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NO NEW THING

It is no new thing for The Herald to favor the submission of public questions to a vote of the people for settlement. Persons who have read this paper many years are familiar with its long and constant advocacy of the rule of the people. There has never been a time when we did not favor letting the people rule. We wish to ask, without reference to any one issue but including all questions affecting the public welfare, who has a right to rule, the people as a whole or a small portion of them who make politics a business? Whether the decision suits us or not, we believe that, so far as practicable, every question of public policy ought to be decided by public vote, after ample time and opportunity have been given for deliberate consideration and investigation.

COMPARATIVE FOOD VALUES

The H. C. L. (High Cost of Living) has stimulated investigation by scientists of the nutritive value of various kinds of food. A tri-state milk commission was appointed from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware with a view to standardizing the production and sale of milk. In making their report the commission discussed exhaustively the food value of milk. It was found that a quart of milk contains as much nutriment as eight eggs. At the current price of nine cents per quart for milk and forty-five cents per dozen for eggs, the latter are more than three times as expensive as the former. A quart of milk, according to the report of the commission, contains approximately the same amount of nutriment as eleven and two-fifths ounces of round steak.

FAIR-MINDED EDITORS

There is a strong public demand that editors and reporters be fair, and most newspaper men are disposed to be fair-minded. The "pencil pusher" who permits narrowness to creep into what he writes stands low in public estimation.

The Gordon Journal is one of the fairest as well as one of the newest, exchanges that comes to The Herald office. This being the case, the following clippings from that paper are doubly appreciated. The Journal is a strong, but not narrow, republican paper. Regarding the democratic state representative from the 73rd district, composed of Box Butte and Sheridan counties, it says:

Representative Thomas of this district is one of a committee of five appointed to draft a prohibitory law for the state. This is one of the most important committees for this session and his constituents will watch his labors with much interest.

Lloyd Thomas, representative from this district, was made chairman of the committee on constitutional amendments, as well as ranking member on the committee of committees. Lloyd's acquaintance throughout the state with democratic politicians reflects credit to Box Butte and Sheridan counties.

Representative Thomas has introduced a bill into the legislature to exclude newspaper advertising from the expense bill of a candidate for office. This bill should become a law, as in many cases the amount of money spent in a campaign prevents the candidate from spending any amount of money with the newspapers.

ST. AGNES ACADEMY

St. Agnes Academy Alliance, conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis, is doing a work of no mean proportions in an educational way, which is shown by the Year Book for 1916-17, recently printed. This booklet is illustrated by quite a number of neatly printed half-tone cuts, showing pictures of the building, play grounds, class rooms, etc. The following information regarding St. Agnes Academy is taken from the Year Book:

The academic calendar begins the first Tuesday in September, with the opening of school, and closes the last Thursday of May, with the closing exercises and the mass of Thanksgiving. Following is the calendar for the balance of the present school year: January 29, semi-annual examinations begin; February 22, Washington's birthday; April 4, Easter vacation begins; April 10, Easter vacation ends; May 17, Ascension day; May, third week, final examinations; May, last Thursday, closing exercises and mass of Thanksgiving.

In reading the description of location, buildings and equipment, moral training, courses of study, etc., one is impressed with the spirit of refinement and culture manifested by the self-sacrificing sisters who have charge of the school and prepare the copy for the Year Book.

The departments include primary, preparatory, academic, music, art. The classical course in the academic department covers four years' work. The normal course, which may be pursued in the junior and senior years, offers students an opportunity to prepare for passing examination in the branches required for a first-grade certificate in Nebraska. Students completing this course will receive a second-grade certificate, and, at the completion of one year's successful teaching, a first-grade county certificate will be issued them without further examination. The commercial course covers a period of two years. Students who have completed the high school can complete this course in one year. The course includes shorthand, typewriting, business English, bookkeeping, office training, penmanship and spelling.

The enrollment to date for the year 1916-17 is 222. There are 142 day pupils and 80 boarders, coming from other points in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and Canada.

Mr. Business Man, on your next trip take along some artistically printed business cards. The expense is light and they are business getters. The Herald's job printing department will turn them out promptly. Phone 340 and we will call.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT
The report of F. W. Hicks, official weather observer for Alliance, for the week ending Wednesday, January 24, is as follows:

Jan.	Max.	Min.	Snow	Wind	Day
18	35	0	W	Cloudy	
19	44	1	W	Cloudy	
20	28	8	1	W	Cloudy
21	30	-10	E	Cloudy	
22	20	-23	NW	Cloudy	
23	28	5	W	Cloudy	
24	30	-3	W	Pt Cloudy	

Roy Hashman sustained injuries last week when a horse kicked him with a force sufficient to land him in a pile all by himself on the other side of the stall. Besides having his face cut he received a number of bruises. He is a son of C. L. Hashman, one of the county commissioners.

BURLINGTON NEEDS FIREMEN
There is a persistent demand at the local Burlington offices for firemen. Some 280 firemen have been hired since August. Five men were examined the first of the week. Examinations are given in Alliance whenever there are enough applicants.

MONTHLY PRECIPITATION FOR ALLIANCE AND HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA, FOR THE TEN YEARS 1906 TO 1915 INCLUSIVE, AS SUPPLIED BY NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, AND FOR ALLIANCE FOR 1916, AS SUPPLIED BY F. W. HICKS, OFFICIAL WEATHER OBSERVER FOR ALLIANCE

F. W. Hicks, official local weather observer, has prepared a summary by months of the rainfall in Alliance for the year 1916. This summary shows a total for 1916 of 13.83 inches and a total snowfall of 47 inches. With two months missing the total rainfall for the year previous was 25.41 inches, the two months missing being March and September. The total average rainfall in Alliance for 9 years from 1906 to and including 1915 was 16.40 inches.

Just Consider Facts

At first glance some might lift their hands in horror at the statement that the rainfall in Alliance for 1916 was but a little more than half of the rainfall during the previous year, but it was but 2.57 inches less than the average for the past 19 years.

Crops and Rain

Never more will it be necessary for a resident of Box Butte county to sidestep the fact that the rainfall here is less in inches than in other parts of the country. Never before were the people of this section more prosperous. Consider that in spite of the fact that the total rainfall in 1916 was but 13.83 inches that Box Butte county produced, according to Bulletin No. 216 issued by the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, 113,729 bushels of spring and winter wheat worth at a conservative figure \$1.20 a bushel, or a total of \$136,475; 247,222 bushels of oats worth \$86,528; 56,864 bushels of rye worth \$50,728; 36,960 bushels of barley worth \$22,176; 6,000 tons of alfalfa worth \$42,000; 4,576 tons of wild hay worth \$27,402; better than 800,000 bushels of potatoes worth at \$1 a bushel \$800,000, or at \$1.50 a bushel—the price potatoes are now selling for—\$1,200,000; 267,672 bushels of corn worth at 60 cents a bushel, \$160,603. The total value of the corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, alfalfa, wild hay and potato crops of Box Butte county for 1916 was between one and three-quarters millions of dollars and two millions of dollars. Rain or no rain, Box Butte county raises the crops without irrigation and the farmers ride in automobiles and haul their stuff in auto trucks.

As to Figures

The following tables for Hemingford and Alliance are taken from Bulletin No. 215 of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture and may be found on pages 169 and 182 of that publication. The figures for 1916 as pertaining to Alliance are supplied by F. W. Hicks, official weather observer for Alliance. Where figures or letters are missing the precipitation was not reported:

Alliance, Box Butte County													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aver.
1906	.15	T	1.30	3.70	2.81	3.88	1.01	3.75	1.32	3.30	.95	7.0	22.87
1907	1.15	.60	.20	1.10	4.12	3.00	1.15	1.35	.50	.01	.00	.40	...
1908	.34	T	.10	...	3.70	2.05	5.55	2.02	T	3.78	.35	.50	...
1909	.55	1.22	1.30	1.38	1.90	5.50	.40	1.90	1.41	.80	1.40	...	...
1910	.41	T	1.10	.75	.90	2.80	2.00	1.20	.75	.20	T	.52	11.63
1911	.42	.08	.30	2.65	1.40	1.85	1.45	2.30	.80	2.10	.10	.56	13.51
1912	.40	.35	.90	2.15	1.65	1.05	3.45	3.35	2.00	1.60	.40	.05	17.10
1913	.95	.55	.80	.95	1.60	1.25	5.65	.75	.70	.20	1.10	1.10	13.75
1914	.40	.45	.40	2.70	...	2.00	1.10	1.80	.85	.40	T	.45	12.15
1915	1.30	1.20	...	3.40	2.68	5.00	7.28	1.40	...	2.20	.45	.50	...
Average, 19 years:	.58	.43	.79	1.99	2.67	2.82	2.80	1.80	.84	.91	.35	.43	16.40
1916	.18	.86	.36	1.45	2.68	1.32	2.61	3.01	.76	1.61	.55	.52	13.83

Hemingford, Box Butte County													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aver.
1909	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1910	.37	.19	.40	.63	2.04	2.28	1.73	.62	.97	.41	.18	.32	10.14
1911	.36	.28	.17	1.73	1.15	1.12	1.61	2.15	1.07	1.98	.25	.26	12.13
1912	.17	.50	.65	2.73	1.72	.80	4.69	3.00	1.63	1.08	.10	.15	17.22
1913	.05	.32	1.05	.65	2.54	.68	2.14	1.38	1.23	.32	.11	.07	11.55
1914	.21	.27	.15	3.47	1.70	1.97	.67	.33	1.07	.87	T	...	...
1915	.51	1.95	1.64	3.70	3.25	3.57	4.06	4.29	3.53	1.09	.04	.40	28.03

WHO IS TO BUILD THE HOTEL?

(Continued from page 1 this section) new, modern hotel in Alliance of a size and style large enough to take care of the needs of a growing city is generally conceded. First-class rooms are more or less at a premium. Almost every day visitors are turned away from the leading hotels and are compelled to seek lodging elsewhere. Alliance always works under a handicap when it becomes necessary to entertain a large convention.

A Convention City
This city is fast becoming recognized as the convention city for western Nebraska. When Alliance was the scene of the state convention of county clerks, commissioners and supervisors, it was necessary to provide rooms for many in attendance at private homes. Recently the district convention of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs was held here. On February 14, the dentists of northwestern Nebraska and southern Dakota will meet in this city to form a branch of the Nebraska State Dental society. The state convention of the Knights of Columbus is to be held in Alliance this spring. Hotel facilities will be taxed when the Stockmen's Reunion is held here. Fair time will bring another influx from the outside. The need for ample facilities to care for visitors is most apparent and as it looks at present, this situation is to be relieved with the erection of a new hotel soon.

PROFESSIONAL SKATERS AT ROYAL ROLLER RINK

Mildred and James McClelland, billed as The McClellands, are appearing at the Royal Roller Rink this week giving their exhibitions of modern, fancy figure, scientific and comedy roller skating acts. They have been greeted with good crowds ever since they opened. They do all the

modern dances on rollers, do high jumping, spinning and in fact present a very sensational exhibition. Their costumes are beautiful and they present a high-class act in every way. They give a comedy sketch of a man and a woman learning to skate—it is a scream.

Calling cards for the ladies are printed promptly and neatly at The Herald office. The prices are reasonable. Phone 340 for samples and prices, or call at the office.

Bethlehem's Bid on Shells for the United States Navy

To the American People:
The Secretary of the Navy has awarded contracts amounting to over \$3,000,000 to a British bidder for 14 and 16-inch projectiles for the Navy because of very much lower prices offered by the English bidders.

We know nothing of the basis upon which the British bids were made, but the public is entitled to know the facts upon which we ourselves bid for this work.

Two years ago we took contracts to make 4,200 14-inch shells at a price of \$1,515,000. Up to now not a single shell has been accepted by the Government, although we have expended in wages, materials, etc., on these orders \$522,881, and we have not received a SINGLE DOLLAR on these contracts.

In addition, a literal interpretation of the contract might make us liable for penalties amounting to \$673,916.

In the light of our experience, and having no other basis, we bid for 16-inch shells approximately the same rate per pound as that which the Navy Department actually awarded a 14-inch shell contract one year ago.

Bethlehem Steel Company
CHAS. M. SCHWAB, Chairman
EUGENE G. GRACE, President

PLACE 200 STUDENTS ON ROLL OF HONOR

Were Neither Absent Nor Tardy during the First Semester, which Closed Friday

Exactly two hundred of the students of the Alliance city schools including all grades from the kindergarten up to the twelfth grade were neither absent nor tardy during the first semester of the school year 1916-1917, which includes all the time from the opening of the school year, on September 6, 1916, to and including Friday, January 19, 1917. This is a truly remarkable record and reflects great credit on the schools, both faculty and students.

Irregularity in attendance is the cause for many students dropping out of school, due to the fact that they find it hard to catch up with their classes after long or many absences.

It is indeed with great pleasure that The Herald prints the honor roll below. It is an honor for a student to have his or her name in the list, for it shows an interest in the school work, and interest comes first in the line of accomplishment.

In the High School
The following students from the high school have been neither absent nor tardy during the school year 1916-1917.

Ninth Grade
Katherine Baker, Rose Bauer, Ray Edwards, Bertha Garrett, Ruth Hawes, Elton Harris, Glen Joder, Rhoda Rowley, Asenath Schill, Ola Smith, Helen Woods, Stanley Wright.

Tenth Grade
Leon Alter, Alta Dye, Arthur Dillon, Marie Kibbie, Thelma Larson, Corinne Mollring, Lois Mote, Verda Ogden, Marie Rathburn, Alice Schell, Clara Sisley, Orrel Sisley, Grace Spacht.

Eleventh Grade
Wilma Mote, Maude Nason, Esther Nation, Vera Nicolai, Beulah Reddish, Anna Reeves, Naomi Slaughter, Leo Snyder, Dora White.

Twelfth Grade
Matilda Franke, Mable Grassman, Eleanor Harris, Dolly Hagaman, Edith Vandermark, John Wright.

In the Grades
The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the first semester of the school year 1916-17:

Kindergarten
Clifford Anderson, Elizabeth Bogue, Gail Chambers, Polly Campbell, Opal Campbell, Mildred Cleveland, Oscar Kennedy, Kenneth Mason, Edith O'Bannon, Anna Ogden, Claude Pyle, Charles Smith, Raymond Snyder, Louise Williams.

First Grade
Franklin Campbell, Dollie Davis, Dixon Grassman, Ralph Garrett, Jimmie Gribble, Elma Garrett, Marvin Glarum, Mable Keithler, Earl Lynn, Paul Lotspeich, Lucy Merk, Dora Mark, Dorothy Marks, Melvin Ogden, Loyd Overman, Gladys Parsons, Dorothy Stanton, Joe Schoppe, Richard Smith, Mary Wooster, Elbert Shisman, Gerald Williams.

Second Grade
Dale Adams, Jane Bogue, Glenn Coleman, Arline Dobry, Teddy Fee, Edna Fenner, Robert Garrett, Freeman Garrett, Vernon Harrison, Harold Jeffers, Orval Johnson, Clifford Lester, Viola Merk, Beverly McGill, Henry O'Bannon, Merle Pyle, Avon Robbins, Marshall Rowe, Dorothy Rogers, Galdys Snyder, Fred Williams, George Williams.

Third Grade
Dorothy Brost, Howard Cogswell, Delbert Cole, Vivian Dow, Lucile Dickenson, Clarence Gibson, Vera Lowry, Arthur Miller, Willis Nation, Wynn Robbins, Grace Schopf, Wayne Thompson, Helen Wadum, Waunita Wycoff, Ruth Wilson, Janice Wills.

Fourth Grade
Sarah Adams, Stiteler Brown, Harold Campbell, Parker Davis, LeRoy Fallor, George Jeffers, Elmer Johnson, Verne Laing, Florence Lotspeich, Ford Moore, Frank Mounts, Eva Ogden, James Ponath, Eva Sloan, Paul Thompson.

Fifth Grade
Garland Baker, Cecil Bird, Charles Cross, Buster Calder, Mardell Drake, George Feagins, Lilla Graham, Helen Hawes, Blanche Hunt, Eugenia Laing, Valentine Lawrence, Dora Ogden, Oliver Overman, John Prichard, Mildred Pate, Ethel Slaughter, Phyllis Thompson, Wayne Threlkeld, Ray Twilegar, Tommy Wycoff, Leota Whisman.

Sixth Grade
Neva Beal, Esther Boone, Lester Cross, Harvey Coursey, Helen Cleveland, Maurice Dodd, Harold Dickenson, Alice Fallor, Mabel Fallor, Ella Gafert, Mabel Garret, George Harman, Arthur Lawrence, Doris Miller, Merle Mark, Fred Purdy, Max Reed, Dorothy Schieb, Maud Twilegar, Rowland Threlkeld.

Seventh Grade
Florence Baker, Evelyn Brice, Novella Coursey, Arthur Feagins, Ray Hazel, Seth Joder, Erma Miller, Helen Moore, Della Nelson, Clifford Robinson, Lee Strong, Ada Tally, Grace White.

Eighth Grade
Helen Anderson, Helen Brown, Lester Beal, Ruby Campbell, Lucile Curry, Ruth Donovan, Ida Dodd, Irma Ellis, Clara Garrett, Francis Grassman, Robert Lawrence, Marvin Nation, Leonard Pate, Bertha Ray, Carl Sward, Elsie Simpson, Francis Whaley.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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PJT BAN ON "FREE" LOVE

(Continued from page 1 this section) men having made dates with the two other girls," said Mrs. White. She continued, "I did not date him up, but all three afterwards came up anyway. I did not like him and told them I wanted nothing to do with him. That was why I was sore."

Didn't Have "Everyone"
Mrs. White was asked if she was in the habit of having men with her in her room. She stated that she didn't have everyone there, but that there had been different ones there, but her "friend" had been there more than anyone else.

Some "Friend" for Sure
The court said, "He must have been some friend to put up an appearance bond for himself and leave you to be locked up." She looked up quickly and said, "Is he out?" The judge told her "Yes, he never been 'in," that he put up a \$25 appearance bond the night before and had not been locked up. Then the girl broke down completely.

Left Girl in Lurch
When she was brought into the court room she tried to appear calm, but it was easy to see that she had spent hours in tears. The judge asked her name. She answered, then sobbed and cried. Later she recovered, but when told that her "friend" had deserted her in her hour of trouble; when informed that he looked out for himself and left her to settle with the law, alone and without funds, it was too much for her. When sentence was pronounced she almost collapsed. When being escorted to the women's ward, she could hardly stand.

He Gambles and Boozes
Mrs. White, when questioned regarding the conduct of her chum's friend, talked freely. She described him, told his name, and how frequently he had been visiting her chum. When asked what his occupation was, she replied, "Gambling and boozing is all I ever knew him to do." The man referred to is said to be married.

Evidence Is Gathered
The evidence given by Mrs. White coupled with what the police already know may make it so hard with certain people in Alliance and is expected to be of use to the officials in riding the city of certain fast men as well as fast women.

Lives Off Sporting Women
Chief Jeffers in a conversation with a Herald reporter said, "You just say that there are certain married men in this town, as well as some unmarried ones, who are going to get in bad right soon if they don't change their ways. There is one man in particular who has a wife he allows to make her own living while he makes his living off of so-called sporting women. You say this business has got to stop and stop now. If we have to 'clean up' this tribe we will clean them up and we will not bother with making it a city case, but instead will make a state charge and push it to the limit."

Who Will Be Caught in Net?
Yesterday and today there have been certain persons who have been very quiet. It is hard to tell, sometimes, who might be caught in the net, or when the day of reckoning may come.

Cost Fenton \$55
Fenton was arrested this morning on a charge similar to that placed against the woman in the case. He forfeited his appearance bond of \$25 and was fined \$25 and costs, making a total outlay on his part of \$55. He did not have the \$50 to pay and his employer needed him to work at the barber shop and so stood good for him. A friend of the girl's, living at Lakeside, contributed \$10 towards her fine, and a portion of the fine was suspended during her good behavior, but the fact was impressed on her mind that any deviation from the straight and narrow path would be sufficient grounds for putting her in jail again to serve out her sentence.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Stock-Judging Class to Stage County Fair Friday Evening—All Should Attend
A regular old-fashioned county fair with the trimmings is to be staged tomorrow evening, Friday, at the high school building under the auspices of the Stock-judging class of the high school. The entertainment is to serve the double purpose—to provide some genuine fun and to provide some genuine funds with which to purchase a stereopticon lantern for the school. The Wee Wink laundry will wash some peculiar things. At the operating clinic there will be some tall chopping. The electric telescope will show you wonders of wonders. It will be an evening of fun.

Vernon Copey of the State Bank gave a very interesting talk to the students Wednesday of last week concerning the navy. Mr. Copey has had several years of experience in the navy and his descriptions of the navy and of navy life proved very interesting.

The work of the second semester began last Monday and some of the new classes for this semester are taxed to their capacity.

Mr. Truman, the agriculture and science instructor of the high school, spent the latter part of last week in attendance at the big agriculture meeting at Lincoln. He reports the meeting to have been very helpful and enthusiastic.

The basketball season for the A. H. S. team opens a week from Friday when the boys make a two-days' trip to Sidney and Kimball.

Herbert Wehn of Bridgeport, a former Alliance resident, has been made a state bank examiner for Nebraska. He is well known in banking circles and is a man well qualified for the position.

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