

## Why Build a Court House

### The Grand Jury Investigated Fully and Said a New Court House is Badly Needed

**A Fire, of Which There is Always Grave Danger, Would be a Calamity. Look at Hamilton and Custer Counties. The Old Court Houses, Which Were Fire Traps Like Ours, Burned and Valuable Records Were Lost, Causing Loss to Property Owners and Endless Amount of Litigation**

### Your Titles are in Jeopardy as Long as the County Records are Stored in the Old Court House

About nine months ago the Grand Jury of Box Butte County in making their final report to the court, in substance made the following report concerning the need for a new court house in Box Butte County:

First. The vaults in which are stored the records of all real estate titles are not fire proof.

Second. All office rooms are small, inconvenient, inadequate, congested and not properly equipped for caring for the business of the county. The vaults are filled to their capacity and a great deal of labor and delay is occasioned in furnishing information to tax payers.

Third. In case the records should be lost the re-establishment of titles in the county would cost the tax payers a great deal more than the erection of a new building for the county.

Fourth. In conclusion the grand jury recommended that it was high time some action should be taken in the voting of bonds for the construction of a new court house, the present building being in a dilapidated condition, and a disgrace to the county.

### What a New Court House Would Cost

In view of the amounts appropriated for the construction of court houses in adjacent counties, as shown below, it is not thought the amount of \$75,000 for a suitable building, properly equipped and furnished, is more than the people of Box Butte county should appropriate. Following is the assessed valuation and cost of court houses in adjacent counties:

Cheyenne county, assessed valuation,	\$2,220,026	Cost of court house.....	\$90,000
Dawes county, " "	2,150,078	Cost of court house.....	60,000
Sheridan county, " "	2,546,658	Cost of court house.....	50,000
Box Butte county, " "	2,016,271	Cost of court house.....	75,000

In the above figures in one or two instances the cost of furnishing the court house is not included, but in the appropriation for Box Butte county, the complete equipping and furnishing is contemplated for the amount stated.

### Cost of Court House to Tax Payers

As taken from the county records the following is the assessed valuation of all property in the county for the past seven years:

1906,	\$1,052,678
1907,	1,193,960
1908,	1,526,189
1909,	1,743,738
1910,	1,777,375
1911,	1,916,639
1912,	2,016,271

An annual levy of two mills on the present basis of valuation will bring returns more than sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds. It will be seen from the above that in the past seven years the assessed valuation of Box Butte county has doubled and it is but fair to assume that in the next twenty years or the time at which these bonds would mature the assessed valuation will be three times what it is at present. This will result from vacant lands being patented, raw land being improved, and increase in population. With this condition existing a two-mill levy would make sufficient to pay all interest and create a sinking fund to retire the bonds at maturity.

In order that the property owners may know the approximate annual cost to them in cents for each quarter section of land owned we give below the average real value per quarter as shown by the county records for 1912 assessment, the tax to be paid on each quarter on a basis of thirty-five mills, which is the average figure for the total tax and the additional tax per quarter on account of a two-mill levy to pay interest on and create a sinking fund for the bonds:

Average real value per quarter	Tax on basis of 35 mills	Additional tax per quarter on 2 mill levy for bonds
Snake	\$ 579	\$4.06
Nonpareil	1056	7.39
Box Butte	660	4.62
Lake	1929	13.50
Wright	861	6.02
Dorsey	1414	9.90
Boyd	1102	7.71
Lawn	593	4.15
Running Water	664	4.65
Liberty	502	3.52

To the property owner who owns his home, valued from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and which is assessed at from \$1,200 to \$1,500, the cost per annum would be from 48c to 60c. Do you not think that a good court house would increase the value of your property much more than this amount? In other words, on a basis of \$1,000 actual value of taxable property the cost per annum will be 40c.

We have carefully canvassed the tax payers of the county. We find, on careful and painstaking investigation, that it is the unanimous desire and wish of every tax payer in the county who desires to work for his own interest and who fully understands present conditions and the proposition of building the new court house, that these bonds be voted. We invite the fullest investigation of the proposition. This committee has carefully gone into the matter and the figures given and statements made are accurate and given after due deliberation.

Every tax payer and resident of the county will find it to his interest to attend the meeting at the city hall in Alliance on Saturday afternoon, November 2nd.

Very respectfully yours,

COURT HOUSE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEACHERS' CONVENTIONS

Miss Carrie Hunkres, county superintendent of Dawes county, and Miss Mary Feakse, superintendent of Sioux county, both representing the Northwest Nebraska Teachers' Association, and Prof. Marrs, superintendent of the Bridgeport schools, representing the North Platte Valley Teachers' Association, met in Alliance the first of last week to perfect arrangements for the March conventions. Notice of these conventions will be given thru The Herald at the proper time.

### SHIPS FOUR CARLOADS SHEEP

M. G. Wambaugh returned Tuesday from South Omaha, where he shipped four carloads of sheep to the market at that point. He was accompanied on the trip by his son, R. C. Wambaugh, who returned on Wednesday.

### BURGLARS STEAL MANY CLOTHES

Make a Number of Big Hauls of Family Washings

The city officers are now hot on the trail of the clothesline thieves who, in the last few weeks, have been robbing nearly a dozen different clotheslines. The robberies usually occur just after dusk and so far no important clue has been obtained as to the offenders.

A number of the prominent citizens of Alliance are now guarding their clothes lines with sawed off shot guns and other artillery on wash day. The perpetrators, if caught, will receive severe punishment at the hands of the law.

### ODD FELLOWS TO BAYARD

A large number of the members of the local I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 168, will go via auto and train to Bayard on Monday, November 11th, to assist in the initiation of a large number of new members at that point.

The Mitchell lodge will also be there and assist in the ceremonies. The Bayard lodge promises good entertainment and a grand time while there. It is probable that a big number of the Alliance members will go.

### VISITS BOWMAN FAMILY

Mrs. W. G. Mann of Deadwood, a friend of the H. A. Bowman family, arrived Wednesday morning to be with them for a short time while Harry Bowman's condition is serious, since being accidentally shot on Saturday morning.

### SOCIALIST ADDRESS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Geo. R. Kirkpatrick, Author of "War, What For?", Will Deliver Address at Empress

### NATIONAL SOCIALIST SPEAKER

The socialists of Alliance are to have a big rally next Sunday afternoon, when Geo. R. Kirkpatrick, author of "War! What For?" and socialist campaign speaker and debater of national reputation, will speak at the Empress theatre, at three o'clock. Admission is free and everybody cordially invited to attend.

In regard to Mr. Kirkpatrick's book, the Chicago Evening Post has this to say: "It is exquisitely designed to capture the interest and win the belief; it is as well calculated to impress its readers as Paine's Rights of Man."

The following quotations from the Brooklyn Eagle and the New York Sun give an idea of his ability as a public speaker:

"Over three thousand people heard Henry Clews, a prominent New York banker, cross swords with Mr. Geo. R. Kirkpatrick in Columbia theatre, Brooklyn, yesterday. The young man spoke fluently, without notes, in a clear-cut and concise manner. Mr. Kirkpatrick's address was a strong refutation of Mr. Clews' arguments."—Brooklyn Eagle (Clews-Kirkpatrick debate).

"Thus for an hour Kirkpatrick crucified the banker from Wall Street with logic."—The New York Sun (The Clews-Kirkpatrick debate).

## LAST CHANCE TO HELP

### Final Appeal for Financial Help in This Campaign

### Money to Pay Local Expenses

The cause of progressive democracy is the cause of the common people, and to them the leaders in their battle look for the means to pay the legitimate expenses to carry through a successful campaign. It is an open secret that the two wings of the republican party, the Taft or "stand-pat" wing and the Roosevelt or "progressive" wing, are financed by multi-millionaires and have no lack of the sinews of war; while the democratic party, with a statesman for standard bearer who is PROGRESSIVE in fact as well as in name, must depend upon the comparatively small contributions of the common people to raise money enough to pay the expenses necessary to wage their battle against the representatives of the favored interests.

The Herald has already published appeals for money to help pay the expenses of the national committee; but there are expenses incurred locally that must be met. Box Butte county may be but a drop in the bucket, but that drop may be necessary to complete the success of democracy. Quite an expense has been incurred already in sending out letters and literature to voters, meeting the expenses of public meetings, etc.; and it will be necessary to incur a good deal of expense yet, if the campaign is to be finished as it should be. No heavy contributions are necessary, if every one who ought to give from a dollar to five dollars will do so.

Let there be an IMMEDIATE RESPONSE to this appeal and the committee will be able to wind up the campaign in a way that will help to bring success to the progressive principles of democracy and will be a credit to old Box Butte county. Money may be paid to W. S. Ridgell, chairman, or Joe Westover, secretary of the county central committee, or at The Herald office. All donations in response to this appeal will be acknowledged thru this paper. We are pleased to start the list as follows:

HERALD PUBLISHING CO. \$5.00

### ELKS WILL PRESENT ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

Best and Highest Priced Ever Presented in Alliance. Every Attraction High Class

### TICKETS IN BIG DEMAND

Arrangements were completed the last of the week with Mr. Britz of the Britz Lyceum Bureau of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Boise, Idaho, for the presentation in Alliance of the finest entertainment course ever provided for Alliance people. Mr. Britz spent several days in the city assisting the Elks in starting the sale of tickets, making final arrangements, etc.

One attraction will be presented at the opera house each month, until the entire course of five numbers has been presented. Season tickets are being sold for \$2.50, which includes reserved seats, but seats must be reserved before each entertainment. Single admission tickets will be sold for seventy-five cents and \$1.00. These prices are considered extremely low for a course that has cost right around \$700, but the large sale of season tickets at the present time assures a big success.

The dates and names of different entertainers are as follows:

- October 29, Strollers' Male Quartet.
- November 19, Fellows Opera Singers.
- January 20, Mallory Players.
- February 18, Dr. Herbert Yeuell.
- March 5, Edwin R. Weeks Company.

Following is a description of the different entertainments given us:

Oct. 29.—The Strollers Male Quartet and Bell Ringers. This company is the next to the oldest quartet now engaged in lyceum work, and during the past seven years it has appeared over one thousand times. Last year it gave fine satisfaction at Crawford and Chadron. The entertainment consists of vocal numbers, violin and trombone solos, impersonations and bell ringing.

Nov. 19.—The Fellows' Grand Opera quartet with high class solos and selections from the principal operas. The company of four appears in costume in the operatic selections. The company also carries its own accompanist and is headed by Harry J. Fellows, one of the most popular artists in America, whose voice is a lyric tenor of large compass and telling brilliancy, and he sings songs that touch the heart.

Jan. 20.—The Chadron Mallory Co. of nine persons in the old English comedy, David Garrick. This is probably the biggest single attraction of

the season and is worth the price of the whole course. The company carries its own scenery and a big lot of expensive costumes. David Garrick is a charming pastoral comedy, with a beautiful love story and is a strong attraction everywhere.

Feb. 18.—Dr. Herbert Yeuell of London, England, who gives a splendid evening in travelogue and pictorial drama. His repertoire includes Ben Hur and Quo Vadis, with exclusive picture slides taken from the world's most famous artists. A recital also accompanies these entertainments. His travelogues include The Passion Play and Paris by Day and Night. These consist of moving pictures and slides and are pictorial dramas in every sense of the word.

Mar. 5.—The Edwin R. Weeks company in an evening of music and mirth. Mr. Weeks stands preeminent in the lyceum world as an original and versatile entertainer. He is a singing comedian but not a vaudeville man. He is a high class imitator, impersonator and soloist. One of his big stunts is the imitation of a comic opera in which he reproduces the soprano, baritone, chorus, etc., eight parts in all. Miss Lulu Sinclair with this company is a gifted violinist, a pupil of the famous teacher, Adolph Weidig.

### READ SECTION TWO

Don't overlook the fact that there are two sections to this issue of The Herald, making twelve pages in all, the same as last week. This is Section One, containing eight pages. Section Two contains four pages and you'll find a lot of interesting reading in it, also.

### COURT HOUSE MEETING

Plans Made to Set Facts Relative to Need of New Court House Before the Voters

### PUBLISH STATEMENT OF FACTS

A meeting was held at the court house Thursday evening to consider the advisability of voting bonds for a new court house.

The meeting was called to order, R. M. Hampton was elected chairman and Percy Cogswell secretary.

After a discussion of the subject it was decided to issue a statement to the voters of the county setting forth the need of a new court house.

On motion a committee on publicity was appointed, as follows: F. W. Harris, Joe Westover, E. M. Martin, M. S. Hargraves and D. W. Hughes. A committee on finance was appointed: Percy Cogswell, Judge W. S. Ridgell and Sheriff Cal Cox.

Committee on entertainment: Mayor W. O. Barnes, ex-Mayor F. W. Harris, R. M. Hampton.