

HAS COMPLIED WITH PURE FOOD LAW

I. W. Herman, Proprietor of Palace Meat Market, Gives Information of Interest to All

WRITES AN "OPEN LETTER"

Alliance, Nebraska, Oct. 24, 1912.

I understand that some of the people of Alliance proclaimed that I wanted to run out my competitors in the meat business in this city by building such a meat market as I did, and to make my power still stronger constructing such a slaughter house as I have. So upon this ground violation of the law has been deemed advisable, so it seems.

Now I ask the people of Alliance to permit me to throw up a little breastwork in self-defense against such anarchy being permitted and unlawfully harbored by the state within this city. I most respectfully ask the people to weigh my defense, which should be judged solely from a standpoint based upon facts as it really is.

In the first place, I built this meat market in the early spring of 1909 and the present stringent pure food law was passed in 1911. The law under which I was to run out my competitors was the law of 1909, providing I had such an idea above my eyes. It would be no one but an infinite fool that were to build such an expensive meat market under the existing pure food law of 1909 with the intention of putting anyone out of business. If the construction of good buildings has the tendency to put others out of business and putting them to the wall of financial horror, then a law should prohibit the building of good structures because it doesn't well fit the other — it makes the dump look worse and the other too good.

Now, as to my expensive slaughter house being built with criminal intent is fully exploded by the fact that the state of Nebraska fined me for not having a slaughter house wherein I could obey the pure food law. Or, in other words, I was fined for carrying on unsanitary conditions within. Now, this fine by the state took place six months before I started to build a sanitary slaughter house. And I butchered cattle and hogs in the old slaughter house for nearly 3 years, not knowing anything about a pure food law of that kind existing as enacted in the year 1911. Now, after finding out the law thru an unwelcome fine without notice, I at once ceased the killing of cattle and hogs under unlawful conditions. Now, was it not the state of Nebraska that forced me to build a sanitary slaughter house? I having been compelled by the law of the state to obey its law, why is it not equally compulsory upon others to do the same? Or should some have the privilege to practice "anarchy"? Which do you think it should be? If I build up conditions so as to follow the demands of the pure food law, then I call myself a law-obeying citizen as far as the butcher business is concerned. Now, what "kind" is he that violates the law? You name the gentlemen if he doesn't follow anarchy in its worst form.

Now, I think I have made my defense clear to any intelligent person that I have not been trying to run anybody out in the meat business here. But before I close, let us examine this matter a little further what my right and the rights of others really are, and that is this: Any lawful citizen of the state of Nebraska has an equal right to call upon officials to compel others to obey the law of the state. Now, then, would that constitute the "running out" of business, the anarchist violators of the law? I say no, if they obey the law, and yes, if they do not. If run out of business because they don't obey the law or can't, then what? If anybody cannot obey the law, then what is the law for? Why should I be looked upon in this city as some sort of a "criminal" because I had the credit to construct in harmony with "law" and common sense, on which I pay "interest and taxes"? Why am I not entitled to receive justice by and through the state of Nebraska? Why does our city government stand idly by without appealing to the state for the abolition of wholesale violation of the pure food law, and the yet more important law of public health? I ask once more, "Who is playing 'anarchy' around here?"

Now, again: It is commonly believed and said, that I did build to the extent necessary to the full obedience of the pure food law, just to run my competitors out of their "holes" and on out of the meat business, while I craved to gobble sole possession my own selfish self of this whole city of Alliance. "This looks horrible, does it not?"

Let us "shoot" at this: Here is

a letter sent by me on March 14, 1912, to Armour & Company, South Omaha, Nebr.; also, Armour's answer in return. I. W. HERMAN, Palace Meat Market.

Alliance, Nebr., March 14, 1912. Armour Packing Co., South Omaha, Nebr.

Gentlemen:

I hereby wish to draw your attention to the following proposition, as follows here below. I am obliged to build a slaughter house here at Alliance to accommodate this city. It seems, and if I build and obliged to construct a good one regardless of cost.

Now, as I always like to do business on principles embodying future stability I make your company the following proposition: If you will place a branch house here this spring and cease the practice of selling meats to all others except the butchers of this town, then I would not build a slaughter house and buy my whole meat output from you the entire year as long as I stay in the meat business here. But of course you would be obliged to sell to me as cheap as another competitor of mine could buy it elsewhere in order for me to compete, and sell to me the freight charges cheaper from Omaha to here than the same can be laid down here at Alliance and thus enabling me to compete with all competition whatsoever.

Will you kindly take this matter under your immediate consideration and report. One thing seems certain and that is if you nor any other packing company will put in a branch house here, then I will be obliged to build, as circumstances badly require it. And if I am forced by circumstances to extend my meat business, then of course it behoofs me to take in as big a territory as conditions will permit in order to make the investment pay.

But would rather have you or some one else do as I suggested above. Yours truly,

I. W. HERMAN, Alliance, Nebr.

ARMOUR AND COMPANY South Omaha, Neb. Car Route Department. March 16, 1912.

Mr. I. W. Herman, Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: We have noted your letter of March 14th and in reply will say that we are distributing our goods to your territory in the most economical way possible.

We should dislike very much to lose your account, but we cannot promise anything in the way of making the move you suggest.

Yours very truly, ARMOUR AND COMPANY. R. E. Harris.

Advertisement (45-1-1524)

GOES EAST TO ATTEND CONVENTION

C. A. Newberry, the wholesale hardware dealer, left Alliance Friday on his way to Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he goes to attend the convention of the National Association of Hardware Dealers and Manufacturers. While in the east Mr. Newberry will visit a number of eastern points on business.

APPLE TREES PLANTED BY SOLLENBERGER

The apple trees on R. R. Reddish's ranch, eighteen miles southwest of Alliance, on which the apples mentioned in last week's Herald were grown, were planted several years ago by W. C. Sollenberger, who owned the ranch and resided on it at that time. Mr. Sollenberger is now at Blackfoot, Idaho, where he has irrigated land and is engaged in fruit growing and farming.



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Dear Voter:

We are doing our utmost to insure the election of Governor Wilson to the presidency. We are doing this regardless of party affiliations, and invite the support of members of all political parties who favor a progressive and representative government.

We believe you should vote for Governor Wilson because he stands for equal rights for all and special privileges for none; because he stands for tariff revision downward; because he stands for the rights of labor, as shown in his record as Governor of New Jersey; because he stands for the income tax and the popular election of U. S. Senators; because he stands for trust legislation, which will prevent monopoly and the control of prices; because he favors government by and for the people; because he opposes class legislation; because he preaches and practices clean politics; because he is a true progressive.

President Taft's administration has resulted in disappointment and failure, occasioned by "boss" control of the Republican party.

Roosevelt, while president, was closely allied with "Boss" Penrose, "Boss" Cannon, "Boss" Aldrich, and other "bosses," and only denounced them when they refused to support him. He is now being supported by the steel trust, the harvester trust, the sugar trust, and other special interests, and one of his closest lieutenants is the notorious "Boss" Flynn of Pennsylvania.

Governor Wilson is absolutely free from any so called "Boss" influence, or domination of the special interests.

Vote for your own interests.

Cordially yours,

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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STRAYS FROM SCOTTSBLUFF

A heavy set man of good appearance sat (or tried to sit) on a seat in the depot Monday noon, waiting for the train to Scottsbluff. He had, however, absorbed too much red J. ker and the full bottle which obstructed itself out from his coat pocket

et testified that he would want still more.

With his ticket to Scottsbluff firmly clutched in his right hand and his suit case in the other he endeavored to find the right but only succeeded in getting on the train going north which would have landed him in Crawford or Billings or may-

J. L. FERGUSON of Broken Bow

For United States Senator of Nebraska By Petition

I am a farmer and was educated at the University of Michigan and am running for the office of United States Senator by request of business men and fair-minded farmers, and I stand pat against, and for the repeal of the **Parcels Post Law**, as it now stands, and I ask the support of every jobber, traveling man, merchant, railroad man, rural route carrier, drayman and every fair-minded farmer, as it is a vital question to all of them.

I have not asked for a penny to help me in my campaign. BUT DO ASK the support of every fair-minded voter in Nebraska.

Respectfully yours,

Broken Bow, Nebraska.

J. L. FERGUSON.

happ Sheridan.

After being taken off this train he sobbed brokenly and while being led away by Marshall Laing to rest up for a few hours in the calaboose he said, in accents mild and meek, "This ain't nothin' like home." After a rest of a few hours he told the judge that he would be good until he got to Scottsbluff and, after paying his fine of one dollar and costs, he sallied forth to catch the train for the Bluffs once more.

with their families, returned from Lincoln last Friday. They were sent as members of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. to attend the convention at Lincoln.

L. E. Ballenger of Bingham was in Alliance Monday and Tuesday on business.

Miss Dorothy Hoag made a short visit to Omaha last week, going on Wednesday and returning Sunday.

SUCCESSFUL SALE

The sale of H. B. Sheperd held 27 miles southwest of Alliance by H. P. Coursey the last of the week was a success in every way. Mr. Sheperd resides three miles this side of Malanda. Geo. Severinson was clerk.

Elver Bullock, who has been sick for some time with typhoid fever, is recovering. The fever was broken several days ago and he is now much better, although bothered with an ulcerated tooth which has caused him some pain and annoyance.

RETURN FROM GRAND LODGE

John Snyder and Wm. Buchman

Flav Wright, the popular Scottsbluff auctioneer, has been in Alliance for several days on business.