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WELCOME, TEACHERS

TENNEY GIVES GAS PLANT DATA

Vice President of American Gas Construction Company Writes Mayor or Rodgers About Plant

COST IS NOT EXCESSIVE

D. C. Tenney, vice president of the American Gas Construction Company, who has been in the city for several days, has written a letter to Mayor Rodgers regarding the proposed municipal gas plant. The city officials are in favor of asking the opinion of voters of Alliance as to whether a municipal plant is desired, at the April election.

The letter from Mr. Tenney to Mayor Rodgers is as follows: Alliance, Nebr., March 18, 1915. Hon. A. D. Rodgers, Mayor, Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: We beg to submit to you, and your committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a gas works in your city, to be operated by the municipality, in connection with your present electric light and water department, the following data for your consideration. We wish to call your attention to some of the reasons why we recommend you should have a gas works in Alliance.

You have a number of industries that would use gas in a considerable amount if the service could be obtained at a reasonable rate, and what has been done in several cities the size of Alliance in your own and neighboring states shows that practically every household in your city would soon use gas for cooking and heating purposes.

The many practical appliances which are on the market today can be installed at a nominal cost, and operated very economically, making gas service a necessity wherever it can be obtained at a reasonable rate.

In the following data we figured on operating the proposed gas works in connection with your electric light and water plants, with your present engineering and office force, and such additional help as would be necessary to handle your properties in a practical and economical manner.

We have based our operating costs on results we guarantee with our apparatus, and in actual operation you should do considerably better than outlined.

We have figured the number of consumers and amount of gas sold very conservatively and from talking with several of your people who are familiar with local conditions, we feel that our estimate of the third year's business could be obtained at the end of the second year.

We wish to call your attention to the figures given in the industrial edition of the Alliance Semi-Weekly Times, published in February, which show the number of patrons of your present utilities covering a period of the past fourteen years.

In 1900 you had 75 water customers and 152 telephones installed. The electric light figures were not given.

In 1905 you had 142 electric light customers, 250 water customers, a gain of 233 per cent, and 210 telephones, a gain of 45 per cent.

In 1910 you had 272 electric light customers, a gain of 91 1/2 per cent, 625 water customers, a gain of 110 per cent, and 395 telephones, a gain of 88 per cent.

In 1914 you had 560 electric light customers, a gain of 106 per cent, 800 water customers, a gain of 26 per cent, 1023 telephones, a gain of 158 per cent, or a total increase of 294 per cent in electric light customers in nine years; 952 per cent increase in water customers in fourteen years, and 573 per cent in telephones in fourteen years.

These figures show the people of Alliance appreciate their utilities, and will take advantage of modern conveniences if given a chance.

We have figured the number of customers and amount of gas sold during the first three year period of operation as follows:

1st year, 250 customers, 6,000,000 cu. ft.
2d year, 400 customers, 9,600,000 cu. ft.
3d year, 500 customers, 12,000,000 cu. ft.

The sales would be as follows:
1st year \$7,800
2d year 12,480
3d year 15,600

The cost would be as follows:
1st year \$4,830
2d year 6,420
3d year 8,540

In this estimate we have figured the cost of coke at \$7 per ton, coal \$4 per ton, and gas oil five cents per gallon; have allowed \$75 per month for manufacturing labor, and \$100 per month for office and overhead charges, during the first year, \$75 per month for plant labor and \$125 per month overhead charges the second year, and \$100 per month for manufacturing labor, and \$150 per month for office and overhead charges during the third year.

This shows the net earnings as follows:

1st year \$2970
2nd year 6060
3d year 7060

We regard these figures as very conservative, and with good management we are confident the results would be considerable better than here estimated.

We have estimated the cost of a complete plant for your city, including all necessary buildings, gas manufacturing apparatus, 14,000 gal. capacity oil storage, 30,000 cubic feet capacity gas storage, 31,000 feet of distributing mains, etc., to be approximately \$35,600.

The manufacturing plant would consist of the latest improved type of "Tenney Process" carburetted water gas apparatus, high pressure storage, and medium pressure delivery.

The building would be built of brick, and be fire proof.

The pipe for distributing mains would be of the best quality for such work, and laid in the most modern manner. The mains would take care of the future growth of your city, and could be extended whenever future business demanded.

With this equipment, gas could be sold to your customers for \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet, with a sliding scale for longer consumption. We would recommend reading the meters at \$1.75 per thousand with a discount for prompt payment.

Your numerous hotels, restaurants, boarding houses, barber shops, garages, drug stores, etc., would all use a considerable amount of gas for various purposes and your housewives will be glad to have gas ranges in their kitchens for fuel purposes.

A modern gas works will increase the value of your real estate more than any other improvement you can make.

We will be glad to go into detail along any lines you might suggest, and trust we may be of future service to you.

Respectfully submitted,
AMERICAN GAS CONST. CO.,
D. C. Tenney, Vice Pres.

CONVENTION DATES

June 16, 17 and 18 Selected as Dates for Annual Convention of the Nebraska Stockgrowers

The directors of the Alliance Commercial Club have selected Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 16, 17 and 18, as the dates for the annual convention of the Nebraska Stockgrowers' Association, to be held in Alliance, providing these dates meet with the approval of the officials of the association, who have stated that they were favorable to the convention being held the middle of June.

The club is looking out for a very interesting line of entertainment for the coming convention. Among other forms of entertainment they are considering procuring the famous "auto polo" teams. This is one of the most exciting forms of entertainment procurable at the present time. A modified form of the game of polo is played with automobiles, and the excitement provided thereby is said to draw big crowds.

OPEN LANDS TO ENTRY

U. S. Land Office Announces Opening of Land for Homestead Which Had Been Withdrawn

The United States land office announces the opening for homestead entry of the following tract of land. This land had been withdrawn under the irrigation project. It will be subject to settlement on April 29 and open to entry on May 29, at the Alliance land office.

The land is described as follows: Township 19 North, range 49 W. SE 1/4 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4, Sec. 5; SW 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, Sec. 7; N 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, lots 1 to 4 inclusive, Sec. 8; N 1/2, N 1/2 SE 1/4, lots 1 to 4 inclusive, Sec. 9.

Township 19 North, range 50 W. S 1/2 NE 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4, lots 5 to 8 inclusive, Sec. 1; lots 2 and 3, Sec. 2; lot 1, Sec. 12.

Township 24 North, range 58 W. E 1/2 NE 1/4, Sec. 1.

Want Postmaster for Angora

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on Saturday April 10, an examination will be held in Alliance as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Angora. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$382 for the last fiscal year.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my many friends who assisted me so well in helping me win the Ford automobile at the Roy Beckwith store contest, which closed Saturday night. I greatly appreciate the good work done by my friends and wish to take this method of expressing my sincere thanks.
W. J. MAHONEY.

Alliance School of Music IMPERIAL THEATRE

Marh 25, 1915

PROGRAM

- Child Dialect (a) Somebody Did
(b) I'm Fat
(c) Essay on Men

Miss Theresa Hight
Teacher of Dramatic Art

- Reis: Suite (a) Prelude
(b) Romance
(c) Scherzo

Mr. Ralph Unlacke
Teacher of Violin

- Verdi Aria from Il Trovatore

Miss Eunice Burnett
Teacher of Voice

- Chopin Ballad in A Flat

Mrs. Edith Swan Zediker
Teacher of Piano

This program is given complimentary to the North Platte Valley Teachers' Association by the Alliance Commercial Club.

DEATH OF PIONEER CITIZEN

Robert Richard Ralls Passed Away at the Residence of His Son, A. A. Ralls, in Alliance

Robert Richard Ralls was born February 2, 1843, in Green county, Illinois, and died at the residence of his son, A. A. Ralls, in Alliance, Nebraska, February 21, 1915; aged 72 years and 19 days.

When a child of three years his parents removed from Illinois to Iowa, in 1846. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Emma Hunsinger of White county, Ill., whose death occurred in 1874, at Marshalltown, Iowa. Two children were born to this union, Arthur A. and Ida M. Ralls.

In 1876 he was married to Lizzie Fenton of Marshalltown, Iowa. By this union there was one child, a daughter, Marian.

In 1885 they moved to Nebraska, locating in Box Butte county, eight miles northwest of Alliance. Mr. Ralls was one of the county's first commissioners, serving from 1887 to 1890. The last six years he has made his home with his son Arthur, in Alliance, where his death occurred Sunday morning at 2 o'clock.

The near relatives that survive him are his son and daughters, Arthur A. Ralls of Alliance, Ida M. Ralls of Whitton, Iowa, and Mrs. Marian Wright of South Omaha; six grandchildren, Florence, Robert, Clarence, Wayne and Ellsworth Ralls of Alliance, and Gladys Wright of South Omaha; and two brothers, J. A. Ralls of Marshalltown, Iowa, and S. B. Ralls of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Ralls was a member of the Christian church, a good hearted, modest, retiring old man, kind in spirit and quiet in manner. His last sickness was of only a few days' duration. It was not thought that it was of a serious nature. To a member of the household he had expressed his readiness to go and the conviction that a home awaited him in the life beyond whenever the summons came. It was nearer than he thought. A few days later, and five minutes before the end came, he was conversing with his son in his usual manner. He closed his eyes as if to sleep. A moment later his son spoke to him. There was no response. It was then discovered that the messenger had come. The immortal spirit had taken his flight to that home he believed was waiting for him in that "City which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

The funeral was held Tuesday, at 10 a. m., in the First M. E. church of Alliance, conducted by the pastor, Rev. O. S. Baker, who preached an appropriate sermon to the many friends who attended the last rites of respect to the departed. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

Well Sood Government Man

Representative M. P. Kinkaid has notified the Commercial Club that the Department of Agriculture of the United States government has consented to send a pump irrigation expert here to go fully into the pump irrigation proposition. With the present amount of moisture in the ground and more snow falling today the need for pump irrigation this year seems to be very small.

Eclipse Man Dies Here

Chas. Waid, of Eclipse, died here Tuesday night, the cause of his death being Bright's disease. Mr. Waid had been here for a couple of weeks taking treatment, and last Saturday concluded to leave, and on that day went to Mullen. He suffered a backset immediately on reaching Mullen, and on Tuesday was brought back to Alliance for treatment, but it was seen as soon as he arrived that there was no chance for his recovery, and death followed at 9 o'clock that night.

Word was sent to relatives in Eclipse Tuesday, but up to the time of going to press they have not been heard from, and the body is resting in the Darling undertaking parlors. The dead man was fairly well fixed, and seemed to realize that the end was near when he was brought here, as he proceeded at once to make out his will, leaving most of his property to his mother. He willed his "chaps" and spurs to a friend named Smith, who accompanied him here, stating that he wanted to leave his friend "something to remember him by".

TO ADJOURN ABOUT APRIL 6

State Legislature Getting Down to Real Business, Working Nights and Passing New Laws

Lincoln, Nebr., March 24—The best guessers at the east end of the capitol building suggest that the legislature will adjourn sine die about April 6. The grave and reverend senators will not so much as venture a guess. Possibly they like Lincoln better than the representatives who are now ready to adjourn. The big appropriation bills have scarcely had any serious consideration and they must be agreed upon by both branches before the session comes to a close or it would be necessary for an extra session to be called to take care of the state's finances.

The chiropractors have made a long and hard fight for official recognition at this session and with apparent success. There are a few medical doctors in the legislature, but they have been unable to stem the tide for the mechanical practitioners. The lawyers of the House grasped the opportunity to punish the physicians for their activity in helping to pass a bill that would permit a litigant to try his own case before the county court. The latter bill, however, failed by one vote to pass in the Senate.

Almost every legislative session sprouts booms for governors and congressmen and U. S. senators, but this year little of the sort has been heard. Peterson of Lancaster, a republican member of the lower house, is developing into a real statesman, and it is believed that he may cross swords with Reavis for congressional honors at the next primary. Nichols of Madison is being joshed about running against Dan Stephens, but he hasn't admitted the ambition yet. Senator Beal is deporting himself in a manner that warrants his friends in urging him to try conclusions with Moses P. Kinkaid in 1916. It would be impossible to pick a probable candidate for governor out of either party.

State officers are giving diligent attention to the legislature and particularly Attorney General Reed, Auditor Smith and Secretary of State Pool and are always ready to lend their assistance in settling some knotty point for the solons.

Representative Thad Scott of Hamilton county offered a motion Saturday that the House cease giving so much attention to matters concerning Omaha and Lincoln and devote a little more time to legislating for the "unorganized territory". Mr. Scott is a democrat but he has all of the fighting qualities of the unorganized populist of twenty years ago. There has been little railroad leg-

islation. The roads have had representatives on the job watching things all of the time but nothing of importance has been attempted. The most interesting measure was the proposed Osterman bill to cut the U. P. right of way down to 200 feet instead of 400 feet along the main line.

Consolidation of departments and bureaus has had its full share of attention and the finance committee of the House has labored diligently to cut down the high salaried heads of departments without crippling the efficiency of the administration of the laws. Salaries are being held down, or, in some instances, cut a little, but nowhere has there been a raise. It is currently reported that the sentiment in the Senate and the House is quite different in the matter of consolidations.

Taylor of Custer started something when he demanded a stricter accounting at the state university. He lost his fight but he has not lost his courage and, although he resigned from the committee in charge of school finances, he is working as diligently as any of the members to get at the facts in the case. He hopes to awaken the public to the necessity for a more discriminating interest in the agricultural activities of the university.

Cities that want to do so may provide by levy for band concerts on the streets and in the public parks.

The state constitution provides that the biennial meeting of the legislature must be in session for not less than sixty days or more than ninety days. By the time this has been printed in the weekly papers the House will have been in session the minimum number of days, but the Senate is four days behind and consequently the session can not close before next Tuesday with the strong probability that joint adjournment can not occur before April 5 or 6. The House worked Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights of last week to keep up with the sifting committee, and on Friday night it was nearly midnight when the fight on the chiropractic bills was settled. Altogether the past week has been by far the busiest of the session and has been full of spectacular events. The House has passed the bill that extends the city limits of Omaha to include South Omaha, Benson, Florence and Dundee, now suburban towns. It has also placed its stamp of its approval upon another Omaha bill, one that permits the city water plant to generate and sell electric current in competition with the present privately owned electric company. A bill authorizing the publication of the personal tax rolls of every precinct has been passed and a bill of special interest to newspaper publishers, making libel laws less stringent, barely secured enough votes to pass it. Both of the above measures are now in the hands of the Senate.

FISHER RE-ELECTED

Board of Directors of Commercial Club Re-elect W. D. Fisher as Secretary for Coming Year

At the regular weekly meeting of the board of directors of the Alliance Commercial Club, held at the Alliance cafe Monday noon, W. D. Fisher was re-elected as secretary of the club for the coming year, beginning with May 1. His salary will remain the same as during the past year.

In the report made at the annual banquet an outline of plans for the coming year was given. With the help of the club as a whole Mr. Fisher and the board of officers will be able to carry out many of these plans thereby putting Alliance ahead another big step during the coming year. The report showing the results accomplished during the past year was very satisfactory. The board of directors believed that Mr. Fisher was the man to carry on the plans outlined by him following up the work done during the past year.

A number of the leading club members have signified their intention of increasing their subscription during the coming year, under the budget plan. Prospects are bright for a year full of activity and accomplishment for our city.

Will Give Out-of-Town Concerts

On tomorrow evening the faculty of the Alliance School of Music will give a concert at Scottsbluff, and on the Monday evening following they will give a concert at Wheatland. Those who will participate in the Scottsbluff concert are Miss Eunice Burnett, instructor in voice; Miss Theresa Pearl Hight, dramatic art; Mrs. Edith Swan Zediker, piano; and Prof. Ralph Unlacke, violin, and the same personnel will go to Wheatland with the exception of Miss Hight, who will return to Alliance Saturday.

Will Leave the Sandhills

A. R. Wallick of Hyannis was in Alliance the latter part of last week looking for a place to locate near the city. He is a homesteader, his land being near Hyannis, but he wishes to leave the sandhills and move out to the tableland. He likes the country around Alliance.

WILL PROTEST THE PARDON

Roy Maynard Will Have Hearing Before Board of Pardons April 8, for Murder of LeRoy Barnes

CRIME COMMITTED 8 YEARS AGO

In order that he may be present at the hearing of Roy Maynard before the state board of pardons on April 8, T. H. Barnes went to Lincoln Tuesday. During the intervening time until the hearing, Mr. Barnes will be busy preparing affidavits and other data concerning the murder of his son LeRoy Barnes by Maynard in Alliance on January 29, 1907.

This case attracted wide-spread attention at the time the crime was committed, and feeling ran high, not only in Alliance but in the surrounding country, owing to the circumstances which surrounded the case. It will be remembered that Maynard came to Alliance from Denver and was given a position in the Barnes lunch room. Mr. Barnes advanced transportation, which was to be deducted from Maynard's wages after he began work. The son, LeRoy Barnes, managed the lunch room at this place, his father owning and operating several of them along the Burlington. Shortly after Maynard began work it was noticed that small sums of money were occasionally missed from the cash drawer and he was accused of the theft and discharged. Shortly afterward he returned to the lunch room and shot Mr. Barnes twice, both shots taking effect and causing almost instant death.

At the May term of court Maynard was found guilty of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment, the prosecution being conducted by County Attorney Eugene Burton, assisted by Attorney Mitchell, this being Mr. Burton's first case as county attorney. The defense was conducted by Judge Hamer, and the case was heard before Hon. J. J. Harrington, of O'Neil. The case was afterward taken to the supreme court, which affirmed the decision of the district court.

Since being confined in the penitentiary, Maynard has made several attempts to escape, and on one occasion attempted to commit suicide, but his plans were frustrated.

Mr. Barnes will leave no stone unturned in his effort to keep Maynard behind the bars, but there is much speculation here as to whether or not his efforts will succeed.

Declaratory Contest Tonight

The declaratory contest of the North Platte Valley district, comprised of the towns of Alliance, Bayard, Bridgeport, Kimball and Sidney, will be held at the Phelan opera house tonight. This promises to be a noteworthy event, as the rivalry is keen and the winners in tonight's contest will participate in the state contests. In addition to the declaratory contest there will be orchestra music by the high school orchestra while the judges are making their decision. Reserved seat tickets can be obtained now at Holsten's. The admission is 50 cents.

Milinery Opening Well Attended

Despite the inclement weather of last Saturday, the milinery opening of the Harper Department Store was attended by a large crowd, mostly town people, as the roads were such that few of the country people made their usual Saturday trip. Beautiful and appropriate souvenirs were presented to those in attendance, and the orchestra rendered a number of excellent selections. Mr. Harper never does things by halves, as was thoroughly demonstrated Saturday.

Pastor Chosen

At a special meeting of the members of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church, held Wednesday evening, for the purpose of calling a pastor for the coming year, Rev. McIntyre, who has been filling the pulpit for the past few months, was unanimously chosen. Following the business meeting, a pleasant social session was held.

Midwest Magazine Makes Change

Midwest Magazine, "a periodical of God's country", published by Will M. Maupin, has been moved to Omaha and the March number comes out greatly improved in appearance and much larger in the amount of reading matter. The March number contains some very interesting articles.

Treated for Snow Blindness

Dr. Geo. J. Hand has been treating a case of snow blindness the past week. Dave Matthews of Sheridan county, near Lakeside, became snow-blind. He came to Alliance last Thursday, since which time he has been improving and expects to return home within a few days.

When answering advertisements please be sure to mention that you saw them in The Herald.