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## CITY POLITICS MINUS QUANTITY FOR THIS SPRING

### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION THE ONLY EXCITEMENT.

#### Manager Plan Makes City Election Unnecessary, But School Board Must Be Chosen.

Thanks to the city manager plan, put in force a year ago, the citizens of Alliance will this year be spared the expense, annoyance and excitement of a spring election. When the plan was put into effect, a full set of councilmen were elected, and these men will hold undisputed office for two years. Next spring there will be an election at which one or more members of the council will be continued in office or retired, but this year there's nothing doing in city politics.

That is, there's nothing doing so far as the election of councilmen is concerned. There is, however, a school election. The school board was undecided just what to do about holding an election. The statutes, in such cases made and provided, plainly say that the school board election shall be held at the same time as the city election. Now, if there is no city election, what to do, what to do? The board was puzzled, but put the matter up to the attorney general, and he has spoken. His word is that a school election shall be held. If there is no city election, there will be a school election anyway.

And so notices of a school election are being prepared. This election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, and two members of the board will be elected or re-elected. The polls will be opened at 9 a. m., and will close at 7 p. m., and the following polling places for each ward are announced:

First ward—Basement of Central school building, 715 Box Butte avenue.  
Second ward—Council chamber in the city hall, 115 East Third street.  
Third ward—Basement of city library.  
Fourth ward—Garage of F. W. Harris, Eighth and Laramie.

The two members of the board whose terms expire this year are A. T. Lunn and Mrs. J. A. Mallory. It is presumed that they will stand for reelection, and in that event there is little question that the voters will approve them, if for no other reason than that it is a poor policy to change horses while crossing a stream. The board is now engaged in an extensive spring and summer building program, and the present members of the board are familiar with the plans and the situation. Mrs. Mallory is now in California, but it is understood that she will return to Alliance within a short time.

## Alliance Misses Hardest Sleet Storm of Year

Once again the weather man smiled on Box Butte county—and judging from the plight of eastern Nebraska, he laughed out loud. The weather forecast for Saturday indicated snow in the afternoon, and although a good many people waited anxiously and with considerable faith for the storm to appear, it failed to put in an appearance. The managers of the legion's boxing show were very much interested in the reported storm, but although the temperature dropped several degrees, there was no snow, and the wind was not of the biting cold variety that sometimes descends on Box Butte without much warning. There was a suggestion of snow about midnight Saturday, but only a hint.

The March weather is beginning to stir up reminiscences in the older settlers, the fellows who "remember when." Every one of these says that it's unseasonable weather for March, but highly enjoyable just the same. People who have gone out to California and other places to get pleasant winter weather will be greatly grieved when they discover what they have been missing at home.

According to reports from the rest of the state, however, there was some storm Saturday. Because many wires are down, reports of damage done in Nebraska by Saturday night's snow and sleet storm are still incomplete. Burlington reports indicate that the heaviest snowfall was between Aurora and Minden and that west of that territory it was largely sleet.

In the territory between Grand Island and Elm Creek, sleet was heavy enough to break down many trees. Snow in the eastern part of the state was light, while in the central region and farther west, drifts were six feet deep in places. Snow plows were run over the Burlington line between Aurora and Hastings and between Aurora and Phillips, Sunday night. Train service was not discontinued, but trains were behind schedule on account of wire difficulties.

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W. C. Mounts, clerk of the district court, is ill.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Fair tonight and probably Wednesday. Rising temperature Wednesday and northwest portion tonight.

## Attempt Is Made To Break Into the Snyder Warehouse

An attempt was made Friday evening to break into the Snyder warehouse, 205 Box Butte, which, however, was unsuccessful. The would-be thieves pried loose a small door at the top of the elevator shaft. As the outside of the door is on a level with the roof of another part of the building this was not especially difficult. The elevator, however, was at the bottom of the shaft and the burglars were apparently unable to descend the shaft to the level of the door. This is inferred from the fact that the owners report no loss of goods. Access to the outside of the broken door could be gained by climbing to the roof of an adjoining building and stepping over to the Snyder warehouse. It is thought that the breakers lost their nerve on finding the difficulties of entering and decided to quit while they could.

## HEMINGFORD MEN BRING TROUBLES TO POLICE COURT

### DISPUTE OVER NOTE LEADS TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

#### Warren Lotspeich Pleads Guilty to An Attempt to Remodel Features of Hemingford Cashier.

Warren Lotspeich of Hemingford appeared in police court in Alliance this morning and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of committing assault and battery upon the person of H. E. Ford, cashier of the First State bank of Hemingford. The tale, as told to the court, began with events some months ago, when young Lotspeich borrowed money from the Hemingford bank to buy a horse from one Sherd Keane. Lotspeich gave a note to the bank for the amount, the bank agreeing to pay Keane. Later the note was changed and made payable to Keane instead of the bank.

Lotspeich claims that the change was made without his consent, and in fact that he knew nothing of the matter. If this is the case, the note is void, in the opinion of County Attorney Basye. Lotspeich also claims that he has a release from the bank on this note. However, according to the tale told the court, Keane and H. D. Wells, a bookkeeper in the First State of Hemingford, according to Lotspeich, came to his place and took possession of the horse while Ford engaged him in conversation at the front gate.

Lotspeich had some time before offered the horse for sale, and Ford claimed this was an attempt to sell mortgaged property. Lotspeich said this had been told to the other bank, materially damaging his credit. He had gone to Ford and asked him to retract his statement, but this Ford had refused to do. Thereupon, Lotspeich remarked that "they might as well have it out" and taking off his coat proceeded to do his best to remodel Mr. Ford's features, which evidently did not please him.

Ford then swore out a complaint to the county authorities and all parties came voluntarily to Alliance for the hearing. As Judge Tash is ill, the case was heard before Judge L. A. Berry in police court, who accepted the plea of guilty, reprimanded the young man and assessed a fine of \$10 and costs. The fine was paid and Lotspeich dismissed.

## Former Alliance Telegraph Operator In Chicago Fire

Tony Nelson, formerly an Alliance telegraph operator for several years, who is now in Chicago, was a rather particularly interested witness of the recent fire, inasmuch as the building in which he was working was one of the structures burned. In writing of his experiences he said that the first indication that he and his co-workers had of the blaze was intense heat in the office. An operator went to the door to investigate and was hit by the glass in the door falling out just as he reached it. The men then quickly left the building, and were in no danger from the fire, but according to Mr. Nelson were in danger from the falling electric wires. Mr. Nelson himself received a cut from falling glass but was otherwise unharmed.

## DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Joseph R. Duell, colored, aged seventy-six years, died on Friday at the home of John Glass in West Lawn, where he has made his home for the past three years. The cause of death was arterio-sclerosis. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the A. M. E. church.

## OFFICIALS SEEK TO IMPROVE DRY LAND POTATOES

### LEO C. STUHR SUGGESTS A HUGE PUBLIC WAREHOUSE

#### Points Out Opportunity for Growers to Gain Leading Position in Growing Seed Spuds.

If Alliance and Box Butte county do not do their best to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the country-wide demand for dry land potatoes for seed purposes, as well as table stock, it will not be the fault of the faculty of the state school of agriculture and the personnel of the state department of agriculture, who have been working to develop this market for several years past, and in the past few weeks have put forth special efforts to arouse the interest of potato growers and business men generally in what they term the best opportunity that has come to this part of the state in years.

State Secretary of Agriculture Leo C. Stuhr, accompanied by C. O. Sawyer, formerly of Rushville, but now with the state department of agriculture, were in Alliance Saturday morning. These two men have been making a trip to this end of the state to stimulate interest in proper methods of cultivation for seed stock, as well as to encourage growers to grow seed that is worth certifying by the department.

According to Mr. Stuhr, the state department of agriculture has made a detailed study of the reason dry land potatoes are discriminated against by some commission men in the large centers, and is ready now with advice that will, if followed, make the dry land spuds the equal of those in any district, not only in propagating qualities, but in storage qualities. He suggests a method of handling the stock that will do away with the complaints that have come in, and has gone even farther by suggesting that Alliance business men co-operate with the growers in the establishment of a community potato cellar, which will not only result in increasing prices and profits for the growers, but which will indirectly benefit every business man in the city.

Col. L. E. Bliss some weeks ago, in a talk to the Lions club, advocated a community spud storage warehouse, and told of the immense benefit it would be to this district. Mr. Stuhr goes into more details as to the necessity for such a warehouse.

## Storing Qualities Lacking.

The state department of agriculture, Mr. Stuhr says, has received some complaints that dry land potatoes do not store well. It thereupon sent out a questionnaire to commission men and others in the principal markets where Box Butte potatoes are sold and held, and discovered that this complaint was general against the dry land spuds. They do not store as well as the potatoes from Minnesota and other regions.

The reasons for this, according to Secretary Stuhr, are that the growers have not selected the best seed; that they have not planted on the best land; nor used the best methods of cultivation, and last, but by no means least, have not used improved methods of handling both before and after harvest.

The state department sifted these complaints and discovered that the most kicks on the quality of spuds sold for table stock came from Hemingford, Gordon and one or two other western Nebraska towns in the dry land district. Several lots shipped from these places developed dry rot. This, the spud authorities say, is largely due to improper methods of handling, and can be entirely eliminated if proper precautions are observed.

Mr. Stuhr declares that practically all of the causes underlying these complaints can be eliminated if the growers desire to do so and will work earnestly to that end. This is about the season when it is time to seed for a new crop, and Mr. Stuhr advocates that growers use every effort to use the best seed, the best land, the best methods of cultivation, and more careful methods of handling before and after harvest and especially in shipping. Potatoes should not be shipped in bulk, he declares, for the reason that it entails too much handling and unnecessary injury. He advises that crates be used in the field during harvest.

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## Colored Woman Asks Police to Help Find Sister

Chief of Police C. W. Jeffers yesterday received a letter from Mrs. Lottie Grant Watson, 2910 Glenarm street, Denver, Col., asking the Alliance police to assist in locating her sister, Myrtle Grant, colored, who is believed to have come to Alliance about a month ago. Myrtle Grant is accompanied by a two-year-old daughter. The police are now making inquiries.

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## ANNUAL DINNER OF G. OF C. ON THURSDAY EVE

### TO BE HELD AT THE NEW METH- ODIST CHURCH GYM.

#### Chancellor Avery of State University and John M. Flannigan Invited to Be Speakers.

The annual dinner and election of officers of the Alliance chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday evening of this week at the gymnasium of the new Methodist church. The dinner was originally set for March 6, but it was found necessary to postpone the date. This time it is expected that nothing will occur to necessitate a change in the plans.

The program committee, consisting of J. S. Rhein and Earl D. Mallory, are planning a most interesting program for the event. Invitations have been issued to Chancellor Samuel Avery of the University of Nebraska, and John M. Flannigan, head of the war finance corporation of Nebraska, to make the principal talks at the meeting. John P. Mann's orchestra will furnish music during the evening.

The annual dinner will be held at 6:30 p. m. Thursday, March 23, and each member is expected to bring his wife or another guest. A large crowd of from 150 to 200 is expected, the advance sale of tickets being much heavier than on former occasions. The program is so good that it is expected that very few persons eligible to attend will turn up missing on Thursday evening.

Following the dinner, the annual election of directors will be held. The directors this year adopted a new plan for nominations, printing a ballot in the Alliance newspapers and asking members to sign in their nominations. The innovation, while acknowledged to be a very good one, has not met with much favor from the members, for very few nominations have been turned in. It is probable therefore that the old system of making nominations will be followed.

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained from the committee or from the secretary. The ticket committee members are Floyd Lucas, True Miller, Howard Reddish and N. A. Kemmish. Tickets may be had from these until Wednesday evening. If there are any with whom it is absolutely impossible to obtain tickets until the time of the banquet, they may be allowed to get them at this time. This accommodation can be made to only a very limited number.

## Prize Winners in Contest of B & B Electric Shoe Shop

The prize winners in the contest staged by the B. & B. Electric shoe shop, which concluded Saturday, were: First, H. W. Smith; second, Lenora Curtis; third, Mrs. L. F. Fasket. The prizes consisted of baskets of groceries. The winner of the first prize has already claimed it, and the second and third prize winners are asked to come forward and claim their reward.

## Newberry's Has Most Interesting Window Display

Newberry's Hardware company has a novel window display that is attracting considerable attention from passers-by this week. It is a mechanical affair, and fairly complicated. The display shows in a very interesting way the products of the cow and the people who use it. There is a good-sized bossie cow eating hay while milking is going on, and the milk flows out of the pail to the creamery, where it comes out in the form of butter, ice cream, Eskimo pie and other dainties and comestibles. W. E. Spencer of the Alliance Creamery company received the display and turned it over to Newberry's.

## County Welfare Meeting Was Held Monday Morning

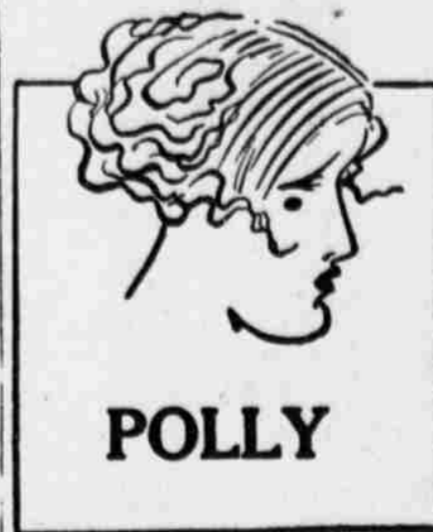
The county welfare meeting held Monday morning at the court house was well attended, quite a number coming from Hemingford.

The plan of the county welfare is to work with other organizations in finding out if our senators and state representatives in congress and state legislature are helping to pass laws for the betterment of our state and country.

Prospective candidates will be interviewed and sent questionnaires to answer before the primary, which will be held in public.

Heretofore many voted for candidates simply knowing their name or politics, but in the future politicians to be elected will have a record that is popular with the intelligent voter rather than the political bosses.

The next meeting will be held in Hemingford in April.—Contributed.



### POLLY

That fascinating American beauty who is always first with fashion's latest.

#### The Star of "POLLY AND HER PALS"

Watch for this feature page in The Herald's new four-page comic section, to start Friday, April 14.

## GADDIS SAYS NEVER ASKED TO VIEW ROUTE

### MORRILL COUNTY BOARD NEVER MENTIONED G-P-C

#### Oskosh News Is Feeling Somewhat Kindlier Toward the Di- vision Engineer

The Garden County News, in its last issue, gives the results of an interview with Division Engineer A. M. Gaddis, in charge of state road building for this district. Some of the G-P-C supporters have felt that Mr. Gaddis was rather more friendly to the North Star route than its rival, and a few of them have not been backward about saying so. Friends of the G-P-C will be interested in the statement of Mr. Gaddis' position. The News says:

"While attending the Park-to-Park highway meeting at Scottsbluff Monday the representatives from this city had the pleasure of talking with Engineer Gaddis, of the state department of public works. Our boys found him to be a mighty pleasant young gentleman and received the impression that he is a fair-minded man and has no intention of being other than impartial on road matters. He said that he had never been asked by the county board of Morrill county to view the route of the G-P-C highway, but had just recently been requested by Commissioner Draper to go over it with him. Proper representations were made to Mr. Gaddis of the feasibility of connecting three county seat towns with practically the same expense as it would take to connect two of them and while Mr. Gaddis feels that the county commissioners will have to take the responsibility of naming the line of travel through their county, that the proposed routing of both north and south roads to Alliance together was one that should be carefully considered.

## Route Sure to Go Through.

"On the other hand Mr. Gaddis received assurance from our representatives that the G-P-C highway was a working road right now; that it would be a national north and south route regardless of anything that the state department or their representatives should say about the state aid being tendered. And that is a fact that we want all to understand. This route is a settled one and, while a little state aid during the coming years would, of course, be welcome and really should be given it, the withholding of this assistance will not defeat the plans. Mr. Gaddis was shown the entire route of the G-P-C highway from the Gulf south to the Canadian line north and was somewhat surprised to know of the headway already made in this work.

"Unless we get a rude shock we are going to stand up for Mr. Gaddis and we believe that he is a young man worthy of our confidence and that he will, insofar as his authority goes, treat our interests in the G-P-C highway matter in a fair and honorable light, and that is all that we can, or would, ask of him."

The Oskosh News, in addition to giving Division Engineer Gaddis credit for a willingness to go over the G-P-C route, has the following comment on the latest routing of the North Star.

## Urges Track Road.

"The right-of-way for this road was given to the county, directly along the tracks, the only requests to be made long the entire road between here and Northport, was that one or two places the owners of the land requested that the county must place a fence along their land where it butted the road. (Continued on Page 8.)

## ROACH AWARDED DECISION OVER BUD HAMILTON

### ACCIDENTAL BLOW LANDED BE- LOW THE BELT.

#### Mel Wyland an Easy Target for Young Papke—Main Bout Ends in the Third Round.

Chuck Roach of Denver, won from Bud Hamilton of Tulsa, Okl., on a foul in the third round of their scheduled ten-round match at the Roof Garden Saturday evening. Just before the end of the third round Hamilton drove a hard left into Roach's abdomen just below the belt on the right side. That the blow was purely accidental was maintained by both fighters, who showed themselves true sportsmen. Roach was carried from the ring and though unable to stand pleaded with his manager to return to the ring, as he was afraid the crowd "would think he was a quitter."

The fight up to the time of the accident was fast and a real battle. In the first round Roach easily led, forcing the fighting and landing a number of clean punches. The second round was a repetition of the first, Roach time and again rushing his opponent to the ropes and landing some hard punches to the face while Hamilton concentrated on an attack on the body.

In the third round Hamilton forced the fighting, although Roach still was able to connect cleanly, and Hamilton took more punishment than he gave. At the time Roach went down the men were fighting furiously in the middle of the ring.

The referee awarded the fight to Roach on the spot, but when informed by physicians that no mark could be found on him he postponed his decision until he examined the little scrapper. He then affirmed his decision, giving the bout definitely to Roach.

In the first preliminary, Dotson and O'Connor, both of Alliance, put on a three-round exhibition. O'Connor is a lightweight and aspires to greater laurels. Dotson outweighed his opponent about thirty pounds, and simply went in to put on an exhibition. The local boy shows possibilities with proper training, but as yet is very green. He has speed and a good punch for his size but, like all amateurs is weak in defense.

## Young Papke Scores a K. O.

In the semi-windup, the vast gulf between amateur and professional boxing was again demonstrated when Young Billy Papke of Denver knocked out Mel Wyland of Alliance after two minutes and 35 seconds of fighting. Wyland started off with a rush, and hit Papke with everything but the ring posts and water bucket, chasing him around the ring three times. The great difficulty, however, was that all the punches were harmlessly expended on Papke's head and shoulders and when this burst was through Wyland was in far worse shape than the Denverite, and wholly through his own efforts.

Papke then stepped up remarking, "Here it comes, boy," and counting one, two, three, he hit the local boy three times, a left to the jaw, a right to the heart and a right to the jaw. Thereupon Wyland promptly took a nap which continued for some time even after the count of ten had been reached.

The show as a whole pleased the crowd, who would rather see three rounds of such boxing as Roach and Hamilton put no than twenty of peccadillo stalling. There is some thought of bringing these two boys together again, and if this is done there is little doubt that they will draw a capacity house as all who saw this fight know what they can do.

## Another Democrat Comes Out for a County Office

The political pot has almost ceased the bubble the past week, but one stalwart democrat has come out into the open and tossed his hat into the ring. J. R. Lawrence filed for county commissioner last Saturday, seeking election from the Third district. He is the second democrat to date to file, although he had made his announcement some days before he filed. Sam Fink, who aspires to the democratic nomination for sheriff, is the other democrat. There are half a dozen republicans already out, however, and prospects are that there will be a full quota of candidates from each of the principal parties.

## Serious Fire at Holsten's Averted By Prompt Action

A burning mop nearly caused a serious fire at the Holsten drug store Saturday evening about 9 o'clock. The mop was in the back stairway and presumably caught fire from a carelessly thrown match. No damage was done, however, and the blaze was extinguished before the fire truck arrived.