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NEW COUNCIL "ON JOB"

Old Administration Relinquishes Reins of City Government to Newly Elected City Fathers in Presence of Large Crowd in Council Chamber.

APPOINTMENTS MADE

In the presence of a large number of Alliance citizens, the reins of city government were turned over to Mayor Rodgers and the new board of councilmen at the regular meeting held in the city hall Tuesday evening. The retiring mayor and council

- J. R. Lawrence, do 6 75
- Steve Bucklo, do 31 50
- Sonney Smith, do 13 00
- F. H. Countryman, do 25 50
- Chas. Younkins, do 11 00
- O. A. Grannum, labor streets 58 30
- Cal Simpson, cleaning alleys 13 50
- Geo. Darling, furniture and supplies pest house 218 35
- Geo. Darling, rubber coats fire department 30 60
- Geo. Darling, window shades for fire department 7 50
- Geo. Darling, fumigating 51 80
- I. W. Herman, meats for pest house 5 50
- Duncan & Son, groceries for pest house 5 35
- A. D. Rodgers, do 35 80
- W. J. Hamilton, do 17 75
- Mallery Grocery Co., do 14 30
- W. F. Keintop, gasoline 1 25
- Harry Thiele, supplies pest house 7 50
- T. J. Threlkeld, fumigating 71 00
- Geo. J. Hand, medical serv. 5 00
- J. R. Snyder, drayage 1 25
- T. A. Cross, special police 20 00
- Ed. Brennan, do 20 00
- Ed. Brennan, do 5 55
- Chas. L. Hill, do 130 00
- G. M. Burns, do 15 00
- Dan Moran, do 20 00
- Enoch Boyer, do 16 25
- O. O. Baker, cook at pest house 28 50
- Alliance Times, printing and publishing 13 75
- Steve Jackson, killing dogs 10 75
- H. W. Joe, board prisoners 16 00
- C. W. Zurn, cement work 31 25
- Herald Pub. Co., printing 5 00
- Tom Ackerman, sand for light plant 8 25
- H. P. Large, special police 7 50
- R. E. Knight, staking grades 21 00
- A. Renswold, blacksmith work 8 75
- E. S. Owen, hauling hose cart 2 00
- J. D. Emerick, trees and exp 6 60
- C. W. Jeffers, scavenger wk 29 10
- H. T. Pritchard, labor pest hs 1 75
- Forest Lumber Co., lumber for streets 4 35
- Incoming Mayor Rodgers and incoming councilmen Reddish, Swan

Ordinance: Reddish and Romig. Street, alley and sewer: Sterns and Swan. License: Reddish and Swan. Health: Romig and Sterns. Printing: Romig and Reddish. Claims: Sterns and Swan.



COUNCILMAN ROMIG

On motion of Romig, seconded by Reddish, the rules were suspended and the board proceeded to grant licenses for which application had been made. This year the saloon licenses expired Tuesday morning so that they did not open at all on that day. The licenses granted at this meeting run only to May 1st of next year so that unless a special meeting of the council is called, the saloons will be compelled to close four days. The license fee paid by the Alliance saloons is \$1400. No remonstrances were filed.

Rev. O. S. Baker made a short speech, stating that he believed that inasmuch as the churches, lodges and public gatherings were prohibited during the present quarantine from opening, that the pool halls and saloons should also be closed, and that it would be wise to grant the licenses to start after the close of the quarantine.

Licenses were then granted to the following saloons: King & Reardon, Betzold & Spry, F. W. Rehder, Robert Campbell, Everett Cook and King & Wilson.

The applications for city scavenger were then voted on. Wm. Manier was elected. Grace H. Kennedy, who has held the position of bookkeeper in the light and water office, was appointed to succeed herself by Mayor Rodgers.

Mayor Rodgers then stated that the following are the salaries which will be paid during the present administration: City attorney, \$250 per year; day marshal, \$85 per month; night marshal, \$80 per month; water commissioner, \$75 per month; bookkeeper electric light office, \$85 per month; city physician, \$125 per year.

Licenses were then granted to the following pool halls: L. E. Pilkington, James Potmesil. The application of O. D. Stevens was not accepted but was laid over. This brought up a discussion during which Chas.

Hill, Marshal Jeffers and all the board joined. It was finally decided to give a little more time to investigation before granting the license to Mr. Stevens. The application of W. F. Crane could not be accepted because it was not accompanied by a bond. The gentleman representing Mr. Crane stated that he (Crane) was quarantined and it was impossible to get his bond, which Crane had with him. He was informed that the license would be granted just as soon as another bond was arranged for, which was done Wednesday morning.

The Alliance Herald and the Times were appointed official papers for the ensuing year, each to print all legal notices, ordinances, etc., and to receive one-half the legal rate therefor.

The plumbing applications of Ed. Brennan, W. D. Zediker and E. W. Ray were voted on and all three were granted licenses. The applications of Steve Jackson, N. B. Harrison and Ben Jordan for dog catcher were voted on. Jordan and Jackson each received two votes, making it necessary for the mayor to cast the deciding vote, which he cast for Jordan.

The appointment of scalemaster and furnace tender for the city hall was passed up until the next meeting.

Application of Harry Dubuque for licenses for the Crystal and Empress moving picture shows was next taken up. Rev. Brown spoke and presented the petition requesting Sunday closing which was presented about two months ago. He asked that action be taken on the petition. Mr. Dubuque spoke, stating that he had no objection to closing on Sunday, providing other amusements were also required to do the same. The ordinance effecting picture shows and other amusements was read by the city clerk. The city attorney stated that in order to prohibit Sunday opening of amusements it would be necessary to pass an ordinance prohibiting the same. Motion was made by Romig that the license be granted. It seemed to be the sentiment of most of the council that the shows be closed on Sunday and for a time no second could be secured. Councilman Swan finally agreed to second the motion, providing the understanding was that there be no Sunday shows. Romig then withdrew his motion, with the consent of Swan, and a motion of Sterns seconded by Swan, that an ordinance be drafted prohibiting Sunday opening. Carried. It is probable that the licenses will be granted in a few days as the shows are now closed under the quarantine.

Another Meeting Wednesday Night. Quarantine Comes Off Monday Unless Serious Developments Occur in Meantime. A meeting of the city council and board of health was held Wednesday night at the city hall. F. E. Reddish was elected president of the council and will be acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Rodgers. A license was granted to O. D. Stevens giving him permission to re-open his pool hall. A license was granted to the Crystal and Empress moving picture shows. The meeting of the board of health

RECK BUILDS SCHOOL

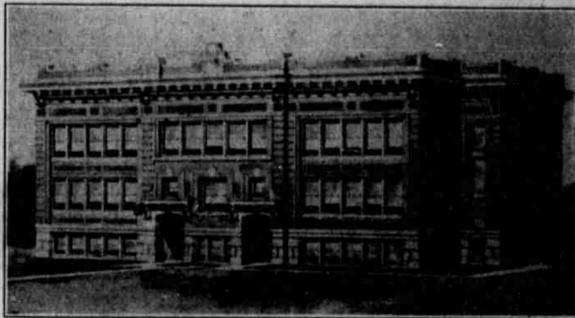
Alliance Contractor Secures Contract on Central Building for \$30,906.50. Will Use Brick Made from Edgemont Shale.

STARTS NEXT WEEK

At the meeting of the Alliance school board Monday evening bids were opened for the construction of the new Central School building, to replace the one burned in December. The contract price was \$30,906.50, S. C. Reck being the successful bidder. The building will be faced with brick manufactured by Mr. Reck from shale from his Edgemont properties. It was conceded by many brick salesmen present at the letting that it will be one of the finest in the state. The bidding was very close, only about \$300 dif-

ference among several bidders present. Contractors were here from Ord, Kearney and Denver.

Mr. Reck has resided in Alliance for twenty-five years and has been in the contracting and building business all his life. In purchasing the Edgemont shale properties he secured material that places him ahead of all competition. He has erected most of the public buildings in this section of the country and stands high in his profession. A picture of the school building as it will appear when completed is shown herewith.



Central School Building As It Will Look When Completed

was held immediately after the adjournment of the council meeting. In view of the fact that there are no new recent cases of smallpox it was decided to remove the quarantine on Monday unless serious developments occur in the meantime. It is now planned to open the city schools on Monday morning unless the quarantine should not be lifted at that time. The school board meets Friday evening and final arrangements will be decided upon at that time.

SHROUDED IN MYSTERY, etc.

We his relatives and friends would be pleased to have you state in your paper the source of your information. I have consulted the newspapers in the vicinity of the accident and can find no such intelligence as you seem to possess. For your information I will say that they will commence dynamiting the river May 8th in an effort to raise the body if possible. We have no objection to a newspaper publishing news that is news, but we do object to a publisher drawing on his imagination and publishing the slanderous articles we have seen in your paper. If your information has been legitimate please give the source that his friends and relatives may all have the news. L. N. McFALL.

Request for Information

To The Alliance Semi-Weekly Times

In your issue of May 6th you published an article under the heading THE SEARCH FOR E. A. McFALL ABANDONED, AFFAIR STILL

SUICIDE AT CRAWFORD

Percil Grunskill, of Toronto, Canada, Kills Self by Drowning in White River

RELATIVES CLAIM BODY

Crawford, Nebraska, May 8th.—Special to The Herald from the Crawford Tribune.—At two o'clock Saturday morning the night clerk at the Gate City hotel was startled by the appearance of a stranger who came in with both wrists badly slashed and bleeding profusely. He told the clerk that he was in great trouble and wanted to die. He had with him a gold watch and about \$100 in money which he asked the clerk to take and forward to his sister in Michigan. The clerk took the valuables, placed them in the hotel safe, and called a doctor, who dressed the man's wrists and persuaded him to go to a room.

The man gave his name as Percil Grunskill. He was about forty-six years of age and was well dressed. He had arrived in Crawford on the two o'clock train and had apparently tried to kill himself after getting off the train. He was persuaded by the doctor and the clerk to change his idea of suicide and seemed all right. He came down from the room for breakfast Saturday morning and took his watch and money, going to the express office, where he forwarded them by prepaid express to his sister in a Michigan city. That was the last seen of him alive and it is very probable that he went directly to the river and jumped into water about eight feet deep, as his hat and coat were found there, although the body, which was discovered by men who were fishing early Sunday morning, was lodged face downward in about two feet of water on a sandbar.

The men who discovered the body immediately notified the authorities who took the body to the undertaking establishment, where it was held until today, when a relative by the name of S. K. Graham arrived from Chicago to take charge of the remains which will be shipped tonight to Toronto, Canada.



MAYOR RODGERS

closed up a year's business, passed the following claims, for which warrants were ordered drawn, and after an interesting speech by retiring Mayor Barnes, councilmen Mollring, Vaughan, Snyder and Mayor Barnes vacated their seats. Councilman Sterns, who holds over, is the only member of last year's council who kept his seat. Following is the list of claims approved by the old council:

- W. O. Barnes, salary \$ 16 67
- J. D. Emerick, do 25 00
- Percy Cogswell, do 25 00
- E. H. Boyd, do 20 83
- H. A. Copsey, do 1/2 year 60 00
- K. J. Sterns, do 1/2 year 25 00
- J. R. Snyder, do 1/2 year 25 00
- J. H. Vaughan, do 1/2 year 25 00
- Geo. Mollring, do 1/2 year 25 00
- J. H. Carlson, do 75 00
- E. W. Ray, pimbing 1 35
- Gregory Zurn, salary weigher and janitor 25 00
- E. M. Nussbaum, sprinkling streets 95 00
- C. A. Laine, marshal 125 00
- Light Department, St. and city hall lighting 287 88
- C. W. Jeffers, night marshal Light Department, St. light supplies 20 69
- Harry Wella, street labor 1 80
- Wm. Hamilton, do 90
- Jas. Karos, do 9 47
- Samuel G. Doty, do 13 50
- Stephen Bucklo, do 7 87
- H. W. Curl, do 8 32
- R. M. Gates, carpenter work pesthouse 50
- Jim Karos, street labor 5 62
- Western Union, message 33
- Chas. Russell, labor lawn 1 00



COUNCILMAN STERNS

and Romig took their places and were sworn in by Police Judge Gregory Zurn, after which the council immediately got down to business without any trills or preliminaries. First came roll call, showing all councilmen present.

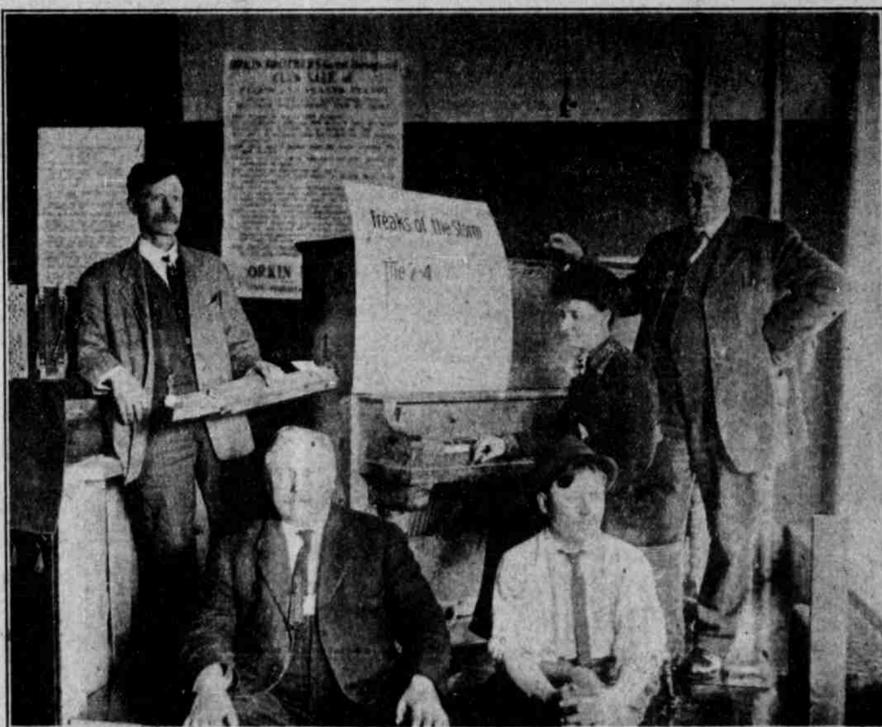
The applications for city offices were first taken up. The following applicants had applied: For city physician, Dr. L. W. Bowman; for city attorney, Joe L. Westover; for day marshal, L. W. Curtis, J. B. Hunsaker, Chas. L. Hill and C. W. Jeffers. Street commissioner, O. O. Gentry. Wm. G. Zediker, M. F. Donovan. Streets sprinkler, E. M. Nussbaum. City scavenger, J. R. Lawrence and Wm. Manning.

On motion of Romig, seconded by Swan, the application of Joe L. Westover for city attorney was voted on and carried. Mr. Westover is a member of the firm of Burton & Westover. He was immediately sworn in and took his seat at the council table.

The applications for day marshal were next voted on, the voting being done by ballot. C. W. Jeffers was elected and immediately sworn in.

The applications for night marshal were next voted on, L. W. Curtis being elected and sworn in. John Carlson was elected street commissioner to succeed himself. Dr. L. W. Bowman was elected city physician.

The mayor then announced the appointment of the following committees for the ensuing year: Finance: Reddish and Sterns. Fire, water and light: Swan and Romig.



Above is a photo of the tornado piano as it now stands in the show window of Orkin Brothers branch piano store in the First National Bank building, across from the post office. This piano was in the home of Fred Stevens, at the corner of 28th and Chicago streets in Omaha, when the tornado struck, completely wrecking the house. A piece of lumber, known as a 2x4, upon which Mr. Luna (at the left) has his hand, was driven through the side of the house and into the end of the piano about twelve inches. The force which drove the piece of lumber completely through the side of the house and this distance into the end of the piano must have been beyond imagination, for a bullet would hardly pierce the tough layers of wood composing the end of the piano. Thousands of people came to see this curiosity when exhibited in the display windows of Orkin Brothers Store in Omaha and it is proving an object of great interest in Alliance. The people in the above picture are members of the Orkin Brothers sales force at Alliance. From your left to right they are, W. H. Lunn, F. C. Becker, J. T. Wiker, Mrs. J. T. Wiker and D. J. Sinclair. They are busy this week disposing of the carload of pianos of which a picture is shown on page four, which arrived the first of the week. It will not be long until the club of 100 members is filled.



COUNCILMAN REDDISH

- Miller Brothers, supplies pest house 41 43
- C. A. Newberry, supplies 27 40
- John Wallace, drayage 1 75
- Nebr. Telephone Co., phone rents 2 75
- S. A. Foster Lumber Company, Lumber streets 3 40
- Geo. Simpson, cleaning alleys 24 75
- F. N. Young, do 10 15
- Chas. Jeffers, do 9 00
- Alfred Clay, do 2 25
- Thos. Smith, do 2 25