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## Facts Correctly Recited.

The Executive Committee of the Alliance Boomerang are out in a circular letter which shows their red-handed cussedness more than ever. It is presumed that this circular letter was sent to each of their petitioners for the purpose of still carrying out their hellish designs, but such slush as this circular letter contains, is not what the farmers and tax payers want. We take it that you want the Facts Correctly Recited.

The Facts are that the Alliance gang did file a petition purporting to be signed by 115 resident electors of Box Butte county, praying the County Commissioners to call an election, etc., etc. Now we Hemingford people had four hours in which to scan the petition, which the Alliance gang had been four months preparing and in that four short hours our committee found 133 names that were questionable at least, we did not then nor do we now pretend to say that we were correct in challenging every man named in this 133 for it is more than probable that there are names on the petition that we did not object to that are not resident electors, for this reason we asked the Board of Honorable County Commissioners to continue the hearing of the petition to such a time as would give us an opportunity to examine personally into the legality of the petitioners. All this, the Alliance gang refused to grant us and asked the honorable Board to force us in to an election forthwith, and let it be said to the disgrace of the commissioner from Alliance, he was hearty in accord with this procedure, but all honor to Messrs Hollinrake and Barry, who rose above personal preferences and gave us an opportunity to have fair play. Now the papers of Alliance are urging the petitioners not to sign any remonstrance or anything else. This is another showing of their dirty work. In trying to so poison the minds of the honest taxpayers and resident electors, so that they will not look to their own interests and the interests of the community generally. Now the HERALD comes to you in the matter of fairness and fair play and asks you to exercise your judgment in settling the future interests of Box Butte county and if after you have given this matter your careful consideration you conclude it is best to keep this county in a continued county seat fight, then let this fight and others come; but if you think it is time that all join hands to keep and hold the good name of our county above such contentions as just to suit the hellish designs of a certain corner and click of this county, then let us forever bury this matter and go to work.

To show further the unfairness of this circular letter it states that the Honorable A. L. Sharrock, who stands at the head of the citizens of that flourishing city Edgemont, (being their Mayor) made the statement on January 17th, "he could buy the petitioners for twenty five cents per head." Now the "facts exactly recited" are that Mr. Sharrock does not stoop to the use of such uncalled for language; but the "Hon." R. M. Hampton did make the statement on the 17th day of January 1896, that the petitioners to the number of more than 100 could be bought for \$2.00 per head. "This of course included his own name and we presume he goes on the plan of judging others by himself. But we do not want such hirelings as he but we want to appeal to the

honest tax payers who are not in arrears of their taxes to consider this matter.

This paper latter on will give you the full law; recited word for word; then each of the tax payers will be able to say who are resident electors of Box Butte county. Now it seems that another of their executive committee has gone wrong. One W. D. Rumer who is manager of the Chicago store at Alliance, takes this golden opportunity to send out a circular price list of the closing out sale of his grocery department and he uses every endeavor to get this circular into the hands of every petitioner. How he must love these fellows to sacrifice his stock of groceries for their entire benefit. Now it is too bad that such a man as Rumer should get tangled up with such a gang as this, but we wager the statement that he will be ready to entirely close out if he still persists in coaching with this crowd.

We will have another sample of their "facts correctly recited" and their willingness to stoop so low as to even blight the name of some of the best citizens which today live in Box Butte county, by casting slurs at our fellow workers, I. E. Tash, John O'Keefe, L. Sampey and G. C. Alexander and others. Now in the name of all that is good, can it be possible, even in a county seat war, that men will stoop so low as to try and harm the good name of such men as these? We will try, however to excuse the Alliance executive committee, knowing that such methods are the only grounds they have to continue this boomerang. But the names of I. E. Tash, John O'Keefe, L. Sampey, G. C. Alexander and 120 others who signed this remonstrance against this petition, will appear as taxpayers of this county when time shall have blotted the names of W. D. Rumer, R. M. Hampton, W. W. Norton, F. M. Broome, the Simonsons, G. M. Sullivan, R. C. Noleman, G. W. Clark, H. C. Draver and H. J. Ellis from the records of our county, and will be known no more forever, as "honest, delinquent taxpayers" of Box Butte county.

In conclusion, we will say that we are in this fight for our homes and our brother's homes, Box Butte county and the fullness thereof, and we expect to be treated as American citizens, and extend the same blessing to everyone else.

## Mortgage Record.

The following is a statement of mortgages filed and released in the clerk's office, Box Butte county, during the month of January, to-wit:

Farm mt'gs filed.....	\$1231 00
Farm mt'gs rel'ed.....	2283 00
Town and cit mt'gs filed.....	2475 72
Town and cit mt'gs rel'ed.....	1498 75
Chattel mt'gs filed.....	1702 53
Chattel mt'gs rel'ed.....	890 43
Total filed.....	\$5409 75
Total released.....	4772 18

J. E. Read bid adieu to Alliance and his creditors and left for Pacific Junction last night. Ta-Ta.—Alliance Grip.

Let's see! This man Read was one of your "honest resident electors" of Box Butte county, wasn't he? See if his name is not on the petition, and see if he is not one of the 133 that we objected to. Now how do you honest tax payers like to have a man like this dictating the policy of your county? Just wait, they have several Reads on this petition and we will locate them for you by the June term.

At cost—overcoats, heavy suits, ladies' and g. ts' Macintoshes at Wildy's.

Miss Maud Huot visited Miss Addie Hood, several days this week.

Walter Osgood of Callaway, Neb., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Clark Olds.

Mrs. J. S. Paradis of Alliance visited friends in Hemingford the first of the week.

Burt S. Davis, chief clerk in Norton's store at Alliance, visited friends in this city last Sunday.

Jas. McLennan severed his connection with Lewis' store and returned to Hemingford Saturday.

Thos. Killeen's family arrived from Nebraska City, this week and will reside in H. R. Green's house on Cheyenne avenue.

Fred. Hucke, E. A. Hall, John Armstrong and D. K. Spacht deposited money on subscription this week.

L. E. Tash orders THE HERALD sent to his father L. Tash and B. J. Wilcox, both of whom reside at Thayer, Ia.

Miss Ella Wilcox, sister of Mrs. L. E. Tash, arrived from Thayer, Ia., Tuesday morning and will visit for some time.

The Box Butte Banking Co., of Alliance, closed its doors Monday and is in the hands of State Bank Examiner E. L. Dodder.

Ex-Sheriff E. A. Hall left Tuesday night for an extended trip through the south and west. He will be gone several weeks.

The high school literary society will give its first entertainment this evening. No doubt the program will be an interesting one.

Mrs. Anton Jelinek died at her home 12 miles north east of Hemingford Wednesday night. Funeral will take place today at 1 o'clock.

Miss Nellie Goodenough entertained several of her friends last evening. It is unnecessary to state that a pleasant time was had as Miss Goodenough possesses the happy faculty of entertaining.

Where President Hancher is so popular as in Hemingford it is hardly worth while to quote press notices commendatory of his ability as a platform orator, yet the following from the Deadwood Pioneer will not be out of place: "Prof. Hancher, at the Methodist church Sunday evening, gave a most enjoyable lecture on 'Your True American.' The people assembled were only too sorry when the lecture concluded, and several of his hearers declared yesterday that they could have listened for an hour or two more." President Hancher will be in Hemingford next Tuesday evening. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him.

Supt. W. R. Siders of Alliance, has our thanks for complimentary tickets to hear the world renowned Eli Perkins (Melville D. Landon) lecture at the Phelan opera house, Saturday evening, Feb. 15th. Mr. Perkins subjects are, "The Philosophy of Wit," and "Fun and Facts in Japan and China." The following are some of the idiosyncrasies which appear on the ticket:

"Eli Perkins, at large," admit the bearer or wife, his own wife, to Eli Perkins' Lecture anywhere in the world, for years and years." "The lecturer will commence at 8 o'clock sharp, and continue till somebody requests him to stop." "In case of an accident to the lecturer, or if he should die or be hung before the evening of the lecture, this ticket will admit the bearer to a front seat at the funeral, where he can sit and enjoy himself the same as at the lecture." "The highest priced seats, those nearest the door, are reserved for particular friends of the speaker." "Good anywhere on earth for 60 years." "Please don't trim over."

## The Condition Box Butte Co. Would be in, by County Seat Removal.

We have often wondered if the tax payers of Boone county were aware of the fact that during the past ten years, it has cost the county alone for rent, \$12,500, and that the only thing they have to show for it is a small stack of receipts signed by C. De Roberts and the First National Bank, as evidence that the county had paid its rent annually. We have often thought how much nicer it would be if the county officials could have their offices all on the same floor and in the same building, and how much nicer it would be if the fifteen hundred dollars paid out annually could be applied on the interest of a bond, for the erection of a court house, so in after years the tax payers would have something to look at besides a lot of old worthless receipts. Kind reader, here is food for thought. Think of it.—Albion (Neb.) Argus.

The rent was \$750.00 for two years when it was raised to \$1,250.00 per year. Tax payers, do you think it would be different in Box Butte county? And from all appearances your rent receipts would also be signed by the First National Bank.

The committee of Alliance "representative business" men, who have charged themselves with the Herculean task of removing the county seat to Alliance, have been flooding the country with canary-colored circulars in which they give a garbled statement of the status of the question and of the recent action of the county commissioners. Had it been printed on paper to correspond with the statement which it contains, there would have been a large demand for tar paper. Referring to the action of the commissioners in postponing the hearing until June, this saffron-hued document contains this quotation from the stump speech of some sand lot agitator, "This was one of the most high-handed outrages ever perpetrated upon this or any country, and if this is not redressed by squareactions" (wonder what they mean by that?) there would be hell to pay, or words to that effect. This sounds well, don't it, coming from a town which on March 4th, 1890, stuffed the ballot box to the extent of over 400 fraudulent votes, and which would do it again should opportunity offer, thus outraging, trampling under foot this inalienable and dearest right of the American citizen.

## Bereavement Items.

The Misses Galea Curtis and Ela Mastrude visited Miss Davis' school last Tuesday.

Miss Lulu Duncan, of Alliance was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson last Sunday.

Miss Davis, our efficient schoolmarm, made a trip to Alliance last Saturday visiting her parents who live in that burg.

Miss Edna Johnson, came down from her school near Dunlap last Friday to visit her folks returning on Sunday. Her many friends got up a surprise party in her honor while here.

## Marsland News.

Mr. L. Snow shipped a car load of wheat to Harris Bros. last week.

Mr. White, who takes Mr. Clark's place as teacher in the Marsland school is giving good satisfaction, which proves his ability as a teacher.

The man from Nova Scotia takes so much interest in the progress of

the Gregg school that he finds it necessary to call every few days. Is that the real reason for his frequent calls?

There was rather a unique sign found hanging in a most conspicuous place on one of the Marsland eldres. Two large bottles full of something that looked red—what vaudals their are in this world.

The people of Marsland and surrounding vicinity will soon begin work on their artesian well. Who knows but what Marsland will yet be the banner town along the B. & M. and why not when we have two such energetic and enterprising business men as L. Snow and R. B. Gregg.

## Box Butte Bulletin.

Miss Carrie Bissell will teach a spring term of school south of Alliance.

Miss Alma Fenner of Hemingford visited friends in this vicinity over Sunday.

There is to be a musical entertainment on Box Butte creek soon. Particulars later.

Robt. Kittelman is moving his family and household goods from the Clifton to the Jacobsen farm.

A dance was given at the home of Mr. Nye's Tuesday evening, the occasion being Miss Alma's sixteenth birthday.

While Mr. and Mrs. Meagan were calling at Mr. N. Judson's Tuesday, their team broke loose and ran away causing considerable damage.

The Box Butte Literary Society grows more interesting as winter advances, and if Box Butte people do not understand "free silver," "high tariff" "woman's rights" and other important questions, it is their own fault.

## The Facts in the Case.

Several years ago the Interstate Townsite company of Omaha bought a half interest of the townsite of Hemingford, with the understanding that the two companies would use every endeavor to make the town the county seat of Box Butte county. This agreement was made in spite of the fact that the Lincoln Land company exclusively owned the townsite of Alliance, and that it would be doubly to the interest of that company should Alliance become the county seat. The agreement made between these two companies was carried out, and Nonpareil, remote from the railroad, the then present county seat, was defeated in the three cornered contest between Alliance, Hemingford and Nonpareil, and Hemingford secured the prize, notwithstanding the fact that Alliance had five hundred more votes polled than it had voters. The recent county seat fight, that has been raging in that county, was instigated by Alliance in an endeavor to wrest the county seat from Hemingford. It was begun at a time when the farmers were all away from their farms, which is generally the case during the winter months, during which time they are pursuing other lines of business, making a livelihood in the mines in the Black Hills, and such other work as they can find. In this effort of Alliance, although, as before stated, it would be greatly to the interest of the Lincoln Land company to have the county seat at that point, yet they stood unflinchingly to their agreement with the Interstate Townsite company, and have rendered no assistance or encouragement to Alliance in its efforts. This is in keeping with the established reputation with that company for a conscientious compliance with the very letter of every agreement. It stands by its friends in what it thinks to be right, no matter

what the financial consequences may be. The Lincoln Land company has a splendid record in this regard, covering a period of twenty-five years from its earliest existence, and is a corporation that the whole west is proud of, because of the fact that it stands solid for right in every particular.

Our friend and fellow townsman, A. L. Sharrock, has been prominent for Hemingford, and has worked night and day for the past two months in the interests of that town, and to defeat the people of Alliance in an attempt to saddle upon the county, first, for calling and holding of an election, second, for the voting of bonds for the purchase of grounds and the building of a court house, a large amount of indebtedness should they be successful in their efforts. Hemingford has a court house and a block of ground worth a great many thousands and dollars which would be entirely lost to the county in case Alliance would get the county seat, and in such event it would be necessary for the property to be duplicated that is now owned, free of debt, by the county. And again, the contract of the Lincoln Land company and the Interstate Town Site company with Box Butte county is of such a nature that in case Alliance should get the county seat, or in the event of the non-continuance of the property to be used for county seat purposes, it is to be forfeited to the Lincoln Land company and the Interstate Town Site company. The county commissioners wisely postponed action on the petition of Alliance for the calling of an election. Hundreds of farmers were present at the time of the presentation of the petition, showing by their presence and actions that they were opposed to the effort made by Alliance to add on to the county a debt that would be burdensome in these depressed financial times. It is practically a favorable ending for Hemingford. The latter town will always remain the county seat of Box Butte county. There can be no question on that point. It is in the center of the county, accessible to all citizens, and the force at work to hold it there is as strong as to be absolutely unassailable.

Alliance spent about \$7,000, it is said, in its efforts the other time. It is doing the same thing now and it is likely to impoverish those who are at the head of the movement.—Edgemont Express.

AT  
**WILDY'S!**  
First Shot Fired  
INTO THE CAMP

Since the county seat will for all time remain in Hemingford, we have now added to our well stocked store a full and complete line of Men's Boys and Children's CLOTHING and furnishing Goods, at prices so amazingly low that I want you to know that all we show is of the latest styles out and of superior fabrics and material. Our Spring hats to suit our spring suits are the proper shape, at hard time prices. Come and see; ask to examine for yourselves as we can talk a whole lot better than write. Our prices are for cash or in exchange of produce for which we always pay you the highest market price.

Your humble servant,  
**CALVIN J. WILDY.**