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ANALYZING PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

The Herald has not "analyzed" the results of the recent unpleasantness in Nebraska, known as the April primary election, as some of our exchanges have endeavored to do. By the time the official returns had been completed, upon which any intelligent discussion must be based, a good many people were tired of the subject and wanted to be given a rest for a while, so we neglected to tell how it happened. However, The Nebraska Farmer, whose publisher, S. R. McKlvie, ran a neck-and-neck race for the republican nomination for governor with Judge A. L. Sutton of Omaha, who nosed out ahead of him in the final count, recently contained three editorials relative to the primary election, under the heads, "Prohibition Prospects," "Against Preparedness" and "The Ballot Jungle," which we print below.

We have a high regar dfor Mr. McKelvie and his splendid publication, The Nebraska Farmer, and can generally endorse the articles written by the able editor, Leonard S. Herron, who usually does not write on political subjects; but in reprinting the editorials herewith we do not assume any responsibility for the sentiments expressed. Some of the statements regarding the proposed short ballot are good, particularly that referring to the application of civil service rules to the selection of officials, but we object to one part in particular and that is regarding returning to the system of annual elections in Nebraska. The legislature did a good job when it gave us biennial elections instead of annual; if any change is to be made from what we now have, it would be better to advance to quadrennial elections rather than go back to having an election every year.

Prohibition Prospects

Nebraska will adopt the prohibition amendment this fall by a large majority if the votes received by candidates for governor at the primary last week may be taken as a safe criterion of dry sentiment in the state. Wet and dry lines were closely drawn in the primary campaign in both of the major parties. The votes indicate that one party is about 75 per cent dry and the other about 40 per cent dry. To put it another way, the total vote for wet candidates in both parties was only about 60 per cent of the total vote for dry candidates in both parties. Of course, personalities entered into the voting, and not every vote was cast strictly on the wet and dry issue. Besides, something like 100,000 voters did not participate in the primary and remain to be heard from in November. But the indications that the primary voting affords point to a very decisive victory for prohibition in November.

Against Preparedness

One of the striking results of the Nebraska primary was the heavy presidential preference vote received by Henry Ford. He has never been in public life, he made no campaign whatever and it is said that he did not know his name was on the ballot in this state, and yet he ran neck and neck with Senator Cummins who has been in public life for years, who is well afind favorably known and whose campaign was backed by an active organization. This result, with the heavy majority Mr. Ford received in Michigan without any effort on his part, should cause congress and the preparationists to sit up and take a little notice of real public sentiment. For we believe that the votes for Mr. Ford in both cases were an expression against so-called preparedness. Perhaps very few voters seriously considered Mr. Ford a possible candidate for the presidency, but they did know that he has a heart and that he stands opposed to the yoke of militarism.

The Ballot Jungle

Intelligent voting is well nigh impossible so long as we have so many offices to fill by election. The primary ballots, party and non-partisan judiciary, with which we were confronted in our voting precinct contained the names of no less than 136 men, running for a total of fifty-eight offices. Perhaps if we had had nothing else to do for a month before the primary we could have informed ourselves about all of those 136 men, but we had something else to do. As a consequence we voted blindly on some of the offices.

Biennial elections are partly responsible for the long ballots with which we all had to wrestle at the recent primary. It is the first presidential year since the adoption of the biennial elections amendment. How much better it would be to have an election every year than to have such an enormous job on hand every two years. When the constitution of Nebraska is made over, as we trust it will be soon, we shall favor a return to annual elections.

But even with annual elections our ballot would be too long. The only remedy for that condition is to reduce the number of elective offices, and this, it seems to us, should be done. A sort of commission form of government in the counties would help greatly. Why not elect a board of three or five men to conduct the business of the county and allow them to hire persons to do the clerical work? The number of elective state offices could be reduced by making some of them appointive.

A great many persons oppose short ballot reform because they believe it would mean taking power from the people. But people's rule does not depend upon electing every official from road overseer up. There is no good reason why officials who do not formulate policies, whose duties are purely administrative, should be elected by the people. They could as well be appointed or placed under civil service rules.

Genuine democracy is being curtailed by the very impossibility of intelligent voting with so long a ballot. We can attain the greatest measure of people's rule, it seems to us, by electing only a few officials and holding them strictly accountable for the conduct of public affairs. Strict accountability could be secured through the recall, which should accompany any short ballot reform.

WHY NOT ONE HOUR MORE OF DAYLIGHT?

The European governments, both those at war and those who are neutral, have practically all advanced the clock one hour ahead in order to get the benefit of one hour more of daylight during the summer months. A strong movement is on foot in the eastern states of our own country to do this. Alliance could with profit adopt the idea and run by Central time instead of Mountain time, as is done at present. It would simply mean that we would get up one hour earlier and go to bed one hour earlier. The benefits are plain. The change is made at Alliance from Central to Mountain time, travelers going west setting their watches back one hour and travelers going east setting their timepieces ahead one hour at this point. Would it not be a wise plan for the merchants and the railroad to get together and decide that the town will henceforth operate on Central time, giving all the advantage of the extra hour of daylight?

RAILROAD NOTES

Day Cunningham laid off work on Monday, taking a trip to Sterling.

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General Superintendent E. E. Young left Wednesday morning for Billings.

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Mrs. R. E. McKenzie returned Tuesday morning on forty-one from a trip east.

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Frank Mackey, brakeman, returned Monday from a trip to Chicago and points east.

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Forest Hill, switchman, left last week for Edgemont for a rest and medical treatment.

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H. E. Wolf, agent at Sweetwater, who has been on a short vacation, returned to his work Wednesday.

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F. J. Smith, a stenographer in the superintendent's office at Sterling, has been transferred to headquarters at Alliance.

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Miss Ola Burmood, of the superintendent's office force, has been on the sick list for the past week, being confined to her home.

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Superintendent Weidenhamer has been confined to his home for the last few days with a severe attack of stomach trouble, being confined to his bed most of the time.

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M. E. Lander, passenger brakeman, is taking a layoff and will leave today for an extended trip of three weeks to Paducah and Louisville, Kentucky, stopping at intermediate points.

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Twenty-nine cars of cattle passed through Alliance Wednesday morning, on their way to the big Richards & Comstock ranches at Crookston, Wyo. The cattle were being shipped in from the south.

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C. G. Keogh, stenographer in Burlington headquarters at Alliance, in the general superintendent's office, left Sunday to accept the position to which he was promoted in the office of Mr. Greer in Omaha. J. L. Rice takes Keogh's place at Alliance.

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Mrs. J. A. Witowack and Mrs. Al Robbins returned Tuesday noon from their trip to Minneapolis and Rochester. They attended the big Baptist convention at Minneapolis and enjoyed the trip greatly. Both were feeling much rested and better after the pleasant trip.

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Pat Burns, a bridgeman, was seriously hurt at Hoffland Tuesday when a handcar on which he was riding left the track and fell on him. His upper lip was torn out and the lower lip split to the chin. He was brought to the hospital in Alliance and attended by Dr. Hershman, company physician.

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The resignation of C. L. Emerson as general foreman of the shops at Alliance has resulted in several changes in the Alliance division of the Burlington. A. G. Pirie, of Edgemont, will succeed Mr. Emerson at Alliance as general foreman. W. B. Holliday is promoted to the position of round house foreman. J. B. Irwin will go to Edgemont to fill the position of general foreman there.

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Trying Automatic Stokers

The Burlington has been trying out automatic stokers on the heavy freight engines for some time. So far the stokers have been a success with bituminous coal with the result that one hundred and fifty or more engines burning this coal are now equipped. Stokers have not been a success on engines burning the lignite coal and experimenting is now going on the Sheridan division with this coal.

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A. V. Gavin, chief dispatcher for the Burlington at Alliance, states that never before in his railroad experience has he seen such a shortage of experienced station men and operators. The shortage in the east is even more pronounced than here in the west. The unusual amount of work and the crowded condition of the railroads in the east has exhausted the supply of available experienced men, with the result that the railroads are at their wits end to get capable men to fill the vacant positions.

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Miss Goldie Bennett of Marsland spent Sunday with Mrs. Ira Phillips of this place.

Mrs. Wm. Curry left Thursday for Chadron for a few days visit with her father.

Miss Ella Brown and Mrs. Eugene Franzen were shopping in Alliance Friday.

Miss Mary Kuhn came up from Alliance Monday to spend a few days with her parents at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grommet autoed down from Marsland Sunday and will visit until after Decoration day.

Mrs. K. L. Pierce and Mrs. Mary Ward returned on 44 Friday after a few days visit with relatives at Chadron.

D. W. Butler spent Sunday with home folks at Alliance.

Jerry Wells of Berea was a business caller in town Monday.

Miss Lena Merchant came up from Alliance Sunday to spend Decoration day with relatives and friends here.

K. M. Christensen departed Monday on 44 for Alliance where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Michael, Sr., returned Monday morning from Otis, Colo., where they were called last week on account of the illness of their son.

Mrs. Arthur Donovan of Alliance came up Monday to spend Decoration day with her mother, Mrs. Belle Brown, of this place.

The Misses Reta and Geraldine Shull of Minatare came up Monday to spend Decoration day here.

George Bell came up from Alliance Monday for a short visit with home folks.

Wm. and Grove Fosket autoed up to Marsland Friday, returning the same day.

Brown Church went to Alliance Thursday and met his sisters Mrs. Ernest Kinsley of Omaha and Mrs. Alwilda McKenzie of Denver, Colo., who came up for Decoration day.

C. T. Bushnell came the first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. James Waisner came down from Sheridan, Wyo., Friday morning.

M. Goodenough arrived Monday from the eastern part of the state to spend Decoration day with relatives and friends.

Quite a large number from town attended the dance out at Kriz's big barn Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Johnson of Sioux county gave a party to their friends on the evening of Friday, May 26, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. A delicious lunch was served including the wedding treats, as Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married but recently. The guest list included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Romer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hubbel and children, Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell, Miss Helen Ledgerwood, Miss Hazel Meeker of Alliance, Misses Oza and Nora Johnson, iMss Lily Ryan, Miss Josie Stumf, and Ira Leavitt, Wendell Johnson, Dull Kay of Marsland, Arthur Hockett, Curtis Downey, Col. Robert R. Mitchell, Floyd Brandt, Ivor Meeker and Oldrich Stumf.

Miss Alice Enyeart came down from Marsland to spend Decoration day with her parents, at this place.

Quite a crowd from Alliance and Marsland attended the dance at the opera house Decoration night.

Mrs. Ernest Kinsley and Harold departed on 44 Wednesday for their home in Omaha, after a few days' visit with friends and relatives at this place.

Mrs. Clyde Watson of Chadron spent a few days here the first of the week.

Miss Della Brown who has been working in the printing office at Gordon for the past winter returned to her home here Tuesday.

Gene Kennedy who has been visiting for the past week with Mrs. A. M. Miller left for his home at Ellsworth on 44 Wednesday.

Ralph Jackson who has been teaching school at Rushville came through here Tuesday. He is going across country in his car to the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. L. C. Thomas and Mrs. Richard Kenner of Alliance came up Tuesday and spent the day with Mrs. I. R. Walker of this place.

Miss Antonette Planasky of Chadron came down from that place Monday for a short visit with her brother here.

A number of car loads came up from Alliance for Decoration day.

Mrs. Charlie Sharp returned home on 43 Monday after a short visit with friends and relatives in Alliance.

The ball game here Decoration day between Whistle Creek and Hemingford was an exceedingly good game, the score being 10 to 9 in favor of Whistle Creek.

Word was received from Miss Ida Uhrig at Excelsior Springs, Mo., that she is slowly improving. Miss Uhrig left about three weeks ago to take treatments for inflammatory rheumatism.

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Mr. Curtis, who is employed by the Burlington as special officer at the depot, has returned to work after eight days spent on his ranch.

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