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## EVERYTHING IS DEADNESS FOR THE FOURTH

ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS ARE PLACED ON PROGRAM.

Tug-of-War and Half a Dozen Other New Events for the Fair Grounds.

The stage is set, the program is practically completed, and Alliance will blossom forth on Tuesday morning, July 4, as hostess to the thousands of visitors who will be here guests on that day.

New events which have been added to the program published on Tuesday of this week include the following:

A tug-of-war between the Pleasant Hill farmers' union team and the Fairview farmers' union team, at 6 o'clock on Box Butte avenue. The challenge has gone forth from the brawny men of one team to the other and a huge manilla cable will be stretched along Box Butte avenue while sweat will burst from straining men as they tug back and forth on the pavement.

The farmers of Box Butte county have taken hold of the proposition with a will and are doing great things in helping prepare a program that will be a hum-dinger. They have added the following events to the program at the fair grounds as published on Tuesday.

Horse tall relay race. Rescue relay race—best two out of three.

Chariot race.

Bundle race.

Calf bucking contest.

Barrel riding race.

The committee wants six or eight yearling or two-year-old calves, for use in the calf bucking contest. They will be ridden by boys (or boys will try to ride them) and they should be hard-headed, wild little brutes. If someone who lives close to Alliance will bring them in and will phone the chamber of commerce, it will be appreciated by the committee.

Some reservations of boxes in the grand stand are being made. The boxes are \$2 each. Those who want a box for the program should phone their reservation at once—phone 74.

Dr. A. C. Schach, sub-chairman of (Continued on page 4)

## KRAGELAND TO BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN U. S.

IMMIGRATION OFFICERS FAIL TO RECOMMEND DEPORTATION

Word Received by Local Officers to the Effect That Evidence Not Sufficient to Convict.

Chris Kragelund, the Dane who was arrested about two weeks ago, when he bought a meal at Jack Berry's cafe and refused to pay for it, informing the owner of the cafe that he could go to blazes, will not be deported according to a letter received by Sheriff Miller from W. R. Mansfield, immigration inspector from Denver. Kragelund was thought to be a dangerous character when he threatened Judge Berry, who sentenced him for his restaurant escapade, under the law providing for defrauding restaurant keepers. Kragelund later told the officers of his contempt for the laws of this country and is said to have expressed decidedly anarchistic ideas.

Kragelund was examined here about a week ago by Mr. Mansfield, who recommended that the Dane be deported. The department decided that the evidence against him was insufficient and refused to issue a warrant for his deportation. Kragelund, when examined admitted that he thought little for the laws of this country, but showed not the slightest desire to return to Denmark. He asked the officer if he could not be sent to Canada rather than return to his former home.

Kragelund, when he obtained the meal at the restaurant, cursed the owner when payment was demanded. When the police took him in charge he said that he had thought he had \$15 when he entered the cafe, but that he had either lost it or been robbed. He admitted having "bummed" his way into Alliance.

The Dane was sent out of town Wednesday when his sentence for taking the meal expired. The officers accompanied him to the train and saw to it he was safely on his way to other fields. It is not thought likely that the Dane will turn up again to make good his threats against Judge Berry and the town in general. He had told the officers that he intended to blow up or burn down the town. The officers feel no great fear, however.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Somewhat cooler tonight.

## Keen Competition Among Salesman of Chautauqua Tickets

The children who have been competing for the prize in selling chautauqua tickets have made a splendid showing, better than any one anticipated for the early date. Most people who purchase tickets will not do so until just a few days before the opening, yet a number of the little salesmen and women have turned in nice sums of money.

James Hunter, at this writing, heads the list, and Drusilla Adams is second. This does not mean, of course, that these will necessarily be ahead at the windup, for some of the children have a long list of promises, so it cannot be safely predicted who will win till the final count is made.

Those who have not been solicited should call up whoever they wish to favor and secure a ticket, for these season tickets will not be on sale after the opening of the chautauqua, and it will be much more expensive to buy single admissions than to buy season tickets.

Bob Acheson of Bingham will arrive Saturday for a week's visit with Howard Cogswell.

Mrs. H. E. Gantz, who has been ill for the past few days, is now able to be about.

## MARSLAND MAN DRAWS FINE FOR A WEEPING JAG

WOMAN CHARGED JOHNSON ANNOYED HER WHILE DRUNK.

Judge Tash Soaks Offender the Limit and He Faces Stay in Jail Unless He Can Raise the Cash.

Earl Johnson, farmer near Marsland, was arrested Tuesday night by Sheriff Miller, and brought to Alliance to answer a charge in county court of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Tash Wednesday afternoon. The costs in the case were over \$25, due to the fact that Sheriff Miller had to make two trips to Marsland to arrest him.

The first trip was made last Monday, but Johnson, who had apparently got word of the visit, made a trip to Dawes county. The sheriff returned Wednesday and had no difficulty in locating his man on this occasion.

Johnson was arrested on complaint of Mrs. Eunice Fox, who lives alone on a farm near Marsland. Mrs. Fox asserted that Johnson and four other men came to her farm last Sunday, insulted her, and that Johnson had taken hold of her. She said that the other men tried to keep Johnson under control, but as they also were drunk they had poor success.

According to the story of the officers, this was the second visit made by the auto load of men to her place. On the first occasion, they did nothing more than annoy her and the occupants of the place, and did not stay long. On their second visit, however, Johnson was said to have been suffering from a "weeping jag" and he wandered all over the place, she said, making himself pretty numerous before he was persuaded to leave.

Johnson was brought to Alliance from Marsland Wednesday morning by Sheriff Miller. Johnson had remarked that no d—n sheriff could arrest him out of the said sheriff's county. When politely requested to come along, however, he came with the greatest speed.

Mrs. Fox said that she did not wish to file any other charge against Johnson except that of being drunk and disorderly. The charge of assault through the use of bad language was not mentioned.

Johnson is known to the local sheriff's office, having been held once before on a harness-stealing charge. He was returned to Marsland from Alliance about six weeks ago to answer this complaint.

## FARMER-LABOR PARTY SELECTS CANDIDATES

The "Farmer-Labor" party of Box Butte county has made the following selections of candidates from the primary list of filings for the various county and state offices:

State senator—F. W. Johnson of Rushville.

State representative—Allen Gordon of Hemingford.

County treasurer—A. H. Robbins of Alliance.

County clerk—O. M. Krumtun of Alliance.

Sheriff—Lloyd Gwinn of Alliance.

County superintendent—Myrtle Reeves of Alliance.

County commissioner, third district—E. A. Bennett.

County commissioner, second district—J. P. Knapp.

Attorney Eugene Burton spent Tuesday in Bridgeport.

## Two Alliance Newspapers to Consolidate July 1

With this issue, the Alliance Herald passes out of existence. Under the terms of an agreement signed Wednesday, this newspaper will be consolidated with the Alliance Semi-Weekly Times, under the management of Ben J. Sawrows, George L. and Edwin M. Burr will, for the present, remain in Alliance and in all probability will be connected with the consolidated newspaper, so long as they elect to continue in that capacity.

The consolidation is made in the best interests of the parties concerned and the public, including the readers and advertisers of both newspapers. It may be said, without casting any bouquets in our own direction, that no other city of this size in the state has two such newspapers as have been built up in Alliance. The public does not realize, perhaps, the enormous amount of expense connected with publishing two such newspapers. In the flush days immediately following the war the two firms could not take care of the business that came to them unsolicited. In the process of getting back to normalcy, the income of every business house in the city has suffered a slump. Every firm that has survived has had to cut its sails to fit its cloth.

Neither Alliance newspaper has been suffering particularly from the general slump in business. But the facts are that the returns have not been commensurate with the efforts put forth. Other business firms can trim their sails in slack times, but the newspaper dares not. Once a newspaper allows itself to slip downhill, not only its own business, but the city itself suffers.

The newspapers recently arrived at the place where they did not feel justified by the cash returns in publishing newspapers of such high quality. It was necessary either to curtail service and news, or to find some other solution of the problem. The slump in business, while it was realized that it was only temporary, was nevertheless sufficient to warrant action in foresight. The two sets of publishers believed that the best way out of the difficulty was to arrange a consolidation. This step has been taken in hundreds of places, with newspapers large and small, all over the country in the past few years, ever since newspaper costs began to go sky-high.

After consulting and advising with practically every merchant in the city, and receiving their encouragement, the consolidation was arranged. Under the new plan, advertising rates will be materially lowered; news service will not only be kept up to the former high standard, but materially increased; and subscribers will be able to get a semi-weekly newspaper, undoubtedly the best of its kind in the state, at a very little more money than is charged by the poorer weekly newspapers.

The two subscription lists will be combined. Subscribers who have paid ahead for The Herald will receive full credit on the books of the consolidated publication which will bear the names of both newspapers—The Alliance Semi-Weekly Times and The Alliance Herald. Herald subscribers will receive the Tuesday issue of the consolidated newspaper.

Plans are, of course, incomplete. There is no saying what the future will bring forth. With but one newspaper in the field, with the solid support of readers and advertisers, it may be safely assumed that every opportunity will be grasped. If the time ever comes when business will justify a tri-weekly publication, or a daily, Alliance will have it. The consolidation is a big thing for the city as well as for the men who made it possible. There is little question but that the principle is applicable to other businesses, and nothing save false pride or sentiment stands in the way.

Newspapers occupy a peculiar relation in respect to the city where they are published. They are operated by private individuals, for private profit, and yet their whole effort is devoted toward building up the community in which they exist. They are, irrespective of whether the city recognizes the fact, the representatives of their city outside. A city may be judged by its newspapers more easily than in any other way. And both Alliance newspapers have given a splendid account of Alliance. They have never lost faith, never grumbled, never doubted for an instant that prosperity was just outside the gate, looking for the hitching post.

Under the consolidation plan, Alliance will be ably represented abroad. Whenever any man sees a copy of the Alliance newspaper, it will be brought home to him that this is one community where prosperity abides and where every citizen is forward looking. The consolidated paper will have the strength of both with an added strength in the knowledge that it has the public completely behind it. The Herald owners have faith in the ability of Mr. Sawrows to satisfy the various elements of the community. We believe that he will publish a better paper, with the field to himself, than could have been published with divided support. It would seem almost impossible for any fly-by-night concern to descend upon us with a poorly written, poorly printed newspaper that will misrepresent Alliance to any man who happens to see it.

It will be a difficult task, of course, to harmonize all the discordant elements in this community, but it can be done. It has been, and is being done elsewhere. Grand Island, a much larger city in Nebraska, has for nearly fifteen years thrown its support to one newspaper, and although, from time to time, efforts have been made to break into this field, the readers and merchants realize that they benefit by withholding encouragement from any newspaper that is not worthy of their city. Half a dozen cities in Nebraska, and hundreds of them over the country, are trying out the one-newspaper plan, and are expressing themselves as well satisfied with it as they are with one telephone system or other public utility.

The success of the plan naturally devolves upon the man who will publish the newspaper. Mr. Sawrows has sufficient resources and ability to make it a success, and there is little question that the subscribers and the advertisers, once they understand the possibilities in the plan, will give it their enthusiastic support. Both newspapers have gone through the theory that there is nothing too good for their readers; and from this time on, the consolidated newspaper will have the satisfaction of knowing that it can make improvements and additions to its facilities that will enable it to keep up with progress in its field, and at the same time secure a reasonable return for its enterprise.

Attorney W. R. Metz Talks to Rotarians on Law and Courts

Attorney W. R. Metz gave the address of the evening at the Wednesday dinner of the Alliance Rotary club. Mr. Metz discussed, in a broad way, the development of the various codes, and contrasted court procedure in the United States with that of England.

He listed briefly the various kinds of law, such as the law of nature, or the will of the Maker; revealed law, or interpretations of the law of nature; the law of nations, governing mutual intercourse between them; and municipal law, for which he gave Blackstone's famous definition, "A rule of civil conduct prescribed by a supreme power in a state commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong." He confined his remarks largely to this latter branch of law.

It is well known Mr. Metz said, that the laws of the United States had their origin largely in England. There are two kind, the unwritten, or common law, and the written or statutory law. The unwritten law is so named, not because it is today unwritten, for it is to be found in early court records and the works of ancient writers, but because it is not set down in writing as acts of parliament are, but receives its binding power from long usage and universal reception. Among the compilations of the common law he enumerated the Dome Book, compiled by Alfred the Great who died in the year 901; and the writings of Edward the Confessor, who died in 1066. The unwritten law comprises three kinds—general customs, particular

## Women Frightened by Peculiar Behavior of An Alleged Hobo

F. F. Giersdorf, to all appearances a hobo, was arrested Tuesday afternoon, and lodged in the city jail, on the charge of vagrancy. Giersdorf frightened a number of women throughout the residence section of the town by entering houses looking through the house and leaving. He did not ask for hand-outs or beg in any way although he had only four cents on him when arrested.

Giersdorf is a man about fifty years of age, apparently well educated, and carried a card containing his name and the words "Musical Instructor." He claimed to be a talented musician. The man claimed to be in Alliance to lay brick on the new school-house, although this stage of construction has by no means been reached. He said that he was known to the contractor, and had been employed by him.

Chief of Police Charles W. Jeffers says the man has all the indications of being a dope-fiend, and appears to be in very poor health. Mr. Jeffers says that he does not believe it possible that Giersdorf would be physically able to lay brick. His education, and his evident knowledge of music make it seem very unlikely that he would be a bricklayer.

The contractor at the high school said that Giersdorf had struck him for a job, but that he had turned him down, as he was evidently unable to work. Giersdorf gave his home as Central City, and was evidently acquainted with the contractor. He was released this morning and was warned that he must either go to work or leave town.

## SAYS BOX BUTTE HAS THE WORLD BACKED OFF MAP

VAL KUSKA IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER CONDITIONS HERE.

Burlington Immigration Agent Puts in a Day Investigating Agricultural Situation.

Val Kuska, immigration agent for the Burlington railroad system, with headquarters at Omaha, spent Thursday in Alliance, Hemingford and Box Butte county, as the guest of the Alliance chamber of commerce. Mr. Kuska came to Box Butte county to personally investigate the agricultural conditions and possibilities. To say that he was astounded with the possibilities shown him during his trip seems putting it mild, and to use his expression Thursday evening, "You have the world backed off the map on conditions as a whole. If anyone had told me that you have alfalfa growing here like you do, I would have believed it. Your agricultural opportunities are wonderful and your farmers are accomplishing great things."

Mr. Kuska was taken for an auto trip during the day over the larger portion of Box Butte county by a delegation representing the chamber of commerce, which included J. C. McCorkle, E. C. Barker, F. A. Bald, W. S. Acheson, C. R. Wiese, G. H. Burns, S. H. Cole, Burlington agent and Lloyd Thomas, secretary. The party left Alliance at 8 a. m.

The party arrived at Hemingford about 10:30, where they were joined by K. L. Pierce, G. M. Jenkin, and P. J. Michael, who piloted them through territory in the vicinity of Hemingford and returned with them to Alliance. During the afternoon short trips were made to Antioch and the Alliance Country club. Mr. Kuska was much impressed with the appearance of the Country club buildings and grounds, stating that they were among the finest he had seen.

In the evening Mr. Kuska and the real estate men were guests of the Lions club, at which he was the principal speaker. Following the dinner, a meeting was held at the offices of the chamber of commerce for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to immigration into Box Butte county. This meeting was attended by real estate men and officials of the chamber of commerce. Matters discussed were advertising, printed literature, home-seekers' excursion rates, cooperative work among the real estate men through the chamber of commerce, establishing a brand or trademark for potatoes, increasing potato production, and other topics of timely importance and interest.

Mr. Kuska assured the Alliance men that the Burlington will take an active part in promoting immigration into its territory in western Nebraska, in order that the untilled agricultural lands may be farmed. He and the agricultural lands may be farmed. He and the agricultural agent of the railroad will be present and take part in the annual potato tour which starts from Kimball on August 15 and which will be at Alliance on August 17.

Beverly Boyd of Detroit, Mich., is in Alliance visiting his uncle, E. H. Boyd. Mr. Boyd and his nephew left Wednesday for his ranch. Beverly Boyd will remain in Alliance for a few weeks.

## A TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE SPUD TOUR

WILL COVER FOUR DAYS AND FOUR COUNTIES.

Thursday, August 17, Will Be Spent in Inspecting Potatoes in Box Butte County.

The tentative program for the annual western Nebraska potato tour, under the direction of H. O. Werner, secretary of the Nebraska Potato Improvement association, has been forwarded to the Alliance chamber of commerce. The tour will cover four days—August 15, 16, 17 and 18, covering the counties of Kimball, Scotts Bluff, Box Butte and Dawes.

As will be noted by the tentative program, given below, Thursday, August 17, will be spent in Box Butte county, ending with a meal and entertainment for the visitors that evening, from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m., to be served by the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Werner states that at the present time he is unable to state definitely which fields will be visited in Box Butte county, preferring to make the first field inspection for certified seed before designating the fields that are to be visited.

The plans for the evening meeting at Alliance would include an informal meeting, following the dinner, to which all the potato growers of Box Butte county, as well as the visitors from other localities, would be invited.

Tentative Program for Tour.

The tentative program for the tour, as outlined by Mr. Werner, is as follows:

Tuesday, August 15, 8 a. m.—Start from County Agricultural agent's office at Kimball. Visit certified seed potato fields of Gus Forsling, August Cadekin, H. J. Hollek and other fields of merit or interest in the vicinity of Bushnell and between Kimball and Bushnell. Also possible several irrigated fields near Kimball. 12 o'clock—Dinner at Kimball. 12:45 to 1:45 p. m.—Meeting at Kimball.

1:45—Leave for Scotts Bluff county via the state highway.

4 p. m.—Arrive in the vicinity of Cedar valley southwest of Gering. Inspect dry-land fields of potatoes in that vicinity and inspect the irrigated fields around Gering, arriving at Scotts Bluff at 6:30 p. m. headquarters at Lincoln hotel.

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## SAY PEEBLES TO FACE CHARGE OF WHITE SLAVERY

POLICE NAB A COUPLE FROM LUSK, WYO., TUESDAY.

Letters Show Elopement Planned, But Funds Ran Out at Alliance and Cops Stepped In.

Chief of Police C. W. Jeffers arrested a J. F. Peebles, and a Mrs. Bernice Peebles, not married but cousins by marriage. The couple were arrested Tuesday evening when they were attempting to bum their way out of Alliance for North Platte.

The Peebles came to Alliance from Lusk, Peebles paying the way for the lady, and also paying her hotel bill at Lusk. They were evidently trying to elope, and had reached Alliance when they ran out of money and were stranded. They had evidently been contemplating the elopement for some time, as shown by a letter found on Peebles, received from Mrs. Peebles, telling of the proposed elopement, and of arrangement for taking care of Mrs. Peebles' children, both by former marriage.

Peebles and Mrs. Peebles maintained that there was nothing out of the way in their actions, but the officers believed differently. A federal charge was filed against Peebles for violating the Mann white slave act. To make this charge stick it will be necessary to show that the woman in the case was transported from Wyoming into Nebraska for immoral purposes.

The couple are now held in the county jail, Peebles to answer the charge against him, and Mrs. Peebles as a witness. They will have a preliminary hearing before United States Court Commissioner L. A. Berry sometime in the near future, although the date for this has not been set.

Mrs. Peebles is the daughter of Chief E. E. Knapp of North Platte, and she and Peebles were heading for that city when they were apprehended here.

Should they be held, they will be tried at the federal court at Chadron about the first of September. They will be held in the government jail there until that time unless bond is furnished, which the officers do not deem to be particularly likely, when the conditions under which they reached Alliance are considered.