

NATIONAL PROHIBITION LAW RATIFIED TODAY

NEBRASKA LAST STATE NEEDED TO DRIVE BOOZE FROM UNITED STATES

NEBRASKA WON RACE WITH MISSOURI AND MINNESOTA FOR RATIFICATION BY LEGISLATURE

AMENDMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE IN ONE YEAR

Ratification Completed Wednesday by Legislatures of Five States—Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, New Hampshire and Utah

Lincoln, Nebraska, January 16—The legislature of Nebraska early this morning, by a practically unanimous vote, completed the ratification of the national prohibition amendment, making Nebraska the thirty-sixth state to ratify and completing the necessary two-thirds. At the special session one year ago a resolution was introduced by representatives Thomas, Norton, Waite and Hostetler and passed the house almost unanimously but was turned down when it reached the senate.

The legislatures of Missouri, New Mexico and Minnesota quickly followed Nebraska during the day, making a total of thirty-nine voting for ratification.

Up to Wednesday night the legislatures of thirty-five states—one less than the required two-thirds—had ratified the national prohibition constitutional amendment. The race this morning was between Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota for the honor of being the thirty-sixth and last necessary one, with Nebraska winning.

On Wednesday ratification was completed by the legislatures of Colorado, Iowa, Oregon, New Hampshire, and Utah, making a total of twelve in two days. The amendment, under its provisions, becomes effective one year from the date of its final ratification. Additional legislation by congress is necessary to make it operative and ground work for this has already been laid.

Many officials in Washington believe the country will become permanently "dry" on July 1st, the date on which the special war-time prohibition recently enacted by congress goes into effect. Court action to prevent the amendment becoming effective has been started in California. It has been intimated that similar action may be taken in other states in which, it is claimed, state laws require that all federal constitutional amendments must be submitted to a referendum.

Sheridan T. P. A. Post Added To Alliance

Addition of about Thirty Members Now in Sheridan Post Will make Post M One of the Leaders

At the regular meeting of Post M, T. P. A., held in the community club rooms Saturday afternoon, January 11th, it was announced that Post N of Sheridan, Wyoming, will probably be discontinued soon and the members there added to Post M of this city.

The Christmas committee reported that they found four families in need and that delicious and substantial Christmas dinners were provided for them at the expense of Post M.

An entertainment will be given in the near future and a committee, consisting of Spencer, Strong and Hawes appointed to make arrangements.

The matter of a wholesale grocery house for the city was discussed, it being rumored that Simon Brothers of Omaha might be the firm interested. S. W. Thompson was appointed a committee to look into the matter.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 8th.

J. F. Tiller, former state food inspector for this district, on January 10th took possession of the picture house leased by him at McCook. The house seats one thousand people and is one of the finest moving picture establishments in the state. It has an excellent business and Mr. Tiller starts out with every prospect of making good.

Land owners should head the road improvement crusade. Good roads mean more dollars in their pockets, and more pleasures for their families.

NOTICE
All Business men of Alliance and their wives are invited to an Open House to be held in the Armory at 8:00 p. m., Monday January 20th, 1919, as well as all firemen and wives or lady friend. The Alliance Band and Alliance Fire Department delegates will leave on 42 that night for the Firemen's Convention. Listen for the Band on the street at 7:30 p. m. W. H. Buechsenstein, sec.

FAIR ASSOCIATION MADE GOOD RECORD

Stockholders Elect New Board of Directors Consisting Mostly of the Old Members

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Box Butte County Fair association, held at the community club office Saturday evening, there were present Art Grove, George Neuwanger, L. J. Schill, E. A. Bald, R. M. Hampton, W. D. Fisher, L. H. Highland, F. E. Reddish, C. A. Newberry, C. E. Cough, H. P. Coursey, E. T. Kibble, E. I. Gregg, W. E. Spencer, Lloyd C. Thomas and W. C. Mounts. The last meeting had been held on Friday evening, January 6, 1917.

The officers for the past two years were L. H. Highland, president; C. A. Newberry, vice-president; W. E. Spencer, secretary, and F. H. Mollring, treasurer. These officers have all re-elected with the exception of Mr. Mollring who was succeeded by W. C. Mounts.

The report of the secretary was from March 15, 1918, at which time there was a balance on hand of \$22.99. Receipts totaled \$1,249.09. Disbursements totaled \$1,084.91, leaving a balance on hand of \$164.18. The assets of the association consist of the fair grounds and seventeen unsold lots in Fairview addition. The liabilities consist of indebtedness to R. M. Hampton of \$3,278.75 and old notes to individuals of \$760.00, a total of 54,038.75. The report was accepted and made a part of the records.

The old board of directors was re-elected with the exception of three members, the personnel of the new boards being: John O'Keefe, H. P. Coursey, W. C. Mounts, C. E. Clough, F. E. Reddish, A. D. Dodgers, C. A. Newberry, W. E. Spencer, E. I. Gregg, E. T. Kibble, J. A. Hunter, J. A. Keegan, L. H. Highland, L. J. Schill and Art Grove.

F. A. Bald, in behalf of a committee from the community club consisting of Bald, Newberry and Brittan, presented the plan of the erection of a permanent agricultural hall on the fair grounds as a memorial for the soldiers who took part in the war. The plan first suggested was that the association deed their property to Box Butte county and that the county and that the county, by taxation or otherwise furnish the funds for the erection of the building. The board did not look with favor on the proposition of deeding the property to the county but are in favor of deeding a site for the building to the county if a suitable memorial building was erected thereon.

It was voted to re-elect the fair grounds to the Alliance community club, starting April 1st, for the period of a year on the same terms as for the year ending that date.

There are now 220 shares of stock outstanding and prospects for the future of the association are excellent.

Bert Walters of the Miller Brothers news stand left this afternoon for Sutherland, Nebraska, where Mrs. Walters has been visiting for a short time. They will visit there a few days before returning to Alliance.

The Golden Rule Store is calling your attention to its big sale in this issue of The Herald. Mr. Barnett is offering some real bargains and they are being taken in liberal quantities by the many patrons of this growing store.

"A man may, if he knows not how to save as he gets, keep his nose all his life to the grindstone, and die not worth a groat at last."

Of January Thaw



Unpaved Box Butte Will Change Name

Property Owners along Main Business Street Favor Laying of Pavement During Coming Summer

Secretary Fisher of the Community club announced Tuesday evening at the council meeting that the project paving for the first four blocks on Box Butte avenue, from the depot north, was daily growing in favor and that the necessary majority of property owners are apparently in favor of going ahead this summer.

The first proposition to be settled will be the installation of lead service piper on all taps from the water main to the consumer's meter in the territory to be paved. A city ordinance compels the installation of lead service when any of the old iron pipes spring a leak but there is at present no way to compel the taking out of the iron pipes in good condition. However, all who are posted feel that it would be very unwise to lay paving until lead service have been installed on all taps.

The proposition is to first pave unpaved Box Butte avenue from the depot to Fifth street and Third street from Niobrara to Laramie. The property owners will have the right to designate the kind of paving desired—concrete, brick, asphalt or wood blocks. A bond election would have to be held the purpose of raising the funds for paving the street intersections. Scottsbluff intends to pave seven blocks this summer and Sidney is considering that much or more.

The council committee on streets and alleys—Johnson, Moore, Davis and Davidson, were instructed by acting mayor Highland to investigate the lead water service proposition. The city charge for making the installation of lead pipe is \$32.00 for the narrow streets and \$54 for the wide streets.

Aeroplane Agency Taken in Alliance

Rumer Motor Company will Receive Stock of Flying Machines Before First of July

Alliance is to be the center of an aeroplane distributing agency, according to an announcement made this week by the Rumer Motor Co. of which W. D. Rumer, well known automobile distributor, is the head. Mr. Rumer has placed an initial order for six machines which will sell for \$600 to \$1500. The are manufactured by a company which made government machines during the war and will have speeds from 75 to 90 miles per hour.

The machines of this make are of light construction, weighing around 500 pounds. Deliveries are being made in the east. Mr. Rumer expects to receive his first consignment before July 1st. The cheaper machines will carry two people and the higher priced ones four.

Frank Rumer, son of W. D. Rumer has been in the aeroplane division of the army in France for months. The practical experience which he gained there will be much value to him when he returns to take charge of the new branch of the local business.

BROTHER OF MRS. SIMMONS IS VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

Mrs. N. Simmons, of the Oriental store, Saturday received the sad news of the death of her oldest brother at Trinidad, Colorado, last week following a seige of influenza. The deceased, Elias Ferris, was at the time of his death about fifty-eight years of age and leaves a wife, three brothers and four sisters to mourn his loss. The funeral services were held from the home at that place January 7th.

The many friends of Mrs. Simmons in this city will learn with deep regret of her bereavement.

Alliance Creamery Has Very Successful Year

The Alliance Creamery, started eleven years ago owned and financed by local business men and farmers, has just closed a big business year. The annual meeting of the directors was held last Saturday and in the report rendered by secretary and general manager, W. E. Spencer, we find the story of a wonderful growth of an enterprise that has meant much to Alliance and entire western Nebraska; of the transformation of a small, but determined, concern of a few short years hence to a progressive and prosperous institution such as it is today.

Confining our analysis to a comparison of the production of this manufacturing establishment for the two years last, past, we find that it has like many other concerns, adjusted itself to the war-time demand for the utmost in efficiency and that its record is one that is the source of much real pride. During the year just closed, 1918, the plant turned out almost 1,800 tons of artificial ice or an increase of nearly 170 tons over the production during the preceding year. Even with this increase it was impossible to at all times meet the growing demand and additional equipment that will enable a production 600 tons greater will be installed in the near future. The ice cream business also shows a healthy growth. In the twelve months about 30,000 gallons aggregating a selling value of more than \$30,000 and an increase of 40 per cent for the year is the production record. That this department may care for the demand placed upon it by the trade a new freezer, of the latest improved type will be added and which will increase the capacity of the department to a total of two gallons per minute or 120 gallons per hour and which will

entail an outlay of \$1,000, to say nothing of a large ice cream mixer which is also a part of the improvement program and the dry hardening room that will be built. This dry hardening room will do away with the less economical method of hardening the cream and keeping it in condition after its coming from the freezers in that it will eliminate the large brine tanks and will have a much greater capacity. The room is built along the same lines as the large refrigeration plants in the large packing houses, with thick walls of cork and is kept at zero temperature at all times. Here all the ice cream will be stored and kept in perfect condition from the time it leaves the freezer until its delivery to the customer.

In no one department, no doubt, is there to be found any more interesting information to the people of the country than in the cream and butter department. It will no doubt surprise you and agreeably so, to learn that during the past year this firm has paid to the farmers of this section of the country the snug sum of \$180,000 for their cream and that it has manufactured almost a half million pounds of butter and placed the same on the markets. Here we find a gain in production of 100,000 pounds of butter, lacking 101 pound over that of last year; and also that it has now been found necessary to add another 100-pound churn and a 300-gallon pasteurizer to care for the trade that has been built on this product.

At the meeting on Saturday a dividend of five per cent was declared and arrangements made for the carrying of the financing of the improve-

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City Light Department Earned Nearly \$3,000

Both Light and Water Departments Made Excellent Showings for Latter Part of 1918

The city light and power department made the best showing in its history under municipal ownership for the month ending December 10th 1918, according to the report rendered to the city council Tuesday evening. The report of Superintendent Campbell showed, that in spite of the serious shortage of help, the department made net earnings of \$2,926.97 for the month.

The report showed gross earnings for the month of \$5,733.04, discounts allowed \$381.38, operating expenses \$4,203.37, construction expenses \$208.40 and net earnings of \$164.77. The same month a year ago showed gross earnings of \$4,284.08, discounts allowed \$279.39, operating expenses \$2320.36, construction expenses \$209.67 and net earnings of \$1,474.66.

The department had on hand November 10th cash in the amount of \$5,883.62. Receipts from the light department for the month ending December 10th were \$5,180.14 and from the water department for the same period were \$582.74, making a total of \$11,646.50. Expenditures in the light department amounted to \$2,639.51 and in the water department to \$719.14.

Receipts from the water department for the quarter were 4,416.01 as against \$3,871.68 for the same quarter a year ago. Expenses were \$2,748.76 for the quarter as against \$2,607.33 for the same period the year before. The light department now has 822 consumers and the water department 764.

RE-ARRANGEMENT FOR LAND OFFICE LINES

Officials of Alliance Land Office Conclude that Change in Territory will be Made Soon

It is now confidently expected by those in touch with the proposition that the United States land office territory in Nebraska will soon rearrange and that the boundaries established in the January first consolidation will be changed so that the territory in the Alliance district will be placed under the jurisdiction of the Alliance land office.

In an interview with the officials of the local land office yesterday we learned that the order attaching the Valentine and North Platte districts to the Broken Bow office was made with the knowledge of Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Kinkaid. Senator Hitchcock was not responsible for the ridiculous arrangement. He did not recommend the change as made and as soon as he learned what had been done he at once protested and hopes to have a different arrangement of territory at an early date in order that the injustice done the settlers and homesteaders corrected.

The senator is a very busy man and it was not strange that the matter escaped his attention until it was too late to rectify it before the North Platte and Valentine offices were discontinued and their territory added to that of Broken Bow.

The "nigger in the wood pile" in this matter is keeping very quiet and has not been located in spite of the efforts of the Republican leaders to fasten the blame to Senator Hitchcock, in the opinion of local Democratic leaders. The senator is credited with having entirely too much judgement to be responsible for an injustice of this kind to the people of western Nebraska.

U. S. OFFICERS IN TOWN

Russell Eberstein, of Omaha, head of the U. S. Secret Service in Nebraska; U. S. Marshal A. M. Wright of Chadron; and a state dry law officer are in Alliance today on government business. While no statement was given out as to their reason for being here, it is presumed that it is in connection with violations of the liquor laws.

ALLIANCE FIREMEN GOING TO FREMONT

The Alliance Volunteer Fire Department brass band, with the delegates, will leave at midnight next Monday for the annual state convention to be held at Fremont on January 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The Alliance delegation, including the band will be thirty strong and they are planning to wake up eastern Nebraska on this trip.

Tuesday at noon the delegation will be entertained at luncheon at Lincoln commercial club. A committee will meet the train and escort them to the club, where a special table will be arranged for them and such entertainment provide can be given in a short time.

On Monday evening a fat goose snooker is to be given at the city hall by the firemen and all will be given an opportunity to fill up on fat goose before boarding the train, on the theory that full stomachs induce sleep. Frank Merritt says that there are ten large fat geese ready for picking and that the fireboys are invited over to help do the job. He requests that in coming in for this work they line up single file ad that there be no pushing, shoving or crowding.

COUNCIL MEETING FIRST ONE HELD IN MANY MONTHS

CITY DADS WADE THROUGH A BUNCH OF BUSINESS LIKE VETERANS, CATCH UP WORK

WAGES GIVEN A RAISE

Mayor Rousey Called from City Tuesday noon to Bedside of Mother—Highland acting Mayor

The first city council meeting for many weeks was held Tuesday evening. Sickness, the influenza epidemic and other unavoidable circumstances have prevented a meeting for a long time, although attempts were made several times to hold a session. Mayor Rousey was called to the bedside of his mother at Kearney Tuesday noon and in his absence councilman L. H. Highland acting mayor. Councilmen Highland, Gavin, Moore, Henry, Davis, Davidson and Hills were present when the gavel fell and started the ball rolling without delay. Bills were allowed.

Increased pay was allowed four city employees—Chief of police Geo. Stafford an increase of \$25 per month, night police O. W. Reed \$25 per month, police magistrate Roberts \$25 per month and superintendent Campbell \$25 per month. The increase dated back to November 1st. Stafford has been drawing \$100, Reed \$100, Roberts \$50 and Campbell \$150. All the councilmen were in favor of the increases. In fact the meeting was harmonious all through and all motions passed unanimously.

Lloyd Thomas, heading a committee from the fire department, requested the council for an appropriation of \$300 to pay the expenses of delegates to the convention at Fremont next week. It was granted willingly and gladly. The business men have already donated \$1,000 to pay the expense of the department band and a total delegation of thirty men will leave Monday night. The city dads felt that the excellent record of the past year—only 13 fires with total loss of \$800, was worth recognition.

Councilman Hills brought up the proposition of furnishing the fire department sleeping rooms, which he had been authorized to do a year ago at an expenditure of \$200. Acting mayor Highland stated that the proposition of a new fire house was looming up for the near future. The committee on fire and water, consisting of Hills, Johnson, Highland and Henry was ordered to investigate purchase the needed furniture, and to report on the new fire house.

Superintendent Campbell of the light plant stated that the new unit for the plant was on the road and expected soon. He stated that a new pre-heater for the boilers was needed that he expected the same would save \$200 per month in coal. A new pre-heater would heat the water going into the boilers to 212 degrees instead of the 110 degrees now reached by the present inefficient heater. Also that the condenser would use most of the steam now going to waste. The new heater would cost around \$845. It would save 20 to 25 per cent of the fuel expense. Coal formerly cost 70c per ton; it now costs \$1.70 at the mine. Freight was formerly \$1.90 per ton; it is now \$2.50. A committee consisting of Campbell, Davis, Henry, Knight and Pible was ordered to investigate and report.

Other matters considered and acted on were the raising of deposits on light meters, pay for home guards during the influenza epidemic, paving Box Butte avenue, new sewer district, installing lead pipe water connections on Box Butte, installation of sidewalks and auditing of the city books. These are reported elsewhere in The Herald this issue.

The councilmen and city officials will attend the smoker Monday evening at the fire department club rooms and join in wishing the delegation farewell on their trip through eastern Nebraska.

District deputy grand master F. W. Hicks and his officers of the I. O. O. F. lodge went to Antioch Monday night and installed the new officers of lodge No. 386. Mrs. Bessie Snyder for the Rebekahs, with her officers, installed the new officers of Antioch Rebekah lodge No. 333 the same evening. On Wednesday evening Mr. Hicks and his officers went to Hemingford and installed the new officers of Hemingford I. O. O. F. lodge No. 306.

THE HERALD TO BE \$2.00
Submitting to the inevitable,
The Herald will, on and after
March 1st, 1919, be \$2.00 per
year and payable in advance.
We have exerted every possible
power to prevent the increase,
but the time has now come
when it must be done. Until that
date you may pay for as many
years in advance as you wish at
the old rate, \$1.50. We will not
deviate from this policy after
March 1st. Better do it now.