

# THE ALLIANCE HERALD

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## WHY THE HERALD SUPPORTED RICHMOND

This paper has been twitted for the position it took, before the convening of the present session of the Nebraska legislature, in support of Henry C. Richmond of Omaha for speaker of the house. The criticism comes from persons who do not seem to be well posted or who do not have a correct view of the situation. We are glad to give our reasons for supporting Mr. Richmond and incidentally state again how we think certain issues ought to be settled.

In the first place, Henry C. Richmond announced before the November election that, if elected, he would be a candidate for speaker. Believing him to be a proper person for the position, The Herald expressed a desire to see him elected to the legislature, and then elected speaker of the house. After the election, and before the legislature had convened, other well qualified men were mentioned as candidates for the place, but still we saw no reason for changing our allegiance to Mr. Richmond. One of the other candidates, a democrat whose progressive principles and ability cannot be doubted, was elected as the presiding officer, instead of the Omaha man. In selecting him the house made a good choice, but in so doing they did not necessarily repudiate other candidates or deny their qualifications.

In the criticisms above referred to, the claim was made that Mr. Richmond was "the brewers' candidate," hence should not have received The Herald's support. Our reply is that we take no stock in the claim. He was elected from Douglas county and it is not to be supposed that he is a prohibitionist, but that does not prove that he was a candidate of the brewers or any other special interests.

The prime qualifications for an ideal presiding officer of a legislative body are fairness and parliamentary ability. The Herald believes Henry C. Richmond is possessed of both. The time was, before direct legislation came into vogue and when the legislative committees were appointed by the speaker, when the speaker wielded great influence in the shaping of legislation; but since the referendum can be invoked to annul undesirable legislation and the initiative to secure desirable laws which the legislature refuses to pass, and since the legislative committees are appointed by the members as a whole or by a committee elected by them, the speaker has been largely shorn of the power which he formerly had as presiding officer.

There has come to be a strong demand—and a timely demand it is, too—that the business of the Nebraska legislature be transacted with as much dispatch as possible, and the session adjourn without unnecessary delay. The dispatch with which the business of the legislature is transacted depends in a very great measure upon the presiding officers, much more than the average person realizes; and the presiding officer's ability to keep the legislative mill grinding steadily and rapidly depends upon the two qualifications above named, fairness and parliamentary ability. While Mr. Richmond, who possesses these two qualifications in a marked degree, was defeated for the speakership, we are heartily glad that a man was elected who is also well qualified and who has a legislative record as a thoro progressive.

We are heartily tired of seeing the "wet" and "dry" question rung in every time a question of public interest comes up in Nebraska for settlement. The proper way to settle the liquor license question, whether in city, state or nation, is by direct vote of the people. To constantly inject it into other issues hinders or retards progress in other matters that are up for consideration and settlement. A few years ago when the question of county option was becoming acute in Nebraska politics, W. J. Bryan was right in trying to keep it out of party politics thru the adoption of the initiative and referendum. Had his advice in regard to the submission of a direct legislation amendment to the constitution been followed by the legislature of six years ago, the democratic party of Nebraska would never have been split over county option as it was, and valuable time and energy spent in quibbling over that issue could have been expended to better purpose.

## THE PRESIDENT'S POPULARITY

A man of quiet demeanor but firm convictions; a man who has dared face and oppose powerful political machines and thereby bring down upon his head the denunciations of one-time powerful bosses; but a man who because of his sincerity and earnestness of purpose has grown in favor with the American people until he has become one of the most popular men that this nation has ever seen; such a man is President Woodrow Wilson.

At Indianapolis last Friday, President Wilson made his first political speech since the election of 1912. It was an address delivered to an audience of 5,000 people at the Jackson day celebration. During the course of his remarks, a statement was made that was construed to mean that he might be a candidate for re-election in 1916. There was a slight pause and then the crowd, which included the members of the Indiana legislature, sprang to their feet and began cheering and shouting.

Neither President Wilson nor his popularity are effervescent. His career has been brilliant but not meteoric. He is held in high esteem by the public, not because of physical prowess, altho he is far from being a mollycoddle or a coward; not because of his rhetoric, altho his mastery of the mother tongue is such that it is proper now for Americans to speak of pure diction as the President's English, rather than the King's English; but rather because of his sincerity of purpose and the firmness with which he stands for what he knows to be right. Such popularity is the kind that will endure, and mark him as one of the really great characters of American history.

According to an Illinois exchange, a farmer near Galesburg says his cattle had the foot and mouth disease in 1901. He mixed up a heavy dose of sulphur with salt and in a few days they were well and never showed any after effects. If the farmer's statement is true, how does it happen that veterinarians, including government experts, do not use so simple and effective remedy?

The dedication of Box Butte county's fine new court house marks the opening of a new epoch in the development of northwestern Nebraska. This country has passed thru the period of pioneer experimentation and is entering upon a period of permanent constructive development. True there is, no doubt, much to be learned yet by more thoro investigation and experiments, but it is apparent that the improvements now being made and the enterprises that are being projected in agriculture and business possess a permanency that the early improvements did not have.

## A Few Words to Firemen

By Lloyd

Another year has rolled around and we approach the thirty-third annual convention with expectations of the best and largest convention ever held. Word comes to us that Nebraska City is preparing to handle the crowds and that the program there will be the kind the boys like.

We expect to see many new faces at the coming convention and

will miss others who find it impossible to attend. However, we know from experience that the desire is in the heart of every member of the state association who attends to be present again. It does a fireman good to associate with four or five hundred other men from all portions of the great state of Nebraska. It is indeed a great sight to see the monster conventions in session and to note the smoothness of the legislative machinery.

During the past year The Herald has been sent to every volunteer fire department in the state. It has carried much of interest to volunteer firemen, and we believe it has aroused some interest, a number of new departments have been organized and other departments re-organized into more efficient organizations. We trust that the convention at Nebraska City will see fit to send The Herald during the coming year to the departments belonging to the organization and will endeavor to see that you have something of interest each week.

Harry Hauser, chairman of the board of control and chief of the Fremont Fire Department, is a live wire. He is going to Nebraska City at the head of thirty-five delegates. You can always find "something doing" when Harry is around. And he always springs a new one. Last year it was the pet pig. We wonder what it will be this year. Harry deserves recognition from the association for his good work. Why not re-elect him chairman of the Board of Control?

Crawford is in the race good and strong for the 1916 convention. This bustling little city is just finishing a new city hall and home for its fire department. It lies up close to Pine Ridge, a range of small mountains in the western end of the state, on the Northwestern and the Burlington railroads. Fort Robinson is located at Crawford. We visited the town recently for the purpose of investigating their ability to handle a convention of this size. We found that they have facilities for caring for a convention of this size and that they have an organization that will handle it properly. Good hotels and rooming houses, with plenty of private homes, are open to visitors. If they are awarded the convention, they will make it one long to be remembered.

It has long been our opinion that the volunteer fire departments should receive financial support from the towns in which they are located. A well organized fire department is an asset to a city and is also of some expense. There is no reason why a small amount of the revenue of the towns should not be devoted to this purpose. We trust that the coming convention will consider this matter and make recommendations.

## TEN YEARS AGO

From the Files of The Alliance Herald of January 13, 1905

A union meeting was held at the M. E. church Sunday evening, Rev. J. B. Carns, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League being the speaker. A branch league was organized with the following officers: President, Rev. G. C. Jeffers; secretary, H. G. Warrick; treasurer, D. W. Hughes.

The I. O. O. F. lodge elected the following officers on Tuesday: T. Pool, N. G.; G. Zurn, V. G.; W. O. Barnes, secretary; B. F. Lockwood, treasurer. At the close of the election the members repaired to Steen's cafe, where an elegant banquet was spread, at which upwards of seventy people participated.

Charles Causlet, who was employed on the Brennan ranch thirty miles southeast of Alliance, had both bones of his leg broken below the knee by a horse falling on him Tuesday.

Rev. C. T. Coerr of the diocese of New York has accepted appointment in charge of the Episcopal church of this city.

H. L. Bushnell of Hemingford shipped a car of hogs to Omaha on Monday. They were raised in this county and some of the porkers weighed nearly four hundred pounds.

C. A. Newberry, F. J. Betzold and R. H. Watkins went to Denver this week to attend the stock meeting.

The fine new residence of Cal Lammon southeast of town has been completed and the event was celebrated last Saturday night with an old time housewarming which was participated in by over one hundred and fifty people.

Alliance now has three feed stores the third one having been added to the number last week by F. L. Kiser of Lead City, who has placed W. D. Davidson in charge as manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cogswell entertained a number of Mr. Cogswell's bachelor friends Wednesday evening at an elegant seven course dinner. Mrs. Cogswell was assisted by Mrs. Charles St. George, of Colorado Springs, a sister of Mr. Cogswell. Those present were: Glen Hampton, W. Eubanks, M. O'Connor, Lee Perry, W. A. McAllister, J. A. Reardon, Harry Thiele, Ed Reardon, John Wiker, Dr. Kramer, Monte Hargraves, Geo. Darling, T. J. O'Keefe.

The county commissioners are in session. On Monday L. F. Smith, commissioner-elect for the third district, was inducted into office.

The Herald was sold by T. J. O'Keefe to W. S. Raker, who assumes charge at once.

## IN MEMORIAM

In those still hours when a new day is born just as the soft breeze blew gently through her room in Long Beach, Calif., it caught up the pure soul of Mrs. James Bellwood and wafted it back to the Father's presence, freeing it from a pained and suffering body.

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has removed from their midst the beloved wife and mother; resolved, that by her death the Woman's Club of Alliance, Nebr., of which she was a charter member, has lost a beloved member.

Therefore, be it resolved that we extend to the husband and children our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to the Lord for comfort.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be published in the Alliance Herald, one be placed on the secretary's books and a copy be sent to the family in Long Beach, Calif.

MRS. M. E. JOHNSON,  
 MRS. J. A. MALLERY,  
 Committee.

## Lease Gadsby Hall

Alliance Castle No. 43, Royal Highlanders, have leased Gadsby hall for their meeting nights for the year 1915. They have been meeting heretofore in the Nation Hall, but

prizes will be given. The prizes will be on display in the Darling furniture store. The business men of Alliance as well as Mr. Dubuque will donate prizes. Mr. Dubuque will give a diamond ring to the lucky baby. Further particulars of the contest will be given in The Herald.

## Visited Old Friends

L. A. Shawner, who is now located at Shoshoni, Wyoming, in the drug and jewelry business, was in the city last week on business and visiting old time friends. Mr. Shawner was formerly employed by the F. E. Holsten store.

## Advertising Helps Baptist Campaign

The first two weeks of the Baptist Sunday school attendance campaign were a decided success. Thanks to the publicity given us by the local press, our attendance was nearly

doubled. There is a big surprise for everybody next Sunday—it is not a man nor an animal, although it has a face and hands, and is only a few days old. Come and find out all about it. Classes to suit all the family.

## Potmesil Moves to Boulder

Mr. and Mrs. James Potmesil and family moved last week to Boulder, Colo., where Jim has a prosperous billiard and pool hall business. The little girl that was so badly burned some time ago has not yet recovered from the injury, the sores made by the burn refusing to heal.

## Cottage Prayer Meeting

The regular weekly cottage prayer meeting for the east side will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burrow, 112 Yellowstone avenue.

## Condensed Statement

Of The

# Alliance National Bank

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

At the Close of Business, December 31, 1914

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	269,448.39	Capital Stock paid in	50,000.00
Overdrafts	287.31	Surplus	50,000.00
United States Bonds	75,477.50	Undivided Profits (net)	4,487.27
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	1,000.00	National Bank Notes	50,000.00
Banking House	20,000.00	Deposits	350,806.60
Cash on hand & in banks	139,080.87		
	505,293.87		505,293.87

Interest Paid on Time Certificates of Deposit

## Stands Squarely on Its Own Resources

All Its Officers, Directors and Stockholders Are Residents of Alliance

F. M. KNIGHT, Pres. F. W. HARRIS, Cash. R. E. KNIGHT, Ass't Cash.  
 W. H. CORBIN, F. E. HOLSTEN, Vice Pres.

# Darling's Furniture Store

## VOTING CONTEST

Double Votes for this Week Only

This Means Twice as Many Votes—Two for One—Given This Week on the Articles Below

### Brown Jardinieres



ASSORTED SHAPES—GLAZED FINISH  
 —PRETTY FLOWERED AND DECORATED

6 inch size	60c
7 inch size	1.00
8 inch size	1.25
9 inch size	1.50

Any and all  
**Enameled  
 Ware**  
 at 33 1/3  
 per cent  
 discount  
 from regular  
 prices

### Fancy Serving Trays



NEAT SHAPES, DIFFERENT SIZES—USED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Regular prices 90c to \$4.

**One-Third  
 Off**

## Boost for Your Favored Candidate

### RULES OF CONTEST

- Any woman or girl above the age of fifteen years, and in no way connected with our store, is eligible to enter this contest by nomination.
- This Contest opens on January 9th, 1915, and closes February 20th, 1915, at eight o'clock p. m. All nominations must be in by eight o'clock p. m. on January 30, 1915.
- Contestants may be nominated by any member of the family or any friend. Nominating coupons will be given free of charge to any applicant who calls at our store and makes request for same. Nominating coupons when used to nominate any woman or girl entering this contest entitles contestant to one thousand votes.
- Value of Votes—Each one dollar cash purchase entitles purchaser to one hundred votes for favored candidate, and proportionate to amounts under or over one dollar. (See rule 5). One hundred votes given for each one dollar paid on book accounts for goods bought prior to Jan. 1, 1915, and proportionate to amounts under or over one dollar. (See rule 5).
- No votes issued nor allowed on Edison or Victor phonographs, records, parts or accessories or other contract goods.
- Votes will be counted and standings posted each week. All votes issued during each week must be deposited in the ballot box at our store before 8 p. m. on Saturday evenings during the contest. The votes will be counted by three disinterested judges.

# GEORGE D. DARLING