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RAILROAD AND COMMUNITY ARE INTERDEPENDENT

SUPT. F. G. GURLEY TALKS TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Alliance to Celebrate Fourth With Old-Fashioned Program, With Everything Free.

Supt. Fred G. Gurley of the Alliance division of the Burlington was one of the principal speakers at the Monday luncheon of the Alliance chamber of commerce. Mr. Gurley, superintendent of the Burlington, extended the invitation of General Superintendent A. G. Smart, extended at the last meeting, to the business men to make a tour of inspection of the Burlington plant here and get acquainted.

Mr. Gurley complimented his superior by saying that he was in the position of a private telling General Pershing how to win the war, but succeeded, nevertheless, in making a most interesting address on the relation of the railroad to the community and their mutual interdependence.

There is nothing mysterious about the railroad business, Mr. Gurley said. The railroads of the country are now being operated on a business basis. They furnish the essential link between the consumer and the manufacturer. He illustrated this by referring to the days when every community had to possess manufacturers of all essential lines, and told how the coming of the railroads had enabled manufacturers to branch out and supply a much larger area with their goods, and also how this had benefited the consumers. The railroads do much to maintain the United States, he declared, and on the other hand, without the support of the people, the railroads are unable to accomplish anything.

In responding Mr. Smart's invitation, he urged that business men get acquainted with the railroads and their problems. He thought that a bit more of mutual understanding would work wonders. He gave the men present some idea of the enormous difficulties that the railroads meet in every-day maintenance, illustrating by the Missouri river divisions, which he said are the worst in the world, due to the river's annoying habit of changing its course.

To Celebrate the Fourth.

After some discussion, the members of the chamber of commerce endorsed the report of the special committee which last Wednesday met to consider plans for a Fourth of July celebration here. The committee decided that this year there would be a departure from the custom of later years, and that instead of carnivals and outside amusements of one sort and another, there would be a program of free entertainment for the visitors. Among the features under consideration are a barbecue and a roundup, with prizes for various competitions among ranchers in this territory, and all entertainments will be free.

An effort will be made to have nearby communities and towns join in with Alliance, and not stage competing celebrations. T. J. Lawrence of the Fairview neighborhood, who was present, said that Fairview as yet has made no plans for a celebration, and that while he could not speak for the nearby towns, he was satisfied that the different community centers would not enter into competition.

A special committee to have in charge the Fourth of July celebration will probably be appointed within the next few days. Under the plan adopted, some \$1,500 or more will have to be raised to defray the expense of the undertaking, but it is thought this will present no great difficulty.

McCorkle Tells of Trip.

J. C. McCorkle of the Nebraska Land company gave an account of his recent trip. He started out alone in his car, he said, in order that there would be no witnesses to contradict any stories he might tell on his return. He confined his remarks largely to roads over which he had gone and the effect of bad roads on the gasoline consumption.

The first lap of the trip was made over the Potash highway from Alliance to Grand Island, a distance of 334 miles. This required twenty-one gallons of gasoline, an average of about 16 miles to the gallon. The Potash highway, he said, is in pretty fair condition, with the exception of a stretch of sixteen miles from Ellsworth to Bingham. It was slow and difficult going here, but by small detours and good luck he made it. On the return trip, he went from Grand Island to Broadwater, making the 348 miles on fifteen gallons of gasoline, an average of twenty-five miles and better to the gallon. On the trip from Broadwater to Alliance, however, he found a stretch of road just a few rods in length that was impassable, and necessitated a detour of fifteen miles. Some portion of the road was in such condition that low speed was necessary.

Mr. McCorkle, however, was satisfied from the figures obtained on gas consumption that the G-P-C highway is destined to be the best route, and urged that the local chamber of commerce work harder on his project. It was suggested that Broadwater

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"Clarence," Senior Class Play Was Presented Friday

"Clarence," the senior class play was presented to a large audience at the Imperial theatre Friday evening. The play was greatly enjoyed, and made one of the biggest hits of any amateur play ever put on in Alliance. The play, which was by Booth Tarkington, is clever from start to finish, being full of humorous situations all the way through. The places of the juvenile members of the cast, taken by Josephine Wright and Edward Morrow were particularly full of humor for which Booth Tarkington is famous. Rowland Threlkeld and Mariellen Beagle, the leading man and lady were particularly good, being no disappointment to those who have seen them before. Clarence Ralls made an excellent villain, gaining the hatred of the audience without the slightest trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, taken by Harold Clark and Leota Becker, played through their rather remarkable joys and sorrows in masterly manner. The play, which was put on after the regular picture, ran until rather late, but was interesting enough to hold the attention of the audience until the last curtain.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION.

County Commissioners Duncan and Hashman started this morning to hold the regular May meeting of the county board. Commissioner Carrell will not be present on this occasion, it is said. There is nothing but routine business matters to be disposed of, and the session should be over within a few days.

THE HEMINGFORD WOMAN'S CLUB IDEA SPREADS

STAND ON ARBUCKLE FILMS MEETS WITH APPROVAL.

National Headquarters Approves Resolution and Is Using it in Argument With Producers.

The members of the Hemingford Women's club are feeling greatly pleased over the reception by the national headquarters in New York city of their resolution, passed a few weeks ago, which bound the members of the club not to sit through any movie program containing a Fatty Arbuckle film. Mrs. E. E. Ford, an officer of the Hemingford club, has received the following letter from Mrs. Woodallen Chapman, chairman of the committee on community service in motion pictures. Mrs. Chapman writes:

"I am much interested in your letter of recent date. I sent a letter to the president of the producing company protesting in the name of the federation against the showing of Arbuckle films, and giving my most convincing reasons why these films should not be shown. I wrote a similar letter to Mr. Hays, telling him why the federation felt that his ban on Arbuckle films should be made permanent. How much effect these letters will have I do not know. However, your suggestion as to a resolution binding the women never to sit through an Arbuckle film strikes me as a very effective way of convincing the producers that we mean what we say, and I shall have such a resolution drawn and presented at the biennial convention."

Hemingford Started Something.

There is little question that the action of the Hemingford women seems to have started something that is a long way from finished as yet. Arbuckle believed that his acquittal at the hands of a jury was all that stood between him and prosperity, but Will Hays, czar of the movies, exploded a bomb under his chair when he informed the fat comedian that until further notice, he was barred from acting for the films and that no releases would be made. Mrs. Arbuckle recently visited friends in Omaha, and announced that neither she nor her husband could understand why he was discriminated against. She gave it as her opinion, however, that the action was only temporary, and that the bars would be lifted before long.

Mrs. Arbuckle's hopes seem in a fair way to be realized, according to the latest movie gossip. The rumor is that after six months have expired, and the public has had an opportunity to forget, his films will be released for a tryout. Here's where the action of the Hemingford club and other women's clubs who have followed the suggestion will have an opportunity to be felt. Apparently, national headquarters recognizes the merit in the Hemingford way of doing things, and if they will follow it up, there is little likelihood that Arbuckle will ever get back to his former soft snap.

SACRED CONCERT TOMORROW NIGHT

You are invited to the Sacred Concert at the Baptist church tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. Admission free, but a free will offering will be taken. Everybody welcome.

LAST OBSTACLE FOR NORTH STAR OUT OF THE WAY

PERMISSION TO GO THROUGH HALL & GRAHAM RANCH

Nothing to Prevent Immediate Survey and Construction of "Missing Link"

After several months of argument, disagreement and efforts at compromise, nothing now stands in the way of the completion of the North Star highway between Bridgeport and Alliance. Up until a few weeks ago, the counties of Box Butte and Morrill were deadlocked over the routing of the road, Box Butte favoring a road along the Burlington tracks and Morrill county protesting that such a routing was a financial impossibility. Secretary Lloyd C. Thomas of the Alliance chamber of commerce and officials of the Bridgeport chamber of commerce, got the two sets of commissioners to agree on a compromise road as a temporary expedient, the understanding being that so soon as funds are available, the track road will be constructed. Both boards of commissioners passed the proper sets of resolutions, the state engineer's endorsement was secured, and but one thing stood in the way of an amicable adjustment of the disagreement.

The one thing was the attitude of Hall & Graham, who had announced they would fight any attempt to go through their ranch. Secretary Thomas undertook to arrive at an adjustment of this difficulty, and Friday mailed to S. S. Garvey, chairman of the Morrill county board of commissioners, the following letter from Hall & Graham:

Five-Year Right-of-Way.

"ALLIANCE, Nebraska, May 12.—Board of County Commissioners, Morrill County, Bridgeport, Nebraska. Gentlemen: I have today seen the road resolution passed and signed at Bridgeport on April 17, 1922, and signed by the officers of the Bridgeport chamber of commerce and by Mr. S. S. Garvey, chairman of your board. As you know, a large portion of the temporary road between Bonner and Letan will cross land owned by this company. As stated personally to Mr. Crownover and to members of your board, we are willing to give you an easement to cross our lands for the temporary road, as outlined, under the following conditions:

(1). The temporary road is to follow the line designated in the resolution through our lands as nearly as practicable, the understanding being that slight detours may be made where necessary, to avoid bad sand or other difficulties.

(2). You are to construct substantial automobile gates and maintain the same in good condition at such points as the said road shall go through our fences. You are to install "wagon" gates adjoining the said auto gates at all points for the convenience and use of teams.

(3). This easement is granted only for a period not to exceed five years and it is distinctly understood that we in no way convey the title to this land, used for road purposes, to the county of Morrill or to anyone else, but that the title to the same and possession of the same are to remain with us.

(4). It is understood that no fencing is to be done by anyone other than ourselves or our agents along the route of this road.

"We are heartily in sympathy with the good roads movement and trust that you will at once construct a passable, temporary road along the plans and route designated by the resolution mentioned. We write this letter solely for the purpose of making plain all points on which there might be a chance of a misunderstanding or dispute later, and in carrying out the work of constructing said temporary road, it is understood that you will in so doing accept these conditions. Respectfully yours,

"HALL & GRAHAM,

"By Eugene A. Hall."

Juvenile Court Has Found a Home for Miss Mildred Routh

County Judge Tash, who is also judge of the local juvenile court, has after considering the matter for several days, found a suitable home for Mildred Routh, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Routh, living near Letan. On complaint of the father, the girl was hailed into court some days ago, and Judge Tash was asked to appoint a suitable person or institution guardian for her. The father claimed that the daughter was incorrigible and disobedient, but the daughter declared that she was ill-treated at home.

Judge Tash has selected as the guardian Mrs. Fred. Trenkle, living eight miles south of Alliance, and the Routh girl is now in her new home. Mrs. Trenkle offered her a home with a room to herself, as well as a salary of \$5 per week. The girl was poorly dressed when in court, and was very anxious to go into the Trenkle home.

BALLOT FAVORS GIVING FORD CAR TO P. I. BEACH

SPECIAL VOTE OF MERCHANTS TAKEN SATURDAY.

Count Stands 24 to 21—Walker Will Probably Carry the Case Into the Courts.

So far as the committee in charge of the free Ford distribution is concerned, the matter is settled and the prize automobile is definitely awarded to Perley I. Beach, Burlington employe, who held the second number drawn. Calvin D. Walker, branch manager of the Reo garage of this city, who held the winning number and was ruled out because he was classed as a business man, is not at all certain that the incident is closed. He has been advised by attorneys that the courts will look favorably upon his claim, and is inclined to test the matter further with the aid of bench and bar.

The incident is unfortunate, from the standpoint of the merchants who offered the car as an attraction for the annual auto show. Tickets were distributed free with sales of merchandise and payments on account. The rules for the competition were not explicit, but it was generally understood that business men would be barred from winning the car. Mr. Walker secured the winning ticket with the purchase of some coal from the Dierks Lumber company, and urged that he was not, strictly speaking, a business man, but a salaried employe with a status quite similar to that of Mr. Beach, second in the list and rival claimant for the car.

The decision has been held up for several days, pending attempts at an amicable settlement. There were forty-eight merchants who participated in the distribution of free tickets. Mr. Walker's employers not being among them. It was suggested by Mr. Walker that the decision be left to a majority of the merchants. A paper was circulated by Mr. Walker, and he secured twenty-four signatures of merchants who stated that they believed him entitled to the car. This number was just one short of a majority.

A second attempt was made to arrive at a decision last Saturday, when a special ballot of the participating merchants was taken. One man of the forty-eight, Ted Fielding, whose shop burned during the periods tickets were distributed, was ruled out, and the remaining forty-seven were asked to cast a secret ballot for either Walker or Beach.

Vote Favors Beach.

When the ballots were counted Saturday evening, it was found that twenty-four of the forty-seven merchants had voted in favor giving Beach the automobile. One of Mr. Walker's supporters was ruled out, and his total vote was twenty-one, showing that some of those who had signed his petition had experienced a change of heart. There were two ballots that were blank. The men who cast them had written the word "blank" upon them, in order to show that they didn't care to express an opinion.

One of these firms, it is understood, had been in favor of balloting, but argued that the way to take a ballot was according to the number of tickets purchased, making a sort of "stockholders' meeting" of it. This procedure was not followed, however, and each merchant was allowed one vote.

The vote of 24 to 21 was sufficient basis for the committee to award the car to Beach, it is announced.

But Mr. Walker is not certain as to just what course he will take. "I have a signed statement from twenty-four merchants who say that they believe I am entitled to the car," Mr. Walker told a Herald reporter this morning. "The vote in favor of Beach shows that he has but twenty-four supporters. I hold the winning ticket. It seems to me that I have a fighting chance if the case is taken to court, and unless I change my mind, which I have no present intention of doing, I shall follow the advice of my attorneys and friends who have urged me to go the limit."

Lee Basye Files for Nomination for County Attorney

The first political development in several weeks occurred this morning, when County Attorney Lee Basye filed for the republican nomination for the office he is now holding. If there is a democratic aspirant for the office, he has not yet made his desires known to the public. Several other candidates have been suggested by friends, but not one has come into the open.

Mr. Basye has been undecided for several weeks, hovering between several offices, but his friends finally persuaded him to have another try at his old office rather than seeking new worlds to conquer. He is conceded to be a strong candidate, even though the full strength of the opposition is not known.

A. P. Gordon of Hemingford this afternoon filed as a democratic candidate for state representative. He was accompanied by Rev. B. J. Minor.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Fair to-night and Wednesday; slightly warmer tonight in the western portion of the state.

Alliance Defeats Berea Sunday in Practice Game

The Alliance baseball team defeated Berea Sunday in a practice game, 13 to 6, in seven innings. The game was featured by home runs, Alliance getting four, and Berea one. Griffis, Slattery, Fenning and Garvin clouted the ball for four bases for Alliance, while P. McDonald of Berea also got a circuit swat. At the end of the sixth inning the score was 6 to 3 in favor of the Berea pastimers, but in the seventh inning Alliance went wild and put over ten runs. The game was then called because of the cold, and because of darkness.

Garvin, high school athlete, who played left field, played a good game, and will make a strong bid for a regular berth. The Berea team, one of the leaders in the county league, had an off Sunday because of a forfeit by their opponents. This left them free to play a practice game with the locals.

The next game for Alliance will be with Minatare here next Sunday, May 21. The Minatare team is always strong and this will undoubtedly be a real battle. This game will be at the Fairgrounds and will be called at 3 p. m. It should draw a good crowd, as Alliance undoubtedly has a strong team and it deserves some good support.

ALLIANCE MEN ARE ENTERTAINED AT HEMINGFORD

JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Hatchet Buried and Mutual Promises of Co-operation and Friendship Made

In response to an invitation of the Hemingford chamber of commerce, which has just recently organized, five auto loads of Alliance men, practically all of whom were members of the Alliance chamber, left this city at 7 o'clock Friday evening. The trip was made via the "Hashman road," which was found to be in excellent condition for practically the entire length. On arrival in Hemingford, the Alliance men were greeted very cordially by A. M. Vance, president; M. C. Hurd, secretary; and other members of the Hemingford chamber. The meeting was held in the American Legion hall, which was well filled.

President Vance presided and after the routine business was transacted, called on the entire Alliance delegation and a number from Hemingford for short talks. The Alliance men were asked to make suggestions in their talks for the conduct and operation of the Hemingford organization. The speakers included the following:

George M. Jenkins of Hemingford, who welcomed the Alliance men, and thanked them for their visit. He stated that the Hemingford organization was the first of its nature since 1918. In closing he urged that all work for "a greater Alliance, greater Hemingford, greater Box Butte county and greater western Nebraska."

True Miller, president of the Alliance chamber, responded to Mr. Jenkins with a short and timely talk, stating that he believed it an excellent idea for members of the two chambers and citizens of the two towns to "rub shoulders."

Incidents of Early Days

Mayor R. M. Hampton of Alliance stated that he had lived in Box Butte county since the year 1885 and that there were many things about those days that he did not want to forget. He told some interesting incidents of the days when Hemingford was first started, before the advent of the railroad and before Alliance was thought of. His homestead "pre-emption" was three miles northeast of the site of Hemingford. Mr. Hampton stated that he is opposed to "tenantry" and that the country which builds the best is the one where the farmer owns his farm. Land should be priced according to what it produces. Mr. Hampton endorsed the weekly luncheon plan stating that it was a fine thing for

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Open Bids Friday For Addition to St. Agnes Academy

Announcement is made that on Friday of this week, bids will be opened for the construction of the new \$75,000 addition to St. Agnes academy in this city. To date, sealed bids have been received from firms in Omaha, Lincoln, Central City, Macy, Hay Springs and Sioux City, Ia., and it is probable that there will be a large gathering of hopeful contractors on hand Friday, when the bids are opened.

NINE YOUTHS CHARGED WITH INTOXICATION

CITY BASTILE MUCH CROWDED OVER SUNDAY.

Quartet Drew Fines Monday Morning, and Others Will Face Judge L. A. Berry Friday.

The minions of the law spent a busy evening Saturday, arresting nine men, four of whom have been tried and the other five being released on their own recognizance for appearance Friday. The four who have been tried are Virgil Abar, Boyd Parsons, Marvin Westbrook and Clark Lewis. All pleaded not guilty but Abar, Westbrook and Lewis were each fined \$50 and costs each, while Parsons, who offered to tell where he got the liquor, was fined \$10 and costs.

The four were arrested at Kastner's barn dance last Saturday by Leopold Kastner, proprietor of the place, and were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and with resisting an officer, as Kastner, who is a deputy sheriff, claims that he had considerable trouble in bringing the quartet to town.

The trouble is said to have started when young Westbrook, while on the dance floor, took off his coat and offered to lick any and everyone in the hall. Hostilities were postponed, however, until Westbrook and his companions went downstairs, where Westbrook and another boy proceeded to do battle. No great damage was done, as neither of the combatants was steady enough to do any damage. Mr. Kastner called on some of the spectators and the four were taken to town in a truck. They were lodged in the city jail until Monday morning. Parsons paid his fine at the hearing and was released.

Westbrook and Abar also paid their fines, while Lewis was taken to the county jail. He will be held there until his fine is paid or the time spent in jail will allow his release. It is understood that his friends are working to raise the money for his release.

Another bunch was taken in by the officers, these being arrested by Chief Jeffers, Burlington Special Agent Martin and Night Policeman Stillwill, who noticed the rather peculiar actions of five young men who were in the alley back of Joe Smith's pool hall. The officers arrived just in time to see one of them, James Wimmer, tip a bottle to his lips. The bottle was dropped to the ground, but little of the evidence was spilled. The other four Lyle Rose, Lawrence Williams, Jim Roby and Tommy Howe, together with Wimmer, were taken to jail, and kept in the city bastille until Monday morning. Their hearing was set for Friday, as Judge Berry was leaving town and was unable to hear the case. About a cupful of pure white sugar whisky, of apparently good quality as bootleg whisky goes, was taken.

The jail, with the nine men in it was, to put it mildly, somewhat full, as the ordinary capacity of the bastille is only two. They were kept safely, if not comfortably until Monday.

Court Decides Against Fielding in Suit Saturday

Following a hearing in county court Saturday afternoon, County Judge Tash gave a judgment of \$190.40 and costs in favor of the Newberry Hardware company against Ted Fielding. The hardware company sued for \$205.40 for material and labor used in installing a steam pressing plant for Fielding. Mr. Fielding's defense was that the plant had not functioned properly; that when the steam condensed, it didn't return to the boiler, but came back to the pressing machine, where it spread over the pressing pads, the garments and the floor generally. Mr. Fielding claimed damages of \$312.20 by reason of being compelled to buy extra coal, loss of time and possible profits and earnings, as well as the unusual length of time getting his plant into operation. He asked for a judgment of \$106.90 after deducting the claim against him.

The evidence showed that the Newberry company was not the designers of the plant; that Fielding had bought the boiler and condenser and presser and had installed them himself; and that Newberry's had furnished the pipe, material and labor to connect them. The mechanic in charge told Mr. Fielding that he didn't believe that the plant could be operated successfully with the boiler on a level with the press, but thought the installation of a trap might solve the problem, although he wouldn't guarantee it. The building had no basement and the defendant said to go ahead.

Judge Tash ruled that Newberry's was not responsible for anything but defective workmanship, and were not liable for any fault or defect in the designing of the plant. Ed Brennan testified that had the trap been lowered eighteen inches, he thought it would have functioned properly, and the judge deducted from the total amount claimed the cost of lowering the trap.