

ALDRICH AND HOME FOLKS

What Citizens of David City Say of the Republican Candidate.

LIKED AS A MAN AND NEIGHBOR

Those Who Have Known Him Long Express Great Confidence in His Integrity as Well as His Ability.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Oct. 1.—(Special).—Now that C. H. Aldrich of this place is the republican candidate for governor, the kind of man he is at once becomes a matter of interest to every citizen of the state.

The place to get information about him is here in David City and in Butler county where he lived during the twenty-two years he has been a citizen of the state. The state committee representative found the business and professional men ready to give out their testimony in such a hearty and positive manner as to leave no doubt of their confidence in his townsmanship.

Following are some of the expressions of neighbors of Senator Aldrich: George Schreiner, merchant, said: "I judge Mr. Aldrich's business qualifications as I do those of other men from what he shows up for himself. He came to this county a poor boy, fresh from college; taught school at Ulysses, one of the towns in this county; came from there here with his young wife, whom he married there; came here to begin his career as a lawyer; has been here ever since, nearly twenty years; has practiced law and been successful in that profession; engaged in other lines of business on the side from time to time; succeeded in the enterprises; provided well for his family all the time; schooled his children, four sons; has now a profitable law business, one of the good homes here, has a 20-acre farm a few miles out in the country, some other property and is, on the whole, not rich, but well to do and prosperous. I call that success from a business standpoint."

Albinus Eberly, a banker and retired farmer, said: "I have known Mr. Aldrich about twenty-five years. When I was on the farm I used to be called on the jury. A farmer juror watches the lawyers in court. He learns to judge their character and methods. I learned from that experience to know Mr. Aldrich as a hard fighter in a trial. He is plumb full of energy, always in dead earnest in everything, but in the trial of a case he fights with all his might. He wants to win his case. I have always admired him for his courage and his grit as a lawyer. Mr. Aldrich is not the enemy of big business interests. Not a bit of it. He is too much of a business man himself for that. He prospers in his own business affairs, wants every other business man to prosper, but he is a stickler for the law. He wants the business interests, big and little, to respect the laws, and he wants the laws to be made so that every man, rich or poor, will have a right. Everybody here, even his most active political enemies, will agree to that. Mr. Aldrich is enterprising and public spirited. That's a good point in his favor now. He wants the best conditions in the city affairs here, where he was mayor for a time, and in the public schools where he has been superintendent of the school board for years. He has had lots of experience in our public matters in this town and county and we know him as a leader who leads towards better conditions all the time. I want to say this for Mr. Aldrich, he will not be an easy mark for the schemer. He is a ready promoter. They can't fool him, nor they won't buy him, nor they won't buy him. We believe in him here all right. Mr. Aldrich, I think, is an ambitious man. He wants to be at the front of things. For that reason he always does his best. If he makes a mistake, he does every one a good turn. He backs up gracefully on his mistakes and again works like a steam engine all the time."

Mr. Benson, a business man, said: "I have known Mr. Aldrich a good many years. From what I know of him I would have absolute confidence in every promise he would make. He is a ready promoter. He can shut a man off as quick as anybody and he does it sometimes so abruptly as to make enemies for himself. On the whole, I should say he is thoroughly dependable and will not disappoint the public nor betray the people if he is elected governor."

George Wanner, hotel man: "I knew C. H. Aldrich when he was a young fellow teaching the school at Ulysses. I knew Mrs. Aldrich when she was a girl there before they were married. They have an ideal life and have a fine family of four bright boys. The boys work out on the farm when they are in school. Aldrich is a clean, home man. Everybody here knows that. He is a great horseman. He used to own some of the fastest horses in the state. He has had lots of experience in fine horses and fine cattle. He has a herd of white-faced cattle now, some of them the best in the state. Mr. Aldrich is a good worker, a good thinker and a man of good purposes and good principles. He has an active mind. He analyzes things first and then goes in with all his might. Now, I say that about him because it is true, and it's a good recommendation for a man who is going to be put in a responsible public position. Then, I want to say another thing. He is a common man who puts himself on the level with the common people and thinks of them and of their interests. He gets this characteristic from his early life and he is too independent to change himself now. If he goes into the governor's office he will be square with the interests of the common people. His head is all right, his heart is right, his judgment is right and his sympathies are in the right line."

W. C. Buchta, jeweler: "I believe Aldrich will be one of the very best governors the state ever had. He is keen minded to see things, sees them correctly and wants to succeed in whatever he undertakes. He is progressive all the time in his political views, but he is no fault-finder nor chronic hater of calamity. He will not persecute any interest, whether it is something he thinks is positively bad, and then he'll fight it, no matter what the consequences are to himself."

Mr. Myat, banker: "If you want me to make a statement about Mr. Aldrich, I will just say that I know him well, know his business methods, his political history and his work here in a public way and from that knowledge I should say he would be a thoroughly safe man for governor. He is progressive, but he's a builder-up and not a tearer-down. He is open-minded and straightforward and the public likes that kind of a man in responsible positions."

J. B. Koss, banker: "Aldrich made his own way through school, came out here to Nebraska and succeeded. He's a self-made man. He is not visionary. He doesn't get rattled. I have had lots of business with him and have always found him on the square. I believe that he will be elected and that he will make a splendid governor. If I did not know so I would not endorse him."

C. O. Crosswhite, banker: "Aldrich has the qualities that have made Governor Folk famous. He is quick to see, to judge which is the right course, and he moves straight forward with energy and ability. He is like Governor Hanley of Indiana, full of sentiment and full of enthusiasm in any cause. If he is elected governor, I shall expect him to grow into general favor with the Nebraska people."

Gene Wright, business man: "I cannot now say that I fully agree with Mr. Aldrich in every opinion. But I am bound to say that I have the utmost confidence in his sincerity, and in his ability as a man, and that if elected his administration will be clean and competent. Every one here who knows him will say that of him, whether they agree with him politically or not."

J. F. Ammond, hardware store: "I used to be a democrat. But I am supporting Mr. Aldrich now. I know him well, know him to be an upright man, a progressive man, one who cannot be swerved from his duty to the public. He is neither a coward nor a trimmer. The people of the state ought to know that from his legislative record. He is what I call a man of the people. His views of public affairs run along in line with the general public view and his personal feelings and sympathies are that way. If he is governor of Nebraska he will enforce the laws. He'll be clean and competent and all the time progressive. You can count on that."

Ex-State Senator Hastings, attorney: "I am not agreeing with Mr. Aldrich in everything, but I want to speak fairly of him. He is a good lawyer, a good business man, and he is competent to handle the public business as governor. He is ambitious, I think, wants public applause, but he will do what he says he will do. His career so far has been a success."

Anton Plack, business man: "I have known Mr. Aldrich about twenty-five years. I knew him at Ulysses when he was a young fellow. I know that he stands high there now. He got every republican vote but three or four there in the primary. Mr. Aldrich is very outspoken. If he gets to be governor, he'll offend some people now and then with his abruptness, for he is decided in his manner, but the public will respect him when they find him out. I know that a good many of my countrymen in this state will vote against Mr. Aldrich on account of his county opinion views, but if he is elected governor they'll all respect him for his administration will be clean, and it will be level-headed."

Captain J. F. Zellinger: "We are backing Mr. Aldrich here because we believe he will make good. He has proven himself here among us and we believe he will make good if he gets to the state house in Lincoln. I want to say this in particular about him, he will carry out his promises. The people who have read his platform and heard him speak know what he stands for and they can depend on him keeping his word. Mr. Aldrich is always in earnest. He is a good deal of an enthusiast, not in a reckless way, but in a thoughtful and earnest way."

John Harper, merchant: "I have been here thirty-six years. I can sincerely commend Mr. Aldrich to the Nebraska people. They'll not be disappointed in him if they elect him governor."

L. C. Harris, storekeeper: "We are proud of Mr. Aldrich in David City. We are expecting him to be elected and to give the Nebraska people an administration that will not be disappointing."

A. L. Hughes, abstractor: "Put me down for Aldrich, I believe in him and I can conscientiously recommend him to the thousands who are to vote in the election."

Ed. G. Hall, postmaster: "I know Mr. Aldrich thoroughly and I hope he will be elected, not simply because he is a republican, but because I believe he will make good. He has right ideas and he will carry them out."

Henry Rock, farmer: "I am in a hurry. I am in town only for a few moments. I voted for him. I shall endeavor, for I am a democrat. But I am sure to vote for Aldrich at the election. I don't want to see this state cut loose from law and order and everything that is decent. We can't afford to do that. There's a lot of democratic farmers in this county who think just as I do. Good-bye."

William Kilgore, retired farmer: "I'm for Aldrich. He's on the right side of things. He'll do what he says and he'll do it right."

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TOO MUCH OF GOOD THING She Was a Lovely Guest, but Her Sister-in-Law Was Glad She'd Gone. "Well, my husband's sister Amelia has gone home at last, and I'm glad of it," said Mrs. Cumbach as she took a wicker chair on the Wagstaff porch. "She's a charming woman, isn't she?" asked Mrs. Wagstaff. "Yes, she's the most charming woman in the world. Everybody says she's a lovely character, and although she's only been visiting us three weeks, the whole town was at the depot to see her off, and a lot of women cried when the train pulled out. Oh, yes, Mrs. Wagstaff, she was a charming woman, but I'm glad she's gone. I don't want to be charmed any more."

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