

ROOF GARDEN

Old Folks Wednesday Night Dance.
Old-Time Music. Old-Time Dance. Lowry & Henry.

The Alliance Herald



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CALL A HALT

Alliance citizens may as well face the truth. This city is one of the worst in the state.

There is but one thing to be done. The lawlessness must be checked, and checked immediately. The time for half-way measures is past. It is senseless to arrest a few Mexicans, negroes and Greeks, and allow far worse criminals to go free.

Officers charged with law enforcement are not to blame. Public sentiment is the guide by which they go. When criminals are arrested and get off scot free or with inadequate punishment, time after time, it doesn't take long for the average officer to become lax.

There is needed a tightening up all along the line. Citizens of Alliance have taken the first step today, in their demand that the officials proceed to gather all possible evidence to push the murder charge. But more than a spasmodic effort is needed, else within a few months the streets of this city will be unsafe after night-fall.

It has been suggested that a corps of vigilantes be organized, to assist the officers in enforcing the law. A band of twenty-five or fifty men, sincere in their purpose to put an end to lawlessness, can secure evidence sufficient to convict—evidence that will convince any jury. It's a suggestion that is worthy of following up. In Lincoln automobile thieving was practically stopped through similar means. All that is needed in Alliance is a genuine desire to clean up the city. At the present rate it won't be long until the most easy-going citizen will be aroused. The time to remove a cancer is before it eats too deeply.

THE CITY MANAGER

The proponents of the city manager scheme should not allow their zeal for a change in form of city government

to saddle the office with an excess of detail work or credit it with savings that can not possibly be made as this will surely cause its failure. The experience of cities in which the city manager plan has succeeded has been that the people have received more for the money expended, not that the total expenditure has been reduced. We do not believe that the city of Alliance has been wastefully or extravagantly managed though possibly the expenditures in some cases could have been more judiciously made.

The attributes of a city manager for Alliance should be first thorough business training, considerable knowledge of both general and municipal finance and some knowledge of municipal engineering problems.

In addition to this it has been suggested that he act as street commissioner, superintendent of the light and water departments; design and supervise the municipal improvements. The superintendent of the light and water department and the street commissioner have always been actively employed on their respective work and to make this saving it would be necessary for the manager to superintend such work on the streets.

In regard to the design and supervision of municipal improvements this would take considerable more of his time for work that could be done expensively by specialists. Grant and Fulton's contracts with the city of Alliance call for 3 1/2 per cent of the contract price for design and engineering service and 1 1/2 per cent for inspection. In an interview with Grant and Fulton's resident engineer, he stated that the charge for inspection was based on the actual cost over a number of years and the cost of inspection to Alliance was nearly 1 1/2 per cent of the cost of construction on paving and storm sewer and considerably more on sanitary sewers. He also called attention to the fact that there never were less than two, generally three and sometimes four inspectors in Alliance. In addition all brick was tested at the place of manufacture before shipment.

The natural and logical conclusion is that a city manager loaded down with such detail work would not have time to perform the more important function of city management, the business and financial side and that the city would be paying a higher price for the routine work than at present. Let us stick to facts.

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RANDOM SHOTS

Jack Hawes wandered into the office of County Attorney Bayse Wednesday morning. The confirmed (and chastened) practical joker removed his hat, made a neat bow to the steno, and in his most sugary accents addressed her thusly: "Madam, would you like to have a good county attorney? I'm a mighty good man—but I'm out of a job just now." The steno, thinking him in earnest, and desiring to spare his feelings, let him down easy: "I'm sorry," she told him, "but we already have a county attorney."

Jack says he's going to get even with somebody because of that story of the deer killing and his arrest.

However, he only stole one cigar off of us.

Three others did it the same day.

Our friends at the club aren't as liberal with free smokes as they used to be, but now and then we can persuade some of them to come across.

And we aren't entirely out, yet.

Half a dozen staid married couples believe they were the ones referred to in the "Teasing Papa" episode.

Sometimes you find evidences of affection where you least expect 'em.

And sometimes, where you expect to find affection, you don't.

They tell us, for instance, that one of a pair of turtle doves, being ill and indisposed, threw a glass of cold water in hubby's face the other morning, after he had hunted it up for her to take her medicine in.

Of course, being a comparatively inexperienced husband, he forgave her immediately and hunted up another glass of water.

If she does it ten years from now, he'll probably sulk for a week.

If the woman of our heart ever showed a disposition to toss things in our direction, we'd buy nothing but paper plates.

We caught a glimpse of one young lady's Christmas list. It's a long one, and there isn't a one but will receive more than an embossed greeting card.

The second item on the list read this way: "Dad—Doll and accordion pleated dress." This is probably an error.

Maude and May are each to receive a T. B. What on earth is a T. B.? One of them is pink, and one is white—the T. B.'s we mean.

Truth is stranger than campaign slogans. Will E. Waggle of Omaha cast a vote for Harding during the late unpleasantness.

The Elks minstrel will have, among other attractions, some high kickers. The chorus is especially trained, and while they were receiving instruction in the art of elevation, one male member of the cast was observed peering through the keyhole.

This man expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the performance. He regrets that he cannot be in the audience tonight.

"Mighty good work for amateurs," was his comment.

Of course, it was regrettable that shortly after he had gained the keyhole, the door had to come open.

But even a skinned nose and scornful looks didn't dampen his ardor. "It was worth it," he said.

You understand, gentle reader, that tonight is the only opportunity you'll have to see this show. It won't be repeated—for love or money.

And the seat sale has been terrific.

If you can still get one, you can consider yourself fortunate.

The trap drummer in a show always reminds us of press-day.—Moundridge (Kan.) Journal.

A man looks for a place to sit down; a woman for a mirror.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

City of Alliance, State of Nebraska
Special Election Upon the Question of the Adoption of the City Manager Plan of Government.

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Public notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the City of Alliance, in the county of Box Butte, State of Nebraska, that a special election has been called by the mayor and city council, and will be held in said city on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, A. D., 1921.

The question to be submitted to the legal voters at said election is as follows: "Shall the City Manager Plan of Government, as provided in Chap-

ter 208, Laws of Nebraska, 1917, be adopted?"

The polling places for said election shall be: For the First ward, basement of Central school building, 715 Box Butte avenue. For the Second ward, council chambers in the city hall, 115 East 3rd street. For the Third ward, office of Fairmont Creamery company, 202 West 3rd street. For the Fourth ward, Episcopal Parish house, 215 West 7th street.

The election will be held and the ballot box for the reception of ballots will be opened at the hour of nine o'clock A. M. and will be closed at the hour of seven o'clock P. M. on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1921.

Only legal voters of the city of Alliance will be permitted to vote upon

the question submitted at said election.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1920.

Attest:
GRACE H. KENNEDY,
(Seal) City Clerk.
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