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END TO SCRAP OVER ROUTING OF NORTH STAR

MORRILL AND BOX BUTTE COUNTIES ARE AGREED.

Road Up the Burlington Track the Ultimate Aim, But Sandhill Road Approved Temporarily.

The long-drawn-out scrap between road boosters and commissioners of Morrill and Box Butte counties over the routing of the North Star highway between Bridgeport and Alliance has finally come to an end, through efforts of the road boosters of both counties. Last Friday Secretary L. C. Thomas of the Alliance chamber of commerce, County Attorney Lee Bayse, County Treasurer F. W. Irish, Sheriff J. W. Miller and the three Box Butte commissioners took their automobiles over the route and decided upon a temporary road that would be worth building, and the Morrill county commissioners and road boosters agreed to the compromise route. The Box Butte commissioners have passed a resolution agreeing to construct the compromise route as a temporary road, and the Bridgeport chamber of commerce, together with two commissioners from Morrill county, are in accord with the plan. The third is expected to sign at an early date.

As matters now stand, as soon as funds are available, Morrill county will build a road north and east from Bonner to the county line, to connect with a road in Box Butte county east from Letan and this in turn connecting with the road constructed south along the Burlington track from Alliance.

The permanent road, it is agreed, shall be built along the Burlington track between the two cities, but until funds are available, the temporary route will be completed, and it will always be maintained.

This is regarded as a happy settlement of the road difficulties. It is known that Morrill county has not the funds available to think of building the track road now, but if it is designated and placed on the list for future construction, some day the best road will be completed. Until then, the temporary road will serve very well. Without the compromise, no road would have been the result.

Chamber of Commerce Approves.

J. S. Rhein, president of the North Star highway, reported at the Monday luncheon of the chamber of commerce on the compromise, and said that the co-operation of both sides was encouraging, and that if everything goes well, a road may be completed within sixty to ninety days. The chamber of commerce endorsed the resolution passed by the Box Butte commissioners.

The two sets of resolutions by the Box Butte commissioners and the Morrill county commissioners and chamber of commerce are as follows:

"Whereas, We are advised by a resolution, passed by the Bridgeport chamber of commerce, signed by its president and secretary and by S. S. Garvey, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Morrill county, and dated April 17, 1922, that the people of Bridgeport and Morrill county are desirous of connecting with Box Butte county by means of a graded and well maintained road, in order that through travel between the cities of these counties may be maintained, and

"Whereas, The said citizens and officials of Morrill county have by this resolution signified their intention of constructing at once a road from Bonner north to the Box Butte county line, in order to connect up the 'missing link' of said highway, and

"Whereas, We, the county commissioners of Box Butte county, realize and recognize that the building and maintenance of a road directly up the line of the Burlington railroad from Bonner to Letan, is an impossibility at this time, due to lack of the necessary funds by Morrill county, and

"Whereas, It is our desire that the towns of Alliance and Bridgeport, and the other towns in Box Butte and Morrill counties be connected by good passable highways at the earliest possible date, and inasmuch as the citizens and officials of Morrill county have signified it as their desire and intention to build the road as specified in said resolution, mentioned above, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the board of county commissioners of Box Butte county, hereby agree, in consideration of the building of a road north from Bonner to the Box Butte county line, at or near west line of section thirty-three, township twenty-four, range forty-nine, by Morrill county to at once upon acceptance of this plan by the Alliance chamber of commerce and the Bridgeport chamber of commerce, and officials of Morrill county, construct a graded road from Alliance south and west to Letan; thence westward along the laid out road from Letan to a point which will connect with the Morrill county road, and thence south to the county line, it being understood that this board desires and prefers the said connecting point to be on the laid-out road near the west line of section thirty-three, and on

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THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity: Showers tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.

Harris Explains Contracts for School Buildings

F. W. Harris, secretary of the Alliance school board, explained the contracts for the new high school and grade school, to be constructed this spring, at the Monday luncheon of the chamber of commerce. There had been some criticism, due to a misunderstanding, because the board did not let the plumbing and heating contracts for at least one of the buildings go to local bidders.

The Sheehan company was lowest on the high school, and the Perrin company on the grade school, Mr. Harris pointed out, but the Sheehan concern refused to accept one contract unless it were given both. The combined bid on the two contracts, less an additional allowance of \$300, was sufficient to make a net saving of nearly \$5,000 to the district, which explains why the lower bids were not considered, and why the Sheehan company secured the contract. The company, it was said, was willing to surrender its \$1,250 deposit rather than take the one contract, and even had this course been taken, the district would have had to pay \$2,000 more than it will pay under the present arrangement.

ALLIANCE MAY BE ON ROUTE OF THIRD HIGHWAY

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA ROUTE SOON TO BE ORGANIZED

Will Take in a Number of Western Nebraska Towns and Will Come to an End at Chadron

Sooner or later, if this fever of organizing highway associations doesn't abate, some one of the various north and south national highways is going to be pushed through, which should spoil a lot of fun for organizers. The latest north and south transcontinental route to enter the lists is the Kansas and Nebraska, the organization of which is to be completed at a meeting at Kansas City on April 28. Already Alliance is on the route of the G-P-C and the North Star, from Colorado. If the "missing link" in Morrill county is ever put through, there will be three markings on all the telephone poles along this side of the route and near-sighted tourists will be reminded of a sunset at sea every time they come to a crossroad.

The Oshkosh News is authority for the following statement of the plans of the new highway.

"A meeting has been called for Scott City, Kansas, for the 28th of this month to complete the organization of the K. & N. (Kansas and Nebraska) Memorial highway. This road runs from Liberal to Scott City, Kansas, then to Imperial, Neb., Big Springs, Jewell and to Oshkosh, the present terminus. It is planned to run this highway up to Broadwater, Alliance and to Chadron, where it will end. As this will follow the G-P-C highway from here to Alliance, there will be no additional expense and will be the means of routing more traffic through this territory.

"The road from Big Springs to Jewell is receiving considerable attention already and the sand hill between here and Jewell is slated to be cared for by the state and federal aid funds about June, so that this part of the routing will be just right for the new road. It is reported that the other portions of the road to a great extent only requires marking and this will be done at an early date after the meeting at Scott City. Delegates will be appointed to attend this conference and it will have full support from this county.

Federal Booze Hound Finds an Old Acquaintance

A special agent under Federal Prohibition Officer U. S. Rohrer of Omaha left Alliance yesterday, after a stay of only a few hours. He had come into the city expecting to do a little work on the quiet, but almost the first man he met after alighting from the varnished cars was a man whom, while on the Lincoln police force, he had banished from the Holy City. The word spread, and within half an hour every bootlegger in this neck of the woods had folded his tents and withdrawn his product from sale.

The federal agent proceeded over to the valley, where he put in a most successful afternoon, it is reported. Eight stills were said to be the net result of his visit, three of them being found on one farm.

Maurice Nelson left Monday for Rapid City, S. D., on business.

PHONE COMPANY PLANS SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS

MINIATURE EXCHANGE AND MOVIES FEATURES OF PROGRAM

Woman's Club, Rotarians, Lions, and High School Pupils and the Public to Be Guests

The local exchange of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company will put on a series of demonstrations and entertainments for various organizations, starting Tuesday, April 24, with an entertainment and demonstration, under the auspices of the Women's club. This will be at the armory and the public will be invited. The second will be Wednesday before the Rotary club and this will be held at the Alliance hotel. The Lions will be given the same program on Thursday, also at the Alliance. On Friday, the high school will be shown the program, the public will be invited, with a special invitation to high school students.

The entertainment will include a special demonstration, with a miniature telephone exchange on which all the operations necessary to handling a call will be explained. This will undoubtedly be extremely interesting, as it will show in a clear and easily understandable manner the way in which a call is handled. This board has three phones, one a private wire and the others on a party line. The phones ring in the usual manner and can be talked over. This will be explained by an operator.

Another feature of the program will be a three-reel film, "The History of the Telephone." Perhaps no other great invention has as interesting a history as this and this film will no doubt be of the greatest interest to everyone who attends. It will show in pictures the history and use of the telephone since its invention, and cannot fail to please the audience.

There will also be vaudeville skits, showing some of the most popular and incidentally amusing errors of subscribers, and in addition to being entertaining these will throw some light on hitherto unknown mistakes, and will help bring about a more perfect understanding of the use of the phone.

There will also be numbers by a girls' quartet, this being composed entirely of telephone operators. This should please the audience as some good harmony will surely be furnished. Admission to the Tuesday and Friday entertainments will of course be absolutely free, while the other two will be confined to Lion and Rotary club members.

Following is the complete program: Moving pictures—The News Week, No. 27.

Introductory remarks—C. M. Wright, cashier.

Moving pictures—"The Telephone's Story," three reels.

Demonstration—"What Happens When You Lift Your Receiver." (Miss Bonnie Brown, local operator at Alliance, as demonstration operator.)

Note—During this demonstration Miss Brown will be assisted by T. E. Carney, manager; C. M. Wright, cashier and Miss Isabella Fleming, operator.

Moving pictures—Comedy reel, Harold Lloyd, in "Somewhere in Turkey." Miss Della Nelson, local operator, at the piano.

D. L. Comstock at the machine. Frank Atwood, electrician.

Physical Culture Week to Be Observed Here from May 1 to 8

C. A. Dow, director of athletics at the new Methodist church gymnasium, is interested in securing in Alliance the observance of national physical culture week, from May 1 to 8. Those who are interested must pledge themselves to observe the following ten rules for the week, and will, upon writing the National Physical Culture Week committee, 119 West 40th street, New York City, that they pledge themselves to carry out the program, receive a chart of setting up exercises and a properly balanced menu for the week.

The ten rules follow:

Spend 10 minutes in setting-up exercises.

Sleep with windows open. Secure what sunshine you can.

Spend a minimum of 10 hours during the week in the open air. Balance work and play.

Walk at least three miles each day. Treat your stomach with respect. Do not over-eat.

Eat meat not more than once a day. Balance your meals with fruit, green salads, and other vegetables.

Drink at least eight glasses of pure water daily.

Completely relax for at least 15 minutes each day and conserve your nerve energy.

Cultivate happy thoughts. Think in terms of health. Arrange all plans for the week upon a basis such that each day's activities will be consistent with the requirements of keeping fit.

John Morris left Monday noon for his home in Chadron.

PROSPECTS FOR RETAINING THE LAND OFFICE

SENATOR HITCHCOCK AND KINKAID MAKING AN EFFORT.

Department of the Interior Not Favorable, But Congress Will Be Urged to Take Action.

Judge J. H. H. Hewitt, receiver for the Alliance land office, orders for the discontinuance of which were recently made, reported on the efforts being made to continue the office at the Monday luncheon of the chamber of commerce. Mr. Hewitt read letters from Congressman Kinkaid, enclosing a copy of the bill he has introduced in the national house providing for the continuance of the Alliance and Broken Bow offices for the next fiscal year and thereafter in the discretion of the president, so long as the public business at these offices shall warrant.

Senator Hitchcock, in a letter to Secretary Thomas, outlined the present status of the fight, and included a letter received from the acting secretary of the interior. The letters follow:

Senator Hitchcock Writes.

I have your letter of April 12th enclosing copy of letter written to Congressman Kinkaid which accompanied motions sent to him from Scotts Bluff county, Garden county, Sheridan county and elsewhere.

Apparently there is nothing we can do about this matter except to secure the passage of a bill reinstating Alliance or Broken Bow or both. Kinkaid has already introduced a bill for that purpose and it is probable that his bill will be consolidated with other bills relating to other states so that the number of land offices abolished by the Interior appropriation bill may be re-established. The whole trouble has arisen because of the new policy which this administration has adopted of sending all appropriation bills to one committee—the committee on appropriations—so that the appropriation bill for the Interior department was not handled by those usually handling it. The new budget committee which has slashed appropriations, evidently put out Alliance and Broken Bow in Nebraska and other land offices in other states in order to save money without regard to the convenience of patrons of the offices.

I will not undertake at this time to say whether we can secure the passage of this legislation and reinstate the Alliance land office or not. We will certainly make the effort.

I enclose copy of a letter received from the Acting Secretary of the Interior in reply to one I recently wrote. I judge from this letter that the land office at Alliance is not to be abolished until the end of this fiscal year, June 30, and that the order was probably issued in contemplation of the administration order to do away with land offices that seemed unnecessary. Yours truly,

G. M. HITCHCOCK, The Department's Stand.

The letter from the acting secretary of the interior reads as follows: My dear Senator—I am in receipt of your letter of April 4, 1922, relative to the discontinuance of the United (Continued on Page 4)

Harold Watkins Wants to Work on State Road Gang

Harold Watkins, sentenced by District Judge W. H. Westover to two years in the state penitentiary at the last term of district court, one year for stealing the J. F. Spelman automobile and the other for false testimony on the stand, as well as an escape from the county jail, has written County Attorney Lee Bayse, asking a recommendation to work on the road gang. The road workers are crusty convicts who are sent out over the state on road construction. Service on these gangs is highly prized, largely because of the comparative freedom from restraint and for the further reason that time served in this very county for more than it does in the chair factory—about four to one.

Watkins' letter said: "Will write you in regard of seeing if you would recommend me for the road camp, as I have only been here a short time and would not have much of a chance to get on it without your recommendation. If you feel as though you could do anything for me, it would be very much appreciated."

The county attorney has written Mr. Watkins, now known as No. 8343, in reply that he cannot make the recommendation. "You no doubt recall the time that you broke jail at Alliance and also recall the difficulty with which you tell the truth and your conduct here while in jail." Mr. Bayse reminded him. "You were always trying to advise the other prisoners and to get them to be disagreeable, and it is my opinion that you are not entitled to parole. I believe that if you were placed in a parole camp that you would break camp at your first opportunity and give the officers a great deal of trouble in catching you and bringing you back to the penitentiary."

Clean-Up Campaign Started Sunday and Progress Reported

Secretary L. C. Thomas of the Alliance chamber of commerce reported at the Monday luncheon of that organization that the clean-up campaign for the week of April 23 to 29 is off to a fine start. The campaign opened Sunday when several Alliance pastors preached sermons on subjects in line with the campaign.

Monday Dr. G. J. Hand spoke to the pupils of Central school; Dr. J. P. Wevers addressed the high school; Dr. Minor Morris spoke at Emerson school and J. C. Morrow at St. Agnes academy.

Today is Fire Prevention day, and Fire Chief Bud Schafer has asked all citizens to clean basements, attics and other places where fires may easily start. Wednesday is down as Front Yard day, and property owners are asked to prepare gardens and flower beds for planting, clean walks, repair gutters and sidewalks and take care of unsightly trees.

Thursday has been designated Paint-up day, and Friday Back Yard and Flower bed day. This is the day to attack dandelions and weeds, plant flower beds and trim shrubbery and do any other little thing to which the spirit may move you.

Saturday, which closes the week's campaign, is Vacant Lot day, and school children and owners of vacant lots are asked to do their best to take measures to make these places sightly and keep down the weeds. War has been declared on tin cans and rubbish for this day.

WEEK OF MAY 1 SET ASIDE FOR THE POSTOFFICE

POSTAL IMPROVEMENT WEEK WILL BE OBSERVED.

Business Men, Large Users of Mail, Publishers, Employes and Others Are Asked to Co-operate.

"Postal Improvement Week" has been set for May 1, by the Postmaster General. This is the first general campaign of its kind in the postal service for several decades. Business men and their organizations, large users of the mail, newspapers, motion pictures, advertisers, and the entire organization of 326,000 postal workers are to be enlisted in this country-wide campaign of interest in postal improvements. Your help is vital. Address your letters plainly with pen or typewriter. Give street address. Spell out name of state, don't abbreviate. Put your return address in the upper left hand corner of the envelope (not on the back) and always look at your letter before dropping in the mail to see if it is properly addressed. This care in the use of the mails is for your benefit and speeds up the dispatch and delivery of mail matter.

If you have any complaints of poor service make them to your postmaster. He has instructions to investigate them and report to the department. Without the postal service, business would languish in a day, and be at a standstill in a week. Sectional hatred or prejudice only would flourish, and narrow-mindedness thrive.

It is the biggest distinctive business in the world and it comes nearer to the innermost interests of a greater number of men and women than any other institution on earth. No private business, however widespread, touches so many lives so often and so sharply; no church reaches into so many souls, flutters so many pulses, has so many human beings dependent on its ministrations.

"There is no unimportant person or part of our service. It is a total of human units and their co-operation is the key to its success. In its last analysis postal duties are accommodations performed for our neighbors and friends and should be so regarded, rather than as a hired service performed for an absentee employer."

Postmaster General Hubert Work.

Tom Gray Will Work on Roads During the Summer

Tom Gray, the hero of Liberty cave, has been released. This was stated once before in a certain issue of The Herald, but was not believed. This time we give you the straight dope however. Tom Gray has been released. Not unconditionally, however, but merely to work on the county roads. The money that Tom earns at this work will be applied on his fine. Tom has been released on his word of honor, than which, according to the officers, there is no better.

Tom was released this morning, provided with a new pair of overalls, a pair of shoes, a jumper and a month's supply of tobacco. Tom is an expert tractor man and will no doubt be of value. He will, according to present plans, continue to spend his evening's at the Locked Inn, sometimes known as Sheriff Miller's hotel. Tom will work on the roads until fall, or until he is released.

PAPKE-FLYNN BOUT RESULTS IN DRAW VERDICT

BIG CROWD SAW FIFTEEN REAL ROUNDS OF SCRAPPING.

Kid Yaeger of Chadron Drops Kid Florene to Mat in Third and Wyland Takes Count.

Joe "Wop" Flynn and Young Billy Papke fought a fast ten rounds Friday evening, the decision of referee, Doctor G. J. Hand, at the end of the bout being a draw. Both men took a good deal of punishment, Flynn, however, getting a draw verdict because of his ability to absorb punishment and his continual aggressiveness. Flynn, although stopping a good many punches, kept boring in and forced the fighting through nine of ten rounds.

Papke easily took the first round, landing frequently, and forcing his opponent about the ring. Flynn took it well, but undoubtedly took it. No damage done. Papke's round.

In the second round Flynn made a better showing, forcing the fighting and landing occasionally, but Papke landed the cleaner blows. Papke's round.

Papke also took the third round, by a shade, this being a repetition of the first, Flynn making a much better showing than at first. The fourth round was even, Flynn forcing the fighting and continually crowding his opponent but Papke landing some good punches. Papke missed a terrific right swing, that had it landed, would have sent the Wop to dreamland.

Referee Warns Papke.

Papke took the fifth, being more effective than the little Italian in the clinches. Papke was warned by the referee for holding his opponent's glove. This probably accounted for Flynn's poor fighting. In the sixth Papke was again warned for holding and stopped this. Papke showed a tendency to clinch, while the Pittsburgh boy preferred long range boxing. Papke worked harder this round and gave the Wop a few good punches. Papke missed a terrific haymaker to the jaw.

The eighth was easily Flynn's round as he several times rushed Papke to the ropes and punished him greatly. Flynn landed cleanly to the head and jaw a number of times and shook Billy, but apparently did not do any great damage.

Papke was more aggressive and both men showed a tendency to mix, both landing and stopping a number of hard punches. Papke's hardest punches did not seem to bother the Wop greatly.

In the tenth both men mixed fiercely and both were trying hard for a knockout. In the toe to toe swapping of punches, the Wop had the best of the argument, having Papke going several times. Flynn pumped both hands to Papke's head several times but the Denver battler took all that was coming his way and gave a good account of himself.

At the final bell Referee Hand raised both men's hands in token of a draw.

Semi-Windup Interesting

In the semi-windup, Battling (Kid) Yaeger of Chadron knocked out Kid Florene of Alliance after three rounds of clever boxing. Florene forced the fighting throughout the fight to the time of his knockout. Yaeger being content with taking it easy and waiting for an opening. He apparently played with the local boy up to the third making no attempt to land a hard punch. Florene, who is a portlander, landed a few fairly hard punches none of which bothered the Chadron Adonis to any apparent extent. Yaeger contented himself with rapping Florene with his left whenever the spirit moved him, the knockout punch being the only right hand he landed.

In the third Florene apparently lost his head and rushed the Omaha boy, Jaeger sending in a right that had all the sleep producing qualities of dynamite. Florene was cleanly knocked out, but walked from the ring. Jaeger weighed 143 and Florene 134.

Dotson knocked out Cowboy Wyland in the second lap of the preliminary after one of the most peculiar exhibitions of the ring art ever seen in a local ring. Both landed hard in the first round, which was about even. Wyland claimed a foul on a punch which was undoubtedly a little low, but this was disallowed, and the second Wyland started with a rush, hitting Dotson often and hard, but was unable to get in a knockout punch. After weathering a storm of punches, Dotson stepped in and landed a right to the jaw which ended the fight. The men were middleweights.

Ed Barton and Phil Cook put on a clever wrestling exhibition, Cook taking the first and Barton the second and third falls. These boys, though only fifteen, displayed a surprising knowledge of the game and pleased the crowd.

As a whole the show was a decided success, the card pleasing the crowd, who saw real fights and no stalling. This is the second of the Legion's bouts and if the patronage keeps up there is little doubt that some of the country's top-notchers will be brought here.