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The bill providing for committing inebriates to the asylum for treatment should be enacted with the emergency clause and then enforced.

We have no apologies to offer for this issue of THE HERALD. If it suits you come in and renew your subscription. The subscription price remains the same.

The legislature will fail in its full duty if it neglects to enact a new primary law to take the nominating power out of the hands of politicians, and give every man of every party a voice in saying who, in his opinion, is the man for the office.

SENATOR BURKETT! Sounds good, don't it? With the combined influence of the two Omaha dailies they were only able to induce two members of the legislature to violate the instruction of the voters at the last election. The time is past in Nebraska when such disgraceful scrambles for the senatorial toga as happened when Burkett's predecessor was elected can occur, and the republicans are responsible for the change.

THE HERALD is emphatically opposed to the repeal of that section of the revenue law that provides for the election of a county assessor and return to the old system of election annually by precincts. The valuation under the present system applies to all and favoritism is not practiced. Under the old system the assessor kept one eye on his work and the other out for re-election, and we need assessors to use both eyes to find and list the property. The tax shaver is in favor of the old system. Watch him.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S stand for railroad regulation is eminently right and proper and THE HERALD calls on every Representative of the state of Nebraska in congress to assist him. Alliance has felt directly the effect of amalgamated railroad corporation since the advent of Jim Hill in Burlington affairs. Local officials are powerless to prevent the taking off of trains that formerly added much to the comfort and convenience of Alliance citizens. The train service on the Gurnsey line is an abomination. When the B. & M. was a competitor for business the service was better. If it paid then, why not now? The growing importance of the Platte valley warrants better train service.

ONE of the most important needs of Alliance is a Federal building. The post office has for years been in cramped quarters, an addition having just been built for the growing needs and even now the room is inadequate. The land office quarters are none too large to care for its increased business and a movement is on foot to establish at Alliance sessions of the federal court, for all of which the government is now paying a rental that would more than pay interest on a Federal building. Alliance now has more than 5,000 population and is growing daily. Senator Millard and Senator Burkett have both declared their intention to help the big sixth district, (in area over one half of the state) to a federal building. Congressman Kinkaid's efforts, backed by both senators and the press should bring results speedily.

REPRESENTATIVE FRANK CURRIE is a leader in the legislature as well as at

home. Here is what the Omaha Bee said of him last week:—"Frank Currie, 'Old Frank,' as he is affectionately known by his friends, is one of the unique characters of the legislature. Currie was a member of the session two years ago. He comes from the northwest end of the state, his post-office being Whitney in the summer time and Crawford in the winter, and represents enough territory to make a good sized state. Currie is just 50 years old, but he's as young as his son of 22, who is private secretary to Congressman Kinkaid. He is one of the members who is working all the time, but doesn't let it worry him, and when the day is done he hasn't any overtime chalked up against the state. Currie thinks this is the best world he ever saw and for that reason he devotes himself and urges his friends to enjoy it while the opportunity presents itself. Full of wit and good stories, Currie is most serious when it comes to the interests of the republican party. He goes around looking for chances to put in a plug for the party. In his unobtrusive way he slipped into Omaha last fall and went to work among a lot of men with whom he has great influence and piled up at least 200 votes in one lump for John L. Kennedy for congress. Few people knew anything of this and probably Mr. Kennedy never would had it not been necessary for him to take a hand in order to complete Currie's plan. Currie is a stockman and owns land enough to lay out several good counties.

Random Thoughts.
After reading the published views of Secretary Morton regarding governmental control of the railroads, it is hard for one to believe that he was ever a party to a "Gentleman's Agreement."

An Omaha woman has been spurred to humanitarian activity in behalf of a twelve hour day for the fireman of that city by the commendable, if unique, efforts of the ladies of Lincoln to reduce the working time of monkeys to six hours daily. Those who accept the Darwinian theory regarding the origin of the human species will find comfort in the knowledge that their ancestry is not without influence upon the present day and generation.

If the Nebraska legislature had happened to defeat Mr. Burkett's senatorial aspirations and elected another to that place of honor, to what influence would the World Herald ascribe such an act? Would the railroads of Nebraska be short one champion in the upper house of the national law-making body, or would it be another turn in the tide of battle, which, according to the World Herald, is being perpetually waged between certain Nebraska railroad interests?

Is the day coming when the farmer will have a side-track from the Interurban run through his barn and feed lots? Will not the "good roads," the elevator trust, the parcels post, and many other "problems" and propositions find solution through these channels. Simple industrial and commercial progress not infrequently leaves the statesman far behind, struggling with theories that are out of date before they are sufficiently digested to be practically applicable.

In a recent number of a republican exchange we read an editorial paragraph bewailing the activity and ferocity of the "walking delegate." Incidentally the writer thereof was much grieved because the anthracite coal miners of Pennsylvania succeeded, largely through the wise and efficient action of President Roosevelt, in securing a little increase in wages, because such increase made it possible for them to indulge in more frequent speers. Some people go a long way to place their solicitude when there are so many convenient places around home to indulge it.

The average man is still a provincial creature. We talked with a man from Pennsylvania the other day and he grew wrathful because we insinuated that his native state was not mentionable when it came to discussing deep snows, howling blizzards, and low temperature. Then, when we finally allowed him to convince us that we were mistaken and began commiserat-

ing the lot of people who were compelled to live in a worse climate than our recent cold snap, he grew wrathful again. We allowed ourselves to become convinced of another error and the Pennsylvanian departed, happy in the knowledge that his state was both better and worse than Nebraska. Well, that's one kind of patriotism.

The violation of the agreement to confine hostilities to certain territory by both belligerents in the Russo-Japanese war, if it has the effect of disturbing Chinese neutrality, will terminate a condition somewhat unique in history. The spectacle of the most populous nation in the world supinely gazing upon two foreign powers contending for an enormous portion of its territory is one that seems impossible of long duration. There is little doubt that current reports to the effect that great numbers of Chinese troops are found in the Mikado's armies are well grounded, a circumstance which will not tend to increase the Russian respect for the boundary lines of the zone of hostile operations.

Commissioner's Proceedings.

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 10, 1905.
Board of county commissioners met in regular session as provided by law.

Present: Geo. W. Loer, chairman, Frank Caba and L. F. Smith, members; Absent: S. W. Smyser, clerk.

The following estimate of expense for the ensuing year of 1905 was made, to-wit: County officers \$ 4000 Precinct officers 1500 District court 5000 Fuel 500 Incidental 1500 Election expense 1300 Support of poor 1500 Bridges 3000 Books and stationery 500 Institute fund 50 County Roads 2000

Total \$20550

Ordered by the board that L. F. Smith be and is hereby appointed overseer of the county poor farm.

Ordered by the board that for the year of 1905 the salary of the county superintendent of public instruction be fixed at \$4.00 per day.

Ordered that the board adjourn until 8 o'clock a. m. tomorrow morning.

Geo. W. LOER, Chairman.

S. M. SMYSER, Clerk.

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 11, 1905.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present same officers as on the first day.

Ordered by the court that \$4.25 taxes paid under protest by L. R. Johnson, be refunded to him by the county treasurer.

Ordered by the board that THE ALLIANCE HERALD be and is hereby designated as the official paper of Box Butte county for the year 1905. That the delinquent tax list, commissioners proceedings and all official notices shall be printed therein and it is further ordered that the county officials shall procure all stationery, books and supplies from THE ALLIANCE HERALD at prices subject to the approval of the county board.

The official bonds of the officers hereinafter named were examined and approved by the board as follows:

William Mitchell, County Attorney.
Issac Rickell, Overseer of Road Dis. No. 2
James Planansky, " " " " " " " " 3
Ole J. Moe, " " " " " " " " 4
James Kennedy, " " " " " " " " 6
John Severson, " " " " " " " " 10

The report of D. K. Spacht, county judge, for the year of 1904, and of Leora Rustin, county superintendent of public instruction, for the fourth quarter of 1904 was examined and approved.

A. S. Reed, county assessor, reported that he appointed the persons hereinafter named as deputies in the several precincts and upon due consideration thereof said appointments were approved as follows:

Fred Molling 1st and 2nd ward Alliance precinct.
John R. Van Boskirk, Lake precinct.
J. W. Christy, Wright and Boyd precinct.

Christ Hansen, Nonpariel precinct.
H. E. Johnson, Dorsey precinct.
John Jehinek, Running Water and Box Butte precinct.

Joseph Caba, Liberty and Snake Creek precinct.
The application of John C. Wilson for refund of taxes paid on lots 11 and 12 block 19 of Alliance was rejected.

Board adjourned until tomorrow at 8 o'clock a. m.

Geo. W. LOER, Chairman.

C. M. SMYSER, Clerk.

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 12, 1905.

Board met in pursuance to adjournment and proceeded to the Poor farm where an examination of the condition of the paupers was had and an inventory of the personal property belonging to the county was made and upon returning the Board adjourned until tomorrow at 8 o'clock a. m.

S. M. SMYSER, Clerk.

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 13, 1905.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present as on the first day.

Dr. H. H. Bellwood was appointed county physician and entered into a contract for the ensuing year of 1905 and the same ordered placed on file by the clerk.

Elmer Vaughn was appointed keeper of the Poor farm and entered into contract for the year commencing March 1, 1905, and the same was placed on file.

The following claims were examined and disposed of as indicated.

W. W. Norton mdse. for Co. \$ 6 75
Auburn Telephone Co. services
Oct., Nov., Dec., 1904 6 00
City of Alliance, water rent 26 03
H. H. Bellwood, services for Co. 12 50
H. H. Bellwood, services as county physician 37 25
H. H. Bellwood, salary as county physician 70 00
H. W. Beach, room for election 5 00
Forest Lumber Co. coal, lime and lumber for county 208 70
James Holinrake, road work north of Hemingford 350 00
Wm. James, coal for county poor 13 80
Klapp Bartlett, supplies 24 75
James Keeler, livery hire and baliff fees 6 00
H. T. Lund, guarding insane 4 00
R. J. Lawrence, electric light and lamp 6 75
E. C. McClure, mdse. for poor 1 00

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to
February 13, 1905



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George Mitchell, medical services for county 12 50
Wm. Mitchell, salary and office rent 205 00
Maple Lodge W. O. W. No. 165 room for election 3 00
T. J. O'Keefe, printing and publishing 76 92
Geo. Reimeler, janitor 30 00
Lora Rustin, salary and expense acct 251 99
Ira Reed, sheriff, jailor fees and expense acct 27 70
S. M. Smyser, services as county clerk and expense acct 335 47
John Severson, overseer road district No. 10 30 00
Elmer E. Vaughn, keeping paupers 230 00
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J. W. Wehn, services as county commissioner 3 00
Frank Caba, services as county commissioner 20 50
Geo. W. Loer, services as county commissioner 37 80
L. F. Smith, services as to county commissioner 15 00
Ole J. Moe, overseer road district No. 4 27 00
Jas. Huston, services as juror 6 00
Grant county, boarding paupers (rejected) 64 75
Board adjourned until tomorrow at 8 o'clock a. m.
Geo. W. LOER, Chairman.
S. M. SMYSER, Clerk.

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Alliance, Neb., Jan. 14, 1905.
Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present same officers as on first day.
It appearing that the northwest 1/4 section 11 township 26, range 50 was taxed in the sum of \$14.20 for the year 1889 when it was not subject to final proof, it is ordered that the county Treasurer strike said tax from the books in his office.
The official bond of Elmer E. Vaughn was examined and approved.
The reports of Ira Reed sheriff, S. M. Smyser, county clerk, for the year of 1904 were examined and approved.
Ordered that the board now adjourned until March 2, 1905, at 9 o'clock a. m.
Geo. W. LOER, Chairman.
S. M. SMYSER, Clerk.

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