

JOHNSON TO GET A BIG MAJORITY

Republican State Convention Meets for Organization—Mallery Wins the Sixth District Race.

Governor Hiram Johnson of California will have at least twelve votes in the national republican convention for Nebraska, and possibly as high as fifteen, according to Earl Mallery, republican delegate from the Sixth district in attendance at a meeting of the state body held in Lincoln Monday evening, April 26. Only one delegate, Gould Deitz will stand for General Wood, in accordance with his district pledge.

The impression given by Tuesday's paper that General Wood would have four of the delegates is not strictly in accordance with the sentiment in evidence at the convention Monday evening. The impression was that the delegates feel bound to abide by the district vote and would place their support accordingly.

There were present Don. L. Love of Lincoln and C. E. Sandall of York, two of the four delegates at large; A. W. Selleck of Lincoln and O. A. Cooper of Humboldt from the First; W. G. Ure and Gould Deitz from the Second; E. R. Davis of the Third; H. C. Beebe and H. E. Sackett from the Fourth and Earl D. Mallery from the Sixth. Neither of the delegates from the Fifth was present.

It was planned to organize at this meeting, that is, elect a chairman and secretary and decide on which committees each of the delegates would serve, but in view of the fact that seven of the sixteen were not present, this action will be deferred out of fairness to the others until the delegation is on its way to Chicago. It is expected that a special car will be secured to leave Omaha over the Burlington the Sunday evening before the convention meets on June 6.

There were also in attendance at the conference D. M. Douthett and J. M. Curtis, alternates from the First district, A. V. Pease of Fairbury, alternate from the Fourth, and J. E. Lutz, alternate at large. Don. L. Love, who is going the third time as a delegate, acted as temporary chairman. National Committeeman R. B. Howell showed up later in the evening, and conferred with the delegates. Mr. Howell, Mr. Ure and Mr. Deitz were appointed a committee to arrange for headquarters, rooms and transportation.

Prior to the meeting it was suggested that L. D. Richards of Fremont might be elected chairman of the delegation in recognition of his long service as an active worker in the republican party in Nebraska. Although Mr. Richards is not pledged to vote at the national convention for the candidate for president who received the most votes in the state primary, having been left off the Johnson endorsement slate and the name of Ed Beach submitted, it is said he will vote for Johnson at least once, in the national convention.

Mallery's Election Accepted.

With a lead of a good 900 votes and a few counties yet to hear from, which were confidently expected to increase his lead, Earl Mallery of Alliance was accepted without question as the proper delegate from the Sixth district at the state republican convention held in Lincoln Monday evening.

Mr. Mallery returned from Lincoln Tuesday noon on No. 43.

RECRUITING STATION WINS STATE HONORS

The Alliance Recruiting station, in the Hotel annex, last Saturday won the highest honors for the number of men added during the period of April 1 to 24 of any sub-station in the state of Nebraska. The state organization is composed of the main station at Omaha, and four sub-stations located at Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte and Alliance respectively. The number added was twenty, almost a man a day.

Sergeants Robert W. Frey and Ryan of the local station have been awarded a pennant from the service for their banner work, which is expected to arrive any day. This is the first time Alliance has succeeded in securing more enlistments than her sister sub-station located at Lincoln, and local enthusiasts are justly proud of the hustling ability of our sergeants.

Incidentally the total enlistments for Alliance exceeded those secured by any sub-station in Iowa also. In the Iowa-Nebraska territory our city ranks third, just below Omaha and Des Moines. The latter two are main stations.

THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity—Fair to night and probably Wednesday. Warmer tonight and east portion Wednesday.

DISTRICT DEBATE

HERE THURSDAY

On Thursday of this week Alliance and Scottsbluff will compete for the district championship, the winner to be the district representative in the contests for state championship to be held later. Four towns are included in this district, Bayard, Scottsbluff, Sidney and Alliance. Alliance has already defeated Sidney, and Scottsbluff won over Bayard, and the debate on Thursday will finally decide who is to be district representative. The Alliance contestants are Wm. Cotant, Ruth Stanton and Edward Morrow, taking the negative side of the subject, "Resolved, That Congress Should Prohibit Strikes on Railroads Doing Inter-State Business."

The winner of this debate will then compete with the other district representatives in the contests for state championship, which will be held sometime in May, completing the series begun in March.

ROY STRONG IS THE FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT

Roy C. Strong of Alliance, one of the most widely known traveling men in the west, was elected fourth vice president of the Nebraska division of the Travelers' Protective Association at the 26th annual convention, held in Omaha last week at the Hotel Fontenelle, which closed on Saturday. The officers elected were:

Walter W. Watt, Omaha, was made president; George Smullen, Beatrice, first vice president; D. C. Chamberlain, Grand Island, second vice president; H. A. Webbert, Kearney, third vice president; Roy Strong, Alliance, fourth vice president; L. E. Black, Fairbury, fifth vice president, and Charles L. Hopper, Omaha, was re-elected secretary.

Members of the board of directors were selected as follows: A. A. Taylor, N. Stanley Brown, O. L. Wohlford, Omaha; H. C. Lett, Lincoln; F. A. Mitchell, Hastings; L. M. St. John, Kearney; Lee Martin, Fremont; R. Woodrum, York, and William Widener, Lincoln. Fred Ruthman, Seward, was made chairman of the railroad committee; James A. Stine, Omaha, chairman of the press committee; S. C. Latham, Grand Island, chairman of the hotel committee; Thomas A. Fry, Omaha, chairman of the legislative committee; J. A. Kirkendall, Grand Island, chairman of the employment committee; George Wolf, Fremont, chairman of the good roads and public utilities committee, and H. G. Hoel, Omaha, chairman of the commerce committee.

ANTIOCH RED CROSS CHAPTER TAKEN OVER

Leonard W. Troester, acting state Director of the Red Cross, of Omaha, arrived in Alliance Sunday. One of the matters calling for his visit concerned the unfinished work of the chapter formerly known as the South Sheridan County chapter, with headquarters at Antioch.

A meeting of the local Red Cross board was called Sunday afternoon and the situation discussed.

During the war, work by this chapter was most satisfactory, but since the great need for assistance had passed there were a few matters left unfinished. It was necessary to finish this work and for this reason a meeting of the local Red Cross board was called for Sunday afternoon and the situation discussed. It was decided to effect a settlement by assisting the Antioch chapter in exchange for financial aid. Mr. Troester made the trip to Antioch Monday, with the result that the desired change was effected.

The South Sheridan County chapter is now a part of the Box Butte county chapter, they having given up their charter. Miss Josephine Ganson will make one trip a week to Antioch from now on, as she does to Hemingford. The work will be handled just as efficiently as possible. Offices will be established in Antioch soon, and this will be announced in the papers, together with the day on which Miss Ganson will visit Antioch, in order that the work can be carried on with the best results.

POSTPONE EXAMS FOR CITY CLERK-CARRIERS

The clerk-carrier examinations which were to be held at the post-office April 24, have been postponed until May 8.

COURT SUSTAINS OIL FIELD FILINGS

Recent Decision of District Court Gives Homesteader Right to Possession to Lands.

Alliance men are heavily interested in the Osage oil field fourteen miles northwest of Newcastle, Wyo., and are active participants in the litigation which is now going on in that field over the rights to lands near the big gusher which was brought in on March 14th.

Much of the litigation now going on involves the right of homesteaders in that district (and in any district, for that matter) to hold the surface possession of the lands on which they have filed. It is reported that a case which came up in the district court at Newcastle last week was decided in favor of the homesteader, who had filed on 320 acres of land adjacent to the section on which the 1,000-barrel gusher was brought in.

The general land office in Washington, in rendering an opinion on the rights of homesteaders, makes the following statements:

"Mineral lands are disposable only under the mining laws and, if it should develop, after a homestead entry has been made, and prior to final proof, that the land was in fact mineral in character, the homestead entry would be subject to contest, for that reason, by one claiming an interest therein and who desired to acquire title thereto under the mining laws. But, even though the land was found, from such contest, to be mineral in character, the homestead entry would not, in all cases, be canceled, for the Act of July 17, 1914, (38 Stat., 509) provides for agricultural entries of lands withdrawn, classified or reported as containing phosphate, nitrate, potash, oil, gas or asphaltic minerals, whenever such entries are made with a view of obtaining or passing title with a reservation to the United States of the deposits on account of which the land was withdrawn, classified, or reported as valuable, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove the same. In the same way, also, agricultural entries may be made on coal lands. Therefore, should it be found, prior to final proof upon a homestead entry, that the land entered is chiefly valuable for its deposits of oil, or valuable for some of the other mineral deposits above mentioned, the homesteader could accept a limited patent, reserving to the United States the oil or other mineral deposits in the land."

"If the lands embraced in a homestead entry were NOT KNOWN to be valuable for their mineral deposits prior to the submission of satisfactory final proof, the homestead entry would not, therefore, be subject to attack on the ground that the land was mineral, for, at date of such final proof, the equitable title to the land vests in the homesteader claimant, and any mineral deposits that may be discovered belong to the homestead claimant, or those claiming under him."

The attitude of the government has been so far to protect the possessory rights of the homesteader. (Continued on Page 4.)

BOND ELECTION CANVASS IS MADE

Both Bonds Carried by Over Three-Fifths Majority—Other Business.

VOTE ON DRAINAGE AND PAVING BOND ELECTION

	For	Against
First Ward.		
Drainage Bonds	73	20
Paving Bonds	74	18
Second Ward.		
Drainage Bonds	116	32
Paving Bonds	125	36
Third Ward.		
Drainage Bonds	107	22
Paving Bonds	3	1
Fourth Ward.		
Drainage Bonds	91	9
Paving Bonds	97	9
Totals		
Drainage Bonds	287	83
Paving Bonds	299	64

A general clean-up of town business was considered at the adjourned meeting of the city council Monday evening, April 26. The first in order of business was the canvass of the votes on the \$10,000 drainage bonds and \$25,000 paving bonds submitted to the people at the general election Tuesday, April 20. Both bonds were carried by over a three-fifths majority. The results by wards are given above.

After a discussion of the most advisable procedure, the motion was carried to execute the bonds and to advertise for bids, sale to be held at the meeting May 25, bonds to carry not to exceed 6% interest.

The question of licenses for pool halls, picture shows, plumbers and dray lines was next considered. It was found that papers in many cases were incomplete, some pool hall owners having failed to submit applications and some having no bonds with the applications. The law reads that a written application shall be submitted, together with a bond for \$100, and a fee of \$10 per table paid to obtain the license. It was decided to lay the matter over until a special meeting Thursday night of this week, when all licenses will be considered and granted.

At this point it was called to the attention of the councilman that not all of them had as yet taken out bonds. No action was taken.

A petition of residents in District No. 12 for sewer connection, on motion of Councilman Moore was accepted by the council and the request granted. No definite action was taken, however on the petition for water extension to include the district containing the homebuilders houses and the proposed new school site.

The matter of an occupation tax to be charged against the Nebraska Telephone company was considered and City Attorney Metz was instructed to draw up an ordinance embodying the sentiments of the council. This will probably be considered in the Thursday night meeting.

The subject of the condition of Alliance streets was discussed at some length but nothing further was done than the issuance of a direction to Mr. Chambers to fill all the holes

that have appeared since the period of rain began. Mr. Chambers assured the council that he was waiting only for the ground to become dry enough to shovel for this to be done.

Mr. Hall reported that the city had an insufficient supply of hose, having only 800 feet. This, he said, would not permit them to use two streams of water on a house in case it happened to be equal distant between two fire hydrants. Five hundred feet of new hose was deemed advisable, especially in view of the condition of the streets which make it impossible to drive the fire apparatus over all streets. This hose will be purchased as soon as possible.

Arrangements were made for the location of the four drinking fountains to be placed on Box Butte avenue. One fountain each will be located on the east side of the street at Second and Third street intersections, and one each at First and Third. Connections will be made before the paving operations will interfere.

The matter of paying Mayor Rodgers more fully for his added labors since the departure of the city manager was left for the meeting Thursday night.

The council adjourned to meet Thursday night. The council adjourned to meet Thursday, April 29, at 7:30 p. m.

SENIOR CLASS OF A H. S. GIVES "SAFETY FIRST"

Friday night, April 23, at the Imperial theater the Senior class of the Alliance High School presented the lively and entertaining comedy play, "Safety First". It dealt in a clever manner with the developments subsequent to an all-night adventure in which a fond young husband and his "fixed" friend attempted to dissuade a pretty Turkish maiden from marrying into their family circle.

A few of the things which happened comprised a month's stay in jail for the principals with a pretty story of a southern Shriners' convention which was only the first white lie that led on to many others. Friend mother-in-law who is suspicious and a Turkish father who seeks a lost daughter are a few of the obstacles presented to the husband and his friend in their efforts to convince wife that everything was as they had represented. Of course, it ends with a complete reconciliation on all sides, and includes a fervent resolve from the principal offenders that they travel the "S and N." thenceforth and thereafter.

The successful presentation of the play necessitates many hours of hard practice and the execution of the Seniors showed much work, but commensurate success. The leading roles were played by Miss Madeline Zediker, who recently carried off the district honors in the declamatory contest, and by Horace Fuller and Ray Edwards. All the young people are to be congratulated on their work.

BOX BUTTE BAPTISTS PLAN WHIRLWIND FINISH

With confident determination to carry their quota over the top on time, the Baptists of Box Butte county launched their New World Movement Campaign Sunday afternoon when the every-member canvass to raise the county's quota of \$16,011 was started. The drive in this county is to be made under the leadership of A. H. Robbins who says that although the membership in the county is only 176 the local leaders have confident hopes of meeting the quota. This means that each Baptist in the county will have to give more than \$100 during the next five years. Of course many of them will have to give a great deal more than that. Such a contribution is almost staggering in comparison to previous efforts of the Baptist churches in Nebraska, but never have the Baptist people in this state responded with such unanimous enthusiasm and determination as they have to this, the greatest challenge in the church's history.

"Nebraska Over on Time" is the slogan which the state organization has adopted for the campaign, and reports received at state headquarters show that the slogan was not chosen, as the great bulk of the state's quota was subscribed in the every-member canvass Sunday afternoon. It is hoped that the balance of the quota for this county which still remains unpledged will be cleared up this week and the county reported over the top next Sunday, May 2, the final day of the campaign.

A meeting of the workers will be held Wednesday evening, at which time a report will be submitted to the committee by the captains of the competing teams.

B. M. KELLY WINS THE HERALD'S AUTO

Herald Subscription List Now Larger Than That of Any Other Newspaper in Western Nebraska.

After holding the unwavering interest of all Western Nebraska for seven weeks, established a new record in newspapers annals in this section, the last chapter of the Herald's Prize and Auto Campaign was written Saturday night at the First State Bank.

Wide Spread Interest.

Not within the history of this section has a newspaper campaign attracted the enthusiastic and widespread interest that was shown during the contest just closed. The last week was especially notable. Rivalry was intense but friendly, and the Herald feels assured that the successful ones merited the prizes for which they so earnestly strived. The number of votes turned in by candidates and their friends was fairly staggering, and when the judges met to undertake the task of counting them, it would have been discouragingly laborious but for the keen interest even they felt in the success of the campaign, and the knowledge they had of the popularity of the movement in every section in which the Herald circulates.

The conduct of the count was methodical and business-like. The selection of the judges proved to be an admirable one, and to them the Herald extends its felicitations and thanks.

Struggle for First Place.

Naturally the greatest struggle was for that splendid 1920 model Reo Six touring car, worth \$1985—the grand capital prize. The Herald offered the very best prizes obtainable; it was willing to pay liberally for good work, and it got it, for never before in this section of the state has there been such a successful subscription campaign as the one just concluded by this newspaper.

Hundreds and hundreds of new subscribers have been added to the Herald's list making this newspaper the most widely read journal in any town in the state of its size.

Congratulations.

To the candidates whose energies have carried them through this campaign to success; The Herald extends the heartiest congratulations. We are proud of the hustlers who took part in this competition, and we hope they who by right of conquest, have just claimed their rewards, will be proud of their prizes.

While the prizes themselves were remarkable for their value there are other considerations to be taken into account. During this campaign those who participated have learned much that will be of benefit to them. They have made new and pleasant acquaintances. It has taught among other things that courage and perseverance are the two essential elements necessary to reach any given goal—be it business, social or otherwise—an abundance of which is necessary to overcome the obstacles that beset this never-ending conflict called "life".

Ambition Rewarded.

Of course, it is inevitable in a campaign of this kind that all candidates cannot win first honors and the attendant award; that was an understood fact at the beginning of the contest, and, right or wrong, civilization seems to have accepted and applied nature's rule of "the survival of the fittest." To accomplish a given purpose a great amount of energy is necessary, and fortune seems to lavish her richest gifts upon those who are equipped with sufficient energy to carry out the mandates of ambition.

In conclusion we wish to say that our relations with all the contestants have been very pleasant indeed. They, in turn, have dealt with an organization which, to the best of its ability, made the campaign one long to be remembered for its wholesome character and fair dealings. It was a great race, and it leaves in bold relief that cardinal virtue—ambition.

PETITIONS FOR MORE SCHOOL BONDS OUT

Petitions to the Board of Education, are being circulated asking for the issuance of \$250,000.00 for the erection of the new school houses, instead of the \$200,000.00 which has been previously petitioned. The original amount has been found inadequate to meet the requirements and it was necessary to increase the same. Copies of this petition may be signed at the following places: Newberrys, Holstens, Laings, Thieles, Rodgers and Brennans.

HERALD PRIZE WINNERS

We the undersigned, acting in the capacity of judges in the Alliance Herald's Prize and Auto Campaign, just closed, after canvassing the findings in the sealed ballot box and adding same to the last published vote totals, do hereby declare, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following contestants to be the winners:

Winner of Grand Capital Prize, (Reo Six Touring Car)—	
B. M. Kelly	12,224,700
Winner of Free Trip to California—	
Miss Margaret Barry	5,929,800
Winner of \$50 in Gold—	
R. V. Cox	3,123,100
Winner of \$35 Gold Watch—	
Miss Sarabel Newman	1,918,500
Winner of \$25 Gold Watch—	
Miss Lyda Gasseling	1,552,500
Winner of Eastman Kodak—	
Mrs. J. Wong	370,700

Signed:
W. R. HARPER,
A. D. RODGERS,
LEE BASYE,
GLEN MILLER,
CHAS. BRITTON,
Judges.