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The following taken from Daily car report of Edgemont station, Jan. 18, shows the importance of accuracy in furnishing headquarters with the desired information.

Whom car	No. of Car	Description of car	Date Received	Contents	Consigned	Station Received from
B. & M.	106	couch	1-17	Darkey	J. R. Phelan	Alliance

This notice appears in the Grip and the only presumable idea of the article appearing in the car report in Edgemont and published in the Grip, is to cover the use that the car was put to in fetching a county commissioner of Box Butte county from his snap in Gillette, Wyo., whilst Mayor Broome and the genial superintendent of this division coached the said county commissioner as to how they wished him to use his influence in the county seat fight. The "monkey box" came in handy, especially to unload the county commissioner on the off side of the track so that the honest voters of Hemingford could not see in what delightful company this county commissioner came down from the west. These were "honest" Alliance men.

The county commissioner, Mr. Hollinrake, was not to be bulldozed by these "honest men" who for their own ends had given him, as they thought, a snap where he could make five dollars per day for ten months at the quiet city of Ransford. But Mr. Hollinrake works for his money honestly and when the time came to use his vote did not consider but what he had done his duty for the money he got and used his American freedom and decided the petition business as became a man fearless in his integrity and honesty and with just convictions that he was doing his duty to the county and his constituents.

A free supper at the Burlington in Edgemont for a county commissioner; Mayor Broome of Alliance going to Gillette to escort the county commissioner to Hemingford; well he wanted to post Mr. Hollinrake on the honesty (?) of the Alliance petition and it needed this journey to do it properly, then the private car of the superintendent of the division with its gorgeous trimmings utilized for the purpose of convincing, by its greatness as a private car of the great Burlington system, this county commissioner that the Alliance people are "honest" in their demands. This of course may be all right and above board but the voter of a county will look well after a petition that needs all this ceremony to make it appear to the commissioners as though it and its formulators were "honest."

The attack on Mr. Hollinrake made in the Alliance papers has all the spitefulness of villany foiled by honesty. The "honesty" of the Alliance people was never called into question until this effusion was sprung on an unsuspecting public but are the outpourings of villany foiled in its purposes, who with nothing to defend and fearful of being found out in its questionable transactions, commences to unload the cargo of spleen carried in its bilious anatomy. It won't work, the farmers of Box Butte county have seen the "hand writing on the wall," and the time of Alliance's days are numbered, as far as the county seat being removed there is concerned. They are prepared to honor the man who, at the cost of personal loss gave his fearless and honest decision for the petition to be laid over till June.

The Alliance Grip says that the syndicate can stave off an election in spite of all that can be done unless the Almighty comes over to the side of Alliance. It is a serious question after the methods used by Alliance to gain the county seat, whether the Almighty knows there is such a place. The man with the cloven hoof and the regulation pitchfork with brimstone attachments is more to be looked upon as a friend of Alliance than one so pure as the Almighty.

The Alliance syndicate who went into the fight according to the Grip, were going against another man's game and thus played the sucker act all through. Go west, tenderfeet and grow up with the country.

The poor Grip, in its farewell wallings about the county seat fight, owns up it is on the losing side, but gives a parting shot when it says, "quite a number of Hemingford men made themselves conspicuous by declaring that if the election was called they would refuse to pay another dollar's tax." At least they are somewhat different from the Alliance "honest" men who have not the courage to say they won't pay taxes but let them keep on appearing in the delinquent list.

We Hemingfordites gave Alliance a touch of high life at the county seat fight that has been taught us by them and then they kick. We have been ground under the heels of Alliance men and bankers until we have to turn and give them a taste of life. It is like quinine to them, but it is healthy.

In the article entitled "Is this a Free Country" an Alliance paper slings some mud at Hon. A. L. Sharrock who never was in Hemingford until wanted there to offset, on behalf of the oppressed people of Hemingford, the work of the Alliance gang. When the county seat fight was first started Alliance said it had the right to it and that if it was not granted they would use force at the legislature, etc. etc. When they are beaten the freedom (?) of the country is questioned. "Oh consistency thou art a jewel!"

The Alliance papers are hugging themselves with the idea that some Hemingford people have declared that in case of a fight they will pay no taxes. In other issues they claim they don't pay enough taxes to buy fuel for the court house. The two statements are hard to make gibe.

If the Alliance people are so thoughtful about Hemingford people being anxious to unload so they can come to Alliance why do they not give them time to unload, then they would have so much more money to spend in that town (their money is the only thing Alliance wants). This is cheap clap-trap after defeat. The people of Hemingford have had all the Alliance they want at a distance, and that was bad enough. Closer intimacy would be contaminating and degrading.

Alliance is fighting for the TOWN and county—the last two

words were a subject of afterthought. A nice way to fight for a county, by breeding trouble, causing ill feelings, making a sectional fight, and for what? That Alliance sharks could put their fingers on the county's funds and by having the county court house, records, officers and county seat in their midst dictate the policy for the county they love so much—after their own town. What an absorbing thing the prosperity of the county is to the average Alliance man. How it does keep him awake, make trips to Gillette, use private B. & M. cars, all for the county's good. Such devotion would inspire a marble statue with life and cause it to shed tears of newspaper wails.

Grip—"As it is now, people hate unfair actions to such an extent that animosities occasioned thereby can never be healed so long as Hemingford disgraces a map of Nebraska." This thought was probably in the minds of the people when a map was issued in which, for the good of the state, the name of Alliance did not appear.

In the matter of the county seat petition about three men in Hemingford knew before the game opened up that old Judge Hamer had four aces up his sleeve to ring in on any hand the Alliance men might hold and played the game with all the boldness and confidence that such a hand inspires.—Grip.

The Alliance men show their weakness more in this fact by knowingly going against four aces when the "cater" was not played.

Mr. Hollinrake and Mr. Barry by their honest steadfastness in which they considered their duty to the best interests of the county of Box Butte, have made themselves the prominent men of the county. On one hand riches and promotion by voting for Alliance, they preferred being published by the Alliance papers, with the spoken gratitude of a large constituency and voted as their conscience spoke. Men with sterling principles like these are hard to find in these degenerated times and their honesty was something the Alliance crowd could not comprehend, hence their mud slinging at them. In the future the actions pursued by these men will be more and more appreciated by the better class of people who will surely give them every token of their appreciation. Their courage in holding to their convictions should be emulated by every one.

Alliance makes a great outcry about its devotion to the welfare of Box Butte county, but as soon as it is defeated in its aspirations for the county seat it wants the county divided and wishes to rob another county of some of its sand hills. This is on a par with its past record. "Rule or ruin" is the policy of the Alliance people, and their devotion is a very slim excuse to hid the cloven foot. Voters how do you like the outlook these county seat grabbers are putting in front of you? They don't care anything for Box Butte county, all they can see is Alliance and their glasses are of such wonderful magnifying power that they think their city is a second New York and they want the earth. They ought to have it.

Henry J. Winten, of Liberty precinct called Monday and deposited \$1.50 for the official county paper.

P. W. Dawson, Virden, Ill., writes for THE HERALD.

Miss Anna Smith has been quite ill for several days.

"Your True American," February 11, at M. E. church.

Miss Velma Dada visited friends in Alliance several days this week.

Miss Ottilia Nickont deposited money for THE HERALD this week.

Father Haley will say mass at the Catholic church on Sunday, Feb. 9th, at 10 a. m.

E. L. Johnson, our efficient jeweler, left Tuesday for Hill City and other points in the Hills. He expects to be absent about thirty days.

E. E. Ford and J. H. Johnson were in from Lawn Tuesday. Everybody in Lawn precinct wears a broad grin at the way the grangers spread it over the Alliance aristocratic lobbyists.

Mrs. F. W. Feidler died very suddenly last night at her home in Runningwater precinct. We did not learn the cause of her death. Mr. Feidler who has been working at Fremont, was telegraphed for.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Neal and Master Carl, left Monday night for an extended eastern trip. After visiting Mr. Neal's brother at Surprise, Neb., they will proceed to their former home in North Carolina, and will probably be gone two or three months.

Postmaster Lockwood, G. E. Zimmerman and D. F. Miller of Canton were trading with our merchants Wednesday. They called at this office and informed us that the farmers in that part of the county are well pleased at the way THE HERALD has staid by them on the county seat question.

Charlie Tash met with an accident this week which might have proved a very serious one. While playing on the school grounds he fell or was pushed down and a sharp wooden knife which he had in his hand penetrated clear through his upper lip and turning came almost through his cheek making a very painful wound which has kept him in the house since.

Hemingford won first blood in the county seat scrap before the commissioners of Box Butte county last week. The Tribune informed its Alliance friends some time since that they had better drop the fight against Hemingford. A few more hitches in their wild career like that of last week will convince them that the always truthful Tribune was correct in its prognostications, that their energy and efforts had better be concentrated and directed toward that north and south road, rather than toward a county seat removal. The Tribune knows whereof it speaks.—Crawford Tribune.

What might have been a serious accident accompanied by loss of life, occurred in Hemingford last Sunday evening. Miss Inice McCorkle, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Christy were out riding behind McCorkle's spirited grey team and while crossing the road which is worn quite deep, south of the Catholic church, a whistle broke and Miss Inice who was driving, was either thrown or leaped out taking the lines with her and the team started to run, leaving the other ladies helpless and screaming which did not tend to soothe the frightened horses. The tongue of the buggy came down and was broken short off, causing the buggy to take sideways leaps until they came in front of Parkin's residence,

when the broken tongue running into the ground, the buggy turned end over end and the ladies were hurled quite a distance alighting among a pile of logs, drag scrapers, democrat wagons, and other accumulations. They fortunately escaped with no broken limbs, but many painful cuts and bruises, and Mrs. Jones was confined to bed for several days. The buggy, which was nearly new, was badly wrecked.

The highest tribute we can pay Commissioner Hollinrake, is to say that his vote on the county seat petition was the act of an honest man and fearless official. The same can be said of Mr. Barry also, but same temptation was not thrown around him, as in the case of Hollinrake. The latter was flattered, lobbied, cajoled and influenced in every way which occurred to the Alliance schemers to induce him to favor the calling an election as asked for in their illegal and rotten petition which we can prove is signed by residents of surrounding counties not to mention a few states. Jim Hollinrake is made of sterner stuff than those Alliance county seat stealers ever dreamed of, and when the time came for action, the web so deftly woven around him was swept away, and Jim Hollinrake stood before his constituents with credit to Box Butte county, and honor to our Irish-American citizens.

#### News From Chadron.

The young ladies of the city tendered their gentlemen friends a Leap Year party at Nelson's Opera House last Saturday night. The affair was a glaring success, much credit being due to the chaperone of the young gentlemen, Col. W. F. Hayward, for the care he took of his charges.

The swell wedding of the season occurred at the Grace Episcopal church Wednesday evening Jan. 29th, when Miss Mabelle Shelton Putman was united in marriage to J. Arnold Habegger, city attorney. Miss Putman is one of the well known society leaders, and the elite of the city strictly were all present. After a short bridal tour the young couple will take up their residence in this city.

H. M. Wilson, better known as "Tug" is a candidate for delegate from this district to the Republican National convention at St. Louis. He has the support of the entire section along the Elkhorn and will no doubt be elected without any opposition. Only two other candidates are mentioned, F. W. Smith of Alliance and Neal Brennan of O'Neill.

The republicans of northwest Nebraska have finally concluded to ask something from the party. G. A. Eckles, county attorney, is an avowed candidate for the nomination of State Auditor. Mr. Eckles has long been a faithful worker in the party and coming from this section will no doubt receive the recognition due the great northwest.

The following named gentlemen were selected to serve as jurors for the March 10th term of District court.

Fred H Smith	John A Wilson
Wm. Lorance	Simon Spry
Jas A Ball	C C Frew
Harvey West	W D Johnson
R B Hamilton	J H Johnston
W E Hall	El Payne
C C Huckle	Jas Whelan
Elmer E Todd	Geo W Clark
J P Jensen	T W Wehrstein
Ernest Meints	Ambrose Hadley
Geo Sparks	Sam'l Hollinrake
Sam'l Switzer	M D Atkin

Wanted—To trade a buggy for a horse. Inquire at this office.

The Alliance Times made a great roar last week because the Hemingford "sifting committee" filed objections to certain names which appeared on the petition to call a special election and then on the same page printed the following news items:

"P. F. Carroll will visit his family at Hay Springs."

"Dr. E. E. Barr writes to have his 'Times' sent to Deadwood."

Dr. L. W. ... his family here about Feb. 10th."

"E. Frank Hawkins conducted a minstrel show at Chadron last week and went from there to Denver."

Then it mentions that T. J. Wallace had sold his meat market and had been the recipient of a notice adorned with pen and ink sketches of skulls, cross-bones and other parts of the human anatomy, and which suggested that he go hence or he would be sent to join Helm, and in a previous issue mentioned that Tom Greer had gone to Colorado to make it his future home.

If the action of the committee needed any justification in the minds of honest people, they have it here. The people whom that committee represented do not propose to have the county seat question settled by the citizens of Hay Springs, Deadwood, Colorado, roving minstrels and cattle rustlers; and while in the hurry of the moment the committee may have questioned the signatures of a few bona-fide petitioners, the Times comes to their assistance and furnishes conclusive evidence that there are many more names which should have been added to the doubtful list. Not a day passes but the committee discovers evidence of some illegal name on that petition and when this is presented to the commissioners in June, that petition will look awful sick.

President Hancher will deliver his great lecture, "Your True American," in the M. E. church on the evening of Feb. 11.

The Congregational Missionary Society will give a missionary dinner at Mrs. Frank Huot's Wednesday February 5th 1896. All are cordially invited to attend.

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