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THE POLICE CHARGES

The council's investigation of the police department has emphasized the tendency of people to criticize the city is not able to pay the salary to hire a Burns or a Pinkerton, or even a Gus Hyers, but Alliance has good, faithful and efficient officers—much better men than the ordinary city of its class which pays even higher wages. These men have been getting results. An examination of the record of the Alliance police for the past year will show that no important criminal was allowed to escape justice, and that very few minor offenses went unpunished.

However, one failure outweighs a number of brilliant successes. Citizens are apt to forget a good record when they learn of one bonehead play. The releasing of the seven gamblers on bond was nothing more than a bonehead. The failure to follow up the case for two weeks was mere carelessness, the first charge of the kind that can be made against any officer of the department. No one believes for a minute that there was any crooked work in the case.

The investigation will be productive of good results. There will be no more slack work on the part of any member of the department. But the talk of firing police officers is unwise. No policeman who does his duty can make the claim that he has no enemies. The fact that Officer Taylor has healthy enemies indicates that he has not cared whose toes he stepped on.

Another thing that should be remembered is that suspicions are not facts which can be prosecuted in court. There is a general belief, probably based on fact, that gambling games have been going on in Alliance. The officers have raided the place under discussion, without results. How many voters know just what evidence is necessary to convict in a gambling case? It takes more than a group of men around a card table. It takes not only the men, but the money and the implements of gambling, cards or dice. Courts will not convict upon the word of a police officer alone. He must have evidence. And evidence that would convince the average man that there is cause for suspicion, does not necessarily mean that it is strong enough to convince the average court of guilt. It's an easy thing to tell the officers that there is a suspicion that a gambling game is going on at a certain place, but it is a totally different thing to catch the gamblers in the act, with sufficient evidence to make a conviction.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is being considered for a cabinet position. It takes a republican with a strong stomach to rise and cheer at the mention of this young major, who has got by wonderfully on his father's record. Democrats, however, who have stood for Josephus Daniels and Albert Sidney Barnes, to say nothing of Attorney General Palmer, will do well to lay off criticism.

Like the illustrious W. J. B., our heart has been in the grave with democratic hopes the past week or two, and again like the commoner's heart, it has risen. Defeat was inevitable, but it will be pleasant to sit back and watch the republican party, in complete control in both houses of congress, remake the world. They will find that it is not the most easy task. The problems of unrest and the bolsheviks, the league of nations or some kind of an understanding with the great powers, of getting back to normalcy and a number of other sticklers will be with them. The voters, in their great desire for a change, will be doubly critical four years from now unless their fondest hopes are realized. News dispatches are already preparing them for a few jolts. The American Legion is informed that it has no hope for a bonus. Taxes will be higher than ever. Root declares that the United States cannot scrap a league which is already functioning. All these things will have their effect. The ship of state faces a hard course, and the republican pilots, a trifle out of practice at the wheel, have hard work laid out for them. Democrats and republicans alike hope they will succeed.

Bryan's suggestion that President Wilson resign; that Vice President Marshall take the reins of government, and appoint Senator Harding secretary of state; and that through a series of resignations Senator Harding should become president immediately, instead of waiting until March 1, is in reality not so wild an idea as some people appear to think. This is the plan that is followed in Great Britain whenever a national election is held. The situation in the country is grave, and a congress and

president in harmony can get more done than a sick man arguing with men who are opposed to him.

Out at Los Angeles, where they make movies, they also make other things move. The California climate, which is advertised more extensively than that of any other place on the globe, isn't really as good as the Los Angeles people would lead us to believe, but as is the case with a lot of advertising, it gets by because of the earnestness with which it is so constantly repeated. Californians understand the true meaning of the word "co-operation," and although they have their own local skirmishes, promptly forget petty differences when anything threatens their beloved state. At present the chief menace to the popularity of California lies in the greed of landlords, who have hiked rents all the way from 250 to 500 per cent during the past year. It doesn't leave a good taste in the mouth of the average visitor to be robbed in such a wholesale fashion, and the boosters realize it. The city council from Los Angeles has asked a loan of five thousand army tents from Secretary of War, Baker, and the greedy rent hogs will probably be compelled to haul in their horns if the plan goes through. It is regrettable that the same plan cannot be worked in Nebraska, where the housing situation is fully as desperate, and where the landlords, in general, are not guided by their conscience. Maybe if Nebraskans trained themselves to brag of their climate in the fulsome style, within a year or two we could freeze in tents and think we were enjoying ourselves.

ALLIANCE FIELD STATION CLOSED OFFICE SATURDAY

The Alliance field station of the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture, which has been sending out daily reports to potato growers and shippers for the past seven weeks, closed its office in the postoffice building here last Saturday and issued its last report for the season. Olnton D. Miller, who has been the bureau's local representative here, has left the city.

The season's total for western Nebraska to November 12, inclusive, is 1,175 cars, compared with 1,056 to the same date last year. Season's shipments for the United States to November 8, inclusive, were 98,011, and to the same date in 1919, 96,524. Total shipments for the crop of 1919 were 160,097 cars; the yield was estimated as 358 million bushels, as compared with 414 million estimated for 1920. There are probably about 1,000 cars yet to more from western Nebraska, but the movement will be slow, extending into April or May and being heaviest during January. The bureau's field station at Greeley, Col., will be open until March 1, and those who would continue to receive potato bulletins should apply there at once.

Let the Ladies' Auxiliary help you solve your Xmas problems. Attend their Food Sale at Miller's Furniture store, Saturday, November 20. Many useful articles, also good home cooking. 101-102p

The following army enlistments have been announced: F. B. Johnson of Toledo, O.; and J. E. Lessind of Havelock, to be stationed at San Antonio, Tex.; Thomas Sullivan of Cleveland, O., to be stationed at San Francisco.

A Pure Food show will be given at the Roof Garden by the Woman's club, December 2 and 3, afternoon and evening. 102

The American Bank Note company of Chicago, Ill., brought suit in county court yesterday against the Alliance Packing company for the sum of \$324.05, claimed to be due for two thousand engraved stock certificates. The defendants are required to answer on or before December 6.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will hold a food sale at Miller's Furniture store Saturday, November 20th. Let them plan your Sunday dinner. Many pretty Xmas gifts will also be on sale. 101-102

Herbert Butler of the Sheridan division who has been helping in Alliance office for the past week, left Sunday afternoon for Billings.

ALLIANCE AIDS HOME FOR BOYS

Over \$600 Contributed at Entertainment Given by Father Flanagan's Protégés.

The citizens of Alliance came down handsomely—to the tune of over \$600 to be exact—following an entertainment given at Imperial theater Friday evening by "Father Flanagan's boys," five members of his home and school for neglected and dependent children at Omaha. The contributions ranged in amount from one to fifty dollars, but with very few exceptions, everyone in the audience was impressed with the worthiness of the cause sufficiently to make a donation.

The entertainment followed the regular performance at the Imperial and was fully two hours in length. Mr. Thore, secretary to Father Flanagan, who is accompanying him on his trip over Nebraska, explained the purpose of the meeting and at times explained the three-reel film, "Roses of Thorns," which was shown to give an idea of the work and purposes of the institution.

Father Flanagan, with the assistance of five boys from his school, is in person conducting a campaign to secure funds to erect a new \$300,000 building for the home at Florence. Father Flanagan has dedicated his life to the home which bears his name. He borrowed \$90 to pay the first month's rent for the building now occupied by the school, and says that this is the first time he has asked aid from the public. "I am willing to give my life, energy and ability, if I have any, to help the cause and the home for which I have worked the past five years," said Father Flanagan. "Within the last three years I have had over 500 boys entrusted to my care and the home has not been sufficiently large to meet their needs." In addition to lack of room (over five thousand boys have had to be refused admittance) the present home has been condemned by the fire department, and a new place will have to be found. If possible, it is hoped to have the new structure, which will house four hundred boys, completed by May 1.

Glen Miller, president of the chamber of commerce; R. M. Hampton, J. W. Guthrie and others were on the platform with the speakers. Mr. Miller introduced Edgar Howard, editor of the Columbus Telegram, who was in the city on his way to Wyoming, and the ex-lieutenant governor paid a glowing tribute to Father Flanagan and the work he is doing in Omaha, and urged liberal contributions. "I can assure you," Mr. Howard said, "that while those at the head of the institution are Catholics it is not, in any sense, a Catholic school. The home is open to all boys, of all creeds, all nationalities, any color. Father Flanagan does not attempt to make Catholics of the boys in his home. I stand before you as a Master Mason—at the present time the master of his home lodge—and assure you that this is true." "The boys are taught to be happy,

something of God, and their duty to their country. They are taught patriotism, and how to become strong men," said Mr. Thore. Other speakers emphasized the fact that the reform schools, no matter how well conducted, are not the place for homeless, wayward and abandoned boys. Father Flanagan does not even believe in sending boys of delinquent tendencies to these institutions. "Reform schools are for degenerates and those criminally inclined only," he said. "Reform schools are stepping

stones to the penitentiary. The neglected boy of today is the bolshevik of tomorrow. These boys, taken care of properly, are worth millions of dollars to state and country as future producing citizens. Every boy in my care during the past five years—eight hundred of them—has made good." The feature of the evening was the entertainment given by the five boys, ranging in age from ten to twelve years. They sang songs, made addresses, recited and otherwise entertained, and one of them, Oscar Flicks

of Virginia, a little colored lad, brought down the house with his jiggling. It is announced that contributions will still be accepted. Those who had no opportunity the night of the entertainment, or those who desire to make subscriptions or contribute more, may leave their checks with J. W. Guthrie. They are now calling the Canadian border the "far-flung bottle line."—New York World.

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