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NOTHING MUCH STIRRING IN A POLITICAL WAY

BOX BUTTE MEN SLOW TO SHY HATS INTO THE RING.

Plenty of Candidates Suggested, But Few of Them Ready to Take the Fatal Plunge.

Somehow, Box Butte county citizens are slow in getting into the political game this year. The primaries are only five months ahead, and not a single candidate has become sufficiently active to file a nominating petition, although in other counties of the state the candidates for county offices are as thick as bootleggers at a I. W. convention. Considerable activity in state politics is apparent, also, with the new third party holding enthusiastic gatherings with as many as half a dozen men sitting in the same convention at the same time. Half a dozen men have come out for governor in both the leading parties, and each day sees new filings for the other state offices. Here in Box Butte, however, while there is considerable discussion, nothing definite has happened. A few men have announced that they will be among the contenders, but they aren't in any hurry to actually toss their chapeaux into the ring.

Judge W. H. Westover has announced that he will be a candidate for the state supreme court from the big Sixth district, and while he is not alone in aspiring to that honor, it is conceded that he has a pretty good chance to win. The more candidates appear, the better Judge Westover's prospects. The principal opponent is the incumbent, Judge James R. Dean of Broken Bow. Judge Dean is an able and affable jurist, but he is known in only a comparatively small part of the district, whereas Judge Westover's acquaintance extends all over western Nebraska, and he will undoubtedly find that his nearly thirty years of experience on the district bench has won him a big list of friends.

Talk of Alliance Man

Alliance is interested in Judge Westover's candidacy from another standpoint than friendship and respect. It is understood that if the judge resigns to enter the race for the supreme judgeship, republicans of Box Butte county will get behind a certain prominent young Alliance attorney and use their influence to have him appointed to the district bench to fill the vacancy. Judge Westover's term will not expire for two years. The Alliance republican contingent numbers some strong western Nebraska leaders, and this prospective candidate for Judge Westover's shoes should make a strong contender for the place, if his ability and backing have anything to do with it.

For the other county offices, there is considerable good material in sight—in some cases enough material so that the average voter will have some difficulty in choosing between his friends. Frank Irish, present county treasurer, will be in the race for county clerk. Friends are grooming J. Kridelbaugh, veteran Burlington employe, for this job, and may succeed in persuading him to ask the voters for it. Mr. Kridelbaugh has been a resident of Box Butte for some forty years, and he knows practically everyone in the county, and in his various capacities with the Burlington, has had the opportunity to meet voters. He should secure a strong railroad vote, which will be a good start if he decides to have a try for it.

Two women have announced that they will have a try for the county treasurer's office—Mrs. Nellie Wilson and Mrs. Cora Lewis, the former the present deputy and the latter a former deputy. It is probable that there will be other entries, but to date none has been suggested openly.

Sheriff Miller and Deputy Miskimen have both declared themselves out of the running. This office, it is probable, will draw a number of candidates. Chief of Police C. W. Jeffers and Lloyd Thomas have both been suggested as democratic nominees, but neither has signified whether he cares to have a try for the job.

Jack Hawes Friends Busy

Friends of Jack Hawes, veteran traveling man out of Alliance, have been working for the past week or two to get him to enter the race for sheriff, but so far without success. Mr. Hawes ranks ace high among the traveling men of the city, and it's hard to pry his thoughts loose from that job. His friends have hopes, however, that he can be induced to take the chance, and they insist that it won't be much of a chance for Jack. He has been well-known and liked in Alliance and the county for years, and it is conceded by members of both political parties that he would be an ideal man for the job.

County Attorney Lee Basye has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election, having held the office for two terms. No attorney has yet offered himself as a candidate, although friends are suggesting Earl L. Meyer and Penrose Romig. Meyer is prominent in American Legion circles and his ex-soldier buddies have indicated that they'd like to have an opportunity to cast a vote for him, and

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Forecast for Nebraska: Fair tonight and Wednesday, except somewhat unsettled in northwest portion; not quite so cold by Wednesday afternoon.

Romig has a bunch of friends who'd be glad to work for him if he'll say the word. Attorney Meyer has given his friends no indication of how he feels about the job, and Penrose is likewise sitting the oyster. These men are, of course, considered as possible candidates, and the names of others have not been mentioned.

Big Fight on the County Commissioners

The big fight on the county commissioners, which are to be elected this year, is probable that both C. L. Hashman and George Duncan will stand for re-election if they feel that there are any considerable number of their friends who want them to. Mr. Hashman has said that he didn't care to make the race if the voters didn't want him, and it is probable that Mr. Duncan feels the same way about it.

Unquestionably, there is a strong sentiment among certain of the farmers for a complete change in the board of commissioners. At a meeting of union men and farmers held at the Baptist church on two occasions this sentiment has been sounded clearly, together with plenty of evidence that these men mean just that. However, no man has yet been discovered who is anxious to make the race. Friends of several men have approached them, and although it has been pointed out to influential farmers and business men that it is a patriotic duty to take the job, so far no man has announced his willingness to get into the game.

The political game this year is young yet, and the next few weeks will undoubtedly see a good lineup of candidates. With the farmers, union men and business men agreed that they will support only the best timber available, Box Butte county has no need for worry.

LEGION POST BOXING BOUT ON MARCH 18

ALLIANCE EX-SOLDIERS TO STAGE SERIES OF MATCHES.

Harry Boyle of Syracuse, N. Y., and Jack Gates of Omaha Will Put on Ten-Round Go.

Arrangements have been completed for the first of a series of boxing matches, to be staged by Alliance post of the American Legion. The bout will be held at the Roof Garden on the evening of Saturday, March 18, and the ex-soldiers plan to revive interest in boxing, which has been somewhat overshadowed by the wrestling game during the past few years. This was due, in great part, to legislation and a sentiment against boxing matches, but the war did away with most of it. The state legion persuaded the legislature to pass a boxing law providing for a boxing commission to lay down rules and regulations designed to do away with crooked promoters.

The headliners for the first match in Alliance will be Harry Boyle of Syracuse, N. Y., and Jack Gates of Omaha, and the pair of them will go for ten rounds. Frankie Woods of Omaha has also been secured for the semi-windup, in which he will tangle with Mel Wyland of Box Butte county. There will also be a preliminary or two of local talent, including lightweight and paperweight talent.

Dope on Scrappers Lacking

Jack Dailey of Alliance, who is registered with the state boxing commission as an official referee, made the arrangements for the bout, in conjunction with George C. Madsen, the post's fight manager. The full dope on the scrappers has not yet been forwarded, but Dailey made a special trip to Omaha to look over the talent, and is conceded to know good scrappers when he sees them. Besides, he managed to talk it over with Douglas county legion officials, who have been in the boxing game for several months past. Full details of the records of the scrappers will be made public later. Dailey was for some months an active member in the Douglas post of the Legion, and he is the man who put the post on its feet and on the map, so far as boxing is concerned. He's now an Alliance resident, and his talents will be used here.

The Alliance post has had the boxing club franchise for Alliance for several months, and has been waiting until late winter to stage a series of bouts. The boxing commission's regulations are most strict, for only certain organizations are permitted to hold boxing bouts, and not only the club, but every official and principal in a bout must have the O. K. of the state officials. With such a lineup, there is no stalling by the boxers, as that would result in disbarment.

Alliance has a full corps of licensed officials, including the following, who will serve for the bouts here: Manager, George C. Madsen; referee, Jack Dailey; seconds, Wyland and Karney timekeeper, Jack Kane; physician, Dr. Lee Farmer.

ALLIANCE HIGH AGAIN IN SIGHT OF CHAMPIONSHIP

ONCE MORE IN LEAD FOR WESTERN NEBRASKA PENNANT.

Local Basket-tossers Defeated Sidney and Scottsbluff Took Game from Chappell Friday Evening.

The local leather tossers are again in first place in the western Nebraska league as the result of their defeat of Sidney 26 to 23, and Chappell's defeat by Scottsbluff Friday evening. Chappell was formerly in the lead in the conference as they had played one more game than Alliance and both had lost one game, Alliance to Sidney and Chappell to Alliance. Gering is third, having lost three games, one each to Alliance, Scottsbluff and Chappell. As the result of the shakeup the standing is as follows, Alliance, Chappell, Gering, Scottsbluff and Sidney.

Sidney started out at a fast pace but was unable to keep going and while at first among the leaders they have now dropped to fifth place. Gering has done just the opposite for while they got off with a poor start they have gathered such speed that they now have an excellent chance of finishing at least in second place. Chappell seems to be sliding and Scottsbluff making a spurt.

If Alliance succeeds in winning the next two games, which will be no easy task, as both the teams yet to be played are fast, the boys will probably be in class A at the state tournament. The western Nebraska teams this year should make a better showing as a whole as there are a number of speedy quintets in this end of the state.

Took Sidney's Measure

Alliance defeated Sidney at Sidney last Friday in a hard fought game 26-23. The locals were at one time in the first half on the short end of a 13-9 score but soon staged a rally which again put them in the lead. Lintz, Sidney's star forward, played center, forward and guard in this game, Leonard and Campbell two first stringers when Sidney played at Alliance sitting on the bench. Sidney seems to be full of basket ball players, as they had a mighty fast team before and have a faster one now. Sidney used eight men in an attempt to stop the locals, putting in Campbell, Leonard and "Tarzan" Clark. Lintz easily led both teams in scoring with 11 points, with Null of Sidney and Dailey, Fowler and Bicknell of Alliance all second with six points each. Captain Fowler of the blue and white was removed a minute after the start of the second half because of an infection on his neck which was bothering him considerably. Dailey taking his place at guard and Bicknell taking Dailey's forward position. During the last half Bicknell located the ring for three baskets. Cross seemed to be unable to hit the basket but played his usual speedy floor game. The summary:

Alliance	g	f	p
Cross, f	0	2	1
Dailey f-g	3	0	1
Brown, c	2	0	1
Joder, g	1	0	2
Fowler, g	3	0	1
Bicknell, f	3	0	1
Totals	12	2	26

Sidney	g	f	p
Null, f	3	0	2
Willis, f	1	0	1
Lintz, c-f-g	3	3	9
Zimmer, g	1	0	4
Dresser, g	0	0	1
Campbell, c	1	0	1
Leonard, f	0	0	0
Clark, g	1	0	2
Totals	10	3	23

Attorney Prince of Grand Island Was Here Monday

Attorney W. A. Prince of Grand Island, who assisted County Attorney Lee Basye in prosecuting Mrs. Evelyn Preiss McElhaney for the murder of Earl B. Anderson a little over a year ago, was back in Alliance Monday and Tuesday morning.

Mr. Prince's first question to a Herald reporter was, "What's become of 'Gyp the Blood'?" This fanciful title was the way he referred to Tom Leavitt, one of the witnesses at the McElhaney trial, whom he advised the officers to drive out of the city. "Gyp" remained only a short time after the trial, when he left for parts unknown.

"Mrs. McElhaney didn't make much of a flurry with her confession," Mr. Prince observed, "although it was sprung pretty well. There is no way she could escape punishment, even if her affidavit was admitted as evidence. I saw the confession before I left Alliance after the trial. The whole question was whether her word was strong enough to hold the man named as her accomplice, and our decision was that there was not sufficient evidence to prosecute."

Mr. Prince was busy greeting friends and admirers most of the time when he was not actually trying his case. He returned to Grand Island this morning.

C. OF C. WANTS THIRD STREET ROAD GRADE

COMMITTEE TO URGE KEEPING OF COUNTY ROAD RECORD.

Annual Banquet and Election of Officers Postponed to March 14—Good Words for the Band.

The members of the Alliance chamber of commerce, at their Monday luncheon, took up the matter of having the Third street road recognized and graded as a county road, as it was suggested that tourists entering the town received a poor impression as they were formed to cross a number of railroad tracks and come through a rather neglected part of town to enter. This road would take all tourists past Broncho lake and the Country club and they would enter town on a much better looking street than by the present route.

Al Hart, proprietor of Al's Auto Service, spoke of the great advantage in having signs to direct tourists entering and leaving town and suggested a system of signs that would lead all tourists to the main part of town at Third and Box Butte, where there would also be signs directing them how to leave town for different destinations. Mr. Hart then offered to paint and put up the signs of this sort all through the town if the chamber would pay for the material in the signs. Mr. Hart as a return for this, would have about one-third of the space on the sign for his own advertising. H. I. Coursey then said that Coursey & Miller would be willing to pay the entire expense of these signs if allowed to put them up. Both offers were referred to the directors.

Want Record of County Roads

In connection with the Third street road, H. E. Reddish told of the difficulty of finding the designation of a road in the county books and suggested that a resolution be adopted that the county keep an up-to-date road book in which all designated roads should be listed. A committee of three, Mr. Reddish, Floyd Lucas and W. R. Harper, was appointed to draw up the resolution.

The date of the annual banquet and election of officers was then changed to Tuesday, March 14, instead of Monday, the 6th, as was planned heretofore. This was done because of the fact that many traveling men who wished to attend the banquet can be present on the 14th but could not be at the earlier date. It was also suggested that the program be arranged so that the ticket sellers might know it before they went out.

Petition for County Agent

H. P. Coursey reported on the matter of a county agent, and said that a number of farmers were circulating a petition to be presented to the commissioners. This petition will be completed and the required number of names obtained, as soon as the roads are in such shape that travel is at all possible.

President Glen Miller then brought up the matter of the poor attendance at the band concerts at the Imperial theater every other Monday. These concerts are for the purpose of raising money to support a bank next summer, which will be highly useful at a stockmen's convention or at a race meet, or a great many other civic doings. Mr. Mann, the conductor of the band, announced that at the next concert the program would be somewhat changed, for instead of putting the pictures would be cut to short subjects only and the concert would begin at eight o'clock. It was then suggested that the members might sell tickets before each performance, but no definite action was taken.

Alliance K. C.'s Put on Degree Work for Class at Lead, S. D.

A dozen or more Knights of Columbus, some of them accompanied by their wives, went to Lead, S. D., Sunday, where they put on all three degrees for a class of forty-four candidates. They returned on the late train Monday. The Alliance men are enthusiastic over the reception given them at Lead, where they were royally entertained. Among the features of the trip was a tour through the famous Home Stake mine, and a banquet Sunday night which closed the festivities. J. C. Morrow, Joe O'Connor and J. W. Guthrie were among those who responded to toasts at the dinner.

Those making the trip from Alliance were: J. W. Guthrie, Joe O'Connor, J. C. Morrow, W. T. Tregessor, Raymond McNulty, Joseph Conannon, M. E. Resard, B. J. Mullane, B. G. Bauman, H. S. Morrish, Charles McGuire, S. T. Burchell and John Steele. Messrs. Morrish, McGuire and Steele accompanied the party.

The Modern Brotherhood of America will meet Thursday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall. A splendid program has been arranged and candidates will be initiated. All members are urged to be present. Supper will be served by the ladies.

Judge Westover Taken Suddenly Ill Last Evening

District court is not in session today, due to the sudden illness of Judge Westover, who is under the care of a physician at his hotel. It is feared that the illness is a return of an old attack ago. The judge spent Monday night in considerable pain, but was reported to be resting somewhat more easily this morning.

Court is now on its third week of the session. The important cases of the week were the divorce suit of Mrs. Florence Atz vs. Julius Atz. The couple lived for a number of years on a 160-acre farm a mile north of Alliance. About two years ago Mrs. Atz brought an action for divorce, asking several thousand dollars in alimony, which, if paid, would have taken the value of the farm to pay. The suit was contested and at that time Judge Westover refused to grant a divorce and the alimony asked. Judge Westover pointed out that they had been wedded for twenty-five years, had children and grandchildren, and sought to reconcile them. Mrs. Atz, since the former suit, has lived in Alliance. At the hearing Monday Judge Westover granted the divorce and awarded Mrs. Atz as alimony the west half of the farm. The husband's half of the place contains most of the improvements, and he is required to pay costs of the action.

The judge dismissed the application of Albert A. Duncan for a modification of the court order awarding Agnes Elmore Duncan, now Agnes Hamilton, the custody of their two children. Costs were taxed to the plaintiff.

The Infant Child of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Myers died last week at Ardmore, S. D. Mrs. Myers is the daughter of Mrs. J. V. Myers of this city. Mrs. J. V. Myers left Friday for Ardmore.

LAST OF SERIES OF SERMONS ON EVILS OF DANCE

REV. M. C. SMITH DISCUSSES THE "DANCING CHRISTIAN"

Says Call of Christ Has Always Been to the Heroic Rather Than to Places of Entertainment.

Rev. M. C. Smith of the Methodist church gave the last of his series of sermons against the dance Sunday evening. He spoke on "Dancing Christians" and said, in part:

Before I begin to talk I want to say a word in regard to the criticism of these sermons which has appeared in certain Alliance newspapers. No defense is necessary, except to tell you that it reminds me of an argument I heard one time. One man was arguing a certain side of a question, giving his reasons and evidence to sustain them, when the other man, being unable to disprove any of the statements, flew into a violent rage and said, "You're a blankety blankety blank blank blank," then turned and walked away with a feeling of keen satisfaction so that he had bested his opponent in the "argument."

The sermon tonight deals with "Dancing Christians." In this I have no reference to immoral people who dance with evil motives; neither do I refer to church members who are morally corrupt and still profess to be good people. The Bible calls these "hypocrites." I also do not refer to people whose Christianity is limited to having their names on some church book. I refer to Christian people who have not seen the harm in the dance, who have no evil motive, and who are conscientious in trying to live up to the teachings of Jesus.

A half century ago, a series of sermons against dancing in a Methodist church would not have been necessary. A call to repentance would have sufficed, for no person would have thought of professing religion without renouncing the dance.

Churches Disapprove of Dancing

Christians should not dance because the church of God forbids it. The attitude of the Methodist church on this subject is well known. I was told the other day that the Methodist church was narrow, that other churches permitted dancing, and we should also. Now the Methodist church has not been more outspoken on the evils of the dance than most of the other great denominations.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church a few years ago went on record: "We regard the promiscuous round dancing by members of the church as a mournful inconsistency, and the giving of parties for such dancing on the part of heads of families as tending to compromise their religious profession, and the sending of children of Christian parents to the dancing school as a sad error in family discipline."

A recognized authority of the Church of Christ says, "Dancing is offensive, not to the ignorant and weak people, but to the best informed, the most pious and devout. If there were (Continued on Page 8.)"

CITY MANAGER IS MAINTAINING CITY'S CREDIT

INTEREST ON OBLIGATIONS ARE PROMPTLY MET WHEN DUE.

Letter From Bond House Shows That Alliance Stands Well Among the Municipalities

City Manager Kemmish has been kept busy the past few months getting the city's finances in shape to meet the bonded obligations and the interest thereon, with all the success in the world attending his efforts. In his "City Manager's Corner" for this issue Mr. Kemmish tells of some of the things that have been accomplished, and the standing which municipal bonds of Alliance have as compared with those of some other cities. Mr. Kemmish says:

Last week we paid another \$5,000 on the 1910 water bond issue of \$55,000. This bond issue was used in the original purchase of the lighting plant. This makes \$10,000 paid on this bond issue so far this year, which, by the way is the first that has been paid on this bond issue so far. This, with the \$1,000 paid on the 1906 water bonds makes a total of \$11,000 we have paid on these old water bonds. If we add to this amount the \$10,000 water extension bonds voted about a year ago which we did not sell, but used to build the water main extension and paid cash for it, this would make a total deduction of our water bonds of \$21,000 upon which we would save an annual interest charge of \$1,090.

Now Paying the Fiddler

We have also paid \$2,000 on the original sewer bonds. We hope soon to be able to take up a few more of our general obligation bonds. It is not as spectacular to pay these old bonds as it is to pay out this amount of money for new construction; there is an old saying, however, that "Someone must pay the fiddler." While it is not as pleasant to do so we feel that it is the business-like thing to do just now. We must first pay our debts, thereby reducing our annual interest charges, before we can expect to reduce our taxes. It is our policy to see that our obligations are promptly met when due. This will keep our city's credit first class.

Some time ago we received several letters from the bonding house who handled some of our bonds. They wanted to know if we were prepared to meet our interest payments. After we had answered several of these letters saying that we would be able to meet our payments, they kept on writing and finally we sent the following letter and received the following reply:

Keeping Interest Paid Up

"Bankers Trust Company, Denver, Col., Gentlemen: In reply to your letter of December 28, will say in regard to the \$35,000 sewer and street improvement bonds; dated July 1, 1920, that there will be sufficient funds on hand at the county treasurer's office, to take care of these coupons. We realize that a number of towns over the country are defaulting in their payments of the bonds and interest but we wish to assure you that Alliance is not one of these towns. We have everything arranged for and will see that our bonds with interest are taken care of when they fall due in strictly a business-like way. Yours very truly,

CITY OF ALLIANCE,
By N. A. KEMMISH,

The reply:

"Mr. N. A. Kemmish, City Manager, Alliance, Neb.—Dear Sir: Thanks very much for yours of December 29th relative to the interest on the outstanding bonds about which we wrote you a few days ago. We are delighted to receive this information from you and glad to know your community is mindful of its obligations. We have had so much delay on the part of the municipalities whose bonds we have handled that your letter comes to us as a note of cheer in an otherwise hectic season. Very truly yours,

"HENRY SWAN,
"Vice-President."

It is a fine thing for our credit to have this sort of thing go out among the institutions who are handling our bonds. When they feel that we are ready to meet our obligations they put our bonds and securities on the preferred list.

Cornerstone of the New Court House to be Laid March 4

The cornerstone of the new Garden county courthouse at Oshkosh will be laid March 4, 2 o'clock p. m., by the Masonic grand lodge of the state of Nebraska.

A band and an orator have been engaged for the occasion and several vocal selections will be rendered. This will be the first public ceremony conducted in Garden county by the grand lodge and it will be worth while to attend.

A cordial invitation has been extended to Alliance people to attend.