

MAYOR RODGERS IS OPPOSED TO CITY MANAGER

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 "It has been said that our funds are short, and when anyone asks for something a little out of the ordinary—well, you know, no funds were levied for this purpose and it will have to wait until August, when a new levy can be made. There was no such excuse made when the petition was filed for an election on the city manager form of government—no, we could get the money for that, and if it carries we can hold a primary to nominate and then have an election to select a council, and then hire a 'competent engineer' who can show us how, and pay him, too—yes we can, for the city attorney and the chairman of the finance committee say so. Yes, we can use funds for these purposes, but we can't approve an ordinance for the welfare board that various civic organizations have asked for, or a special levy of 2 cents to pull the library board out of the hole caused by bad luck with a furnace and repairs and repairs to the basement.
 "Yes, this is just what has been said and what they intend doing, so if this carries you can expect that the city manager will have to be paid—and it will cost the city at least 10 mills more tax to pay him than is now levied—and these other important matters will have to keep until some time more opportune. How do you like it?
 "Each department of the city's business has a head and is run by as

competent a person as can be secured. Mrs. Grace Kennedy has been on the light office for the past ten years. Do you want her to quit? E. D. Campbell, who was superintendent of light, water and sewers, was a competent man and one of the most useful men the city has had employed for the last three years. He resigned because this petition was filed for the manager job. He said it was a pleasure to work for the city of Alliance, but not for another manager. Frank Kickman is a very competent man, and you can rest assured that he will do his best at all times to render service at the plant. But do you know that as soon as a city manager is chosen he will have the right to hire every employe of the city. He may put in anyone he wants to, whether he lives in the city or elsewhere. He may not approve of these same people that you and I have so much confidence in.
 "I believe there are a lot of men in the city of Alliance who are capable and willing to officiate for the city for a term or two. I believe in the people of Alliance, and if there is anything to be given to anyone, the citizens here are entitled to it.
 "It is the duty of every voter to go to the polls on next Tuesday and vote his or her convictions on these two propositions that are to be settled by your vote. If you want to stand up for Alliance and your interests, vote 'No' on each proposition."
 "A. D. RODGERS."
 Martin King of Bayard was in Alliance Thursday on business.

SOCIETY

ROTARIANS ENTERTAIN LADIES.

The Alliance Rotary Club delightfully entertained their ladies at the Palm Room of the Alliance Hotel Wednesday evening. Each member was required to bring a present costing not over fifty cents for a lady whose name was handed to him previously and to compose a poem in her honor to be presented with the gift. For his own project on no name was to be signed to the "game". A delicious dinner, including turkey, plum pudding, etc., was served to the forty odd guests present and the evening was most pleasantly spent in singing Rotarian songs. Holiday decorations were used.

Mrs. A. J. Kearns entertained her Sunday School class at a Kensington Thursday afternoon, at which many useful and attractive gifts were made for a member of the class soon to be married, Miss Esther Bevington. About six o'clock a delicious lunch was served after which the centerpiece, a huge white crepe paper pie, was cut and a variety of practical articles for the kitchen drawn out with appropriate verses attached. These were also for Miss Bevington. The place cards, on the back of which were recipes and household hints, were made into an attractive book, as souvenir of the occasion, and presented to the bride-to-be.

Mrs. Sam Tillet and Mrs. J. Kridelbaugh entertained at bridge at the home of the former, Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. J. R. Hickox of Lincoln, Neb. Guests present were: Mesdames M. S. Hargrave, Percy Cogswell, E. A. Hall, James Emerson, C. E. Marks, W. D. Runer, A. V. Gavin, F. W. Harris, Marcus Frankle, F. A. Hively, C. E. Slagle, Earl Mulberry, G. L. Griggs, William Bevington and Sleet. The rooms were beautifully decorated in pink and white with sweet peas and ferns. After an afternoon at cards at which Mrs. F. A. Hively won first honors, a turkey dinner was served.

Miss Grace Spacht entertained the N.H. Club at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Alta Dye whose marriage to Mr. Edwin Lundquist of Cedar Rapids, Ia., is to take place in the near future. Her guests were Mesdames H. Campbell, Morris Nelson, Fred Yanders, and Misses Marie Kibble, Thelma Westley, Jennie Hilton, Frances Collins, and Alta Dye. The house was beautifully decorated, a color scheme of red and white being used. The guest of honor received many beautiful and useful gifts. A dainty lunch was served.

Miss Avis Joder entertained at a dinner and card party Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Laura Mounds, Emma Johnston and May Graham. Her guests were Mrs. Emma Johnston, Mrs. Robert Johnston, Misses Laura and Glenn Mounds, Mabel and Izola Worley, May and Ethel Graham, Edna Benedict, Vera Spencer, Evangeline Acheson, Ruth and Lula Sturgeon and Grace and Maude Spacht. Five hundred was played, Izola Worley, winning the prize. A very elaborate dinner was served.

A number of young people were entertained by Mrs. E. A. Hall, Wednesday evening in honor of her son Alton Hall. A six o'clock dinner was served and the remainder of the evening delightfully spent in dancing. The house was most beautifully decorated in pink and white, the color scheme being carried out in sweet peas, cupids and streamers. Guests present were Misses Margaret Harris, Mildred Griggs, Matilda and Julia Frankle, Messrs. Louis Griggs, Lawrence Card, of Denver, and Mahlon Shearer.

Miss Agnes Marie Nelson will entertain at a 6 o'clock dinner New Year's Eve. Her guests will be: Margaret Marks, Evelyn Morris, Katherine Morris, Mary Ellen Burns, Kathryn Blak, Alice Foley, Betty Beal, Mary Alice Beal, Genevieve Brittan, Mary Loretta Copsey, Levelia Watteyne, Eulice Longton, Katherine Hargrave, Mildred Doyle, Faith Dickinson, Mildred and Dorothy Morgan, Jean Kennedy, Billy Newberry, James Hunter, Jack Riordan, Frances Kneist, and Bernard Hodgkinson.

Miss Kathern Buechsenstein was hostess at a 7 o'clock dinner party Wednesday evening. Her guests were Misses Sarah O'Keefe, Margaret Dwyer, Agnes Newberry, Helen Newberry, and Messrs. Douglas, Ed. McNulty, Ralph Rominger, Ray Rominger and Lester Beal. Christmas decorations were used. Each guest was required to recite a short poem after which small gifts were given. A dainty lunch was served in the course of the evening.

The Modern Brotherhood of America elected officers and will install its officers January 6 for the year 1921. Those elected were as follows: F. E. Sanders, president; E. L. Lawrence, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. E. L. Lawrence, vice president; Mrs. F. E. Sanders, chaplain; Mrs. Ed Young, conductor; Mrs. Myers, watchman; O. E. Chapman, sentry; Henry Lawrence, Troy Sanders, George E. Heath, trustees; Dr. C. E. Slagle, lodge physician.

Mrs. H. P. Bromley, 823 W. Third street entertained at a party Monday evening, December 27, in honor of Guy Powers who is leaving for Kansas City, Mo., soon. The guests were Mr.

and Mrs. Carl Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Rust, L. J. Bronley, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Kass, Joe Alsbaugh, Miss Betty Bronley and Miss Gladys Holly. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations and a dainty lunch was served.

Miss Janice Adams was hostess at a party Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Dolly Dailey. Her guests were: Josephine Wilson, Josephine Wright, Elizabeth Wilson, Frances Grassman, Frances Schott, Lucille Butler, Katherine Harris, Edna May Miller, Catherine Looney, Vera Scott, Verna Dow, Ruth Scott. Cards and luncheon were played after which a dainty lunch was served.

Mildred Pate and Phyllis Thompson gave a theater party Thursday evening in honor of Mildred and Thelma Osborne of Scottsbluff. Their guests were: Dorothy Hearst, Vivian Corbett, Lilla Graham, and Mardell Drake. After the theater the guests went to the Pate home where a delicious lunch was served.

Miss Mildred Griggs entertained a number of friends at cards this afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Ernest Potarth, Misses Theresa Morrow, Matilda Frankle, Julia Frankle, Josephine Ganson, Mabel Young, Margaret Harris and Esther Bevington. A dainty lunch was served late in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly, 413 Sweetwater, will be hosts at a dinner party January 1. Their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lape, and daughter, Betty Ruth, Mrs. Florence Fitz and son Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sward, and Mrs. Carry Gephart.

The Junior Auxiliary of the Episcopal church gave a dancing party at the parish house Thursday evening, December 30. Mrs. Harry Gantz, A. V. Gavin, Mrs. L. P. Dickenson, and Mrs. Elmer McManis were the chaperones.

The Eastern Star Kensington met at the Masonic Temple December 30. Mrs. J. L. Overman, Mrs. H. Ellis, Mrs. Geo. Davis, Mrs. Harry Sims and Misses Wilma and Marion Mote were hostesses.

The K. C.'s gave a party at the K. C. hall Thursday evening. Dancing and cards were the entertainment of the evening. Everyone reports a good time.

DR. BOWMAN—office in First National Bank Building, 8th

Alton Harris left last Sunday for Lincoln where he is visiting relatives.

W. M. Tolence of Hemingford was an Alliance visitor Thursday.

Kenneth Hamilton of the National Five and Ten-Cent store, returned Wednesday from Wahoo, where he spent the Christmas holidays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting of the P. E. O. will be held January 10, with Mrs. E. A. Hall.

The Eastern Star initiation will be held Tuesday, January 4.

RENVER FANATIC KILLS MOTHER OF ALLIANCE MAN

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 a reticent attitude and said only, "Self defense." When asked to talk further, he said:
 "I know the old lady intended to kill me, my wife and my unborn baby. I fired at her in self-defense. That is my only statement."
 Greck, born in Minsk, Russia, is a carpenter. He recently came to Denver with his wife from Tyrone, N. M., where they were married.
 In his cell at the city jail Tuesday he betrayed no nervousness—answered questions reluctantly and showed no evidence of a deranged mind.

Murderer Believed Insane.

Insanity is the only logical solution, the police say. The aged woman was not capable of harming Greck or his wife, they charge, and the story of fearing her, in the estimation of the police, is fabrication.

The dead woman is said to have a son and daughter in this city. The police had not located them Tuesday. Deputy Coroner Clyde B. Taylor took charge of the body and removed it to the municipal morgue. A pass-book on an Omaha bank and \$40 in cash were found in the lining of her skirt. Mrs. Smith had lived at the Seventeenth avenue address for about a year.

The finding of the small red book on religious topics, near the dead body of Mrs. Smith, was the first clue to the establishing of Greck's motive. According to Mrs. Greck, who is in a delicate condition, her husband and Mrs. Smith had spent long hours Monday afternoon poring over the contents of this book. Certain passages which apparently impressed Greck were marked with a pencil.

One of these marked passages is: "We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement."—Is, 28, 15.

Temporary insanity, brought about by religious fanaticism, was given at police headquarters Wednesday as the reason for the shooting to death Monday afternoon of Mrs. Mary Smith, 71 years old, by Philip Greck, 30 years old, in the presence of his wife, Mrs. Greck, with whom he had been engaged in an argument on religious matters.

Greck, according to his wife, had been reading a great deal of religious matter of a fanatical nature and at times displayed an extremely nervous temper of a violent sort.

"I killed her to save my family," Greck insisted, "and, after all, I am glad that I did it. By killing her, I saved three souls from destruction."
 Chief of Police Armstrong said that he believes Greck is mentally unbalanced at times and that the shooting was due to a sudden attack of a violent insanity.

AT THE CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Begin the new year right! Dedicate a portion of self, substance and service to the deity. Try Him and see if his word is not true.

The minister will discourse on the following subjects for next Lord's day: "Constancy" and "Its Reward."

Each department of the church begins the new year with a splendid outlook. There has been growth in efficiency and all bills paid. The paving fund lacks about \$125.00 in reaching the entire amount. This is due January 18. We can make this the greatest year of our service together.

Union meetings are contemplated for the month of March.

We wish you all a Happy New Year from the church with a message and a welcome.
 STEPHEN J. LPLER, Minister.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school meets at 10:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30 p. m., followed by the regular evening service. B. L. Kline will preach on the subject, "Looking Forward."
 You will find a welcome at these services.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Divine services will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the German language.

Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock regular service in the English language. We may make many New Year resolutions which are soon forgotten. However, let us make one resolution and keep it. Diligently attend the services in the New Year. That is the best resolution anyone can make, to worship you.

F. BROEGEMUELLER, Pastor.

NOTICE

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Herald Publishing Company will be held at the office of the company in the Reddish block, in the city of Alliance, Nebraska, on January 3, 1921, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

LLOYD C. THOMAS, President.
 JOHN W. THOMAS, Secretary.

Mrs. Mary's Mary is visiting friends in Alliance this week.

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Happy New Year

FOR 1921

Not only because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation, we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity the past twelve months, and we wish you a good old-fashioned Happy New Year.

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GET YOUR SHOES SHINED New Year's Day

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Give It a Trial New Year's Day.

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We Want You To Have A Happy New Year During 1921

The officers and directors of the First National Bank wish to express their sincere appreciation of the increase during 1920 in number of patrons and business done.

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For You Ever-Increasing Happiness and Prosperity Throughout 1921 and the Years to Come.

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