

The Constitutional Convention.

North Platte, Neb., Sept. 10, 1919.

To the Voters of Lincoln County:

A constitutional convention will be held in Nebraska in December of this year for the purpose of framing a new constitution for our state to submit to the voters at the next election. A primary election will be held in this county on September 16th for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted on at an election to be held in November. This fact is not generally known by our people.

On account of my legislative experience and the position which I have taken in the legislature many persons urged me to become a candidate for this convention. I finally consented to do so. I am afraid that many people will not vote at this primary. This is one of the most important events in the history of the state of Nebraska. Our constitution is the safe guard for the protection of our people.

Because of the tremendous problems growing out of the war, and the growth of profiteering in this country, there is a tendency on behalf of some of the radical elements to drift our country's progress towards socialism, anarchy and bolshevism. On the other hand, there is a tendency among some conservative elements to drift our state and nation towards autocratic government.

I believe that the safety of our government and our state lies in a middle course. We must not let bolshevism and anarchy get control of the American people. On the other hand, we have just been fighting autocracy in Europe and in order to prevent the growth of anarchy and all forms of opposition to the law, we must keep our government and its administration close to the people.

Because of this belief, in the last legislature I opposed the Civil Administrative code bill which passed and which placed all of the powers of administration of the government of this state in the hands of the Governor. I am opposed to the control by bureaucratic government at Washington of those activities which properly belong to our state. The city of Washington is too far away to control local matters. James G. Blaine once said:

"There is nothing of which a public officer can be so easily persuaded as to the enlarged jurisdiction which pertains to his office. If the officer be of bold mind he arrogates power for the purposes of ambition; even with timid men, power is often assumed as a measure of protection and defense."

Our constitution has stood the test of ages. During troublesome times is no period for trying experiments in new things in constitutions. The liberties of our people must be protected. The powers of administrative government should be distributed into the hands of elective officers under the constitution and should not be placed entirely in the hands of one man, the governor of the state. A good man might administer the laws well but a bad man can tear down in two years more than a good man can build up in half a century. The effort will be made to experiment in what I believe to be autocratic government at the coming constitutional convention. If I am elected I will oppose it with my utmost power.

I also believe that our wealth is in

the native soil, and that the title to our lands should only be held by citizens of the United States and if elected to the convention, I will endeavor to see that this is placed in our new constitution.

If you believe that my legislative experience will be of service to our county and state in the coming constitutional convention and that the principles for which I stand are correct, I would be pleased to have your support at the primary.

Sincerely yours,
W. V. HOAGLAND.

Constitutional Convention.

To the Voters of Lincoln County:

A convention will convene at Lincoln, Nebraska, on December 2, 1919, for the purpose of compiling a new Constitution for the state of Nebraska. It will be composed of one delegate from each representative district of the state. Lincoln county composes the 68th Representative District, and therefore is entitled to one delegate, besides voting on the delegate for the 77th Representative District, which is composed of Keith, Lincoln and Dawson counties. The law calling the Convention provides for the nomination of candidates by petition and for the holding of a primary on the 16th day of September, 1919, in every Representative District in which three times the number of candidates have filed than there are delegates to be elected. In the 68th Representative District, composed of Lincoln county, three candidates have filed petitions, and therefore a primary election will be held in this county on the 16th day of September, 1919, and will be non-partisan in its character. The names of the candidates will appear on the ballot by petition. The Legislature in its wisdom also saw fit to provide for non-partisan election, expecting thereby to have a set of delegates elected who would be representative of the majority of the people, rather than of a party. That this is a wise provision none but an extreme partisan will deny.

The compiling of a new constitution for Nebraska is a very important matter, and especially so in these times, and it will require the calm, cool judgment of men familiar with public affairs to accomplish the task successfully. If properly performed it will be of lasting and tremendous benefit to the people of the State and enable them to develop their natural resources for their own advantage, and that of their descendants. If illy performed, it will be but a rope around the neck of progress, and will hamper the development of the State. It is well, therefore, that the people should look carefully into the record of the men who have filed as candidates, and select only those whom they believe will act for the best interest of the State at large.

You have known me for years, are familiar with my public acts, and if you believe that I am possessed of the requisite qualifications to act intelligently, and that I will carefully and honestly act in your behalf, then I respectfully solicit your vote at the primary election to be held in your precinct on Tuesday, September 16, 1919, and also ask you to speak to your neighbor, who, in the hurry of his work, may otherwise neglect to attend said primary election.

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FARMERS CONTEND THAT LABOR ASKS TOO MUCH

Officials of the New York State Grange, which represents 125,000 farmers in that state, have issued a statement in which they place the responsibility for the high cost of living upon labor, declaring that "an economic adjustment must be made if the world is to be fed and agriculture preserved." The indictment of all workers except those engaged in agricultural pursuits is made by Sherman J. Powell and W. N. Giles, master and secretary, respectively, of the grange, who allege that strikes have been an important factor in raising the price of food, clothing and shelter.

"When wheat was \$1 a bushel, says the statement, one bushel paid for a day's work. Wheat, by government fiat, is now \$2.26 a bushel, and it now requires from two to three bushels to pay labor for one day's work. Again when wool was 30 cents a pound, allowing four pounds for a suit of clothes, the farmer received for the product \$1.20. Figuring the cost of a suit of clothes at \$20, fifteen days labor at \$1.50 per day paid for a suit. Today wool is 65 cents a pound, four pounds bringing \$2.60, the amount received by the farmer. The same suit of clothes is now \$40 and the laborer can obtain a suit by eight days of labor at \$5 per day. These comparisons will hold good with every farm product."

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STEEL WORKERS AWAIT ANSWER OF PRESIDENT

President Wilson has been asked by representatives of the union steel workers, in session at Washington, considering a strike for a more definite statement as to the possibility of an early conference being arranged between the heads of the United States steel corporation and the unions.

The conference will remain in session 48 hours awaiting a reply before taking final action. It was not intimated what action would be taken if the union men considered the president's reply unfavorable.

Conditions in the steel industry were said to be becoming steadily worse and the union officers declared it would be impossible to restrain their men much longer.

Government Should Buy Farms.
The Oklahoma Farmers' Union went on record last week in opposition to the Plumb plan of buying the railroads, and in the resolution adopted was the following:

"If congress in its wisdom sees fit to give these railroad men their demands, we ask that congress shall also buy all of the farms in the United States, with their equipment, and employ all of the farmers to operate them, paying to the farmers a wage equal to two-thirds of the hourly wage that the average railway employe receives; and then sell all farm products to the consumer at cost."

Pork is Cheaper.
Hogs dropped \$1.75 a hundred at the South Omaha market this week which brought the price down to \$16 per hundred in North Platte. Butchers have therefore reduced the price of the best cuts of pork to thirty-five cents a pound, a reduction of five cents a pound. But while the consumer is being benefited, the farmer is not making any money in feeding high priced corn to sixteen cent hogs.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moody returned Tuesday night from San Francisco where Mr Moody attended the annual reunion of the Spanish War Veterans. They report a very enjoyable trip.

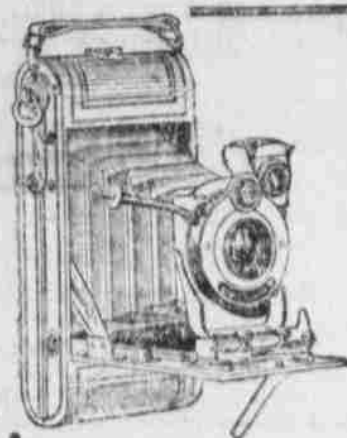
Samples of corn being brought in from the country show that the ears are hardening rapidly and that unless a freeze occurs within the next ten days corn will be in very good shape.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hayes left this morning on a two weeks' trip to Denver and other points in Colorado.

Miss Josie Kelly, of Omaha, has resigned her position at the Style Shop and left Wednesday evening for Columbus, where she has accepted a position as head saleslady in the Block branch store.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Curry, returned Wednesday from a thirty day vacation spent in Denver, Colorado Springs and Kansas City. They made the trip by auto and covered about twenty-three hundred miles.



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