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HARMONY REIGNS AT BOX BUTTE DEMOCRATIC MEETING

William Mitchell Re-elected County Chairman and John O'Keefe Secretary of County Organization. Resolutions Passed Endorsing Administration and Candidates. Stirring Speeches Are Made by Number of Democrats

DEMOCRATIC VICTORY IS PREDICTED AT FALL ELECTION

Box Butte county will go democratic at the fall election by a large majority, if the enthusiasm shown at the meeting of the Box Butte County Democratic central committee, held at the court house in Alliance Saturday afternoon, continues throughout the campaign—and it will. The assembly room in the court house was well filled when the meeting was called to order at 1 o'clock by William Mitchell, chairman. Delegates were present from every precinct in the county.

A committee of three was appointed on credentials, consisting of Robert Graham, J. W. Guthrie and John Jelinek. The resolutions committee consisted of John C. Morrow, C. A. Burlaw and John Kinsella. The report of the committee on credentials was adopted.

The report of the committee on resolutions was as follows:

Resolutions The Democratic party of Box Butte county, in convention assembled, renews its fealty to, and its faith in, the great and fundamental principles of the party of Jefferson, of Jackson and of Wilson.

We heartily endorse the platform adopted by the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis.

The tariff law, income tax law, reserve banking law, rural credits law, federal trades commission and antitrust law, passed by this administration, mark it as the greatest constructive administration this country has ever had. When the shipping bill and workmen's compensation act, now on the program, are passed, Democrats have reason to be proud of the achievements of their party. These laws are in the interest and welfare of the great producing class of our country, and are in sharp contrast with legislation in favor of the exploiting class, as was the rule of republican legislation.

Owing to the strong and able leadership of Woodrow Wilson, this country is at peace, and our people prosper and contented, notwithstanding the fact that the civilized world is passing through the greatest cataclysm of history, and that the very foundations of civilization are shaken. The affairs of our country are in strong and safe hands, and we invite all good citizens, regardless of party, to acquiesce themselves with the achievements of the Democratic party and its declarations of principles, and to help us maintain these conditions and continue these principles. Patriotism should arise above partisanship in these precarious times. The president, who has guided our destinies so well, who typifies the trust and best Americanism, and who has maintained the dignity and honor of the country in the face of the greatest difficulties since the administration of the immortal Lincoln, should receive the support of a grateful people.

We heartily endorse the record in Congress of Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock. He has ever been alert in the interest of his constituents. The amendments he secured to many bills were always in the interest of his people. We earnestly commend him for the amendments secured to the Reserve Act in favor of the farmers and stockmen of the country. He is one of the most influential of that great legislative body, and the people of Nebraska are to be congratulated on being so ably represented. We urge all Democrats to put forth their best efforts to secure his reelection.

We commend and endorse the efficient and business-like administration of Governor Morehead and the Democratic state officers. We take particular pride in the record of efficiency and economy of our friend and neighbor, Honorable Charles W. Pool, secretary of state.

We commend to the people of the county the excellent and representative state and county ticket nominated at the primaries by the Democratic voters.

Keith Noville, for governor, is a man of broad education and business ability—a man who will continue the present business methods of Governor Morehead.

Edgar Howard, that pioneer of progressive thought and intellectual giant, should receive the vote of every farmer in Nebraska for lieutenant governor. His advocacy of the development of the water power of our streams by the state for the people of the state, should meet the approval of every man in Nebraska not interested in exploiting these natural resources.

A nominating committee was appointed for the selection of delegates to the state convention at Hastings on Tuesday. This committee consisted of J. C. Morrow, Fred Mollring and C. A. Burlaw. Their report was adopted and the following were elected delegates to the state convention: William Mitchell, Robert Graham, John O'Keefe, H. E. Gantz, P. H. Zobel.

The election of a permanent chair-

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MRS. BIGNELL KILLED BY FALL

Prominent Alliance Woman Killed at Eight O'clock Tuesday Night by Fall Down Stairs

BODY FOUND WEDNESDAY A. M.

Funeral to Be Held at Two O'clock Friday Afternoon from First Presbyterian Church

Mrs. William Bignell was killed at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening by falling down the cellar stairs of the Bignell residence at 618 Box Butte avenue. The body was not found until 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, when it was discovered by Mr. Bignell.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Bignell were seated on the front porch of the residence, ready to go to the evening Chautauqua program. She had her sofa pillow and fan. Rising suddenly, as though having forgotten something, she entered the house and went to the kitchen, carrying the fan and pillow with her, the pillow under her right arm and the fan in her left hand.

At the same time Mr. Bignell stepped to the sidewalk to speak to James Hunter, who was passing. Returning to the house he missed Mrs. Bignell and stepped back to the kitchen, looking for her. He noticed that the hook on the rear screen door was unfastened. Mrs. Bignell was a great friend of Mrs. C. A. Newberry, whose home is on Laramie avenue, directly west of the Bignell residence. Mrs. Bignell visited often at the Newberry home and usually went out the back door, it being much closer. Seeing the rear door unfastened, Mr. Bignell hunted no further but presumed that she had stepped over to the Newberry home for a short chat. After waiting a few minutes he went down town, going to the Eagles club, where he stayed until nearly 11 o'clock.

Returning home about 11, Mr. Bignell noticed that she had not returned and presumed that she was still at the Chautauqua tent, where he supposed she had gone. He went into the bedroom of the son Joe, and lay down on the bed with his clothing on, intending to rest there until her return before retiring.

Mr. Bignell went to sleep and did not awaken until 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, when he was called by telephone from the ranch. He answered the call and then looked for a match, noticing that he had his clothing on and that he had not been awakened by Mrs. Bignell. Not finding a match in the dining room he stepped into the kitchen and then into the pantry. He noticed that the trap door in the pantry was open and slanting to the bottom of the stairs, was horrified to see the body of his wife lying there. He ran to the bottom of the stairs, found that life was gone, and then ran to the telephone, calling the Newberry residence. Both Mr. and Mrs. Newberry started immediately for the Bignell home. On arrival there they found Mrs. Bignell prostrate. Mr. Newberry called Dr. Slagle, county coroner, who came at once. On his arrival the body was carried to a bed upstairs.

The trap door in the pantry, which adjoins the kitchen, occupies most of the pantry floor and is directly in front of the door. From the position of the body and its appearance it is presumed that Mrs. Bignell had stepped into the pantry in the darkness, not remembering or noticing that the trap door was open. She had evidently fallen head first down the stairs, striking one of the steps near the bottom on the top of her head and then falling on her left side. Death evidently came at once, for there were no evidences of a struggle. The sofa pillow was still held under her right arm and the fan lay under her left side, while the Chautauqua ticket was in her belt. The skull was not broken or crushed and death appeared to have been caused by concussion of the brain.

Mrs. Bignell is survived by her son, Joe, eighteen years of age, who was on the Bignell brothers ranch at (Continued from first page)

the time of her death; her husband, D. H. Badsley, a brother, who is an engineer at Birmingham, Alabama; and a half-sister, Mrs. William Mitchell of Alliance. Mrs. Mitchell was in the Black Hills at the time of the accident and was telegraphed for at once, arriving today. John Bignell, of Bellevue, Neb., a brother of Wm. Bignell, arrived today. Mr. Badsley was unable to come.

Mrs. Bignell was an active and prominent member of the Alliance W. C. T. U.; treasurer of the City Mission Board, and a member of the First Presbyterian church. The family have been residents of western

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THE CAMPAIGN IS ON



SERIOUS PRAIRIE FIRE

Fire, Starting at 1 O'clock This Afternoon, Covered More Than Section of Ground

A prairie fire, starting at 1 o'clock this afternoon, directly east of Alliance near the Burlington railroad, burned a strip two miles long and a half mile wide before it was stopped by nearly a hundred brave fire fighters. The fire went directly for the Fowell Jesse ranch at first, and was prevented from burning the buildings by about seven men who fought valiantly and kept it from the buildings, although it went around them on both sides.

The fire continued northwest, up the hay valley towards the Ferdinand Seidler ranch, which would have been destroyed had it not been stopped. A call for assistance was sent into Alliance and about twenty-five members of the Alliance fire department responded, making the trip to the scene of the fire in record-breaking time in autos. People living in the vicinity gathered until there were nearly one hundred working in gangs. The damage consists of about 600 acres burned over, 300 of which are hay land, and several stacks of prairie hay which were destroyed. At the time of going to press, watchers are still at the scene of the fire to prevent it breaking out again.

CHANGE AT PLAYGROUND

Playground Supervisor Crawford Announces Change in Schedule of Hours—Tell Children

The Alliance city playground supervisor desires to announce a change of schedule of hours. In the mornings from 8 to 11 at Central school ground. In the afternoons will be conducted at the city park as usual for those who care to come between the hours of 2 and 5. However, on account of the extreme heat it is thought that only the larger children and those interested in baseball, etc., should be advised to come in the afternoon. Evening play will be supervised from 7 until 9, at the city park.

A complete line of brand new games will be taught the children and the play will be so conducted to make it safe for all children to be present.

A story-telling league has been recently formed which will be conducted by a number of ladies at the city library on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 3 to 4 p. m. This is in co-operation with the playground movement.

GOV. HANLY NOMINATED

Prohibition Party's Platform Stands for Peace, Prohibition and Woman Suffrage

St. Paul, Minn., July 21—Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana, was nominated for president of the United States on the first ballot of the national prohibition convention here this afternoon.

Hanly received 600 votes against 181 for Wm. Sulzer, former governor of New York, his nearest contender. The convention resumed its work shortly after 10 o'clock today and after a brief discussion adopted the platform without serious opposition. By a rising vote the convention included in the platform E. W. Chaffin's plank endorsing the initiative, referendum and recall.

Names of the new members of the new national committee were presented and confirmed. Nomination of presidential and vice presidential candidates was the next business in order.

Nominating speeches were limited to ten minutes and seconding speeches to five minutes. Alabama yielded to Indiana and Sumner W. Haynes began his speech nominating J. Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana. At the con-

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OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR DEMOCRATIC VICTORY

Big Crowd Attended Democratic State Convention Held at Hastings on Tuesday of This Week. Harmony and Enthusiasm Were Prevalent. Letter Read from President Wilson to National Committeeman Arthur Mullen

GOV. MOREHEAD TOLD OF NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC RECORD

(By John W. Thomas, Editor of The Herald)

REPUBLICANS MET LAST THURSDAY

Box Butte County Republican Central Committee Held Meeting in Court House July 20

ENDORSE ALL THE CANDIDATES

Hargraves Elected Chairman and Metz Secretary of County Organization

The annual meeting of the Box Butte County Republican Central Committee was held at the court house in Alliance Thursday afternoon, July 20. Delegates were present from the different precincts over the county and speeches were made by a number of those present.

The following officers were elected:

- Chairman—M. S. Hargraves. Secretary—W. R. Metz. Treasurer—F. M. Knight. The following were elected to serve as members of the central committee from the different county precincts: Running Water—To be filled. Dorsey—Alex Muirhead. Lawn—Joseph Wanek. Liberty—Charles Moravek. Nonpareil—Floyd Trine. Box Butte—Herbert Nason. Boyd—To be filled. Lake—E. P. Sweeney. Wright—W. J. Johnson. Snake Creek—E. M. Banks. First Ward, Alliance—B. J. Salawa. Second Ward, Alliance—To be filled. Third Ward, Alliance—W. R. Metz. Fourth Ward, Alliance—E. D. Malley.

Delegates to the state convention at Lincoln on Tuesday were elected as follows: W. R. Harper, K. L. Pierce, E. D. Malley, W. R. Metz, Lee Barge. The following report of the committee on resolutions was accepted and adopted:

Resolutions We resolved by the Republican voters of Box Butte County, Nebraska, in delegate convention assembled:

That we endorse most heartily the platform adopted by the Republican National Convention in Chicago, with its ringing demands for national preparedness and undiluted Americanism, its insistence upon a return to the protective principle in tariff legislation and its clear cut and well considered declarations upon the other questions of national interest. That we deplore the course pursued by the present national administration. Its weak and ever-changing foreign policy has caused needless sacrifice of American lives and property. Its attitude has been such that Americans outside the borders of our own country have been without protection. It has lost for the United States the respect and admiration of foreign nations and foreign peoples. Its domestic policies have been built upon false economic theories. Its domestic legislation has been characterized by an unprecedented display of pork politics in absolute disregard of the nation's welfare.

That we pledge our hearty support to Charles E. Hughes and Charles W. Fairbanks, the candidates of reunited Republicanism for president and vice president of the nation; to Abraham L. Sutton, our candidate for governor of the state of Nebraska.

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WAS GRAND SUCCESS

Chautauqua Closed Wednesday Night—Large Crowds Filled Big Tent All the Week

Alliance's Chautauqua, conducted by the Standard Lyceum & Chautauqua System of Lincoln, closed Wednesday night. Every day of the six from Friday until Wednesday, was a good day, and it would have been hard for a better program to have been selected.

Features of special interest during the six days were The Players and Singers Club on Sunday, with Dr. L. B. Wickersham. On Monday, The Killies, the world famous band, entertained large crowds both afternoon and evening. J. Coates Lockhart, the tenor, was the most popular feature of the band and at both programs was compelled to respond to encores until he was exhausted. He is Canada's greatest tenor and is one of the finest singers ever heard in Alliance.

Before the close of the week, contracts were signed by local business men with the Standard Chautauqua Company for next year. This will assure the same high-class entertainment in 1917 that has been enjoyed by Alliance people this year.

The most enthusiastic democratic state convention ever held in Nebraska, and the most harmonious that has been held in recent years, was that at Hastings on Tuesday of this week.

Sometimes it transpires that there is harmony in a political convention because there is not enough interest to create a discord, but that was not the case. The attendance was large, the interest was keen, there were differences on some things but there was also a disposition manifested on all sides to let the majority rule, and as a result the convention goes into history as one of the most harmonious of any political party ever held in Nebraska.

Soon after the convention had been called to order, National Committeeman Arthur Mullen read the following letter from President Wilson:

"My dear Mr. Mullen: I hope that this letter will reach you in time to convey to the state convention, which is to meet at Hastings on the 25th, my warm greetings and my cordial best wishes for a harmonious and enthusiastic meeting. There never was a time when the democratic party had a greater opportunity to serve the country than now, and to serve it with thoughtfulness and devotion. Cordially and sincerely yours, WOODROW WILSON."

The convention was held in the large Chautauqua pavilion in beautiful Prospect park, west of the city of Hastings.

Prior to the calling of the convention to order, the band played patriotic and popular airs, and the assembled delegates sang and cheered various candidates and democratic leaders.

Shortly after 2 o'clock State Chairman W. H. Thompson came onto the platform, followed by United States Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Governor John H. Morehead and others. They were given a reception by hand-clapping and cheering.

Rev. J. D. Grosz, pastor of the German Congregational church of Hastings, made the opening invocation.

City Councilman A. J. Van Every, who is democratic nominee for state representative, made a hit with the convention, in closing a cordial address of welcome, by promising that Adams county will roll up a democratic majority next November.

Chairman Thompson, "The Little Giant of Grand Island," addressed the convention. As an introduction to his remarks, he thanked the democrats of Nebraska for their almost unanimous vote given him at the last primary, for delegate at large to the democratic national convention. As he mentioned in the course of his remarks the names of prominent democrats, they were roundly cheered, the cheer coming when he referred to William J. Bryan.

Mr. Thompson introduced the eloquent Merton L. Corey who was chairman of the democratic state convention two years ago. He was made chairman of this convention. His speech, while only one of a number of excellent addresses, may be called the "keynote of the convention." Among many other trite expressions made by Mr. Corey in his speech he spoke of President Wilson in the following sentence, "America's peace preserver of today will be the world's peace maker of tomorrow."

Senator Hitchcock made a splendid address, reviewing briefly the work of the present democratic national administration, and placing particular stress on the large amount of valuable, constructive legislation passed by congress and approved by President Wilson, legislation valuable to the people of the nation as a whole rather than the comparatively few that may be termed the special interests.

Governor Morehead, who pressed for time in which to make an address, was at his best in summing up the work of the two terms of his administration. He presented some statistics showing the large savings that had been made to the tax payers of Nebraska by the present democratic administration as compared with the preceding republican administrations.

The committee on resolutions, consisting of one member at large and one for each of the six congressional districts, was composed as follows: Harry Fiehrty, Omaha, chairman; J. W. Cutright, Lincoln, first district; A. F. Mullen, Omaha, second district; Julius Haas, Norfolk, third district; Earl Marvin, Beatrice, fourth district; Ward Newcomb, Clay Center, fifth district; J. G. Beeler, North Platte, sixth district.

The report of the committee on resolutions, constituting the platform of the democrats of Nebraska for this campaign, was adopted by the convention at the night session. It will be printed in a subsequent issue of The Herald.

Misses Mabel and Frances Grassman left Sunday noon for Plattsmouth, Omaha and other eastern points to visit with friends and relatives for a couple of weeks.