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## PROPOSE A MOST DRASTIC DRY LAW

The "Committee of Five" Completes Bill to Enforce New Nebraska Prohibition Amendment

VIEW BILL WITH INTEREST  
Some Members Doubtful if Bill Will Pass as Drawn up—Others Say It Suits Them

(By Lloyd Thomas)  
Lincoln, Nebr., Jan. 3.—The announcement on Saturday that the committee of five appointed by the Nebraska Dry Federation to draft a bill to enforce the new prohibition constitutional amendment was greeted with much interest by the members of the legislature who were already on the ground. The newspapers Sunday morning published excerpts from the bill, the Lincoln State Journal being the only one to publish the bill in complete form.

Discussion of the bill overshadowed the wire-pulling which has been going on among members who are interested in the election of certain candidates for speaker or who are desirous of getting a place on certain committees.

The writer found many of the legislators who believed the bill was too drastic and that it would re-act and bring about a movement to allow the sale of liquor. Others stated that they believed the bill as drawn up to be O. K., and expressed themselves as being in favor of it.

The Lincoln Star says the following regarding the bill:

Here's what the proposed Nebraska "dry" statute prohibits:  
The sale of any liquor with alcohol for beverage purposes.  
The shipment into the state or from place to place in the state of any such liquor for such use.

The circulation of any liquor advertising whatsoever, the soliciting of sales or the giving of information where liquor can be procured.  
The shipment or the carrying into the state without notifying the railroad or express company of any suitcase, trunk or container filled with intoxicants.

The delivery of liquor without an affidavit from the licensee that it is for medicinal, scientific, mechanical or sacramental purposes.  
The giving of a prescription by a doctor, containing alcohol, unless he takes out a state license. Then he must give the day and hour, and tell what the disease is and sign his name and date of issuing.

The selling of liquor by a druggist without an affidavit attested to by a notary public that it is not for a beverage.

It will be a parched, barren, sandy waste in Nebraska when the state goes dry. Not an oasis in the desert, not a drop for the thirsty, if the bill just drafted by the legislative committee of the Nebraska Dry Federation passes the coming legislature.

"Personal liberty" is so hedged about with forty-three closely typewritten pages of statute—sixty-two sections—that the only "liberty" for the thirsting will be to sign the pledge. Therein alone can he escape the meshes the committee have thrown around King Alcohol.

There is no "two per cent" clause to enable the drinker to step down and out via the lighter beverage route; no proprietary medicines compounded with alcohol; even the little tablets they say will produce fair "effect" as a substitute for beer will be taboo.

Hits Patent Medicine  
The statute is designed to prohibit the sale of those beverages, patent medicines and bitters classed by the U. S. government as containing alcohol, and for which the government requires a federal license.

No liquor can be advertised in the state, either in newspapers or on bill boards. No enterprising dealer may pass among the citizenry and solicit order or contract to ship in booze. And what the drinker may view with more alarm, the federal government steps in at that point and says that when a state has such laws, it is further unlawful to permit the shipment of liquor from the outside into the state, under the Webb-Kenyon act.

All signs, pictures or letters on bill-boards or in windows advertising liquor must be taken down within five days after the law becomes effective, or the owner of the property or the tenant in charge will be liable for prosecution.

A man violates the law who tells or indicates to his friend where he can go and get a little drink—  
Nothing in the Cellar  
It is made unlawful for anybody to stock up his cellar for home consumption, and the fact that he may have a few bottles prima facie evidence to constitute proof, unless he can show that these were not to be used as beverages.

The committee chose the most successful features of the liquor laws of sixteen dry states, and added one or two of their own for good measure. "It can't fail to be effective," says former Attorney General W. T. Thompson, chairman of the committee and the man who directed the drafting.

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## OVER 400 SAID, "GOOD MORNING JUDGE," IN 1916

Alliance Police Force Was Active—Almost \$1,000 Collected in Fines and Fees

During the year 1916 just closed the Alliance Police Department made the following arrests according to a report by Police Magistrate Robert. The fines and costs collected from those arrested amounted to \$997.60. While fines to a much larger total amount were assessed against those arrested this sum represents the total actually collected. In many instances those arrested could not or would not pay their fines and they were housed in the city jail and allowed to work out their sentence. In other instances the fines were remitted where it was believed the proper lesson had been taught.

September saw the largest number of arrests of any month during the year, fifty-four having been provided with the opportunity of saying, "Morning Judge." June saw the smallest number of arrests, there being but thirteen hauled up that month. March was the banner so far as the collecting of fines and costs was concerned, those arrested having kicked in a total of \$214 during the third month of the year. Twenty-six dollars were collected in October, being the smallest amount collected any month during the year.

Judge Roberts states that it is safe to say that 99 per cent of the arrests made in Alliance during the year 1916 were for intoxication or as the result of intoxication. The following table shows the number of arrests for each month of the year together with the amounts collected in fines and costs for each month:

Month	No. of Arrests	Fines and Costs Col.
January	14	\$ 36.00
February	24	\$1.00
March	30	241.00
April	17	71.00
May	30	62.00
June	13	40.00
July	43	78.00
August	73	173.00
September	54	90.00
October	22	26.00
November	36	111.60
December	59	128.00
Total	415	\$997.60

## TO OPEN UP BEAUTY PARLORS IN ALLIANCE

Miss Sara Anderson of Omaha will in about two weeks open up a hair-dressing and beauty parlor in the Alliance hotel. Miss Anderson, who has worked with the well-known Schadell sisters' hair dressing parlors in Omaha, will be assisted by another expert and all ladies who desire expert workmanship coupled with the very highest class of treatment will find a way to the Ideal Hair Dressing Parlor at the Alliance hotel. Alliance is large enough to support a first-class parlor and there is no reason but what the business here should be a great success from the very opening day.

## I. O. O. F. CONVENTION HERE NEXT WEEK

Half Dozen Meetings and a Convention to Be Crowded into One Affair Next Week

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week, January 10 and 11, Alliance will be the scene of the I. O. O. F. convention. At this time there will be a special session of the grand lodge, a special session of the department council, a special session of the Rebekah assembly, a meeting of the North Platte Valley district I. O. O. F. association and a meeting of Rebekah district No. 33. Alliance is planning on giving the visitors a royal entertainment, and if the thing is done up as well as other affairs have been in the past every visitor will go away a booster for the biggest little city in Nebraska. The following is the program for the convention:

- Wednesday, January 10
- Meeting of Reception Committee, headquarters at Alliance Hotel, after train arrives.
  - Special Session of Grand Lodge at I. O. O. F. Hall at 2 p. m.
  - At opera house at 7:30 p. m.
  - Address of Welcome, Mayor Romig
  - Response
  - Grand Master W. V. Hoagland
  - Response
  - Pres. Rebekah Assembly Hattie Hoagland
  - Response
  - Grand Patriarch G. E. Turkington
  - Response
  - Dept. Commander C. M. Coffin
  - Decorations of Chivalry . . . 8:30 p. m.
- Thursday, January 11
- District Meeting at Opera House . . . 9:00 a. m.
  - Competitive Initiatory Degree . . . 1:30 p. m.
  - Scottsbluff, Gering and Hemingford Banquet at 6 p. m.
  - Competitive First Degree . . . 8 p. m.
  - Alliance, Mitchell

## MEETING AT CITY MISSION

There will be a meeting at the Alliance City Mission, at 3 p. m., next Sunday, January 7, led by Mrs. Hale, state organizer for the W. C. T. U. of Iowa. Mrs. Hale is an interesting speaker. Everybody is invited to come out and hear her.

## FIRE LADDIES MAKE RECORD

With \$179,575 Worth of Property in Danger, the Entire Loss Totals but \$3,280

FIGURES MORE THAN WORDS

Of Total Fire Loss During 1916, the Insurance Carried for All but \$780

The report of Fire Chief L. E. Pilkington for the year ending December 31, 1916, brings to light the astonishing fact that during the year 1916 there were 41 fires in the city with the value of the buildings subject to these fires totaling \$179,575. But the more astonishing fact is that the total damage done by these forty-one fires was but \$3,280 and of this loss \$2,500 was collected in insurance. These figures speak more than words for the great efficiency of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department. No greater service could be rendered the people of Alliance by a fully paid department than has been rendered by the members of this volunteer department. Through their efforts there has been an actual loss of property from fire in Alliance during the year 1916 of but \$780.

### Sixty-five Active Members

There are sixty-five active members in the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, with one member in uniform, being Chief L. E. Pilkington, who is the only paid man in the entire department. Mr. Pilkington is worth every cent he costs the city, and more. He is an expert when it comes to driving the truck. He is at the service of the public twenty-four hours a day, and no day is too cold or too stormy but that he is on the job. No night is too bad, or sleep too restless for him in his bed. When an alarm is turned in "Plik" is on the job to drive the truck to the scene in a hurry, and he gets there in double-quick time. It is, in a large measure, due to the fact that the fire boys get to the scene of the fire so quickly that the damage is kept so low. No member of the department was injured on duty during all of last year.

### Excellent Equipment

The volunteer department owns property worth \$3,500. The city owns fire-fighting apparatus valued at \$5,500. There are twelve miles of city water mains reaching in every direction, ranging in size from 4 to 10 inches in diameter. One-half mile of new water main was laid this year.

### Broke Rear Axle

The first serious trouble with the fire truck was experienced on December 26, 1916, when the rear axle sheared on starting the truck from the station. A Ford was requisitioned to carry the chemicals, which, however, were not needed. On New Year's eve in answering a call, supposedly sent in as a prank by some joker, the truck in turning in the street ran into a snow-covered curb, with the result that the front axle was twisted. It required only between three and four hours to repair the damage.

The officers of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department are as follows: F. D. McCormick, president; W. W. Hall, vice president; T. P. Rolfsen, secretary; R. C. Gladson, treasurer; L. E. Pilkington, chief; Lloyd C. Thomas, assistant chief.

## NEW YEARS EVE FIRE

"Hello Girl" and Fireman Believed Alarm Was Fake Turned in to Start Celebration

Believing some one saw the New Year coming and in order to provide a greeting worth while had decided to turn in a fire alarm to start the whistle blowing, both the telephone girl and the fireman debated a little Sunday night as to whether the alarm turned in a few minutes before 12 o'clock should be answered. The barn belonging to P. J. Yount, 314 Third street, caught fire in some unknown manner a few minutes before midnight Sunday. The fire boys were on the job but were expecting false alarms and one so close to the time when the whistles and bells of the town were scheduled to welcome in the new year led them to believe some one was either in a hurry or his watch was fast.

However, the alarm was answered while those in the homes believed the whistle was just one in celebration. The damage by the fire is estimated at about \$200. When about five minutes afterward the whistles again blew and the bells rang, many believed some one's watch was either fast or slow.

### MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Alliance, Nebr., Jan. 3, 1917. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alliance Building and Loan Association will be held in its office, Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. 5-8030-11

## LOVERS DIE ON SIDEWALK

J. Stearns Kills Mrs. Nelson in Lincoln Monday Night and Then Shoots Himself

FORMER ALLIANCE RESIDENTS

Murdered Woman Divorced Wife of "Skinney" Nelson, Engineer—Stearns a Former Cook

Jack Stearns, a former Alliance cook, shot and killed Mrs. Nora Nelson, divorced wife of Herman Nelson, better known as "Skinney" Nelson of this city, on the sidewalk in front of the Joe Wingert cigar store, 1341 P street, in Lincoln, Monday night about 7:20 o'clock. He then turned the gun and killed himself. F. L. Kerns, who was with the woman a few minutes before, identified both and told the Lincoln officers all he knew about the case. Both Stearns and Mrs. Nelson were known in Alliance through their residence. The husband, Herman Nelson, is an engineer out of Alliance, and was made an engineer here.

Mrs. Nelson's home was at Edgemont, S. D., and she has a sister, Bernice Tipton, and a mother, Mrs. Mary A. McKibbin, at Edgemont. The mother is old and in poor health. Mrs. Nelson has a daughter, Bessie, age 13 years, at the orthopedic hospital in Lincoln.

### Jealousy the Cause

A letter found on Stearns indicated that jealousy had prompted the deed and that it had been premeditated for some time. The letter was addressed to Mrs. Nelson's mother. Mr. Kerns said he had gone to the room of Mrs. Nelson and had arranged to take her out to supper. He had taken her to the matinee during the afternoon. When they reached the bottom of the stairway they met Stearns. Stearns asked Kerns if he would permit him to walk a block or so with Mrs. Nelson, as he had something to tell her. Mr. Kerns consented, but trailed them. He was not far behind when the shooting took place.

### Tells about the Tragedy

Kerns says that but two shots were fired. One took effect in Mrs. Nelson's head. The bullet entered her neck on the left side under the chin and ranked down, inflicting a mortal wound, from which she died in about ten minutes. Another shot struck Stearns just below the heart and near the center of the front of the body. He dropped dead on the walk about fifteen feet from the body of Mrs. Nelson.

Three discharged shells were found in the revolver. At least one witness says she heard three shots, all of them evenly spaced, the last perhaps a little farther from the second in point of time than the second was from the first.

### Died in Ambulance

The ambulance was called and the bodies were removed to the morgue of Castle, Rogers & Matthews in Lincoln. Mrs. Nelson died after she was placed in the ambulance.

Letters were found in her effects showing that she had addressed her as Mrs. Jack Stearns and had signed the letter "your hubby." A letter was found in Stearns' effects showing that she had addressed him as her husband and that she had signed it "your loving wife." Pictures of Stearns were found in Mrs. Nelson's room and a picture of Mrs. Nelson was found in Stearns' room. Mrs. Nelson was thirty years old and Stearns was thirty-one years old.

### Had Been Going Together

Bessie Nelson, daughter, said that Stearns had been going with the mother for about ten months. Her mother apparently thought a good deal of Stearns. She had never heard her mention anything relative to marrying him. She also asserted that the mother had told of Stearns' frequent protests as to the mother's having anything to do with her former husband, who was in Lincoln Saturday afternoon, and with the mother visiting the daughter, at the State Orthopedic hospital. The daughter believed that the tragedy was the culmination of the Saturday visit.

The daughter said her mother's parents lived in Edgemont, S. D., also divorced, and that her mother had paid a visit to them in September.

### Nelson Was to Marry

"I cannot understand it," the daughter said. "Everything seemed all right, so far as I knew. Papa is an engineer running out of Alliance and with mamma came out to see me Saturday afternoon. He said he was going to marry an Alliance woman this week and was going on a honeymoon trip to California. He bought me a coat and dress for Christmas." When asked if the father had ever broached the subject of remarriage with the mother, the daughter said she did not believe that he ever had. So far as she knew there had been no such intention.

"My parents have been divorced about three years. Mother has always received alimony from papa. For the first year after the parting of my parents I stayed with mamma, then I came here. Papa wrote to me quite often and seemed to be interested enough in me."

## JACKSON SPEAKER OF NEBRASKA HOUSE

Democratic Caucus Selects Officials and Employees at Monday Night Caucus

(By Lloyd Thomas)  
The democratic house caucus was held in the Lindell hotel at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening with W. J. Taylor of Merna in the chair. D. Foe and Thomas were named as secretaries. The temporary organization was made permanent before the caucus closed, to provide for future meetings.  
Employees for the lower house selected by the caucus were: Speaker, George Jackson, Nelson; chief clerk, Geo. W. Potts, Dubois; chairman committee on committees, W. J. Taylor, Merna; temporary speaker, J. A. Oills, Ord; first assistant clerk, Lee Metcalfe, Omaha; second assistant clerk, J. W. Kelly, Merna; sergeant-at-arms, Jason Evans, College View; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Rev. T. D. Davis, Milford.  
The contest for chairman of the committee on committees was a good natured one between W. J. Taylor of Custer county and J. N. Norton of Polk, both of whom have been leaders in the house at previous sessions. Taylor won by the vote of 32 to 25, and Norton moved to make his election unanimous.

Lloyd Thomas will be a member of the selective committee from the Sixth congressional district. Its composition is as follows:  
Chairman (at large)—W. J. Taylor.  
First district—A. N. Dafeo, Johnson county; W. F. Rieschick, Richardson.  
Second—J. H. Bulla, Omaha; J. J. Shannon, Omaha; Jacob Sass, Chalco.  
Third—William G. J. Dau, Dodge; Theo. Osterman, Merrick; F. C. Radke, Cedar.  
Fourth—J. N. Norton, Polk; G. W. Fuller, Jeward.  
Fifth—M. A. Swanson, Clay; Fred Hoffmeister, Chase.  
Sixth—C. W. Trumble, Sherman; Crist Anderson, Boyd; Lloyd Thomas, Box Butte.

### MARRIED IN DENVER—SURPRISED FRIENDS

Friends of Lewis E. Johnson and Lorenza L. Stoltz were surprised Monday night and Tuesday morning when they learned that the couple had been married in Denver on Friday. There were a very few who perhaps had an idea something was coming off, but were nevertheless surprised when they learned of the event. They left here a week ago Tuesday for Denver. The groom is proprietor of the Alliance Cleaning Works, and has many friends in this section. The bride until a month ago operated the Burlington lunch room, which she sold recently.

### TO CONTINUE WORK OF DRY FEDERATION

At a meeting of the Box Butte Dry Federation held at the court house Friday Rev. J. E. Carns was elected president; C. A. Dow, vice president; A. Gregory, secretary and treasurer. The advisory board will consist of a representative from each church or organization of the city which desires to cooperate with the object of law enforcement in mind. T. H. Barnes is the retiring president; A. S. Eneyart the retiring vice president; and R. M. Hampton, the retiring treasurer.  
R. Wilson, Burlington conductor, returned the first visit of the week following a short visit in Iowa.

### POTATO DAY JAN. 18

Thursday, January 18, 1917, is Potato Day and Box Butte County day at Lincoln during the week of Organized Agriculture. It is also Sheridan County day and some 150 residents of Sheridan county have already signed up to make the trip. It is planned to make the trip a hummer and make an impression on eastern Nebraska by this special stunt.  
Now you potato growers—it is up to you. Are you going to Lincoln and advertise Box Butte county and yourself or are you going to let Sheridan county represent Box Butte county. The trip will be worth while. A state potato grower's association is to be organized on Box Butte county and Potato Day. Are you interested?

### Sheridan County Will Send Delegation of 150—What Will Box Butte County Do?

County Agent Seidell will present the opening paper on "The Importance of the Nebraska Potato Industry." Link Davis of Gordon will talk on "Growing Potatoes Without Irrigation." Secretary Milward of the Wisconsin Potato Growers' Association will address the assembled potato growers on "Organization, Its Importance to the Potato Grower." A. S. Eneyart of Hemingford is on the program on Tuesday, January 16, when the Nebraska Corn Growers Association holds forth. Mr. Eneyart's subject is "Lessons From Drouth in Western Nebraska." W. E. Spencer, manager of the Alliance Creamery will attend the dairy meeting on Wednesday, January 17. Directors of State, district and county fairs will meet on Tuesday. On Friday, January 19, Hon. Herbert Quick will discuss the farm loan act.

## FORM FARM LOAN ASSN.

Farmers Signed Articles of Ass'n at Meeting Held at Court House Friday Afternoon

HOLD ANNUAL MEETING TUES.

About \$40,000 in Loans Already Applied for—Temporary Officials Now Holding Office

The organization of the Alliance National Farm Loan Association was perfected at a meeting held with the county agent in the assembly room at the Box Butte county court house Friday afternoon. The meeting was attended by some twenty farmers of this section who are either interested in the Federal Farm Loan Act or who desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded and borrow money from the Federal Land Bank for this section which is to be located at Omaha.

### The Boundry Lines

The Alliance National Farm Loan Association will take care of the wants of all farmers in Box Butte county and adjoining territory. There is no limit to the territory which one association may serve, convenience being the only element that enters into it. Thus the Alliance association will serve Box Butte county and the territory surrounding it, so that a farmer who lives over the line may affiliate with the Alliance association if he wishes and it is convenient for him to do so. This provision makes it possible for those living in territory outside of Box Butte county where an association, which requires ten members, may not have been formed or where it may not be convenient to organize, to become a member of the Alliance association. The articles of association drawn up at the meeting held Friday stipulate that the association is organized to do business in Box Butte and adjoining territory. Anyone who desires to borrow through the Federal Land Banks must affiliate with this or a similar organization.

### To Make Improvements

About \$40,000 in loans were applied for at the meeting held here Friday. The money when received will be used in paying off mortgages, buying more land, buying more stock making improvements, or in other words, will be used only for agricultural improvement purposes.

### Officers Elected

Following the signing of the articles of association by those applying for loans officials were elected to hold office until the first annual meeting of the association. This annual meeting, which is the real big meeting, will be held at the Box Butte county court house in Alliance Tuesday afternoon, January 9, 1917, at two o'clock. All those who file their applications for loans before this meeting will be entitled to take part in the meeting. The officials elected to hold office until Tuesday are: President, G. W. Nation; Vice-President, D. E. Purinton; Secretary-Treasurer, Fred Moirring; and Directors, G. W. Nation, D. E. Purinton, Chris Nepper, G. L. Worley, Herman Trabert and Pat Dillon. The board of appraisers is composed of P. H. Dillon, Herman Trabert and G. W. Nation.

### A Prominent District

The locating of the Federal Reserve Bank in Nebraska may well be considered an honor for this state. Creating a territory with Nebraska as a center and supplemented with Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming, the Land Bank Board established what is generally considered to be the most pretentious district of the entire twelve. With long time loans at forty years, and interest less than six per cent, the farmers of this territory will be enabled to start a development campaign which will be felt the nation over.

### SUCCESSFUL DAWES FARMER

Wm. Martens of Chadron, one of Dawes county's successful farmers, stopped in Alliance last Thursday on his way home from Dalton where he had been visiting at the home of Banker Willis Mr. Martens believes in scientific farming, practically applied, and knowing that The Herald is doing much to encourage the same in this country, he favors this office with a call when in Alliance.

E. H. Boyd expects to return to Alliance about the middle of the month. He has been spending the Christmas season at Chelsea, Michigan with his father. Before returning to Alliance he will go to Atlanta Georgia on some legal business.

The double dissolving stereopticon, the artist-painted charts and Rev. Knowles himself make a combination that has never been equalled in this town. Go to the Christian church tonight and see for yourself.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Seidell of Chadron have rented the furnished home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas and moved in Tuesday. They will occupy the home during the time Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are at Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Seidell are the parents of the county agent and also have two daughters attending the academy.