. Rumer has received countless offers from firms desiring to rent it. It is understood that the Fox Film company made a most attractive proposition several months ago, when it was considering installing a second motion picture theatre in Alliance. Mr. Rumer has heretofore turned a deaf ear to all offers, but decided recently to give the preference to the Darling store.

The new location will give Mr. Darling ample room on the city's principal business street. There is a large floor space, with ample room for window display. Mr. Darling has leased the main floor and the basement, which allows room for storing a large stock, as well as adequate sales and display quarters. There will be some alterations made in the building, but these will not be of such a nature as to prevent the removal on the date set.

It is not known whether the building on West Third street, the present quarters for the Darling establishment, will be occupied. There has always been a big demand for store locations in Alliance, and as the location is an excellent one, it is probable that it will not long remain vacant.

Treasurers Honor Frank W. Irish at Omaha Conventor

Frank W. Irish, Box Butte county treasurer, was honored by the state association of county treasurers at its convention at Omaha last week, being elected vice president. For the first time since its organization, more than twelve years ago, the Nebraska County Treasurers' association has a woman at the helm. She is Miss Myrtle Lancaster, Sidney, Neb., who has been county treasurer of Cheyenne county for six years.

F. E. REDDISH PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

HAD BEEN A RESIDENT OF BOX BUTTE COUNTY SINCE 1887.

Pioneer Homesteader and Real Estate Man Had Been in Failing Health for Some Years.

Frank E. Reddish, sixty-one years of age, a resident of Box Butte county since 1887, died in Alliance at 6:15 this morning, the cause of death being heart trouble and other complications. Mr. Reddish had been failing in health for several years, and during the past few months has been seriously ill. Funeral services will be held either Friday or Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Episcopal church.

Frank E. Reddish was born in White county, Indiana, July 13, 1860, the second son in a family of five children. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm and at a log school house near by. He attended the Monticello high school and after graduation taught for six years.

Mr. Reddish came to Nebraska in 1886, locating at Hartwell, where he taught school for a term while deciding upon a location. He came to Box Butte county a year later, in 1887, and homesteaded on Snake creek, fourteen miles west of the present location of Alliance. After locating on his claim, he built a reputation "soddy" and with his wife settled down to the task of improving his farm. There were no railroads then, and Mr. Reddish "reighted his supplies from Hay Springs, sixty-five miles away.

For seven years, Mr. Reddish remained on his claim, making a number of improvements, and in 1894 moved into Alliance, opening a real estate office, where he practiced as a real estate attorney, helping many men locate on homesteads. He was one of the early surveyors of the section in the days when men of this profession were scarce. He bought and sold land, was agent for insurance companies and practiced before the United States land office for twenty years.

Mr. Reddish's biographer, in the recently published "History of western Nebraska," says of him: "He had great faith in the future of the panhandle, which caused him to locate here, and that faith was never allowed to falter throughout the years of drought, grasshoppers and winter blizzards; he held on when other settlers became discouraged and returned to their homes in the east. He bought more and more land until he accumulated a landed estate of 3,760 acres of the finest farming land in Box Butte county, an achievement of which any man may well be proud, as this fortune has been accumulated by his own unaided efforts."

For many years Mr. Reddish had been a heavy and successful speculator in western lands. He purchased the large brick building, known as the Reddish block, in 1907, and in addition was the owner of the property. His health has been gradually failing, and of late years he has spent some time in California. He was a member of the Alliance Elks lodge.

On April 26, 1886, Mr. Reddish married Miss Mary E. Fisher in Nemaha county. He leaves a wife, Mary E. Reddish; two sons, Robert O., Alliance attorney, and Howard E., who was associated with him in the real estate business, and one daughter, Mrs. Edith Anderson of Santa Barbara, Cal.; two sisters, Mrs. Ida M. Dart of Sheldon, Ill., and Mrs. Cora Rakestraw of Fowler, Ind., and a brother, Charles B. Reddish of West Lafayette, Ind.

Alliance Athletic Club is Interested In Basket Ball

The Alliance Athletic club, composed principally of high school alumni, is going in strong for basket ball, and is not only arranging a series of games with teams from nearby towns, but is attempting to organize a local basket ball league. Their first game of the season will be held at the high school gym tonight, and the admission fee has been placed at a figure that is intended to cover expenses only, 25 and 35 cents.

The club has it all figured out that there are a number of business men and others in Alliance, too old to participate in school games, and entirely too young to be relegated for keeps to the rooters' bench, and the members believe that a number of teams can be organized and furnish amusement and exercise for the young old-timers. It is suggested that teams from the firemen, Elks club, DeMolay, railroad shops, American Legion and possibly others can be organized. The boys are working on the proposition and are meeting with considerable encouragement. The gymnasium in the new Methodist church building will soon be available for games, and the club hopes to cut down the expense of this amusement. The admission fee will be reduced to two-bits as soon as possible.

Bootlegging bids fair to lose out as the leading American game of chance.

FOUR YEARS TO REINSTATE WAR RISK INSURANCE

VETERANS' BUREAU ANNOUNCES A NEW RULING

Ex-soldiers Who Have Allowed Their Policies to Lapse Are Given Plenty of Time.

Regulations of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau limiting the time for reinstatement of war risk insurance for ex-service men to December 31 of this year have been amended, effective January 2, 1922, so that men who have allowed their policies to lapse may reinstate them at any time before March 4, 1922, under the following circumstances:

Able-bodied men and men who have a minor disability which does not constitute a life risk, may reinstate until three months after the date of the premium, by paying two months premium and submitting a statement that their health is good now as at the due date of the premium which has lapsed.

Able-bodied men and men who have a minor disability which does not constitute a life risk, may reinstate after three months and prior to March 4, 1922, by paying two months' premium and submitting a statement that they are in good health and furnishing a report of full medical examination.

Disabled men (not including those with minor disabilities which do not constitute a life risk nor total permanent disabilities), may reinstate until March 4, 1922, by paying all back premiums with 5 per cent interest compounded annually and submitting a full medical report.

The following was contained in field order No. 27, dated November 12, issued by the United States Veterans' bureau to district offices:

Designated medical examiners, on a fee basis, are hereby authorized, without specific authorization in each instance, to make physical examinations when an applicant is filing original claims for either compensation or vocational training.

Designated medical examiners, on a fee basis, must secure specific authorization for making any subsequent physical examination. This specific authorization—for a subsequent physical examination, may be issued by the sub-district manager for the following purposes:

(a) To determine the feasibility of vocational training both before and after entrance into training. (Note the term feasibility should not be confused with eligibility.)

(b) To secure a report of physical condition immediately after vocational training is discontinued, as the basis for renewing or disallowing further compensation.

(c) To determine the character of medical treatment given in emergency cases.

The district manager is empowered also to issue specific authorization to secure physical examinations for the above purposes and for other purposes not listed above, basing his action upon the merits of the individual case submitted to him.

Judge W. H. Westover Is Being Boomed for Supreme Judgeship

Judge W. H. Westover of the district court, whose friends passed a petition recently, asking him to be a candidate for congress in this district against Moses P. Kinkaid, is also being prominently mentioned as a candidate for the state supreme court from this district. A recent amendment to the statutes provides for election by districts, and Judge Westover is regarded as one of the strong candidates. It is understood that his preference is for the judiciary rather than congress, and that possibly his friends were a trifle previous in getting out the congressional petition.

The main struggle for supreme court justices is expected to be in the sixth district, according to the World-Herald. There are three judges to be elected, but Judges Letton and Day of the First and Second districts are not expected to meet with opposition. In the Sixth, however, Judge Bruno Hostetter of the Twelfth judicial district, Judge Robert R. Dickson of the Fifteenth judicial and Judge Ralph W. Hobart of the Seventeenth are mentioned as possible candidates. Judge Westover, the World-Herald says, is one of the veteran judges of the northwest and is the chosen candidate of his judicial district.

Because of the immensity of the big Sixth, the judicial campaign necessarily will be anything but the calm and quiet affair a judicial campaign generally is supposed to be. The area of the district is almost that of the entire remainder of the state, and with several candidates presenting their claims it will be necessary for each to personally visit the entire district to become acquainted.

Miss Nora Mohr arrived Saturday to assume her duties as Latin teacher in the high school.

Potato Growers Plan for a County Selling Organization

Three hundred Box Butte county potato growers attended the all-day meeting held at Hemingford last Saturday, at which the organization of a county-wide potato selling association was favorably considered.

George W. Boomer of Lincoln, specialist on marketing, explained the various types of marketing systems which have proved successful, with especial emphasis on co-operative plans. H. O. Werner, president of the Nebraska potato improvement association, spoke on the certification of seed potatoes and other phases of the spud growers' problems.

Alex T. Lee was elected president and H. L. Click secretary-treasurer of the temporary spud selling organization, which will be organized and operated through the farmers' union. One member from each of the twelve local unions in the county will comprise the board of directors. The plan of operation will be similar to that of the Nebraska Potato Growers' Exchange, which has not functioned during the past season, although the new organization will handle the selling through the farmers' union instead of employing some other concern to handle this work. The new organization will have a large membership and as soon as details are perfected, a membership campaign will be inaugurated.

The next meeting will be held the first Monday in March at the Fairview church.

DREAMS OF OIL AT RUSHVILLE ARE NOW OVER

BIG CHIEF WELL PROVES TO BE A FIRST CLASS FLIVVER.

Chadron Paper Says Midwest Drillers Find Shale Bottom and No Oil Indications at 1216 Feet.

Once more the hopes of western Nebraska oil dreamers have been shattered. The Big Chief well, north of Rushville, which a few weeks ago was spouting oil and gas, is now listed with the bursted bubbles, according to the Chadron Chronicle, which gives the following account of the failure of the Midwest Refining company, which took over the well on a royalty basis, to find anything of value in the prospect:

"The oil enthusiasts of this locality received a hard blow when the news was brought to this city Tuesday afternoon that the Big Chief well had been tested out and that no signs of oil or of an oil sand had been discovered.

"When the Midwest people took over this well to finish the work of the Big Chief Development Syndicate, the well was said to be 1,096 feet deep but no strings or other marks were left on the cable to indicate at what depth the drilling had been stopped.

"The Midwest drillers, who arrived here Tuesday stated that after clearing out the cement that had been thrown in the well they struck bottom at about 1,050 feet. There was no sand at the bottom of the well and they began drilling in shale and continued until a depth of 1202 feet was reached when they encountered a sand with no oil indications. They penetrated about 14 feet into this sand and abandoned the well at 1,216 feet.

"Mack Slattery is in Denver and M. F. Stiffer, the Midwest field man, left for that city Tuesday evening. It is not exactly known what effect this will have on the leases secured under the Warner holdings, but it is likely that capital will not be so easy to get to develop the field north of Chadron since the Big Chief has come in dry."

Dr. A. L. V. Smith Plans to Do Some Postgraduate Work

Dr. A. L. V. Smith, chiropractor, plans to leave Wednesday morning to take a postgraduate course at the Midwest college of chiropractic, located at Minneapolis. He will be away from Alliance at least a month, and possibly longer.

Dr. Smith's partner, Dr. J. H. Jeffrey of Casper, Wyo., arrived in the city a day or so ago, and will take care of the Alliance patients during Dr. Smith's absence. Dr. Jeffrey, one of the most confirmed golf enthusiasts in the country, has already stirred up interest in this sort, and is planning to give instructions to some of his friends during his stay here.

County Attorney Lee Basye issued warrants yesterday for the arrest of a number of boys who have been destroying property and bullying smaller boys at the city park. These boys have been using the trees at the park for firewood and mistreated the caretaker, who is an elderly man, when he protested. The park has been popular as a skating resort of late.

WERNER URGES A COUNTY AGENT FOR BOX BUTTE

WORK FOR SPUD MEN WOULD MORE THAN PAY SALARY.

Potatoes Are County's Most Valuable Product, But We Are Losing Out in Some Ways.

H. O. Werner of the state department of agriculture, was the principal speaker at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday. His subject was the work of the department of agriculture, from the time it was started, shortly after the civil war, until the present. He gave a brief account of the various stages of development, telling of the different acts of the legislature that have been passed in connection with this work. During the first years, bulletins were sent out to the farmers, but they didn't seem to be taken seriously, so in 1914 the federal government appropriated ten thousand dollars for each state to help pay salaries of county agents.

Mr. Werner stated that there had been considerable misunderstanding among the farmers in regard to the county agents. He said that the county agent was not supposed to be an expert farmer, so much as to act as a connecting link between the specialists of the department of agriculture and the farmers. The work of the county agent is largely controlled by the local farmers, and is lined up by small community groups or farm bureaus, so that each local community can have help and advice on farm problems that they are most interested in. The state specialists in the different lines of agriculture work with the county agents.

County Agent Paid in Scotts Bluff.

Mr. Werner pointed out that Box Butte county had lost out in the potato game in the last five or six years. He said that the average yield in Box Butte county in 1921 was 80 bushels per acre compared with an average of 86 bushels per acre in Sioux and Dawes counties. In regard to applications received for certified seed, Box Butte county had applications on fourteen fields with only four being passed, while Kimball county has ten fields and nine of them passed. Kimball county holds the record for having the highest grade potatoes of any county in the state. Mr. Werner didn't claim that the low grade of potatoes in Box Butte county was due entirely to the lack of a county agent, but thought a good county agent working with the state department could make a great improvement.

According to figures of the farm bureau of Scotts Bluff county, the work of the county agent in the past year has resulted in an increase of wealth of the county of \$186,078, divided as follows: Nine cars of good seed, making an average increase in yield of 132 (Continued on Page 4)

ALLIANCE BOY SCOUT COUNCIL IS REORGANIZED

A. V. GAVIN CHOSEN AS PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATION.

Plan to Organize Several New Troops in the City and Recruit Old Ones to Full Strength.

At a meeting called Saturday noon at Thiele's by Former President C. E. Slagle for the reorganization of the Boy Scout council in Alliance, A. V. Gavin was elected president; Mose Wright, vice president; W. R. Pate, secretary, and Charles Brittan, treasurer. B. W. Keach was appointed scout commissioner and Edmin M. Burr assistant scout commissioner. Edwin Burr, N. A. Kemmish, H. F. Thiele, D. C. Bradbury and Dr. G. J. Hand were appointed to fill out the board. Dr. Slagle was unable to be present, but his resignation was presented. Those who attended the meeting were A. V. Gavin, Charles Brittan, Mose Wright, Dr. Minor Morris, Dr. J. P. Maxfield, H. P. Coursey and W. R. Pate.

The former council, due to failure last June to report to the national board lost its national standing and it is necessary to again make this connection.

The new organization is out for an increased membership and it is their wish that every boy of age in town become a member. There have been several troops organized in Alliance and although some have rather fallen by the wayside it is the belief of Scoutmaster Keach that these can all be recruited to their original size.

It is the hope of the council that the people of the town will encourage their boys to join. Those who wish to join may leave their names at Thiele's, at the Herald office, or at the Auto Electric Service. Information as to the qualifications of a scout may also be received at these places.