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THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

There may have been some dream stuff in the roseate pictures painted by the advocates of the city manager plan of government before the question was submitted to the voters, but the justice of at least one of the claims has been amply demonstrated. Never before in the history of the city has there been as long a list of aspirants for civic honors, and never before has the list possessed such uniform excellence. There are a few of the filings which fall below the high standard of ability, but after eliminating three or four, any five of those remaining will be likely to give the city of Alliance at least as efficient a government as it has ever had in the past.

In the last two or three days of the filing period, which ended Saturday, it became apparent that unless something were done, it was possible that there would be less than a dozen filings. Several organizations, with the good of the community at heart, decided to draft some candidates for the council. Just how it was managed is somewhat in doubt, but the fact remains that of the list of twenty-two, there are six or eight men who had previously announced that nothing would budge them from their determination not to make the race. It is usual, of course, for prospective candidates to hang back and wait to be coaxed, but in some of these cases something stronger than coaxing is indicated.

It hardly seems possible that the voters can go very far wrong in making their selection. It would seem to be easy to get five men out of so good a list, but as a matter of fact, the average voter is going to be bewildered. He'll find more good candidates than he has votes to cast. After marking down a favorite or two, about the only thing left for him will be to shut his eyes and make a jab at the paper, or eliminate by the famous eeny-meeny-miny-mo method, which is comparatively sure.

BILL HARPER, OPTIMIST

W. R. Harper returned from a buying trip to the east, chock full of optimism, and like all good optimists, simply had to spread his message of good cheer. He told the business men at the chamber of commerce luncheon yesterday a number of the things he had discovered during his absence, and chief among them is the fact that business hasn't gone to the dogs, and won't go there unless the business men themselves help to send it.

It's perfectly true that more men are out of employment than at this time last year. It is likewise true that sales have fallen off, in the west, at least. In the eastern states, Mr. Harper, to his surprise, found the merchants talking prosperity, and not only talking it, but acting it. The results were surprising. Confidence always begets confidence. When men think and talk "business as usual,"

business improves, but when they act on their belief, then sales begin to climb.

Mr. Harper's suggestions are worthy of instant acceptance. If every man in business would speak out boldly and tell his customers that conditions are pretty dog-goned good, that sales haven't stopped by a darned sight, and not only say these things, but follow them up by doing a little buying himself, it won't be long until this attitude has an effect. There's no need of stretching the truth, but it's possible to look on the sunny side of the fence.

KNOWING THE LEGION

The business men of Alliance are fortunate in at last knowing something definite about the American Legion. The ex-soldiers' organization has been chiefly advertised by its enemies. Radical union laborites have done a good deal of the advertising. Unfortunately, the legion itself, in the early days of its existence, got off on the wrong foot and devoted perhaps too large a proportion of its strength to attempting to force its bonus plan upon congress.

Right now, there is no complaint that can be made against the unions. Both capital and labor have learned that there is nothing to fear from the ex-service men, so long as they behave themselves. The whole country, however, should be informed as to what is being done for the wounded and disabled. The accomplishments along this line alone are sufficient to justify the existence of the organization.

Now that the leading spirits in the legion have the inspiration, let's hope that they devote all their energies to this most worthy cause. An organization with such a widely scattered membership and so strong in numbers can do wonders, even with an unwilling congress. So long as the legion is engaged in this struggle, they'll find co-operation and support on every hand. The trouble has been that only a few people in every city knew of the evils of the system of red-tape that is preventing the wounded and disabled from getting justice. In this case, justice is the right word, for every one of these men paid, out of his \$30 a month, for protection.

THE WRONG PRINCIPLE

(Hamilton County Register)

The censor idea of government cannot work out satisfactorily as it is based on a wrong principle. It seeks not to prohibit crime, but to make people like somebody else, to make them think as others do by law. If right to censor newspapers, and make them conform to the ideas of three men, it is right to censor conversation as well and punish people who talk of crime, or who smoke; if the censors are opposed to smoking. How would ministers relish a proposition to appoint three men to censor sermons and say whether they are the better or worse for mankind—to make the teaching of the clergy conform to the ideas of three men who might appoint a small committee in every community to decide just what the minister shall say or leave unsaid. The province of law is not to leave to a small fraction of the whole what teachers shall teach and writers shall write, but to punish what is clearly wrong (not what somebody believes detrimental to the human race), and there should be a considerable conviction that anything is bad before law undertakes to regulate it, or the last condition will be worse than the first. Christ had all power as well as all knowledge, but I read his life in vain to discover a place where he tried to run for office and get into a position to force his doctrines upon anyone.

THE WORST SCALAWAG

(Nebraska City Press)

We still contend that any man who pointed out "prospects" to stock promoters and violated confidences which had been reposed in him is the worst scalawag of the two. Stock promoters would have been unable to do business in Nebraska had their "friend" in many a country town kept his mouth shut and refused to act as a nunting dog for him.

COMMENT & DISCOMMENT

We don't know who William Planks is, or where he has his being, but to him goes the honor of expressing in the most fitting terms the despairing thoughts that seize every editor when he picks up his newspaper after the ink is cold, and finds out that the paragraph in the writing of which he was most painstaking has been butchered beyond belief, or that the make-up man has mixed up the lines therein. William must have been fairly vexed when he wrote the following tribute:

D O W N T O P R I N T E R S
Oh printers!
Oh honorary members of the Amalgamated Order of Illiterate Blacksmiths!
Oh pi makers of the Cook's International Union!
Oh animated scraps of dross metal!
Oh unjustified columns of human inefficiency, fastened in the chases of the job-room of life, why do you persecute me!
I write my copy with a typewriter, I pencil it and write in a few easily understood remarks and hand it to the head maulfactor!
Oh worthy descendant of Ben Franklin, set my copy so that I may know it when it returns to me!
The linotyper receiveth it, the proof-reader readeth three lines and passes it back; the linotyper yawneth at it and shooteth it to the forms and it appeareth in print.
Oh long nights of weeping for poor William Planks!
Oh tears, humiliations, cogitations, desperations, profane language and the demons impelling William Planks to kill the maliciously mindless printers!
Oh blacksmiths and general jobbers, members of the union of Typographical Errors, dreamers of the Funeral Chapel of Art, battered brass rules of the make-up of newspaperdom, mistaking your thumbs for quads and your own fingers for the letters of the alphabet, why do you abide among leads when you should be setting bricks!
Oh that I might give you H3q@E) (x'LL.
Oh hell-box!

the Lord's Day Alliance, have in turn been victims to the perverted sense of humor of the men who are paid by the word. One such man, writing in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, has interviewed a number of historical characters in regard to their Sunday habits, and the answers are reproduced herewith, in order to encourage the new crusaders:

Lucrezia Borgia—My brothers and I were never allowed to talk over the telephone on Sunday.
Emp. Nero—I did not permit my chauffeurs to take the motor cars out on the Sabbath; nor did I use them myself on that day.
Bloody Queen Mary—Nobody in my entourage neglected Sunday school in

order to read the Sunday newspaper.
Richard III.—I never went for a canoe trip on the first day of the week.
Captain Kidd—Maybe I didn't always do right, but no one can say I ever went for a trolley trip on Sunday.
Catherine of Russia—I never attended a Sunday motion picture show in my life, nor did I ever condone such a practice.
Guy Fawkes—We never had a Sunday newspaper in the house.
Attila the Hun—It didn't even occur to myself or my associates to take an unnecessary railroad trip upon the Sabbath.
J. Caesar—I am not a member of any gold club which permits playing on Sunday.

Imperial Theater

TONIGHT, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

AL. CHRISTIE'S COMEDY SPECIAL
"SO LONG LETTY"
Taken From OLIVER MOROSCO'S famous Stage Success.
COMEDY—"HIS FEARFUL FINISH"
ADMISSION—18c and 36c and War Tax.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

SAMUEL GOLDWYN and REX BEACH SPECIAL
"OUT OF THE STORM"
From the "TOWER OF IVORY" by Gertrude Atherton
COMEDY—"MR. FATIMA"
MATINEE: 13c and 22c; NIGHT: 18 and 36c and War Tax

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

FIRST NATIONAL ATTRACTION—in
"THE HEART OF A FOOL"
A Powerful Epic of Everyday Life.
MACK SENNETT COMEDY—"WET AND WARMER"
MATINEE: 13c and 22c; NIGHT: 18c and 31 and War Tax.

Harvester Company Brands Story False

DURING the past month, reports have come to us that at farmers' meetings charges have been made, sometimes directly and sometimes indirectly, that this Company has adopted a policy of refusing to supply repair parts for old machines in order to compel the purchase of new ones. This statement is absolutely false. Such a policy has never been considered by this Company nor suggested to it.

Ordinarily we ignore such reports, because we have learned that any large company, no matter how fair and high principled, is subject at all times to unjust criticism. The facts are this Company has always recognized the importance of repair service and has used every effort to make IHC service the best. We believe we can truthfully say that the repair service furnished wherever this Company's goods are sold is equal if not superior to that furnished on any manufactured line.

We call attention to the fact that machinery "Fix-up Weeks," instead of being something new and originated by the farmers in 1921, as some seem to think, were really an outgrowth of the movement started by manufacturers and dealers' associations in connection with the Council of National Defense as a war conservation measure. Perhaps no other agency has done so much to promote "National Repair Weeks" as this Company.

The farmer needs machines which will be efficient and economical. If his old machines can be repaired so as to render efficient and economical service, he would be foolish to purchase new ones. Whether the farmer utilizes and repairs his old machines or buys new ones is a question for him to determine. But in making his decision, we give to every farmer who owns any IHC machines the assurance that a full stock of repair parts will always be provided by this Company.

Today, our repair stocks on the territory available for the farmers are 21 per cent greater than ever before at this time of the year. An average of a quarter million pounds of repairs are shipped from IHC factories for every working day in the year. Thirty million dollars' worth of repair parts are now ready, as insurance for the farmer when he needs this service.

In every International Harvester Works manufacturing orders call for repair parts first and even when furnishing them has meant cutting down production of new machines for which we had orders, repairs have always had preference.

At every one of our 91 branch houses trained men are on duty to see that all orders are filled and shipped promptly. Thousands of dealers scattered everywhere with an assortment of repairs in stock are always ready and willing to render every assistance.

This service which this Company has rendered through the years to those who have purchased its machines has been a matter of great pride to the Company, and is the foundation of the cordial good-will existing between it and its customers.

We feel it is due the Company and those who have purchased its machines that we give the widest publicity to the fact that this service of repairs will be maintained and improved, and that any charges to the contrary are untrue.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY

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Money is Like a Stream of Water

DID YOU ever stop to think of a stream of water—how it flows through your city or past your home—day after day and year after year? But the moment a dam is built and the water stopped—or even part of it—the stream becomes a constantly widening and deepening reservoir of power, with all its significant possibilities of usefulness.

Saving money is like building a dam across a stream. You can let your money come and go, as water in a stream, or by forethought you can stop some of the outgo and pile up for yourself week by week or month by month, the savings which in later years will add to your independence, to your ability to take advantage of new opportunities, and to the comfort you can get out of life.

There never was a time when it was so well worth your while to save as now. The dollars put away today will buy just that much more when prices come down. Come in and let us work out some plan to take advantage of today's unusual opportunity for saving.

5% INTEREST PAID ON ALL TIME DEPOSITS

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