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ALL PARTIES ARE CLAIMING VICTORY

Today's Election Apparently Is Hotly Contested—Vote Comparatively Heavy

According to reports reaching The Herald just before going to press, Alliance is casting a record vote. At 2 o'clock, 100 votes had been cast in First ward; 150 in Second ward; 260 in Third ward and 200 in Fourth ward.

The snowstorm stopped just in time to avoid interfering with the election in Alliance. In the outlying precincts of the county, the vote will undoubtedly be materially decreased, but from indications at noon, there will be a full vote cast in the city. At noon some of the wards reported over a hundred votes cast. The women voters are turning out, about one-sixth of the morning voters being members of the fair sex. It is expected that the afternoon vote will be largely women. After 5 o'clock until the closing of the polls the railroad men will be turning out.

The daily papers continue to be filled with forecasts by the political managers and the dopesters. Each party is claiming victory in the state and the nation. The democrats insist that the tide has been turning rapidly toward Cox, and the republicans deny this strenuously. In Nebraska, the republicans estimate a landslide for Harding, to the tune of 60,000 or better, while the democrats believe they will carry the state by a safe margin. All the dope sheets, however, list Nebraska as among the safely republican states.

The Democratic Forecast

According to one democratic forecast, Cox will win in the election with thirty-odd electoral votes to spare. The states listed as democratic follow, the numbers being the electoral vote of the states:

Democratic:
Alabama 12, Arizona 3, Arkansas 9, California 13, Colorado 6, Connecticut 7, Florida 6, Georgia 14, Indiana 15, Kentucky 13, Louisiana 10, Maryland 8, Mississippi 10, Missouri 18, Montana 4, Nevada 3, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 14, New Mexico 3, North Carolina 12, Ohio 24, Oklahoma 10, South Carolina 9, South Dakota 5, Tennessee 12, Texas 20, Utah 4, Virginia 12, Washington 7, West Virginia 8. Total 295.

Republican:
Delaware 3, Idaho 4, Illinois 29, Iowa 13, Kansas 10, Maine 6, Massachusetts 18, Michigan 12, Nebraska 8, New York 45, North Dakota 5, Oregon 5, Pennsylvania 38, Rhode Island 5, Vermont 4, Wisconsin 13, Wyoming 3. Total 236.

The number of electoral votes necessary to a choice is 266.

Republican Figures

Here's the way one republican doxter has figured out the totals: Republican—California 13, Colorado 6, Connecticut 7, Delaware 3, Idaho 4, Illinois 29, Indiana 15, Iowa 13, Kansas 10, Maine 6, Maryland 8, Massachusetts 18, Michigan 12, Minnesota 12, Nebraska 8, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 14, New York 45, North Dakota 5, Ohio 24, Oregon 5, Pennsylvania 38, Rhode Island 5, South Dakota 5, Utah 4, Vermont 4, Washington 7, West Virginia 8, Wisconsin 13, Wyoming 3. Total 351.

States which Cox is expected to carry:
Alabama 12, Arkansas 9, Florida 6, Georgia 14, Louisiana 10, Mississippi 10, Montana 4, North Carolina 12, Oklahoma 10, South Carolina 9, Tennessee 12, Texas 20, Virginia 12. Total 140.

States that are honestly doubtful:
Arizona 3, Kentucky 13, Nevada 3, New Mexico 3, Missouri 18. Total 40.

The State Campaign

The campaign has dragged along for two months rather drearily at best, and little interest, comparatively, has been taken. Evidently the voters have had their minds made up for some time, and are simply waiting to cast their ballots. In the state, however, the campaign has not been without bitterness. The chief fight has been made on the governorship.

McKelvie's political managers claim a victory, but the fact is that they are hoping against hope that the Harding landslide will be heavy enough in Nebraska to drag McKelvie along with it. Hardly a republican but will concede that McKelvie will run far behind the head of the ticket.

If the political dope is correct, Morehead stands to win Nebraska easily. He can overcome a certain amount of republican landslide, should one develop. But if Wray, the non-partisan candidate, devel-

ops too much, it will weaken Morehead. Democrats over the state, are quite confident that Morehead will pull through, with some voters to spare.

No Contest in County

Aside from the natural rivalry on the head of the ticket, there is no contest in Box Butte county. Joe Duhan, democratic candidate for county commissioner, is expected to win handily over Carroll, the republican nominee. For the legislature, the democratic candidate has withdrawn at the last minute, and while Selden W. Ives, the non-partisan candidate, expects to poll a majority of the democratic voters, indications are that he is doomed to disappointment.

For county offices, aside from commissioner, there is no contest. It is expected that Judge Tash and Bill Mounts, candidates for county judge and clerk of the district court, will be given a heavy vote by members of both parties.

The Herald, contrary to its usual custom, has not arranged for a bulletin service. The election catches this office in the act of removing to larger quarters, and the present office is too small to handle the crowds. Bulletins will be received at the Imperial, the Elks club and other places, and it is probable that the Denver papers will be able to give a more complete service than would be possible with the limited facilities available in a city of this size. Unless there should develop a landslide, definite results will not be available until Wednesday morning.

OLD MAN JINX IS STILL ON THE JOB

Old Man Jinx, the favorite Jonah of the Alliance football team, was on the job last Friday, when the local football team went down to bitter, but decisive defeat at the hands of the Sidney high school eleven. The damages were 40 to 7. The heavy Sidney players smashed their way through the ranks of the lighter Alliance players just often enough to make the score seem one-sided.

Alliance scored first, and for a time Sidney seemed unable to make gains through the Alliance line. But before the first half had ended, the burly opponents had managed to get two touchdowns. The feature of the Sidney team was the playing of Fullback Chambers, although it is conceded that Sidney has the strongest team in her history.

The Alliance team completed three out of four forward passes, while her opponents managed to finish but one out of seven attempts. The fast Alliance backs couldn't get away for long runs.

On Friday, the Alliance team plays at Kimball, and the home team plans to leave the jinx at home and come back with a victory.

THINK JEWEL RETURNS RUSE TO AID ZEDIKER TO COMPILE ELECTION RETURNS IN ALLIANCE

County authorities are inclined to chuckle over the return of the Isaacson jewelry, through the mail last Friday. They are all of them of the opinion that this is simply a ruse to divert suspicion from Urban Zediker, charged with the theft, and now in jail awaiting trial. The general belief is that while the sender had no belief that he would delude the officers, he might manage to create public sentiment so that it would be difficult to get a jury that would convict. The jewels were returned in an ordinary cigarette box accompanied by a note which said the authorities were "holding the wrong man."

SPECIAL REQUIEM MASS FOR TERENCE M'SWINEY

Special requiem mass was celebrated at Holy Rosary church, Alliance, at 9 a. m. today for the repose of the souls of Terence McSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, who recently died following a protracted hunger strike undertaken in the interests of the Irish republic, as well as for Murphy and Fitzgerald, two other hunger strikers.

Services were held today in Catholic churches all over the United States, it is said, for the same purpose.

THE WEATHER.

Alliance, Neb., November 2.—Fair tonight and Wednesday, somewhat warmer Wednesday.

Necessity may be the mother of invention, but people manage always in some way to invent a way to get the luxuries.

FIRST BIG SNOW OF THE SEASON

Duck Hunters Marooned in the Sandhills—Paving Stopped—Effect on Election.

The first real snow of the season started in shortly before midnight on Saturday and continued steadily until Monday morning. The temperature was at no time very low, and the wind was never very high. Monday afternoon the sun came out, and the snow started to melt, but Tuesday morning the temperature dropped a couple of notches, although the snow is still melting.

Sunday morning a number of local hunters fared forth to the sandhill lakes to be ready to take shots at the wild geese which were expected to be on their way. Many of these had not returned Monday, and it is suggested that the sandhill roads, never in the best of condition, are in such shape that they have been marooned at the homes of friendly ranchers. Nova Taylor, one of the city's cops, was a member of one of the parties, but there were plenty of others in the same fix.

The snow temporarily halted all paving activity, which had been going along in fine fashion. Last Friday the estimate was that ten more days of good weather would see the windup in districts now under contract. It is probable that there will be enough good weather later on to get the paving finished before the cold weather really sets in.

The golf bugs suffered most grievous disappointment. Fully twenty-five had oiled their clubs and borrowed enough golf balls to last for a day, but when they awoke Sunday morning and gazed out of the windows at the snow mantle, most of them rolled over and slept till noon.

The snow also hit The Herald a rap. Monday morning plans were to begin the big task of moving this newspaper to its new home in the Masonic temple building, but this has been postponed until later in the week.

The snow fall was general over the west, according to railroad men, who say that the fall extended between Billings and Seneca. East of Seneca there was rain. Snow fell in southern Montana, Wyoming, western Nebraska, Nevada, Utah, northern Colorado, northern Arizona, with rain falling in southern Arizona and New Mexico. The storm center is around Flagstaff, Arizona. Fall wheat of which large acres have been planted in western Nebraska, will be greatly benefited by the moisture.

It is estimated that the snowfall will cut the vote today in western Nebraska considerably—probably at least a half. Train service has not been seriously delayed, although a number of late schedules are reported.

TO COMPILE ELECTION RETURNS IN ALLIANCE

The Associated Press, the largest news gathering agency in the world will cover Nebraska as well as other states in the most thorough manner they have ever handled on election night. J. A. Rawlings of Omaha, in charge of Nebraska, has divided the state into districts, each district comprising a number of counties and in charge of a strategic manager, who in turn is in charge of the county correspondents, of which there is one for each county.

The sixth district, which comprises the counties of Box Butte, Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Scottsbluff, Morrill, Garden and Grant, will be handled by Lloyd Thomas as strategic manager, with Alliance as headquarters.

On election night the reports from these eight counties will be turned in hourly to Mr. Thomas and his assistants at headquarters here by long distance telephone and telegraph and will in turn be relayed by him to state headquarters in Omaha via a special direct Western Union wire which is being installed for that purpose.

The Midwest was rather premature last week in announcing the death of Martinez, the greaser who killed Mr. Lindgreen of Bayard over a week ago. Martinez is in the hospital. The Midwest hopes it was not premature to any great extent, however. It yearns for an opportunity to chronicle the legal demise of Martinez at a very early date.—Gering Midwest.

L. R. Corbin plans to leave on Thursday of this week for Lakeland, Fla., where he will spend the winter months.

SAY MATERIAL IS BEST OBTAINABLE

Division Engineer McLean Replies to Letter From Chamber of Commerce

T. C. McLean, highway engineer for the Fifth Nebraska division, has replied to the letter sent by the Alliance chamber of commerce directors to State Engineer Johnson several days ago. In their letter, the attention of the state engineer was directed to the material used for surfacing the Antioch road, the directors asserting that it was not up to specifications. The following day, a reply was received from E. H. Morey, chief of the bureau of roads, in which he stated that he would arrive in Alliance Wednesday and would make a personal investigation.

Mr. McLean in his letter to the club, says that the contractors, the Roberts Construction company of Denver, has been using all available material furnished by Bridgeport, Bayard and Scottsbluff concerns. "Tests show," writes Mr. McLean, "that the average run of this material closely approximates the specifications, although it is true that more fine material is present than we would ordinarily care to have." He declares that when the road gets a fair chance under traffic, with a rain or two, the surface will prove satisfactory.

A general denial is entered against the charge that he has said that the club would not co-operate with him, or that he has failed to co-operate with the directors. The letter follows:

Mr. McLean's Letter

Scottsbluff, Neb., Oct. 29, 1920.
—J. W. Guthrie, Secretary Alliance Community Club, Alliance, Neb., Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a copy of your letter of the 22nd inst., addressed to Mr. Johnson, relative to the class of surfacing material being used on the Antioch road. In this you state that the contractor is using common sand in place of the gravel called for in the specifications, and that it is a waste of money to put it on the road.

"For your information I will say that I have gone over quite carefully the gravel situation in western Nebraska, and there are now only three concerns furnishing this material in commercial quantities; namely, Mr. Powell at Bridgeport, Mr. Ross at Bayard, and Mr. Bady at Scottsbluff. "The pit run gravel furnished from all three of these places runs about the same consistency, and due to a shortage of cars and loading facilities the contractor has been taking as much as each pit could furnish."

"Mr. Roberts, the contractor, states that he has been buying of Mr. Powell at Bridgeport the best material that his plant is able to produce, and at Bayard and Scottsbluff due care has likewise been exercised in securing the coarsest material.

"You will appreciate that material of this kind is quite variable, and occasionally a car of fine material will be shipped from the pits. Tests show that the average run of this material closely approximates the specifications, although it is true that more fine material is present than we would ordinarily care to have.

"It is quite possible that some of your citizens have lost sight of the fact that during the grading of the piece in question, it was necessary for the contractor to haul the material over the freshly laid clay blanket, at a time when it was very dry. This resulted in cutting it up badly so that when the gravel was spread the surface had the appearance of being very sandy.

"I feel that when the road gets a fair chance under traffic with a rain or two, the present surface will prove to be satisfactory.

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SNOW PUTS DAMPER ON HALLOWEEN PRANKS

Halloween was not observed in the usual fashion this week. Time was when outbuildings would have been turned over, when buggies and wagons would have been found atop of buildings, and when the city would have looked as though the Germans had just made a raid. The snowstorm put a damper on the rough stuff this year, and Halloween observance was largely confined to parties and pink teas, which is as it should be.

On Box Butte avenue there is but one evidence that revellers were abroad. The shooting gallery, a sheet iron structure, was dumped out near the curbing. No extra police were on duty, and apparently none were needed.

HUNTING PARTIES MAROONED BY SNOW

Hunters who were caught in the sandhills by the big snow are beginning to come back with tales of their troubles. Bert Laing, Roy C. Gladson and Billy Rose of the Laing Clothing store started out at 4:30 Sunday morning. They got as far as Deloss Barber's ranch and were stuck in the mud. The boys left Bert to get the car out of the mud, and hunted from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. The party remained at the ranch Sunday night and started for home at 9 a. m. They arrived at 5 p. m. It took them almost the entire day to come the thirty-two miles from Hahn's ranch. The day before it took them from 2 to 8:30 p. m. to make twelve miles. One duck was all the game they bagged.

A number of the hunting parties have not made their appearance yet. Several autoloads of hunters stayed at the Rice ranch Sunday night. Red Case was one of the few who managed to return Sunday afternoon. He came in at 2:30, and gave it as his opinion then that any hunters who failed to return within half an hour would be stuck for the night.

Jim Dobry, Alliance railroader, received three broken ribs and other injuries when the switching crew shot another car into the diner where he was employed.

J. E. Farrel has resigned his position with the Snyder Transfer company.

HERALD WILL MOVE LAST OF THE WEEK

Unless carefully laid plans are disarranged, The Herald will devote the last half of the week to moving into its new location in the Masonic Temple building. A telegram from the Intertype corporation brings the news that an erector for the new typesetting machine is on his way, and he will be at work bright and early Wednesday morning, the carpenters having obligingly consented to be out of his way by that time.

No issues of the newspaper will be missed, although the Herald force will have a lot of overtime work to do the next few days. Should the erector show up promptly, the new machine will first be put into operation. The big press will be taken down immediately after the Friday paper is printed, and the rest of the equipment will be moved in between.

The new location will give The Herald one of the finest homes of any newspaper in western Nebraska. There will be ample room on the basement floor for the presses, folder and mailing departments, as well as the big stock of paper, and the main floor will be devoted to the commercial printing and offices for the newspaper. Unless something happens to prevent, The Herald will be at home to its friends next Monday in the new location.

SHERIFF TO PORTLAND AFTER HUTCHINSON

Sheriff J. W. Miller left today for Portland, Ore., where he expects to get Morris Hutchinson, charged with stealing a Reo automobile from the A. H. Jones garage some weeks ago. Hutchinson was located by the Jones company, but when the county commissioners were asked to furnish the money to bring him back, they demurred. The A. H. Jones company is putting up the funds, and after the prisoner has been brought back and tried, will attempt to secure a refund from the county.

Sheriff Miller expected to start two or three days ago, but was delayed until the extradition papers arrived from Lincoln. He is now armed with the necessary authority, and unless the Portland officers have grown tired of waiting for him, will return some of these days with his prisoner.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mrs. Bernard Shepard of Hemingford died at St. Joseph's hospital in Alliance Saturday, following an operation for appendicitis. Funeral services were held from the late home at Hemingford Monday. Mrs. Shepard was well-known in Box Butte county, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sampey, old time pioneers in this part of the country. She had a number of close friends in Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bald returned to their home in Aurora Monday morning. They have been visiting at the home of their son, F. A. Bald, and with another son, Harvey, at Bayard, for the past month.

BAYARD EXHIBITS SOME SORE SPOTS

Transcript Calls Bayard-Alliance Match a "Free-for-all"—Raps Coach Prince.

The last issue of the Bayard Transcript shows that somebody in that neck of the woods is still peeved over the fact that the self-styled Nebraska champions failed to cop the Alliance game by as big a score as they had boasted previous to the play. The Transcript uses some mighty harsh words in relieving somebody's mind, among them being "assassination" and "possible mayhem." All the time, Alliance has evidently been harboring a bunch of potential murderers in our city schools, and never guessed the tremendous risk the citizens, sleeping o' nights, are taking in not having them locked up before their atavistic tendencies get the best of them.

The Bayard scribe also takes occasion to say a few pointed words to Coach Prince. Somehow, we suspect the writer doesn't like Prince, although he fails to specify just what is wrong with him. It's plain to be seen that even a hard-won victory didn't satisfy the Bayard fans, but if given plenty of time, they'll probably recover. As grandmothers used to say, "Rub it, bubby, and it'll get well."

Read a portion of the account, after which it should not be difficult to guess the tenor of the rest of it:

"Several criticisms of the spirit displayed by players and coach of the Alliance teams could well be made, but their reputation for such is so well known in the North Platte valley that it is useless to recount them. But if Alliance desires to keep on friendly terms with other schools in this section it would be to their advantage to have a house cleaning, and rid themselves of the unsportsmanship manner in which coach and players conduct themselves on the field and side lines, ere they are found alone, as some schools are getting tired of protecting themselves against possible mayhem and assassination, and the barrage of words and suggestions hurled from the side lines. The coach should be instructed as to what really constitute a football game as relates to the duties of a coach, and perhaps he will be a less liability to the Alliance team."

"The Bayard team accompanied by 200 rooters went over on a special train, taking the Booster band with them, the train stopped at the government camp where some fifteen employees joined the party, and assisted the Bayard rooters in keeping up the enthusiasm of the game."

"Herron for Bayard was his best in line plunges, showing to good advantage throughout the game. The absence of Hartman from the line up was felt and the team as a whole declare that had he been in his regular position, the score made by Alliance would never have happened. Simmons suffered a painful injury to his side and back by being kicked by an Alliance player, and was in a bad condition during the remainder of the game. Burden also suffered several knockouts, his injured knee, paining him throughout the second half. McKelvie was given a good bumping by the Alliance lads who perhaps thought that to have him retire from the game would be to their distinct advantage."

"The team has been resting since the free for all, and will be in tip top shape for the Sterling contest tomorrow."

RED CROSS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Fourteen cities of western Nebraska will be represented at the Red Cross regional conference in Alliance on Friday November 5, when heads of several departments of the divisional office in Chicago will be here. These men will explain every problem confronting chapters and will review the future plans of the American Red Cross.

Walter Davidson, manager of Central division; M. S. McMullen, director of the fourth annual roll call; Thomas Allinson, director of the department of civilian relief; one representative of the nursing department and one from the Junior Red Cross, will be here for the conference.

The morning sessions will begin at 10 o'clock. There will be a noon day luncheon at the Alliance hotel and this will be followed by some brief after dinner talks.

A field representative who is now working in this section of the state will be in Alliance on Thursday to complete arrangements for the conference.