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## LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

### Bill for Constitutional Convention Passed House of Representatives—Little Opposition

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 4.—For a new member Representative W. A. Smith of Beemer is making good. As chairman on the committee on Privileges and Elections the heavy part of the contest of Kelley vs Fults, for the Furnas county honors, fell upon his shoulders. With a democrat majority on his committee and a democrat majority in the house, he had it within his power to unseat Mr. Fults and put in "Platform" Kelley. Mr. Smith is a very modest country banker but he has a future in politics if he chooses to follow the pastime.

Norton's bill for a constitutional convention passed the lower branch of the legislature without serious opposition. Two years ago a similar resolution met an untimely death. Opponents argued that the constitution was as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians and a man was branded as a revolutionist who suggested anything of the sort. But this session the measure was presented in a different form. Instead of tearing Nebraska's Magna Charta to tatters and erecting a new foundation for our statutes the bill proposes to submit each proposed new section of the constitution separately to the electors. In that way the desirable changes can be acted upon favorably at the polls while unpopular sections may be discarded. House Roll No. 1, the Norton bill, is well on its way in the senate. It is whispered that it will have harder sledding there than in the house, which is recognized as being more favorable to progressive legislation.

Barker of Franklin, Cronin of O'Neill and Tibbets of Hastings are members of the house who are active newspaper men. Henry Richmond of Omaha and Broome of Alliance have been members of the fraternity recently and may be depended upon to defend the dignity of the press on every occasion. There is no active publisher in the senate, aside from Secretary Walrath, but Senators Beal and Quinby have won their spurs as editors and they have retained all of their sympathies for the country publishers.

If the governor had called out the militia Thursday, South Omaha and Benson and the other suburban towns around Omaha might have been annexed to Lincoln. A tremendous crowd of suburbanites came down to present a petition in boots to the legislature against a bill that seeks to add all of the little towns to the city of Omaha. The committee having the bill in charge gave the guests a public hearing and strong arguments were made for and against annexation. It is generally thought that if the bill passes the senate it will be given careful sifting in the house and "Greater Omaha" will be an actuality rather than a dream.

Representative Lanigan of Greeley county has introduced a bill in conformity with the suggestion in Governor Morehead's message providing for a constitutional amendment that, if passed, will elect future members of the state supreme court by congressional districts. There is also a bill pending to provide for the election of a supreme court commission. Those who have investigated the condition of the docket claim that there are no prospects for the present court to clean it up inside of three years if no new cases are filed. In the appointment of Andrew Morrissey for chief justice, the theory of young men for hard work has been practiced. A government irrigation attorney has cited an instance no longer ago than last summer of a judge who was disinclined to work because of his age and ill health and while he waited to render a decision in a controversy from the western part of the state the farmers along a certain ditch lost their crops from dry weather. A salary of nearly four hundred dollars per month ought to secure to the state men of vigor and judicial ability.

Dr. Hoffmeister, the Chase county statesman, pulled off a successful stunt Friday afternoon just before adjournment. He wants a railroad company to either fish or cut bait, i. e., to use a right of way or to forfeit it after a certain time. He got word that the companies interested were preparing a circular letter directed against House Roll No. 7 and he managed to put on enough steam to get the bill passed in the lower house twenty minutes before the railroad letters were distributed to the members.

The two bills providing for appropriations for the payment of salaries of members and employees and for incidental expenses of the legislature were made into laws Thursday in time for warrants to be issued by the auditor the next day. It was the first pay day of this session. The second pay day occurs this week. The house bookkeeper figures that the expenses for employees for the first month will amount to but little more than one-third of what it did for the same time two years ago. If this same ratio continues the legislature will save at least \$10,000 for the session as against that of 1913. There are now thirty people on the pay roll as against the possible thirty-three who may be used in case it is necessary. The senate is doing

nearly as well, but a higher limit is permitted there.

Five bills providing for constitutional amendments have been introduced in the house and four in the senate, but two of them are practically duplicates of each other. Representative Norton has introduced two, one of which is for a constitutional convention and the other providing for the recall. "General" Korf has introduced two, one to provide for cumulative voting in stock companies and another one to permit counties to change from the supervisor system to the commissioner system. The other house roll is by Lanigan providing for election of judges of the supreme court by districts. Senator Wilson has introduced a similar bill in the senate. Senator Spirk would have a legislature of half the present size, and Senator Hoagland wants foreigners to complete their naturalization or lose their vote.

## WOULD LOWER LIGHT & WATER

### Councilman Romig Favors Reduction in Rates to Small Consumers of Light and Water

Councilman Romig brought up the proposition of a reduction in rates on city light and water to the smaller consumers at the regular council meeting Tuesday evening. Mr. Romig is in favor of lowering the light rate from fifteen cents to twelve cents per kilowatt and the charge for water in proportion. He said: "A reduction of this kind would give the citizens the benefit which they are entitled to as taxpayers. We have in the light fund \$8,576.30 and in the water fund \$2,293.23, a total of \$10,769.53. The proposed reduction would decrease the revenues of the city only \$1800 per year. That is worth as much to the taxpayers and consumers as to anyone else." Mr. Romig stated that he would ask for a revision of the ordinance at the next regular meeting.

F. W. Harris, former mayor, spoke on the proposition. He mentioned the fact that the revenue from the street lighting, etc., is not revenue and that it is simply taking the funds from one pocket and putting them into another. He stated that he would be glad to see the rates reduced but not an unreasonable amount; that he does not see any reason for discrimination between the residences and small business houses, as many residences use more light than the small businesses. He believes that a rate of twelve cents would be a favorable and fair reduction at this time.

Mayor Rodgers asked for a report from the light and water department for the next meeting on the proposition, showing the cost of production, profits made, etc., in order that the matter might be given serious consideration.

Down Among 'Em  
John W. Thomas, editor of The Herald, left Monday night for a business trip through eastern and central Nebraska. On his return he will have some interesting articles on conditions as he finds them.

## ATTENDING THE PHILLIPS TRIAL

### Alliance Attorney Retained by Defense in Arson Case at Chadron This Week

B. F. Gilman, Alliance attorney, is attending district court at Chadron this week. He is one of the attorneys retained by the defense in the case of Ora and Ira Phillips, charged with arson. They are charged with setting fire to their store at Marsland several months ago, following which Ora Phillips was apprehended in Texas.

### ONE ACT DRAMA

#### Sanford Dodge, Miss Hight and Camille Nohe Will Present Thrilling Drama at Imperial

Sanford Dodge, who is spending a few days in Alliance, has consented to present his original and thrilling one-act drama, "The Gunfighter", Saturday night, February 6, at the Imperial theatre. He will be assisted in this presentation by Miss Thressa Pearl Hight and Mr. Camille Nohe, both well known in Alliance. Rehearsals are being energetically conducted and a finished performance is assured, as Mr. Dodge is directing the rehearsals personally.

"The Gunfighter" is a real underworld story. The personnel includes Jim Crandall, the gunfighter, played by Mr. Dodge; Salvation Annie, a reformed pickpocket, played by Miss Hight; and Black Jack, the gambler, played by Mr. Nohe. The price of admission for the one engagement will be only twenty-five cents.

Wolverton Moves Store  
Frank Wolverton, who deals in aluminum ware, has moved his store from the Imperial building to the building occupied by the Curtis delicatessen and bakery on Box Butte avenue.

## MUCH BUSINESS TRANSACTED

### Busy Session of City Dads Lasted Until Nearly Midnight—Many Attended Regular Meeting

Councilmen Swan, Snyder and Romig were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with Mayor Rodgers presiding. Councilman Fleming has been seriously ill with an attack of sciatic rheumatism for two weeks and was unable to be present. He is somewhat better at the present time and his friends hope that he will be out soon.

A recommendation from Superintendent Hughes of the city light plant was received, asking that the proposition of installing a new engine and boiler in the plant be given consideration. The matter will be investigated and taken up at the next special meeting of the council.

John W. Guthrie presented a petition for the public library board, asking that the charges for electric light and water bills be remitted, in

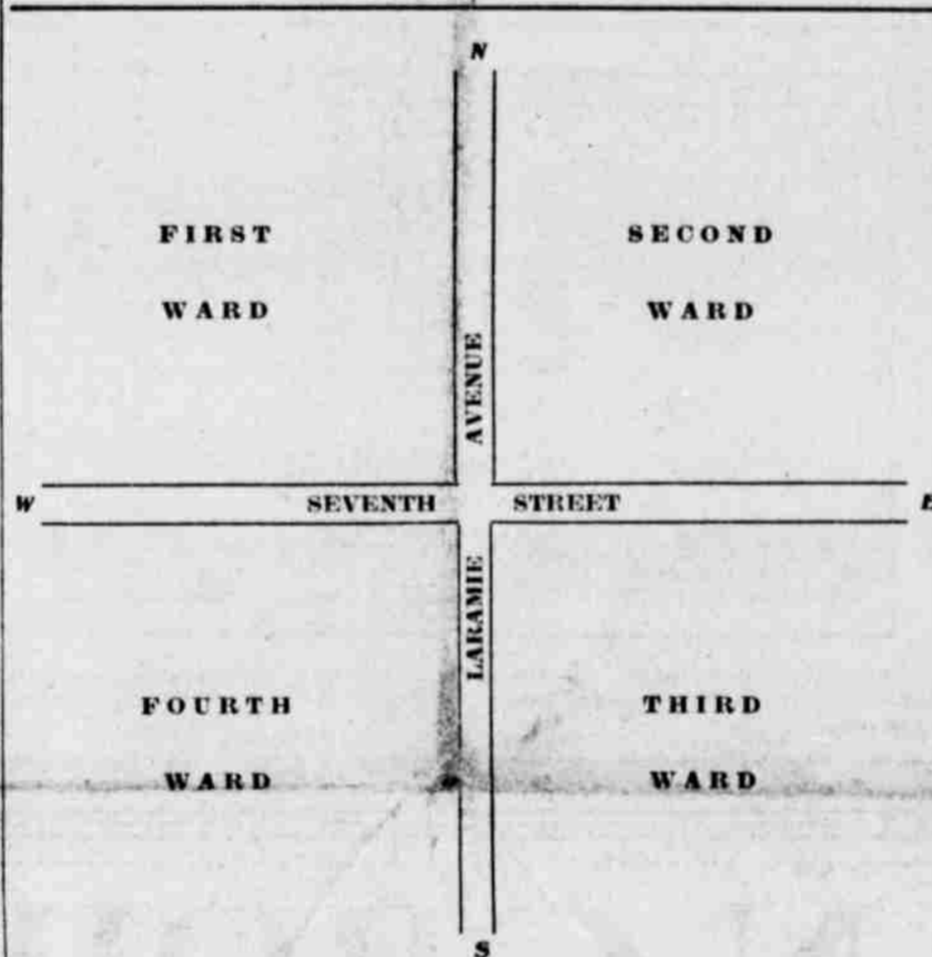
## ALLIANCE NOW HAS FOUR WARDS

### Ordinance Passed Tuesday Evening Provides for Division of City into New Wards in April

In accordance with the provisions of the state laws regarding cities of the first class, an ordinance was passed Tuesday night by the city council, dividing the city into four wards, to take effect at the spring election in April. The division is made on Laramie Avenue and Seventh street. The plan on first page of The Herald shows the division lines and the location of the wards.

During the coming municipal year the city will have eight councilmen instead of four, as at present. This will require the election of six councilmen at the spring election. Bonds of the city officers as required by laws governing cities of the first class were approved.

Six Weeks More  
Swish, zip, bang! Wow, wow, wow! What was it? Nothing



### New Division of Wards in Alliance, According to Ordinance Passed by City Council Tuesday Evening

order to allow the board funds for the purchase of new books. The council voted to give the public library, public schools and churches a rate of seven cents per one thousand gallons for water, and six cents per kilowatt for light.

Chas. Hill, chief of the fire department, presented the revised constitution and by-laws of the department for the approval of the council. These were drawn up by a special committee of firemen and approved by the department. The council referred them to City Attorney Metz for investigation. They will be acted upon by the council at the special meeting.

Jerry Rowan asked that an extension of the city sewer be made to the back of his property on Third street, in order to allow connections. The matter will be investigated and arrangements made.

Ed. Eldred brought up the proposition of an overcharge for water, or rather the loss of water running through his meter on his property on Fourth street. It is believed that there is a leak in the pipe. His water rent jumped from \$12 to \$23.70 in one quarter, indicating a probable loss through leakage. The light and water department is investigating.

The matter of deposits of city funds was brought up. Talks on the matter were made by Mr. Copey, cashier of the First State bank; Mr. Was, cashier of the First National Bank; and Mr. Harris, cashier of the Alliance National Bank. Ordinance number 203 was passed, requiring the banks to provide bonds to the amount of 15 per cent of their capital and surplus and providing that the deposits of city funds be made in proportion to the amount of capital and surplus in the banks.

Ordinance number 204 was passed creating four wards for the city. The application of The Herald Publishing Company for advertising on the community calendar being gotten out, for the electric light and water departments, was accepted, and the advertising ordered.

### Fell Down Stairs

Little Jack Johnson, Jr., the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson, had a bad fall Thursday evening at 6 o'clock when he fell down a flight of stairs at their home in the Norton Block. He was attended by Dr. Willis, who patched up his wounds and put him in better shape. The little chap is improving at this time and there will be no permanent injury from his accident.

In diplomatic circles abroad some of those "Young Turks" are beginning to look like old offenders.

much. Just Mr. Groundhog, who came out of his hole, saw his shadow and retired for a sleep of another six weeks. And he had to push his snout through eight inches of damp snow to see out at that. Winter is on in earnest, with a blanket of snow that covers western Nebraska from a depth of four to twelve inches and even more in some places.

## MASONS WILL ERECT TEMPLE

### Masonic Orders Have Purchased Lots as Site for Erection of a Two-story Building

The lots on the corner of Fourth street and Laramie avenue, adjoining the Newberry warehouse and across from the city library, have been purchased by the Masonic orders of Alliance, to be used as a building site for a Masonic temple, construction on which will probably start within the present year.

The lots were purchased from F. E. Holsten and C. A. Newberry and make a desirable site. Tentative building plans provide for a structure ninety by forty-five feet, two stories high. A building association will probably be organized for the purpose of erecting the building and holding it until it passes into the hands of the order.

### Special Edition for Firemen

Next week, February 11, The Herald will issue a special edition for firemen, the paper going to every member of the state association. It will contain illustrated articles and a complete report of the Nebraska City convention. Parties wanting extra copies of the special should send in their orders at once in order to insure getting them. A four-page supplement will be devoted to the firemen and it will be interesting to every one of them.

### Rented County Farm

The county commissioners, in session Tuesday, rented the county farm for two years to S. R. Burkholder, who has been farming a place belonging to Ernest Panwitz for the last seven years, nine miles from Alliance.

### Christian Endeavor Week

Christian Endeavor week will be observed by the young people of the First Presbyterian church February 7 to 14. The purpose of this week

is to bring new members into the society, and in the interest of the members who have. It is a great, inspiring rally week to push the best things in the best way. Next Sunday will be Christian Endeavor Day. The Christian Endeavorers will take the evening service Monday will be neilistment day.

### Will Visit Alliance

Mr. Blake, secretary of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, has written the Alliance Commercial Club stating that he will visit the commercial clubs of Alliance, Crawford and Chadron within the next few days, looking for pointers.

## ASSOCIATION HAS OFFICERS

### Meeting Held at Court House Monday Afternoon Attended by All Who Could Get Thru Snow

The attendance at the meeting of the new Box Butte County Farm Management Association, held at the court house Monday afternoon, was smaller than it would have been had not many of the farmers found it impossible to plow through the high fields and drifts of snow that cover the county. Those who could get through felt well repaid for being present.

The following officers were elected: L. H. Schill, president; A. S. Eneyart of Hemingford, vice president; A. H. Grove, secretary; W. F. Patterson, treasurer. Of the directors elected, only two were permanent, the others holding the places temporarily, until more can attend and elect permanent directors. Those elected permanently were: Lake precinct, Wm. Davidson; Box Butte precinct, Herbert Nason.

Those elected temporarily were: Boyd precinct, Fred Trabert; Running Water, John Jelinek; Nonpareil, Chris Hansen; Wright, Frank McCoy; Snake, Fred Crawford; Liberty, Nels Peterson; Lawn, D. P. Spreckland; Dorsey, Anton Christ.

## IMPERIAL BABY SHOW POPULAR

### Votes Being Cast for Most Popular Youngster in Alliance—Prizes Donated by Merchants

Interest in the baby show at the Imperial theatre is on the increase. The contest for the prizes to be awarded to the youngsters will prove fast and furious before the close on Tuesday, February 9. The prizes are donated by the merchants of Alliance. The conditions of the contest are explained on another page of The Herald.

The standing of the contestants entered up to Wednesday morning was as follows:  
Roy Elliott Marsh ..... 364  
Charles Bruce Fleming ..... 254  
William Hively ..... 226  
Fabian Comes ..... 199  
Mary Ellen Hull ..... 145  
Jack Leo Riordan ..... 92  
Clifford Young ..... 82  
Edith Hearston ..... 52  
Mona Hunsaker ..... 72

### First Court House Is Here

Wm. Mitchell, attorney, who is one of the few first settlers in Alliance, states that the original Box Butte county court house, built at Nonpareil when it was the county seat, before the railroad came into the county, is still standing. Few people know that the building now being torn down and which was moved from Hemingford, was the second court house for the county and was built at Hemingford by the Lincoln Land Company.

The old Nonpareil court house was purchased by the O'Keefe family when the county seat was moved to Hemingford. It was first moved to the O'Keefe farm, a mile from Nonpareil, and was later moved to Alliance. It is now used by T. J. O'Keefe as his residence, on Box Butte avenue, across from the Central school building.

### Mrs. Martin Won Darling Prize

The weekly prize in the Darling store contest was won by Mrs. Guy Martin. The standing of the candidates Saturday night was as follows:  
Mrs. E. C. Whetstone ..... 2185  
Mrs. C. E. Bennett ..... 1375  
Mrs. A. D. Rodgers ..... 2130  
Miss Jennie Martin ..... 2475  
Mrs. Roy Burns ..... 1998  
Mrs. George Duncan ..... 3115  
Mrs. Guy Martin ..... 4190  
Miss A. Curry ..... 2745  
Miss Mary Merk ..... 23463  
Mrs. J. R. Mekinoy ..... 25045  
Mrs. W. A. Willis ..... 5425  
Mrs. Fred Vaughan ..... 3700  
Mrs. M. G. Wambaugh ..... 1000  
Mrs. R. E. Driscoll ..... 1300  
Mrs. Zilpha Scott ..... 1825  
Mrs. Jas. W. Gaddis ..... 1000

When you are wearied from overwork, feel listless or languid, can't sleep or eat, as you should, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Makes you feel better than ever. Just try it tonight. H. F. THIELE.

## ASSOCIATION CEMETERY

### Attorney William Mitchell, Who Assisted in Organization of Original Board, Makes Statement

That S. A. Miller of Alliance is secretary of the Alliance Cemetery Association and is responsible for the management of the affairs of the cemetery, under the direction of the board of directors, is the statement of Attorney Wm. Mitchell to The Herald reporter Wednesday morning.

Mr. Mitchell said, "The first cemetery for Alliance was located just south of town, west of the Nation place. Probably half a dozen burials were made there, before the present location was chosen. I remember attending the funerals of Col. Jennings, an old time character, and a child of Ed. Fitch. When the location of the cemetery was changed, most of the bodies were moved to the new location. A number of the patriotic ladies of the town got together and raised funds for the removal of the body of Col. Jennings. This site was used from the spring of 1888 to 1889.

"In 1889 a cemetery association was formed and filed its articles of incorporation. This was a private corporation and ran until the year 1904, when a county cemetery association was organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, which are the same today as they were at that time. Robert Baxter, Nelson Fletcher, John A. Mallory, Dr. J. B. Moore, S. A. Miller and four others were the organizers of this association.

"After the organization of the county association a suit was brought in district court against the old association to quiet the title of the property in the new association. I was the attorney for the association and received a decree from the court granting this request. The property belongs to the people of the county. S. A. Miller is secretary of the association. I do not know that meetings of the directors have been held, but Mr. Miller has the books and manages the affairs.

"The state law requires that the income from the sale of lots, etc., be applied to laying out the cemetery, erection of necessary buildings, paying of necessary expenses, etc. The size of the cemetery has been increased from the original ten acres to approximately thirty acres at this time."

Articles were adopted by the original organization in 1889. Mr. Mitchell states that the original organizers believed they were organizing under the state laws when the articles were adopted but they found in 1904 that this had not been done correctly, and that the new organization, organized that year, did not require these articles, which were annulled by the new organization.

### JOINS WORLD CHAMPIONS

Walter Tragesor the famous base ball player has joined the world champions, the Boston Braves, who secured him from the Birmingham southern league. Tragesor is a cousin of Wm. J. Tragesor, of Alliance, who is under contract with the Harper Department Store.

### BLIZZARD NOW WORKING WEST

Snow Plow Ordered Out to Go Ahead of Passenger Trains This Afternoon—Snow Drifting

A blizzard, starting at Ravenna at 4 o'clock this morning, is working west and at the time this article is written, 11 o'clock, the first flurries have reached Alliance. Railroad officials predict that it will reach Alliance in full force in a couple of hours. Between Broken Bow and Ravenna the snow lies from three to four inches deep on the ground. A strong northwest wind is blowing with the temperature from ten to twenty-five degrees above zero. The snow is drifting badly. At Hyannis the storm is quite severe.

A steel plow is leaving Alliance within a few minutes, to run ahead of train number 44, which leaves Alliance at 11:40. The plow is mounted on the end of a loaded ballast car, driven by a heavy engine. The officials state they do not anticipate a tie-up of passenger traffic but freight traffic may be delayed somewhat. Two years ago in March passenger trains were delayed as long as fifty-six hours in drifts near Hyannis.

West of Alliance the storm is bad. At Hemingford the wind is so strong and snow so heavy that it is hard to see across the street. Between Englewood and Crawford there is very little snow.

Trip Through South and East  
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bogue left last Thursday noon for Texas. After a visit in the land of flowers they will go to New York City. They expect to be gone about a month.