A Trial Will Convince You

**Under Alliance National Bank** 



By FANNIE HURST

(Concluded in This Issue)

Miss Fink receded into the impressionistic mood of night, her pink chifon scarf drooped from her shoulders

"Oh, dear!" she sighed twice, leaned backward and let her hands fall limp along the arms of her chair. Her sighs trembled for a moment and died. "What's the matter, little sister?"

"Well, girlie-it-it's all over but the

shoutin', ain't it?" "All over. I'm leaving on the 8:45 and you on the noon, ain't you?"

"The twelve thirty-"It's been a swell ten days. Gee, and I thought I wasn't going to like it

out here.' "I-I just don't know what the place rould have been without you, Miss Birdie. Just the life of things, you

"A swell ten days it's been and you've been fine and dandy to me, too. But say, won't little old Noo York look good! I ain't heard a honk-honk and

watch your step' and 'step lively' for so long I'll be mistaking the Times building for a tall pine when I get

"Heigh-ho-such is life," said Mr. Prokes, "such is life!" "Ain't It so!"

"We meet and we pass on—we meet and we pass on. Monday morning. little sister, I'll be waking up to the six o'clock chimes of the First Presbyterian and the crowing of Bantam

"And I'll lay there listening to old Mary unlock the summer kitchen and after I bear her turning the windless to holse the water from the well I'll be gettin' up myself and-"

"I know the feelin'." "-and getting down to unlock the store just like there wasn't no little ster had come and sneaked into my eart out here in the pines."

"And I'll be trailin' my black charuse over a green velvet carpet and between sales swappin' manicures with the girls and daring Eddie the stock boy to wriggle his ears for us." "I wish you wasn't going back-I Just wish you wasn't, Miss Birdie."

"I got the two best reasons a girl could have. A dollar-sixty and a railroad ticket in my pocketbook and the forse Show advance display opening Monday morning, with me on the job selling the eight-hundred-dollar cloth of gold over Maisie's head or knowing the reason why not."

"I-I just think we ought-ought to teep you out here with us, little Birdle.

"Gee, wouldn't that be a cinch." "We ain't going to let you go, neither -that's all there is to it." "That's right, tease me along."

"If I wasn't afraid you'd brenk your ddes laffing. I'd say there just couldn't be a finer sight than you inin a white dress and no hat walking up High street about closing time, the way they do in our town on fine evenings. You in a white dress and no hat comin' down to meet-meet---

"You won't believe it, little Birdle, but way down underneath the city I think you got just a little Miami in your make-up, I do,'

"I-I ain't so stuck on the city; it's just stuck on me, like sticking plaster. Sometimes I-I hate it."

"I don't want you to go back there to stay, Birdie, I'm comin' on my September trip and bring you back home with me, that's what I am. I ain't go-Ing to let the city get its big sooty hands on you again, that's what I ain't. Little sister, you know what I-what

Mr. Prokes leaned toward Miss Fink so that his shirt front bulged outward with the swell of a pouter pigeon. His heart blood buzzed in his brain-danced behind his eyes and confused his vision.

"Birdie, I-"One-two-three-four-five-sixseven-eight-nine-ten-eleven! Hurrah! Hurrah!"

"It's the bust up, dearle. I gottaotta go pass the lovin' cup, little Birdle. You just-just wait for me, I -want to say-I-

"Hurrab-hurrah-the cup! ! ! !" "Comin'-comin'-wait here for me, little sister. Comin', boys, comin'."

turned the corner of the ell, so slim, so svelte, that he was a black silhouette against black; a disembodied hands and face and shirt front floatlog in an aura of bay rum.

"Birdle-that you? Gee, where you been hiding yourself? I've been on a regular man bunt since I came up from the station. You ain't sick, are you, sitting out here alone with the high priest stuff going on inside,"

"Gilly !" "That's me!"

"Whatta you know about that? you're a whole day ahead of yourself."
"Chicago didn't have no strings on my heart-kiddo!"

"Freshle!" "Well, kiddo-guess!" She leaned forward, her hair like

ipe corn in starlight. "Gee, Gilly, you landed it!" "Forty a week and three shifts, Morning Glory-ain't bad for your

Uncle Fuller, is it? If I'd a hit old Kelly for fifty he'd come over with it, too-forty a week and morning duty -eh, kiddo?"

"It's swell, Gilly-just grand!" He rubbed his palms together as if they were lubricated with the sweet oll of success, twirled thrice on his heels and swung himself perilously atop the veranda rail, his legs twined through the palings and teetering back and forward to maintain a balance. "It's all in knowin' how, kiddo-I

knew what I was doing when I took the jump to Chicago."

"You bet you did!" "Any other fellow wouldn't have followed it up the way I did, taking a chance on my job and hiking off to Chicago like I wasn't on the hotel payroll-that's me every time; let me set my heart on a thing and it's mine !" "Say, won't it be swell to have a friend working at the New McPhee-

ters? Won't you hit the high places, "Will I-a taxi for me the minute strike the asphalt, with my back to the meter and a green carnation in my buttonhole!"

"I'll call you up the same night, too, Cleepatry-a little supper-theater and Broadway after eleven, with the lights so white you'll need a sunshade, and every bonk and squawk and clarion in town working overtime. Oh,

gee, kiddo, I'm going back home!" Mr. Gilly tossed his head until the mane of his hair fell over his eyes, ty-cent alarm clock and a ash can moment, and swying to his balance.

"Watch out, Gilly. You'll go over!" "Let's go out on the lake-gee, this place gets on my noives-let's dodge the jays-I ain't been so excited since I had the measles,"

Down the steps together, lightly and abreast, and out on the sloping beach, with the white sand sparkling to the moon and the lake rocking gently.

"Say, I guess you ain't some little peacherino yourself tonight-pink rose in your hair, and say-where'd you get them little pink bows on your sleeves? Ding! Dong!-ice water and towels

"Quit, Freshle! Look, you untied

"Lemme tie it!" "Gowann." "Quit!"

"Did you miss me, Morning Gloryhuh?-did you?"

"Oh, I don't know -la-la!" "Hear her sassin' me like my name wasn't McPheeters."

"Listen-listen, will you, to what they're playin' up there at the Sundayschool dance. Say, are my ears kidding me?"

"Oh-h-h, it's the Teasing Tango! I dared little Reddy to play it tonight. He's playing it for me; can you beat

"Come on, kiddo!" They sprung into each other's arms like fire horses into traces. Sand flew from under their feet. Their bodies were lax and matched to a syncopated rhythm that carried them down the moonlit beach, and their sand-sprayed feet rapid and yet more

"Kiddo," he said, holding her close and looking down into her eyes. Gilly. You sure are some little

He held her suddenly closer, so that the breath jumped out of her throat in a litle gasp and the pink bud flut-

tered out of her hair. "On forty-a-week, Birdle, you and me-we could just go plumb dancing through life like this."

"Yes," she said, scant of breath. "Are you game, Morning Glory?" His lips were close to the warm

hemp of her hair. "Yes," she said, as in a dream, swaying down the silver sand with her upturned face bathed in the same sil-

"Birdle, birdle---

"Yes-Gilly-yes." "Whoop, kiddo! Say, that dip there was a beauty-that's the Singalese, ain't it; There now, Glory, dip again !"

Almost simultaneously Mr. Gilly loves and to the rhythm of her own the value of our farm lands by proper breathy humming:

Oh, that teasing—teasing—Tange, Swoop!—oh—how—it—makes brain—go, La—la—tra la—la—la-a-a la

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MRS. THOMAS TELLS RESULTS
OF PAST FIVE MONTHS

Accomplishments for Community Bet terment and Other Work of the Organization

Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary of the Alliance chamber of commerce, has submitted a report of the activi-ties of the organization since she took over the secretaryship on September 15, 1921. The annual meeting was held last night. Mrs. Thomas' report fol-

The Charity Organization. Probably the most important work accomplished by the chamber of com-merce during the past year has been that of the organization and operation of the Alliance Charity organization The serious lack of employment, combined with the congestion here in our city, caused the condition of affairs among the poor and needy to become so pressing that President Glen Miller of the chamber called together a number of the active charity workers. A permanent organization was formed at permanent organization was formed at this meeting, with Mrs. S. W. Thomp son as chairman and your secretary as

secretary. Since that time the work has pro-ceeded methodically, systematically and effectively, with the result that much suffering was alleviated and duplication of effort avoided. The charity organization has had on its hands an average of probably eight to twelve families during the winter and has given temporary aid to many others, as well as to individuals who needed only a little help. We are pleased to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of our board of county To Post M, T. P. A., and to the Al-liance Volunteer Fire department, is

due much credit for "putting over" the Charity ball at a time when funds were badly needed, replenishing our treasury for the balance of the winter. The energetic traveling men and valient firemen have our hearty thanks.

The financial report for the Charity as follows:

Received from individuals, and miscel-\$145.75 laneous Received from char-405.35 ity ball Expended to date for

supplies, fuel and incidental expenses. 273.39 - 278.39

Balance on hand been donated and distributed. with this work that your secretary was made a Probation Officer by County Judge I. E. Tash, in order that some matters might be better handled

Weekly Chamber Luncheons. Much of the interest manifested in recent months in the work of the chamber of commerce has undoubtedly been due to the enthusiasm generated at the weekly home-cooked luncheons

which have now become an established institution. The attendance at these luncheons, which are served cafeteria style at the chamber rooms, ranges from fourteen to forty, with an average of about thirty members and visiters present. The nominal charge of fifty cents is made per plate, which pays the expense for foodstuffs and the hire of the expert colored ladies who do the cooking. The attendance at these luncheons

should be greater. from fifty to sixty or eighty of our an excellent showing was made and noon. It has ben suggested that the evening be tried and this might be well responsible for the success of worth testing out.

Potato Improvement Association. The subject of most importance to "Gee, home was never like this that of growing seed potatoes. A delecommerce visited the annual convenment association at Scottsbluff last December and on their invitation, backed by a large number of telegrams from Alliance business institutions, the next convention was assigned to this city, to be held in De-

cember, 1922. H. O. Werner of Lincoln, secretary of that association, has already visited and Missouri points, Allance several times in connection with the preliminary preparations for this convention, and he has the cooperation of a live committee ap-pointed to work with him during the year from this chamber. It is essential, as Mr. Werner has already pointed out, that proper prizes be offered in rates, for exhibits at the coming convention. The A and that much personal effort be expended in getting our potato growers city manager, N. A. Kemmish, immedi interested sufficiently to start preparately took steps to contest this appli He looked down at her—the grilling glance of Apollo burning through the diffident lids of a captured Daphne.

She relaxed eyer his supporting arm like a lily that sways in a breeze it added to our yearly production and to Lincoln, at which this chamber was

Free Employment Bureau.

The free employment bureau main-

After several months of wandering in what seemed to be an almost hope-less tangle in the road situation, our energetic and capable road committee few weeks ago suddenly found themselves gazing down a broad avenue of rosy plans and with the co-operation of those whose help is needed in order to complete the system of roads which will prove beneficial in the future.

our city and county needs.

The problem that needs the most at tention during this coming year from the chamber of commerce is the road problem. The road to Chadron north-ward from Alliance is completed and opens a good highway to the Black Hills. The county commissioners o Box Butte county have approved th-railroad route for a highway towards Crawford. Bridgeport, Oshkosh and Broadwater on the south are all anxi-ous to get to us with a good road but ous to get to us with a good road but the Morrill county road situation is so tangled up that there is danger of an attempt being made to throw the

tourist travel on westward. The towns east along the Potash highway, especially those in the sandhills districts, are clamoring for aid in pushing this highway through to complet on this year. Broken Bow, Grand Island and the smaller towns are ready to follow our lead if Alliance will go ahead.

Publicity Helps Alliance

During recent months we have co-operated most strongly with the daily newspaper correspondents in Alliance in a campaign of persistent, systema-tic, enlightening publicity through the news columns of the papers they rep-resent, with the result that we believe we will not be contradicted when we say that our little city is the best known and most widely advertised town of its size in the United States. self You may not realize it, but this vertising has placed our town by itself in a different class than the ordinary town of five thousand people. And it has created a demand among newspaper readers for continuous news from Alliance, with the result that she receives on an average of not less than twenty inches of newspaper news space per day, in the aggregate, in the metropolitan papers.

It is regrettable that our chamber

of commerce is not in position to take the full advantage of this situation. The opportunity is undoubtedly here for doubling the population of our own within the next five years-not by bringing in new stores and shops, for we already are plentifully sup-plied with them, but by bringing in the settlers needed to farm the valuable idle lands lying adjacent to our borders. A systematic, intelligently directed campaign at this time would 278.39 aundoubtedly result in a great ingress of desirable settlers. In connection with this it would be well to consider the financing of owners of vacant lands In addition to the money received, a who are unable to construct the build large amount of clothing, groceries, ings needed to make farms of their chickens and other food and fuel has idle lands. It is estimated that there are today in Box Butte county at least might be well to state in connection twenty-five thrifty, experienced farmers looking for places to farm this

Weather Bureau Contemplated.

Your chamber of commerce, on learning last fall that the officals of in his court which came to our attenthe United States weather bureau would approve the establishment of a permanent station at Alliance, with a paid observer, took immediate steps to get action, enlisting the aid of representatives in congress, with the result that we have their promise that the matter will come up in the next annual appropriation bill and there is a chance for its establishment. This would mean an annual expenditure of about \$7,000 for the station here.

Perfect Package Month. The month of November, 1921, was designated as "Perfect Package Month" by the carriers of the country Your chamber acted as headquarters for Alliance and Box Butte county, rethese luncheons ports being handled through your sec-We should have retary. We are pleased to report that ousiness men present each Monday that the interest shown by S. H. Cole Burlington agent here, was largely

The always important question of freight rates and adjustments has western Nebraska today, and especial- been handled in good shape during the by to Box Butte county, is undoubtedly past year by your traffic committee, that of growing seed potatoes. A deleof the most important actions in this regard was the retaining of Dale P. tion of the Nebraska Potato Improve- Stough, of the Midwest Commerce-Traffic Bureau of Grand Island, for the purpose of representing Alliance and the shippers of live stock in its territory in the case now before the Interstate Commerce commission involving an alleged discrimnation Burlington shippers in live stock charges to Omaha, Lincoln and Kansas

> Contesting Telephone Rates. Several months ago the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, owner of the Alliance and other Nebraska ex-

changes, requested the Nebraska State Railway commission to allow it to make an upward permanent revision The Alliance chamber of commerce acting in conjunction with our capable

represented by Attorney Penrose E. part in the weekly luncheons; Mitchell, Romig, who with Mr. Kemmish also Nebraska, has an average of from 40 attended a hearing at Omaha in Janu- to 50 farmers with them once each ary. The matter is still in status quo week at their luncheons, and the 10 per cent surcharge allowed I would also recommen tained by the chamber of commerce has been active, and has placed a large number of people in positions. The chief problem during the past year has

As you are undoubtedly well aware, the annual race meeting of last June was a success from the standpoint of entertainment but a failure from the standpoint of attendance and finances.

We are firmly convinced that Alli-ance should prove itself a hostess one or more times per year at some kind of a celebration or home-coming. Perhaps a county fair, with prizes for farm products, poultry and stock, would prove successful, with much less expense. The Harvest Home festival of last fall was an eye-opener as to now open, just west of the Model Mar-what can be accomplished at small ex-pense in this line, if not practiced too solicits old and new nations

Financial Statement.

From September 15, 1921 to March 22, 1922:

Received from dues, luncheons and miscellaneous sources\_\$2,830.63 Received from refund of federal taxes illegally collected \_\_\_

- - - \$3,650.46 Total Expended for current expenses, including salaries, rents, luncheon expense, Paid on race meet indebted-

ness and prior obligations \_\_ 1,351.61

Balance on hand this date, \$1,088.66. Recommendations for Coming Year. My remommendations for the coming year are based on experience dur-ing the past months and a study of the needs of Alliance. Our town, in order to hold its place, must continue to have an active, live chamber of com-merce, well-financed and with a mempership roster showing the name of every business and professional man within its borders. For the chamber of comerce is the channel through which the live wires of our city direct their efforts of construction and addi-

I would recommend that your secre-tary for the coming year be so re-munerated and equipped that he or she could spend their entire time during business hours at the office of the

I would recommend that the roads leading to Alliance in all directions be carefully and systematically re-marked throughout this territory. Your secretary could do this work in good weather. I would recommend that special attention and time be given to the tourists who visit our city and that the secretary, his assistant or someone else appointed for the purpose, visit the tourist camp at least once each day for the object of showing our visitors that we are interested in them.

I would also recommend that more attention be given to the interesting of our farmers and stockmen in our local affairs and that they be urged and encouraged to attend and take

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Better Highways in Sight.

Annual Race Meeting.

pending the decision of the commission, which has fixed Monday, April 17, at its offices at Lincoln, as the time and place for final hearing on the application.

tense and accurately illustrated booklet, describing Alliance and Box Butter county, for distribution broadcast. We have been receiving dozens of inquiries about our town and county which we have answered fully and the senders have been sent circulars of the virtual of the positions. ers have been sent circulars of the vintage of 1921 or previous.

And last but not least, I wish to state that the results achieved by the Alliance chamber of commerce during the past months have been due only in a small part to my efforts. I feel that the credit belongs chiefly to the intensely-interested, unselfish efforts of the president and his able board of directors during the past year, and to the loyal members in the ranks who have so unselfishly donated their time and efforts towards making this organization the peer of commercial or-ganizations in western Nebraska.

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36c

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51c

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51c

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