

Alliance Votes To Adopt City Manager Plan

Special Election Shows Sentiment Against Alleged Inefficiency of Present Method of Handling Funds.

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—The city manager plan of municipal government for the city of Alliance carried by a majority of 52 votes out of a total of 698 cast at the special election.

Mayor A. D. Rodgers and the majority of the eight councilmen strongly opposed the idea of a change in city government and as the election drew near the mayor in an effort to defeat the proposition, published a lengthy letter urging everyone to vote against the city manager plan.

Opposition of the plan made an eleventh-hour effort to defeat it by getting out printed handbills and scattering them over the business section of the town on election day.

Inefficiency Is Charged. The city manager proposition was first suggested by a large number of business men who signed a petition asking that a special election be held.

Numerous complaints have been voiced against the present mayor and council plan, based on alleged inefficiency in handling the city's funds.

Mayor Rodgers stated recently that the city had been "bled" for \$120,000 by outside interests in the last 10 years.

Within the past few years the taxpayers voted a bond issue of \$47,000 on outstanding warrants as the result of alleged mismanagement of city affairs by previous administrations.

The city also spent \$42,000 for a septic tank, which has been pronounced a total failure. Nearly \$3,000 was spent for a well to serve the city reservoir, but the well is a total failure.

Charge Gambling Allowed. Much criticism has also been heard because of the allowing of present gambling operations and the alleged gambling resorts and rooming houses of unsavory reputation.

Three murders and numerous lesser crimes have been committed within the last year.

The city manager form adopted at the election is to be administered by five councilmen who will appoint a city manager. Ten nominees for councilmen will be voted on at the spring primaries and five elected at the regular election to be held in April.

Ice Harvest Started at Wymore for Railroads. Wymore, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The Rawlins company are cutting ice on Indian creek here and every available man is being used in the cutting apparatus, hauling and dragging the ice by electric cars and huge cables is resulting in bringing a harvest to the storehouses, one of which has a capacity of 50,000 tons.

The ice is nine and one-half inches thick. Ice companies here supply an immense quantity of refrigerator cars on the Burlington and Union Pacific.

Pioneer Farmer of Gage County Dies at Wymore. Wymore, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Phillip Chase, 70, pioneer, is dead at his home near here. He came to this country from Illinois over 40 years ago, and was among the leading ranchmen of this section.

He is survived by his wife and every child he had just two weeks ago. Three of the sons are farmers in Gage county, the fourth son being engaged in the transfer business at Beatrice. Mr. Chase was an active church worker.

Beatrice Will Vote on Return to Council Plan. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Petitions are being circulated here for a return of the city council form of government instead of the present commissioner plan.

W. C. J. McColl of West Beatrice, former member of the legislature, is sponsoring the plan. The petitions will be filed with the city commission in a few days and a special election to vote on the proposition may be called 30 days thereafter.

Irish Blarney Fails to Persuade Columbus Bandit. Columbus, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—John Burke of the firm of Burke & Carrig donated \$7 to a bandit while at his stock yards. Mr. Burke had gone to the yards to feed his hogs when the highwayman confronted him with a revolver.

Burke, being an Irishman, was inclined to argue the matter with the fellow, but he was in such deadly earnest, that he just took his purse and gave it to him.

South Dakota Farmers Are Rushing Grain to Market. McLaughlin, S. D., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—McLaughlin claims the honor of being the greatest primary grain market in this part of South Dakota.

Notwithstanding low prices of grain unusually large quantities are being marketed by the farmers. The shipments are larger in the aggregate than ever before during a corresponding period of time.

New Hotel Norfolk Is Leased for 10-Year Period. Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—W. N. Owens, manager and owner of the Evans hotel of Columbus, has leased the Hotel Norfolk, a five-story building now under construction. The lease runs 10 years. Owens is paying \$7,500 a year for the building. Owens was formerly manager of the Coates House of Kansas City.

Ungraded Opportunity Room Plan of Columbus Schools. Columbus, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The board of education authorized Superintendent C. Ray Gates to establish an ungraded opportunity room for the benefit of pupils in the public schools who find it difficult to keep their school work up to the standard required for promotion and who may be in need of special instruction.

Buy Gifts for Friends; Charged With Forgery



Washington County Citizens Search for Missing Farm Hand

Blair, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The mysterious disappearance of J. B. Carter, 42, known to his friends as "Joe," on Thanksgiving day, has aroused the citizens of Blair and vicinity. He was employed on the farm of Claude Hanckrich.

Sheriff Mehrens organized a posse of 50 men and conducted a search for a distance of two miles in each direction from Tyson station, north of Blair. Citizens of Blair and Herman farmers residing in the vicinity joined in the search, which was extended along the railroad track and Fish creek.

Mr. Hanckrich had been employed on the Carter farm for three months husking corn and the day before he disappeared received \$60 in part payment for his work.

Mr. Hanckrich and family were away for Thanksgiving and when he returned in the evening he found the team that Carter had used standing at the barn with harness on. Carter's automobile was found later stored at a neighbor's.

Carter was an Odd Fellow and his friends fear he either met with foul play or became demented and wandered off. He has money in the bank besides his wages. He also left his trunk and clothing.

Carter formerly lived at Amherst and David City. His wife is divorced and has since remarried.

Texas Oil Man Says State Law Here Stops Development. Hastings, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Jack E. Kelley, Wichita Falls, Tex., oil man and geologist, who came to Hastings with the intention of undertaking oil development in Nebraska, told the Kiwanis club meeting here that Nebraska can never hope to become an oil-producing state until the blue sky law is amended.

There would have been no oil development in Texas, he said, if oil pioneering there had been hampered by a law like the Nebraska one.

Mr. Kelley says there are favorable oil formations in parts of Nebraska. He will undertake to get support for a movement to amend the law. He suggests amendment along the line of blue sky laws in Texas and other oil-producing states.

Insurance Man Freed of Charges Filed by Company. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Pearl Tays, arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses while in the employ of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., has made a settlement with the company and the case against him has been dismissed.

Railroad Man Hurt When Handcar and Auto Collide. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—W. O. Gustin of Wymore, enroute to Lincoln on a Burlington gasoline handcar, narrowly escaped death at the crossing at Blue Springs, when he was struck by an auto. He sustained several broken ribs and severe bruises about the body.

Gage County Commissioner Is Honored by Colleagues. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—W. H. Chittenden, who has served five years as chairman of the board of supervisors, was given a banquet by members of the board and a number of business men. At the close of the banquet they attended a theater party.

Wymore Citizens to Vote On Sunday Movie Problem. Wymore, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A petition has been presented to the city council for the Sunday closing of moving picture houses. The move followed the securing of the referendum which was passed at a special election in December.

Gage County Discontinues County Y. M. C. A. Work. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—O. V. Holmes, county Y. M. C. A. secretary, will leave in a few days for Boulder, Col., where he will assume a similar position. The county "Y" work was recently discontinued here.

Head of Beatrice Brick Yards Dies Suddenly. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—W. N. Farlow, 68, head of the brick works and for 25 years a resident of Beatrice, died at his home after a brief illness.

Columbus Council Refuses To Increase Light Rates. Columbus, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—No increase in electric light and power rates will be granted to the Columbus Light, Heat and Power company by the city council without a vote of the people authorizing it.

Smallpox at Blair. Blair, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—An epidemic of smallpox has broken out in this city and several families are under quarantine. The disease is in a light form.

Alleged Girl Forger Spent Money for Gifts

Ethel Harden, Arrested in Fremont, Bought "Teddy Bears" to Give to Friends, Omaha Woman Declares.

Ethel Harden, youthful employe of the Western Associated Jewelers, who was arrested in Fremont on New Year's eve on a charge of forgery, did not use the checks to buy herself pretty clothing, but to purchase gifts for her friends, according to Mrs. George H. Lynch, 4032 1/2 street, at whose home Miss Harden resided in Omaha.

Miss Harden never went to parties or did she wear the pink silk undergarments which she purchased with checks alleged to have been forged by Miss Lynch declared. She left Omaha to spend Christmas with her parents at Bloomfield, Neb., laden with presents. Her arrest followed the identification of a pink silk "teddy bear" she had presented to a girl friend.

Dr. A. E. Fletcher of Omaha, at whose home Miss Harden lived prior to moving to the Lynch residence, related yesterday what was ostensibly the story of Miss Harden's shattered romance, but which he believes to be purely a fictitious tale fabricated by Miss Lynch.

"Miss Harden told us she had a letter from her fiance, written on the night before he died in California," said Dr. Fletcher. "A few days later she went to Lincoln, where she said her fiance was to be buried, and the next day she returned with a bouquet which she still has preserved. She said her fiance's name was Charles Angel of Lincoln, but so far as we can learn no one of that name ever lived there."

Dr. Fletcher will testify at the preliminary hearing of Miss Harden's case in Fremont Saturday.

Large Crowd Greet Irish Orator on Visit to O'Neill. O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Peter Golden spoke at the C. C. theater here to one of the largest audiences ever assembled at the hall. The attendance was from all parts of the county. The address on the cause of Ireland was one of the most eloquent ever delivered in the city.

T. V. Golden and M. F. Harrington, both of O'Neill, also addressed the meeting.

Three Men Convicted in District Court at Norfolk. Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—Pearl Nesbit was convicted in district court here on three counts charging cattle stealing. He was given a three to 20-year sentence for forging a check.

David Nix was sentenced to three to 20 years for passing a forged check. Dr. Carpenter was fined \$50 for practicing medicine unlawfully.

American Legion Post Is Organized at Lodge Pole. Lodgepole, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—An American Legion post was organized here with 20 charter members. Leon Milne was elected commander; Earl Lough, vice commander; James Wolfe, adjutant; Rudy Marek, treasurer, and Chester Brox, chaplain.

Majority of Weddings Success in Otoe County. Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Twenty-eight divorces granted in Otoe county in 1920, according to a report compiled by J. C. Miller, clerk of the district court. There were 228 couples married in the county during the same period.

Nebraska City Man Burned By Explosion of Kerosene. Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Rex Burdick was severely burned about the face and arms when a can from which he was pouring kerosene onto a blaze in the kitchen stove exploded.

Pioneer Stockman Dies. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Robert Henderson, 80, a pioneer farmer and stock raiser of Cortland, died at his home yesterday.

Jerry Howard Will Leave Here Saturday On Trip to Ireland



Jerry Howard, famous Douglas county politician, will leave Saturday on a trip to Ireland, his native land, from which he came 35 years ago and which he has not visited in that time. He has his passports and ticket.

Mr. Howard was active in the land league movement in Ireland 40 years ago. "I shall advise the Irish to stay in Ireland," he said yesterday in a statement. "I shall tell them how America sympathizes with them in their struggle for freedom."

South Side Master Fights Off Execution of Dog

Posts \$200 Bond to Appeal From Death Sentence Imposed for Bite.

Doomed to die for biting R. B. Cressey, 2801 South Thirty-fourth avenue, in leg Wednesday, "Trixie," pet dog of Nick Salistean, 2521 N street, secured an automatic stay of execution yesterday in South Side police court, when counsel for his master gave notice of an appeal and Salistean posted a \$200 bond to protect his pet's life.

"Trixie" does tricks and is not vicious, his master told Judge Foster. But after hearing the evidence of Cressey the magistrate decreed that "Trixie" must die. Trixie is safe until the district court hears the appeal.

Trixie's master avers his pup is the best "ratter" in the country. He declared Trixie can kill 20 rats in 20 minutes and gets them by playing dead and nouncing on them when they scamper from their holes and start to play around.

Alleged "Masher" Jailed. Accused of insulting passing woman as he stood at the corner of Twenty-eighth and Q Wednesday night, John E. Newman, 3712 V street, was arrested for intoxication. He was held \$25 by Judge Foster in South Side police court yesterday.

South Side Brevities

Illinois Coal \$12. Howland Lumber & Coal Co., phone S. 1614.—Adv. Philip Greenberg is to entertain all employees of Phillips department store at a banquet tonight, followed by a theater party.

Burnt coke in your base burner; cleaner, hotter and lasts longer than hard coal. South Omaha Ice company, South 6022 and South 9076.—Adv. You will be pleased like the hundreds who have joined. Come and see for January 16. The South Omaha Savings bank, Twenty-fourth and M streets.—Adv. One Stavee celebrated his 123 birthday anniversary at his home, 2212 South Twenty-fifth street. Friends presented him with a bouquet. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Swan Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holman, Mr. and Mrs. St. Strom, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Dalgreen, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. and Mrs. Edwin Stevens, Messrs. Andrew Carlson, Peter Bloom, Rutilio Peterson, and the Misses Habel Dalgreen, Helen Peterson, Helen Alm and Elnis Stevens.—Adv.

Iowa Girl Jilts Fiance and Weds Rival Same Day

Navy Ensign Loses Bride After Journey From California to Clinton, Ia., When She Elopes to Chicago.

Clinton, Ia., Jan. 6.—A telegram received last night by Mrs. E. A. Young announced the marriage in Chicago today of her daughter, Miss Celeste Lamb, to Robert S. Smith, jr., son of the superintendent of the Interstate Iron and Steel Co. plant at East Chicago, Ind.

Harold Holcomb, an ensign in the United States navy, had journeyed all the way from Pasadena, Cal., to marry Miss Lamb and the wedding had been set for 8 Tuesday night, after two previous postponements. Early Tuesday morning Miss Lamb disappeared and last night Ensign Holcomb, twice disappointed, departed for his home.

Miss Lamb's mother was formerly the wife of the late James Dwight Lamb. Miss Lamb is 21. The family is one of the best known in Iowa.

Mr. Smith's parents expressed surprise when told Miss Lamb had been seen boarding a train at Chicago with Robert, on the eve of her marriage to Ensign Holcomb. They said she had mentioned Miss Lamb as an acquaintance while visiting at home on the holidays but that was all. Robert Smith, jr., has been employed with a manufacturing company in Clinton since his return from France early in 1919 where he served with the 108th engineers signal corps.

War Romance Ends In Divorce Court Here

The twin fires of patriotism burned hot in the bosoms of Earl C. Kahre and Florence Lewis back in the summer of 1917. Earl's summons came in August and the day before he was to report, August 30, he and Florence slipped down to Papillion and were married.

Then Earl went to Camp Funston and Florence went to Washington to do war work. Both served through the war in making the world safe for democracy.

But, alas! Wednesday Florence closed the book of her romance finally in the divorce court. Ever since Earl was discharged from the army, May 1, 1919, she says he has refused to live with her or support her. She was discharged from her war duties just before he was.

13.50 Per Cent Increase in Express Rates Is Granted. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—An increase of 13 1/2 per cent in the rates of the American Railway Express company within the confines of Nebraska was authorized today by the State Railway commission, with the provision that no part of this increase shall go to the railroads.

The Interstate Commerce commission recently approved such an increase and recommended that the intrastate rates be so treated by the State Railway commission. Nebraska is one of the few states of the union to grant this increase.

Omahan Who Broke Parole Denied Habeas Corpus Writ. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Sam Harris of Omaha was denied a writ of habeas corpus today by the Lancaster county district court. Harris served more than the minimum sentence of a one to seven-year term in the penitentiary for highway robbery in Omaha and was paroled when he gave his word he would steer clear of the "old gang" in Omaha and go to Detroit to live.

Recount for Thayer County Office Shows Little Change. Hebron, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The recount of the votes in the commissioner's contest adjourned until Thursday. The petition for the contest was filed by ex-commissioner A. L. Scott, who was defeated, as shown by the election returns, by W. H. Burkholz. So far as the recount has progressed, it is reported that Mr. Scott has lost additional votes.

Osler Theory Not in Favor at Valentine; Call Pastor Aged 81

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The Osler theory has absolutely no standing west of Norfolk in Nebraska. West of Norfolk a man is as old as he feels and all feel young. They never heard of old Doc Osler.

Dr. John M. Caldwell, 81, who more than 40 years ago was one of the most noted Presbyterian divines of Chicago, received a unanimous call from the Presbyterian church at Valentine, to become its pastor. The call was confirmed by the Northeastern Nebraska presbytery, in session at Norfolk, and Rev. Mr. Caldwell now is on the job at his new charge.

Forty years ago he suffered a breakdown of health and moved to Holt county, where he operated one of the largest ranches in the county for a number of years. About 15 years ago he moved to California, where he resided until recently, when he returned to Nelson, Neb.

The Presbyterian church at Valentine is the leading Protestant church at that city. The membership includes many of the big ranchmen of Cherry county, several of whom knew him as a cattleman years ago.

Geneva Relief Corps Installs Officers

Geneva, Neb., Jan. 6.—Following are the officers installed by the Woman's Relief corps at their annual meeting: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Ford; senior vice president, Mrs. Jennie Seaver; junior vice, Mrs. Alvin Myers; treasurer, Mrs. Cynthia Hill; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Burnett; conductor, Mrs. Orpha Shires; assistant, Mrs. Mary Stult; guard, Mrs. Hester Hafer; assistant, Mrs. Martha McDermott; secretary, Mrs. Georgia Sheldon; press correspondent, Mrs. Laura Yates; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Margaret Combs; musician, Mrs. Martha Fisher; color bearer, No. 1, Mrs. Rosetta Hazellet; No. 2, Mrs. Carrie Songster; No. 3, Sadie Bumgardner. A dinner was served at noon at which both the corps and the G. A. R. organization were present. Mrs. Julia Fisher, and No. 4, Mrs. Wren present.

Columbus Youth to Take West Point Examination

Washington, Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—Dr. A. K. Evans, Columbus, Neb., and Jack E. O'Hearn, Cheyenne, Wyo., have been designated as candidates for the Military Academy entrance examination to be held in March.

Contract Is Awarded for South Dakota Federal Road

Gregory, S. D., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—The Dallas-Burke federal road project contract was let here to the Lamson Construction company. Twenty-two bridges are called for in the program for completing this road.

Obtain Army Recruits.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—Sergeant Ward and Corporal Stuart of the Omaha army recruiting station are here for a week's stay. Three recruits were enlisted in the recruiting drive at Ainsworth.

Auto Owners Elect.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—At the annual meeting of the Nebraska Automobile Owners' Protective association here, John Ashburn of Tilden was elected president.

Raid on Cowless Dairy Results in Seizure of Much Potato Milk

Chicago, Jan. 6.—A raid on a cowless dairy on the outskirts of the city today resulted in the arrest of the owner and the seizure of dozens of regulation milk cans, the contents of which, according to members of the posse, was alcoholic liquor.

"It was not cow's milk at all," said Deputy Sheriff Griffin. "It was potato milk and it packed a kick like 20 'muley cows.' We found the still and some potato mash in the shed where the cows should have been."

Townley Refuses To Attend Salina Meet on League

Nonpartisan League Head Rejects Invitation to Attend Mass Meeting Conducted By American Legion.

Salina, Kan., Jan. 6.—A mass meeting at which the Nonpartisan league and its activities were discussed was held here last night under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion. A. C. Townley, head of the league, and the men who are assisting him in the work of organization in this section, were invited to attend. A general invitation to attend was returned to citizens of the county.

Townley returned here yesterday after an absence of two days. He announced that he had been in Omaha, Neb., on business.

The Nonpartisan league head and several co-workers came here last week and their presence has been made the target for opposition by the local American Legion post.

Townley Avoids Meet.

Neither Townley nor any of his co-workers attended the meeting at which speakers attacked the principles of the league and voiced opposition to its activities. Announcement was made last night by Townley that he had called a mass meeting of those interested in the league to be held next Monday.

The meeting last night, held in Salina's principal auditorium, was taxed to capacity to hold the crowds. Many persons came from the rural districts to attend.

Beaver City Durocs Sell for Average of \$130 a Head

Beaver City, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—Fifty head of Durocs were sold here by J. C. Forney for \$6,500, an average of \$130 a head. The top of the sale was a gilt by Royal Pathfinder, and was purchased by F. B. Rood of Danvers, Neb., for \$300. A litter sister brought \$200. Ten head of tried sons brought an average of \$150 a head.

Pastor Alleges He Was Attacked: Police Dubious

Bluffs Minister, Who Claims To Have Been Lured to Lonely Spot and Slugged, Will Not Discuss Attack.

At 10:30 Tuesday night, the Rev. A. C. Jacobs, pastor of the DeLong Methodist mission, Council Bluffs was still in the Y. M. C. A. watching a basket ball game, Council Bluffs police alleged yesterday following an investigation into an alleged assault by three men upon him at 10 o'clock after he had been lured to Thirty-second street and Avenue B on the pretext that a dying man desired his services.

The police did not learn of the attack until an "extra" by a Bluffs journal appeared Wednesday night with a long statement issued by Rev. Mr. Jacobs through a committee of four Bluffs ministers.

Rev. Mr. Jacobs gave as his reason for not calling the police after the attack that he did not want to disturb them at that late hour. The alleged attack was at 10 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Jacobs declared he spent the early part of the evening at a cottage prayer meeting ("on Avenue J"), later going to a revival service in the First Christian church.

The police declare, which consists of a slight cut on the forehead above the eye. The minister refused to discuss the alleged attack of Tuesday night and Mrs. Anderson, 2015 Ave. C, last night. No physician had been summoned to treat his wounds.

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Estimate Cost of High School Training

Geneva, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The Fillmore County Education association has just compiled reports from schools of the county which provide high school training which give the annual cost of educating each high school pupil. Geneva reports the smallest figures, \$115.88; Omaha estimates the expense at \$166.84; Strang, \$123; Milligan, \$126; Excelsior, \$120; Sticksley, \$159.93; and Grafton, \$161.50. All are 12-grade schools with the exception of Strang, which has 10. Normal and Smith-Hughes instruction is furnished in every school but those at Strang and Oktoia.

Stanton Council Grants Increase in Light Rates

Stanton, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—Electric light and power rates were boosted in Stanton at the regular meeting of the city council from 12 and 6 cents to 14 and 8 cents, respectively.

Enlist in Army

Stanton, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram).—William Soll, Heine Schultz, Fred Reish, Howard Wilson and Joe Grady, all sons of prominent families of this city, enlisted in the United States infantry at Omaha. The boys will go to Camp Funston for their first military training.



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