

## CITY WILL VOTE ON A \$10,000 ISSUE OF BONDS

### COUNCIL TO PUT WATER EXTENSION UP TO VOTERS

#### Welfare Ordinance Again Delayed—Contract for Two Sewer Districts Is Awarded

A \$10,000 bond issue, for the purpose of extending the municipal water system to various portions of the northeastern part of the city, will be submitted to the voters of the city at the regular election to be held in April, according to a decision of the city council at their February meeting, held at the city hall Tuesday evening. A petition, signed by a large number of representative citizens, calling for a special election to vote upon the question was presented and read. The council voted unanimously in favor of the submission, adopting Mayor Rodgers' suggestion that the vote be taken at the same time as the regular city election, in order to cut down the expense.

The city's engineer, William Grant of Lincoln, was present, and after a conference with him the council decided to extend the Tenth street main to Fourth street, Duncan's addition; the Yellowstone and Missouri avenue mains from Eighth to Ninth street, and the Mississippi avenue main from Seventh to Ninth street. The mayor then referred the layout to those of the petitioners who were present, and they agreed that it was satisfactory. The council then voted to submit a \$10,000 water extension bond issue to the voters.

#### Sewer Contract Let

It was the night for public improvements. Bids were opened for sanitary sewer districts Nos. 11 and 12, of which there were but two. The engineer's estimate of cost placed the construction in district No. 11 at \$2,938, and in district No. 12 at \$1,980. Both of the bidders shaved the estimate somewhat in their bids. E. C. Young of Alliance submitted figures of \$2,905 for district No. 11 and \$1,900 for No. 12. The other bid was from Arthur H. Dobson & Co. of Lincoln, \$2,930 for district No. 11 and \$1,925 for No. 12. Mr. Young promised to complete the work by July 1, 1921, while the Dobson company set May 1 as the date when they would have the sewers ready for use. After some discussion the contract was awarded to the Alliance man.

The meeting was a trifle late in getting started, due to the fact that a number of supporters of the proposed welfare ordinance were present, rather expecting that some action would be taken upon the measure. For two or three months this ordinance has been hanging fire, the council being apparently of the opinion that, as drawn, it was a trifle too complete and that some of its provisions were not particularly applicable to Alliance.

#### More Revamping Needed

The council at its January meeting appointed City Attorney Metz and Councilman Johnson as a committee to meet with the backers of the ordinance and go over it, eliminating some of the provisions and in general making it fit conditions here. This committee apparently met during the month, and a number of changes were agreed to. Some of the supporters of the ordinance thought that everything was settled, but they were doomed to disappointment. Mayor Rodgers, before the meeting opened, handed about an opinion from City Attorney Metz, to the effect that some of the provisions not eliminated from the ordinance were, in his opinion, illegal. Mr. Metz was not present at the meeting, being out of the city, and the council informally decided to await his return before taking any further action.

A large number of supporters of the measure were present, and before the meeting started, Mayor Rodgers took up the matter with them. They were apparently agreeable to the further delay, but other advocates of the ordinance showed up later, who were apparently a trifle vexed because nothing had been done about it. It will probably be gone over again, and some more of its provisions either eliminated or amended. Some supporters of the ordinance expressed the fear that all the "kick" would be taken out of it, but most of them were ready to withhold their judgment until the revamped document is ready to be considered.

#### Three Ordinances Introduced

For some unaccountable reason, the council failed to follow the usual procedure in the case of three ordinances which were introduced during the evening. The usual way has been to rush the ordinances through, pausing only for the clerk to call the roll the required three times. The council was extremely cautious Tuesday evening, and didn't suspend a single rule.

One of the ordinances concerned a change in the ordinance licensing electricians. A few short months ago, one of the men engaged in that business appeared before the council and asked the passage of an ordinance licensing electricians, prescribing a fee (Continued on Page 8)

## G. N. HOAG DROPS DEAD AT HALSEY WEDNESDAY

G. N. Hoag, freight service inspector for the Burlington, working out of the general superintendent's office, died of heart failure Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock. He had just boarded a light engine which was standing on the track at Halsey and fell backwards out of it, striking his head on a rail. A gash was cut in his head, but the fact that this did not bleed is proof that death occurred before he fell. Mr. Hoag had been having some trouble with his heart during the past. He had been on a freight train all day, and thought to save time by riding the engine down to Seneca, instead of waiting for the passenger train. He had been feeling badly, and expected to go to bed on arrival at Seneca.

The deceased leaves one son, R. C. Hoag of this city, and four daughters, Mrs. Nellie Wilson, Mrs. Dorothy Hershman and Mrs. J. H. Mann of Alliance, and Mrs. Leo Daniel of Bayard; also a brother, John Hoag, of Batavia, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Bell Stickle, of San Bernardino, Cal.; and a brother, Louis Hoag of Shickley, Neb., who arrived this morning.

Funeral services were held at the Masonic temple at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. S. J. Epler. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

George Nelson Hoag, born January 12, 1851, at Center, Sandwich, New Hampshire. Died February 9, 1921. He came to Muscatine, Ia., in 1854. Forty-nine years ago he homesteaded in Fillmore county, Nebraska. For the last thirteen years his home has been in Alliance.

In 1870 he married Miss Ida McDonold, who died eleven years ago. He was of old Quaker stock and remained true to his faith. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

## EX-SERVICE MEN ARE SPONSORING TWO CANDIDATES

### MEN SELECTED ARE NOT A PART OF ANY SLATE

#### Service Men Have No Axe to Grind, But Feel Voters Should Have Opportunity to Choose

The ex-service men of Alliance, to the number of over sixty, held an informal meeting Thursday evening and engaged in some discussion of city politics. The consensus of opinion was that the adoption of the city manager plan offered a big opportunity to Alliance to achieve some notable reforms and institute some efficiency in city government. It was pointed out that to date—only a short time before the close of the period for filing nominations, very few good men had agreed to make the race for councilman, and prospects were that the voters would be faced with the proposition of choosing between two or three slates.

The ex-service men decided it was up to them, as men who were interested enough in good government to fight for it, to offer the voters of the city a candidate or two who had absolutely no strings attached to them. Thereupon two of the men present were drafted for candidates, and petitions were circulated immediately. D. C. Bradbury and Will L. O'Keefe were the men upon whom the honor was thrust. They protested to some considerable extent, but finally agreed to permit their chapeaux to be tossed into the ring.

The meeting was wholly informal, and there was no thought of nominating and electing these men simply because they were ex-soldiers. The thought was expressed several times that the men who were chiefly responsible for getting the city to adopt the city manager plan, who had worked for it and urged that among the chief advantages would be the fact that men who would ordinarily refuse to become candidates for the council, would have no scruples under the new system, had abandoned their own pet infant on the doorstep. Many of the men who have been urged to become candidates, while strong for the city manager plan, have refused to allow their names to be used. As a result some of the men who are talked of as candidate are largely members of the old guard, or men with friends to reward and enemies to punish.

The men who were responsible for forcing Bradbury and O'Keefe into the race have no axe to grind. There is nothing the ex-soldiers want that the council can give them. The whole idea is to give the voters ample opportunity to choose candidates whom they believe are competent and sincere in their desire to serve the people of the city.

The two men selected have not been active in city politics but aside from this they have good judgment, ample experience and will if elected make good, conscientious officials. Both of them are clean, honest, straightforward and have sufficient pep to make them desirable candidates.

Mrs. Louis Walters of Marsland is in Alliance for medical treatment. W. E. Metz has returned from a business trip to Lincoln.

## OPPOSE BILLS AIMED AT STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

### STRONG RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### Endorses Department of Public Works—Want Auto License Money to Remain in County

The directors of the Alliance chamber of commerce, at their last meeting Wednesday evening, passed resolutions condemning two bills now up for action in the legislature. One of these seeks to abolish the department, and the other would combine it with another department. The resolutions are strong in their praise for State Engineer George E. Johnson.

The chamber of commerce puts itself on record as being opposed to changes in the manner of disbursing the money received from auto licenses, but does favor retaining these funds in the county where collected. Copies of the resolution have been sent to Senator Good and Representative Griswold.

The resolutions follow: "Whereas, Bills have been introduced in the present legislature inimical to our state highway system and the department of public works such as seeking the abolition of the department in its entirety and another undertaking to cripple its efficiency by combining with other departments, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the chamber of commerce of Alliance wishes to go on record as being unalterably opposed to any change whatever in the administration of the department of public works; that we are in thorough accord with the plan of state and federal roads; that we believe that the state should not forfeit the experience of the present secretary of public works, Geo. E. Johnson, who has been largely responsible for the great plan of state highways now laid out, and has a personal pride in carrying to completion the present approved system with a few slight changes or additions;

"That we are in favor of only such changes in the present road laws as will assist and meet the needs and demands of the federal aid appropriations which are now pending before congress;

"That we are particularly opposed to any legislation looking to the changing of the law of reference to the auto license tax money being disbursed other than is now being done under the present law, except that we might favor a change requiring the secretary of public works to meet with the county commissioners and arrange a budget for each year, and fixing the appropriation—and in no event the county to receive less than 25 per cent as is now provided by law;

"That it is absolutely necessary that money for the maintenance of the state highway system must come from the auto license tax; that federal aid legislation requires the maintenance by the state after construction; that unless his money is provided for completely no further federal aid can come to Nebraska;

"That we favor a change in the law permitting the funds from auto licenses to remain in the county where collected, except the 5 per cent to be used to cover the cost of number plates, postage, etc., instead of the county being required to remit to the department of public work and then have the same returned to the county where collected;

"That the engineering department be congratulated on the use of convict labor on the public roads, and that the federal aid roads now completed are the evidence of the proper method of handling at least a part of the roads of this great state;

"That we earnestly petition the honorable legislature to do nothing to cripple the prospects of extending such ideal roads to the far counties of the state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each representative and senator in our districts and given to the press."

## COUNCIL GOES ON RECORD AGAINST PROPOSED LAW

The Alliance city council, at its meeting Tuesday evening, by a unanimous vote went on record against the proposed law which would place all public utilities under the jurisdiction of the state railway commission. In compliance with the request of the Lincoln city council, which submitted a sample of the sort of a resolution that was desired, the council adopted the following: "Be It Resolved by the city council of the city of Alliance, Neb., that we are opposed to any legislation having for its purpose the extension of the jurisdiction of the state railway commission over any public utilities other than common carriers, whether such utilities be publicly owned or privately owned, and that we favor the leaving of the cities of the state jurisdiction over public utilities other than common carriers as well as complete control over utilities owned and operated by the city whether common carrier or not."

## CANDIDATES TO FILE PETITIONS NOW OR NEVER

### EXPECT LAST MINUTE RUSH TO GET UNDER THE WIRE

#### Indications Are That Voters Will Have Wide Range of Choice—Tomorrow the Last Day

The last minute rush of candidates for the city council has not commenced, although it is expected at any minute. Tomorrow is the last day that filings will be accepted by the city clerk, but at noon today there were but three petitions on file, and two of them were made this morning. George W. Nation was the first man to plank down his petition and kick in with the \$10 filing fee, and the two other filings were D. C. Bradbury and W. L. O'Keefe. A petition for George E. Davis was filed early in the afternoon.

However, if petitions are filed for every man whose name has been mentioned, the primary ballot will be at least two feet long. There have been more rumors in connection with this primary than there used to be in the days after the armistice, when every other man had some inside dope on how soon the army was going home.

Dozens of men have been suggested, and some people have gone so far as to circulate petitions in their behalf, only to have the prospective candidate set his foot down and insist that his name be withdrawn. Originally, the idea was to get together a list of men of extraordinary ability, who had made startling successes in managing their own affairs, but somehow or other, a number of these men weren't attracted by the thought of serving on the council that will appoint the new city manager.

#### Plenty of Candidates in Sight.

However, there will undoubtedly be plenty of candidates, and a number of them will be just the type of men that are needed to make the new system a success. Some of the men probably will be drawn into the race, as is usual, in the hope of "getting something" that they want, but there will be a sufficient number so that the voters will have an opportunity to express a choice.

The air is full of names, and a cautious newspaper doesn't dare to attempt to give a reliable list of them, lest some of the candidates be omitted and others inserted who will refuse to accept the honor even if someone pays the filing fee for them.

City Clerk Kennedy has prepared some twenty-five blank petitions all of which have been taken out by interested parties. One of these petitions, unaccompanied by the filing fee, now reposes in her desk in the city hall. The hope is that the prospective candidate, who has steadfastly refused to allow his name to go on the primary ballot, will relent before Saturday evening.

#### Women in the Race.

The rumor is going the rounds that one or two women candidates will file before the time limit expires. Several names have been suggested, among them Mrs. Nellie Wilson, Mrs. J. J. Vance and Mrs. Dorothy Hershman. It is known that petitions have been circulated for at least one of these.

George Davis, Monty Hargraves, R. M. Hampton, C. A. Newberry, F. W. Harris, Fred Hayes, Harry Coursey and two or three others are said by those who claim to be "in the know" to be among those for whom petitions will be filed. There will be one or two railroaders on the ticket, J. B. Irwin being one of those who is mentioned.

In the Tuesday issue of The Herald it will be possible to give the complete lineup of candidates, together with some information about each of them. The Herald is interested only in securing for Alliance the very best council that can be had, and when the names are all in will do its best to see that the voters have complete information.

## MURDERED MAN'S BROTHER WANTS NEWS OF HIS DEATH

The Herald is in receipt of a letter from E. S. Anderson, 148 Hampton street, Atlanta, Ga., asking for copies of this newspaper of December 7 and following, covering the murder of Earl B. Anderson, his brother, and the McElhane murder trial which followed.

E. S. Anderson is the brother of the murdered man whom it was impossible to locate at the time the Alliance man was killed. The newspapers during these exciting days sold every paper that was printed. Should any reader have extra copies that cover the Anderson murder trial, the Herald will be glad to forward them to him.

J. W. DeMoss is enjoying a visit from an old Missouri neighbor, A. J. Looker, now of Casper, Wyo. Mr. Looker has a homestead near the lake.

#### THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity fair tonight and Saturday. Friday colder west portion.

## ALLIANCE POST MEETS AT THE FERN GARDEN

The members of Alliance post No. 7, American Legion, met at the Alliance hotel Fern Garden for a 6:30 dinner Thursday evening. The Alliance post adopted this form of monthly meeting just one month ago, and the attendance at the second of the series was nearly double that of the first. Seventy ex-doughboys, ex-gobs and ex-devil dogs, with a few gold braiders and one or two-stripes turned out, and for two hours and a half sang army songs at the top of their lusty lungs, between bites of a dinner that reminded them strangely of their service days—it was so different.

Following the feed, the ex-service men held a short business session, at which Dr. H. A. Copey was elected post treasurer to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of J. A. Johansen, who this week removed to Cheyenne, Wyo.

First Lieutenant Philip McRae of the Fifty-fifth infantry was present as a representative of the Omaha army recruiting station, and announced that with him were a couple of army field clerks, prepared to issue victory buttons and victory medals to those who had brought their army discharges with them.

The next meeting of Alliance post will be held on February 22, at which time a dinner-dance will be given at the Fern Garden. Post Commander J. J. Dixon appointed Earl Meyer, Ed Reardon, D. C. Bradbury and Will L. O'Keefe as a committee to make the necessary arrangements. The legion members voted down a proposition to have a speaker give a short address, the occasion being in observance of Washington's birthday. This dinner-dance will be limited to Legion members and their ladies.

## PETITION OUT ASKING FOR A COUNTY AGENT

### WILL BE PRESENTED TO COMMISSIONERS SOON

#### Three Hundred Signatures Required But Very Few Men Are Refusing to Sign

A petition is now being circulated among the farmers of Box Butte county asking the county commissioners to appropriate funds for the employment of a county agricultural agent. For the past year or two, since the resignation of former County Agent George Neuswanger to become manager of the Farmers' Union store, Box Butte county has had no agent. Mr. Neuswanger was instrumental in getting the petition started on its rounds.

The petition was started some months ago, but under the law three hundred signatures are required, and there has been no one who has been pushing the matter very hard. The farmers as a rule are in favor of the proposition, but it takes some time to see that number of people. The signatures of the townspeople cannot be appended to the petition, under the rules.

Those who are instrumental in getting the matter started again want the next county agent to pay special attention to the needs of the potato growers. The intention of those circulating the petition is that the man to be employed shall pay special attention to securing certified seed potatoes. In Hemingford the petition is being circulated by Alex Muirhead. A petition will shortly be circulated in and around Berea.

It is understood that the Farmers' Union store, which stole the last county agent, has promised in the event another is hired, to keep their hands off.

## ANOTHER MAN FINED \$25 ON AN INTOXICATION CHARGE

Frank Gilleran was taken before Police Judge Roberts Thursday morning on a complaint filed by Chief of Police Jeffers charging him with intoxication. He was picked up on the street in a state which the police officer testified was strangely like intoxication, and Judge Roberts assessed a fine of \$25 and costs, a total of \$30. At noon the fine had not been paid, but later relatives kicked in with the cash and Gilleran was released.

One of these relatives was somewhat indignant at the cops for picking up Gilleran. Judge Roberts was informed that the law was in small business arresting harmless drunks while allowing the heinous bootleggers to go scot free. Mr. Roberts made a most effective reply by pointing out to the aggrieved one that under the provisions of the law, Gilleran's fine would be remitted if he gave the name of the person from whom he procured the quor, but that he had refused to do so when the opportunity was offered.

J. J. Cox, livestock solicitor for the B. & O., is on a business and visiting friends in the city.

## SIXTY WOMEN TURN OUT FOR A NOON LUNCHEON

### BUT THE GIRLS FAIL TO PERFECT AN ORGANIZATION

#### Some Doubt As to What It Was All About—Another Trial to Be Made Next Week

Mischiefous Fate, standing silently in the wings, pulled the wrong strings at the women's luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Thursday afternoon and as a result things were a trifle confused. Sixty-odd women, full of enthusiasm and ready for almost anything, turned out and the stage was all set for the performance. None of the actors had rehearsed their parts, and the stage manager, Secretary George M. Carey, wasn't at hand to prompt them. It was a most pleasant occasion, but it didn't run according to schedule.

Men weren't supposed to attend the affair, and a warning was issued at the Monday men's luncheon for them to keep away. Secretary Carey, who had intimated that he would be present to explain his plan, at the last moment suffered an attack of cold feet, and in a few hurried sentences explained what was on his mind to Mrs. S. W. Thompson, who was asked to preside. But Mr. Carey failed to figure on the natural tendency of women to procrastinate, and thereby hangs the tale.

Originally, Mr. Carey planned to organize a business woman's club, which should hold a weekly luncheon at the club rooms. It had been intended to limit the membership to women who were employed in various capacities. Later someone suggested the idea that it would be a nice thing to invite any woman in the city, who happened to be down-town shopping at the noon hour, to participate. So the word was sent along to members of the Woman's club, who took hold of the proposition with their usual vigor.

Still later, the thought was expressed that since any woman might be interested in the luncheon, a woman's auxiliary to the chamber of commerce might be organized, and the membership bars discarded. This was the final plan that the powers that be decided to follow. Unfortunately, the other plans had been made more or less public, and the women who assembled were made up of the business women, members of the Woman's club, and plain housewives, who thought it would be pleasant to dine downtown now and then and escape preparing their dinner.

As a result, most of those present were a trifle at sea as to the exact nature of the gathering. Some of them thought it was a strictly business woman's club; others thought the whole thing was sponsored by the Woman's club. And there were others who believed it was a combination of the two. The latter conjecture was the more nearly correct, as was brought out in the informal discussion that followed the luncheon.

Several were asked to give their views as to the feasibility of a ladies' auxiliary to the chamber of commerce, to be composed of any women who were interested in civic welfare, which would hold luncheons at stated intervals and discuss matters of general public interest. The dues were set at 50¢ a year, which caused some of the ladies to gasp a trifle. Then the discussion started in earnest. It lasted for some minutes, at the end of which it was decided to delay action to give time for a more complete discussion, owing to the fact that so far as the majority of those present were concerned, it was the first time they had understood the proposition. Among those called upon for their opinions were Mrs. A. J. Cole, Mrs. Dole, Miss Josephine Ganson, Miss McVicker, Mrs. J. A. Mallory, Mrs. A. G. Isaacson and Miss Ethel Graham. The women voted to hold hold a second luncheon at the same place next Thursday, at which time most of them would have their minds up and be ready to give their opinion.

The one point that raised the most discussion was that of how often meetings should be held. Several of the housewives were in favor of holding the luncheons once a month. The business women, on the other hand, thought that once a week was none too often. At the meeting next Thursday it is expected that Mr. Carey will be present and explain more definitely his ideas concerning the organization.

## NEW MANAGER APPOINTED FOR FARMERS UNION STORE

Mose Wright this week takes charge of the Farmers Union store in Alliance, taking the place of L. C. Powell, who has served since the retirement of George Neuswanger. Mr. Powell, who agreed to take the management temporarily until a permanent manager could be secured, will go on a farm three miles north of Alliance.

Mrs. Robert Piester had the misfortune to run a crochet hook into her finger Tuesday evening and it was necessary to cut the needle out.