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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Cemetery Fund Increased 45 Per Cent—Police and Public Welfare Departments.

City Manager N. A. Kemmish in this issue presents the second installment of his preliminary report of the accomplishments and economies during his first year in charge of the administration of the city of Alliance. In a previous report, the general operating expenses of the city were considered, which showed not only the largest cash balance on hand in years, but that the city had spent but 70 cents out of each dollar received. There was also included a preliminary statement of the affairs of the city water and light department.

In this issue, Mr. Kemmish takes up the cemetery, the public safety department and the department of public welfare. He gives his plan for building up a permanent cemetery fund which will allow for the hiring of a caretaker all the year around, and of the inherited tangle in finances that must be straightened out. The city manager also tells of law enforcement and give the actual conditions in the city during the past year, and the gradual improvement as shown by lessened numbers of law infractions. Finally, he takes up the work of the department of public welfare and tells what has been accomplished in furthering public health.

The report, of course, is only preliminary. Mr. Kemmish plans to make a detailed report, which will in all probability be published in pamphlet form within a month or two. City Clerk Kennedy is now working on a detailed statement for the water and light departments, and Mr. Kemmish is planning on a study of taxation in Alliance, which will be included in the report.

Mr. Kemmish's report follows:

Expenditures Low.

To the Citizens of Alliance: We herewith submit the following report of the activities of the city government for the year ending May 21, 1922:

The city business has been conducted carefully and in a business-like manner. As you will note in going over this report, our expenditures have been considerably below not only our estimate of expenses, but they have been also below the cost of previous years. We therefore submit this report in facts for your careful consideration.

We first take up the table of the operating expenses in connection with the city government. Next we have taken up the revenues and expenditures of the light and water department. Third, we take up the receipts and expenditures of the cemetery. Fourth, the public safety department, consisting of the police and fire departments. Fifth, public welfare.

Cemetery.

When we took over the cemetery a year ago there was a balance of \$2,258.91 in the cemetery fund. This balance included all money previously paid in by patrons from the sale of lots and for perpetual care of individual lots. In the past it seems that any expenses of operating the cemetery were paid out of this fund and any money received from the sale of lots or for perpetual care was credited to it. There was no attempt made to separate these funds or to create a permanent cemetery fund. On April 15 of each year since 1917, the cemetery fund has stood as follows:

1917, \$642.33; 1918, \$262.22; 1919, \$388.16; 1920, \$2,365.80; 1921, \$2,258.91; 1922, \$3,395.91.

The 1922 total shows an increase of over \$1,075 over the previous year. Last year, however, we made a change in the policy of spending this money and have been building up this fund as fast as we could. Any money paid in from the sale of lots has gone into this fund. This money should be invested in some long time bonds and only the interest used in caring for the cemetery and not use up the principle as has been our previous practice. Any expenses we have had in operating the cemetery during the past year we have paid out of the general city fund and, as stated, by doing this we have added to the permanent fund \$1,075 over what it was a year ago. We have therefore increased this fund 45 per cent over what it was a year ago.

It will require a number of years to build this fund up and when it is built up to \$15,000 or \$20,000, the annual interest received therefor will maintain our cemetery in splendid shape. We can then have a care-taker at the cemetery the year around without adding this additional expense or burden to our taxes as we would have to do now. In the meantime we should economize and build up the cemetery fund as rapidly as possible and not spend this principle as we have been doing.

During the past year we have done all work needed in the cemetery. The fences have been repaired and painted, the water system and buildings have been kept in order and all graves kept

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for Alliance and vicinity: Wednesday business and warmer Saturday.

City Manager Has Called in More of Water Bonds

City Manager N. A. Kemmish has called in another \$10,000 block of the \$55,000 water bond issue of 1910. This makes \$20,000 since the first of the year. The bonds are not due until 1930, but by paying them off, several hundred dollars in annual interest will be saved the taxpayers.

John Jelinek Has Entered the Race for County Clerks

John Jelinek Thursday morning filed for the democratic nomination for county clerk. He lives in Running Water precinct, twenty-three miles north of Alliance, and is regarded as one of the most popular farmers in the county. He is the second man to file for this office, the other being Frank Irish, present county treasurer. Even if no others file, an interesting contest should develop.

WALKER ISSUES STATEMENT ON FORD CAR CASE

CLAIMS PUBLISHED ARTICLES ARE MISLEADING.

Holder of the Lucky (?) Number Doesn't Think He Got a Fair Shake.

Calvin D. Walker who drew the lucky (or unlucky, which was it?) number at the recent Ford contest, feels that he has been checkmated in every turn in his efforts to get proper consideration from the men who put on the free Ford car drawing and expresses his ideas of the matter in the following letter to The Herald editor:

ALLIANCE, Neb., May 18.—To the Editor of The Herald: I am aware of the fact that it is not always the part of wisdom to air your personal troubles publicly or otherwise, but I am going to ask your indulgence just this once in an effort to correct some erroneous impressions that have been broadcasted by your worthy contemporary up street.

Will Have to "Be Shown."

"In closing his column write-up of the Ford contest Tuesday, The Times editor stated that 'Mr. Walker's claim was given every consideration,' and endeavored to leave the impression that he really did what he could towards the furtherance of that claim. A few pertinent facts ought to disillusion the fair-minded citizens of Alliance concerning these intimations. From the very beginning of this unpleasant affair when Mr. Sallows made a very hasty decision as to who was the rightful winner of the car, it has appeared to me and to many others that he did everything in his power to block the move for a reconsideration, and public opinion alone, very emphatically expressed, was what caused him to hold his final decision for one week. I may be wrong in holding to this opinion but will have to be 'shown' in any event."

"When it was agreed that it be left to the merchants giving the contest, it was evident that some of them would not sign a petition of any kind, although they expressed themselves as favorable to my claim, and it was for this reason that the ballot was suggested. Thursday night when I had secured the twenty-four names, I intimated to Mr. Sallows that I could probably get another name in the morning, and he then hastily stated that the better way would be to decide it by ballot. Taking it for granted that a petition bearing but twenty-four names of the merchants interested would not influence the Times editor, the petition was not formally presented to him, although he could have seen it at any time had he cared to and asked to see it, but this he ignored."

Question of a Majority.

"And the funny part of it is that twenty-four names on a petition did not constitute a majority of the merchants, while in the balloting last Saturday, twenty-four ballots did count as a majority for the other fellow. They very easily got around that little difficulty by eliminating one of the participating merchants—Mr. Ted Fielding. Very convenient when the necessity arose. This was entirely

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES SET FOR NEXT WEEK

BACCALAUREATE SERMON ON SUNDAY EVENING.

Class of Twenty-Five are Candidates for Graduation—Eleven Boys and Fourteen Girls.

Next week will be graduation week at the local schools, a number of the usual ceremonies in honor of the seniors being put on then.

The annual senior picnic of the Alliance high school is being held today, the picnicers going to Scottsbluff for their celebration. In this they will avoid the town, as this is the law laid down by the school board with regard to the picnic.

The candidates for graduation this year are:

Boys—Robert Bicknell, Raymond Brown, Harold Clark, James Fowler, William Hilton, Clement Knest, Edward Morrow, M. J. O'Connor, Clarence Ralls, Rowland Threlkeld, Lewis Turner.

Girls—Florence Baker, Mariellen Beagle, Leota Becker, Genevieve Dotson, Oral Edwards, Ethelyn Ellis, Dorothy Hampton, Theresa Toomey, Irma Miller, Blanche Peterson, Ella Thompson, Berta Tipple, Grace White, Josephine Wright.

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday.

The first of the series of functions in honor of the seniors will be the baccalaureate service at the high school auditorium Sunday evening, May 21. Rev. Stephen J. Epler will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. The program, which starts at 8 p. m. will be as follows:

- March, orchestra.
- Vocal duet, Misses Dow and Wilson.
- Prayer, Rev. M. C. Smith.
- Saxophone solo, Miss Kibbe.
- Scripture reading, Rev. B. J. Minott.
- Vocal solo, Mr. Shellenberger.
- Sermon, Rev. Stephen J. Epler.
- Vocal quartet, Messrs. Du grey, Irwin, Welch, Shellenberger.
- Benediction, Rev. Andrew O. Dodge.
- Tuesday will be Recognition day, the exercises held in the morning. This will be in the nature of a farewell by the high school to the departing class. Josephine Wilson, junior class president, will deliver the Recognition day address, with a response by Leota Becker, president of the senior class. Class night exercises will be held Tuesday evening. This is the night on which the senior history, prophecy, will poem, etc., are recited, and this is usually the cause of a good deal of merriment.

Commencement Exercises.

The commencement exercises will be held on Friday evening, May 26. Dr. Walter Aitken, pastor of St. Paul M. E. church of Lincoln, will deliver the commencement address. Following is the program:

- March, orchestra.
- Vocal solo, Mrs. Beal.
- Innocent, Rev. M. C. Smith.
- Violin solo, Mr. LaRiviere.
- Address, Dr. Walter Aitken.
- Vocal solo, Mrs. Rhein.
- Presentation of diplomas, Judge J. H. Howitt.
- Awarding of scholarship honors, Superintendent W. R. Pate.
- Vocal solo, Mr. Dingey.

Clark Lewis Was Released Wednesday From County Jail

Clark Lewis, the last of the four youths arrested at Kastner's last Saturday night, was released Wednesday evening, his fine being guaranteed by a responsible party. The other three of the quartet were released shortly after the hearing. Lewis was the only one to be removed from the city to the county jail, all the others paying their fines before this was done.

The trial of the other five, who were arrested the same night will be held Friday afternoon at 2. These were arrested while they were back of the Smith pool hall. A small amount of sugar whiskey was seized, and it is believed that this will be sufficient for conviction.

May Festival to Be Given This Evening at The Imperial

The annual spring festival of Mrs. Inice Dunning's expression class will be put on this evening at the Imperial theatre. The entertainment will be in the nature of an operetta, "When Polly Was Queen of May." Louise Cogswell will be the May Queen. She will have three small attendants, Betty Sims, Maxine Schafer and Gwendolyn Dow. About sixty will take part, from the high school expression class down to the tiny tots. Those who saw last year's entertainment will know what the class can do, and they know that they will not be disappointed.

Roy Townsend of Sturgis, S. D., one of the stockholders of the Wykota Oil company, is in Alliance today on business.

NINETY-THREE EIGHTH GRADERS WILL GRADUATE

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES SET FOR MAY 25.

Rev. Mr. Combs of Bayard Will Give Address at the High School Auditorium.

Ninety-three eighth graders will be graduated in Box Butte county this year. The eighth grade commencement exercises are set for 8 o'clock on the evening of May 25, at the high school auditorium, with Rev. Mr. Combs of the Christian church of Bayard as the orator for the occasion.

This is practically the same number of graduates as last year. Of the ninety-three, fifty-one are from the various rural schools, nine from the Hemingford schools and thirty-three from St. Agnes academy.

The program:

- Carolina Rose, orchestra.
- Marche Aux Stambaux, orchestra.
- "Stars and Stripes Forever," class.
- Invocation, Rev. B. J. Minott.
- Barcarolle, class.
- Address, Dr. L. L. Combs.
- "Humoresque"—Hour of Memory, class.

Presentation of diplomas, Superintendent W. R. Pate.

Presentation of the medals awarded by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. R. E. Knight.

"Cupid's Arrow," orchestra.

Benediction, Rev. M. C. Smith.

Following is the list of graduates:

- Rural Schools.
- Berea, District No. 13—Esther McDonald, Florence Whetlock, Charles McDonald, Irene Hawkins.
- Alliance, District No. 23—Sadie Wilkins, Orville Wilkins.
- Alliance, District No. 22—Fay Boyer.
- Hemingford, District No. 4—Lewis Fronapfel, Leo Fronapfel.
- Curly, District No. 31—Blanche Hookham, Blanche Moravsek, Clara Flaymar, Velma Dyer, Robert Hood, Charles Kennedy.
- Alliance, District No. 78—Minnie Frederick, Leonard Becker, Irene Bong, Bertha Ditich.
- Alliance, District No. 16—Maxwell Routh, Mildred Routh, Nellie Trenchie.
- Alliance District No. 2—Veta Evans, Ruth Sath.
- Alliance, District No. 11—Thelma Dillon.
- Alliance, District No. 38—Sydney Davis.
- Alliance, District No. 58—Wesley Hashman.
- Alliance, District No. 5—Warren Aspden.
- Alliance, District No. 55—Edna Heath, Tena Herbert.
- Alliance, District No. 11—Evelyn Roach.
- Alliance, District No. 10—Frances Rowley, Bernice Sheldaine.
- Alliance, District No. 124—Eva Sloan.
- Alliance, District No. 80—Ivy Reeder.
- Alliance, District No. 38—Earl Dillon.
- Hemingford, District No. 30—Marion Kosmiski, Floyd Kosmiski, Leonard Kosmiski, Bessie Kosmiski.
- Hemingford, District No. 60—Floyd Grabber, Robert Bowsler.
- Hemingford District No. 21—Mabel Taylor, Alice Keane.
- Hemingford, District No. 49—Clara Leager.
- Hemingford District No. 14—Margaret Mollett, Elsie Mollett, Raymond Morriss.
- Hemingford, District No. 27—Harry Robe.
- Hemingford, District No. 81—Glen Swanson, Loran Swanson.

Hemingford Eighth Grade.

Eugene Andrews, Mary Kinsella, Wanda Gibson, Ernest Plahn, Edna Hillicker, Ellen Plahn, Inez Jones, June Walker.

Wayne Milt

St. Agnes Academy.

Katherine Acker, Frank Hodgkinson, Josephine Brennan, Agnes Hoban, Hester Ball, Rex Kelley, Lillian Bailey, Mary Kennedy, Kenneth Broich, Donald Kennedy, Loretta Collins, Dorothy Lauby, Opal Clark, James McKinney, Alice Chelowski, Harry Naylan, Mary Curran, Evelyn Sweeney, Margaret Doran, Agnes Shimek, Ida Driscoll, Minnie Stout, Ethel Dittmar, Raymond Weyrens, James Daily, Agnes Whitehead, Lydia Foley, Mary Yeager, Lovisa Finch, Anna Yeager, Mary Freimuth.

Irene Rice Has Good Chance for Trip to France

According to information received in Alliance yesterday, Miss Irene Rice has a chance to get in on the trip to France. The total sum of money now contributed is sufficient to permit sending eight delegates, and if Miss Rice is able to keep her present rank, she has a good show for success.

Ranch Hand Found Dead in Bed at Avery's Monday

Forest McGill, twenty-three years of age, was found dead in bed in his room at the Charles Avery ranch, thirty-five miles south of Alliance, on Monday morning of this week. Reports reaching Alliance are to the effect that death resulted from heart failure, following indulgence in moonshine. The boy's father had been employed at the ranch for several years. A brother, Chester, has been employed in Alliance for some months. The death took place in Garden county, and the authorities at Oshkosh were notified.

Defect in Bond Results in New Trial for Shepherd

Harve Shepard, arrested some days ago on a charge of breaking into the Farmers' Union store, and later released on bond of \$1,000, was given a second trial Thursday morning. It was discovered that the bond, as drawn up, did not conform to requirements of a law passed at the last session of the legislature. Shepard did not secure bond until the case had been transcribed from the county to the district court, and in order to avoid a trip to Rushville, the old case was dismissed and a new action brought in county court.

Under the new law, bondsmen must not only justify in an amount equal to twice the bond, but must give the description of the land owned and state any other cases in which they are acting as security.

NEW HIGHWAY IS PLANNED FOR ALLIANCE

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA ROUTE INCLUDES THIS CITY.

Prospects Now for Through Roads Radiating From This City in Every Direction.

The Kansas and Nebraska Highway association, with headquarters at Stratton, Nebraska, has been organized, according to word received by the Alliance chamber of commerce, which has been watching the project since its inception several weeks ago. This highway will extend from Liberal to Scott City, Kansas, then to Imperial, Nebraska, Big Springs, Lowell and Oshkosh and on up to Alliance via Broadwater, following the line of the G-P-C highway into this city.

Alliance is rapidly becoming the "hub of a wheel" of highways and coming months should witness the organization and completion of these highways, one by one, until passable roads radiate from Box Butte county in practically all directions—northeast to Hay Springs; north to Chadron; northwest to Crawford and Harrison; west to Scottsbluff and Mitchell; southwest to Bayard and Bridgeport; south to Broadwater and Oshkosh; and east to Broken Bow and Grand Island.

Each additional highway, from a different territory, will act as a "feeder" to the main highways which will pass through Box Butte county. Every tourist who goes to the Black Hills, the Agate fossil beds or to Yellowstone park along one of these main through highways will learn more about Alliance, Hemingford and Box Butte county. The favorable results are obvious.

The News Chronicle of Scott City, Kansas, where the N. & K. highway meeting was held, had the following to say about the session:

Will Make U. S. Highway.

"A highway that will go from the Canadian border on the north to the (Continued on Page 4).

Weekly Meeting of Lions Club to Be Held This Evening

The Alliance Lions club meeting will be held this week on Friday evening, instead of Thursday, due to the fact that the Lions have surrendered their claims on the Palm Room to accommodate the alumni association of the Alliance high school, which planned their annual banquet for that evening.

Lion Donald Spencer is the good fellowship chairman for this evening, and has prepared an especially interesting program, according to the dope sheets. Lion Tom Carney, a new addition to the Lions ranks, is slated for a speech, and it is reported that he has been practicing on it for three weeks.

The local club is taking great interest in the national campaign, and are preparing the tortures for members who fail to realize the importance of assisting their home club in the campaign for attendance honors.

ROBERT GRAHAM SAYS LIVESTOCK RATES TOO HIGH

ALLIANCE MAN TESTIFIES AT OMAHA HEARING.

President of Stockgrowers' Association Says Any Increase Means More Indebtedness.

With the hearing of the testimony of Robert Graham, president of the Nebraska Live Stock Growers' association, and one of the largest cattle raisers in Nebraska, shortly before noon, the Omaha live stock interests began their rebuttal of the Burlington railroad's testimony that freight rates on live stock in Nebraska should be increased, according to the World-Herald.

The hearing is taking place in the Federal building before Examiner Disque, representing the interstate commerce commission, and Thorne Browne a member of the Nebraska railway commission.

Nebraska ranchers, according to Mr. Graham, will not be able to bear an increase in freight rates "because it will add just that much more to their indebtedness."

"The operation of ranches in Nebraska during the past two years has been very disastrous," according to Mr. Graham.

"The farmers do not like to read in the newspaper that the Burlington railroad paid a 25 per cent dividend last year and at the same time realized that they are suffering from these high transportation charges on live stock."

Say Diverts Cattle to K. C.

Mr. Graham said the raising of rates on the Burlington railroad had resulted in sending some of the live stock shipments to Kansas City instead of Omaha. "This increase has also increased the shipments of the Northwestern and Union Pacific at the expense of the Burlington," Mr. Graham continued.

The witness said the Burlington's rates were \$16 or \$16 a car higher than those of the Union Pacific or the Northwestern. "There is such a difference in the rates that many of the ranchers west of Aurora drive their cattle from fifteen to twenty miles to ship on another road," Mr. Graham explained.

When asked by the attorney for the Burlington if he did not think that the War Finance corporation, through its loans, had assisted the ranchers of Nebraska, Mr. Graham declared, "We consider the finance corporations pretty much of a joke out in the western part of the state. It has been no material assistance to us."

Mr. Graham said he knew of several instances where ranchers who had adequate security had applied to the corporation for financial assistance, but had been refused.

Other Cattlemen to Appear.

Other cattle raisers from the section of Nebraska west of Aurora will appear to testify as to the alleged unfairness of the Burlington's rates.

L. C. Mahoney, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington, was cross-examined during the greater part (Continued on Page 8.)

High School Physics Class In Phone Company Contest

The physics class of the high school, twenty-five in number, visited the Alliance telephone office Wednesday in connection with their school work and to secure data for a contest put on by the local telephone exchange.

T. E. Carney, the manager, explained the plant machinery to the class, and also told of the policies of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company.

Mr. Chaffee, the chief operator, explained the central office, showing how local and long distance calls are handled, and also how "information" is and what she does.

Mr. Wright, cashier, told how the accounting is done in the Alliance office.

Mr. Carney announced that the telephone company would give prizes to the students writing the best description of the exchange. The first prize will be a three-minute conversation with any person in the territory of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, comprising the states of Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota. The second prize will be a three-minute conversation with any person in Nebraska. The judges of the essays are Principal F. C. Prince, of the high school, Ben Sallows and Mr. Carney.

Sioux City Firm Gets Contract for Academy Addition

The Guarantee Construction company of Sioux City, Ia., represented by T. S. Egglestone, was successful in the bidding for the construction of the addition to the St. Agnes academy, the company's bid being \$75,000. Eight firms were represented in the bidding.