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THE PUBLIC FORUM (Editorials by Our Readers.)

A Few Words From Rufus Jones

Minatone, Neb., January 16.—To the Editor of The Alliance Herald: Your editorial, "The Persistence of Error," in your issue of January 13, contains this paragraph:

"The labor union men never believed this fake (that the business men of Alliance are opposed to unionism and to members of local organizations) until, a couple years ago, the secretary of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce brought up the matter of affiliation with the United States Chamber of Commerce. The United States Organization has, among its objects, the introduction of the so-called American plan, or the open shop, which, by the way, is most un-American. The Alliance Chamber of Commerce stepped on it at once without argument."

After having re-read this paragraph a number of times I am still uncertain whether it was written with the deliberate intention of creating the impression that the writer of this communication, who at the time referred to was secretary of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce, was inimical to labor unionism and it was slyly fighting it, or whether in all innocence it was merely an unfortunate wording of the paragraph.

To begin with, the first few words of the paragraph contain a grave misstatement. The editor of the Alliance Herald was not a resident of Alliance when I went there to take the secretaryship of the Chamber of Commerce, and of course knows nothing of what the union men believed or did not believe at the time with reference to the Chamber of Commerce. For his enlightenment, then, I now inform him that there was even then a bitter feeling of resentment among the labor union members of Alliance toward the town's business men. I encountered it within 24 hours after assuming the secretaryship. It was due in large part, it soon developed, to the fact that the Chamber of Commerce had been and was conducting a thinly-veiled collection agency. One of my first recommendations as secretary to my board of directors was that this work be immediately discontinued, and this was done. It was this same issue which had created a general impression among the labor unionists that there was a secret agreement among Alliance merchants as to the regulation of prices—an impression which has never been quite dissipated.

On two occasions during my secretaryship the United States Chamber of Commerce asked that I place before my board of directors an invitation to affiliate with the national organization. I did so, on both occasions, and on both occasions I accomplished the transmittal of the invitation with my own vigorous personal recommendation that the invitation be declined. This was done in both instances. My board of directors knew little or nothing of the work of the national organization, and, quite naturally, depended almost solely on my recommendation, with the result just stated.

I am slow to believe that the editor of the Alliance Herald would intentionally create the impression which his paragraph creates, viz: That but for the alertness of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce I would have "put over" on them a membership in the United States Chamber of Commerce, an organization opposed to labor unionism. Like the editor of the Alliance Herald, I am myself a labor unionist. Like him I carry a membership in one of the most powerful and influential of all labor unions, the International Typographical union. Like him I have carried it for a good many years—seventeen years to be exact—and I am as staunch and sincere a friend to labor unionism as he has ever been or will ever be.

Before the present editor of the Alliance Herald was a resident of Alliance

since I was assisting the central body of the Alliance unions in arranging their Labor day program, these meetings having been held in my office, and was marching in the parade as a "card man."

I seriously doubt whether there are three labor union men in Alliance, outside the editor of the Alliance Herald, who knew that the United States Chamber of Commerce had extended any such invitation to the Alliance commercial organization until they read of the incident in his editorial.

I am now interested to learn whether, in addition to publishing this communication, as is obligatory under every rule of newspaper ethics, the editor of the Alliance Herald will go further to announce editorially that he had no intention of creating a prejudice against me in the minds of Alliance labor unionism.

RUFUS JONES.

Where the Next Money Should Go.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Jan. 18.—To the Editor of The Herald: In The Herald of January 10, in an article concerning the city manager's plan for rebuilding the present city armory into a public plunge and playhouse, it is proposed to heat this building from exhaust steam from the city's power plant. This plant is located five blocks from the city hall. It is estimated that it would cost but \$10,000 to build it, but my belief is that it would cost at least three and possibly four times this amount.

While this is undoubtedly a splendid public improvement, and should come in time, for the present would it not be a good idea to devote whatever money is at our disposal to other projects which demand more immediate attention. Our water system is in need of improvement. The pump pits should be drained so that the oil, grime and dirt from the pumps will not find its way into the reservoir and water mains. One or two more water mains should be arranged for, another boiler in the power plant is needed; here should be additional coal storage, with an elevator and some other modern conveniences for handling and storing fuel economically.

As soon as there is money available or improvements, the storm sewer system needs attention also. It is by no means completed. Our sanitary sewer disposal could also be improved. We need a few blocks extension of the storm sewer west of Box Butte avenue in Fifth street, and also on Seventh street.

We have started several things. Some of these should be finished before we hunt for other things to do. Our taxes were high last year, but the levy for this year is 16 or 17 per cent higher, due to the fact that the city is

making preparations to pay for past indebtedness, something which has been almost wholly overlooked until the last year.

It is not my desire to make life harder for the city council or the city manager or in any sense to criticize. There are a lot of us who have had to cut out several things in our homes that we used to be able to afford under normal conditions. With lowered incomes, high taxes and high cost of living, our taxes are nearly rent as it is, and this, of necessity, makes house rent in Alliance too high. No one is building houses to rent. None have been built for this purpose during the past three years. This makes conditions bad for a city depending to a great extent on shopmen and trainmen.

We believe and hope that through careful and economical management, Alliance will become a more prosperous city, for a more progressive lot of citizens can be found nowhere.

A TAXPAYER.

LAKESIDE

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Roe entertained a number of friends at a card party last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper were in town delivering produce from their ranch the first of the week.

Jake Zeig was in town Monday from north of here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cook and children drove to Alliance Monday to do some shopping.

Frank Keith and John McCulick were in town Monday afternoon from south of Ellsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Osborn went to Alliance Monday on No. 43, and drove home after the show in the evening.

Frank DeFrance drove up from the ranch Monday.

O. E. Black drove to Alliance Monday to take his mother, who was on her way to Los Angeles, Cal., for a visit with her son, Fred, and other relatives at that place. Also to see if the change would help her. She has been troubled with asthma again the last few weeks here. Her many friends here hope it will prove a great benefit to her health and that she will enjoy a pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMintrey went to Alliance Tuesday and took the train from their town to Lusk, Wyo., to visit their children, who live near there, for a few weeks. They will be missed by their many friends during their absence.

A number of young folks went in and gave Wilma Westover a surprise party Tuesday evening, it being her birthday.

Henry Bond was a Lakeside business visitor Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

ANTIOCH

Mrs. J. W. Wilson has been out of town this week caring for her sister, Mrs. C. C. Wilson, who has been very ill with appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith spent Sunday in Alliance with their daughter Mrs. Dewey Donovan.

Mr. Broughton returned to Antioch this week from Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williams, Miss Hoffland and Mrs. Conner were Alliance visitors Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Rice left Friday for her home near Omaha upon receipt of a telegram that her husband was seriously ill.

The dance given by the Odd Fellows in their hall Friday was well attended and a good time reported.

Mrs. Harrington, who has been in charge of the dining hall at Hoffland, returned to Antioch Friday.

Mrs. H. P. Holt leaves for an extended visit among relatives and friends at Tacoma, Wash. She will be missed in the church and club circles but it is hoped by her many friends that she will come back benefited by the change.

S. L. O'Brien returned to Antioch Tuesday. He has been attending court at Valentine, Neb.

The woman's club met at the club room Thursday. Two very interesting papers were read and discussed, "Interesting Wives of Our Presidents" by Maude Ozmund and "Stories of prominent American Indians" by Mrs. Lulu Hunsaker. Mrs. Ida Campbell read an article describing the present mistress of the white house which was excellent. The club meet with Mrs. Jack Miller as hostess at the club room next Thursday.

George Hunsaker is working at Hoffland. The company is employing more men since the holidays.

Miss Anna Hoffland and Mrs. Conner were visitors of the Alliance Rebekah lodge Friday evening. They were witnessing the installation of officers.

Harry Wilson, who spent the past week visiting his aunt, Mrs. Lillian A. Hobbs, departed for his home in Casper Saturday.

Tuesday evening William Conner celebrated his forty-third birthday with a card party and a supper. There were fifteen guests present. After an enjoyable evening spent in playing high five, the guests departed wishing Mr. Conner many happy returns.

James and Clayton Hoffland, Miss Klingman and Miss Smith were Alliance visitors Saturday.

The E. C. Hock family are moving back to Antioch. They will occupy the H. P. Holt residence during Mrs. Holt's absence.

James P. Thomas is the owner of a new Cadillac sedan. It is one of the

finest cars seen in Antioch for some time.

DISARMAMENT.

First Sailor (searching vainly for his ship after a few hours' leave)—"But she was 'ere' when we went ashore, wasn't she?"

Second Sailor—"It's them blokes at Washington. They've started scrap-pin' the fleet, and begun on us."—Punch.

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- Potato Sorter.
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- One low-wheel Wagon with rack.
- One high-wheel wagon with box.
- Four sets of Harness.
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