

EAST NEBRASKA TOURISTS WANT BETTER ROADS

(Continued from Page 1.) "Have you any published leaflets touching on this matter? You you send me copies? If not, can you take time to tell me how to reach Alliance to best advantage? Do you go to Sidney and then north? How are the roads from Alliance north? We are not seeking this information for ourselves alone as the office is constantly consulted regarding this matter.

"Thanking you in advance for any pains which you may take, I am, very truly yours, "ERWIN H. BARBOUR."

Roads Rapidly Improving.

The latest information relative to the condition of the various highways that lead into Alliance is contained in a letter to Mr. Barbour from Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary of the chamber of commerce of this city. His letter follows:

"ALLIANCE, Neb., June 3.—Mr. Erwin H. Barbour, Lincoln, Neb.—Dear Sir: We are indeed pleased to have your letter of inquiry of yesterday regarding roads in this part of western Nebraska and to give you the information desired, for it is our purpose to spread this information as widely as possible for the information of all concerned and to let the people who desire to come to this part of Nebraska to know that our roads are rapidly being put in good shape for auto travel. I trust that the information given below will be of use to you.

"Roads from Lincoln to Alliance—Our advice at the present time is for the traveler to go from Lincoln to Grand Island over the S. Y. A. and from Grand Island westward over the Lincoln highway to a point fifteen miles west of Big Springs, on the table land, at which point you will find a sign pointing the way to Alliance and the Black Hills. This point marks the junction of the G-P-C (Gulf-Plains-Canadian) highway with the Lincoln highway.

Take G-P-C or North Star.

"From that point you travel northward over a good road to Oshkosh, a distance of about twenty miles. From Oshkosh you travel westward over the North Platte river valley to Broadwater, a distance of about thirty miles. At Broadwater you can turn north to Alliance via the G-P-C over a road which is good for most of the distance, although there are a very few places in the hills which are bad and you may have to open a very few gates.

"If you desire to travel a few miles farther, it is probably better, at this time and until the G-P-C between Broadwater and Alliance is put in better shape, to travel westward on the North Platte valley to Bridgeport, at which point you strike the North Star highway, which highway you would also have struck had you continued westward along the Lincoln highway to Sidney.

"The North Star highway between Bridgeport and Alliance is now in excellent shape, since the completion of a portion known as "the missing link" a few days ago. You only have two gates to open between Bridgeport and this city and they are over the railroad crossing at Bonner. They are to be replaced soon by a standard railroad crossing. All other fence crossings are equipped with substantial, easily-crossed auto gates. The Bridgeport chamber of commerce and the Morrill county commissioners deserve much credit for putting this road in shape. It is now being marked and although it is easily followed at this time it will be so thoroughly marked in a short time that it can be followed by anyone at night if desired.

Three Routes to Northward.

"On arrival at Alliance on either the G-P-C or the North Star highway you will have your choice northward over one of three different routes—a finely graded and maintained state highway to Chadron and on into the Black Hills, in which case you miss the opportunity, however, to visit the famous fossil beds of Sioux county, at Agate, with which you are well acquainted. You have the opportunity to follow a well graded and maintained highway to Hemingford. From there you go west a distance of twelve miles over a road which is to be made a state highway this summer. At that point, known as the Lawn church corner, you can either journey northward to Marsland, Belmont and Crawford or you can continue on west into Sioux county over the Agate highway, going via the Agate fossil beds and the Cook ranch, and on north into Harrison and on to the Black Hills.

New Agate Highway.

"The road from Alliance to Hemingford is now in excellent shape. From Hemingford west and north it is in good shape and is being improved for travel. On Sunday, June 18th, the Agate highway, a new highway from Alliance to Hemingford and on west to the Agate fossil beds and the Cook ranch, will be formally opened with a big meeting at the Cook ranch. We expect several hundred people to be present at that time, as a "booster trip" is to be participated in by auto loads of visitors from Alliance and the other towns along the route, including a delegation from Harrison and Hemingford. This road has already been marked from Hemingford to Agate by the good roads committee of the Hemingford chamber of commerce, which is actively engaged in getting the Agate highway in proper shape. There are probably several fence gates on this road today, but I can promise you that they will be eliminated at a very early date by auto gates.

"The Potash Highway, extending from Grand Island to Alliance and on westward and northward, along the line of the Burlington, is being rapidly put in passable shape and we expect it soon to be in such shape that tourist travel can be encouraged along it, thereby saving much mileage. However, there is still some work to be done along its length in the sandhill districts and we are not encouraging travel along its length at this time. Undoubtedly it will be in much better shape a little later in the season. The progress made on its construction will be noted from time to time in the bulletins which are issued from this office and which will be sent to your office

regularly as issued, as we are placing you on our mailing list. It will be a pleasure to keep you posted on the road situation in this part of the state and we trust that you will be able to direct many interested parties to our good roads.

"We are enclosing herewith, for your information and use, a Nebraska road man, on which we have indicated the different routes mentioned in this letter, in order that they may be more clearly pointed out to travelers.

"We thank you again for your inquiry and trust that we have given you the desired information herein. You are invited to visit this office when you come to Alliance and we are pleased to advise you that we have an excellent tourist camp which has been established under the direction of our city manager—the only one in Nebraska."

NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Equalization of Box Butte county, Nebraska, will be in session on the 13th day of June, 1922, a twich time all persons are required to appear for any adjustment concerning their assessment for the year 1922.

AVIS M. JODER, Clerk.

It is a pleasure to sell Tanlac, because those who buy it come back and praise it. F. E. Holsten.

Latest song hits in the Flapper chorus at the Rialto Friday.

City Manager Gives Valuable Figures on City Taxation

City Manager N. A. Kemmish has prepared some tabulations of figures on taxation covering the past two years that present some interesting information. "It shows," says Mr. Kemmish, "how little it would affect taxes as a whole, if we succeeded in cutting the expense of city operation in half. For instance, out of every dollar paid in taxes by the residents of Alliance, but 14 cents goes to actual city operation expense. It can readily be seen, if this were cut in half, but seven per cent, or 7 cents on the dollar could be saved the tax-payer.

The tables, as given below, perhaps need some explanation. They are given in dollars and cents paid upon a valuation of \$1,000. If one wishes to compare them with the old system of mill levies, he has but to multiply the number of dollars by five, and he obtains the number of mills that would be levied under the old plan.

A study of the figures given will reveal that the very first levy for 1922 made is lower than it has been at any time during the past seven or eight years. The levy of \$2.40 for the general fund of the city government is equivalent of 12 mills under the old system, three mills under what it has been for years past.

An examination will disclose that it costs slightly more to pay interest on the general city obligations, such as sewer and paving bonds, exclusive of the light and water plant, than it does to operate the entire city. This is due to the saving made in city expenses this year over 1921, or a reduction from \$6.80 per thousand to \$5.80. The city of Alliance is paying slightly more in 1922 than in 1921 for its bond issues.

Total Taxes are Higher.

The lessened expense of city government has not lowered the amount of taxes the property-holder must pay, however. The figures show that he will be assessed \$41.80 per valuation of \$1,000 where he paid but \$37.75 in 1921. One can see for yourself where the largest increase comes from.

The figures listed for schools, county general, and state general, for 1922, are of course only estimates. It is an interesting fact that the city library is allowed in both 1921 and 1922 one-third increase over former years for its operating expenses. Comparison with former years is not made in the tables shown, but this fact the city manager explained.

The above points are not all that can be gleaned from a careful study of the figures. It will profit the tax-payers to spend considerable time in checking and comparing the tabulations given.

Table with columns for City Government, City Bonds, School (1922 estimated), County (1922 estimated), State (1922 estimated), and Grand Total. Rows include General fund, Maintenance sewers, Police department, Fire department, Public library, City park, Sewer bonds, Sewer extension, City hall and park, Bond funding, Drainage, 1919 paving interest, 1920 paving interest, 1920 drainage, and Miscellaneous.

CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

335 were present at Bible school last Lord's day. There were thirty more who came in too late to be counted. Remember that it is only those who are present at 10 o'clock who are counted in the contest. Next Sunday is the day for the picture to be taken. We want 400 present. One of the fine large pictures will be given to the family driving the greatest distance and also the largest family coming. Both must be on time. The two Bible classes of the men and women are growing in interest and numbers each Sunday.

The mid-week meeting at 7:30 on Wednesday evening will be another good one. After the period for devotion and prayer, the minister will speak on the subject, "How I Will Spend My Summer Months."

The choir will meet at the church on Thursday evening. J. B. Irwin is doing some splendid work as director. With Mrs. Fosdick at the piano and the support of orchestra and singers, the work is much easier for the preacher and very helpful to all in the worship. 400 on Sunday morning at Bible school.

S. J. EPLER, Minister.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Mention of Children's Day next Sunday is made early in the week so that parents may keep it in mind. At 10 o'clock the Cradle Roll exercises and promotion in the Sunday school.

At 11 o'clock, a sermon to parents, and the opportunity to have small children baptized. At 8 o'clock the regular children's day program.

A well filled house enjoyed the sacred concert given by Mann's concert orchestra last Sunday night, and many expressions of appreciation have been heard since. The loose collection amounted to about \$41.

On Tuesday night, June 20, Alliance citizens will have the opportunity to listen to one of the most famous orators and writers in America, Dr. Louis Albert Banks, who needs no introduction to many people. He comes under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league, and will speak in the Methodist gymnasium, but all the churches are back of the meeting and will co-operate. Dr. Banks has written sixty-seven books, more than any other living writer, so it is said.

M. C. SMITH, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The last business meeting in this Association year will be held tomorrow evening, in conjunction with the prayer meeting. Meeting at 8 o'clock instead of 7:30 as formerly.

The women's Bible class has challenged the men's class to a month's contest. The men have accepted the challenge and the war is on. The young men's class then challenged the young ladies' class for the same month so we are to have two pretty wars in the Bible school. The men study the life of Abram next Sunday and from the interest last Sunday we expect a much larger attendance. Let every man seek to bring another and we will beat the ladies.

Mr. Carr is working in the church this week repairing the plaster in preparation for the painters next week. The B. Y. P. U. young men have challenged the dads class to a ball game to take place soon. They meet for practice this evening at 6 o'clock at Third and Platte avenue.

The ladies meet tomorrow with Mrs. C. Powell at 806 Tolca. They are feeling happy over their success lately, and in their ability to make it possible to paint the building inside. Mrs. J. M. Simpson as president and with her helpers are doing a fine work for the kingdom.

Just two more Sundays before Association. Are you planning on going? Why not? Welcome to the friendly church with a friendly gospel. Subjects Sunday as follows: Morning, "The Church Comforted." Evening, "The Greatest Love." Again remember we have classes for all ages if you cannot bring your children send them. We will do out best by them.

B. J. MINORT, Pastor.

Be sure to hear the new Victor records at Thiele's.

PLACES BLAME ON BOTH STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS

(Continued from Page 1) qualifications fixed before a engineer can become eligible to this office. It is very difficult for the county boards to ascertain in advance whether they are securing competent men and experiments are costly.

"3. The highway engineer should be given ample authority in matters pertaining to the construction and maintenance of the county roads, and be charged with the responsibility therefore. We believe that he should have absolute authority for the proper construction and maintenance of all the county roads. This would contemplate the removal of authority from the township board, but it would result in a more centralized responsibility and opportunity.

County Road System.

"4. That each county should lay out a system of highways for itself just as the state laid out the system of state highways, and that all work done by the county should be done so as to fit into this plan of operation. The piecemeal work which has been done in many places is largely wasted.

"5. We believe that beyond a doubt some uniform standard of accounting for expenditure should be required of every county in the state. The present law we regard as ideal, but if it is too cumbersome then it should be simplified, but in all events the county should keep such a uniform account-

ing system. With the expenditure of such large sums of money, this is highly important.

"6. We believe that it would be a benefit to the state if the counties were required to submit quarterly reports of their expenditures relating to highway matters to some central agency, not for the purpose of auditing them or burdening them, but in order that there may be centralized and tabulated information available as to the mileage and costs, and the general condition of the roads in every county in the state. It seems to us that this

information is necessary to intelligently deal with the highway problems of the future."

THE SILVER LINING

"I sentence you to die in the electric chair," pronounced the court.

"Well," soliloquized the prisoner, as he was being led back to his cell, "That ain't so worse. The doctor told me electricity would be a fine thing for my gout."

Herald 'Want Ads—Results.



TIED DOWN TO WORK

Perhaps there is no more prosaic enterprise than a commercial Laundry. But when we see the hundreds of women of this town, fresh and cool on wash days during this hot weather, we are proud to know that we are responsible for their comfort and leisure.

Don't be bound down to such household drudgery unnecessarily. If there were no Laundry to relieve you efficiently and reasonably, there might be some virtue in it.

We are ready to call for your wet wash, rough dry or finished bundle...

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Here's an assortment that will satisfy the professional or the beginner. Get your golf balls here, too.

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Pay Rent to Yourself

ONE-FIFTH of sixty-five billion dollars—the total yearly earnings of the United States—is spent to provide dwellings for ourselves. The tendency—and it's bad—is to pay more and more of this to others, to pay rent.

What is your feeling? Wouldn't you rather spend one-fifth of your income on your own home? You can not only have things the way want them, you are not only making the best kind of an investment, but, above all, you have a home of your own.

Costs have had a decided revision downward.



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