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ALLIANCE ELECTS A DEMOCRATIC MAYOR

Hon. Allen D. Rodgers, President Box Butte County Wilson and Marshall Club, Wins Over Three Competitors



HON. A. D. RODGERS

A. D. Rodgers, Mayor-elect, has been in business in Alliance for a good many years, and, as is shown by the heavy vote cast for him, is very popular. He has a thriving grocery business, is interested in the Alliance Fruit Company, and is president of the Alliance Commercial Club. He is president of the Box Butte County Wilson & Marshall Club.

FIRST WARD

For Mayor

John R. Snyder 49
Frank D. McCormick 116
Allen D. Rodgers 178
Joseph H. Vaughan 23

Rodgers' plurality 62

For City Clerk

J. D. Emerick 249
Leonard E. Pilkington 111

Emerick's majority 138

For City Treasurer

Percy Cogswell 203
William T. Schlupp 158

Cogswell's majority 45

For City Engineer

Reuben E. Knight 307

For Councilmen

Richard Waters 132
Frank E. Reddish 152
Arthur T. Lunn 79
Willis E. Spencer 133
William H. Swan 177

Swan's plurality, 1st place 25
Reddish's plurality, 2nd place 19

SECOND WARD

For Mayor

John R. Snyder 35
Frank D. McCormick 71
Allen D. Rodgers 116
Joseph H. Vaughan 12

Rodgers' plurality 45

For City Clerk

J. D. Emerick 134
Leonard E. Pilkington 95

Emerick's majority 39

For City Treasurer

Percy Cogswell 137
William T. Schlupp 92

Cogswell's majority 45

For City Engineer

Reuben E. Knight 200

For Councilman

Penrose E. Romig 86
Harry H. Beas 72
Philip Noke, Sr. 74

Romig's plurality 12

TOTAL VOTE

For Mayor

John R. Snyder 84
Frank D. McCormick 187
Allen D. Rodgers 294
Joseph H. Vaughan 35

Rodgers' plurality 107

For City Clerk

J. D. Emerick 383
Leonard E. Pilkington 206

Emerick's majority 177

For City Treasurer

Percy Cogswell 340
William T. Schlupp 250

Cogswell's majority 90

For City Engineer

Reuben E. Knight 507

Light Vote Polled

There seemed to be quite an interest in the city election Tuesday, but the above figures show a very light vote. There were probably a hun-

dred and fifty or more voters who did not go to the polls. The candidates were not nominated with reference to their political affiliations, but to some extent party politics entered into the campaign. F. D. McCormick, who was second in the race for mayor, is a well known socialist, but received many votes from members of the other parties. For members of the board of education W. H. Swan and F. W. Harris were re-elected without opposition.

THE RECEPTION

As soon as the result of the election was definitely known the members of the fire department took possession of Mayor-elect Rodgers and Councilman-elect Romig. They were first seated together on the parade hose cart and slowly drawn up main street by cheering firemen, followed by the brass band. At the city hall a speech of introduction was made by Lloyd C. Thomas and Mayor-elect Rodgers and Councilman-elect Romig were both called on in turn for a speech. They both showed their friendship for the fire department and its members by interesting speeches and were loudly applauded by the big crowd.

After music by the band the leading athletic members of the department took an hour with interesting athletic feats, which were highly enjoyed by the crowd.

R. E. KNIGHT

R. E. Knight, city engineer, has given very satisfactory service and was re-elected without opposition again. He is thoroughly trained for the position and fills the office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

F. E. REDDISH

Mr. Reddish is Councilman-elect for the one-year term in the first ward. He is noted for his integrity and has the confidence of the people who he represents. He has been interested in Alliance ever since its birth and is a large property owner here. He takes a keen interest in everything that will build up Alliance and can be expected to benefit our city by making use of his business experience here for so many years.

W. H. SWAN

The fact that Mr. Swan received the highest vote cast in the first ward for councilman shows the high regard with which he is held by the voters. He has always taken a prominent part in public affairs in Alliance since coming to the town and is well fitted for the important office of councilman. He is widely acquainted and can be depended upon to give careful attention to the best interests of the town during the two years which he will serve.

PERCY COGSWELL

Percy Cogswell, re-elected city treasurer, is too well known to need any introduction. He is a leading member of the Elks and other fraternal societies and holds an important position with The Famous.

ONLY EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

This issue of The Herald contains only eight pages. While we have a large amount of local news items, we find it necessary to omit some departmental matter this week, but that does not mean that the departments have been dropped. Many people are interested in such departments as "Who's Who", "Woman's Suffrage", etc., and we expect to make them regular feature of the paper, except when crowded out by local news.

HALL & GRAHAM LOSS SMALL

Robert Graham was in town Tuesday, looking hale and hearty as usual and well pleased with his good fortune. He informed The Herald that the loss of stock on the Hall & Graham ranch in the big March blizzard was small, amounting to only about one per cent. Mr. Graham attributes the smallness of the loss



J. D. EMERICK

City Clerk. Re-elected for coming year.

J. D. Emerick, who was re-elected as city clerk for the third time, is popularly known as "Jay". He has made a fine record as city clerk and could be properly termed an "old" resident of Alliance, locating here in 1900.

largely to the fact that their stock was in exceptionally good condition and not weakened, as a result of some times in the early spring, by a hard winter and short feed.

Miss Edna Dunca, who has been spending the past three months in Oklahoma, is now on her return trip. She will arrive at Pacific Junction, Iowa, today for a short visit. She will also visit at Omaha and at Hastings enroute home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Gilbert and two children arrived from Hot Springs, S. D., Tuesday night to become residents of Alliance. Their home will be at 211 Sweetwater avenue. The Herald is pleased to welcome them to this city. Mr. Gilbert is a stationary engineer and will work for the railroad company.

C. W. Barnum came in Tuesday from his homestead in South Dakota and began work as fire builder at



K. J. STERN

Councilman Second Ward. Holds over from last year.

Karl Stern is the only member of the old council who holds over. He has held the office of councilman for one year and during that time has always taken great interest in the administration of the city's affairs. He can always be depended upon to be looking out for the best interests of his constituents. The fact that he was urged to run for the office of mayor shows the high regard with which he is held.

the R. R. shops. He had been laying off about three weeks to fix up his place.

Lawrence Acker from the Good-stak country, twenty miles southwest of Alliance, left on Tuesday for Columbus, Neb., to sell a couple of car loads of potatoes and to tell friends there about this good country. He will try to persuade some of them to move out.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. O'Bannon of Seward, parents of Oscar and Dick O'Bannon, terminated a pleasant visit of three weeks in Alliance yesterday and returned home. Mr. O'Bannon owns two quarter sections of Box Butte county's good land and makes about two visits here a year. He has a farm just outside the city of Seward, on which he has a fine home and, of course, does not wish to remove from there, but he likes this part of the state. He and his wife enjoy their visits here very much.

Master Mechanic T. J. Raycroft of Alliance was in Edgemont last Friday on business for the company. Mrs. J. A. Trefney of Alliance is visiting her husband who is firing one of the Mallets on the Highline. —Edgemont Express, March 28.

J. H. Warn, of Ansley, Nebraska, made arrangements this week to run the farm of Prof. G. M. Burns, of Alliance, this season. The farm is northwest of Alliance and was recently purchased by Prof. Burns.

Mrs. F. M. Broome returned home Friday morning from a visit of eight weeks to friends in Des Moines. She stopped over in Omaha on the way back and had the opportunity of viewing the ruin left by the tornado.

Miss Eva Latham of Springfield, Neb., is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. R. Lawrence, at Fairview. She formerly resided in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lawrence and family of the Fairview neighborhood are now residents of Alliance, having moved to town the first of the week. He has rented his place of 480 acres, south of the Fairview church, to Ed. Benjamin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodenough, who were among the killed in the Omaha tornado, formerly lived at Chadron. He is cousin of Thos. J. Lawrence of Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Green returned from Alliance Wed. morning where they have been for several weeks owing to Mrs. Green's illness. She was under her brother's (Dr. Geo. Hand) care and had a siege of pneumonia, pleurisy and bronchitis. While she is yet quite weak still we are glad to report that she is regaining health and that her life has been spared to her family and her friends. —Hay Springs Enterprise, March 28.

Quite a number of Alliance nimrods were out after ducks and geese the first of the week. Oscar O'Bannon, Dr. Copey and Bert Laing were among the number (of nimrods).

August Hornberg returned the first of the week from Staplehurst, Seward county, where he had been enjoying a visit with his father, Chris. Hornberg, and other relatives.

Col. Fred Benson, auctioneer of Bayard, attended the Lester sale last Saturday.



P. E. ROMIG

Councilman-elect for Second Ward, Chief Alliance Fire Department.

Penrose E. Romig, chief of the Alliance Fire Department and councilman-elect from the second ward, has made his home in Alliance for a number of years and is well liked. He holds an important position with the Burlington and is popular with his fellow workers. We predict he will make an enviable record as a councilman.

IN MEMORIAM

On Wednesday morning of March 19th the life of little Francis Geraldine Hand, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Geo. J. Hand, passed into the realms of the Great Beyond.

Little Francis would have been 5 years old on the 26th of next October. She was an exceptionally bright, lovable child and at one time voted most popular baby in Alliance. Her bright and sunny presence will long be missed by the sorrowing parents. "Let us be patient! These severe afflictions that from the ground arise but oftentimes celestial benedictions assume this dark disguise."

After brief services the remains were borne to their last resting place in Greenwood cemetery accompanied by the bereaved parents who have the sympathy of their many friends which was manifested in the beautiful floral offerings.

"A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled."

The Lester sale last Saturday, which was advertised in The Herald, was well attended and stuff sold well. Col. H. P. Coursey did the selling.

DEATH OF J. E. WHITE

Just as we are closing the forms for this issue of The Herald we learn of the death of J. E. White, which occurred about 2 o'clock this afternoon. Funeral will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow, from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Merritt, 311 Toluca avenue. Elder F. A. Woten will conduct the funeral. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery. An obituary will appear in the next issue of The Herald.

Millinery Sale, Friday and Saturday. Regan's, Opera House Block.

BAD WRECK

Two Men Killed, Several Seriously Injured, in Head-on Collision

Sheridan, Wyo., April 2, 1913, 8:10 p.m. (Special to Alliance Herald.) Two men were killed and eight others injured, some of them fatally, this afternoon when east and west bound passenger trains met in a head on collision at Wakeley, five miles east of Sheridan. The dead are Bump Mobbery, passenger, Tacoma, Wn.; Walter Taylor, Sheridan Route Agent for the Adams Express Co. The injured: G. A. Hart, freight auditor, Burlington, Sheridan, serious; Gus Holden, engineer No. 41, leg and hand crushed, will die. W. J. Stine, Sheridan, feet mashed, serious; Steve Buppas, Monarch, both legs mashed, serious; O. P. Robinson, Denver, left foot mashed, back wrenched; Sam Roefentreter, 328 East St., New York, both legs injured, right hand and wrist mashed; J. C. Page, Walla Walla, Wn., right foot mashed, left ankle hurt; J. L. Taylor, Owensboro, Ky., left knee injured and back sprained. S. B. Cox, Hampton, Neb., legs hurt, wrist cut, head gashed. Responsibility for the wreck is laid on the Engineer of the east bound train who failed to heed his orders to take a siding at Wakeley to let No. 41, the Denver train, pass. He realized his mistake too late and made an emergency stop just as the west bound train came in sight running about fifteen miles an hour. The engine crew of the east bound jumped but Engineer Gus Holden of the west bound made a vain attempt to stop his train and was caught in the crash. He will die from his injuries. The smoking car on the east bound train was telescoped and the fatalities took place here. O. P. Robinson of Denver who is among the injured is resting easily tonight and will recover. His injuries are not considered serious. A relief train went from Sheridan with nurses and doctors and the injured were brought to the hospital here.



Photo by F. G. Rowley, Orlando, Nebr. Dead Steers being taken from Swan Lake after the big blizzard. 500 were driven into this lake by the storm, dying there.

JUDGE REJECTS REPORT

Judge Westover Severely Arraigns Box Butte County Grand Jury Recently in Session

ENTERS A NOLLE PROSEQUI

After adjournment of district court yesterday, Judge W. H. Westover handed The Herald the following statement for publication:

Mr. County Attorney:

It appears that the indictment in this case is an indictment returned by the grand jury which was in session last week. This grand jury was impaneled on Monday and remained in session until Friday. This jury had before them cases of importance, cases where parties were charged with felonies. They occupied all the time they were in session in taking testimony in these felony cases up to the morning of the last day they were in session. I am informed, and upon investigation I find, that they had ample evidence before them, not only ample evidence, but evidence which was conclusive of the guilt of parties, and the crimes with which the parties were charged were felonies. Upon a final vote in at least one case where the evidence was so conclusive that to disregard it indicated a total disregard of the oaths which the grand jurors took, and of the public welfare of the citizens of Box Butte County, the jury stood eleven to five to find no indictment. This seemed to me at the time to indicate, and upon further investigation I have satisfied myself, that the vote in the grand jury upon this question was not a matter of accident, but rather a matter of design. I have since found evidence which convinces me that on account of the prominence of the accused person, and on account of the influence which he has been able to bring to bear, that this grand jury was packed to return a report of this kind, and that the packing of this jury commenced when the sixty names were furnished to the clerk of this court by the county commissioner of this county, and that it has been continued from that time at every step down to the impanelling of the jury.

This jury took an oath that they would indict no person through hatred or ill-will, and also that they would leave unrepresented no person, which means not indicted, from fear, favor or affection or reward or hope thereof. I am fully convinced that a majority of this grand jury has deliberately and knowingly violated the oath which they took when they were impaneled. Had one-tenth of the evidence been presented to this grand jury in a case against some man for stealing a three dollar pig or a calf worth ten dollars, the party would have been promptly indicted, and prosecuted vigorously. But the accused person in this case being prominent socially, professionally and otherwise, the evidence of serious crime on his part was evidently disregarded, and as far as this grand jury is concerned he would go unwhipped. I want to say that in more than seventeen years on the bench in this district, I have never witnessed or seen more evidence of corruption and dishonesty displayed by a grand jury, or any other jury for that matter, than I have witnessed during the past week.

It would be a violation of my official oath as judge of this court to let this matter pass without the strongest possible condemnation on my part. The rights of person and property depend on the honesty and integrity of jurors. They also constitute a prominent, important and frequently a decisive cog in the wheels of our judicial system. And without honesty and integrity and regard for their oaths on the part of our jurors, the persons and property and liberty of the people of this country is always in jeopardy. The brand of justice which would whip the common man accused of crime and permit the rich and influential to go free, is not the brand which has been administered by this court, and I trust that it never will be administered in this county or in this district.

I have no doubt there were some honest men on this grand jury, but I regret that I am unable to say that the majority of the grand jury were made up of this kind of men. Their conduct, Mr. County Attorney, has been so tainted with dishonesty and disregard of their official oaths that I now deem it unsafe and unwise to jeopardize any man's interests upon an indictment returned by them. The only indictments returned by this grand jury are for misdemeanors, and were evidently returned in order to convince the public that they had made some honest effort to do their duty when, as a matter of fact, a majority of them had not. You are directed to enter a nolle prosequi to each and every indictment returned by this grand jury, and the defendants therein named are discharged from custody.

You are further directed by the court, that in all felony cases before the grand jury, where the evidence warrants it, you are to proceed forthwith without unnecessary delay, to prosecute the party or parties by information. And that you are to permit no person, high or low, to go unwhipped of justice on account of friendship or the wealth or the prominence or popularity of the person who the evidence shows committed a crime.