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PLANS FOR A PRIMARY

Herald's Proposition for Postoffice Primary Receives Approval of Alliance Democrats

RULE OF THE PEOPLE

The democratic slogan, "Let the people rule," sounds good to The Herald. And it sounds just as good when applied to the selection of federal office holders under a democratic administration as at any other time. It sounds good to other people, too. This does not mean that the rights of democrats under the new administration are not to be protected, but it does mean reform.

On Saturday, Feb. 15th, from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon, a post office election was held at Merna, Nebr. More than a merely local interest was manifested in this election because that Merna is the home town of W. J. Taylor, democratic candidate for congress at the last election, and also because he had given this plan his endorsement. The claim that is sometimes made that only a small number of voters will avail themselves of the opportunity to express their choice of candidates at a preferential election, did not hold good in this case. More than 91 per cent. of those entitled to vote did so. A much smaller percentage of the total vote of Nebraska was cast at the presidential election last fall. At the special election held in Box Butte county on the 18th of this month to vote on the court house bonding proposition, in which the people of Alliance were supposed to be greatly interested, only about 75 per cent. of the total vote of this city was polled.

The Custer County Herald gives the following information about the Merna election: The people of Merna, it is believed by those who have watched the election, are as a rule highly satisfied with this method of choosing the postmaster. There may be a few sore spots, but that is the case in any election.

There have been six candidates in the race for the appointment for the postmastership in Merna. The race, under the old method showed up some complications. W. J. Taylor, being the democratic candidate for congress and a resident of Merna, would naturally be consulted as to the appointment of a postmaster in his local town.

All the candidates are neighbors and friends of Mr. Taylor. Not wishing to offend or show any partiality among his personal friends, Mr. Taylor took the steps to call an election for the purpose of weeding out the candidates and assisting the community in getting settled on some particular candidate.

All but one of the candidates in the race entered the primary held at Merna on Saturday last, with the following result:

There were 281 votes cast out of a possible 306 legal voters who are patrons of the Merna post office.

The vote was as follows:
Joe Fenimore.....81
W. S. Wells.....61
Ethel Ayle.....58
Mrs. Haney.....41
Edward Foley.....35

Five votes were thrown out because of mistakes in the casting of the ballot.

After the election was over and the vote counted and the judges and clerks of the election made an affidavit to the effect that such an election had been held, giving the number of votes cast for each candidate, telling of the call of the election, that it was advertised for two weeks in the local paper, and other necessary data regarding the election. These affidavits will be forwarded to the proper authorities, and it is believed will prove instrumental in landing the appointment for the winning candidate at the primary.

Mr. Taylor, who was responsible for the election, was in the city Tuesday and expressed great pleasure at the seeming satisfaction of the entire patronage of the Merna post office. He thinks that there are but very few discontented ones since the election has been held and the people have expressed a choice in the matter.

Now for Alliance

The Herald has three plans to suggest for a post office primary for Alliance, either of which if adopted will conserve the rights of democratic candidates for postmaster and will be at least a step in the direction of popular election:

1. Permit all legal voters who are patrons of the post office to vote, as in the case of the Merna election, only democrats to be candidates for the position. If the democracy of any candidate shall be called in question, let it be decided by such method as the democratic candidate for congress at the last election shall direct.

2. Primary to be open only to democratic voters who are patrons of the Alliance post office. In the event of any voter's democracy being challenged, it shall be passed upon by the judges of election. If they unanimously approve, he shall be permitted to vote without showing for whom he votes. If one or more of the judges of election decline to pass him as a democrat, he may be permitted to vote by showing his ballot, a record being made of all such votes cast and the name of the candidate for whom each votes. If it shall be found that votes so cast might change the result of the election from what it would otherwise be, subsequent investigation shall be approved by the candidate for congress.

3. Primary to be confined to democrats who voted at the last state wide primary, as shown by the registration books. This would have the advantage of sifting out all but siphon pure democrats, but would be open to the objection of leaving out many who did not vote at the general primary last spring.

We have suggested the above three plans for a post office primary with the hope that from them some plan may be evolved that will be fair and practicable, and at the

same time show to the people that democratic candidates and politicians meant what they said in the last campaign in advocating the rule of the people. We need not be told that the office of postmaster is not elective; we are well aware of that fact. But we have confidence enough in the democracy, in the strictest sense, of Woodrow Wilson and those who are nearest him, including Senator Hitchcock and the personal friends of Mr. Bryan, to believe that popular choice of federal appointees will be just as cordially endorsed by them as the popular choice of United States senators, and that they will gladly accept some practical plan for ascertaining the wish of the people.

WILL LEAVE ALLIANCE

Popular Alliance People Will Move to Salt Lake City, Herald Loses Valuable Correspondent

LEAVE MANY FRIENDS HERE

U. N. Hoskins, who recently resigned his position with the Burlington at Alliance, after having worked as freight conductor for seven years, has accepted a lucrative position as freight conductor for the Western Pacific, running out of Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is at the present time. Mr. Hoskins had been in Salt Lake City only a week when he received and accepted the position above mentioned.

Mrs. Hoskins, who has delighted Herald readers with her railroad department notes for a number of years, will leave Alliance on the 23rd of March, to join Mr. Hoskins. The Herald joins the many friends of this estimable couple in expressing deep regret at their departure from Alliance. They leave a host of friends who wish them well in their new home.

EASTER CANTATA

A. J. Welch, director of the Methodist church choir, is organizing a chorus of fifty voices for the purpose of rendering the cantata, "Conquering King," Easter night. This is something never seen in Alliance before and will be worth planning to attend. A great deal of work and practice is being put into this entertainment and "Alliance" people will be rewarded in hearing them. Mr. Welch is very competent and thorough in his work and always achieves good results.

WILL GO TO OMAHA

A. D. Rodgers, president of the Commercial Club, will leave for Omaha next Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Rodgers, to attend the annual convention of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers, March 11 to 14, and the "Made in Nebraska Show", March 15 to 16th.

Convention headquarters will be at the Hotel Rome, 16th and Jackson streets, and the Made in Nebraska Show will be at the Auditorium, 15th and Howard streets.

LADIES' AID POSTPONED

Owing to sickness and death, the Ladies' Aid of the First Presbyterian church was postponed for one week and will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Nellie Heath; the week following with Mrs. Bowen, and after that with Mrs. Coleman.

The funeral of Mr. Wm. Kennedy was postponed until this morning at nine-thirty o'clock, as the relatives were not all able to be here in time yesterday morning.

Get an ad in the Industrial Edition.

OFFICIAL COUNT SHOWS SAME RESULT

Commissioners Advertise for Bids for Bonds to Build New \$65,000 Courthouse

ADVISORY BOARD ELECTED

The table shown herewith, the same as published in the last issue of The Herald, gives the official count on the recent bond election. The count shows 558 for bonds and 554 against, with 5 ballots spoiled and thrown out.

Following is the tabulated vote:

	Feb. 18, 1913		Nov. 5, 1912	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
First Ward	273	42	326	72
Second Ward	160	23	197	46
Box Butte pres.	12	72	7	82
Boyd	27	9	26	21
Dorsey	5	157	6	139
Lake	59	27	60	40
Lawn	0	63	2	59
Liberty	1	41	0	42
Nonpariel	2	53	5	56
Running Water	0	21	0	23
Snake Creek	1	19	8	32
Wright	18	27	23	33
Totals	558	554	680	644

School Bonds

	Yes	No
First Ward	242	11
Second Ward	181	1
Lake	58	3

Following is the advisory board elected on the unofficial ballots, for the purpose of working with the county commissioners in letting contracts, approving work, etc.:

- First ward, Alliance, Henry Swan.
- Second ward, Karl J. Stern.
- Running Water, John Jelinek.
- Wright, Frank McCoy.
- Lawn, G. L. Taylor.
- Dorsey, A. M. Miller.
- Boyd, Virgil Putman.
- Nonpariel, E. F. Abley.
- Lake, D. W. Hughes.
- Box Butte, John O'Mara.

DATE SET FOR TOURNAMENT AND STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION

The Nebraska Stock Growers Association has selected Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12, 13 and 14, as the dates for the convention in Alliance this year. This means that the Tournament of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association will be held on the same dates.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the tournament consists of Councilman George Mollring, chairman; Chief P. E. Romig, vice chairman; president Carl W. Spacht, secretary; E. G. Laing, treasurer; A. D. Rodgers, Bruce Mallory, John W. Guthrie and F. D. McCormick. The concessions will be handled by F. D. McCormick.

ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. John Wiker entertained a number of their friends at their home Sunday evening at a Victrola concert. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chase Peangins, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Westover, Miss Virginia Broome, Mr. F. M. Broome, Mr. E. Snead, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gantz, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nelson.

WILL ENTERTAIN

Mrs. W. R. Harper will entertain twenty of her young lady friends at the McCorkle residence on Friday evening. Lunch will be served, and the entertainment will be in the nature of a post card party.

ALLIANCE CELEBRATES

Over 200 Alliance Citizens Attend the Banquet at Opera House Tuesday Evening

OLD TIME "BLOW OUT"

Two hundred and ten Alliance citizens responded to the call of the Commercial Club and The Herald, and met together around the banquet table Tuesday evening, in the Phelan Opera House, to celebrate the twenty-fifth birthday of Alliance. It was the largest gathering of its kind in Alliance since the big Normal banquet, about three years ago. We are not going to give a full and complete account of the banquet in this issue, for we are saving that until the big Industrial issue of The Herald one week from today. We want to give a condensed report here, however.

We wish to give the patriotic Alliance men the credit due them for their energetic and untiring efforts in making this banquet a success. Rodgers, Lockwood, Highland, Martin, Rumer, Johnston, Broome, E. D. and the many others who took an active part in arranging for the banquet, selling the tickets, handling the funds and arranging the program all deserve great credit for their work.

Following is the menu, served by Caterer Coyle, and his able corps of assistants, who were worked to the limit in serving the immense crowd.

- Oyster Soup
- Celery
- Sweet Pickles
- Olives
- Boiled Ham
- Roast Pork
- Baked Chicken
- Pickled Beets
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- Fruit Salad
- Potato Chips
- Fresh Fruits
- Fruit Cake
- Loaf Cake
- Milk
- Tea
- Coffee
- Cigars

Here is the program:

- Ladies' Quartet—"Water Lilies" Misses Emily Skiles, Virginia Broome, Josephine Ware, Angela Ware—Accompanied by Mrs. W. D. Zediker.
- Address of Welcome..... R. M. Hampton
- Response..... Hon. I. E. Tash

HISTORY OF ALLIANCE

Once upon a time, some twenty-five years ago, a Rumer reached the west of a Strong, Young, but Gray Knight of Ak-Sar-Ben, called Buechstein, with his squire O'Keefe, in Reddish-Brown Armour, accompanied by a Bowman, a Smith carrying a Broome in his Hand, all on good mounts, leading a Drake and a Bullock (to Cook for the King) each with Marks of Moist Waters on its Pate, and eating a Newberry which was not Rice nor any Berry a Miller could make into Graham, met a Harper singing his Darling Soules Swan song of Joy accompanied by Hampton who was playing on a Reed and passing through the Woods and Hills beheld a Ray of Moon lighting the Churchhill and saw a Reck of a Hall and Barnes where the Butter told them he had Noche, Nor-ton of feed and that the rule of the Elmore Clan was "that he who Hughes the so-called Bellwood and Lockwood Burns it." And they went to Hewitt, Raaching Highland Reard-on the Banks of Grand Lake they saw Andrews Schlupp on the Beach surrounded by Elks with Eagles fluttering near, for which that country was Famous. The lake was too deep to Ford, and Rowan Westover across, all except Tash, who waded, against the fears of the doubting Thomas, and catching some fish Guthrie, they met a Carpenter who built the Keeler some other part of the boat leaving an Asp-in-wall, assisted by Spry Renswold from plans made by Brennan superintended by Pilkington, and all Phelan gay they entered into Alliance with other old settlers and lived happily ever after.

—Perpetrated by John W. Guthrie.

Hurrah for D. Clem Deaver

money for development is scarce. He is going to help our homesteaders and landowners to get \$\$ for development of their land. Read this letter to The Herald:

Omaha, Nebr., Feb. 19, 1913.

To the Editor of The Herald:

There are many millions of dollars on deposit in Nebraska banks. Some of the owners are looking for investment in good securities. There are thousands of Kinkaid homesteaders that have now made proof and want to borrow some money to buy milk cows with. Will you help me to get them together?

I am going to have a meeting March 14th in Omaha with a number of financiers who have money

to loan on good security and would like to know how many in your locality have proved up on their 640 acre homesteads and want to borrow money to buy milk cows with. After talking with some of the men who have money to loan and with a large number who want to borrow, this plan has suggested itself to me—that the owners of the proved-up 640 acre claims write out an application for five year \$1500.00 loans, giving the legal numbers of their land, full description of improvements, state that they are willing to invest \$1000.00 of the money in milk cows and give a mortgage on the cows and

their 640 acres, and, state what they propose to do with the other \$500.00 and what rate of interest they are willing to pay.

If you will get the applications together for your locality and get them to me by, say March 13th, I will present them to the people who have money to loan and it may result in the organization of a company for the purpose of loaning money to Kinkaid homesteaders.

Yours truly,

D. CLEM DEAVER.

Write today to the editor of The Herald at Alliance, giving the numbers of your land and the other information asked for in the above letter. We will see that your application reaches Mr. Deaver without delay. If you have not proved up, but will inside of the next year, write just the same. We will watch out for you.