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FARMER-LABOR COALITION HAS CHOSEN TICKET

ENDORSES CANDIDATES FOR ALL COUNTY OFFICERS.

Proposes to Work Through Democratic Primary, But If Unsuccessful to Take the Petition Route.

The farmer-labor coalition of Alliance, which has interested itself in politics for several weeks past, this week not only extends its field but has definitely gone into politics. Originally, the farmers and labor union members in this group sought to establish a branch of the new third party, but due to the efforts of Rev. B. J. Minort and others, this step was not taken. At previous meetings the word has gone forth that the sole object was to get better candidates for public office and to work for the best man.

At the last meeting, held Wednesday at Hemingford, this stand was changed somewhat. The third party program was not endorsed, but the sixty-odd farmers and union men suggested a list of preferred candidates. One or two of the candidates were not consulted, it reported, but the intention is to have these favored candidates who have not already done so, file on the democratic ticket. The situation is a trifle awkward, for at least one of the candidates suggested, George Haganman of the Second commissioner district, has already filed as a republican candidate.

The candidates named or endorsed by the farmer-labor group were:

State senator, Thirty-second district—Rev. B. J. Minort. The district now comprises five counties, Box Butte, Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan and Cherry.

Representative, 100th district—Al Gordon, Box Butte and Sioux.

Sheriff—Lloyd Gwinn, Alliance railroad.

County Attorney—William Iodence.

County clerk—A. H. Robbins, Alliance.

County treasurer—C. R. Powell, Alliance, and Mrs. E. A. Ford, Hemingford.

County superintendent—Susan B. Frazier, now of Chadron normal.

Commissioner, Second district—George H. Haganman.

Commissioner, Third district—Rev. B. L. Kline of Fairview.

Others Not Barred.

It is said by those who are at the head of the farmer-labor group that other candidates are not necessarily barred from receiving the endorsement. The coalition will later get out a questionnaire to be sent to all candidates, asking their position on matters that the group deems vital, and then a sifting committee, composed of representatives from each local of the farmers' union and each local of the shop crafts in the county will decide which candidates are to be supported by the farmer and labor vote.

Rev. B. J. Minort is apparently wavering over a decision as to whether he will be a candidate. The meeting at Hemingford chose him unanimously, but Mr. Minort has told some of his friends that he believes he can do more effective work politically by not entering any political race. On the other hand, he feels strongly that he should answer the call of his friends.

To Use Democratic Party

The plan of the group is to work through the democratic party and notify all nominees to file with this party. An effort will then be made to nominate these men, by having all farmers and railroaders vote this ticket, at the primaries and to trust to the party to elect them at the general election. If the plans fail to nominate these candidates they will be put in the field by petition. There seemed to be little preference as to the party under which the candidate would run but the democratic was finally decided upon as in the opinion of almost all present it was more popular.

There was some difference of opinion as to whether candidates should be nominated then or wait until delegates from the crafts and farm unions all over the county should pass upon them. It was decided to nominate them at the Hemingford meeting and later have the county convention pass upon them.

John Shirk and J. M. Gottlieb both stressed the fact that the office of sheriff must be filled by a railroad man, and the farmers present were of a like opinion. Lloyd Gwinn, their candidate, is believed by them to be well fitted for the position and they are determined to elect him.

A number of speakers stressed the condition of the laboring men and farmers under the present administration, and asserted that the government at present was controlled by the money interests. Excerpts from various labor papers were read and J. A. Witowack told of a meeting of similar nature in Chicago and of some of the things that had been done. A number of short talks were given by farmers and railroaders, who told of various grievances and of evils they thought should be remedied. The matter of road building and its excessive cost came in for considerable comment.

The developments at the Hemingford meeting were not entirely unexpected, although it has been known

that some of the leaders of the farmer-labor bloc have been strongly against putting an entire ticket in the field. They have been working for an endorsement of candidates in all parties, as well as discouraging a nomination of the new third party.

It is generally believed that the action at the Hemingford meeting will result in any disruption of the group. Some of the politicians of both of the large parties are wondering just what the effect will be. It is conceded that if the ticket appeals to any great proportion of the farmer and labor vote, there is a possibility that at least some of the candidates of the bloc will be successful.

The third party is doomed, so far as Box Butte county is concerned. At least all indications point that way. Monday was the day set for the organization meeting, speakers were here from Lincoln, including Frank Stockton, but the meeting was never held. It may be that at the next meeting of the group, the problem will come up again.

DEPARTMENT IS TO DISCONTINUE THE LAND OFFICE

NOTICE RECEIVED THIS MORNING BY JUDGE HEWITT

Chamber of Commerce to Take Steps to Prevent Consolidation With Lincoln

Judge H. H. Hewitt, register and receiver of the Alliance land office, received a communication this morning from the department of the interior to the effect that the office will be discontinued here June 30, 1923, and with the Broken Bow office, consolidated with the Lincoln land office.

The following paragraph from the communication shows the plan of the department and the reasons therefor: "Under the specific terms of the bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, it will be necessary to discontinue the offices at Alliance and Broken Bow and to consolidate the records, etc., with Lincoln."

It is announced that the Alliance chamber of commerce, at its Monday luncheon next week, will discuss the matter, and if possible, steps will be taken to prevent the consolidation. It is not known whether there is any chance to save the land office for Alliance, but the aid of congressmen and senators will be asked, and a concerted effort made to exert all influence possible.

Rev. S. J. Epler Decides to Remain With Church Here

Rev. Stephen J. Epler has definitely decided to refuse the call from the Christian church in Scottsbluff, and will remain in Alliance. The decision was made following a congregational meeting of the church Wednesday evening, which was attended by practically all of the members of the church, as well as a number of friends. The congregation unanimously appealed to Mr. Epler to remain with the church, and their appeal was successful. The board of the Scottsbluff church was then notified.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Probably rain tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer extreme east portion tonight; colder Saturday.

ROTARIANS TOLD EARLY HISTORY OF BURLINGTON

J. KRIDELBAUGH SPEAKER AT THE WEDNESDAY DINNER.

Development of the Burlington Was Closely Allied With Growth of the West.

The Alliance Rotary club was privileged Wednesday evening to hear the story of the "Making of the Burlington," the speaker being J. Kridelbaugh, veteran railroador of Alliance. Mr. Kridelbaugh entered the railroad service in the fall of 1870, as a section hand. During the winter of this year he learned telegraphy, and became agent for the railroad company at Prescott, Ia. He held this position in different towns until 1917, when he was transferred to the over, short and damage department in the superintendent's office in Alliance.

Jesse M. Miller of the Alliance hotel gave a five-minute talk on the ethics and problems of his business, emphasizing the demand for service and the difficulties to be found in supplying that demand. He gave a number of surprising statistics showing the importance of the hotel industry in the country. It ranks as fourth in importance, judging by the money received and expended. Some interesting comparisons were made, which showed that American hotels have many more conveniences and are much better equipped than the hostleries of other countries.

Promoters Men of Visions.

Mr. Kridelbaugh laid stress on the fact that the promoters of the Burlington were men of unusual ability, with the vision to realize what the final accomplishment could be from the small beginning in 1849. The Burlington was fortunate in the three essentials—the banker to look after financing, the lawyer to safeguard the investors and its engineer, to build the plant. The Burlington's banker was John M. Forbes of Boston, its lawyer James F. Joy of New York and its engineer John Brooks. Forbes was connected with the Burlington from its origin in 1849 to his death in 1895.

The speaker described the great need for railroads in the early days; the large land grants given to encourage building them; the consolidation of several small lines into the Burlington system and the growth of the company with the territory it served. It was a record of pioneer days and the progress of civilization.

The idea of the Burlington, said Mr. Kridelbaugh, grew out of the purchase of the Michigan Central by Mr. Forbes, and its extension to Chicago. Prior to 1849, the state of Michigan owned two short railroads, the Michigan Southern and the Michigan Central. They were unprofitable, badly run, down and for sale at a bargain. Brooks inspected the Michigan Central and thought if the right banker could be found, the road put in good shape and extended to Chicago, it would become a paying proposition. In 1846 Forbes formed a syndicate and bought the Michigan Central from Detroit to Kalamazoo for two million dollars. It had cost the state of Michigan over five million. Like all other railroads of that day, the Michigan Central track consisted of beams of wood six inches square, to which was nailed straps of iron one-half inch thick and two inches and a quarter wide. This track had been in use eight years, had never been renewed, the wooden parts were badly decayed. Incidentally, this clearly indicates what government or state ownership can do to a railroad if given time.

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LEGION READY FOR THE NEXT BOXING BOUT

DATE SET FOR APRIL 6 AT THE ROOF GARDEN.

Hamilton and Roach in a Return Match to Be the Headliners—Extra Good Prelims.

Alliance post of the American Legion is coming back strong for the second boxing match of its series, according to a decision of the executive committee at a meeting held Tuesday evening. The first bout, while it was interesting to the fight fans, many of whom hadn't seen a good go for five or six years, was not exactly a brilliant financial success. The figures showed that the local post went into the hole, about \$175 on the first bout, but that doesn't discourage the ex-soldiers a bit. They have dipped into the post's treasury, and squared up all the bills in connection with last Saturday's fight, and are all ready to make it back and then some at the coming scrap.

The legionnaires have picked up quite a bit of experience after managing their first scrap, and the outlook seems to be pretty rosy. There are a lot of expense that won't need to be figured in for the coming scrap, including quite a wad of cash for license fees and other frills demanded by the state boxing law.

The chief advantage lies in the advertising gained by the bout of last Saturday. Until a year ago, boxing wasn't a legalized sport in the state, although there were a few exhibition matches put on for special occasions. In Alliance, wrestling has held the public favor, but this sport has just about petered out, due to the unsuccessful efforts of fans to pick the winner. Boxing starts in here with a clean slate and the fans have no bad taste in their mouths from other scraps in which they guessed wrong. In addition to this, the state boxing commission's regulations are so strict that it's pretty hard work to pull off a framed match. In the event there's any crooked work discovered, the manager of the club gets it in the neck, and the scrappers are barred from using the gloves at any exhibition in the state.

Roach and Hamilton Up.

The legion committee, in planning for the second bout, figured that they couldn't do better for a headliner than to pick on Chuck Roach of Denver and Bud Hamilton of Tulsa, Okl., who were the headliners in last Saturday's match. Roach was given the decision on a foul, but both of the bantams proved themselves to be regular sportsmen and while the crowd lamented that the match couldn't have lasted for the full ten rounds, the big majority of them were satisfied with the efforts the boxers put forth.

The date for the next scrap is set for the roof garden on Thursday, April 6. In addition to Roach and Hamilton, the committee in charge, George Madsen and Jack Kane, are considering two or three propositions for a semi-windup. There's a Casper light heavyweight, an ex-navy champion holder from the Letan neighborhood, who has just finished a six-year hitch; a prospect from Antioch who hung up some good records at the St. Louis A. C.; a Hemingford light heavyweight and an Alliance man, back home on a vacation who wields a wicked right and has dynamite in his left.

Complete announcement concerning the prelims will be made as soon as the committee tests out the aspirants for pugilistic honors. This time, they say, the men who go into the ring are

going to have to show that there's no possibility of them tossing up the sponge until they have gone quite a few rounds. Of course, accidents will happen, but the committee is going to do its damndest to see that the crowd on April 6 will see about thirty rounds of first-class boxing.

Roach and Hamilton will be in Alliance about the first of April and will do some training where the public can see them. The army is suggested as a pretty good place for the workouts.

Ed Reardon and D. C. Bradbury have been appointed as a committee to handle publicity and ticket sales for the next bout. The legion has a hunch that interest in the ring battles can be stirred up in Alliance, and the post is backing the committee to the last cent in the treasury. A third bout will be held some time the latter part of April, and at that time it is planned to match Young Billy Papke, who made himself solid with the fans during his one-round engagement with Mel Wyland, for a go in a heavier class.

PHONE COMPANY IS ORDERED TO FURNISH FIGURES

RAILWAY COMMISSIONER MAKING EXHAUSTIVE SURVEY

Some Details of the Information to Be Considered in Connection With Rate Inquiry

The Nebraska state railway commission is going into a very extensive and painstaking investigation of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company's operation, according to City Manager N. A. Kemmish. This is in connection with the rate increase asked of the commission. A questionnaire has been prepared covering the operation of the telephone company and its finances covering the last ten-year period.

Some of the most important things asked by the questionnaire are a complete classification of the book costs of their property in the state of Nebraska as of November 30, 1921, subdivided between their exchanges and toll. The same is to be stated separately as to property directly allocated and properly pro-rated as far as the same can be determined from the records of the telephone company or by special investigation in the field or as made necessary by part of the proceedings.

A similar statement is also to be furnished for each of the following exchanges: Alliance, Butte, Fullerton, Grand Island, McCook, Mason City, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha and Spalding. The commission has taken these ten towns and asked for complete reports upon their operation aside from the rest of their exchanges in the state of Nebraska. They have also asked the telephone company for a complete statement of all operating revenues and operating expenses as classified between the above-mentioned ten cities and the rest of the exchanges in Nebraska. They ask that the segregation be made as between toll and exchange revenues and expenses.

They have also asked the telephone company to show a complete account of the property which was formerly under the Nebraska Telephone company located in the state of South Dakota. They want to know the complete segregation and operation of this property at the time it was taken over by the Northwestern Bell Telephone company a year ago.

They also ask for the average costs of the various items going into the exchange costs in these various cities

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C. OF C. HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER AND ELECTION

JOHN M. FLANNIGAN AND R. L. ELLIOTT SPEAKERS

True Miller, Charles Brittan, C. A. Newberry and Floyd Lucas New on the Directorate

The annual dinner and election of the Alliance chamber of commerce was held at the new Methodist church gymnasium on Thursday evening of this week. The dinner was one of the most successful ever staged by the organization, almost two hundred being present. The dinner was served by the ladies' aid society of the church and J. P. Mann's orchestra played during the evening. Both organizations were given a special vote of thanks for their efforts in making the evening a success.

The speakers for the evening included John M. Flannigan of Stuart, Neb., secretary of the Nebraska war finance corporation; R. L. Elliott, president of Chadron normal, and W. S. Bostler, Boy Scout commissioner of Chadron.

Mr. Flannigan, after a few humorous introductory remarks, proceeded to grow serious. He told of the work of the finance corporation, organized during the war. A few months ago it was made a loan agency to put farmers and stockgrowers back on their feet. It had a capital left over from war times of \$346,000,000, a capitalization of \$500,000,000 and this may be increased to a billion dollars at any time. It has loaned to date something like fourteen million dollars. The Nebraska total is over three million dollars. In the Sixth district of Nebraska, the total is under half a million. To date most of the money has been loaned in eastern and southwestern Nebraska. Now the corporation is turning its attention to the farmers and stockgrowers in this part of the state and it is expected that needed assistance will be furnished promptly. He urged that the word go out and that worthy stockgrowers and farmers who need money, to restock their ranches or get on their feet be induced to apply for aid.

Mr. Elliott was called to take the place of Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska, who had gone to Chicago for an important conference. Mr. Elliott spoke on educational lines, giving several definitions of an educated man or woman. One of these was a man who is harmoniously developed, everything and about some thing. His own definition, he said, was a man who was harmoniously developed physically, mentally and morally. He stressed the need for moral training, and closed with a few words on the boys' work that is being done over the country, and the need for citizenship training.

Mr. Bostler, when called upon, spoke on his hobby, boys, and told how business men could help them to become better citizens.

J. S. Rhein, vice president, presided during the meeting. The Lions club, who meet regularly on Thursday night, met at the banquet and were assigned tables in the center of the hall.

The election of officers followed the program. C. A. Newberry, Floyd Lucas, True Miller and Charles Brittan were chosen as directors. Mr. Miller and Mr. Brittan were re-elected, and the other two men will take the place of Glen Miller, retiring director, and W. R. Harper, who recently resigned his place on the board.

The board will elect officers of the chamber of commerce at a meeting to be held later, probably on Monday. Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas read a brief financial report, her annual report appearing in another column.

Declamatory Contest Is Held Wednesday to Pick Contestants

The declamatory contest to determine the students who will represent the Alliance high school in the district meet was held at the Imperial theatre Wednesday evening. The winners in the different classes are Theodora Benson, oratorical, with the "Unknown Speaker"; Miriam Harris, dramatic, with "O' Mistus"; and Frances Fletcher, humorous, with "A Case of Fits". Second place in the respective classes were taken by Jay Cantlin, Mildred Pate and Elyse Harris. This was the second contest, the first being held to eliminate all but three contestants in the humorous and dramatic, there being only two in the oratorical. All of the contestants did very well and some difficulty was encountered in selecting the winners.

The judges were Mrs. Ray Stansbury of Crawford, Mrs. G. M. Irwin of Bridgeport and Mrs. L. W. Dirks of Sidney.

The district meet will be held at Bridgeport, April 7. With the ability shown by the Alliance representatives, Alliance should make a good showing. Last year the locals won two of the three places, and the year before Madeline Zediker won first at the state meet, in the dramatic.

ONLY 17 DAYS LEFT to Win the \$100 Prize

To Those Who Are Working:

Check over the P-Word Puzzle Picture carefully now. Make sure you have ALL of them. Then be sure to qualify for the highest class. It takes so little work after you have the list, and the reward is much greater. Get your answer in by April 10.

To Those Who Have Not Started:

It's much easier to spend \$100 than earn it. And we believe there are hundreds who want \$100; need it, too. Try this, anyway. If you win, everybody knows it; if you lose, nobody knows it. It takes only a comparatively little time and effort. You still have 17 days' time if you

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