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The Initiative and Referendum

As we grow older, and see more of the world, and learn more of the workings of governmental affairs, the more heartily are we in favor of putting questions of government and public policy directly up to the people and letting them decide what they want; and the more cheerfully are we willing to abide by the majority's decision when expressed unbiased by partisan prejudice or confusion of issues. We believe in "Let the people rule," not because that sentence has been made a party slogan, but because it expresses a principle that ought to be fundamental with all political parties. One of the most encouraging signs of the times is the great demand that is being made to let voters express their opinions and wishes in municipal, state and national government; and the yielding to this demand by many leaders of both the great political parties.

In our humble opinion, one of the best laws ever enacted by a republican legislature of the state of Nebraska is the one permitting cities to adopt the initiative and referendum for the settlement of questions relating to municipal government. And by the same token, the worst thing done by the democratic legislature, that did many good things, was defeating the bill for a law to adopt the initiative and referendum in state government.

In the issue of The Herald of December 20th, we called attention to the importance of adopting the initiative and referendum in Alliance, and suggesting and requesting the circulation of petitions for an election to vote on the adoption of the same. Since then petitions have been circulated and signed by a larger number of voters than was necessary to make the calling of the election legal. So far as we have been able to learn the sentiment in favor of adoption is general, but would probably be more nearly unanimous if the scope of the initiative and referendum were more fully known. Some seem to think that only one question is to be, or can be, settled thereby. This is a great mistake. Not only may the question of licensing saloons be decided by direct vote of the people, thereby eliminating the ill will that is so often unnecessarily engendered, where the question hinges upon the election of candidates for city offices, and which is so detrimental to a city's growth and business interests; but other questions of vital importance to a city's welfare may be voted upon and decided by direct vote. One of the most important questions coming up for settlement, as a city increases in size and commercial importance, is that of franchises, such as electric light, telephone, gas, street railways, etc., and the old plan of leaving these important matters entirely in the hands of a few men is fast playing out, and no up-to-date city will want to retain such a system long when an opportunity is offered to adopt a better method.

We apprehend that it will not be many years until a city that refuses, or neglects, to adopt the initiative and referendum, when there is opportunity to do so, will be the laughing stock of the public outside of its corporate limits.

While the east is crying out in all its misery about the worst winter in many years, we can't complain. A threshing crew at the Russell farm last Thursday and Friday turned out more than 3,000 bushels of grain, and the boys worked in their shirt sleeves, too. Come to western Nebraska, you storm-swept Iowans and Missourians and enjoy perpetual sunshine and good health!

There was considerable business transacted by the county commissioners at their meeting last week, but it is impossible to publish the proceedings in this issue of The Herald owing to the absence of the county clerk. The Herald was designated by the county fathers as one of the papers to do the printing for Box Butte county for the ensuing year.

Lieutenants Henning and Cooper came down from Fort Robinson to attend the dance given by the Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church.

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Man with wife and one child want work on ranch. Can take charge. W. E. BLODGETT, 519 Laramie Ave. Phone 120. 6-1t

Money to loan on real estate. F. E. Reddish. 3-tf

Notice

All water rent must be paid by Jan. 18th, inst., or water will be turned off. J. H. CARLSON, Water Com. 4-3t

For Sale

Lot 3, block 8, 612 Toluca Ave. East front. All fenced. Cement sidewalk and curbing. Inquire at Herald office or phone 556. 4-tf

20 per cent. off on all hand embroidered waist patterns at Louck's New Store. 6-1t

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The Alliance Creamery is paying 32 cents for cream. 31-tf

Cement Contractor.

For estimates on cement walks, cement blocks and all kinds of concrete work, see J. J. Vance, West Lawn, Alliance, Nebr. 39-tf

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For Sale—Good piano. Steinbauer, for \$150. Columbia disc Graphophone and 100 records, \$50. 317 East Dakota St. 7-1t

Feed for Stock

Having plenty of range and straw, we have decided to take in stock. Horses preferred. KNAPP & NABB, Phone No., 2 short on L. 6-3t

3 DAYS MORE

Only three days left to take advantage of the Discount Sale. The past week has been a good one; many people have secured bargains and still there are plenty left. Lay in your supply now.

Ladies' Coats, 33 1/3 per cent Discount

Ladies' Suits, 25 per cent Discount

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