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CHOICE OF SITES FOR NEW SCHOOL UP TO CITIZENS

COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD AGREE TO CHANGE.

Ready to Place New Building in the Center of Box Butte Avenue If No Serious Objection.

The proposal made at the last chamber of commerce meeting by E. D. Mallory concerning the location of the new school building to be constructed this year. Mr. Mallory suggested that instead of placing the city's newest and best building back of the present high school, and fronting on Laramie avenue, that it be given a location at the north end of Box Butte avenue similar to that of the Burlington station to the south. The school board has expressed itself as more than willing to make the change, and the members of the city council have indicated their willingness to close up Box Butte avenue provided there is no serious objection from the residents of the city.

The new plan proposes that the new high school building, instead of being placed out of sight on Laramie, shall be built in the middle of the street. The new building is 166x84 feet, and if centered in the street will extend some thirty-three feet beyond on either side. The plan does not provide for closing the roadway entirely, but calls for a detour around the building.

There will be an extra expense for the school board, for that body is planning, even if the first location is adopted, to purchase an additional block for a playground.

Want Opinion of Residents.

It has been suggested that inasmuch as the school board and city council are ready to act, all that is lacking is the sentiment of the general public, and the newspapers have been asked to assist in getting this. On this page is a coupon upon which all citizens are asked to register their sentiments, either for or against, with the reasons for the same, if they desire to go into detail, although all that is necessary is either ayes or no vote. A general invitation to residents of the city is issued to fill out the coupon and mail or bring to The Herald office.

Lions Club Endorses Change.

Following a thorough discussion, the Alliance Lions club last night endorsed the Box Butte location by a vote of 16 to 4. Cub Lee Basye objected to closing the street, on the ground that it would not only be an end to the street and limit further growth of the city's main thoroughfare, but would be a hardship for the fire department and for the property owner to the north.

L. C. Thomas favored the change, saying that it would improve the looks of the city. He characterized the original location as being in the "back yard" of the old high school.

P. E. Romig opposed the Box Butte location, saying that it would be an obstruction to the view. Allentown, Pa., he said, had removed a \$90,000 monument from the center of the street. He said that if the building is not placed there, that part of the city will continue to grow, and that property owners there are entitled to consideration.

Roy Gregg told of a conversation with a member of the Doane college glee club, who said, before the location was even considered, that it would be an ideal place for a big high school building.

Calvin D. Walker endorsed the move. Houghton, Kas., he said, has four school buildings at the end of the four principal streets, and the effect is remarkably good.

A. S. Mote said that so far as obstructing the view is concerned, there is no view at present but a row of sunflowers, and pointed out that the rear of the building also contained an entrance, so that it did not have a "back" side.

E. C. Drake, B. G. Bauman and Dr. J. H. Jeffrey endorsed the proposed change of location on the ground that it would beautify the city.

Rev. A. J. Kearns to Leave Alliance By the First of March

Rev. A. J. Kearns, pastor of the First Presbyterian church has received a call from the Tekamah church of his denomination, and will present his resignation to the Alliance church on Sunday. The Tekamah church wishes him to report for duty the first Sunday in March.

Mr. Kearns has been pastor of the Alliance church for the past three years. During his pastorate, the church has made a most satisfactory growth. The Tekamah church is somewhat larger, having a membership of 350, and the position carries with it a substantial increase in salary, as well as a modern, new parsonage.

The resignation is dated to take effect March 25, and it is probable that Mr. Kearns' last sermon in his present pastorate will be given Sunday. No plans for his successor have been considered.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Somewhat colder tonight.

Supreme Court Has Upheld Westover in Long-Krause Case

Attorney Lee Basye yesterday received a telegram from Omaha attorney associated with him in the Peter J. Long vs. Krause estate case, which said that the supreme court yesterday had declined to mandamus Judge W. H. Westover to set aside a temporary order restraining Long and his attorneys from attempting to collect a judgment of \$75,000 granted by the Omaha district court.

This marks an important victory for the Krause interests. Peter J. Long, who owned a ranch in Sheridan county containing several potash lakes, sold this property to John Krause. Later, Long set up the claim that Krause knew it contained potash, and fraudulently concealed the fact from him. Summons were served on Mr. Krause while he was on a trip to Omaha, and a jury in district court there allowed judgment for \$75,000. Long had asked for practically a million dollars damages.

At a hearing held at Rushville, recently, Judge Westover issued a temporary writ enjoining Long and his attorneys from attempting to collect the judgment. The land in question is located in Sheridan county. Long's attorneys asked the supreme court to mandamus Judge Westover to set aside the injunction. The court's refusal makes the next step in the case the hearing on the permanent injunction, and it will come up at the May 15 term of district court at Rushville.

SCHLEVE FREED FROM CHARGE OF THEFT OF AUTO

SAYS PLEA OF GUILT DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING.

Many Cases on the Criminal Docket Have Been Dismissed for One Cause and Another.

Attorney William Mitchell scored a victory in district court Wednesday in his defense of Peter Schleve, held with Harold Watkins for the theft of a car. Schleve had, like his partner, the J. F. Spetman car some weeks ago, pleaded guilty in county court, but the jury was convinced, after the trial, that Schleve was innocent in intent. This stand was confirmed by the testimony of Watkins, who took all the blame for the theft upon himself.

The automobile was taken on the 9th of September by Watkins from the Spetman place. The car was then driven by Watkins and Schleve to Hot Springs and then by the northern route to St. Paul, Minn., where they were arrested and brought back to Alliance by Sheriff Miller. Both pleaded guilty in county court and were bound over to be sentenced, but in the meantime Schleve changed his plea and demanded a trial on the ground that he had pleaded guilty because he had been informed by the officers that he had broken the law by merely riding in the car with Watkins.

County Attorney Basye, in his argument, endeavored to prove that Schleve was in company with Watkins at the time the car was stolen and hence was at least an accessory before the fact. The testimony of the state tended to prove that Schleve had arrived in Alliance at midnight of the 8th and had met Watkins then and talked with him. It was also brought out that Watkins and Schleve had been in a pool hall together and had talked to Spetman's daughters on the street the next day. This was testified to by Charles Blume, who claimed to have seen them in the depot when Schleve had first arrived, by Chief of Police Jeffers, who had seen them in the pool hall, and by the two Spetman girls. The state also brought out that the car when stolen had to be pushed about two blocks through the snow and over a wire fence which they alleged would be (Continued on Page 8.)

Alliance Scouts Receive Loan of Wireless Outfit

Scoutmaster B. W. Keach, City Manager N. A. Kemmish, Mrs. Kemmish and Lincoln Lowry drove to Scottsbluff yesterday and arranged with the Scouts of that city for the loan of their wireless equipment for a few days. The Scottsbluff scouts' equipment will permit a roomful of people to hear concerts and messages without donning the steel headgear prominent in wireless circles.

Plans are being made for a wireless concert, which will probably be staged Tuesday. A second concert to which the public will be invited, is also planned.

ALLIANCE LIONS HEAR A TALK ON NEW PATRIOTISM

EARL G. JONES SPEAKER AT THE THURSDAY DINNER.

Explains the Comparatively New Conception by H. G. Wells of a World Federation of States.

Earl G. Jones, editorial writer for the Alliance Times, was the speaker at the Thursday dinner of the Alliance Lions club. Mr. Jones took for his subject "The New Patriotism," and discussed at some length H. G. Wells' conception of a great federated world state. The address was received with a great degree of enthusiasm by the club. Mr. Jones said, in part:

One of our greatest Americans of a century or so ago, Stephen Decatur, that brilliant naval officer of the War of 1812, once gave a toast that has become famous and with which we are all familiar, when he said: "Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right, but our country, right or wrong!"

With all respect to Mr. Decatur, brilliant and dashing defender of American honor that he was, his statement is one that has no place in that broader vision of a new brotherhood of nations, which is engaging the minds of the world's great leaders today. Mr. Decatur, in his intense patriotism and in his zeal to serve his country in time of war, probably did not stop to realize that no real honor could attach to such a policy as was embodied in those words, "My country, right or wrong!"

Now, do not think for a moment that I would challenge a patriotism based on honor or on the preservation or defense of worthy ideals. It was for those things that our boys died in Flanders Fields. I would not challenge a patriotism based on righteousness, on the fundamentals of civilization. I would not even challenge a patriotism based on an unselfish and just pride of country. But the kind of patriotism I do challenge is such as that voiced by Mr. Decatur—that nationalism which teaches that nationalism is above justice and Christian brotherhood, and that we must honor and support our country, because it is our country, even though it be flagrantly in the wrong. I speak bluntly when I say that such patriotism, such teaching is un-Christian, unethical and subversive of all right and justice, and that such false standards of national honor have been responsible, more than anything else, for the wars that have drenched this world in blood and retarded the progress of civilization by thousands of years.

Education Is Necessary.

For until nations come to look upon one another as true brothers; until they become educated more and more away from a self-centered nationalism and toward a new order of world brotherhood; until they can bury their differences in universal friendship and respect for each other's rights, instead of hating each other with a hatred born of jealousy, and trying to cut each other's throats in wars of conquest.

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Perc. Cogswell Is Elected President of Retail Clothiers

Percy Cogswell of the Famous Alliance, was elected president of the Nebraska retail clothiers' association, at the meeting at the Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha, Wednesday. Mr. Cogswell was elected vice president at last year's convention, and was promoted to the highest office in the association at this year's convention.

At the Wednesday meeting of the Rotary club, fellow Rotarians sent Mr. Cogswell a telegram of congratulation on the honor that has come to him.

COUNTY USING A NEW SYSTEM FOR CHECKING CLAIMS

IMPOSSIBLE TO APPROVE DUPLICATE CLAIMS.

Commissioners Say No Money Lost by Old System, and Very Few Mistakes Made.

Cal L. Hashman, chairman of the board of Box Butte county commissioners, while admitting that the records for four of the last five years are not in such shape that it will be possible, without considerable labor, to furnish the state committee investigating road expenditures the information that has been requested, is inclined to think that The Herald's story in the Friday issue is likely to give the wrong impression to the taxpayers.

In its last issue, The Herald told of the information that has been requested on the cost of building and maintaining county roads, and a fact that in this county the law requiring all county roads to be numbered and separate accounts to be kept for each, has been disregarded. All of the road claims allowed have been duly filed, by years, but no systematic record has ever been kept, and in order to get the cost of any particular road, it would be necessary to go through huge stacks of claims, sort out all the road claims, and then depend largely upon memory in order to get the information. R. E. Knight, county highway commissioner, has kept accurate record of money spent on state roads, but no detailed record of county roads has ever been made.

The commissioners, due to their system of auditing claims, have occasionally approved the same claim more than once, but the error has always been discovered. The commissioners have not always paid claims the month they were filed, and some creditors, instead of waiting, have filed new claims every month. Mr. Hashman believes there is a possibility that the voters will jump at the conclusion that this is a common occurrence, when in fact it has happened very few times.

There are two or three instances where some of these duplicate claims have been allowed, and once or twice they have been paid, but, according to Mr. Hashman, even with duplication of claims, it was impossible for the county to lose any money, as a final check always showed the error, just as it did on the occasion when a personal bill of one of the commissioners was allowed from the bridge fund.

New Plan Followed.

Beginning with the first of 1922, County Clerk Joder has installed a claim record system, whereby every claim against the county is listed in a ledger. Thus, whenever duplicate claims are presented, they are sorted out and are not brought to the attention of the commissioners. Highway Commissioner last year approved all claims against the state road fund before they were presented to the commissioners, and this year all claims are audited and carefully checked by the county clerk before they are approved.

The commissioners have been in session during the past two or three days. Commissioner Duncan is absent.

It would appear that the appointment of R. E. Knight as highway commissioner will continue for the present year. Mr. Hashman was nominated for the office by Commissioner Carrell, but he declined to serve. Mr. Knight will, in any event, hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified.

BIRTHS

February 12—To Mr. and Mrs. James Austin, a nine-pound son.

February 15—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becker, a daughter.

February 15—To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Brady, 205 Yellowstone, a son.

CAST YOUR VOTE ON THE LOCATION OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Fill out this coupon, mark your preference on it, and bring or mail to The Herald office. The city council and the school board will be guided by public opinion, and if you have any preference, now is the time and this is the way to make it known.

Name _____

Street Address _____

I am in favor of closing Box Butte avenue and placing the new high school building in the center of the street.

I am not in favor of closing Box Butte avenue. I prefer the location to the west of the present high school, or (give location you would like to see chosen) _____

Why—give reason if you desire _____

Five-Year-old Boy Not Seriously Injured When Struck By Auto

Spencer Lucas, the five-year-old son of Floyd Lucas, manager of the Fowler Lumber company, was thrown to the pavement but not seriously injured when struck by an automobile driven by J. Jelinek, a farmer living northeast of Alliance. The accident, which occurred in front of the postoffice Wednesday evening, was characterized by Mr. Lucas as very fortunate, as it might easily have resulted in the death of the child.

Mr. Lucas, who was in the postoffice just before the accident, was hurrying across to Newberry's hardware before closing time, about 7 o'clock. His two sons, Junior and Spencer, ten and five years old, were following close behind him. Mr. Lucas feeling that the younger child was perfectly safe in the company of the older, who has been quite used to caring for him. Mr. Jelinek was driving down the street at about a speed of eighteen or twenty miles per hour and was unable to stop until he had struck Spencer, who was thrown quite a distance. The car passed over him, but fortunately none of the wheels struck him. The child was then taken to Thiele's drug store and revived, having nothing worse than a few bad bruises. At present he is said to be perfectly well, aside from a few sore spots.

Mr. Lucas said that he did not blame Mr. Jelinek, for while he was exceeding the speed limit, this has become such a common practice here that a car driven according to the law was an exception. Mr. Lucas stated that, in his opinion 80 per cent of the cars driven on Box Butte avenue were driven faster than the speed supposedly required by the law and that Jelinek was merely following the usual custom. No particular blame is attached to anyone.

FEBRUARY 16 THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELKS LODGE

ORDER FOUNDED FIFTY-FOUR YEARS AGO YESTERDAY.

On That Day the "Jolly Corks" Disbanded and the B. P. O. E. Was Born.

The dawn of February 16, 1922, marked an anniversary of keen interest to nearly 1,000,000 American men.

Fifty-four years ago—on February 16, 1868—a little group of fourteen men sat in a stuffy room in New York city. Twice they voted on a matter they had been debating for weeks. On the second ballot, the now almost-forgotten fraternal order of the "Jolly Corks" was disbanded. And the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was born.

The first membership report in the archives of the Elks is dated December 27, 1868. New York Lodge No. 1, the Mother Lodge of the order, was then its only lodge. There were 76 members on the rolls.

The fifty-fourth anniversary of the order's birth shows a membership of more than 818,000 Elks in more than 1,400 lodges that dot the United States of America. At Anchorage, Alaska, the farthest north Elk lodge stands amid almost polar ice and snow. Elk lodges rise at Brownsville, Texas, and Key West, Florida—farthest southern points of the continental United States. Our Canal Zone has its lodge at Balboa Heights. Our island possessions are starred with Elk lodges at Manila in the Philippines, at Honolulu and Hilo in Hawaii, at Guam, and at San Juan in Porto Rico. And the Elks of America are working to initiate its millionth member by July, 1922, when the Grand Lodge meets at Atlantic City.

Founder Was An Actor.

The founder of this organization that is today America's greatest fraternal order? He was a strolling English actor! He never lived to know how well he and his little group of brother-actors had builded.

His body rests today in Mount Hope Cemetery, Boston, Massachusetts, beneath a great granite boulder bearing a bronze plate with the inscription: "Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Founder of the Order of Elks. Died March 20, 1880. Aged 34 years. A lover of his kind, who founded a great order and in so doing wrought much good."

Vivian, who was the presiding "Jolly Cork" at the momentous meeting in 1868 when the fourteen men voted to organize under the name of "Elks," died in Leadville, Colorado, after a life of theatrical vicissitudes that ranged from touring affluence at the head of his own company, to being stranded in Denver. There in Leadville his body rested, his grave marked only by a weather-stained pine board on which an inscription was scratched with some sharp instrument, until on April 28, 1889, Boston Lodge, No. 10, B. P. O. Elks, exhumed the body, took it to Boston, and buried it there with splendid ceremonial.

Only in Elksdom's archives and the memories of the few surviving "old-timers" (Continued on Page 8.)

H. W. CAMPBELL GIVES TALK ON DRY FARMING

PROMINENT AGRICULTURIST AT THE IMPERIAL WEDNESDAY.

C. A. Newberry Makes It Possible for Box Butte Farmers to Hear Address by An Authority

Hardy W. Campbell, who is probably the best authority in the United States on dry-farming by the summer tilling method spoke Wednesday afternoon before an assemblage of farmers at the Imperial theatre. Mr. Campbell who was once a farmer himself is now employed by the Northern and Southern Pacific railway lines to aid their immigration departments in the developing of new country for settlers. Mr. Campbell gave as his keynote, "Our plan is to increase the farmers' profits by lowering the cost per acre. This can best be done by raising more per acre at a lower cost."

Mr. Campbell was persuaded to come here and give a talk by C. A. Newberry, who is one of his close friends. Mr. Newberry stood the entire expense, including the cost of the theatre and the speaker.

Mr. Campbell said that he had started as a farmer in South Dakota. He had had remarkable luck one year by fall plowing and had decided that this was the secret of successful dry farming, only to have conditions reversed the next year. Finally after years of research and experimenting, he came to the conclusion that the main thing was to plow when the ground was damp.

Describe Sub-Surface Packing.

He then brought up the subject of sub-surface packing and of how he had stumbled on this accidentally. A neighbor of his had been cutting across his field on his way to and from work, and in Mr. Campbell's opinion, ruining the seed bed which he had all prepared. He finally stopped this man and objected, refusing to allow the use of his field as a roadway any more. His surface was great then, when, in the face of a general crop failure, the only green thing on his place at the end of the drouth was the wheat that grew where the ground had been packed by the neighbor's horses. This led to the invention of the sub-surface packer, which is said to be of great value.

Mr. Campbell then said that it had always been a mystery to him why the proper cultivation of the ground and the packing of the sub-soil brought such desirable results until he went to California a few years ago and was shown about a plant for the cultivation of bacteria which were used to inoculate seed for the hump plants such as clover, alfalfa, beans etc., and increase yield and growth. He then decided and has since confirmed by experiments that the proper packing and cultivation of the soil put it in just the proper shape for the cultivation of bacteria. If the ground was not loose enough too much water escaped and it was necessary to pack the sub-soil to exclude the air, for while a certain amount of air is necessary, too much stops the growth of these tiny organisms. Another reason for loosening the top of the soil is that if the surface is packed the heat of the sun cannot penetrate but instead the cold from the deeper soil rises and retards the growth of the bacteria.

He also recommended the use of a double disk directly behind the plow to cut the surface and hold the moisture.

Farmers Hard to Convince.

Mr. Campbell then told of the struggle he had with the farmers to persuade them to follow his method as a whole, for while they were willing to adopt part of it they objected to the part which he has worked out in later years, namely late, in order to give the ground time to warm up and allow for the growth of bacteria; and, second, to not use too much seed. He recommended the use of about twenty pounds of seed while he said that is (Continued on Page 8.)

"Dance of Death" Second in Series by Rev. M. C. Smith

The second of the series of sermons on dancing will be delivered by the Rev. Mearl C. Smith at the Methodist church next Sunday night at 7:30 on the subject, "The Dance of Death." The subject is not original, but has been used many times. Years ago a book was written with that title which was read by Mrs. Gen. W. T. Sherman, and after reading it she said: "Women of virtue or self respect who know the contents of that volume would blush to have the dance named to them." The author of these dancing sermons has never seen the book referred to, but the subject has come into common use as an epithet characterizing the harmful effects of the modern dance. The sermon will picture the unfortunate ones who do not escape the pitfalls which the dance makes for them, and who fall into temptation and moral sin. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."