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**ANALYZED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA  
ON MARCH 7, 1911

ASSETS	
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS.....	\$436,218.71
This is the amount of money we have loaned out at interest and consist of the notes and mortgages of reputable merchants, ranchmen and other responsible individuals.	
OVERDRAFTS.....	1,067.12
This is the total amount our customers have checked out above the amount to their credit. We discourage this practice and keep this particular account very low at all times.	
CASH ON HAND.....	91,767.58
Actual cash in our safe and cash subject to our demand with our correspondents in Chicago, New York, Omaha, South Omaha and Lincoln.	
REAL ESTATE.....	10,000.00
We carry our banking building at about forty per cent of its actual value.	
GOVERNMENT BONDS.....	51,000.00
Bonds of the U. S. Government carried at their par value. The premium we paid to acquire these bonds has been charged off against our Profits long ago.	
Total, \$590,053.41	
LIABILITIES	
CAPITAL STOCK, Paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
This is divided into five hundred shares of \$100.00 each and is fully paid in by the stockholders of the bank.	
SURPLUS.....	50,000.00
This represents that portion of earnings or profits from the business which has been set aside as additional working capital and security to our patrons.	
UNDIVIDED PROFITS.....	24,987.70
This is the amount of net profits we have on hand after paying all our running expenses to date.	
DEPOSITS.....	415,065.71
This is the total amount our customers have deposited with us and includes deposits subject to check, interest bearing time deposits, savings accounts, and Government, State and County deposits.	
NATIONAL BANK NOTES Out-Standing.....	50,000.00
This is the amount of currency issued by this bank, payment of which is guaranteed by the U. S. Government.	
Total, \$590,053.41	

We appreciate the confidence of our customers and desire to show our appreciation by giving the best service possible at all times.



## CLOTHING FLYER FOR A FEW DAYS

we place on Special Sale 100 Men's Suits and Overcoats

of Odd Lots in values up to \$20, at the very low price of

# \$10.00

This is very little money for big value in Suits and Overcoats. We do not ask you to take our word for this statement; come and examine for yourself and you will be convinced that these are the greatest clothing values ever offered in the city.

## NORTON'S

DR. A. GAISER, DENTIST

Office, Room 10, Rumer Block, Phone 525, Alliance, Nebr.

The North Platte Valley Teachers' association meets at Bridgeport on Thursday and Friday of next week. Alliance is well represented on the program, which we received today, a little too late for publication.

## DR. JAMES T. LEES

will give his

### Wonderful Lecture

on

### The Ober-Ammergau Passion Play

Illustrated by Seventy Artistically Colored Lantern Views at the

### METHODIST CHURCH

Friday Evening, March 31

at 8 o'clock

Admission, 25 cents

Watch the next issue of this paper for particulars.



### Health and Strength

are better than riches, and much easier to attain.

Now is the time to build up your strength, tone your entire system and establish a solid, permanent foundation of health.

Begin with a good tonic—we have several excellent ones. Let us recommend **Rexal Sarsaparilla Tonic**. It will clear your blood, impart tone and vigor to all your organs, stimulate your entire system and help to strengthen and build up your body, brain and nerves. Sold in large bottles, \$1.00, with the Rexal guarantee.

## HOLSTEN'S



## MILL WORK

TANKS  
STORM SASHES  
COUNTERS  
AND  
SHELVING  
A SPECIALTY

A. P. LEE, Mgr.

### KENNEDY BROTHERS DENTISTS.

Office in Alliance National Bank Bldg. Over Postoffice. Phone 391.

Tell Us About It.

This paper can give all the local news only as our friends lend us their co-operation. If anyone visits you, if you contemplate leaving town, if you see or hear or do anything out of the ordinary day's routine, tell us about it, that we may tell the public.

## "LET THE PEOPLE RULE"

A Few Timely Suggestions on Giving Voters a Chance, Instead of Giving the Politicians a Monopoly and Cinch on the Settlement of Public Questions.

"Let the people rule" sounds familiar, but who are the people? Not a few politicians who are given special privileges at the expense of the public, and who do not hesitate to defeat the will of the majority, whenever they can do so to advance their own selfish interests. A majority of the persons who are entitled to a voice in the settlement of any question of public interest are "the people". But how can the will of a majority be defeated? By trickery. We have an example of it in Alliance.

On the questions of city government we find here three classes of voters. (1) those who favor law enforcement, a clean city administration and the closing of the saloons; (2) those who favor law enforcement, a clean city administration but the licensing of saloons under legal restrictions; (3) those who favor the licensing of saloons and a "wide open" policy such as the city has been having recently and which is fast bringing Alliance into the disrepute that formerly made Crawford famous as a rendezvous of white and colored prostitutes and pimps and tin horn gamblers, and the stink pot of northwest Nebraska.

Here is where the political trickery comes in. If the wish of a majority, expressed on each proposition separately, were to be carried out, there is little or no doubt that the license policy would prevail, but that there would be such a cleaning up on the other proposition as the city has had since the year the town went dry. Why do the present mayor and his most ardent supporters oppose giving the people an opportunity to settle certain questions by direct vote? Another question easy to answer. Eliminate the license issue, settle it by direct vote, and F. W. Harris, running against C. C. Smith, would stand no more show of being elected than he did three years ago when Smith defeated him by an overwhelming majority. To speak plainly, and that's what we are trying to do, Mr. Harris has the vote of the third class above mentioned solid, "carries them in his vest pocket" so to speak, but in order for him to be re-elected he must secure a good many of the other voters; to do this, he and his backers persist in tacking the license question on to his candidacy, trying thereby to compel the second class to vote for him in order to avoid the nightmare of prohibition. But there are some who favor license who would prefer to see another "dry" year, if necessary to secure a change, rather than a continuation of the present administration. Just how many there are of this kind of voters remains to be seen.

On the other hand, C. C. Smith stands on his record as a public official, and favors the rule of the people. This is no fulsome praise. It is a matter of fact. Whatever may be his personal preferences on public issues, he will carry out the wishes of the majority, so far as he may be able to ascertain the will of the majority; and he stands pledged to try to ascertain the wishes of the majority of the people, and so far as he has opportunity give the people a chance to express their preference, whenever there is a general demand for such an expression.

As to the personality and efficiency of the two candidates for mayor, it is commonly conceded that, if the choice of the people depended upon that only, Mr. Smith would be easily elected. This is practically admitted, we think, in the management of Mr. Harris' campaign. To go back a little in the municipal politics of Alliance: Three years ago, when the question of license was settled by a preferential vote, he received a very meagre vote; a year later, when license or no-license depended upon the election of mayor and city council, he was elected. As the first year of his administration drew to a close, the voters were asked to elect him "just once more" on the plea that there was some "unfinished business that needed his personal attention". Now we are willing to give him credit for any good work he has done as mayor, but we confess we haven't heard of anything that his opponent in the present campaign would not have done as well or better. Although not altogether satisfied with his first year as mayor, those who preferred to see some one else elected, swallowed their dissatisfaction and voted for him with the DISTINCT UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WOULD NOT BE A CANDIDATE AGAIN.

Now comes a smooth political trick that sometimes works, but got a little sand in the bearings this time and it may not work again, at least it is not working as smoothly as it did a year ago. It was given out that the mayor would not be a candidate for re-election again. The people took him at his word, and representatives of both the "wet" and "dry" factions were casting about for a candidate upon whom both sides could agree, if possible. At least a part of the "drys" consented to concede license another year if they might have a dependable assurance of law enforcement. There was good prospect that an understanding would be reached and that only one candidate would be placed in nomination for mayor. Then, when it was not deemed safe to further postpone projecting the mayor's candidacy, it was announced that he had been "persuaded" to stand as a candidate "just once more" as there was some "unfinished business that needed his personal attention". But the trick was too transparent to fool the people again. The fact is there are some emoluments (we say "emoluments" instead of "graft" as the latter word sounds harsh and might be misunderstood), yes, there are certain "emoluments" pertaining to the administration of the mayor's office in which parties who are pushing him for re-election are more interested than they are in the "temperance" question which they are trying to make an issue in this campaign in order to force his re-election. The Herald has kept still in regard to the laxity in the administration of the law in this city, hoping for an improvement, when we have felt like making a protest, and perhaps should have published a protest, against some things that were transpiring. We esteemed his friendship, as we do the friendship of any man, whether he agrees with us on questions of public policy or not, and we dislike exceedingly to publish anything that discredits either him or his administration. He holds a responsible position in a great financial institution, besides having other business interests that demand his attention, and if he claims that the laxity in the administration of the city's affairs is due to a multiplicity of business cares, we are willing to admit the claim to some extent; but in that event he ought to be willing to step aside by withdrawing as a candidate and give place to some man who has the time and ability to properly administer the office of mayor of the city.

If he still persists in being a candidate, he ought to answer a few questions that are being asked by decent people, and we give below some of these questions, publishing them in this issue of The Herald so that he may have time to answer them through this paper before the day of election:

1. If, as is claimed by his standstill backers, it is necessary for Mr. Harris to be continued in the office of mayor in order to have an economical administration of the city's affairs, why have city taxes increased under his administration until some persons who would otherwise build have declined to do so on account of the increase in taxes?

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### EARNES RUNS FOR COUNCILMAN

It has been years since so much interest was taken in city politics as is being taken this spring for the coming election, April 4th. The last issue of the Herald announced the candidacy of Mr. J. H. Vaughn for councilman of the First ward.

Petitions are now out for Mr. T.H. Barnes who will run for the same office. Mr. Barnes has always taken a deep interest in city politics and his property interests here increase his concern in regard to an economical administration of the city's affairs. He is well qualified to fill the office of councilman to be made vacant by the expiration of the term of Mr. Holsten, who has filled the position with ability and credit to himself.

Both candidates for councilman from the first are popular and the race between them promises to be close.

## GREAT Closing Out Sale

### \$5,000 STOCK General Merchandise

The great closing out sale still continues. Everything must go. Prices cut in two. Come in and see for yourself. Read this

#### Combination Offer

- 1 gallon Can Syrup . . . . . 50c
- 1/2 lb. Ginger . . . . . 20c
- 7 lbs. sugar . . . . . 50c
- 1 Can Asparagus Tips . . . . . 25c
- 1 Box Rice Flakes . . . . . 10c
- 2 cans Tomatoes . . . . . 25c
- 2 cans Corn . . . . . 25c
- 1 can Baking Powder . . . . . 15c
- 1 can Spinach . . . . . 15c
- 1 can Mexene . . . . . 10c
- 1 bottle Bluing . . . . . 10c
- 5 boxes Matches . . . . . 25c
- 2 boxes Spices . . . . . 20c
- 3 bottles Extracts . . . . . 45c
- 5 bars White Russian Soap . . . . . 25c
- 1 can Lima Beans . . . . . 10c
- 1/2 lb. Japan Tea . . . . . 25c
- 1/2 lb. Ginger . . . . . 25c
- 1 box Swift's Cleanser . . . . . 15c

Total . . . . . \$4.45

Will fill this order for \$3.10.

We will fill two and three dollar orders at same discount as above.

#### Store Fixtures for Sale

As we are closing out we offer Show Cases, Scales, Coffee Mill, Counters and all other fixtures for sale.

#### More Big Bargains

Following are some more of the big bargains in this sale:

- \$70 to \$20 values in Men's Suits for \$6 to \$12.
- Boys' Suits, worth \$3 to \$8, to go at \$1.50 to \$4
- Boys' Long Pants, good value at 75 cts. to \$1.25.
- 1,000 yards Dress Goods at half price.
- Calico, 5 1/2 cents a yard.
- Yarn less than cost.
- \$49 worth of lace less than cost.
- Hats Caps, Suspenders, Gloves, Hose, China Ware, Ladies' Silk Gloves, Corsets and a great many other things at a great BARGAIN.
- 300 pairs Shoes, new stock, to go at two-thirds value.
- Underwear, all kinds, less than cost.
- Sugar \$4 a sack; 15 lbs. for \$1.
- Best Flour that can be had \$2.65 per hundred.
- Corn Meal 20 cts. for 10 lb. sack.
- Canned Milk and all Canned Goods at cut prices.
- Japan Tea, 40 cts. pound.
- 5 bars White Russian Soap, 25 cts.

#### R. R. Fare Paid

Railroad fare paid one way on all purchases of \$20 by persons from adjoining counties.

#### ESSAY & KEENEN,

Box Butte Avenue, one-half block north of Burlington Hotel. 15-11-650