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DO YOU STAND IN

WITH THE ALLIANCE RING AND GET A PART OF THE TAKE-OFF; IF NOT VOTE FOR HEMINGFORD, AND KEEP DOWN TAXES.

The men of Box Butte county that are most interested in the removal of the county seat appear from the Alliance papers to be the Alliance people. The petitions are signed by Alliance people; Alliance is to have all the emoluments of the county seat, in fact it is all Alliance. In looking over the map we noticed that a very small part of Box Butte county is covered by Alliance, and yet, according to the declaration of a few non-taxpayers, the whole of the rest of the county has to be put under the heel of these few sharpers. Without a thought of the wishes of those, outside this little blot on the map, a costly election is attempted; the papers come out with the statement that Alliance wants the county seat, and will have it. Intelligent taxpayers living outside the pale of Alliance, where are your interests coming in? Are you to be pulled and hauled, your pockets emptied, the best on your ranches to go to pay taxes to keep a lot of people in idleness, just because they have some empty rooms which they think suitable for county offices, and who would be sold out at sheriff's sale if the taxes now due were levied against them? The time for the feudal levies on the country, aimed to support the barons of the county, is long ago done away with, and it should not be allowed to come in vogue in Box Butte county. The arrogance shown by Alliance people is only equalled by the rack renting in Ireland. Without a thought of the taxpayers' interests Alliance wishes to rise from her deathly torpor, and to do so tries to flim-flam the voters of the county by plausible tales of what she will do for the county if the taxpayers will only give her the county seat. To attempt to take from Hemingford what is her own, by right of election, to satisfy these Alliance people is not right or fair. Where could the gain to the taxpayers of the county come in? It is a needless expense, and should be frowned down by the honest taxpayers of Alliance, who wish to have clean government in Box Butte county. Think of these questions, voters of the county, and follow your thoughts first with a protest against the commissioners calling an election, and if necessary then by your votes; rebuke the aims of the Alliance people, and teach them that the taxpayers of Box Butte county have arisen from fourteenth century methods and are free and enlightened men, who understand what is to their interests, and know how to get it.

The disclosures made in this paper last week regarding the taxes due from Alliance county seat agitators is one that has caused a sensation in the railroad town. The statement in one of the papers that the increased taxation argument was a bug-a-boo was well taken, for people who are behind in their taxes for several years are not bothered much about taxation matters. But the lesson for the taxpayers to learn is this: Box Butte county is out of debt, has a fine court house at Hemingford, which entails only a small cost each year for repairs, etc., necessary even with a regular county

building; her finances have been in the hands of county commissioners who are men of courage and who continually work for the county's interests. Taxes must have been paid by someone to make this state of affairs. In last week's issue the Times of Alliance says: "Alliance citizens pay their proportion of county taxes the same as other people, and for this reason all talk of 'increase of taxes' or 'bonds' would be just as expensive to the people of this city as any other resident of the county." In the light of past disclosures what elegant boom talk this is—Alliance citizens pay their proportion of taxes;—the very promoters of the removal are the men that do not pay their taxes. Farmers and honest taxpayers, you are the ones that pay taxes to keep the county running, and on you will fall the burden of paying for this fight. The records will tell the tale as to who the people are that will have to pay for the expensive court house Alliance intends to erect if she gets the county seat. Before signing the petition for a removal take down the names of the main men of Alliance who are in the deal—merchants, doctors, lawyers, etc.—go to the county records, scan the lists for the last seven years, and then go home and think what the county seat removal will mean to you. These delinquents call well afford to say that the tax increase amounts to nothing, that Alliance pays her share of the taxes. Talk is cheap, and the newspapers themselves, in the same fix, have to bolster up the statements to help out the men who are scheming for Alliance. But the taxpayers of Box Butte county will not wear the brass collar, with which Alliance wishes to gag their actions. Such tactics as are employed by Alliance today might have been successful many years ago, when men did not get as many newspapers as now, when the county records were looked upon as something almost too divine for sacrilegious hands to touch. American people now think for themselves, look at the pro's and con's, and act in the way that right and duty dictate. In the light of these facts the county seat will remain at Hemingford, and the county will have honest government, away from the contaminating presence of the people who cry aloud in the market place, as did the publicans of old, and say: "I am glad I am not as other men," when those very ones are palsied with the effects of not paying their honest taxes.

To Delinquents.

EDITOR HERALD: For the benefit of the delinquent taxpayers of Box Butte county I wish to state, through the columns of your paper, that no further notices will be given them to pay their back taxes, but you may look for a collector to visit you after the 21st of this month; so you may prepare yourselves with the cash when he comes around.

I have waited patiently for two years for you to come and settle, and I cannot wait any longer. You are all aware of the fact that a county seat election is coming on, and a new court house will have to be built, consequently you must help bear the expense.

Yours Truly,
S. B. LIBBY,
County Treasurer.

Don't think because a stove is round and the maker has called it Oak, of some sort, that it's the genuine Round Oak. It is not, as you'll find to your cost, if you buy. See the name on the leg. Then you'll be sure to get the genuine. Sold only by Uhrig.

TOLD BY A FARMER

Some of the Schemes Resorted to By the Politicians.

A FALSE STATEMENT,

Based on Figures Alleged to Have Been Taken From This Paper.

An intelligent, but misguided farmer, who lives in Lake precinct, made a few statements to a HERALD reporter this week, a portion of which we publish. He stated that he signed the removal petition because it would bring the county seat within five miles of him, if Alliance won, also because a prominent Alliance banker had depicted to him in glowing terms, on figures alleged to have been taken from this paper, that the maximum rate of taxation would not exceed fifty cents on \$3,000. [We would like to have this banker "show us;" we're from Missouri.] The farmer was also shown a printed statement to the same effect, which was printed and circulated throughout the county by Alliance boomers. He said that the reason Alliance would not offer to build a court house was because they proposed to get the county seat removed first, at a cost of not over \$1,000, which the taxpayers will have to pay, and then they proposed to issue bonds for the erection of a large stone or brick building, which the taxpayers will also have to settle for. He stated that there were five voters from the precinct in which he lived that he knew of who could not sign the petition, on account of their absence in the east, but that they would all be here on election day, if it ever came to an election, as Alliance intended giving them free transportation from their present homes to Alliance and return, if their votes could not be procured by other means. These are just a few of the schemes resorted to by these fellows. The latest one, for which a man that now lives in Alliance is authority, is to the effect that laborers are being imported from all over the state by Alliance politicians, who are sending them out on farms upon their arrival, and will vote them all on election day if nothing is done to prevent. Our informant stated that at one farm house there were four of these illegal voters, and many other farm houses shelter from one to three.

Come on, boys! You are almost to the end of your string, and a short time after election will find just as many voters boarding at the expense of the county as there now are boarding at the expense of the city of Alliance.

In an issue of one of the boom papers of Alliance county seat matters is an item that the patent editor did not think would act as a boomerang. It stated that the farmers are realizing that the county seat, where now located, is no benefit to a dead town, but will have a tendency to make Alliance a live town. Granting for argument's sake that the present county seat is dead, which is far from the truth, the very argument of the paper shows there is only the difference as from twee-dee and twee-dium between the two towns, and this is from one of their own papers. In the face of this argument? of the Alliance Times the county seat is all right where it is, as the Times owns that it will have a "tendency" to make Alliance a live town. Poor Alliance! When the fact of its deadness is published by its own papers it should surely say "deliver me from my friends."

"A Farmer's Voice."

The writer of this article feels a personal interest in the future history of Box Butte county, and that interest is not prompted from the ownership of any property in either Hemingford or Alliance, but is prompted from an agricultural standpoint, owning a farm in the southeastern part of Box Butte county, twelve miles nearer Alliance than Hemingford.

In the first place I take the stand that Box Butte county is one of, if not the banner county of western Nebraska, so far as debt and business management is concerned. Second, that all her legislation has been done in a judicial manner, and the officers, without a single exception, have fully carried out the oath of their respective offices. Third, that her people are as law abiding and progressive in all their efforts as any people living on the sun-kissed prairies of western Nebraska. Fourth, her people are a Christianized, God-fearing class, and believe in all that is just and right under all circumstances.

Now, in view of the first statement, let me ask if in case of a removal of the present county seat, we could hope to be the banner county in business management? for it seems to me that it would be a breach of all business methods to throw away our present court house, with all its equipments, and bond ourselves to build another, or pay rent for insufficient rooms for offices. If there was no other question to be thought of but this, the voters and taxpayers would surely sneer at the idea of a removal, for court houses are not built for nothing, and rooms sufficient for court house purposes are not built and furnished Scott free by business men, unless there is something in it for them. Surely everyone will accept this as unbusinesslike, and placing ourselves in a position to pay excessive taxation.

As to the second article, I would say that the city of Alliance now nearly dictates to the voters of Box Butte county as to who shall serve us as our officers, and should they gain the control of the county seat they would absolutely take the reins of government, and I predict that it would not be long until our boasted legislation would be as rotten as some of our sister counties, and the honest farmers would settle the bill.

As to the third proposition, I believe that where a class get a corner on anything justice, right, law and honor give way to might, and I am unable to say how long we would stay law-abiding and progressive. I will venture to say, however, that it would not be long, judging from past history.

With reference to the fourth, I do not believe Christian people hold the idea of trampling down the weak to help the strong, and I, for one, will never place my name or cast my vote to blot as progressive a people as I believe the little city of Hemingford contains, notwithstanding it would bring the county seat twelve miles nearer to me.

I think it is the duty of every honest man to think of this removal question from every side, not allowing our personal prejudices to enter into the question, but view it from a business standpoint, not forgetting the golden rule, and when we have so thought this matter over the county seat will remain undis-

turbed, where it is, and with every shoulder to the wheel we will strive in the future to keep Box Butte county what she is—the banner county of western Nebraska. A FARMER.

GOOD MAN WENT WRONG

HE FELL INTO THE HANDS OF THE PHILISTINES AND IS NOW AS CORRUPT AS THEY.

The Alliance Guide this week published a miscellaneous conglomeration of words, headed "The County Seat Contest," out of which we could get nothing sensible. The Guide said something about "personal abuse, vituperation, etc." and said the Guide "would endeavor to show in a fair, honorable and respectable way that Alliance was entitled to the county seat." That's right, old man. We like your style. THE HERALD always does just as you are doing. We think, however, Brother Paradis, that you were laboring under a delusion when you said: "The county seat belongs here, because there are at least three men from this end of the county who have business at the county seat against one from the north end, and it is costing more to any man who goes there, for each trip made from here to the present county seat, than would be the increase of taxes, by virtue of its removal, for three years." Now, this statement is not at all reasonable, and won't bear investigation, for we think we can truthfully say that there are not over four taxpayers in Alliance that can tell from experience what it costs to come to Hemingford and return, as not over that number have been in this city, or had any business transactions with the county, in a financial way, for over five years, so we cannot see where he gets the figures for his statement.

We like Brother Paradis, personally, and think he is an honest, honorable, high-minded Christian gentleman, but he is a victim of misplaced confidence; simply a case of old dog Tray in bad company. The Alliance fellows have wormed their way into his confidence, and because he is honest himself he thinks they all are. That's why he is exerting his massive brain to its utmost capacity in defense of these people. Brother Paradis, we pity you, as you now "see through a glass darkly."

The newspapers of Alliance are considerably at variance regarding the number of names on the petition for county seat removal, and for the sake of decency should get together and agree upon a number; that is, if there are any names on the petition at all. The Alliance Guide says there are nearly 500 names on the petition; the Times, 650, and the Grip nearly 600. The various papers all say how easy the names have been gotten together, but fail to make a note of the various advertising locals published to try and punch life into the poor, dying petitions.

The statement of the Alliance Guide that we "are making a personal fight against certain men in Alliance" verifies the old adage: "If the shoe fits you, wear it." The Guide jumped at conclusions, as THE HERALD has not mentioned any names thus far, but has as good a field to work in "personal fights" as is desirable. THE HERALD is only after the county seat agitators and schemers in the city of Alliance. Several of those high-flyers have a record, and we are not afraid to publish it, if it becomes necessary.

THIS PAPER IS FREE. READ AND HAND TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.

"Nothing can create a more favorable impression of a town abroad than evidence of sociability among the people—Alliance Grip.

No doubt the farmers throughout the county are enjoying a great deal of the Grip's sociability just at the present time. But let any farmer's son or daughter go to the house of some of these self-styled Alliance aristocrats to work, to make an honest living, and see how much of this generous sociability they will enjoy. They wouldn't be allowed to eat at the same table. "Twouldn't be the proper thing, don't cherr know." Still they will smirk and smile upon the country people just now, and laugh behind their backs at the fools they think to make of them. The people, however, are well acquainted with the object of the extreme sociability of Alliance, and they do not propose to burden the county with an enormous debt to keep up a one-horse aristocracy in that place.

EDITOR HERALD: The people of this part of the county are more than pleased to see THE HERALD come out and ably defend the rights of the people, as it has since the Alliance soft-heads have been agitating the removal of our county seat. It seems that every community has its quota of men that seek to tear down rather than to build up, but just why any sane man would agitate the removal of the county seat of Box Butte county at the present time is something of a mystery to the average taxpayer. The statement made that Alliance would furnish offices, etc., at a small expense, in case the county seat is removed to that place, is too rotten to hang together, and they will not be able to catch many taxpayers with that kind of bait. The people of Box Butte and vicinity are solid for Hemingford and the Alliance "representative business men" will find by waiting that we know a good thing when we see it.

Yours for Hemingford,
W. D. JOHNSON.

Because a farmer lives near Alliance is no reason why he should favor the removal of the county seat. It is true it might be a little "handier" for him, but would he not pay dearly for this "luxury" by the increase of his taxes, and if he wanted to sell property in a bonded county, would it not be difficult for him to do so?

Calvin J. Wildy New Goods Low Prices

Quick sales is our motto. We are now showing a better line of goods than ever before, and we would call particular attention to our new line of Mens' and Boys' Clothing, and Ladies' Cloaks and Capes, on which we are making very low prices. We are not selling out any old, bankrupt stock but we are selling cheaper, quality considered, than anyone else. We buy for cash, and sell for cash, or exchange for produce. We are the oldest firm in the county. Our reputation is merited by our large increase of patronage, to whom we feel grateful, and for which we warrant a continuance of square dealing, and a saving of money by staying with the undersigned humble servant.

Yours Truly,

CALVIN J. WILDY