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MAYOR DECLINES TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRINTING NAMES

CANDIDATES FAILING TO FOLLOW RULES OUT OF LUCK

Names of Three Who Neglected to File Acceptance to Be Left Off Ballot

It begins to look as though Harry P. Coursey, A. J. Welch and A. S. Mote are out of luck. These three men failed or neglected to file a formal acceptance of their nomination for the city council, and under the rules there isn't any way for their names to go upon the official ballot. No matter whether they wanted it to turn out that way or not—and one or two of them are suspected of not caring particularly as to the outcome—the only way for their names to show up in the tally will be for their friends to write them in.

Tuesday morning, prospects were much brighter for leaving the twenty-two candidates in the running. The question had been put up to City Attorney Metz, who said that the law seemed to be particularly clear insofar as it dealt with a personal check, signed by himself, for \$10, the filing fee. All this, he thinks, is pretty good evidence that he was willing to accept the nomination, and he is inclined to think the provision that a written acceptance must be filed in addition is pure bunk and a senseless technicality. Some people agree with him, but unfortunately the law itself doesn't, and there isn't much doubt that if the matter came to a showdown, the law would have the advantage.

One Candidate Dissents.

At least one of the three candidates who forgot about filing acceptances rather than thinks that his name should be allowed to appear on the ballot. His argument is that he passed his own petition around, secured the signatures for it, filed it in person and deposited at the time of filing a personal check, signed by himself, for \$10, the filing fee. All this, he thinks, is pretty good evidence that he was willing to accept the nomination, and he is inclined to think the provision that a written acceptance must be filed in addition is pure bunk and a senseless technicality. Some people agree with him, but unfortunately the law itself doesn't, and there isn't much doubt that if the matter came to a showdown, the law would have the advantage.

City Clerk Kennedy last Tuesday stated that Mayor Rodgers intended putting the matter up to the council to decide. The mayor was a little leery even then—he felt that the buck was being passed to him, and he didn't want to accept it, and he disliked to sidestep. He isn't taking a whole lot of interest in the election himself, and he is frank to say that he doesn't care who wins the race. He has his preferences, of course, and will let his conscience be his guide when he marks his ballot, but he isn't going to do any active campaigning.

However, Mayor Rodgers appears to have been thinking the problem over since Tuesday morning.

He stated to a Herald reporter Thursday noon that he had decided to instruct the city clerk to follow the city attorney's opinion. That means that the names will not appear on the ballot. The mayor intimates that he is of the opinion still that the recent special election at which the manager plan was adopted was illegal, anyway, and there isn't any use in having any more difficulties pile up. Apparently, if Mr. Rodgers is still in his present frame of mind next Tuesday, the council won't be asked anything about the matter.

An Uneventful Campaign.

The campaign has been proceeding most comfortably. Everybody seems to believe that the thing to do is to vote for candidates who will have the interests of the city at heart, and who are fitted for the place. Of course, opinions differ as to just what those should be the qualifications, and just which ones of the candidates are fit. Some think only lifelong friends of the plan should be considered, but others disagree. The women voters aren't saying very much, but they showed considerable interest at the special election when the plan was adopted, and it's dollars to doughnuts that big number of them will vote at the primary. Their votes may be enough to cause some painful surprises among the candidates.

To date, not a single one of the twenty-two, or rather the nineteen who are still in the race, have done any campaigning, at least openly. Every once in a while a small group on a corner can be heard talking over the candidates, but if there has been any effort to corral votes, it has been well concealed. The T. P. A.'s, who put the political bee in S. W. Thompson's bonnet, have begun an advertising campaign, but Si hasn't handed out a single cigar, and if he has purchased any ice cream cones, it hasn't been noised abroad.

March 14 is the date when the primary election comes off and the nineteen candidates will be reduced to ten. A number of people have an idea that they are going to be allowed to cast ten votes at the primary, but they'll find their mistake when they look at

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Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair and colder tonight and Saturday.

the ballot. Five votes are all that are permissible, and the man or woman who makes a greater number of crosses will have had a walk to the polls for nothing. The ten candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be allowed to have their names on the regular election ballot, but even then the voters are permitted only the same number of votes as there are candidates to be elected.

Quarter-Section Brings \$4,000 at Sheriff's Sale Wednesday Morning

While sheriff's sales are not the best indication of the value of farm land, the price realized sometimes is a fairly good index to values. The first sale of this sort in months was held at the court house Wednesday morning. Sheriff Miller officiating, and the northwest quarter of section 11, township 26, range 60, brought a total of \$3,900, something less than \$25 per acre. The land is situated in Nonpareil precinct. The purchaser was George M. Jenkins of Hemingford.

Sidney Girl Gives An Exhibition of Toe Dancing at Fern Room

Miss Margie Mallick of Sidney, a graceful high school miss, gave a short exhibition of toe dancing at the Alliance hotel Fern Garden Wednesday evening. The dance was in addition to the regular dance program, and is the first of a series of special attractions that Manager Miller plans to provide for the entertainment of his guests. Miss Wallick's dancing was exceedingly pleasing and won considerable applause.

ANNUAL SPRING TALE OF BURLINGTON LINE FROM KEARNEY WEST

THIS TIME THE GREAT NEWS COMES FROM AURORA

New Construction Work Is Hardly In Line With Hard Luck Tales Told by Road

The one sure sign of approaching spring has been heard. For the umpteenth time, the word has gone forth that the Burlington is about to build that extension from Kearney to Bridgeport. The editor of the Scottsbluff Star-Herald, who has been in western Nebraska a long time and heard it often, refuses to get excited and claims that he is now hardened so that it does not bring a single quickened heartbeat. He intimates that he will do his celebrating when the line is finished, and goes on to remark:

"Adventurous robins are heard chirping here and there in the city, angle worms are forcing their way to the surface in order to absorb the gentle atmosphere, boys are buying marbles and there are other signs of an early spring but it really awaited the annual report that the Burlington planned to build its new famous cut-off between Bridgeport and Kearney, before it could be definitely declared that there were signs of the vernal season being here.

"Just how the report, which is stated to have originated from the Burlington division at Aurora, can be squared with the hard luck tales being told by the road with reference to the falling off in traffic, and the actualities of the laying off of hundreds of men, is a matter for the reader to do for himself, but the report is given for what it is worth, as follows:

"It is rumored that the Burlington will shortly begin its construction of the line between Bridgeport and Kearney.

"This will take a considerable freight load off the Billings line, which is now crowded with trains. This new line will parallel the Union Pacific down the North Platte river.

"The establishment of a freight division has been advanced by reason of the proposed construction from Kearney to Bridgeport, giving this new line to the Wyoming country."

Work Begins Today On Sanitary Sewer in Districts 11 and 12

Work began this morning on the sanitary sewer construction in districts No. 11 and 12, contract for which was let at the last meeting of the city council. The material is already on the ground, and if there is no material change in the weather, should be completed by May 1.

District No. 11 comprises Fifth to Eighth street between Yellowstone and Missouri, and district No. 12 from Third to Eighth between Mississippi and Missouri.

SEVERAL CANDIDATES WOULD LIKE THE JOB OF CITY MANAGER

APPLICATIONS ARE BEGINNING TO COME IN

Six Men Have Written City Clerk Stating They Would Like to Be Considered for Place

The voters of Alliance aren't the only ones who are interested in the city manager plan, which is to go into effect in this city with the new fiscal year. The nineteen candidates for the city commission, who may be expected to have a slight interest in the new plan, are not in it with another class of people, who began to show signs of life even before the special election on January 4. That class are the candidates for the job of city manager.

A year or so ago, when Alliance adopted the city manager plan under city government, there were something like eighty applicants for the position of manager. This year, when the plan is adopted under state statute, and there are good prospects for at least a four-year job, the interest is much greater on the part of those who yearn to direct the destinies of this thriving city.

To date, there are only six formal applications for the place of city manager on file with City Clerk Kennedy, but there have been innumerable inquiries. Some of these come from schools and colleges which have graduated men along lines fitting them for managements; some inquiries come from men who are now holding down similar positions, and a number of letters come from men who have friends that they think will just fit the place.

The six men who have filed their applications were among the first to get interested. Half of these applications have been on file since December, when the campaign was on in full tilt, and the others made a rush to get their names in as soon as the election results became known. There are some pretty good men already on the list. The applications now on file are those of:

Frank D. Danielson, assistant city manager of Glenwood, Ill.
Fred Locitner, Lincoln.
Oscar Waddell, Yakima, Wash., where he is employed under the civil service.

L. C. Walling, Laurel, Neb., superintendent of the municipal electric light and power plant.
Oscar Dobbs, civil engineer, who is now and has for three years been city manager at Clovis, N. M.

Henry J. Baum, civil engineer, assistant city engineer at Johnston, Pa. Each one of these applicants has furnished a detailed story of his life and activities for the guidance of the council, as well as a list of references of men who will be able to give opinions of their capability. As a rule, nothing is said about the salary desired, the prospective city managers being willing to trust to the liberality of the council, knowing, of course, that if the figure offered does not appeal to them they are not obliged to take it. Some of the applicants get quite chummy with the city clerk, one man writing that he desired to come to Alliance because the climate in his present location didn't agree with his wife.

Home Service Bureau Makes Its Report For The Month of February

Total number of cases in the office	62
Cases held for future work	43
Cases filed back	19
Old cases	50
New cases	12
Total services given	130
Itemized Services.	
Letters written for clients	42
Investigations made	4
Victory medal claims	10
Insurance cases	6
Compensation cases	22
Naturalization	1
Visits made	7
Certified discharges	5
Affidavits made	7
Travel pay claims	1
State bonus claims	3
Telegrams sent for clients	3
Clothing claims	1
Information only	3
Grants given	1
Vocational training	2
Loans given	4
Liberty bond claims	2

Financial Report.

For Relief—Loans to ex-service men for household expenses in cases where men are sick and compensation not through yet, amounting to \$65, \$35 and \$50 respectively. Loan to civilian for transportation of self, mother, boy and girl to Cheyenne where he had work, \$25. Grant to widowed mother of four children for coal, \$14.50.
For Maintenance—Telephone bill, \$4.92; incidentals, \$10; printing, \$7.50; secretary's salary, \$125.
Money taken in during month amounted to \$7.75 from sale of yarn and other supplies in cupboards.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Special meeting to consider plans for spring reunion of Scottish Rite, 8 p. m., Wednesday, March 9, 28-29.

COL. "PETE" WATSON WAS LAID TO REST AT HEMINGFORD THURS.

NOTED WOLF HUNTER OF EARLY DAYS PASSES AWAY

Picturesque Western Nebraska Pioneer and Early Box Butte Resident Died at Home in Mitchell Tuesday

John T. Watson, known for years to all western Nebraska as Colonel "Pete" Watson, noted wolf hunter, died at his home in Mitchell, Neb., Tuesday. The remains were brought to Alliance on the Casper train Wednesday evening and taken to Hemingford on No. 41, where funeral services were held Thursday morning and interment made in the Hemingford cemetery. The I. O. O. F. lodge had charge of the ceremonies, and a number of friends from Box Butte county were in attendance.

Mr. Watson was a Box Butte county resident in the early days, before there was an Alliance. He homesteaded near Box Butte postoffice, sixteen miles northeast of where Alliance was later located. In later years he sold his place and removed to Mitchell, but he has visited Alliance and Box Butte county frequently and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances here. He was especially known by the old-timers, who remembered his wolf-hunting record.

A Typical Pioneer.

Always a picturesque character, tall, commanding in appearance, he was a typical pioneer. He stood the hard times caused by the drought in Box Butte county, back in the eighties and early nineties, and it was during these trying times that he won his name and made his record as a wolf hunter. He had other thrilling experiences, among them being freighting during the Indian war.

In 1890 and 1891, the Sioux Indians to the number of some ten thousand, began to indulge in ghost dances in preparation for the coming of an Indian Messiah. Their medicine men told them that the shirts they wore were bullet proof, and encouraged them to slaughter the whites. The Indians firmly believed that if their gods could be appeased by a wholesale massacre, if the whites could be driven out of their lands, the buffalo would come back and peace and plenty would reign.

The federal government took immediate steps to quell the uprising. Troops came to the scene of the war by every train. General Nelson A. Miles came to direct the campaign in person and took up his headquarters at the Pine Ridge agency. The Box Butte county settlers, hard up because of the drought and lack of crops, took jobs driving wagons containing supplies from Rushville to the soldiers. Pete Watson was among them, and made more trips than most of them. He became pretty well known by the soldiers as well as the settlers.

Known as Wolf Hunter.

It was as a wolf hunter that Mr. Watson made his name, however. He was a natural sportsman, fond of horses and dogs, and did more toward the extermination of gray wolves in the ranch country than any other one man. So successful was he in killing them that he was employed by northern western cattlemen's association and given a bounty of \$25 for each wolf killed. He developed a system all his own for fighting the pests. He had two packs of dogs trained for the work—one of them runners, the other fighters. He would locate his wolf, the running dogs would chase it until it was more or less exhausted, and then the colonel would turn loose the pack of fighters. The scrapping dogs would close in upon the animal, and at the psychological moment, Watson would dismount, and with nothing but a heavy hickory club, about the size of a baseball bat, end the carnage.

This system was extraordinarily successful, and Watson's prowess as a wolf killed spread over the west. He journeyed from ranch to ranch on his horse, taking his dogs with him, and stayed until every gray wolf in the community was killed. Then he'd move on. For months he followed this occupation, and the ranchers were always glad to have him show up. He has been known, dozens of times, to kill three and four wolves on a little ride while he was waiting for breakfast.

In Demand for Celebrations.

In later years, Mr. Watson was in great demand for public celebrations as marshal of the day. His well trained horse and his commanding presence were for years considered essential for almost any sort of a celebration where it was necessary to handle crowds. He had a way with him, a knack of handling people in large bunches, and managed to keep order and yet retain his friendships. His horse was a great attraction, being trained to prance when the band played, and a whole lot of people in Box Butte county will remember hearing him say, "Now, men, respect the ladies," when the crowd grew too thick in any one place.

The old timers will tell a number of stories of Colonel Pete in the early days. He was never obtrusive, but he always managed, when in a crowd, to stand with the weak ones. They tell one tale of a time during the days when the Indian war was on. Men in

ADVERTISING DID IT

Twenty-eight years ago the makers of a watch produced a large machine-made article, and priced it at \$1.50. The first year without advertising they sold 12,000. Next year with some advertising, 87,000 were sold. Then, increasing the factory output by having created a market and stabilized it, they reduced the size of the watch, the price to \$1, and by advertising sold 485,000 the third year.

The makers of a famous camera, when they began advertising over thirty years ago, made one camera which took a 2 1/2-inch picture and which sold at \$25. In 1917 (at the time of the violent rise in cost of materials) they made a far better camera which sold for \$10.

When the manufacturer of a well-known breakfast food began advertising, his goods sold at 15 cents a package. In 1917 his package was 50 per cent larger and sold for 10 cents.

The selling cost of a spark plug was decreased 70 per cent in four years. In 1908 a magneto sold for \$50. Ten years later a much better magneto used for the same purpose was selling at \$31.

These cases are not exceptions, says Art Metal—just illustrative of some of the things which advertising can do and has done.

camp are fairly rough and their idea of humor happened to be to torment an old rancher. The colonel watched it for a little while, and then respectfully told them it had to stop. It didn't, and he took on three men single-handed. The battle was short and decisive. He took the first man, lifted him high in the air, and threw him to the ground with tremendous force. It ended the struggle.

Mr. Watson, it is learned, has bequeathed to the city of Alliance his famous saddle in memento of the many occasions when he has used it as marshal of the day at celebrations here.

ALLIANCE GIRLS WIN WESTERN NEBRASKA BASKETBALL HONORS

COP CHAMPIONSHIP BY DEFEATING BAYARD

Last Game of Season Before the State Tournament Tonight—Boys to Meet Sidney

The girls' team of the Alliance high school cinched the basketball championship for western Nebraska by defeating Bayard, 28 to 22, at Bayard Thursday evening. The girls went through the entire season with but one defeat, when the Scottsbluff girls took them to a trimming a few days ago. The sting of this one defeat was lessened somewhat by the fact that the Alliance girls defeated the girls from the sugar city earlier in the season by a decisive score. This is the best record made by any girls' team in western Nebraska, all the other championship contenders have two or more defeats during the year. Scottsbluff had had two defeats, landing second place; Bayard three defeats, landing third place; Gering fourth place and Chappell fifth. Sidney dropped out. The Bayard game last night was one of the hardest games that the locals participated in this year. Simpson started the scoring by tossing a field goal. It raised the score to three when Trabert threw a free throw. The Bayard girls started the scoring by throwing the score up to eight. Alliance tied the score. At the close of the half Bayard jumped in the lead in a score of 13 to 12.

In the second half Alliance outplayed Bayard in every stage of the game, excelling in basket throwing, passing in defensive work and working the ball into the enemy's territory by severe team work. The final score was 28 to 22. Trabert and Simpson divided points, each making 14. The members of the championship team are:

Lillie Simpson, captain, side center.
Clara Garrett, center.
Elsie Simpson, forward.
Ethel Trabert, forward.
Thelma Zoebel, guard.
Blanche Peterson, guard.
Frances Schott, guard.
Loree Edson, substitute.
Geraldine Brenneman, substitute.

Most of the members of the team are seniors and have worked together for the last three years, finally winning the championship in their senior year.

Tonight at the high school gymnasium the last game of the season, previous to the state basketball tournament, will be played. The Alliance boys will meet Sidney. It will be a peppy contest as the result will decide which of the two teams is entitled to second place in the league standings for the season. Bayard has copped the boys' championship beyond much doubt, and Sidney and Alliance are tied for second honors. Earlier in the season the Alliance boys beat Sidney on their own floor for the first time in ten years, and tonight's game will be a battle royal.

LIONS CLUB NOW HAS TOTAL OF 37 CHARTER MEMBERS

FORTY REQUIRED TO SECURE A CHARTER

Recruits Coming in Rapidly Since Organization Meeting Tuesday Noon

The Alliance Lions club, the fourth to be organized in Nebraska, Thursday noon had a total of thirty-seven members, and were considering applications from half a dozen more. A minimum of forty is the standard requirement for a charter, and this will certainly be met by the time for the next weekly meeting. Following are the names of the members, their business firms and classification in the club:

- Frank Abegg, First National Bank, Investment Banker.
- Charles E. Adams, Manufacturer, Jeweler.
- Lee Basve, County Attorney.
- Charles Brittan, First State Bank.
- Dr. B. G. Bauman, Bauman Optical Co., Optometrist.
- F. J. Brennan, Druggist.
- Edwin M. Burr, Alliance Herald, Newspaper.
- Geo. M. Carey, Secy., Chamber of Commerce.
- Robert Graham, Postmaster.
- John W. Guthrie, Fire Insurance.
- K. R. Hamilton, National 5, 10 and 25c Stores, Variety Store.
- F. W. Hargarten, Dierks Lumber & Coal Co., Lumber Dealer.
- W. R. Harper, W. R. Harper Dept. Store, Dept. Store.
- Clay Harry, Northwestern Bell Tel. Co., Telephone Co.
- John E. Henneberry, Steam Fitter and Plumber.
- L. H. Highland, Highland-Holloway Co., Millinery.
- E. G. Jones, Alliance Times, Editor.
- J. H. Kane, Quick Service Electrical Co., Electrical Contractor.
- True Miller, Coursey & Miller, Ford Dealer.
- George E. Mintzer, Alliance Tire Works, Auto Tires.
- A. S. Mote, Contractor.
- J. M. Literas, Nebraska Potash Co., Potash Works.
- J. T. Nabb, Farmer.
- M. D. Nolan, M. Nolan & Co., Coal Dealer.
- Dick O'Bannon, O'Bannon Bros., Grain and Produce Dealer.
- W. L. O'Keefe, W. L. O'Keefe Ins. Agency, Life Insurance.
- Robert O. Reddish, Burton & Reddish, Attorney.
- C. L. Reynolds, Drake Hotel, Hotel.
- J. S. Rhein, Rhein Hardware Co., Retail Hardware.
- Clarence J. Schafer, Schafer Auto Supply Co., Auto Electrical Specialist, Vulcanizing, Batteries.
- Harry L. Sims, Phonographs.
- Dr. A. L. V. Smith, Jeffrey & Smith, Chiropractor.
- Geo. G. Smith, Alliance Steam Laundry, Laundry.
- John R. Snyder, Snyder Transfer, Transfer and Storage.
- Calvin D. Walker, A. H. Jones Co., Auto Sales.
- Dr. J. P. Weyrens, Slagle & Weyrens, Surgeon.
- Otto Zamzow, Horage Bogue Store, Dry Goods.

"Living Pictures" Draw Big Crowd to Presbyterian Church

The "living picture" entertainment given by the choir at the Presbyterian church last evening under the direction of Mrs. J. S. Rhein drew a big crowd which was liberal with commendation and applause. Following is the program:

- "Poetry of Motion," posed by Misses Frieda Tully, Helen Eberly, Masters Edward Knight, Elton Potter.
- "Love's Old Sweet Song," posed by Miss Mounts, K. R. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Sturgeon.
- "Maud Fuller," posed by Misses Lulu Benson, Ruth Sturgeon, F. A. Bald.
- "Three Little Maids From School," posed by Misses Flora Spencer, Margaret Schill, Phyllis Thompson.
- "Annie Laurie," posed by Miss Waeger and J. J. Vance.
- "Barefoot Boy," posed by Master Sherman Harris.
- "Last Rose of Summer," posed by Miss Avis Joder.
- "Hiawatha," posed by Edwin M. Burr, Mrs. Potter, Miss Ruth Sturgeon and Mr. Overman.
- "Comin' Thru the Rye," posed by Mrs. Peterson and J. S. Rhein.
- "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," posed by Miss Frances McKenzie, Master Keith Sturgeon, Misses Janice Willis, Mariellen Beagle and Mr. and Mrs. Zamzow.
- "Me and Ma Little Banjo," posed by Misses Mary Willis and Dorothy Reynolds.
- "Curly Locks," posed by Miss Hazel Young.
- "Mother Macrae," posed by Mrs. Lowry.
- "Columbia," posed by Mrs. J. S. Rhein.
- Mrs. W. A. Willis returned from California Saturday after a two months' stay at Pasadena and Long Beach.