

Whenever you meet a man who says he never makes a mistake, watch him. He is probably scheming to skin you.

Let the people say in as plain and direct a manner as possible what they want in national, state and municipal affairs, and we will gladly submit to their decision, whether it is for high tariff or no tariff, whether for "Bill" Bryan or "Bill" Taft or Bill Jacobs, whether for saloon license or no license, whether for municipal ownership or private ownership of public utilities. But let the people say.

It is our constant aim to improve The Herald. That our efforts are appreciated by the public is indicated by the increased patronage the paper is receiving. These improvements come more slowly sometimes than we wish them to come, but they come just the same. One marked improvement is the recent increase in the number of correspondents from the country and neighboring towns. We want still more and shall be pleased to take up the matter of furnishing items with parties who may wish to do so in communities where we have no correspondents now.

We hear much in these days about the tyranny of Cannonism and Aldrichism and the trusts, and much is said by progressive statesmen, democrats and republicans alike, about ridding the country of these evils. Sometime the people will wake up to the fact that direct legislation and the recall will do more to overcome these relics of despotism than anything else. And a good many of the people are already awake to that fact. The initiative and referendum has already been adopted by eight states, and will surely be adopted by many more within a few years. We hope, and believe, Nebraska will be among the first.

If in the rush of work that sometimes falls to the lot of a local newspaper editor, he inadvertently does any one an injustice, even though it may be more apparent than real, we believe the proper thing to do is to make amends. We have known an editor, however, who after doing an honorable man rank injustice by undermining him, added insult to injury by calling him a "skunk" through the columns of his paper. It isn't to be wondered at that the "arguments" of such an editor do not have much weight with the public, and that he lives up in opposition to direct legislation as represented in the initiative and referendum.

We believe that competitors in business ought to pull together in matters relating to the public welfare. For this reason it affords us real pleasure to say a good word for a competing newspaper when there is an opportunity to do so, and our esteemed contemporary, the Hemingford Journal, furnishes us such an opportunity. For some weeks past it has attracted our attention by its newsy local columns, and also by the fact that desire for final proof notices and federal patronage does not cause the editor to endorse the eastern Aldrich-Cannon machine, which as every intelligent one knows is not run in the interest of this western country.

W. C. T. U. Notes

At the regular meeting Tuesday afternoon it was decided by the ladies to hold meetings weekly until the coming spring elections, and to make a campaign of literature.

The White Slave Traffic was the subject for the afternoon's program. Following we give quotations from an article by Clifford G. Roe, Ass't State's Attorney of Illinois, which it will be well for parents and daughters to read:

"In Chicago alone there are more than 25,000 women leading a life of shame, and statistics show that the average life of a fallen woman is five years. Five thousand persons must, therefore, be recruited every year in Chicago alone. How many voluntarily go into this life? It is estimated that about twenty per cent! This shows us that eighty per cent. are led into it by some scheme or entrapped and sold, and at least two-thirds of this number are from our own country, being inveigled from farms, towns and cities. One may inquire, 'How is it that girls are procured so easily without the public being aware of what is going on?'

The answer is that love and ambition are the baits which the procurers flaunt in the faces of their proposed victims. Often it happens that promises of positions on the stage, in stores, and various occupations alluring to young girls cause many to fall captives in the great net set for them.

During the past two years there have been more than 250 white slave cases tried in Chicago under the Illinois law, resulting in scores of confessions made by the procurers, and statements by hundreds of the girls who were procured as to the methods employed by the traders.

To show you how easily it is done, let me tell you a story of a girl from Elgin, Ill., who was caught by the love scheme. One day this pretty little German lass was in a Chicago store buying sheet music when a well-dressed, handsome, young man, apparently looking at music, too, asked her the names of some of the latest popular songs, as he wanted to buy them. At first she turned away and did not heed him, but he was not to be repulsed, and pressing his attentions further upon her, he finally engaged her in conversation. A luncheon at a nearby restaurant, in which she joined him, was the result, and there he told her how at first sight he had fallen in love with her beauty. After lunch he suggested a visit to his bachelor apartments, but this she refused. Seeing that this plan was a failure, he asked her to marry him then and there. The silly girl, believing he loved her, and enchanted by the picture he had painted of his father's wealth and fine home in New York City, consented and they were married. After the ceremony he told her that he was about "broke," and said that he would take her to a place where she could make enough money in a few days to pay their way to New York, where everything would be lovely, and as they were married it would be no one's business how she got the money. Immediately accounts of white slave procurers which she had read came to her mind, and she then realized what she had fallen into. Lest she might arouse in him suspicion, she consented to do as he asked, but told him that before going out to the resort she wanted to buy some clothing, and arranged to meet him at a certain down town corner toward evening. She hurried to the County Court, where an escort was given her, and she was brought to the court where I was prosecuting. I armed an officer with a warrant and he followed the girl to the appointed place of meeting. The young man was there waiting for his victim. The officer stepped up and put him under arrest, and the next day he was tried and convicted. It was then learned that he was a well known procurer of girls. Thus saved from a life of ruin, the Elgin girl went home heart-broken, but wiser for her experience. Recently she secured in the County Court an annulment of the marriage. Inquiry proved that the girl was from a very respectable home, and that she had always been a good, honest, industrious girl. Many similar cases have come out in the courts; however, the girls in most instances were not favored by the same good fortune which blessed the little girl from Elgin, and the outcome was much more disastrous.

The other method used by the traders is the one which appeals to the girl's ambition. Sometimes the procurers have gained the parents' consent and allow their daughters to accompany the supposed theatrical or employment agent, as the case may be, to some city, thinking that through the daughter's success their station in life would be raised. A girl in a country

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Monday, March 14

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community, or say factory town, is working for four or five dollars each week, when one of these procurers, traveling under the guise of an agent, meets her and promises ten to twenty dollars a week for work in the city. She may be perfectly sincere and honest in her intention to better her condition. She may want finer clothes, a wider knowledge of the world, or an education, and so she consents to go with him, and finally, against her will, ends up as an inmate in some immoral place.

The methods employed to entice young women are quite similar, but as to the particulars each case varies to some extent. After the girls are once within the resort, the stories are about the same. Their street clothes are seized and party dresses varying in length are put on them. They are threatened, never allowed to write letters, never permitted the use of the telephone, never trusted outside the house without the escort of a procurer, until two or three months have elapsed, when they are considered hardened to the life and too ashamed to face parents and friends again. If they should ask some visitor to the house to help them, would he care to expose his name to the police, as he would have to, by reporting the matter? Would he want his friends, or the folks at home to know that he had visited such a place? No; he would let the girl get out the best way she could; even though he might promise to help her. Girls are told of or perhaps have witnessed

others who tried to escape, have seen their failure and punishment, and are thereby cowed into submission. They are always held upon the pretense of being indebted to the house, and this indebtedness has long been the backbone of the white slave system. From the time the girl is first sold into the house she is constantly in debt. First, for the money the owner gave to the procurer for her, next, for her parlor clothes, then for the money her procurer borrows from the owner on her as his property, goods and chattel. The bonds of slavery are thus fastened upon these poor mortals by a system of debt and vice that the people of this great country little realized existed until lately.

The next question which confronts us is what shall we do with the girls after they are liberated from the houses? Some have parents, some are ashamed to go back home, while others are diseased. Certainly it seems a pity to turn them out and let them battle against the prejudice of a 'past life.' Homes and institutions for girls are often filled or the doors are barred against fallen women. The solution of the problem is a home for white slaves in every large city in the country.

Letters are sent me from all parts of the continent asking what can be done to help the white slaves. My answer is, form organizations everywhere to fight this traffic. Through these organizations educate the girls in the rural communities to be careful how they are enticed or persuaded to go to the cities. Demand proper legislation, write the senators and representatives about it, in all places see that the laws in regard to disorderly resorts are enforced, that the foregoing proposed commission is established and help build homes for training the girls for better lives.

Social and Oyster Supper

A social and oyster supper for the benefit of the Fairview church will be given at the home of W. I. Lorange on March 17.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the Alliance friends, especially the railroad boys, the Masons and the Eastern Stars for their sympathy and kindness when our hearts were bowed in grief over the loss of our husband and kinsman, Robert Devoe. May God comfort them in their hours of trouble in our wish.

MRS. ROBERT DEVOE,
MR. and MRS. A. WIKER,
and relatives.

Assessors' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Precinct Assessors of Box Butte county are called to meet at the court house in Alliance on the 15th day of March, 1910. All assessors are requested to be present and get their books.

E. P. SWEENEY, Co. Assessor.

Notice for County Commissioners' Meeting

The County Commissioners are called to meet March 15, 1910, for the purpose of meeting with the county and precinct assessors, and to transact any other business that may come before them.

WM. C. MOUNTS,
County Clerk.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Mrs. Killie Lemons. Albert Lemons.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

Spring is trying to stick.
Dr. Slagle went to Bridgeport Wednesday noon on business.
Mrs. J. C. McCorkle is visiting friends in Hemingford this week.
A. S. Enyeart of Hemingford spent a day this week in our city.
Mrs. Chas. Tubbs entertained at "500" last Friday afternoon. Those who were present report a very pleasant time.
Mrs. C. E. Wagger leaves Saturday for her home in St. Louis for a few weeks visit.
F. E. Nichols of Sioux county was a caller at the office of The Herald last Saturday.

W. Bame and Alois Cermak came over from Dunlap last Friday. Mr. Bame starts this week for a visit in South Dakota.

A. H. Ross is removing from the Hashman neighborhood to Sioux county and orders his address for The Herald changed from Hashman to Kelly.

Mrs. Roy Beckwith entertained at "500" Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Bell Brennan and Mrs. Van Vorhees of Crawford. Needless to say the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

P. J. Knapp returned last Friday from his visit to Madison. He reports plenty of mud in that part of the state and although he enjoyed his visit, was glad to get back to Box Butte.

Tom Freer, the champion catcher who played with the Alliance ball boys last season, was in the city last Saturday. He has a farm in the eastern part of the state and makes his home there when not playing ball.

Miss Attie Snow returned Wednesday from a days' visit at Marsland. We understand while there she did some work to advance her candidacy for the Herald's magnificent Bennett piano.

One of the pleasant events of the week was the Lenton tea served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Barnes, over eighty guests being served by the hostess and her helpers. The two course lunch was very dainty and well served.

J. B. Kniest, associate editor and foreman of The Herald, walked down town from his home last Saturday for the first time in nearly two weeks. He has been having quite a siege. Several weeks ago he was taken sick with tonsillitis but had commenced work again when he was taken with erysipelas in his face.

Joe McNamara and Dr. Copsy left Monday for a duck hunt in the sand hills, going to Avery's ranch about 35 miles southeast. Joe telephoned in this morning that Dr. Copsy would return today with a buggy load of ducks and he will be in town tomorrow. They have been having some successful shooting, without doubt.

As will be seen by his advertisement in the Herald, John Von Bargen will have a public sale at his place one mile west of town next Monday. As there are some things included in the sale that people in town might wish to buy, there will probably be a good attendance at the sale from Alliance, as well as from the surrounding country.

H. Shultalber, having sold a section of his land seven miles east and two miles north of Hemingford to Ex-County Supt. Phillips, will leave in a few days for Oregon. He is affected with rheumatism and thinks the change may do him good. He still owns a quarter section in this county and we shall not be surprised if he returns before long.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

I have 300 tons of good hay for sale.—J. D. Hagerly, Bridgeport, Neb. 8-11
Money to loan on real estate. F. E. Reddish. 3-11
Wanted—Sewing by day or piece. 117 Sweetwater avenue. 8-11
Dressmaking—Satisfaction guaranteed.—Mrs. Heisenbuttel, 127 Yellowstone. Phone 354. 12-41

Home raised Short Horn bulls for sale.—James B. Leith, Box 1066, Alliance, Nebr. 12-11

Two houses for sale. Enquire of Mrs. S. J. Holdridge. 8-11

For Sale

Lot 3, block 8, 612 Toluca Ave. East front. All fenced. Cement sidewalk and curbing. Inquire at Herald office or phone 556. 4-11

Relinquishment for Sale—640 acres unusually good land, plenty hay land; 12 miles from railroad station; mail route by place; cheap if taken soon. Call on James Potmesil, Long Lake, Neb. 10-11

For Rent or Sale

I will rent or sell the building at 219 Box Butte avenue which has been used as a meat market. Will also sell or rent the butcher tools, etc., if desired. C. F. KROLL. 11-31

For Sale

320 or 160 acres good bottom land, seven miles in a westerly direction from Alliance, Nebr. For further information address H. J. GRESSER, Thermopolis, Wyo. 11-141

Eggs to Hatch

From Ohio White Leghorns with a record of being the greatest egg producers of all chickens. \$1.00 a setting of 15. FRED MOLLRING. 13-41

Legal Blanks.

The following blanks are for sale at The Herald office:

- Farm Lease.
- Real Estate Mortgage.
- Chattel Mortgage.
- City Lease.
- Warranty Deed.
- Agreement for Warranty Deed.
- Warranty Deed—Corporation.
- Bond for Deed.
- General Bond.
- Quit Claim Deed.
- Agreement Sale of Real Estate.
- Contract for Real Estate.
- Exchange Contract.
- Articles of Agreement.
- Release of Real Estate Mortgage.
- Assignment of Mortgage.
- Affidavit of Identification.
- Coupon Note.
- Mechanic's Lien.
- Power of Attorney.
- Bill of Sale.
- Option.
- Short Will.
- Inventory and Appraisal of Property Attached.
- Appraisal.
- Dipping Certificate.
- Contest Notice.
- Affidavit and Order of Publication of Contest Notice.
- Meat Shipper's Certificate.
- Notice to Owners before Delivery of Tax Deed.
- Promissory Note.
- Receipts.
- Township Plats.
- Road Overseer of Highways Annual Settlement.
- Letters of Administration with Will Annexed.
- Notice to Appraiser.
- Letters of Guardianship.
- Affidavit and Undertaking for Order of Attachment.
- Venire Facias.
- Affidavit against Garnishee.
- Summons.
- Order of Attachment.

Steam Outfit for Sale.

For sale—The best steam outfit in Cheyenne county, consisting of one new Case separator, one steam (32 h. p.) engine and eleven fourteen-inch plows. Address OREN GRISWOLD, Dalton, Neb. D7-10 A7-10

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