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## CONSIDER THE PEOPLE

Still another angle to the primary election and the troublesome job of sorting out candidates is seen in a letter which came to The Herald last Saturday. This letter, written by one of the candidates, approves the stand taken by this newspaper, to the effect that there is not a single candidate out of the twenty in the race who is of small enough caliber deliberately to set out to discredit the city manager plan. The letter proceeds:

As I view the situation, it is much more important for the city manager proposition to be a success for the people of Alliance than a success for any city manager that the council may employ. If the city gets a full council that are so imbued with the city manager idea that they are going to act merely as his dupes after they employ him, then heaven help us all. Personally, I think it well to have some members on the council who will consider the people's interests, first, last and all the time, and the city manager only as a secondary matter, or as simply a means to an end.

There's a good idea here, and one that is worthy of deep consideration. During the campaign preceding the special election, it was evident that a great many people had very hazy ideas concerning the actual duties of a city manager. The most ridiculous and extravagant claims were made, apparently in the best of faith, and it is altogether possible that some of the candidates themselves may have been misled by the Great Wind that blew up about that time.

It is important, of course, that the city manager plan be a success, for it has been adopted in Alliance for the next four years and will have to remain in force that long. No candidate who secretly or openly hopes that the system will fail should be elected, any more than a devotee of John Barleycorn should be expected to enforce the prohibition laws. However, The Herald knows of no candidate in the race who is so lacking in public spirit that he will be willing to violate the trust of the voters should he be elected. Furthermore, we do not believe that any other man knows such a candidate.

There is a grave danger, however, from another source. It is possible that some of the candidates may have gleaned the idea, from the original campaign, that a city manager is a sort of tin god, all powerful, all wise far-seeing and with infinite capability, able to keep an eye upon every department of the city's business, stop all leaks, institute all reforms and bring a sort of millennium in civic affairs. Granting that there is a danger in electing men who are lukewarm toward the proposition, there is an even greater danger in electing men who are so enthusiastic over the new system that they think it will run itself.

The men to compose the new council should be men who are interested greatly in the plan, not only sufficiently that they will do their best to get a good city manager, but enough so that they will stay on the job, no over him or under him, but with him. Two heads are better than one, and six heads are better than one. No councilman should be chosen who will not take an active interest in the city's business, not alone until the manager is selected, but for the entire term of office. The new manager will make plenty of mistakes, and he will need advice from his council right along. He will probably need to be held down occasionally, as well as encouraged and commended, for nothing so runs away with a man as enthusiasm. The class of men who take city manager jobs are ambitious and enthusiastic, and they need some one to hold the reins for them.

Alliance is exceedingly fortunate in the caliber of the candidates who are in the race. We know of only a few who do not measure up to the highest mark. The voters will, we believe, make good selections. If they can be trusted to vote on the introduction of the system, they can be trusted to select men to put it into effect, and the man or men who attempt to set up arbitrary standards by which to choose candidates is making a sad mistake to say it mildly.

## VICTORY FROM DEFEAT

For the first time since we have been in Alliance, the city is in danger of falling down. The Salvation Army, lured by fair prospects and plenty of promises, established a post in this city at the request of a number of people who wanted some sort of a central charitable agency and believed that money given to that organization goes where it is intended to go with the smallest cost of administration.

One of the promises made the Salvation Army officials was that if a post were established here, the city would take care of the finances. But something happened. The churches, which were the first to find fault with the way the city mission was conducted, and which organized the movement which put it out of business, failed to become enthusiastic over the Salvation Army. They wanted a charity organization. Some church members, it is true, and maybe one or two churches, have extended the right hand of fellowship to the army, but at the time the drive was made, the churches did not assist.

They were not the only offenders. Many men promised to assist in the work, but simply failed to do it. The Herald editor accepted a place on a soliciting committee, under protest, for moving days were upon us, and cheerfully allowed his fellow committeeman to do all the work. The committeeman, not to be outdone, just as cheerfully left it to someone else. This happened in half a dozen cases, with a result that should have been foreseen. It simply wasn't done. Half a dozen men out of twenty did their stint, the others delayed it two or three weeks, then the financial situation became a trifle hard, it was postponed again and again, and finally forgotten. Less than a third of the money promised was ever raised. Of the \$500 collected, less than \$20 remains unspent.

The three women who came to Alliance to establish the corps have worked hard and uncompromisingly. In the face of innumerable disappointments, they have gone ahead sometimes without enough to eat, always with a worry

about the state of their finances. They have met with a little encouragement from individuals, and a few organizations have come to their rescue. After four months, they are ready to give up the struggle, and unless prompt action is taken, they will leave Alliance for a more promising field.

Situated as we are, this city cannot afford to see them go. There is need for a charitable agency, and in a city of this size a salaried charity organization is out of the question. Now that misunderstandings have been cleared up, and it has been made plain that money collected in Alliance will be spent here, there is no question that a campaign to finish the Salvation Army drive will meet with public approval and support. It may not be too late to retrieve our reputation.

## PLAY BALL!

It's none too early to begin thinking about baseball. The trouble in Alliance has been that for the past two or three years, no one has thought of it until the season was pretty far gone. Here's the situation: No business disputes the fact that a good, live team is an asset to the city, and worth paying real money to support. There isn't a doubt that there is plenty of promising material right here in the city. There isn't any question but that crowds would turn out to see a good game. The stage is all set. It's up to the players. But in baseball, as in other things, it takes money to play the game.

There are half a hundred cities in Nebraska, smaller than Alliance, with much better baseball teams. We do not know of a place as large that has displayed so little interest in the national game. We've been overlooking a big bet.

Fortunately, there are indications that enough people are this early interested in baseball to make prospects better than for years. Some of these enthusiasts will call a public meeting, and arrangements will be made to get together a team that Alliance can support. It's going to take some money to do it, but we have faith enough in our business men to know that this is one drive they will not shirk. Alliance is large enough to have a salaried team, a good baseball field and a good schedule.

One thing more is needed, and this will probably come with the good team—that is, a willingness on the part of the public to attend. Heretofore, the baseball teams have had a sorry time of it. Men have got together for the love of the game, sacrificed their time without compensation for practice and play, managed to collect enough money for uniforms, and then played the season out to small crowds, thankful if the end of the period didn't show a deficit. Past experience hasn't been particularly encouraging.

A group of high school alumni this winter organized a basketball team. Every one of the players was a top-notch, and the put up a stiff game, as reports from other towns where they played will testify. As it turned out, not a single game was played in Alliance to a house that paid expenses. Not an outside game was played that didn't net a profit.

It cannot be expected, of course, that interest in athletics can grow over night. It may take some time to work up the proper degree of enthusiasm, but it can and should be done. Past seasons haven't been so interesting that they will encourage the average fan to turn out and root unless he has some idea that the team has at least a light chance to win.

Alliance needs a baseball team, a lively bunch of roots and all the support that the business men can give them. If, before half a dozen organizations form their own teams, someone will get all the baseball players and enthusiasts together, it is probable that the result will be a team of which the city can be proud. If this is done, here isn't any doubt of the support. Let's go!

There is hardly a single one of the fifty-four welfare bills introduced in the legislature which is not extreme and a dreamer and theorist. The whole set appears to be the work of dreamers and theorists. If there are no high salaried officials or ridiculous restrictions, as in the movie censorship bill, the penalties have been made too severe, or the scope of the measure too wide.

## PARADE FOR THE DISABLED

(Omaha Bee)

Omaha may be given a chance to witness the most unique parade of protest that ever shamed a civilized community. It will be made up of disabled soldiers of the late A. E. F., who still are waiting for the fulfillment of promises made them by the government. No amount of excuse, of shifting blame or effort at evasion will minimize the fact that these men have not had treatment they deserved. Red tape may have interfered and prevented their being cared for; official delay, even indifference on part of the victim himself, may be set out as excusing the situation, but none of these will relieve the government of the onus it bears. That does not meet the needs of the men, nor relieve their necessities. A member of the local post of the American Legion writes to The Bee a communication from which this paragraph is taken:

While fifteen states have already voted state bonus for the ex-service men, Nebraska, misrepresented by a few misfits, refuses to advance the bill urged by the American Legion for the relief of the sick, needy and disabled veterans. Numerous bills, including bonus bills, home aid bills, etc., are urged to divert the attention of the service men from the true conditions that surround the disabled veterans of the great war. The American Legion favors bonus bills, if the legislature will pass them, but the Legion desires first a bill that will care for the sick and needy. Let the legislature pass that bill first and then all the other bonus bills they desire. But parades nor \$15 sops will not reach the sick, the needy, the disabled and their children in such amounts as will give them proper relief.

Here is the clear call of the Legion to the legislature. It asks first of all care and relief for the sick and needy. The able-bodied will take their chances on the bonus later, just as so many of them had to take their chance on getting back the old job after doffing the khaki. Omaha has had a good many problems presented, but none of more importance than this. The Legionnaires are asking nothing unreasonable, but they are in earnest in seeking relief for the men who can not help themselves. We cheered the boys as they marched away; let us show them now that we were sincere and really meant the pledges we made them.

## CHURCH ADVERTISING

(Nebraska City Press)

A Nebraska City church is spending money for advertising. It belongs to a denomination that believes in advertising. Why shouldn't a church advertise and then back up its advertising with a meritorious performance? The church is the greatest institution on the face of the earth, but it has been hiding its light under a bushel. Some good church people have told us that advertising religion is a wicked device of the devil; that publicity is needful for commercial enterprises, but should not be used in behalf of religion, as it is ridiculous to think that the attention of the people should be called to the church. It may be ridiculous, but it is a well known fact that people are getting away from the church much faster than they are getting into it, and that publicity seems to be one good way to awaken the popular interest in something that ought to be made profitable and pleasant for the world.

## Government to Permit American Legion Posts to Exhibit War Films

American Legion officials have just completed an arrangement with the bureau of economics of the United States government wherein local posts throughout the country will be able to get the very best of motion pictures free of charge. It is felt that this arrangement is going to make it possible for Legion posts to take an important part in community life and to become a mighty factor in the patriotic instruction of the young through the use of clean films, says the Midwest Veteran.

The bureau of economics, under the direction of Francis Holly, has hundreds of films of many subjects, including some of the best travel and war pictures procurable. There are dozens of films on war activities, pictures of scenic places throughout the world, reels of film showing the various industries of the world, as well as hundreds of miscellaneous subjects.

"We are very glad, indeed, to make this arrangement," stated Mr. Simmons, state commander of the Nebraska Legion. "I am advised that a distribution center will be located at Lincoln, and posts will be able to get these films on short notice. Not only will these pictures increase interest in post activities, but it will enable local posts to give their communities something worth while in the way of education and entertainment. This sort of thing is exactly along the line that the Legion wants—to be of service in peace as well as in war, and to help make America a better place in which to live."

## GLYCERINE MIXTURE SURPRISES ALLIANCE

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Separated as they are by other nations, Holland and Jugo-Slavia cannot well go to war, but they might arrange a spelling contest or something.

Phone for reservations at the Fern Garden Wednesday night. Little Marjorie, an accomplished dancer, will give an exhibition dance. 27

Germany owes us \$222,000,000 to date for our army of occupation. If there is any doubt about collecting it maybe they'd better come home.

Long ago the Arabs invented numerals and gave them to the world, but their best invention, the collapsible flat, they kept for home use.

Why are the Air-Cooled Spark Plugs in a class by themselves? See ad in this issue. 26-27-28

Germany has pretty nearly got it figured out so that, instead of the Huns paying reparations, the allies owe the imperial republic money.

## PIANO FOR SALE

We have a slightly used piano in Alliance that we were compelled to re-possess and reliable party can purchase same on small monthly payments. We can sell this at a rare bargain, if you are interested write us and our representative will call upon you.

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Tuesday, March 1	-----	275.00
Wednesday, March 2	-----	250.00
Thursday, March 3	-----	225.00
Friday, March 4	-----	200.00
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(This Offering for Cash Only)

If the suite is unsold Saturday night at nine o'clock, it will be removed from sale, as

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**George D. Darling**

115-117 West Third Street Alliance, Nebraska

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