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NORTH STAR HIGHWAY LINE-UP IS NOW ASSURED

MORRILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE ROUTE.

Ask Assistance of State Engineer in Deciding Location of Road from Angola to Alliance.

The long-awaited meeting of the Morrill county commissioners, held at Bridgeport on Tuesday, resulted in up-setting some of the dope sheets. The three commissioners with little or no delay and an almost entire absence of oratorical persuasion, voted unanimously to approve the North Star route through that county as road No. 1 to receive state aid, and then designated the G-P-C route, which goes through Broadwater, as route No. 2. State Engineer Johnson is requested by the resolution to lend his assistance in selecting the most feasible route between Angola and Alliance.

It was the series of North Star road meetings that is believed to have turned the trick, although the Bridgeport road boosters, who include among their number practically every citizen of the Morrill county-seat, aside from the cemetery, did yeoman service in behalf of their road. Despite the fact that indications were that their road would not be approved, somebody, believed to have been Mark Spanigle and a bunch of Bridgeport boosters, got on the job and won an easy victory—a victory that is not only highly pleasing to every town along the North Star route, but is also satisfactory to the G-P-C boosters.

The Morrill county commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

The Resolution.

WHEREAS, The North Star Highway Association of the State of Nebraska has designated and established a route for said highway passing from south to north through western Nebraska and Morrill county; by way of Chappell, Sidney, Dalton, Bridgeport, Angola, Alliance and Chadron, which said route connects with, and is a part of a transcontinental highway extending from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada, a greater part of which is now improved, and

WHEREAS, No public road exists at this time between Angola and Alliance, and more especially in that part of Morrill county between Angola and the north line of said county, and

WHEREAS, The public necessity in Morrill county and western Nebraska, as well as the entire west, demands that a road be laid out, established and improved between Angola and Alliance as a part of said highway within the shortest possible time, and,

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Rushville Man Dies From Injuries Received When Struck by Car

An unusual accident occurred Tuesday evening near the fair grounds at Gordon. Mr. Jacobs of Rushville was driving a Ford from the grounds. A short distance away he discovered a flat tire and stopped his car near the middle of the road to get out and look at it. As he stepped from the car, another car, from the rear, turned out just enough to miss the Jacobs car, but on account of the dust did not see Jacobs in time to avoid hitting him. He was thrown to the ground and before assistance could be rendered, another car, coming from the front, ran squarely over him. He died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Thiele Drug Store Is Now the Official Agent for American Legion Jewelry

The Harry F. Thiele drug store is now the only official agent in Alliance for American Legion jewelry. Heretofore this line, which includes pins, buttons, charms, cuff links and other items, has been handled only through the American Legion national headquarters and the various posts, but it has been decided to establish a number of agencies, limited to one to a city. As has been the case in the past, purchasers must furnish proof of membership in the Legion before sales will be made.

MRS. LUCY SOWERS DIED IN ALLIANCE WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Lucy Sowers, sixty-one years of age, died at St. Joseph hospital at 11 a. m. Wednesday, following an operation for the removal of cancer. She was a resident of Crawford, Neb., and had been in the city about two weeks. The body was sent to Crawford on No. 43 Thursday, in care of a son and daughter, who came to the city when summoned by a physician. Mrs. Sowers was a Nebraska pioneer, coming to this state thirty-seven years ago from Virginia.

Miss Wilma Mote has accepted a position with faculty of the Lakeside schools.

City Manager's Corner

(By N. A. KEMMISH)

Yesterday we received and filed for the city a deed from the Lincoln Land company for Mississippi avenue extending from Seventh to Tenth streets, also the alley between Missouri avenue and Mississippi avenue extending from Seventh to Tenth avenue; also the one-half block of streets on Eighth and Ninth avenues from the alley extending to Mississippi avenue. This deed should have been gotten over ten years ago or else the property platted. This clears up the title to this land as it should be so that now we can proceed with our work of laying the water main extension on Mississippi avenue.

We could not get Belmont addition to check out with the original town survey so had to lay the main on Mississippi avenue in accordance with the original town survey. We hope to have the main completed on Yellowstone, Missouri, Tenth street and Fourth street extending into Duncan's addition by Saturday evening. We will then be ready to start on a short stretch on Mississippi avenue.

School is now in full swing in the city hall and the rooms are light and airy and are splendid for school purposes.

We have made our changes in the fire department so that we now have one man on all of the time for which we pay him \$100 per month and furnish living quarters, rough dry washing and electricity for cooking as we do not want any fires in the city hall building especially while school is going on. The school also pays him \$25 per month for doing their janitor service. This makes quite a reduction in the expense of our fire department, in fact it reduces it from \$3,000 a year to \$1,200 per year for wages alone in this department.

AN ACTION TO CLOSE ROSETTA ROOMING HOUSE

COUNTY ATTORNEY BRINGS PROCEEDINGS

Will Appear Before District Judge Westover at Chadron Monday and Press Charges

County Attorney Lee Basye has commenced action under the state prohibitory law to bring about the closing of the so-called Rodgers rooming house, operated by Mrs. Minnie Rosetta in the building owned by former Mayor A. D. Rodgers. The county attorney will ask for a temporary injunction to prevent the place from running until the next regular term of district court, which convenes in Alliance, December 12. At that time decision will be made as to the advisability of asking the court to make the injunction permanent.

Under the prohibitory law, one offense is sufficient grounds for officials to ask that a rooming house be closed. Mrs. Rosetta, on June 18 of this year, pleaded guilty to selling intoxicating liquor, and paid a fine of \$100 and costs. Last Monday evening the place was again raided and a quantity of liquor confiscated. Mr. Basye will present the court records at Chadron before Judge Westover and will ask a court order closing the place.

The Rosettas are represented by Attorney Eugene Burton.

First Accident at the Lakeside Oil Well Results in Loss of Three Fingers

The first serious accident at the Lakeside oil well occurred Thursday morning, when Harry Landreth, rig builder, got his left hand caught in the machinery and badly smashed. Landreth was brought to the Alliance hospital by Dr. E. C. Cowles of Lakeside, and it is reported that three fingers of his hand will have to be removed. Mr. Landreth came to Nebraska a few weeks ago from California, and was in charge of the construction work at the Lakeside Development company's rig, near Lakeside.

BOYS CAPTURE A LIVE PORCUPINE AT CITY PARK

George and Alfred Simpson captured a large porcupine this noon at the city park. The two boys were on their way home from school and perceived the animal, enlisting the assistance of older relatives in capturing it. Ropes, grocery crates and other paraphernalia were used to catch Mr. Porcupine alive and uninjured. A big crowd of onlookers watched the performance with interest.

Mrs. Margaret Weibling, sixty-one years of age, died in Alliance at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the home of her sister, Miss Sera Lamberson, at Tenth and Mississippi streets. Mrs. Weibling's home was in Upton, Wyo., and she had been under medical care for the past four weeks. The body was taken to Robinson, Kas., Thursday night for interment. Mrs. Weibling was the mother of Mrs. R. A. Cook of Lakeside. Another daughter also resides at Lakeside.

CLEAN-UP SQUAD FINISHES WORK IN ALLIANCE

SEVENTY-FOUR SOLDIERS FILE THEIR APPLICATIONS.

The Government War Risk Officials Expedite Work of Caring for the Disabled.

Labor day furnished the largest number of ex-soldiers for the government "flying squadron", who spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon in this city, taking care of claims of wounded and disabled service men who made out applications for compensation, increase in compensation or federal vocational training. Forty men came to Alliance from the five counties in this territory, and the day was a half following thirty-four others came in to make applications of one sort and another.

Due to a misunderstanding as to the work the clean-up squad was expected to do, there was at first a feeling of disappointment on the part of the ex-soldiers, the Red Cross and the soldiers' organization, the American Legion. The first reports that were sent out were to the effect that the squad was possessed of ample authority to receive claims, pass upon them finally at once, and immediately notify the claimants whether they would receive aid, and if so, just what would be done for them.

Actually, the squad is not intended to take the place of the regular bureau officials, and their work is largely that of expediting the claims. Heretofore the Red Cross and in some places the American Legion have been making out the claims, and usually it required two or three months, even under the most favorable circumstances, to get definite action. At Alliance, the clean-up squad was composed of men who had to give their approval under the old method of handling claims, and if nothing more was accomplished, this much of the delay was eliminated. If there was any question as to the claims, the physicians with the squad gave a medical examination right on the spot, and were not compelled to base their decisions on the various reports, as heretofore.

While the squad did not in any event finally pass on the claims and actually award compensation, they were able to tell the applicants the recommendations that were made. In one or two instances, in Alliance, and the nearby counties, men who have been trying to get an award of compensation by the old red tape method for months were able to get assurance that their claims would be sent in for immediate attention, with a favorable recommendation. When it was fully understood that the squad was really hurrying up claims, and that through their visit in all probability several months' time will be saved for some of the claimants, the various organizations which have co-operated with the government in the drive have felt a whole lot better about it. This was the case in Alliance, at any rate, and although reports from a few places in eastern Nebraska are to the opposite effect, the men with the squad say that if the Red Cross officials had been given more definite information at first, there would have been no ill feeling.

The squad left Wednesday afternoon for Scottsbluff, where they were scheduled to hold hearings on Thursday.

The following men filed claims on Tuesday and Wednesday morning in Alliance:

- John E. Sherlock, Alliance.
- Tudor P. Gibson, Lexington, Miss.
- Elisha J. Hall, Alliance.
- Tom Karos, Alliance.
- Louis Flaherty, Hyannis.
- George W. Miller, Hemingford.
- Leo O. Purdy, Alliance.
- Walter Lewis, Alliance.
- Louis P. Warn, Hemingford.
- William J. Eversall, Hemingford.
- Oakley O. Otten, Sidney.
- Frank D. Gilleran, Alliance.
- Russell C. Miller, Hemingford.
- Ray W. Robinson, Marsland.
- Dewey E. Husted, Alliance.
- Ralph Joder, Alliance.
- Jacob H. Elise, Curley.
- Dan W. Elliott, Alliance.
- Robert Murphy, Alliance.
- Ernest C. Larson, Alliance.
- Stanley Gussack, Angola.
- Joseph C. Krney, Alliance.
- Harris Gogert, Hemingford.
- Aaron S. Johnston, Hemingford.
- Don Breneman, Alliance.
- Mrs. Ellen Johnson, mother of William R. Johnson, deceased soldier, Alliance.
- Lloyd C. Dotson, Alliance.
- Carl Moserip, Alliance.
- Omar D. Slayter, Sidney.
- Armand LeSage, Alliance.
- Morris Nelson, Alliance.
- Burton L. Garrison, Hemingford.
- Jefferson B. Crist, Hemingford.
- Holbert E. Jones, Hemingford.

It will be necessary for the local home service bureau of the Red Cross to follow up a number of the new claims that were filed during these three days.

Russell Mann will leave today for Colorado Springs, Col., where he will enter upon his sophomore year at Colorado college.

ALLIANCE MEN TALK RECALL OF COMMISSIONER

DISSATISFACTION OVER CARRELL'S ACTIONS.

State Law on the Subject, Shows There Is No Way to Put Question Up to the Voters.

During the past two or three days, ever since the report reached Alliance that Commissioner George Carrell of Hemingford was working against this city at Bridgeport Tuesday, there has been a considerable amount of talk about getting out recall petitions for him. One or two men have said they will cheerfully pass around petitions asking that a special election be called to say whether he shall continue to hold office.

There are said to be several reasons, aside from the Hemingford man's reported opposition to Alliance having a place on the North Star north and south transcontinental highway, which have served to arouse sentiment against him. Several of these were discussed in an article which appeared in The Herald two or three weeks ago. Talk began when through an error, Mr. Carrell presented to the board of commissioners a personal bill, which was O. K.'d by his colleagues without question after he had personally approved it. When the mistake was caught by the county clerk, Mr. Carrell immediately straightened it up.

Then other kicks began to come in, and these were from his home town, Hemingford. It was reported that he had used a truck belonging to the county to haul his spuds to the tracks for loading; that he had permitted the grading of a lane on the Huckle ranch by a road grading gang under his supervision, and that he had graded a county road out to his house.

Carrell's Explanation.

Mr. Carrell figured that these complaints were too childish to be taken seriously, and waxed rather humorous in his reference to them. He explained that he had often worked for the county without putting in a bill, and figured that he was justified in using a county truck if he made up for its use in this way. He declared that the road gang had graded the lane on the Huckle place of their own volition, and that he was willing that they should run the grader over the two blocks in return for water taken from the place. As to the third charge—that he had graded a road to his own house—he declared that the road gang had done this without his knowledge, when he was out of the city.

Recently the members of the road gang came back and issued a general denial, according to an Alliance newspaper which published an interview with them. The members of the grading gang are quoted as saying that Carrell tried to make them the goat, and that they graded the road past his place under his personal supervision and under direct orders from him. They say further that the lane to the Huckle place was graded by Carrell's orders, and quote the Hemingford man as saying, when Huckle offered to pay for it, that the county could stand the expense.

The one thing that roused the most ire on the part of the Hemingford and Alliance objectors, it is said, is Carrell's reported statement that he was going to run things in his district to suit himself, and in effect that those who didn't like it were privileged to jump it.

Recall Requirements

And so the talk of recalling the Hemingford commissioner started. Like most cases of the kind, there is a very loose idea of what the requirements are for a recall. Under the statute permitting the adoption of a city manager form of government, there are definite provisions for calling a recall election, and preparing a petition. Somehow or other, the idea has gained ground that similar rules apply in the case of county commissioners.

But this impression is wrong. This state has the initiative and referendum, as applied to legislation, but not the recall save in special cases, according to Alliance attorneys. Under the existing law, as set forth in Article XV of the state statutes, county officers may be removed by bringing charges against them and after a hearing in district court.

The recall is intended to furnish a ready means of removing public servants. In the states where it is in use, it does not carry with it any stigma, but is taken simply as an indication that the man recalled does not suit a majority of the electors.

Under the Nebraska law, however, there are only certain reasons for which a county officer may be ousted, and then only after trial in district court and the proving of the case. It cannot be done by the electors at a recall election. Causes for removal are: (1) Habitual or wilful neglect of duty; (2) gross partiality; (3) oppression; (4) extortion; (5) corruption; (6) wilful maladministration in office; (7) conviction of a felony, and (8) habitual drunkenness. No other grounds are admissible. Charges may be filed by any citizen

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Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Showers, probably tonight, and cooler Saturday.

of the county, according to the law. Just what effect an understanding of the provisions of the law may have on the men who are talking recall remains to be seen.

Drunken Mexican's Arrest Leads to Discovery of Two Home Brew Parlors

Thursday afternoon, while Sheriff Miller was maintaining order in county court, a phone call to his office from the Burlington round house brought news that a looted Mexican was running wild in that neighborhood. Deputy Miskimen and Chief Jeffers proceeded to the scene and in bunk car No. 23 found Jose Orbina, in a corner of the car, heaving up the libation that he had poured to the gods. Between gasps Orbina, who was comparatively happy despite his illness, managed to say: "Me mucha drunk. Me don't give damn. Me got fourteen dollars in the bank."

The officers, accompanied by the sheriff, then made another trip to the bunk cars, and uncovered twenty gallons of mash and five gallons of ralisins in each of two cars, as well as two or three bottles containing small quantities of hooch. Pedro Arvellos and Jose Cortez were placed under arrest.

In county court this afternoon, Orbina pleaded guilty to drunkenness, and was fined \$50 and costs. The other two men drew fines of \$100 and costs each when they pleaded guilty to manufacturing home brew.

TRIAL OF SOME OF RAID VICTIMS IS POSTPONED

ROSETTAS GIVEN CONTINUANCE TO SEPTEMBER 19.

Bond of Mrs. Hasseltine Is Declared Forfeited—Two Young Girls Released From Custody.

Visitors to county court this morning were disappointed. Judge Tash had set for hearing the cases of the State of Nebraska vs. Harry Rosetta, Mrs. Minnie Rosetta and Mrs. Jessie Hasseltine. All three were arrested in a raid Monday night at the Rodgers rooming house, conducted by Mrs. Rosetta, and the testimony was expected to be rather spicy in some particulars.

Mrs. Hasseltine failed to appear in court at all, and her bond of \$250 was declared forfeited, after Sheriff Miller, following the instructions of the court, had three times called upon her and her bondsmen, R. M. Hampton and Nathan G. Hasseltine, her husband, to come into court. The court waited two hours beyond the time set for her hearing.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosetta appeared in court promptly at 10 a. m. and asked for a continuance, in order that they might effect a change in the attorneys defending them, Attorney Eugene Burton retiring from the case. It is understood that H. E. Gantz will take over the duties of counsel.

Two Girls Released.

"Peggy" McGraw and Eva Gehm, the two sixteen-year-old girls who were arrested in the raid and were being held as witnesses, were released late Thursday evening. Mrs. Mary McGraw, mother of Peggy, appeared at the court house at 8 p. m. and her daughter was turned over to her, the two leaving the city for Arvada, Neb., later in the evening. The Gehm girl left for Omaha on the same night with Mrs. Mable Kurth, the other woman who was being held in the case.

Mrs. McGraw has been having her share of trouble the past two or three months. Her husband, a one-armed gentleman, is now in jail at Billings awaiting trial on the charge of assaulting his wife with intent to do her great bodily injury. Mr. McGraw used a razor, and his wife bears visual evidence of the severity of his attack.

Hipolito Perea, Mexican who was numbered among those taken in the raid, pleaded guilty this morning to two counts. On the charge of being intoxicated, he was fined \$50 and costs, which was remitted when he confided to the court that he had purchased the liquor of Harry Rosetta. The second count, which charged him with purchasing liquor of Rosetta, brought a fine of \$100 and costs. County Attorney Basye made a plea for leniency, on the ground that Perea had given the officers valuable information in this case, and Judge Tash suspended the fine. Perea will remain in the city and will testify when the Rosetta cases come up on September 19.

Harve Berry, another man caught in the raid, pleaded guilty to being intoxicated Wednesday morning, paid a fine of \$10 and costs and was permitted to catch the next train out of Alliance.

IRRIGATION PLAN FOR BOX BUTTE TO WAIT AWHILE

ROTARY CLUB COMMITTEE REPORTS ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

Congressman Kinkaid Interested in Project, But Advises Delay Until Congress Acts.

At the Wednesday evening meeting of the Alliance Rotary club, held at the Fern Garden of the Alliance hotel, W. R. Metz rendered a report for the committee appointed in July to consider the feasibility of the plan to irrigate some twenty thousand acres of Box Butte county land from the Niobrara river. At that time the project was explained by R. E. Knight, who told of a survey made prior to the war, and that the state engineer at one time had endorsed the scheme.

The Rotary club committee took the matter up with Congressman Kinkaid, whose judgment is that the present is a quite unpropitious time to go ahead with the plan, inasmuch as the reclamation service has demands already made upon it that will require more money than is now at their disposal, and the heavy indebtedness of the government would preclude the passage of special legislation requiring any great appropriation.

Congressman Kinkaid calls attention, however, to two bills that are now before congress, the Smith bill, H. R. 2913, which provides for reclamation of arid lands at the expense of the government and covers both public and privately owned lands, and H. R. 3728, introduced by himself, which provides for the reclamation of private lands only at no expense to the government.

Wait for Congress to Act.

It was the decision of the Rotary club's committee that the club should delay action in the Box Butte irrigation matter until congress should act on one or the other of these bills, and then take such action as might be indicated. If the Smith bill should pass, the government might be induced to take over the Box Butte project, while if Congressman Kinkaid's bill is enacted, the club will take the lead in inducing the Box Butte county landowners to secure the assistance of their reclamation service for developing the project proposed for this county. Congressman Kinkaid has volunteered to keep the club's committee advised of developments, and as soon as possible, action will be taken. Until then, the policy of watchful waiting will be followed.

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Potato Crop Report for September Shows Loss in Nebraska

The bureau of markets and crop estimates, United States department of agriculture, forecasts the total production of potatoes in the United States, based on conditions September 1, at 325,000,000 bushels. This is an increase of 7,000,000 bushels over the August 1 estimate of 318,000,000 bushels. The final estimate for the United States last year was 430,000,000 bushels, while the five-year average for the years 1915-1919 inclusive is 372,000,000.

The states showing important gains over last month's report are Maine, Michigan and Minnesota. The only notable loss is in New York. Maine, Colorado and Idaho are the only important states showing an increase over last year's crop, reductions in other states ranging from 1,000,000 to 16,000,000 bushels.

Following is the estimate of the probable production, based on conditions September 1, 1921, for several of the more important potato producing states, as compared with the August estimate and the final figures for the 1920 crop. In this tabulation, three ciphers are omitted.

State	Sept. 1 1921	Aug. 1 1921	Dec. 1 1920
Maine	24,647	22,000	22,140
New York	30,066	31,000	46,200
Pennsylvania	22,338	22,000	36,455
Michigan	22,216	19,000	35,700
Wisconsin	20,682	20,000	33,264
Minnesota	22,768	20,000	23,000
Colorado	12,104	12,000	10,920
Idaho	9,464	9,000	7,380
Nebraska	7,208	7,000	8,415
Entire U. S.	325,000,000	318,000,000	430,000,000

First of Raid Victims Pleads Guilty to An Intoxication Charge

Harve Berry, captured by city and county police officers in the raid on the Rosetta rooming house last Monday evening, was the first one of the nine taken in the raid to get his case before County Judge Tash. Wednesday morning he entered a plea of guilty. Inasmuch as he was not very intoxicated, and was willing to meet the authorities half-way, he was assessed a fine of \$10 and costs. This is the lowest fine that Judge Tash has handed out on an intoxication charge in the past six months or more.