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CROSSED WIRES

The esteemed Times seems to have got its wires crossed, and some kind friend should volunteer to help it get straightened out, before it gets further tangled up. In its last issue it enthusiastically and wholeheartedly espoused the cause of the advocates of the city manager plan for Alliance, and in some twelve articles fought the fight terrifically, dealing several deadly blows to straw men that it had erected for the sole purpose of being knocked down. In no case did it miss its aim, save in the half dozen instances where it apparently didn't know what it was aiming at.

The crossing of the wires appears to be in connection with the nature of the plan it seeks to aid. For instance, it speaks in several places of the commission-manager form of government, just as though that were the plan contemplated for Alliance. For the information of our friends down the street, as well as others who are apparently misled, it may be well to point out that chapter 208 of the Laws of Nebraska, 1917, which is known as "An Act to provide an optional plan of city government for municipalities, known as the City Manager Plan," and which is the plan that Alliance voters will cast their ballots for or against, is not a commissioner-manager plan. It is exactly what the name implies, the city manager plan. If Alliance should adopt the new

form of government, it will not have the commission form, but the city manager plan. The governing body of the city will not even be known as city commissioners, but the city council, just as it is called now. The law calls them councilmen, and calls them by that name all the way through. There is no mention of a city commissioner or city commissioner any place in the statute. It is plain to be seen that calling a councilman a commissioner does not give the city a commission form of government, and that arguments in favor of a city commission, such as have been published in Alliance recently, are not in any sense endorsements of the city manager plan.

For the city manager plan and the city commission plan are two totally different forms of city government. There are two separate statutes dealing with the two forms. A city commission may employ a city manager—under the plan Alliance is voting on, a city manager must be employed. Lincoln, the largest city in Nebraska that has the commission form of government, does not employ a city manager, and it is pointed out today as one of the most successful of the cities which have that form of government.

In Nebraska, we cannot now call to mind a single city that has adopted the city manager plan as outlined in this statute. There may be a few, but mighty few. There are several cities which have the city commission form, and others who contemplate adopting it. In every city where the question has come up, there has been strenuous opposition. In the whole United States, the claim is made that there are 180 cities which have a commission-manager plan. How many of these have the city manager plan alone, as Alliance will vote on it?

As a matter of fact, the city manager plan is a political fad, and like all political fads, had a bit of popularity when it was first proposed, in 1913. The city commission idea has steadily grown in popularity. The city manager plan is but little stronger than it was five years ago.

In all fairness, it must be admitted by the advocates of the new plan that it differs only in detail from the city

manager plan Alliance had a few months ago, under city ordinance. That ordinance conferred upon the city manager practically all of the powers that he will have under the new plan. Under that ordinance, as passed by the council, there was no conflict of authority between the mayor and city manager. He had definite duties to perform, and definite powers, which he at no time exceeded. He was asked to resign because he had not shown himself the proper man for the place. Every member of the council, after the trial, was willing to dispense with the manager idea. So was Chadron, after a brief trial. So will Alliance be, if it gets kicked twice by the same mule.

PERSONALS

Mr. Dalby of Antioch was a guest at Alliance Thursday.

Mrs. F. M. Broome of Antioch was in Alliance Thursday visiting friends.

Andy's Fearless Six returned Sunday night from Oshkosh where they played a two-night engagement to packed halls.

"Mac" Dunning, the little seven-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCorkle, took a ride with Ora Phillips in the big airplane Thanksgiving morning. He enjoyed the ride greatly and after he came down told the folks that he now understood much better how to make a plane. While they were attending church he

got busy and constructed a model plane from paper, cardboard and other materials, that is a marvel and it is quite a curiosity. The model was constructed without assistance by him.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas returned Friday evening from an auto trip which included a visit to the new oil well drilling in central Sioux county, near Agate, and to Harrison, the county seat, where they spent Thanksgiving. They report a great deal of oil excitement around Harrison. On the return trip a log of the road was carefully made for the use of those from Alliance who wish to make the trip to the well at Harrison by auto, over the divide west of Hemingford.

A new office room is just being completed by the Mutual Oil Company at their place of business on Cheyenne avenue. The walls will be finished in turquoise blue and the ceiling in ivory, and the room will be fitted with new furniture.

Ernest Scharschug, one of the railroaders, spent Thanksgiving with his mother at Aurora, Ill., reporting for duty following the big feed Saturday morning.

Mrs. Albert Gammon and little daughter, Marjorie, of Hemingford spent the week-end in Alliance with her mother, Mrs. Izetta Lotspeich.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Fletcher and two daughters returned Sunday from Kansas City, where they attended a family reunion.

There is an interesting sidelight! Practically every day we are called upon to produce checks which customers require in settling accounts in dispute.

There's no arguing against that evidence—the check, the amount and the indorsement are final. Little wonder then that a rapidly increasing number of women folk are using checking accounts at our bank. The only wonder is that there are still some people who don't apply this insurance against double payment of their personal bills.

Start a Savings for profit, it pays 5% interest compounded twice each year. We credited savings accounts with Hundred dollars on December 1. You may bring in your savings book and have your interest entered. We do not promise to give you anything but good service and 5% interest.

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