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ANNUAL BANQUET HELD MONDAY

Board of Directors Elected at Business Meeting Following Interesting Series of Speeches

With the sound of good music, furnished by the Alliance band, and with over two hundred people singing one of Secretary Fisher's "home made" songs, the Alliance Commercial Club was duly ushered into the second year of its existence under the new regime. The opera house, where the banquet was held, was well filled.

The ladies of the Christian church served a delicious banquet, with a menu of chicken pie, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, scalloped corn, banana salad, Parker House rolls, ice cream, cake and coffee. The excellent manner in which the banquet was served was very satisfactory to those who were there.

The musical program by the Alliance Concert band, W. Whaley director, was very good. Pieces played were "Trooper's Tribunal," "Cottage Grove," "Bohemian Girl," "Sliding Jim," "Hungarian Rag." The vocal solo by Verne Hamilton was encouraged.

President John W. Guthrie acted as toastmaster. He gave his report for the year and gave the opening address. Treasurer R. M. Hampton gave his report, showing a handsome balance in the treasury. Secretary W. D. Fisher supplemented his printed report which was complete and filled a sixteen page folder, with remarks in explanation of the same. Portions of and extracts from this report are given elsewhere in The Herald.

H. M. Bushnell, editor of the Lincoln Trade Review and for eight years president of the Nebraska association of commercial clubs, spoke on "Organization." He heartily endorsed the work of Secretary Fisher and the board of directors of the Alliance Commercial Club. He told of the growth of the Lincoln club under the present secretary, until the club now has 1600 members and one of the finest buildings in the country. He spoke of the publicity received by Alliance during the past year. "The spirit of co-operation means a great deal to Alliance," said Mr. Bushnell. He continued, "A good commercial club secretary is a rare bird. Alliance is today more talked of than ever before. Publicity is a strong feature and not every club can have this record."

Mr. Bushnell told of the old days in Nebraska, when Alliance was not yet in existence. He told of coming to the end of the railroad and then driving twenty miles farther to the site of our city. He was here in 1888. "Northwestern Nebraska has every opportunity to double and treble its population, the same as I saw happen in eastern Nebraska," said Mr. Bushnell. Twelve years ago we organized the commercial clubs of Nebraska into a state association. There were 32 clubs in the state at that time. There are now a total of 322 in the state. In the old days the ordinary Nebraska town lacked the spirit of harmony which it is the business of the club to create. The work of getting the farmers interested is very important. The community lines of the town should be extended. At Dorchester, Nebraska, a little town, there is a club with 106 members, of whom 54 are farmers. Only as we work together can we hope to make the progress that we are entitled to make."

The speaker told of the recent rapid advances in the world of business and science. He emphasized the fact that it is important for every community to keep step with the rapidly advancing procession.

F. M. Siedell, county farm demonstrator, spoke a few words. He showed the necessity of co-operation among the farmers and between the farmers and the business men. He asked for the support and co-operation of those interested in his work as demonstrator.

C. S. Radcliffe, county attorney of Cheyenne county, from Sidney, spoke of the rapid advance of Alliance. He told of the work at Sidney by its commercial clubs. He stated that western Nebraska needs advertising to bring more settlers to its cheap and fertile farming lands. His speech was a model of eloquence, and he was applauded heartily after closing. Mr. Radcliffe is a former pupil of Supt. W. R. Pate of the Alliance city schools, who was formerly superintendent at Sidney.

Mr. Weber, of Crawford, made an interesting talk on early days in western Nebraska and on the subject of good roads. He was formerly county commissioner of Dawes county and understood his subject thoroughly.

J. F. Lawrence, secretary, of the Chadron Commercial Club, gave an interesting talk. He is a thorough live wire and although only starting his work there has made a fine start and the club there is doing big things. They have raised \$5,000 for the budget for the coming year. The business men there pay under his plan sums from \$150 each down to \$25, the average being from \$50 to \$75 each for the ordinary business establishment.

W. C. Runkin, secretary of the

Crawford club, spoke in his usual "taking" way. Runkin is a big asset to the city of Crawford for his city. He has spoken here before and the people who had not heard him before were not disappointed in his energetic, booster talk.

R. A. Blake of Sidney, who goes to Hastings within a few days to take the position of secretary there, made an interesting and instructive talk. He spoke for the land man, showing how fast the work of bringing in new settlers and more money into the country benefits every citizen, and how that they should be given support. He compared the rapid growth of Alliance with St. Louis, and predicted a bright future for our city.

The last feature on the program was the election of the board of directors. The following were elected for the year: C. A. Newberry, F. W. Harris, R. M. Hampton, A. D. Rodgers, Ben Sallows, W. E. Spencer, J. W. Guthrie, E. T. Kibbie and Lloyd C. Thomas. The officers of the club are elected by the board of directors from among themselves.

ORGANIZE COMMERCIAL CLUBS

Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska Organized Monday Afternoon at Court House

An association of western Nebraska commercial clubs, known as the "Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska," was formed at the assembly room in the court house in Alliance Monday afternoon with representatives present from Sidney, Alliance, Crawford, Hemingford and Chadron. Officers of the new organization elected were Secretary Runkin of Crawford, president; Secretary Fisher of Alliance, secretary; Secretary Lawrence of Chadron, first vice president; Secretary McClenehan of Sidney, second vice president; and Mr. Van Gorder of Sidney, treasurer.

Mayor A. D. Rodgers welcomed the visitors from out of the city and made a stirring talk. The speech of welcome by the mayor was responded to by H. M. Bushnell, editor of the Lincoln Trade Review. Mr. Weber of Crawford, a former county commissioner of Dawes county, spoke on the subject of good roads. His talk was of much interest, for Dawes county has been very successful in making good roads. The Crawford Chamber of Commerce hired salaried men and furnished teams last year for road building. This club has dues of \$60 per year for each member, in addition to heavy donations for the general purposes of the club. Following his talk he was asked a number of questions by those present.

A resolution regarding the railroads, published elsewhere in this issue of The Herald, was presented by Secretary Runkin of Crawford. A. T. Lunn, chairman of the traffic committee of the Alliance Commercial Club, and an expert on freight rates, spoke on the subject of freight rates. His talk was interesting and showed that he has made a thorough study of the subject. One interesting thing learned regarding rates is that the rates which apply to Alliance apply very largely to Billings, Montana.

Lloyd C. Thomas talked on the relation of the newspaper to the commercial club. He stated that the newspapers as a rule were glad to give the clubs every assistance in boosting the home town and that the secretaries could secure the co-operation of the newspaperman by assisting him with information regarding the club work, etc.

Mr. McClenehan, secretary of the Sidney commercial club, told of the work there and the good done the town by the organization. Secretary Lawrence of Chadron made an interesting talk about their club. Secretary Fisher of Alliance told of the work here. Interesting talks were made by others who were present, and the meeting occupied practically the entire afternoon.

ELECT CLUB OFFICERS

Directors at Meeting Held Tuesday Noon Elect All Officers Except Secretary

The board of directors of the Alliance Commercial Club met at the Alliance Cafe Tuesday noon. The following officers for the club were elected from the board: John W. Guthrie, re-elected president; R. M. Hampton, vice president; F. W. Harris, treasurer. The selection of the secretary will not be made until some time later. Secretary W. D. Fisher's term lasts until the first of May.

Other routine business of the board was transacted. There was a full attendance of the board.

BUYS EMPRESS THEATRE

Former Burlington Railroad Man Purchases Picture House from Former Owner Dubuque
The Empress Theatre, located on Third street, was purchased Monday from Harry Dubuque by E. V. Cramer, for a number of years a Burlington man. The picture house will continue for the present as a ten cent house and will continue to present the Universal films. The opening of the new management will be held next Monday evening.

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC COM.

Resolution Adopted by Crawford Chamber of Commerce Brought up Before Alliance Club

At the organization meeting of the Associate Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska, held at the court house Monday afternoon, the following resolution, recently adopted by the Crawford Chamber of Commerce, was read. This was brought before the board of directors of the Alliance Commercial Club Tuesday noon and was referred to the traffic committee for their report on the same.

The railroads recently circulated petitions throughout the state, as stated in the resolution. The resolution follows:

Inasmuch as the railroad companies of this state have, thru their agents, circulated a petition petitioning the legislature and State Railway Commission to give the railroads of this state unbiased consideration as to their needs, which we fear may mislead the commission and legislature to believe that the public in general would be satisfied with and would agree to such raise in rates as the respective lines may submit to them for consideration. Be it

RESOLVED: That it is the belief of this Chamber of Commerce that the parties signing such petitions did so only as an acknowledgment that in their opinion the railroads should be entitled to a fair and reasonable profit as compensation for their services, and as a recognition of their value to the public, and not as an expression of their opinion that they believed the railroads were not getting a fair compensation:

That it is our belief that inasmuch as the western part of the state is not favored with many competitive lines of railroads, and therefore have to suffer exorbitant combinations of Commodity Interstate Rates, which make the establishment of distributing points here almost prohibitive, compelling us to draw our supplies from long distant and more favored Missouri river points on the basis of local hauls; that the freight rates now paid by the western portion of the state are already excessive and out of proportion to the freight rates of the eastern part of the state and east of the Missouri river;

That it is our belief that the Interstate Commodity rates to the western part of the state are excessive and far out of proportion to those in the eastern part of the state, which results in our not being able to use them, and forces us to the long haul which is detrimental to the west and inconsistent with the upbuilding of the western part of the state;

That if the revenues of the railroad companies are insufficient for efficient service, there should be a readjustment of rates whereby the state and interstate rates would be more nearly equalized by raising rates only where they are now proportionately lower than we must pay in the West;

That it is our judgment that the newly established rates as ordered in Special Order No. 19, being enacted by our honorable commissioners after a long and very careful and unbiased investigation, is a very fair and reasonable schedule of rates.

We, therefore, petition the legislature and commission that in case the railroads of Nebraska attempt to bring the question of higher rates before their respective bodies, that the shipping interests and the public in general have a fair opportunity to be heard at such hearing.

However, there is a kind of national success in keeping out of a war.

ELECTRIC RATES ARE LOWERED

City Council Makes Substantial Reduction in Charges for Electric Light and Power

Alliance is to have cheaper electricity, beginning with March 15th. At the regular meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening it was voted to establish the following rates, to take effect on the 15th of this month:

Electricity for Light:
1st 100 K. W., @ 10c per K. W.
Next 100 K. W., @ 8c per K. W.
Over 200 K. W., @ 6c per K. W.

Electricity for Power:
1st 100 K. W., @ 7c per K. W.
Next 100 K. W., @ 5c per K. W.
Next 100 K. W., @ 4c per K. W.
Above 300 K. W., @ 4c per K. W.

The rate for electric stoves will be 4c per K. W. The minimum charge on all meters will be \$1.50 per month, with the 10 per cent discount now in force for bills paid before the 22nd of the month.

There will be no change in water rates for the present. Investigation has shown that the rates charged for water in Alliance are as low or lower than most cities of this size and that with the present cost of pumping considered, it would not be advisable to lower the water rates.

The council voted to assist the city library board by paying the light bills each month as long as the present shortage of library funds is felt.

All claims against the city must be sworn to on the regular blanks provided for the purpose, in the future. City Clerk George F. Snyder was instructed to see that bills are properly signed and sworn to before presenting the same to the board. Arrangements will be made for those making out claims to have them sworn to without extra expense.

The decrease in income from the new rates to the city light department is estimated at \$575 during the month of December, the heaviest in the year, and at \$375 during the month of July, the lightest in the year.

The sum of \$2,394.90 was transferred from the electric light department funds to the general fund, to care for outstanding warrants.

In order to avoid the installation of another unit at the electric light plant the proposition of installing the proposed 500,000 gallon reservoir near the plant was discussed. The cost of the reservoir has been estimated all the way from \$4,000 to \$18,000. At the present time with only the water stand pipe for storage, it is necessary to run the pumps, which are operated by motors, during the daytime and evening when the electric light load is the heaviest. The installation of a storage reservoir would allow the pumping to be done during the night, from midnight to morning, when there is practically no use of electricity.

ANNUAL PLAY AT GOTHENBRUG

\$295 Received by Volunteer Firemen at Gothenburg when They Give Annual Entertainment

Gothenburg, Neb., March 3—The annual play given by the Gothenburg fire department, "A Prairie Rose," was a decided success both financially and otherwise. The proceeds from the sale of admission tickets amount-

ed to \$295. The opera house was filled to its capacity. The characters of the play were composed of local people, and they all carried on their parts to perfection. Judging from the applause and comments it was more than pleasing to all present.

The Gothenburg Independent says, "The people who took part in the production of 'A Prairie Rose' must have been inspired to do their very best acting as the curtain rose, soon after 8 o'clock last Thursday evening, revealing to them the great crowd of good natured and responsive friends. Great credit is due those who chose, arranged and carried this annual event to a successful end. The play was moral and uplifting as well as amusing, and gave good satisfaction to everybody present."

On Wednesday evening, February 24, the department held election of officers, the following being elected: Chief, Arthur Johnson; assistant chief, Jesse Eujene; president, Geo. Wilkins; secretary, R. F. Weathers; treasurer, C. T. Williams; board of trustees, Roy Gingrich, Dr. L. J. Boulter, Carl Quist; foreman hose company No. 1, Arthur Fredling; foreman hose company No. 2, Frank Anderson; foreman hook and ladder company, C. R. Fraiser. At the close of the meeting a banquet was served at Beath's cafe.

NEW DRUG LAW NOW IN EFFECT

Fines and Imprisonment Provided for Violators of Federal Law Prohibiting Drug Sale

The act of congress prohibiting all persons from selling or giving away habit-forming drugs without a physician's prescription or under direct instruction, went into effect Monday. These drugs include opium, cocaine leaves or any compound, manufacture, salt derivative or preparation made from such drugs. Remedies that cannot be dispensed without a physician's orders include those containing more than two grains of opium or more than one-fourth of a grain of morphine, or one-eighth of heroin, or one grain of codeine.

Violators of the law are subjected to a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for five years, or both. A tax of \$1 a year is fixed for all who sell such drugs. Enforcement of the law is vested in the commissioner of internal revenue, for which \$150,000 is provided.

There are not less than 400 remedies so-called which cannot be sold by druggists without a physician's prescription. And this list of 400 remedies is liable to be augmented by another hundred.

Opium, cocaine, coca leaves and codeine are the more prominent drugs restricted in indiscriminate sale by the new law. But there are hundreds of derivatives or preparations which contain a certain percent of these opiates which come under the ban of the new measure.

One cannot buy atropine, calomel, codeine, strychnine, heroin or ipecac without a prescription. Balm gilead, Dover powders, wild cherry compound, white pine drugs and the like are restricted. Coca, beef and iron, in a compound, is tabooed, as is celery compound, all neuralgic preparations, hypodermic tablets and practically all the cough lozenges.

The Alliance drug stores are not carrying a large stock of the drugs covered under this law. Under the law the drug stores are compelled to take an inventory of the stock on hand which will be inspected by the internal revenue inspectors when they make their regular calls. The amount on hand with the druggists must correspond with the prescriptions which are kept on file. All physicians are required to keep a carbon copy of prescriptions given which contain these drugs.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

List of Examinations Scheduled to Take Place at Alliance During Coming Weeks

March 10-11. Jun'or chemist, salary \$1200 to \$1400.
March 15. Physical laboratory helper, male, salary \$600 to \$720.
March 15. Assistant in agricultural geography, male, salary \$1800 to \$2000.
March 17. Junior laboratory helper, male, \$480 to \$540. Aid in poultry and egg handling, male, \$720. Fireman, bureau of standards, salary \$900 to \$1500.
April 7. Laboratory aid in technical agriculture, salary \$600 to \$900. Subinspector, electrical, male, \$3.50 to \$5.04 per day.
April 14-15. Ship draftsman, male, salary \$3.28 to \$5.04 per day. Scientific assistant in library science, salary \$840 to \$1000.

Quick Trip in Reo Automobile

The Reo automobile proved itself equal to a hard task Monday when Leo Nicolai, of the Reo Garage, drove Dr. H. H. Bellwood to the B. F. Ankeny ranch, forty-five miles southeast of Alliance, through the sand hills, with snow still on the ground. The start to the ranch was made at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon and they returned at noon Tuesday. Mr. Ankeny was taken severely ill, necessitating calling the doctor. He is better at this time.

THE STATE HOUSE AND LEGISLATURE

State Senate Is Handling Bills with Rapidity but House Is Packed Full to the Brim

Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 4—The Torrens bill, providing for court records of land titles instead of the abstractors' certificates, has passed the House and its sponsors claim that it will go through the Senate.

A bill providing for the sterilization of criminal insane was killed early in the session in the House, but a similar measure has passed the Senate and is again up for consideration by the lower body. At the session 1913 Governor McCrehead vetoed such a measure.

The state will have a parole officer hereafter, and it will be his business to travel over the state, in connection with his other duties, examining jails and other public institutions, visiting paroled prisoners from the penitentiary, talking with their guardians and keeping general tab on their conduct.

The Senate passed a bill permitting the establishment of a saloon at Fort Crook. It came to the House and was promptly killed. Members of the legislature generally believe that there should be no liquor legislation and all bills of every kind having to do with the saloon question are apt to be strangled in the House.

President Potts and Secretary Richmond of the Legislative League have practically fixed the date for the next annual reunion for Thursday evening, March 18. A committee is now working on a program, and definite announcements will be given out in a week or so. All present and former members of the Nebraska legislature are eligible to membership and the annual dues are \$1.50, including the annual banquet.

Proposed constitutional amendments for election of supreme judges by districts were introduced in the Senate and the House. The Senate has passed its bill which provides for seven judges to be elected by congressional districts. The House bill will be amended to read seven judges instead of nine, as originally introduced, but it is proposed to establish supreme judicial districts that will be more evenly balanced as to population than the congressional districts. There are reasons to believe that the question will resolve itself into a strict party matter in the House.

The State Railway Commission is not a popular body around the state house. Public sentiment brands the commission as sympathizing with the corporations rather than with the public. Commissioner Hall is particularly unpopular and seems to be adding to the feeling of resentment against the body that he assumes to represent. He is very active in his efforts to influence legislation, appearing before committees and lobbying around the legislative halls much of the time.

Attorney General Reed assumes it is his duty to be the legal representative of the Railway Commission as much as for any other state officer, and he has notified the commission officially that he will take charge of litigation in the name of the state rather than allow the commission to go outside to employ special counsel for which large fees have been paid. Mr. Reed has taken a decided stand on several matters of importance since he assumed the duties of his office and as a result state officers are being compelled to change their old free and easy customs.

In order to adjourn for Saturday, the House put on extra steam Thursday and worked steadily from 9 o'clock in the morning until after 10 o'clock at night, holding committee meetings, a caucus of the majority party and a night session. The Senate held its first Saturday session and worked industriously reporting bills for the general file. It now looks probable that at the close of next week the Senate will have reported out about all of the bills introduced in that body that will ever see the light. With almost three times as many bills to consider the lower body can hardly hope to get through the list and a sifting committee will have to be invoked.

There are a number of bleeding necks about the statehouse since Chairman Norton of the House finance committee introduced the general appropriation bills last week. If the measures pass as originally drawn the appropriations will be cut about \$700,000 from the budget for the last biennium. Departments are being cut as to salaries and incidental expenses. Employees in certain offices and boards are being lopped off the pay roll and salaries will be equalized as between similar positions in the various offices. All appropriation bills must originate in the House but they may be amended when they reach the Senate. Just what will be the result after the senators have had their say and the conference committees have gotten together is difficult to guess but there is certain to be a big saving in gross appropriations at the present session.

At the same time the country may felicitate itself upon the fact that, in this particular crisis, the administration of affairs is not in the hands of the excellent but impetuous colonel.