

It looks now as though the water wagon will be the band wagon again this year in Alliance.

Box Butte county is on the verge of the greatest agricultural development in its history. Real estate men seem to realize this fact and are accordingly making extensive use of The Herald's advertising space and job printing department.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Herald is a local in regard to a building to be erected by S. C. Reck for I. W. Herman. The lot on which this building is to be constructed adjoins the Phelan block on the south. Mr. Herman purchased it of T. J. and John O'Keefe for \$3,000; they bought it last fall of Dr. Bellwood for \$2,250 which was \$250 more than he paid for when the city had saloons. Will the monumental prevaricator of the Crawford paper whose chief delight seems to be in slandering Alliance please sit up and take notice.

Direct Legislation

(From Omaha World-Herald)

The World-Herald regrets that the Nebraska senate has acted unfavorably on Senator Donahue's joint resolution for a direct legislation amendment to the constitution. This newspaper believes in government by consent of the governed. It believes that the people should rule. Accepting these fundamental principles, the World-Herald believes that the people should have and exercise the right of the referendum, that they may reject a legislative enactment which is against their wishes. It believes they should have the right of the initiative, that they may compel such legislation to be enacted as they desire.

These things seem to us to represent the very essence of democracy. They are as truly democratic as the nomination of candidates directly by the people in primaries, and the election of senators by the people. They are squarely in line with the demand of the people of Nebraska for the right to elect their assessors, and the demand of the people of Omaha for the right to elect their fire and police commissioners. They are squarely in line with the law which compels every public service franchise granted by a city council to be referred to the people for their acceptance or rejection.

We realize that this question is not, at this time, a party measure. Neither the state nor the national platform of the democratic party declared in favor of direct legislation. Nor did the republican party take any stand upon the issue. It is interesting, however, to note that, in the senate, four republicans and twelve democrats voted for the initiative and referendum, and nine democrats and eight republicans voted against it. That is to say, the democrats declared for it in the proportion of four to three, and the republicans declared against it in the proportion of two to one. If the people of Nebraska were given a chance to express their wishes on this question, the World-Herald believes that an overwhelming majority of the democrats, and a substantial majority of the republicans, would record themselves as favoring the initiative and referendum.

The nine democrats in the senate, including the three from Douglas county, who opposed this measure were free to do so as democrats and as honorable men. They were not pledged to support it and their party had not asked them to support it. But this newspaper is convinced the time will soon arrive, not only in Nebraska but in the nation, when the democratic party will stand squarely and flatfooted on its own platform. "Let the people rule," and so will declare specifically in favor of the initiative and referendum. Ohio, South Dakota, Oregon and Oklahoma already have it. The Kansas legislature this winter has voted to submit a direct legislation amendment. In none of the first mentioned states has the system been abused or resulted evilly. In all of them the people have shown a decided disposition to be conservative, rather than radical, in invoking the power which the initiative and referendum give them. The experience of these states prove abundantly that it is not dangerous to trust the people.

Two years hence the World-Herald hopes and believes that a democratic legislature will be elected in Nebraska pledged to submit to the people of this state a constitutional amendment putting the initiative and referendum into operation.

Open Letter from Mayor Smith

To the Voters of Alliance:
Much has been written and more said about the financial condition of Alliance both in a city sense and a school as compared with the wet and dry year. Acting in the capacity of mayor of the city of Alliance, both under the license policy and the dry town policy, I feel it my duty to criticize some few things that have been written. I noticed in a letter in the Semi-Weekly Times that it was claimed that nearly \$11,000 was derived from the license issued to the saloon during the year 1907. This is untrue. \$5,600.00 was the amount that the city derived from the saloon business during the year 1907. Again, the paper states that there was no permanent improvement made during the year 1908 on our streets. The administration intended that the improvements made on our streets should be the same during 1908 as 1907, even though we ran the city in debt. A claim is made that the city if run under a dry policy will soon become bankrupt. The city of Alliance, in a financial sense, owes less than ever before since the water-works were installed in Alliance. A claim has been made that our streets are practically lagoons. While we have had more mud this year than ever before, it has not been confined to the city limits. The difference in conditions during the past year, it seems to me, have been so much better on our streets by the absence of the old hangers-on who haunted our public streets to such an extent that our wives and daughters refused to go down the streets in certain localities, for fear of being insulted or annoyed. This in itself should be sufficient reason for continuing the present policy.

The time has come when a man can easily take one side or the other. If he would rather spend his money in the saloon than to pay a few extra dollars for taxes he can elect which he would rather do. For a number of years through the courtesy of the other members of the board of education, I have been president of this board, and believe that I know as much about the financial condition of our school district as any man in Alliance or the district. When the new high school was built \$20,000.00 was voted for this purpose. We found that it would require nearly \$10,000.00 more to complete and furnish our new high school building, and we expected to be at its completion \$7,000 or \$8,000 in debt beyond the bonded indebtedness. We were agreeably surprised at the last regular meeting to find that it was less than one-half that amount.

It has been stated in our papers that for five days, this last winter, our schools were closed on account of the district being unable to buy the coal to heat these buildings. This is totally untrue and without foundation. If such a state of affairs had been allowed to exist, the better thing for the people of the school district to do, would be to elect a different class of men to run the school affairs in this district, as to dismiss the school for five days, would cost the district at least \$300 in teachers' salaries alone. A great deal has been said about the increased taxation last year, with the previous year. I do not see as these levies were made before the last municipal election, how a wet or dry policy could in any manner effect the taxes for the past year. No one is more interested in the schools of Alliance than myself. I have had children in the public school for the last seventeen years, and if I saw it would in any manner effect our schools, or thought it would be impossible to run them without this revenue, I should then be in favor of another license year.

Claim has been made that no one who was on the dry side of the question had ever signed his name. Having tried both sides of this question in an official capacity, I take pleasure in saying that this year I am for a dry town. Respectfully yours, etc., C. C. SMITH.

Will Build Business Block

I. W. Herman, proprietor of the popular Palace Meat Market, and a believer in the beneficial effects of advertising in The Herald, as will be noticed by his large ads each issue, has purchased the lot between the Phelan opera house and the Electric Light Co. office, and has let a contract for a fine one story building to be erected on the same. S. C. Reck has taken the contract and will build a modern, up-to-date meat market building for Mr. Herman, work on the same to start at once. The building will be equipped with a fine refrigerating plant, modern machinery, etc.



A Beautiful Present
FOR READERS OF
THE ALLIANCE HERALD

THE HERALD PUBLISHING COMPANY HAS ARRANGED WITH THE MANUFACTURERS OF THE CELEBRATED PRES-CUT GLASS WARE TO MAKE A PRESENT OF A

Seven-Piece Water Set

CONSISTING OF A PITCHER AND SIX TUMBLERS, TO EVERY PERSON PAYING THREE DOLLARS OR MORE ON SUBSCRIPTION DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

Pres-Cut Glass although not as expensive as real cut glass is a beautiful imitation. It is having a big sale in the large cities. The set we offer as a present is valued at \$1.50 but cannot be purchased from us at any price. We have just received a shipment of these Pitchers and Tumblers

All to be Given Away

Call at the Herald Office and see them
First Come, First Served

NEEDS NO ADVICE

John Pederson Replies to an Insulting Article by the Prohibitionist' Attacking Him.

In an article published last week by those working for a dry town, I am roasted for advocating what means liberty to those willing to abide by the laws as they are on the statutes. So far as I am concerned my life has been spent in earning an honest living by hard labor. I have always paid my honest debts and my family has never suffered by reason of my drinking a glass of beer whenever I wanted to; neither has any creditor ever been given any uneasiness over any debts of mine. Myself and the nationality to which I belong believe in observing the laws and we are all law-abiding citizens. We believe in personal liberty to drink what we are able to pay for and let others do the same as long as no one is injured by our actions. We are a liberty loving people, believing in being honest with ourselves and all others, and for this reason we work to prevent laws that are calculated to take away the personal liberties of the people so that while enjoying ourselves in an honest manner we may be law-abiding citizens and at the same time rather than hypocrites who work for prohibition and then sneak around back alleys to get their drink. Among the leaders of this prohibition movement I know of not one who is a producer of anything, especially labor. All of them are holding positions that enable them to live from off the labor of those who do produce something and yet they have the nerve to publish that they want to teach me what is the right thing to do. The same article tells about the evil effect of alcohol upon the physical system and how it weakens the mind. In a recent issue of the Chicago Examiner, an eminent physician shows that there is more poison used in the manufacture of tea and coffee and soft drinks than there is in alcohol or beer and we believe he is right, for among the tea, coffee and soft drinkers of this prohibition movement is found some of the weakest minds in the country and especially those who are producing the kind of literature being published each week in the temperance column.

It is strange that no one is willing to sign his name to any of those articles so that one could get back at him right, but they are not that kind of people. If people believing in personal liberty lay down and not fight for their rights and let those other people wanting to make laws to make all others do

as they do or go to jail they must have only themselves to blame. I am fighting only for what is my right as a good citizen and doing so I do not need the advice of people who write articles attacking me without having the courage to sign their name to the article.

Yours truly,
JOHN PEDERSON.

Alliance Men and Women Reunite

(From Pasadena, Calif., Daily Star)

One of the prettiest affairs of the week was that at which Mr. and Mrs. A. Triplett of No. 535 South Marengo avenue, were the charming host and hostess at their home last night, in honor of their friends from Alliance, Nebr. The house, which is a most attractive one, was a bower of flowers and ferns. Golden California poppies were effectively arranged in bowls and vases about the living room, with a rich background of greenery, while orange blossoms and California fruits also played a prominent part in the decorations, the fruits being tastefully arranged.

The evening was made most delightful with music, a number of the guests being talented musicians. Mrs. Fleming gave a charming vocal solo; Miss Roberta Miles also gave several delightful songs. Miss Burlingame and Miss Olive Sosey each gave piano solos, which were enthusiastically received, and Mrs. E. G. Morris gave several readings, which charmed her hearers. Many old friendships were renewed while some delightfully new ones were formed. Later an elaborate collation was served by the hostess, who is famous for her delightful entertainments.

Those present last night to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Triplett included: Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nutt, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Ellnor, Mr. and Mrs. S. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Noleman, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. G. N. Smith, Mrs. Minnie Ellis, Mrs. G. M. Burlingame, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Winship, Mrs. F. W. Reese, Mrs. H. H. Bellwood, Mrs. B. Fleming, Miss Ina Bellwood, Miss Edna Bellwood, Miss Eva Burlingame, Miss Roberta Miles, Miss Nora Jets, Miss Ada M. Post, Mr. Owen Bellwood, Mr. Roy Bellwood, Mr. Claude McDonald, Mr. Fred Smith, Mr. Eton Fleming and Mr. W. Norton.

J. R. Taggart, one of The Herald's Hyannis subscribers, made this office a call while in Alliance Tuesday. He has recently changed his address to Bingham.

An Efficient City Treasurer

Most of the voters of the city of Alliance are acquainted with C. W. Brennan, a candidate for re-election for the office of city treasurer. Mr. Brennan has efficiently filled this office for the past year, and has submitted a report of the city finances at every council meeting held during his term of office, which had never been done before by any city treasurer.

Mr. Brennan is connected with the reliable firm of Fletcher Insurance Agency, and is in his office at all times during business hours. There is no question that Mr. Brennan is well qualified to fill this responsible position, and will give same his personal attention. We have nothing to say derogatory of Dr. Copey. He has been here but a few years, and now has a large and lucrative practice, and he could not give the city treasurership his personal attention, but would have to delegate this elective office to anyone he might see fit. We do not believe Dr. Copey would neglect his practice to attend to an office, which combined with city water commissioner only pays \$20.00 per month or \$240.00 per year.

"Now, Mr. Voter, do you want to elect a city treasurer who will give the city finances his personal attention or one who will delegate the office you have given him by your 'Vote' to any person he may see fit, and thus bestow on another, the honor you have conferred upon him. If you want the man who will give the city treasurership his personal attention, vote for C. W. Brennan."

Ladies' Recital, April 5th

There will be a Ladies' Recital at the opera house Monday evening, April 5. Program

- Violin Solo.....Camille Nobe
- Invocantion.....
- Vocal Solo.....Carolyn Griggs
- Reading, "A Voice from the Poor House".....Mrs. Laing
- Reading, "No Saloons Up There".....
-Mrs. Lunn
- Quartette.....
- Reading, "The Modern King".....
-Mrs. Mewhirter
- Reading, "No. 25".....Mrs. Ferris
- Vocal Solo.....Cecil Smith
- Reading, "The Cry of Today".....
-Mrs. Herry
- Vocal Solo.....Ruth Hagar

Admission Free

Final Game of Basket Ball

The final game of basket ball of the northwest Nebraska teams will be played on Saturday evening at the Alliance High School gymnasium, between the Alliance and Bridgeport teams.

Wm. King's big red automobile is no more, having been caught in a garage fire in Denver recently.

Wedding Anniversary.



MR. AND MRS. G. ZURN.

Gregory Zurn and wife celebrated their twenty-third marriage anniversary on the 23rd of March. They were the first couple married in Box Butte county and are well thought of. Mr. Zurn is a candidate for the office of police judge this coming year. We show their pictures herewith.

Finest Horses Ever Seen in Alliance

Five of the finest horses ever seen in Alliance are now in the Checkered livery barn. They are part of a carload of horses being shipped to Victoria, B. C., by Mr. McCleave, one of the most well known horse men in the country.

In a jam at Broken Bow one horse was killed and several of the others injured. Mr. McCleave was completely unnerved and after being taken to the Alliance Hospital was removed to the Drake hotel and will leave for Victoria, B. C., Friday morning.

In an interview, Mr. McCleave stated that the horse that was killed was John Martin, sired by Allerton, a horse Marcus Daly offered \$100,000 for. The horses include a Standard bred mare in foal with Star Pointer, Mrs. McCleave's noted pacer, Sari Don, being taken west for her use during the summer. The noted Waverly Prime, the hackney stallion that won first prize last year in the sweep stakes at the Lincoln state fair, was also one of the horses.

Word from Bishop Keane.

As a result of efforts to secure Right Rev. Bishop Keane, Bishop of Cheyenne, to come here in the interest of the temperance cause, we are informed that he is now giving a mission in Buffalo, N. Y., and unable to come. The following message was received from him today:

Buffalo, N. Y., April 1, 1909.

S. K. Warrick, Alliance, Neb. Wish success. Not able to come. J. J. Keane, Bishop Keane, like his prohibition tendencies, is well known here for he gave a mission in Alliance several years ago and was beloved by all. Father McNamara, who so kindly issued a personal invitation of welcome, expressed himself as very sorry the Bishop could not come as he is certainly an able man.