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A FEW "SPECIFIC" FACTS

WHY THE HERALD IS LATE

The Herald is unavoidably late this week. We are getting ready to move into our new quarters across the street, and this is making us extra work. We have had an unusually large run of rush orders for job printing, and as we have no side grafts paying big money, such as our competitor up the street has, we are compelled to give prompt attention to these orders for printing in order to pay the expenses of rent, hired help, etc. We referred last week to just a comparatively few instances of law breaking that has been going on in this city within the past year without any attempt to bring the law breakers to time; and the champions of the law breakers call upon us for affidavits and other proofs of the law breaking that is a matter of common knowledge. Now the editor of this paper is neither spy nor detective, besides it is the duty of the mayor and his appointees to enforce the law, which they have flagrantly neglected to do in many instances. Notwithstanding all this we have taken some time this week in securing some affidavits and other "specific" information, as will be seen by reading this paper, all of which is but a "drop in the bucket" compared with what might be produced.

Of course unprincipled politicians who have no sense of fairness pretend to see in this delay a dark and measley scheme to put them out of business, and seized upon this circumstance, as a drowning man grasping at a straw, to make political capital in their favor. The fact is that instead of this delay being a political advantage to the cause which we represent, that of law enforcement, it is a tremendous disadvantage.

WHAT ABOUT IT, MR. HARRIS?

The editor of The Herald desires some facts from Mayor F. W. Harris for the information of its readers who are heavy property owners and tax payers in Alliance. It therefore requests him to answer the following questions, to-wit:

Why were the light and water bonds sold at a discount of approximately ten thousand ($10,000,00) dollars?

Why did sixty ($60,000.00) to ninety ($90,000.00) thousand dollars of the proceeds of these bonds remain in the Alliance National Bank with the city receiving only two hundred and eighty dollars ($280.00) from interest and other sources as shown by a financial report published by the Times?

The interest on sixty thousand dollars of this money, at the rate of two per cent per annum, for eight months and would amount to eight hundred ($800.00) dollars. Why did you not pay in full for the electric light plant that you purchased for fifty five ($55,000.00) thousand dollars when you had sixty-three ($63,000.00) thousand dollars of the city's money on hand?

The Herald is informed that you only paid forty thousand ($40,000.00) dollars of the purchase price of the electric plant and that the remaining fifteen thousand ($15,000.00) dollars is drawing interest at six per cent, which amounts to nine hundred ($900.00) dollars per year. We also understand that the bonds that you sold were issued on a four and a half or five per cent basis. If on a five per cent basis, the fifteen thousand ($15,000.00) d ollars will cost the city seven hundred and fifty ($750.00) dollars, making a total cost to the city of sixteen hundred and fifty ($1650.00) dollars each year that this fifteen thousand dollar payment is delayed. If the bonds draw four and a half per cent this fifteen thousand dollars will cost the city fifteen hundred and seventy-five ($1575.00) dollars per year, as long as paymentof the same is delayed.

The voters and tax payers of this city have right to know these facts. The public has a right to know how the city finances are handled.

SELLING LIQUORS TO MINORS

The demand that The Herald furnish, on short notice, "specific" information, affidavits, etc., concerning law breaking in Alliance has put us to a considerable inconvenience these busy days, as we are not running a detective bureau, and really do not think it our place to ferrit out crime. We have seen what we believed to be violations of the law her and have made no mention of it in The Herald or in any other way. We want the saloonkeepers and others to know that the editor of this paper is not playing the spy on them or on anybody else, but is trying to secure the election of a mayor who will see to it that the law is enforced reasonably well.

In regard to the selling of liquor to minors, one instance will serve as a starter, and is "specific" enough to meet the demands of the mouthpiece of the present mayor: On the 24th day of last November, a boy who was that day seventeen years, two months and eighteen days of age was found back of Keeler's pool hall dead drunk, about seven o'clock in the evening, and was carried into the barber shop of Nation & Copeland (the room in the rear of the barber shop), and a physician called, who worked over the boy until about ten o'clock p.m. At firstthe doctor said there were no hopes of saving the boy's life, but by the use of hypodermic injections he succeeded in doing so. It was reported that the whiskey was secured by the boy at two of the leading saloons of Alliance. The incident was common talk at that time around town, but we never heard of anything being done in regard to the matter by the mayor or any other city officer.

AFFIDAVIT CONCERNING ASSIGNATION

State of Nebraska,)
) ss.
Box Butte County.)

C. C. Smith, a citizen of Alliance, county of Box Butte, state of Nebraska, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that he and another gentleman were standing in front of his livery barn about four o'clock, Friday afternoon, March 24, 1911. While talking together two young men and two young women, the youn women not appearing to be over sixteen or seventeen years of age, went past together and passed a house of prostitution conducted and known as "The 400" across the street. The young men appeared to be urging the girls to enter the building and after some urging the said women and men entered the said house of prostitution. They were inside about forty minutes when one couple came out; the second couple came out in a few minutes after that. All of them appeared to be partly intoxicated

(Signed) C. C. SMIT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March, 1911.

(Signed) LLOYD C. THOMA
(seal) Notary Public

PLATFORM OF THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

C. C. Smith, who is running for mayor as the candidate of the respectable business and laboring men who want to see Alliance made what she ought to be, the pride of northwestern Nebraska, stands squarely on the platform, "Let the people rule." He is both a laboring and business man. As a laboring man he was many years in the employ of the Burlington railroad, and understands the rights and the needs of the people who earn a living by honest work. If elected mayor, as seems probable now that he will be, his office will be run in the interest of the common people, rather than at the behest of the kid-gloved schemers who sit around in offices and spend their time planning skin games and political tricks that will give them an advantage permitting them to live in luxury which they do not deserve.

Since leaving the employ of the Burlington, he has been engaged in business, of which he has made a success without resorting to questionable practices. His ability and integrity, in private life and public office, have never been sincerely questioned.

Mr. Smith will do nothing to interfere with the personal liberty of citizens, in regard to amusements or otherwise, so long as they conduct themselves decently, but he can be depended upon to make it so hot for the pimps and professional gamblers, that have infested the city the past year, that they will find it more comfortable to "move on."

In regard to the licensing of saloons, he will abide by a decision of a majority, expressed by a direct vote on the question. Of course, the will of the majority on this question cannot be known immediately on account of the present mayor and his henchmen standing squarely in the way of submitting the question to such a vote; but Mr. Smith will favor the submission of the license question to a direct vote of the people of the city, as soon as it can be done practicably and without expense to the city.

RAILROAD MAN CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN

One of the many industrious railroad men of this city is Henry Rennau, candidate for councilman from the second ward. It is not flattery or undeserved praise to say he is liked best by those who know him best. One mark of the confidence that his fellow railroad men have in his integrity and ability is the fact that he is now serving his second term as insurance secretary and secretary and treasurer of the B. of L. E. He has been in the employ of the C. B . and Q. for twenty-three years on the line between Lincoln and Deadwood. He began as a hostler at Seneca, where he and his estimable wife started out on the journey of married life. Working three years as a hostler, he was then promoted to fireman, serving in that capacity two years, running out of Lincoln, when was again promoted and has now pulled the throttle for eighteen years.

He came to Alliance in the nineties, we believe it was, but being put on the Black Hills division moved to Edgemont where he resided three years, returning to this city about six years ago. He owns the house in which he and his family reside at 319 East Fourth street. He has no fads in city government, is not an extremist in matters of opinion, but stands squarely for law enforcement. He believes in the rule of the people and in letting them decide what they want on leading issues by direct vote. He has a family of seven children, two boys and five girls, and of course is intensely interested in whether Alliance is to be a "wide open" town or regulated by law enforcement.

The tin horn gentry, the fellows who have no visible means of support, but make a living as runners for houses of ill fame and by other means not known to the public, all of them who vote in the second ward, will vote solidly against Mr. Rennau, which is all the more reason why the respectable laboring men should rally to his support and give him a rousing majority. The editor of The Herald, who is a resident of the second ward, can be depended upon to do his part.

THE HONORABLE MR BROOME

Comes now Mr .Broome—pardon us, the Honorable Mr. Broome—and rushes to the defence of his partner, permanent candidate for mayor, who doesn't wish to relinquish his hold upon the office and let someone else in who will open the books to public inspection. But why Mr. Broome's anxiety to have his partner continued in the office of mayor permanantly? Is it because he is interested in the welfare of the laboring men of the city who are paying rent, or struggling to pay for a little home for themselves? Not on your life. It happens that Mr. Broome is the local agent for a soulless corporation that likes to shirk taxes, and throw the burden of them upon the above mentioned individuals and others who already pay more than their share. The better Mr. Broome serves the monopoly that gives him employment, the bigger his pay and the greater the luxury in which he can live at the expense, directly or indirectly, of the hard working men whom he looks down upon as "cheap skates." By having his partner in the office of mayor permanently, it gives him influence where "influence" counts and can be turned into money.

But, come to think about it, the opposition to a change of administration in the interest of decency want sometihng "specific." The soulless monopoly" above referred to is the Lincoln Land Company, owner of the most of the vacant lots in this city.

Before the United States census was taken last year, The Herald began agitating the proposition of taking steps to include within the city limits the outlying districts that ar practically a part of the city but which are not within the corporate limits. We did this in the interest of Alliance, without any intention of stirring up opposition. In response, seemingly, to this agitation which represented the wishes of the city as a whole ,it was announced that the boundry lines would be changed so as to enlarge the city limits. So far as we could learn the matter was left pretty much to the mayor, who claimed to be quite interested and to favor the proposition .When the change of boundry lines had been made completed, it was discovered that only a small portion of West Lawn had been brought within the city limits.

Here is where the traces of the Honorable Mr. Broome's fine hand may be seen. A large part of the Land Company's lots in the edge of side of the city limits. Even on those vacant lots within the city limits the tax is ouly a small fraction of what a laboring man is required to pay on a lot with a cottage on it; and outside the boundry line the tax on vacant lots is much less than inside. By extending the city limits to include lots only as they are built upon, the Lincoln Land Company get the benefit of the increased valuation caused by the city's growth, but avoids paying a just share of the city taxes, throwing the burden of the same upon the home builders and others, who, not being so fortunate a to own their own homes, must pay the burden of taxes in increased rents. In order to avoid the additional city tax they would have to pay if the city limits had been extended as they should have been, the local agent of the company played a neat trick. By means of his "influence" he succeeded in having a smooth talk put up that evidently deceived some parties, as when the extension of the city's boundries was completed the people awoke to the fact that only a small fraction of the territory that ought to have been included had been taken in, and thus the Lincoln Land Company's lots in the edge of town, which are benefitted by the city's growth, were left outside of the corporate limits, and thus exempt from their share of the city's burden of taxes.

There are a number of other reasons why the Honorable Mr. Broome is anxious to see his partner made perpetual mayor, but the above will do for this article. We think it is plain enough to met the demands of those who want something "specific".

WHAT ABOUT IT, MR. ELLIS?

If you are so honest and such a champion of the people why did not YOU turn in YOUR tax list until The Herald called attention to the fact that no taxes were assessed against YOU or The Times?

The editor and proprietor of the Times calles The Herald "tribe" a few unpleasant names and says in effect that we are all bluffers. It may be well to open the eyes of a few people to the "colonel" sometimes tries to run a bluff—that his bluffs don't always work.

Personal taxes are due November 1st. After the Herald plant assessment was received that month the business manager, who is the writer of this article, thought it might be a wise plan to see what the taxes were on The Times plant and the personal property of the aforesaid colonel.

John R. Beach, who is assistant business manager of The Herald, was forthwith instructed to go to the office of the county treasurer and see what the taxes assessed against the said colonel and The Times plant were. He looked and looked and lo, he could find no schedule for either the Times or H .J .Ellis. A thorough search was then begun for fear it had been missed or perhaps the property was in the name of some other person. Then the county treasurer was called in to help in the search for the missing schedule but neither could he find it.

Verily, verily, the colonel and the Times had managed to slip through and if the writer had not thought it necessary to look up the matter he might have gotten away with the goods and not had to pay any taxes for the year 1910, instead of paying them like an honest man.

As soon as the attention of the county officials was called to the fact that the colonel and The Times were not on the list they took steps to block his game and in January the county clerk took a schedule to the colonel to fill out. The colonel of course claimed, in trying to put his bluff through, thatthe schedule had been turned in, but this bluff did not work with the county clerk and the treasurer. Finally after the clerk had taken three different trips to the Times office in January, for the schedule, it was filled out and given to him. In February the colonel gave a check for the amount of the taxes.

A few other things might be related which would open the eyes of some people but we believe the above is sufficient as it shows conclusively where the colonel stands. And we think that he will turn in his schedule next time

WITHDRAWS FROM RACE FOR CITY CLERK

Lloyd C. Thomas Withdraws From the Race in Favor of Chas. A. Wetheral.

Following is a copy of notice of withdrawal given to the city clerk on the 24th by Lloyd C. Thomas, who, because of the fact that all of his time is now taken up with the business of The Herald Publishing Company, decided to withdraw in favor of Mr. Wetheral:

March 24, 1911.

TO THE CITY CLERK
OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA:

In view of the fact that a petition has been filed with you nominating Mr Charles A. Wetheral as candidate for the office of City Clerk of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and that he is a person well qualified to perform the duties of said office, I hereby withdraw as a candidate for said office and request that my name be not printed on the ballots to be used at the City Election to be held April 4, 1911, as a candidate for the office of City Clerk of the said City of Alliance, Nebraska.

Very truly yours,
LLOYD C. THOMAS.

THERE ARE "STREET WALKERS" IN ALLIANCE

The Times editor has doubts as to whether or not there are street walkers in Alliance. If he or the mayor or any other interested party will call at The Herald office we will take them to four different business men of the city who have told us of being approached at different places and times in the last few months by white and colored street walkers who solicited business on the streets.

One business man was approached about four months ago early in the evening near the corner occupied by the grocery store of Bicknells & Reed, the other three street corners being occupied by the Marks Harness Store, the Jerry Rowan feed store and the McCorkle building, two colored prostitutes solicited him that evening.

Another business man has been approached several times by white street walkers, who have even entered his place of business.

Another business man with a large business in Alliance was approached a week ago last Tuesday in front of the Grand Restaurant two doors north of The Herald office by a white street walker who told him that her husband was a railroad man and that she had found it necessary to take to this line of business to help support the family. This same man was approached a week ago on Friday by a white street walker. The story in regard to her husband being a railroad man was no doubt a lie.

A young business man of Alliance was approached one evening last week by a white street walker who tackled him on one of the main streets of our city. This was early in the evening.

Every one of these business men will verify the above facts as stated. Their names are not published because they do not wish the notoriety which would attend this, but they are ready and willing to certify to the above facts.

The affidavit given below, the original copy of which is in a safe deposit box with several others, shows that there are and have been street walkers in Alliance:

State of Nebraska,)
) ss.
Box Butte County.)

Forest Allen, a citizen of Alliance, county of Box Butte, state of Nebraska, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that while he was employed as night marshal for the city of Alliance, in January, 1911, he arrested three negro prostitutes who accosted him on the street one night after he had gone to work, between the hours of seven and eight; that he took them to the police station and that they were fined ten dollars each the same night and turned loose.

(Signed) FOREST ALLE:

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this 29th day of March, 1911

(Signed) LLOYD C. THOMAS
(seal) Notary Public

THROWING DUST

It is needless to say to the readers of both the Alliance papers that the supporters of Mayor Harris have been throwing dust in a desperate effort to blind voters to the real issues and sidetrack them. There are some things published in the Times that we have not time and space to answer this week, but those that are of enough importance to demand attention will be attended to all right, all right, including F. M. Broome's uncalled for and scurrilous attack on W. J. Bryan and the principles he has stood for, the attack on the editor of The Herald and the attempt to deny him the right to participate in politics where the editor of the Times was interested, the graft that the said editor worked through the mayor giving him for city printing five times the amount asked by the editor of The Herald, and a number of other things that may need our attention.

LOOK OUT FOR TRICKS

The sentiment in Alliance against the re-election of Mayor Harris is so strong, among both wets and drys, that the only danger there is of him defeating Mr. Smith is in political trickery. Knowing the character of the man who has assumed to direct the mayor's campaign and his past record as a successful political trickster, we can be sure that some underhanded scheme will be resorted to in order to deceive voters. Of course we cannot tell what the trick or tricks will be, but judging the future by the past we may expect them and that they will be kept secret as long as possible from those who might expose them.

Two years ago when F. W. Harris was first elected mayor a contemptibly dishonest trick was worked on election day that took a lot of votes from his opponent and gave them to him before it was discovered by the friends of R. M. Hampton, who was Mr. Harris' opponent. A hand bill, printed either at the Alliance Times office or in some other town, was worded so as to make people believe it had been published by the "dry" people, when in fact they had nothing to do in printing it, and they were kept from seeing it. The hand bill stated that when the saloons were closed the next thing would be to close the pool halls. Mr. Hampton was no more in fafor of closing the pool halls than was his opponent, and there was no attempt being made by any one to do so, and no danger whatever that any such attempt would be made. But the trick turned quite a number of votes from Mr. Hampton to Mr. Harris before it was discovered by the former's friends. Quite a number of men who enjoy spending an hour or two in a pool room occasionally and had intended to vote for Mr. Hampton, said that if he intended to go so far as to close the pool room they would not vote for him, and accordingly cast their votes for Mr. Harris.

When this issue of The Herald is off the press we will print nothing more in regard to the campaign, either in circular form or otherwise, unless it is necessary to do so in order to expose trickery and deception, and as there will probably be schemes worked that we may not catch on to until too late to expose before election, we say to all voters who favor decency in city government LOOK OUT FOR POLITICAL TRICKS ON ELECTION DAY.

While holding a position, obtained by political trickery, and which pays him a salary several times as large as what he is competent to earn if thrown into competition with the common herd, the editor of the Alliance Times calls men who earn their living by honest toil "cheap skates."