

## MAKES EFFECTIVE ADDRESS

William D. Phifer of Denver, addressed an audience at the Phelan Opera house Friday night on behalf of the dry proposed amendment to the constitution of the state prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

T. H. Barnes, president of the Box Butte Dry Federation called the meeting to order. He introduced Mayor Romig who made a short and pointed address he in turn introduced the speaker.

Mr. Phifer is a reasoner and a speaker who holds the attention of his hearers from the start to the finish of his speech. He told about the fight for state-wide prohibition in Colorado and the benefits that have followed the adopting of the amendment. He had a great array of facts and figures to prove the position he maintained.

Music for the occasion was furnished by a quartette. The congregation united in singing "America." Invocation was offered by Rev. Layton of the Baptist church.

## PROMINENT REPUBLICAN DECLARES FOR WILSON

Ex-Mayor Broatch Makes a Sweeping Statement in Which He Says He is For the President

Lincoln.—Ex-Mayor W. J. Broatch of Omaha, threw a bomb shell into the republican camp this week by declaring in a sweeping statement that he was for the re-election of President Wilson, and would both support and vote for him. It will be remembered that the Ex-Mayor of the Nebraska metropolis two years ago was the candidate for state treasurer on the progressive ticket. He received next to the highest vote of any candidate on his ticket. Mr. Broatch for years has been prominently identified with the republican party, up until the time he took up the progressive movement. Hon. J. C. Harpham of Lincoln, who was a progressive candidate for railway commissioner two years ago, receiving the highest vote of his party, recently announced that he was for President Wilson. Other former prominent republicans who are supporting Mr. Wilson are: Judge Arthur G. Wray of York, Don C. VanDusen of the Blair Pilot, Will S. Jay and W. C. Crooks of Lincoln, G. O. VanMeter Secretary of the Progressive state committee four years ago, and many others who might be named.

Charles W. Pool, secretary of state, last week completed the mailing of the initiative and referendum pamphlets, one of which was mailed to each voter who cast a ballot in 1914. The number mailed was 256,311, on which the postage was \$2,563.11. The argument on the question of the prohibition amendment was made by the committees appointed on each side of the question, and the argument on the proposed amendment taking the Pure Food department out of politics was made by Clarence E. Harman. Some little embarrassment has been caused Mr. Pool because of the claim of a misunderstanding, that he wrote the arguments both for and against the prohibition amendment and for the pure food amendment. The secretary of state has nothing to do with the questions at issue, and not one word of either argument was written by him. By virtue of his office he is obligated by law to sign his name and official title to the amendments and that is as far as he is supposed to be interested in the matter. The work of preparing and mailing this more than a quarter of a million circulars was a job that required much time and extra help.

During the fifteen years prior to 1913, the biennial deficiencies of the state government amounted to more than a million and a quarter dollars. So rapidly did these deficiencies grow that during the latter years of the above mentioned period, the succeeding legislatures found it to be one of the most complex as well as strenuous problems with which they had to deal. During these years of wholesale extravagance and official incompetency it was the regular policy to deplete the funds of the various departments appropriated by the previous session, in order that those holding executive and departmental offices could go before the incoming legislature and plead for larger appropriations. When Governor Morchhead was inaugurated into office and during his first term he made a fight to overcome this tendency to wasteful extravagance, and succeeded to well, that although practically all the offices except his own appointees were filled by republicans, the 1915 legislature found the deficiency claim reduced more than one-half over the previous biennium. When Auditor Wm. H. Smith took over the auditors office he made plain that unless a real emergency arose he would not recommend deficiency claims to the legislature. As a result of this stand and the fact that he has been backed by a corps of democratic officials, the legislature of 1917 will have a smaller number of deficiency claims than any session has had in more than 20 years.

The report of State Auditor Wm. H. Smith shows that warrants issued in September numbered 3,419, and the amount expended for the month totaled \$439,628.26. Of this amount \$208,145.97 was drawn out of the general fund; \$170,606.86 was expended for the state university; \$20,342.73 for the state normal schools, and \$16,845.57 for state aid bridge. From its cash funds the fire commission spent \$399.90; the motor vehicle registration department expense amounted to \$6,432.84, mostly for automobile plates, while from the institution cash fund \$7,863.43 was expended.

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## RUDY M'FALL FOUND GUILTY

Written for Oct. 5:

The case of the state vs. Rudy McFall was called in Judge Berry's court Monday. County Attorney Basye appeared for the plaintiff and Eugene Burton for the defense.

McFall was charged with drunkenness some time ago. It was alleged he was disorderly in a rooming house in this city. He was arrested and his case set for September 2. The marshal was called out of the city at that time and when the case was called before Judge Roberts, no one was there to sustain the complaint, and the prisoner was discharged. On the return of the marshal a new complaint was made, the case coming up in the court of Judge Berry for hearing.

After the submission of evidence on both sides the court decided the defendant was guilty and assessed a fine of \$10 and costs.

The defendant, through his attorney, took an appeal to the district court.

## MANY CANDIDATES FILE FOR POLITICAL JOBS

In the office of County Clerk Hargrave the following filings have been made by candidates for the various offices. All filed with the county clerk here except G. M. Adams, Democratic candidate for state senator, who filed with the state:

State senator—Democrat, G. M. Adams; Republican, D. H. Griswold. State representative—Democrat, Lloyd C. Thomas; Republican, W. R. Harper. County clerk—Democrat, John J. Manion; Republican, W. C. Mounts. County treasurer—Democrat, Fred Mollring; Republican, F. W. Irish. Sheriff—Democrat, C. M. Cox; Republican, W. O. Barnes. County superintendent—Democrat, Miss Opal Russell; Republican, Miss Mary A. Robertson. County judge—(non-partisan)—L. A. Berry, I. E. Tash. County commissioner—Democrat, Anton Uhrig; Republican, N. A. Rocky; by petition—J. M. Wanek.

County attorney—Democrat, Joe L. Westover; Republican, Lee Basye.

County surveyor—R. E. Knight filed on the Republican ticket, and by acceptance on the Democratic ticket.

County assessor—Democrat, P. H. Dillon; Republican, J. A. Keegan.

## BOOSTS POTATO PRICES

The following articles appeared in the Lincoln Daily Journal under an Alliance dateline:—Within a week after the United States department of agriculture through its office of markets and in co-operation with the University of Nebraska agricultural service, started issuing daily bulletins here on potato market conditions in all of the principal cities of the United States, potatoes in western Nebraska local markets advanced 10 cents.

Until the news market service was installed here by the government, potatoes were bringing 60 cents a bushel. The week following the inauguration of the news service potatoes advanced to 70 and 75 cents a bushel in spite of a downward trend of the city markets. This advance is still continuing in western Nebraska while a slump continues in the central markets. Since more than a million bushels of potatoes are grown in western Nebraska annually it is estimated that the farmers' income in potato sales will be increased \$100,000 by the potato news market service.

## SAND HILLSITINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman and family from Wolbach, Nebr., have been visiting this week with their daughter, Mrs. Glenn Gentle.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Carmine, Mrs. Crawford and Marian visited in Alliance Wednesday, with Mrs. Carmine's sister, Mrs. Geo. Miller.

Mrs. John Powers was in Alliance on business between trains Friday.

Miss Florence Shawer spent Wednesday evening at Mr. Lightners and Thursday evening at Mr. Carmine's.

Glenn Gentle and family and Mr. Ackerman and family were looking at the country around Alliance Wednesday.

Mrs. R. R. Thomas and children were visiting last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woods and Martin Anderson.

## GEORGE A. JOSLYN DIES

George A. Joslyn, president of the Western Newspaper Union, died of a paralytic stroke at his home in Omaha, October 4.

He was considered the wealthiest man in Nebraska, and it was through his guidance that the Western Newspaper Union has become the large publicity concern it is.

Mr. Joslyn is survived by his wife and adopted daughter, Mrs. David Magowan.

## BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD FOR FIVE MILES ON DIRT TRACK

Douglas, Wyo.—The world's motorcycle speed record for a half mile circular dirt track was broken here at the state fair when Floyd Clymer of Greeley, Colorado, riding an Excelsior made five miles in five minutes and thirty-six seconds. His nearest competitor finished a lap behind him.

The previous record was five minutes and fifty-two seconds and was made last summer by a western cyclist. The mile record made here, also by Mr. Clymer, is one minute and four seconds and was made the same day that the five mile record was broken.

The forty-hours devotion at the Holy Rosary church closed Tuesday night. The services were well attended.