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LOCATION OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL IS NOT DECIDED

BOARD IS WILLING TO FOLLOW PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

Still Time to Register Opinions—To Build Both Grade and High School Soon as Possible.

The returns from the votes on the location of the new high school building are still coming in, although they are somewhat slower in arriving than had been expected. Aside from those who live in the neighborhood of the proposed high school, or are just naturally interested in everything pertaining to the civic welfare, there is little interest being taken in the count. Those who are in favor of the proposed site in the middle of Box Butte avenue are very strongly voicing their preferences, and those who are opposed do not hesitate to say so, but the interest is apparently confined to a fairly small proportion of the citizenship.

Some twenty-five or thirty people have written The Herald in regard to their sentiments on the location problem, and a number of others have telephoned or otherwise cast an oral vote. A majority—although not an overwhelming voice—is in favor of the Box Butte location. There is a strong minority which are very much opposed, in many instances, to partially closing Box Butte avenue and providing a detour around the new high school building by running the road through the block to the east.

A few others suggest other locations, though casting their vote against the site in the center of Box Butte avenue.

Board Still Undecided.

The board of education and the city council, it is announced, are perfectly willing to endorse the change in site provided the public either wants the new location or will not fight it. The board had planned to build the new building, the most expensive structure in the city, to the west of the present high school building—in its "back yard," as one advocate of the new site phrased it. The suggestion that it be placed instead in the center of Box Butte avenue at Twelfth street, and that the street be altered to go to the east of the building, was made at a chamber of commerce meeting, where it was endorsed. The Lions club later endorsed the proposed change. The Rotary club, although individual members strongly favor it, has taken no official action.

The board decided, a week ago, to put the matter up to the citizens. The result is a vote that shows the change is favored by the majority of those voting, but that public sentiment has not really been sounded.

The school board has not yet made up its mind, and is apparently in no hurry to do so. It will be a matter of several weeks yet before the work of construction can be started, the ground being too hard for excavation that will be the first step in building.

The position of members of the school board is apparently that it is not a matter for them to decide. They are willing to make the change if the public wants it—and individual members are said to favor the new site—but they do not think that the matter of location is important enough to insist upon if a scrap is to be stirred up and the school patrons divided thereby.

Will Build Two Buildings.

Some of the answers received say that the writers do not care so very much about the location of the new high school, but that they want to see work started on the east side grade school. There seems to be a general impression on the east side that the board is lukewarm toward a grade school, and that a danger exist that it may not be built.

The school board has always taken the attitude, according to Superintendent W. R. Pate, that the school district voted for a grade school, and that it should be built. They have no intention of not building it. As a matter of fact, plans for the grade school building have already been received and the board has suggested changes in them. The two buildings will be started simultaneously, and those interested in the grade school are assured that construction will not be delayed.

Plans for the new high school have been received from the Lincoln architects, and the board will hold a special meeting tonight at which they will be considered, changes suggested and approval given before bids are requested. Building operations will start as soon as weather conditions permit.

Some of the Sentiments.

Most of the votes received favoring the Box Butte location do not contain any reasons for the preference, but some of them go into details. "Such a fine building should command an imposing location," one business man writes. Another business man suggests that "closing the street with a good building will have a tendency to consolidate the town and give one beautiful street."

A third voter declares that "There are none too many good buildings in

Alliance now, and by placing the best we have on the principal street, tourists and travelers by train will have a better impression of the city."

Several suggest that Box Butte avenue can be developed into a beauty street if this plan is adopted.

What the Ferninsters Say. One of the most ardent in opposing the present location writes: "We are in the fight now about closing Box Butte and Twelfth streets, and why? And we start another? If the streets are not left to use for traffic, why did they leave them at all? Alliance is not through growing and we will need all the streets for thoroughfares in a few years, and if we let a few visionary fellows mess the deal, we will never have a town here, but just a mess of houses and a continual growl, such as we have had for some time."

"First let's get the school in the east part of the city," writes another. "Hinders growth of the city in that direction," is the opinion of a business woman.

Among the voters who prefer still another location is this one: "North of city park, facing south, with plenty of room for lawn tennis, croquet or ball games. This will give ample room for recreation and not have any of the dangers attending upon having children so close to the street."

Still another suggestion is that the county commissioners should open the remainder of Box Butte avenue to connect with the east and west section line to the north, instead of partly closing the city's principal street, this man would make it longer.

There's yet time for other citizens to make known their preference, if they have any. Coupons printed in recent papers or letters to the newspapers or the school authorities are the best way to let your desires be known. The board will undoubtedly be guided by the prevailing sentiment, unless the opposition is too great.

K. C. WAGING A FIGHT AGAINST RADICALISM

PETER W. COLLINS TO SPEAK IN ALLIANCE MARCH 20.

Nationally Known Economic Expert to Discuss Industrial Problems From Enlightened View.

The 1921-22 Knights of Columbus campaign against extreme radicalism will be brought home to the citizens of Alliance when Peter W. Collins, well known industrial expert and lecturer on sociological and economic subjects, March 20, under the auspices of Alliance council, K. of C.

Mr. Collins is a leader in the corps of Knights of Columbus lecturers engaging in the nation-wide offensive against the K. of C. are conducting against organized radicalism. He is acknowledged to be one of the best equipped authorities on socialism, discussing all industrial problems from the viewpoint of a labor unionist in good standing and at the same time insisting on the rights of capital as well as the rights of labor.

Serving as an industrial expert with the federal government during the war and as an active labor executive for many years before the war, he has come into contact with every phase of the sociological-economic problems that confront the United States. His evidence before the New York state assembly during the investigation into the activities of socialist members of that assembly was one of the features of the most sensational legislative inquiry ever conducted in the United States.

As director general of K. of C. reconstruction and employment work after the war, Mr. Collins had charge of the functioning of the K. of C. system that placed 300,000 former service men back in civilian employment without a cent of cost to either employer or employees—constituting what Secretary of Labor James J. Davis characterizes as the most amazing feat in the history of modern employment management.

Mr. Collins' lecture will be under the auspices of Alliance council, which has issued a general invitation to the public to hear him.

Mrs. Hadley Loses Suit in District Court Wednesday

Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, who brought suit in district court against the estate of Adolph Brost, deceased, for some \$4,000 covering the expense of taking care of Mr. Brost's child for nine years, lost her case when, on cross-examination, she testified that she really wanted no money for the care of the child, but that she did want to recover possession of it. Judge Westover then dismissed the action.

Mrs. Brost died nine years ago. Mrs. Hadley took care of the baby, and before his death the father resumed possession. Mrs. Hadley brought her suit before Mr. Brost died. Lee Basye represented the plaintiff, and Boyd, Metz and Meyer the Brost estate.

ALLIANCE LIONS ELECTED A NEW SET OF OFFICERS

ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR UNDER PRESIDENT W. R. HARPER.

Fred Wright of Omaha, John M. Stewart of Lincoln and Others Make Talks.

The Alliance Lions club, at its meeting at the Palm Room of the Alliance hotel Thursday evening, elected a new set of officers for the ensuing year, who will take charge of the club's affairs beginning with the next meeting. The officers elected were:

President, Edwin M. Burr. Vice president, Earl Jones. Secretary, Lloyd C. Thomas. Treasurer, Charles Brittan. Directors for one-year term, F. W. Hargarten, True Miller and F. J. Brennan.

Retiring officers are President W. R. Harper, Secretary E. M. Burr and Directors J. S. Rhein, L. H. Highland and Charles Brittan.

The session was one of the most interesting that the club members have enjoyed in weeks. There was considerable merriment over a proposition from a Texas oil company, which offered to present the club as an organization one free share of stock in the Mexia Golden Oil Syndicate for every share of stock purchased by the members. The proposition was hastily dropped into the wastebasket, but the speakers during the evening referred to it every now and then.

Lee Basye, good fellowship chairman for the evening, introduced a number of visitors including R. F. York of Scottsbluff, who spoke on the present business outlook, the need for "getting together" and the way the Lions club is helping to bring the country back to normalcy.

Attorney Fred Wright, formerly of Scottsbluff, but now of Omaha, was introduced as the "best storyteller in Nebraska" and promptly proceeded to make good. He suggested that if the club were not interested in the oil proposition, he had another one to make. If a club member will purchase one share of his potato stock, he declared, he would present the club with the rest of it. He told of Alliance's advantages in a business way, and said that the Lions club was a natural development of the spirit that obtains here. He complimented the club on the fact that it kept in touch with live community problems instead of furthering the interests of the individual members.

Attorney C. W. Affitt of Omaha declared that although he wouldn't risk a cent on oil or potato, if a potato corporation were formed in this part of the country, he would invest.

John M. Stewart of Lincoln, the first deputy attorney general of the state, spoke on the lions club ideals. F. C. Bell of the Omaha branch of the Updike Grain company was another speaker. Other visitors were Sam Graham of Hemingford and W. C. Smith of Lincoln.

Primary Election This Year Will Be Held on July 18

The following letter, received by County Clerk Avis Joder Thursday, from Secretary of State D. M. Amsherry, brings the news that the primary election this year, due to the referendum vote to be taken on the law as amended by the last legislature, will be held in July instead of August. The letter follows:

"We are this date writing all county clerks in order to call their attention to the unusual date provided by law for the holding of primaries this year. In order to explain how it comes that the primaries will be held July 18 this year, it is necessary to explain that the legislature of 1919 passed House Bill No. 323 (page 223, Session Laws 1919) and that measure provided for holding primaries in July instead of August. It also provided that state conventions should nominate state officers below the governor. Opponents to this measure came in with a referendum and referred that part of the bill which referred to the nomination of state officers, only. This left the rest of the act operative and intact.

The 1921 legislature then passed House Bill No. 62 (page 302, Session Laws 1921) as a curative act, and put the time of holding the primaries back to the third week in August. Then came the opponents of the measure and filed petitions in referendum against this entire bill, which suspends the entire measure. This leaves the 1919 law operative and controlling the time for holding primaries."

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED OUT THURSDAY NIGHT

The fire department was called out Thursday evening about seven o'clock to put out a fire at the Eighth Street Market caused by too hot a fire in the stove, on account of the extreme cold, thus causing a shelf directly back of the stove to catch fire. The fire department, however, quickly extinguished the flames and no great damage resulted.

LABOR PROBLEMS CAN'T BE SOLVED BY ANY CLASS

DR. H. T. CLARK OF TORRINGTON ADDRESSES UNIONISTS.

Interesting Program at Special Washington's Birthday Program at Baptist Church Wednesday.

At the Washington birthday service held at the Baptist church Wednesday evening the program consisted of a speech by John Shirk of the machinists' union, a reading, an answer to the poem, "Let Me Live By the Side of the Road," by Mrs. E. G. Laing, special songs by the choir and the main address by Dr. H. T. Clark of Torrington who spoke on, "The New Task of the Labor Organizations." It was a plea for sanity and reason in solving the great problems facing the labor unions. He said in part:

"Washington lived in a day when problems were thought to be great. His problems were not much unlike ours today. The problems may be divided today as follows: They are, first, industrial problems. Industrial problems in our country are today commanding the attention of the best brains of the country. Industry, which is the life of the nation is so intimately woven in the life of our social system that it can not be solved by any one class, and in its solution we have to take into consideration the rights of every class that go to make up our social life.

"The great industrial problems must be settled and that soon, and must be settled right, and in the settling some of us will perhaps have our toes trampled on, but we should be willing to suffer a little inconvenience if the nation as a whole is benefited thereby. A blunder in solving this problem at this time may do untold harm. These problems are not only national, but international as well. The Canadian neighbor belong to the same unions as you and in the solving of the industrial problems we must in a measure take their interest in mind.

"Another great problem is the social problem. The dives class must be made to bear the brunt as well as the Nazarus class. The millionaire must be made to take potluck with the poorest man. The burden has not been equally divided. The man who has in these uncertain days reaped the greatest benefit ought to be made to bear his prorate of the cost of reconstruction days. The solution of these problems is all but super-human. God must, and does insist of being taken into consideration. The Golden Rule must replace the Rule of Gold, before peace can be enjoyed. They all involve a great emergency, demanding the best manhood and womanhood of the country and the world. The hands of our president and his cabinet must be upheld. This no time to ignore the laws of our country, whether they be the eighteenth amendment or any other. If we do not like a law it is (Continued on Page 4)

New Pay Slash by Rail Wage Board for the Firemen

Another pay slash, this time hitting 10,000 railroad, stationary firemen and oilers, was made by the United States railroad labor board Thursday when it announced rules effective March 1, eliminating extra pay until after the tenth hour and setting up a "split trick" of eight hours within a spread of twelve without any overtime pay.

Following several other decisions virtually restoring the ten hour day for railroad workers, the board authorized the roads to pay only pro rata wages after the regular eight hours which the board explained in principle as constituting a day's work. Time and one-half will be paid after ten hours. In the case of the split trick straight time will be paid for the first ten hours' work, whether included in the twelve hour spread or not, and time and one-half will be given thereafter. Formerly the firemen and oilers, all of whom work around railroad shops were paid time and one-half after eight hours.

Sundays and holidays will be paid for at the pro rata rate, a minimum of three hours' pay being made for two hours' work or less. Monthly rates employees' wages are to be adjusted to eliminate the old time and one-half provisions.

Ten rules regarding the discipline, grievances, discrimination against committees and similar matters were remanded to the employees and the roads for further negotiation. The board's new rules supplant the national agreement made during federal control, which has been in effect since January 16, 1920.

The American Railway Express company will complete the moving of its downtown business office in the Masonic Temple building to the depot by Monday of next week, and will be located there from that date on. The removal is in line with similar changes being made all over the system, the express company's intention being to reduce operating costs and lower rates as soon as possible.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday; possibly snow and not so cold tonight.

Archie Gregory Died at an Omaha Hospital Following Operation

Archie W. Gregory, train dispatcher at Alliance, died in an Omaha hospital Wednesday evening, following an operation for stomach trouble, according to word received by friends here. Mr. Gregory's condition was not thought to be serious and his death came as a great shock to his many friends in this city.

Mr. Gregory had been in the employ of the Burlington railroad the better part of the time since 1902. Since 1905 he has been employed at Alliance, with the exception of a few years when he entered the profession of optometry at Scottsbluff. During the war, he was persuaded by Division Superintendent George Griggs to return to his old position, and has been there ever since. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the Methodist church, of which he was Sunday school superintendent.

Mr. Gregory was born November 11, 1883, and was 38 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children, Clifford, fourteen years of age, and Mildred, twelve years old.

The remains are being held at the Miller mortuary chapel, where friends may view them.

Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church in Alliance at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, in charge of Rev. Mearl C. Smith.

DECISION MADE TO ESTABLISH A CIVIC FORUM

FARMERS AND RAILROAD MEN UNITE IN PROJECT.

Permanent Organization to Be Perfected at March 8 Meeting, When Political Candidates Will Talk.

At a meeting of members of the various railway and farmer's unions at the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon, it was decided to organize a civic forum to meet on occasional demand for discussion of public questions. The men were very enthusiastic for it and had it not been for the fact that the sudden change of weather kept many of the farmers away, and other farmers were involved either as witnesses or principals in cases on trial at the court house, a permanent organization would have been made.

B. J. Minor called the meeting to order, and after considerable discussion by men from the Hemingford neighborhood, Hay Springs and other localities, it was decided to wait until a later day, March 8, at which time a permanent organization will be perfected. Alec Lee, the county chairman of the farmer's union, thought it fairer to those who were kept away by the weather to wait until that date. Many favored the organization without delay, but the vote finally showed that they were all willing to follow Lee's suggestion.

The meeting was notable for the harmony between the railroad men and farmers. Unlike the first meeting, everyone seemed to know why the meeting was called and there was a determination to get something definite across.

At the next meeting those who are known to be candidates will be invited to address the meeting and perhaps asked to state their views and what they hope to accomplish if elected.

A desire for a clean sweep of all officers seem to be the sentiment of the meeting. A "brand new" set of officers was the unanimous slogan of the meeting. Again, the desire to work through the existing parties was expressed, but the possibility of using the petition route was also mentioned. Altogether it might have been taken for a meeting of either farmers or railroadmen. In speech and action they moved as "one man." Unity of purpose existed.

H. C. Redenbaugh Died at Logan, Ia., on February 18th

Word was received by John W. Guthrie of this city yesterday of the death of H. C. Redenbaugh at Logan, Ia., on February 18, where he had gone to settle up the estate of a relative. Mr. Redenbaugh was born in the Iowa city on June 19, 1874, and was forty-seven years of age. Mr. Redenbaugh was well known in Alliance, having lived in this city for some time, during which he was the representative of the International Harvester company. He left the city about two years ago for Dewey, S. D. Burial was made at Logan on Monday of this week.

REAL HARMONY NOW IN RANKS OF THE G. P. C.

ALL TROUBLES IRONED OUT AT SESSION HERE TUESDAY.

No Longer Any Doubts of Good Faith of Towns on Route—Ready to Incorporate the Highway.

The G. P. C. Highway boosters organization met Tuesday afternoon at the chamber of commerce club rooms, representatives from Broadwater, Oshkosh, Deuel, county, Julesburg, Colo., Bridgeport and Alliance being present. The meeting was called for the purpose of signing articles of incorporation which will be presented to the county boards and to the state highway commissioner, George Johnson. The articles were signed by all present but as the representatives from Chadron failed to arrive it will be necessary to send the articles to Chadron for signatures before they can be filed.

The meeting was called to order by President Merritt of Broadwater who explained the purpose for which it was called. A telegram from S. P. Goddard, of Burlington, Col., president of the Colorado unit of the G. P. C. was read. Glen Miller, J. S. Rhein, Chas. Brittan and Robert Graham of Alliance, Commissioner Draper of Broadwater and Engineer Crownover of Bridgeport then spoke briefly on the work of the organization or gave short "booster" talks.

Vice President J. S. Rhein then presented his resignation which after a discussion was rejected.

Those present were F. O. Haeston, G. E. Brewster, A. Hensley, C. W. Draper, Ray Munkres, Dr. W. H. Bray, C. B. Merritt and R. G. Harries of Broadwater; W. T. Garmar, J. Swanson and Charles Tompart of Oshkosh; Fred Brian of Deuel county; Earl Hamilton, G. A. Reed, C. F. Schroeder and Walter Law of Julesburg, Colo.; Engineer Crownover, Bridgeport; and Glen Miller, J. S. Rhein, C. A. Newberry, Charles Brittan, True Miller, J. W. Guthrie, Reuben Knight, W. J. Hamilton and Robert Graham of Alliance.

Doubts Have Disappeared.

This meeting resulted in re-establishing complete harmony among the various units of the G. P. C. For the past few weeks there have been some rumors that all was not well along the Potomac. Some of the towns to the south have been thinking, apparently, that Alliance was hedging in the matter of support for the road, due to the fact that this city is also on the route of the North Star highway, a rival organization.

At a meeting at Broadwater last week, these rumors were discussed, and they cropped out at the Alliance meeting a time or two. The Alliance men again made their position clear in regard to the attitude of this city toward the rival highways, and as was the case last summer when North Star boosters arrived with the intent to stir up something, the explanation proved perfectly satisfactory.

It is now pretty well understood that the support of Alliance cannot be given solidly to either the G. P. C. or the North Star boosters. This city cannot end the deadlock that exists in Morrill county. This is a matter for the Morrill county citizens themselves to thresh out. Alliance admits that it needs both routes, and wants both routes. There are, of course, partisans for either route among the individual business men, but whatever Morrill county decides to do, it will find that this city is ready to do her share for either road, and that a good many Alliance men have a strong leaning toward the G. P. C., not alone because of the fact that it is more direct and that present plans make the North Star a joke as a through highway, but because the towns on the G. P. C. are natural boosters, and there is nothing that makes for enthusiasm better than a little of the same thing.

Alliance Legion Post Planning First Boxing Exhibition

Alliance post No. 7, American Legion, is laying plans for some sport activities during the remainder of the winter season. At a meeting of the executive committee, held Wednesday evening, T. E. Carney and George Madsen, committee to arrange for a series of boxing bouts, made a report and the matter of staging boxing programs was discussed pretty thoroughly. The committee has set March 18 as the tentative date for the first of these exhibitions, and if some good scrappers can be lined up, this date will stand. The boxing committee is writing to other posts which have gone in for boxing, to the end that the first bout in Alliance will be put on by scrappers whose feet are not tied to the ground.

The Alliance Legion has the boxing club license for Alliance. Under the new state law, only clubs may promote exhibitions of this kind. Alliance sport fans are assured that any bouts that may be staged here will have to be the real thing and that there won't be any hint of a frameup.